

October 2023 – Conkers and Spiders

Proverbs 30:28



“...the spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in the kings’ palaces....”

‘House Spiders’ are making their way in... into our homes... into our baths and scurrying across our floors. The other night, I think it was that big I even heard it scuttle from under the settee to behind the fire place. I screamed, my daughter’s screamed, and my husband – the knight in shining armour went off to find a glass. To liberate the spider, to return it to the great cold outdoors where it belongs... or where we would rather think it should belong.

The next day my youngest daughter came home with pockets full of conkers. Yep – she had watched a ‘Tik Tok’ which answered the ‘spider problem’! It is that simple – just place a conker on every window sill, and they will be deterred. Spiders are terrified of conkers (apparently).

However, this is an ‘old wives’ tale’ – there is no evidence to suggest it works...

BUT - “we might as well give it a go!” My daughter said, so I left her to it as she went around not just the inside window sills but the outside window ledges too.

For those of you who are not spider fans... A better deterrent is lemongrass, mint, eucalyptus and marigold.

Spiders are mentioned in the Bible either 2 or 4 times dependent on the translation you read. Their webs are connected to something that is fragile and weak. Proverbs tells us they are everywhere! Even in the King’s Palace! It does not matter who you are. They will co-exist with you, whether you like it or not.

What are you afraid of? What are you scared of getting in your home? Is it a rational fear?

Who do you share your home with? Who do you co-exist with? Little or large? The spider may scare us, but its presence is a gift whether we like it or not ☺ They eat the bugs that bring disease and illness.

Sometimes we want to remove or throw out that which irrationally scares us. Perhaps we see a threat when there is no threat. God can and will use for good and not ill. And to learn this, we may need to face our fears, and learn from that which seeks to co-exist with us - or at least get the glass ourselves ‘quietly’, without screaming and scaring the spider.