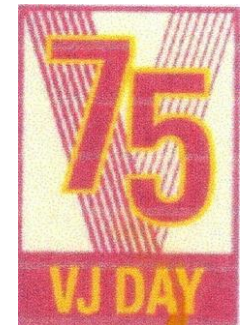


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## ***The Rector's letter***

30 September 2020

The Rectory  
45 Lime Tree Avenue

Dear friends,

We seem to be getting into a sense of routine, within the guidelines set before us. In these next two months we move into the season of Remembrance. This gives us time to reflect, to lament and to give thanks. More than ever, this year, we need to take this time. To take time to reflect on our losses, both great and small. For some, it is the death of someone dear, someone whom it has been hard to lose and mourn. For others, it may be the loss of a job, a relationship breakdown, the loss of companionship and friends, or simply the loss of what seemed familiar and easy.

We must not underestimate the losses we have experienced. We should remember that lament is an important part of life, and is mentioned many times in the Bible. Taking time to reflect on our losses and to lament is an important part of healing and peace. To bring before God our pain, and – yes – our anger, is hugely significant for us. In admitting to our hurt, we can allow the process towards healing and wholeness to begin. During this time we hope to find new ways to help you to lament, and new ways to bring comfort and peace. As the weeks go by, please remember you are not forgotten, and your grief is recognised. God continues to love you. We are here to help in any way we can.

May God be with you and with all whom you love.

Every blessing

Rachel

## Debbie's busy time...

Being received as a member of  
Mothers' Union, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>



Ordained Deacon at  
Peterborough Cathedral,  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

...and the following morning, being read in at the  
beginning of the Eucharist



Many congratulations from us all.



## Opening of Church for worship: October 2020

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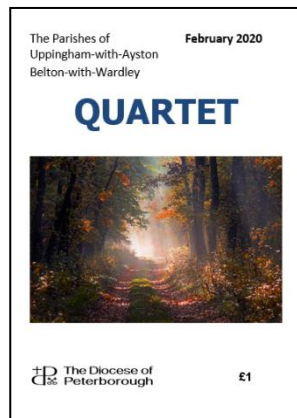
Eucharist will be celebrated in the pews. The service will be about 40 minutes.  
The Service of the Word will be shorter, round about 30 minutes.

In addition to Sundays (until 12 noon) the church will be open for private prayer,  
**each Wednesday, 2-4pm.**

As new information becomes available we will publish it on the website, through  
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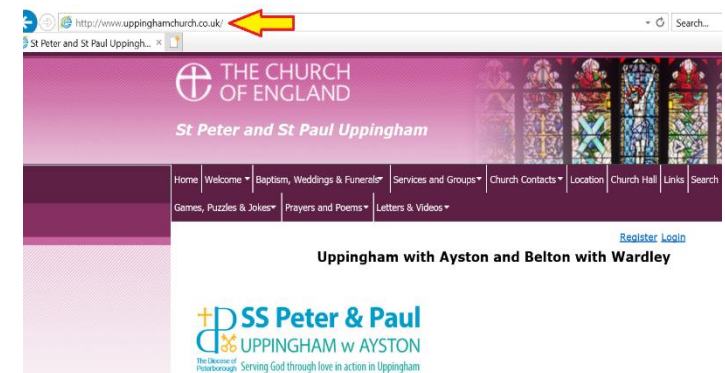
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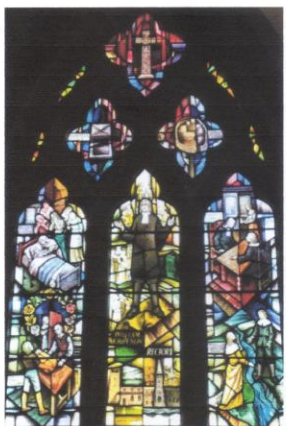


## The Peak Pilgrimage

Modern day echoes of 1665 – 6

Not far from Chatsworth House sits the small Derbyshire village of Eyam. In 1665 the Great Plague arrived when a bale of damp cloth from London was put to dry by the tailor's assistant waking the disease-ridden fleas within it.

The plague swept through the remote village; between September and December 1665 42 villagers died and by the spring of 1666, many were on the verge of fleeing their homes to save themselves.



Plague window in St Lawrence, Eyam

At this point the newly-appointed rector, William Mompesson, intervened believing it his duty to prevent the plague spreading to the nearby towns of Sheffield and Bakewell, he decided the village should be quarantined. He sought the help of the previous rector, Thomas Stanley, who had been removed for refusing to acknowledge the 1662 Act of Uniformity, which made it compulsory to use the Book of Common Prayer introduced by Charles II. The pair met and developed an amazing plan, in June 1666 Mompesson told his parishioners that the village must be enclosed, with no-one allowed in or out.

The Earl of Devonshire, who lived at Chatsworth, had offered to send food and supplies if the villagers agreed to be quarantined. Mompesson said if they agreed to stay, effectively choosing their own deaths, he would do everything in his power to alleviate their suffering and remain with them, telling them he was willing to sacrifice his own life rather than see nearby communities decimated. Although

many expressed their misgivings over the plan the villagers agreed.

The restraint, courage and self-sacrifice of those villagers is incredible and their faith in their higher moral duty to others is truly remarkable, without it many more people from the surrounding villages and towns would have succumbed to the disease.

During the outbreak, Eyam's mortality rate from the plague was higher than London. August 1666 saw the highest number of victims, reaching a peak of five or six deaths per day. In just over a year 260 of the village's inhabitants from 76 different families had died from an estimated population of somewhere between 350 and 800 before the plague struck.

By November the disease had gone, the cordon and self-isolation had worked.



During September this year groups have been following the Peak Pilgrimage from Ilam to Eyam led by Tony Walker, High Sheriff of Derbyshire. The route was developed by retired Archdeacon, Bob Jackson, whose excellent book is an informative and engaging guide to the 35-40 walk. The walk takes you through some stunning parts of Staffordshire and Derbyshire and can be done in 3 – 7 days depending on your pace and stamina (or a single morning if you run it like the current Rector!)

Nick Clarke and I joined the walk where the Pilgrimage begins at Ilam with a service of blessing for pilgrims at Holy Cross church; that stage of the journey takes you through the Dovedale to Hartington.

I rejoined the pilgrims for the final stage which begins at Edensor and takes you out through the Chatsworth estate and over the magnificent Baslow and Curbar Edges. You approach Eyam through Stoney Middleton whose villagers delivered food to their self-isolating neighbours leaving it at the boundary stone where payment was placed in holes having been dipped in vinegar to sterilise it for their protection. We completed the pilgrimage with a short service led by William Mompesson's present day successor who spoke of the privilege he feels to stand in the place where those people took such momentous and brave decisions.



In my Covid-compliant and socially distant group I was fortunate to walk with Bob Jackson whose passion for the story is inspiring and the Bishop of Derby, Libby Lane, the first woman Bishop in the Church of England, along with our leader, Tony Walker.

In the continuing trying times that we face today it was refreshing to take part in the pilgrimage, I know those who did the whole route were moved by the experience and I shall go back and fill in the gaps.

A pilgrim is a traveller on a journey to a holy place, pilgrimage has three parts – the journey, the destination and the return home. A pilgrimage should be spiritual fun and you should return home changed to live a better life.

The Peak Pilgrimage to Eyam tells us of incredible personal sacrifice for others and puts into context what we are asked to do today for the good of our whole community.

Richard Cole



***The lecture on the history of Uppingham Church music and musicians, which was scheduled to be given on Friday evening 23 October, has of necessity been postponed. It was to have included musical excerpts recorded by the choir. Vivian Anthony asks us all to await further news in due course.***



**Finance notes from Geoff Thompson (821560)**

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## *The Crystal Ball*

*Music for October 2020*

After our somewhat tentative beginnings last month, we hope to offer you a little more in October, including an introit at the beginning of our short Sung Eucharist on some Sunday mornings: this will consist of either a suitable hymn or a portion of the psalmody appointed for the day, which would normally occur after the Old Testament reading.

We hope to have a choir every Sunday morning except 11 October, when for practical reasons you will have to make do with our screen avatars instead; and (assuming that we are not shut down or limited by government fiat) we shall be singing the following items from the choir library to enhance the worship during this month. On 4 October, we have Thomas Attwood's setting of words from Psalm 119, *Teach me, O Lord*; a deceptively simple-looking piece in a plain melody-led style, but with clever use of voices and some interesting modulation towards the end. On the screen the following Sunday, you will be treated to William Harris's anthem *Glory, love, and praise and honour*, based on the melody of the carol *All my heart this night rejoices*, which is given a good work-out by the composer, including a very satisfying final flourish. Another of the short anthems adapted from Christopher Tye's *Acts of the Apostles* makes an appearance on 18 October, set to the words of a well-known hymn, *O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*; this is of course similar in style to *O come, ye servants*, which was our first full anthem last month. Finally, and most ambitiously, on 25 October we hope to sing Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*, which has been a firm favourite ever since it entered the English choral repertoire (in the 1960s, if my memory is correct); an early work by the composer, it nevertheless is very typical of his lyrical style and subtle harmonic language.

September's recorded Evensong is now available on the website. Sadly, it appears that we will not be able to gather enough singers 'together at one time' to record a Choral Evensong for October; but look out for our next Evensong on St Cecilia's Day, 22 November, which was also Benjamin Britten's birthday. We plan to mark this by singing one of his best-known choral pieces, and the programme will also include another of the classic canticle settings, Walmisley in D minor. More details in next month's *Quartet*: watch this space.

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## Journey of Remembrance marks VJ75 across Rutland

National events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Second World War with victory of Japan may have been more muted than originally planned but that did not stop Rutland's Lord Lieutenant, Dr Sarah Furness, and High Sheriff, Richard Cole, travelling across the county to mark the day. Muffled bells tolled over St Andrews church in Whissendine shortly after 9am before the Union Flag was raised as the National Anthem played; prayers were led by local vicar, The Reverend Deborah Marsh, at the village war memorial, and wreaths were laid.

The Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff then travelled to Oakham Parish Church where Rector, Rev Stephen Griffiths, led prayers before wreaths were laid on the Town's war memorial. A two minute silence was observed and the names of the men of Oakham who died in the war in the Far East were recalled. They were Private George Meadwell, Private Charles Wilfred Rawlings and Captain Raymond Stuart Dennison. Dr Furness and Mr Cole paused at the village war memorial in Preston churchyard to join in the national 2 minutes silence; this poignant moment of quiet reflection very much in step with the mood of the country.

They completed their journey of Remembrance on behalf of everyone in Rutland at the war memorial in Uppingham, again preceded by muffled bells. Rector Canon Rachel Watts led prayers before wreaths were laid and silence observed. The High Sheriff recalled the local men who fell in the Far East: Private John Edward Charity and Lieutenant James Henry Smith.



Preston war memorial

This official act of Remembrance ended as bells rang out over Uppingham. Reflecting on a very moving day Dr Furness said "I am honoured to represent Her Majesty and the county to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory over Japan and to pay tribute by placing wreaths. It is a matter of extreme

regret to me, and to the High Sheriff, that owing to the pandemic and current Covid regulations we have not been able to hold big public events. Normally it is a matter of pride and pleasure that so many people in Rutland will support such important events. We have a large veteran population of thousands and great county pride in our military connections. The sacrifices of the veterans of the Far East campaign changed the course of history, ultimately saved many lives and allowed Western democracies to flourish. We owe so much to them all. Without their bravery we would not be enjoying the stable democracies that we have today."

## Battle of Britain - 80 Years On



The 1969 Battle of Britain film ends with a scene in an operations room showing no raids building on the plotting table. This moment happened 80 years ago this month. It had raged for 3½ months and, as the Duke of Wellington had said about Waterloo, was a "D..... close run thing".

The debate about the future role of air forces had run for years with the bomber advocates winning until 1937, when Sir Hugh Dowding's view, that fighter defence must take priority over delivering a knockout blow with bombers, became official policy. Just in time, resources were put into the development & production of the 8-gun monoplane fighter and the establishment of radar stations around the coast. The "Dowding System" was a highly sophisticated filtering & control system that allowed close control of the fighter squadrons and thus the most efficient use of the scarce resources. In addition, the RAF had the advantage of operating over home soil, so although pilot losses throughout the battle were a critical issue, many were able to parachute to safety and re-join their squadron; the Luftwaffe were always operating at the extremity of fuel capacity & crews who baled out were captured.



Both sides made near fatal errors; the RAF failed to learn from its experience over France and Dunkirk about operating in loose formations with every pilot looking out for the enemy. In contrast, the Luftwaffe had learned from the Spanish Civil War and were

much more flexible in their tactics, until Goering personally directed some of his fighters to fly in close escort to the bombers and thus sacrificing both speed and height. The Hurricane and Spitfire both had 8 x 0.303 inch (7.6mm) machine guns, which were desperately ineffective. There is a record of a Dornier bomber landing back in France with 200 bullet holes; The Me109 could fire explosive shells of 0.78in (20mm) calibre.

However, the biggest error came on 7<sup>th</sup> Sep. As a result of a small raid by Bomber Command on Berlin, Hitler switched the aim of the Luftwaffe from the



destruction of Fighter Command to London. Fighter Command was on its knees and this strategic blunder gave it a chance to recover.

Both sides over-claimed numbers shot down by a factor of about 3. This was entirely due to the chaos of fighter combat but the outcomes were different. For the British, the inflated figures provided a welcome boost to national morale but for the Germans it meant that they believed the RAF was finished. Indeed by 15<sup>th</sup> Sep, they had claimed 100% of Fighter Command's strength destroyed. When Douglas Bader's tactically ineffective big wing appeared with 55 aircraft over Luftwaffe formations that had been told the RAF was down to its last few fighters, the effect on German morale was devastating: and as Napoleon said "In war, three-quarters of victory is down to morale, only one quarter to the balance of military forces".

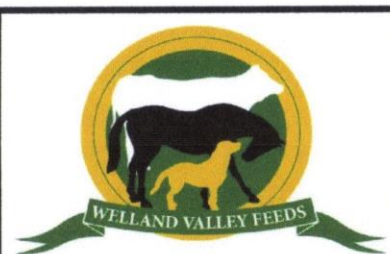
At the end of the battle, the architects of victory - Dowding as commander of Fighter Command and Park as the commander of the forces in the SE of England - were sacked. Dowding goes down in history as the only airman to win a strategic victory using airpower alone. He was probably due for a rest but was treated shabbily. He had saved his country (and arguably the free world) and deserves to be recognised alongside Drake, Nelson and Wellington.

It is always important to try to see history from the viewpoint of the time. Such diverse people as H G Wells, Stanley Baldwin & Nevil Schute had believed that the bomber would always get through. The nation believed it was on the verge of an invasion; the Luftwaffe crews were told that the RAF was a spent force by mid-September but lost 56 aircraft on the 15<sup>th</sup>. This 5% loss rate was deemed totally unsustainable by Bomber Command later in the war. Two days later the invasion was postponed indefinitely.

I am old enough to have served with men who flew in the battle. I recall a conversation with a man who had been an 18 year old sergeant pilot in 1940; his memories seemed to have been of trying to keep his leader in sight in the swirling melee of aircraft and of the fear of landing and the ground crew noting that his guns had not been fired. Fear of the enemy didn't seem to feature.

Andrew Griffin

*I must acknowledge the late Dr Alfred Price of Uppingham whose address to the RAF Historical society is an important source for the above.*



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September 8<sup>th</sup> turned out to be something of a red-letter day for the members of our branch. We were able to hold our first Eucharist since March, and we enrolled Debbie Wilds-Smith, our curate, into membership of the MU. As we could not hold a meeting afterwards, many of us gravitated to the Falcon for fellowship over coffee in bright sunshine in the garden! During the service Cathy Dyson, who should have been our speaker, kindly agreed to speak in the sermon 'slot' thereby limiting herself to ten minutes! She gave us an update on Kairos, the mission to prisons, in relation to Stocken prison.

The arrival of October turns my thoughts towards planning for next year. What to do? We cannot know with any certainty what we may or may not do by then, so any long-term planning is pointless. I hope that we shall be at least maintain the pattern currently being established, and look forward to the day when we shall be able to meet as we wish, in safety. Our next Eucharist will be on **Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am** in church, when Debbie, our curate, will be speaking to us. Everyone is welcome, not just members.

God bless.

Janet Wardle

### ***And another monthly update from the farm...***

contributed by Jeff Whelband



prepared. Unnamed as yet – but knowing India this won't last long.

Blossom and her quartet are now in their own paddock. It is my responsibility to feed them with Breakfast, next to the vegetable garden. All well and good, except any time of the day I am in the garden they think it is Breakfast time accompanied by loud mooing...

Farmer James's daughter, India, who has just started at agricultural college, decided last week that she would like calves to look after; so last Saturday the trailer was hitched up to the Land Rover and off to Thrapston market they went to return with 4 Heifer Calves. They are progressing well albeit very nosey when the milk bar is being

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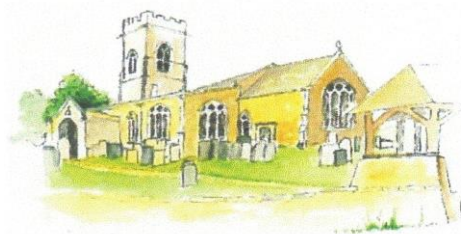
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### Pet Blessing Service

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### Stewardship

After many years of service, Mr. Bob Allen has decided to step down from the position of Stewardship Secretary. In that role, Bob has organised our parish's regular giving schemes, via both the envelope and bank standing orders. He has also encouraged support for the "Defeat the Damp" fund. Thank you Bob for all the good work you have done in support of St. Peter's Church.

### Services and Events in October

Date	Location	Time	Details
<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Seventeenth Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Eighteenth Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Nineteenth Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Bible Sunday</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b> <b>All Saints Day</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
<i>Wednesday Morning Prayers are suspended until further notice</i>			
<i>All Care Home services are suspended until further notice</i>			
<i>Please check with "Parish Notes" for any late changes</i>			

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## 'Looking Ahead' and 'Four of a Kind'

by Succentor

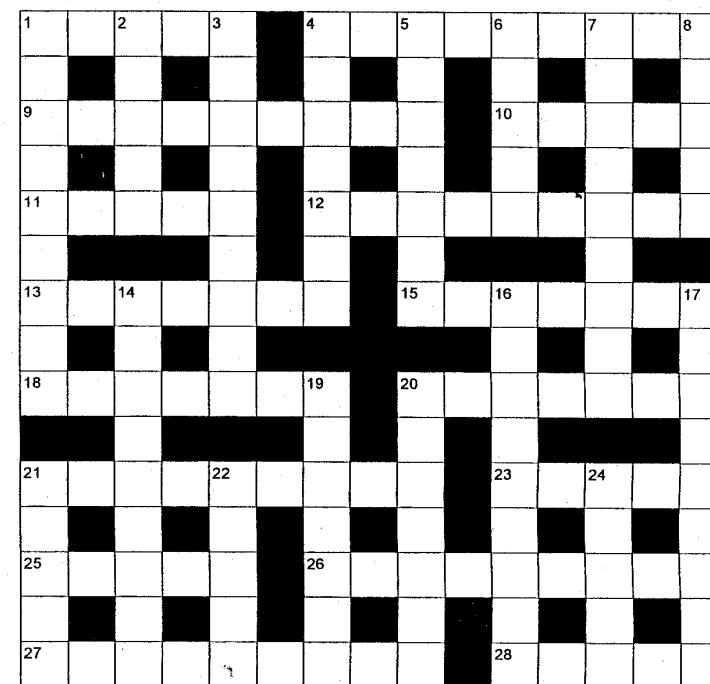
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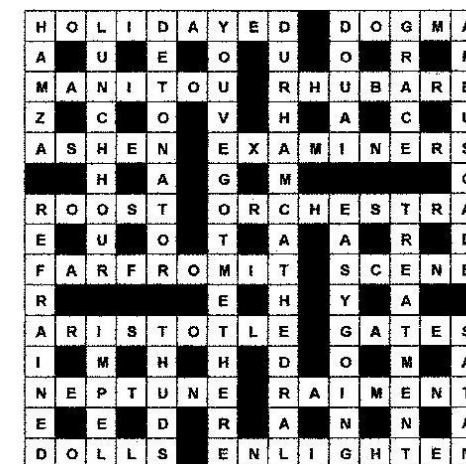
- 1 A problem? (5)  
4,9 See preamble  
10 Without fail, I added source of epic tale (5)  
11 Head off game on high ground (5)  
12 Classic song of the recent past (9)  
13 See preamble  
15 Northern climb is just beginning (7)  
18 Conceal directions to underground room (7)  
20 Categorised – and 'formed', might one say? (7)  
21 A great ram rebuilt (9)  
23 Course of salts? (5)  
25 I complain in return (5)  
26 Space given to singer, spell-binding performer (9)  
27 Turbid stream, abounding almost, is imperious (9)  
28 Their court is a station (5)

### Down

- 1 Rise and amble distractedly in poor condition (9)  
2 One in the middle of the road went like the clappers! (5)  
3 Shakespeare's old folk in the old railway (9)  
4 Happy and carefree mythical bird (7)  
5 A French association (7)  
6 Peaceful branch (5)  
7 'Sing unto the Lord . . . for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of \_\_\_\_' (Jeremiah 20) (9)  
8 Fictional character frequently given to indicating assent? (5)  
14 CO and I ruin us, strangely uninterested (9)  
16 Old friend in situation that can't be resolved (9)  
17 Mistake doctor made indicating how far the water comes (9)  
19 ' . . . and there is nothing hid from the heat \_\_\_\_' (Ps 19) (7)  
20 Fortune found by learner in church? (7)  
21 Note short stroke (5)  
22 I came, twisted round, and found a vestment (5)  
24 Puts it around that you can find an instrument here (5)



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## QUICK QUIZ

...courtesy of Succentor. Enjoy!

### Round 7

### The Bible

- 1 The book of Genesis begins (in the AV) "In the beginning . . ." Which other book does?
- 2 Who was chosen to take the place of Judas Iscariot among the apostles?
- 3 Two books of the New Testament have 28 chapters. Matthew is one; which is the other?
- 4 Which gospel includes the parable of the Prodigal Son?
- 5 Who refers to St Luke as "the beloved physician"?
- 6 In which book of the Bible does this quotation occur: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning"?
- 7 Who, in the book of Genesis, was the third son of Adam and Eve?
- 8 What is the last book of the Old Testament?
- 9 St Paul was shipwrecked on which island on the way to Rome?
- 10 Where, according to St John, did Jesus do his first miracle?

**Round 6 (last month's) answers:** 1 Edward VI 2 St Pancras 3 The Young Visitors (sic) by Daisy Ashford 4 Ernest Lough 5 Shirley Temple 6 Michael Perham 7 George Washington 8 Olga Korbut 9 Marie-Bernarde (Bernadette) Soubirous 10 Tutankhamun



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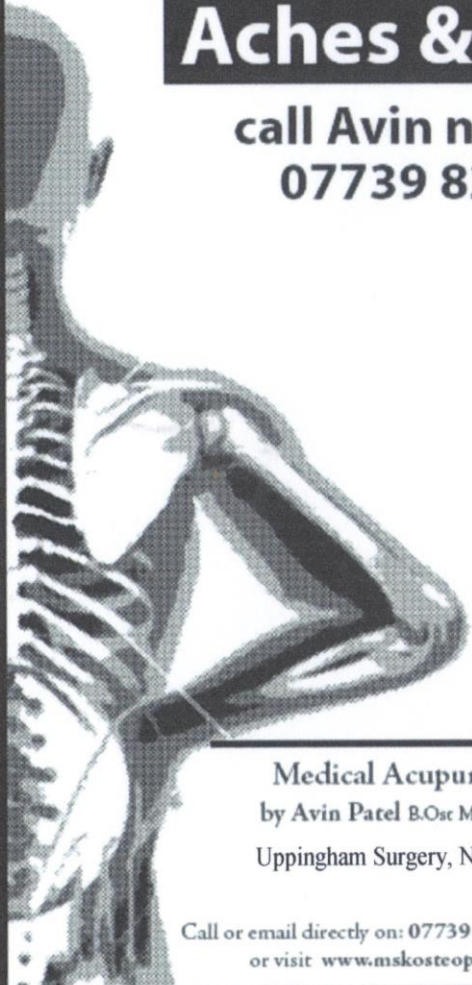
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## The new normal?

We find ourselves living through extraordinary and demanding times, where many things that might previously have been relied upon to be reasonably stable and secure have suddenly become quite provisional and uncertain – whether that be income and employment, education and future prospects, health and wellbeing, or even what will be able to happen in our church life and worship, week by week.

We have had to become used to lockdown, to greater working and studying at home, to wearing face masks and keeping our social distance, to being restricted as to when we can meet up with our wider family and friends, to conducting worship online and taking part in meetings on Zoom.

Life for us has quite suddenly taken on some of the precariousness and fragility that was familiar to the generations who went before us and who built many of the places of worship that we now cherish. We in the western world, perhaps rather naively, thought that we had moved on from, and escaped, the deprivations and challenges that had afflicted our ancestors (but which remain the characteristics of life to this day in many less developed, stable and privileged parts of the world). We had been encouraged to believe – or, at least, to act – as though we had ‘come of age’ and were in control of our destiny.

Now, however, the bubble has burst, the illusion has been shattered and our human vulnerability has become all too obvious to us and to those around us. Some of us have been ill, many have lost loved ones, and the caring professions have been under immense pressure.

As this has unfolded, online worship seems to have attracted greater numbers than had recently attended face-to-face worship, but whether that will lead to greater numbers of active disciples, we do not yet know.

However, whether or not our numbers have immediately increased, we ourselves have surely been chastened and challenged to recognise afresh our own need of God. We have been starkly reminded of what we really did know all along – that all that is around us is of a transitory nature, and that there is only One in whom to put our faith, and to whom our eternal wellbeing can be entrusted.

I wish you every blessing as we adapt to the evolving nature of the ‘new normal’, and as we seek to witness afresh to our unchanging and dependable God, and to his love for all people and his desire for them to be in a conscious living relationship with him.

For them and for ourselves, we pray:

*The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and give  
you peace;  
that we who are wearied  
by the changes and chances of this  
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may rest upon his eternal  
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Gordon Steele  
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