



CHURCH AT HOME

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Welcome, brothers and sisters to the eighth edition of "Church at Home".

Did you see the latest Banksy artwork that is currently on display at Southampton General Hospital and will be auctioned to raise funds for the NHS in the autumn? (turn the page to check it out)

The image rightly draws our attention to who are the real superheroes in our world. This virus has really highlighted what levels we have come to in our worship of the cult of celebrity. For the most part celebrities and especially those whose job is their "brand" have been unable to tout their wares, being in lockdown. The thing is, what we have discovered is that their absence has no effect on our lives. Contrast that with the emergence of the new celebrity. The nurse, the teacher, the shopworker, the cleaner, the carer. Pretty much every low paid job that for a generation (or more) has been seen as less in our culture.

It reminds me that Jesus always treated people equally. He saw equal value in everyone regardless of what economic position they happened to be in.

Follow the guidance, encourage each other, pray and stay safe.
Rev Clive

Church noticeboard

Following guidance from Bishop James all Churches are to be completely shut. Please speak to Clive or Colin if you need emergency access to our buildings.

Brenda Thompson-Murray who is the co-ordinator of the prayer ministry team has set up a WhatsApp group for shared prayer during the crisis. To join the group, download the WhatsApp app to your phone and send Brenda your number. brendat.bt87@gmail.com

Please put aside some food for our foodbank each week so our usual supply is still there when we come out of this crisis.

Colin is collecting pictures of the church for the website. If you have any please send them to cwardenspnh@hotmail.com

Christian Aid Week is this week, from the 10th to the 16th. They won't be knocking on your door but you can give here - <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>



Community Notices

Bexley Community Help

1. Helpline

The London Borough of Bexley has set up a phone line to assist people in need during the coronavirus pandemic. Whether you need someone to get shopping, pick up other essentials, or to give you information, guidance and advice, please call us on 020 3045 5398. The helpline will be open from 8am to 6pm.

2. Volunteer Hub

We at the London Borough of Bexley are working with Bexley Voluntary Services Council (BVSC) to support Bexley residents who are able to give their time to support the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are inviting people to register with the Bexley Volunteer Hub (<https://bvsc.co.uk/covid-19>) where willing volunteers will be matched to where they are most needed in Bexley at this time.

3. Keeping in touch

We are also keen to build up our understanding of what community support is already being mobilised locally by neighbours and communities and how we can help. If you are involved with a local neighbourhood support scheme, whether it on social media or 'off line' between a few neighbours, we would be really interested to know as we build up our knowledge of what support is on offer where across our borough and how we can support you in this.

We are looking to share the wonderful displays of community spirit on our twitter and facebook page @BexleyTogether so please do share with us what is happening near you and find us on there if you haven't already.

Community Notices

Contactless Payments

You can now pay using a Contactless Card for sums up to £45.

Knitted Hearts

Darenth Valley Hospital are asking for donations of small knitted hearts that they place in patients' hands when they pass away. A second heart is then placed in a memory box for relatives. To donate please e-mail

dgn-tr.wellbeing@nhs.net

Phishing Scams

Please be careful when receiving cold calls, suspicious letters or unsolicited emails and texts. Here is one Colin has heard of:

A scam which is aimed at potential users of Morrisons and Tesco. This involves tricking people into paying a small amount of money £1 usually, to get a voucher for 'free' shopping. The aim of the scam is to get users to reveal their banking/credit card details. There is **no such scheme** and if anyone receives **any** messages from **any** source, they are scams. Always check the website address to ensure that it begins with **https:// the 's' is proof of a secure site for the supermarket**. These crooks have copied the legitimate site information to construct a 'look-alike' one, but cannot use the **'s'**.

If you know of any doing the rounds, do let us know.



This week's prayer

For those who are unwell and concerned for loved ones
for those who were already very anxious
for those immune suppressed or compromised
for those vulnerable because of underlying conditions
for those in the 'most at risk to coronavirus' categories
for those watching their entire income stream dry up
for those who have no choice but to go out to work
for those who are afraid to be at home
for those who are lonelier than they've ever been
for those who are bereaved and grieving.
God be their healer, comfort and protection,
be their strength, shield and provision
be their security, safety and close companion
Amen

From Christian Aid.

Prayer

There are many who still need our prayers. Those who have asked for our prayers are: Ann Batchelor (Reader at St Martin's) Andrew Bennett, Charles Brooke, Elizabeth Foster and Joan Handy. For Marjorie and Eileen Hoare, Monica Lindridge and Alex and Wai Ming Martin, Christine Meaton and Christine Minns. For little Orlagh, still very poorly. For Carol & John O'Connor, John Ralph and Amanda Ralph. For Jane & George Stafford. For Karen Vaughan (Cameo), Peggy Vidler, Jeanette Watts and Mark Williams.

Please pray for those key workers still having to go out to work, including Liam and Claire (scout leaders).

Prayer for Orlagh Keane who is approaching the end of her young life, and for her family.

Dear Lord, our Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the many blessings we receive from you each and every day.

We ask that you will keep us strong in body, mind and spirit and protect us please from this terrifying virus which is attacking the population of your beautiful world.

So many people are suffering and petrified of losing their loved ones.

Those who are suffering bereavement need your comfort and peace. Give them we pray your blessed assurance that those who loved you are with you in the everlasting life.

We pray that our faith will grow unshakable in these troubled times and that those who do not know you yet will meet with you and invite you into their lives from this day forward. Amen

By Carol O'Connor.

I read in Isaiah 26 v4 " Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal"

I learnt from TBN this week, our minds cannot be full of fear and full of God, so stop one eye on the news and the other on negative thoughts. If we fill our thoughts with Gods Word through reading and worshipping God in song, remembering Gods promises. Fear has no place, although it is not easy sometimes.

We can't control our situation but we can control how we react to this situation. Maybe it is time to trust God by rejoicing in the Lords Sovereignty in song, then the anxiety we feel will disappear.

Affirming ourselves in Christs love for us, confirming our trust in our Father. Look to the Cross.

By Elaine Fermer.

Access Church services online

A number of places are offering closed services online. If you are able why don't you try one of the following.

Holy Trinity Brompton – Nicky Gumbel

<https://www.htb.org/sundayonline>.

Freedom Church – Sim Dendy

<https://www.freedomchurch.uk>

All Souls Langham Place

<https://www.allsouls.org>

Watch on TV

TBN (Freeview 65 / Sky 582)

Hillsongs TV (Sky 595)

Resources for children and young people

Primary

VeggieTales (Netflix)

Superbook (Amazon Prime & Youtube)

Hillsongs: <https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsongkids>

Rend Collective: <https://rendcokids.com>

Bethel Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOI62mC4bs9JEUyFP>

Secondary

Bible society short videos - <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/study-the-bible/gnb-youth-edition/videos/>

Bible Game for Apple or Android - "The Guardians of Ancora"

<https://guardiansofancora.com>

What you're up to. – Pictures and messages



Joshua Chima
Still keeping fit during the lockdown... hope to meet again soon.



Joseph Chima
still doing his paper job... gets to help a lot of old people with some little tasks



Alex, Sophie & Joanne Tyler
working/studying/revising for exams from home



Oliver & Laura Sparrow & Tracy Fermer
NHS clap and promise renewal.



Judy Smith
Beauty in the garden



Noah Gill
Noah continues to test me daily whilst doing his school work, some days good and some days bad. This weeks clap goes out to all the teachers, you must have the patience of saints. 😊

Carol O'Connor
Here is another garden photo of me enjoying our beautiful blue tree in all its glory. Every blessing, Carol X



Please send me your pictures and messages to each other. Let's encourage each other and stay in touch. It will be good to see familiar faces each week.
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All Age worship

Cheryl, Laura & Sarah from the Diocesan team have sent some ideas for worship at home.

Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as “family”. They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:

**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.**

Welcome.....

Song: There’s a Place where the streets
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eMO5aut7eI>
(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Within your gathering share with each other the following questions:

Imagine for a moment that one day there is a knock on your front door, when you open the door, there is a familiar person standing there.

Who would you want that person to be?

They say that they really want you to spend a week with them in their home.

Would you accept their offer & why?

Bible passage: John 14:1-14 (Acts 7:55-60)

AND/OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZPWf2jWTmw>

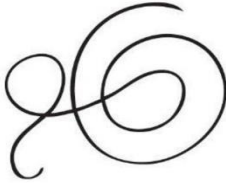
Jesus had been warning the disciples he would be leaving them and they were becoming worried, how were they to follow if they didn't know where he was going. Jesus then goes onto to say why he is going – to prepare a place for them. Thinking back to your person who's knocking on the door and invites you to stay How would they prepare for you to stay with them?

If that person knows you, they are likely to be preparing activities or food they know you like... Because they know you, they have a relationship with you. How about a celebrity – they do not know you, so you would have to trust them that they had something or somewhere good for you to go. Jesus asked the disciples to **TRUST** him but he also knew them as friends, Jesus makes a promise, a word of comfort to his disciples.

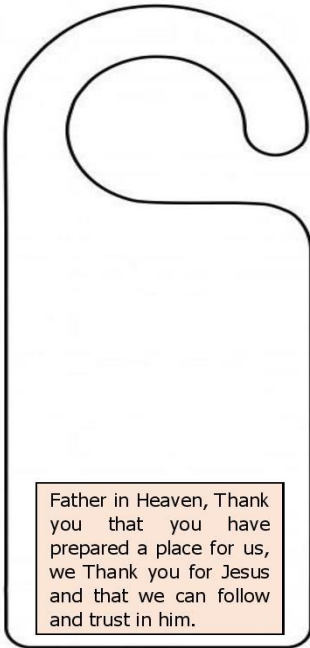
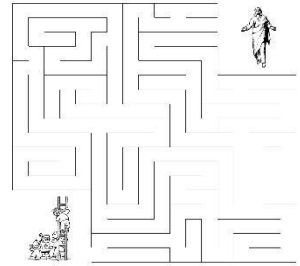
Interactive Learning.....

We become 'found' when we trust Jesus and our lives to Him.

HOLY WORD PATH: Give everyone a piece of paper and crayons/pencils to write today's Bible verse in a path around their sheet of paper - as in a circle or a squiggly path, etc. You will then hand the paper to the person on your right and everyone will have their turn at reading the Bible Verse PATH if they can follow the words in order. The words have to be in the right order but the path can go anywhere on the paper.



Try creating a maze of your own &/or follow the trail below.



Father in Heaven, Thank you that you have prepared a place for us, we Thank you for Jesus and that we can follow and trust in him.

Design a door hanger with key words from the bible reading

Jesus **promises** to be with us through the power of the Holy Spirit, to work in and through us, to accomplish his purposes in the world. When this happens we may see healing, forgiveness and **peace** in our communities, people working together - this is the work of God. Wherever there is life in abundance, this is Jesus' presence in our midst.

Jesus is teaching us not to be fearful but to **Trust** he has prepared a way ahead for us, though it might be like a maze or not straight forward we are invited to be with him to be in his **eternal** home. So, whatever happens to us each day, and some days are really hard and difficult, we have something really wonderful to look forward to.

Whilst creating, chat about the following questions & Share stories of when you or someone in your gathering has had to trust Jesus.....

1. Who would you trust with the person or item that is most precious to you?
2. Do you feel the disciples trusted Jesus?
3. Do you believe & trust there is a place in heaven for you?
 - a. Why?

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02uI>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Song: Let Your Glory Fall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnnHSxW3N0w>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. . Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: Build Your Kingdom here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>

can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/171488698289174290/>
- <https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-crafts-jesus-way.html>
- Create a marble run maze
- Life, Truth, Way Dice Game
https://scripturelady.com/way-truth-dice-john-14_6-p1-3/

What matters most

By A. Soule

There is a deeply haunting story by Tolstoy titled 'What men live by', which I happened to re-read recently. The story goes that a poor shoemaker despairing of his debt goes out on a cold evening, gets drunk and on his way home sees a naked man lying by the road. The shoemaker takes pity on the man and takes him home. The stranger ends up staying with the shoemaker for several years, all the while observing people in different situations. In the end the stranger reveals himself to be an erring angel who had been sent to learn what really matters to men. Through a series of very interesting situations he concludes that what people live by is love.

Now this is purely a work of fiction from one of the greatest writers of all time, who incidentally also spent a lot of time pondering on what Jesus actually taught. But not many can dispute that there is truth in the fact that love, whether we understand the workings of it or not, is central to our lives. There is a lot already written about love but this story is different - it is about how we are essentially wired, taking into account how very fragile our existence is. It speaks volumes in times of uncertainty - such as what we are going through now.

Understanding what makes us tick is really quite complicated, especially if you consider recent advances in psychology - the writings of Freud, Jung and many others; the solution is often summed up as 'finding yourself', 'being true to yourself'. Whilst there is a lot of value in trying to know oneself, I don't think knowing oneself, as fully as one can, is the answer to what life is all about. Psychiatry and counselling can help you know yourself and come to terms with what happens in your life, but that only seems like half the answer. Surely our journey as Christians doesn't stop at just getting an understanding of ourselves.

All of us through the various stages of our life undertake a journey; to find ourselves first, and then ourselves in relation to others. In all probability it takes a life time to understand what really matters to us.

It is not surprising then that most death-bed accounts talk about the person dying making sure near and dear know how much he or she loves them.

There are still though many hard questions about death and suffering in the world, especially in the face of thousands already being killed by this pandemic in just two months. We are all seeking some rationale to why such horrifying things happen, so often across history. What resonated with me in this context was an article I read fairly recently in the New York Times (by Ross Douthat), which pointed out that whilst it was easy to presume the messages God was sending the world through suffering, natural disasters and pandemics; most ordinary Christians the writer knew stay away from attempting to answer the “why?” question - they point to Job whose friends were rebuked by God for trying to do precisely that.

Now this is not to say there aren't any theological answers to the conundrum of suffering; in fact, there are a range of answers given by eminent theologians across the centuries, but none of them deny the reality of suffering. Suffering comes to all.

Christians or not, but as Christians we believe God not only entered a world filled with suffering but also that through the incarnation in Jesus sided with those who suffer and suffered himself. The reality of lives being lost is written large across our TV screens on a daily basis these days - with pictures of family members grieving and lamenting their loss. Like everything in life, there is a time for joy and a time for lamentation. There were times when Jesus also grew weary and grieved.

Lamenting in itself is a very natural response; and there is no explaining it away - it hits people hard. It is but important to understand that lamenting or grieving at its core is an acknowledgment of love for the other - an acknowledgment that the thread of love is at the root of our existence, which ends not just with us, but also links us to God¹³ who in Jesus lived in solidarity with our pain.

Mission

Update from our mission partner, Tearfund.



Coronavirus is spreading among some of the world's poorest communities. Time is running out to help them.

Many of us will have spent this season with a real sense of fear and uncertainty. Our churches have had to quickly adapt to deeply challenging circumstances. Who could have predicted that we would have to celebrate the triumph of Jesus without being able to meet face to face?

We've seen for ourselves the enormous disruption this virus can cause. Yet for people living in extreme poverty the impact could be unthinkable.

In Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, the largest refugee camp in the world, cramped conditions mean it's impossible to keep a safe distance from people. And there aren't enough handwashing facilities. The virus could spread through the camp like wildfire – threatening the half a million Rohingya people who live there. People whose lives were already a struggle.

Our local church partners are on the frontline, and they need your prayers more than ever.

'We are distributing leaflets about handwashing, distancing and recognising the symptoms,' says Sudarshan Kodooru, Tearfund's Country Director in Bangladesh. 'We have given out hygiene kits, but getting access to the [refugee] camps is likely to become even harder. The handpumps and sanitation facilities we've been able to provide will be more important than ever.'

The scale of the work required is huge, but we know that the prayerful support of your church and others around the UK will be powerful and effective (James 5:16). Our teams on the ground will take a huge amount of strength from knowing that the saints are joined together in prayer for them.

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Virginia Lockett

UK Churches Director, Tearfund

Ask Lauraine

Our resident theological thinker answers your questions.

This week's Questions is: In my Bible is a part called The Apocrypha. What is it?

"Apocrypha" comes from a Greek word which means "things that are hidden, secret." The Old Testament Apocrypha, often referred to simply as "the Apocrypha," is a collection of Jewish books that are included in the Old Testament canons of Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christians, but not of Protestants. It was Martin Luther in his translation of the bible who affirmed the unique authority of the Hebrew canon, stating that the books of the Apocrypha were useful for reading but that was all they were not to be considered as part of the canon and were consigned to the back of the bible. Over time, however, the Apocrypha has fallen into disuse amongst many Christians and in some bibles, they do not appear at all.

The Roman Catholic Apocrypha consists of Tobit, Judith, the Additions to Esther, the Additions to Daniel (the Prayer of Azariah and the Three Young Men, Susanna, and Bel and the Dragon), the Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus (also called Sirach), Baruch (also called 1 Baruch), the Letter of Jeremiah, 1 Maccabees, and 2 Maccabees. The Greek Orthodox Church adds 1 Esdras, Psalm 151, the Prayer of Manasseh, and 3 Maccabees, with 4 Maccabees in an appendix. The Russian Orthodox Church adds 1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Psalm 151, and 3 Maccabees. The Roman Catholic canon places the Prayer of Manasseh, 1 Esdras, and 2 Esdras in an appendix without implying canonicity. So you can see not all Christian denominations even agree what should be in the Apocrypha.

A longer essay by Lauraine on this subject can be found on the Church website. www.spnh.org.uk

The War and V.E. Day 8th May 1945



I was born on 19th September 1940 at 29 Colyers Lane, just opposite the Old Vicarage, during the Battle of Britain and three weeks later my mother, two sisters aged 9 and 11 years and myself were evacuated to Trowbridge in Wiltshire to escape the bombing. My father stayed at home as he was employed in the engineering industry.

We did return home for a few days in January 1944 but unfortunately it is recorded that some 450 German aircraft made a bombing raid that Friday evening. The warning siren sounded and we took

cover in our little Anderson air raid shelter in our garden.

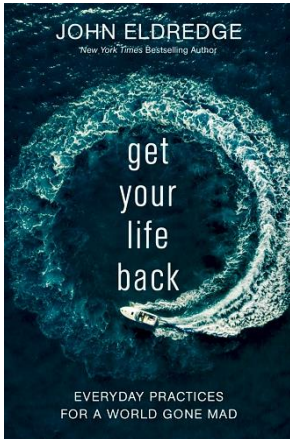
We huddled together, burying our faces in our laps, as though this offered extra protection from the bombs. One dropped on the playing fields about 100 yards from the vicarage severely damaging the houses opposite, killing one person and injuring nine others. Our home had lost its roof tiles and windows.

In contrast, I can remember when the war ended and peace was declared in Europe. It was a great celebration with parties organised over the whole country. Northumberland Heath was no exception; in East Holme (just off Heath Way) Union Jack flags and bunting were strung from houses with a children's party with whatever rationed food allowed followed by a party for the adults with dancing and singing after a piano was dragged out of someone's house. Peace at last!

Ron Richards

Books

This week's book suggestions come from ICM Books

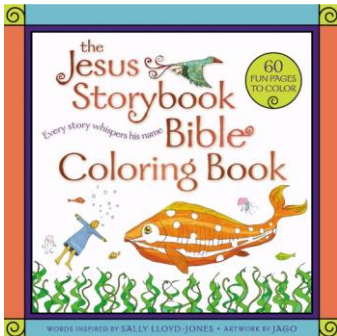
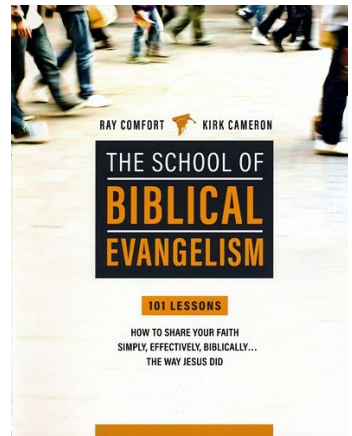


Get Your Life back by John Eldredge

In his life-changing new book, John Eldredge distils a lifetime's wisdom about healing into a series of practical, ready-to-implement practices for putting yourself back together. These simple steps will enable you to begin recovery, help you focus on what matters most, disengage from the tragedies of this broken world, and discover the restorative power of beauty.

The School Of Biblical Evangelism: 101 lessons – How To Share You Faith Simply by Ray Comfort & Kirk Cameron

This comprehensive study, for both new and advanced believers, offers an extensive course of thought-provoking topics in easy-to-read portions. Now with a fresh look and revised content, its 101 lessons will teach you how to share your faith simply, effectively, and biblically...the way Jesus did. Discover the God-given evangelistic tools that will enable you to confidently talk about the Saviour.



The Jesus Storybook Bible Colouring book by Sally Lloyd Jones

With over 60 pages of colouring fun, little ones will delight in experiencing The Jesus Storybook Bible as never before, unleashing their creativity as they absorb the words that whisper the Lord's name in this one-of-a-kind colouring book.


#Live Lent

This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation". It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything.

Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop John Sentamu

Find out more and sign up here -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation>



Gift Aid

**Do you support our mission and ministry by regular giving?
Do you pay tax?**

If you answered yes to both those questions then we can claim an extra 25% from the government at no cost to you.

It's very easy to sign up

See Charles Brooke or Dot Turner and they will help you.

Bible reading Apps

There are many of these available. Here are two suggestions, but let me know what ones you use.

Youversion – <https://www.youversion.com>

Wordlive - <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive>

Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

Top 15

Pos	LW	Title, Artist	Peak Pos	WoC
1	1	 THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	39
2	2	 JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	26
3	5 ↑	 LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	85
4	6 ↑	 AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	28
5	4 ↓	 CHOOSE TO WORSHIP REND COLLECTIVE CCMG	1	4
6	7 ↑	 VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	255
7	9 ↑	 MANSION NF CCMG	1	141
8	8	 THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	107
9	New	 HOME UNLEASHED SPRING HARVEST ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN	9	1
10	10	 VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	65
11	3 ↓	 PEACE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	3	2
12	12	 AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	320
13	11 ↓	 PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	17
14	16 ↑	 VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	35
15	New	 MAVERICK CITY - VOL 3 PT 1 MAVERICK CITY MUSIC MAVERICK CITY MUSIC	15	1

Mrs T's quiz page

ROYAL DINGBATS

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Places in Kent

Can you guess the place from the cryptic clue?

1	Fish road	
2	Joking horse box	
3	Has a letter to spare	
4	Life began here – too far	
5	Understarched grass (Surrey)	
6	Underwear	
7	A fool in Shakespeare	
8	Come to agreement	
9	A northern city has one	
10	Overwater	

Ann's simple recipes for everyone

St Paul's resident culinary queen Ann Easter shares some of her recipes with you.

Sultana Cake



Ingredients

8oz / 250g Self raising flour
4oz / 120g Butter
4oz / 120g Sultanas
1 Large egg
2oz / 60g Sugar
1 teaspoon Mixed spice

Instructions

Beat the egg

Sift the flour into a large mixing bowl and add the other ingredients (including the egg).

Mix until you have a thick cake batter.

Place the batter into a 7" / 18cm greased cake tin.

Bake on gas mark 4 for 1 hour or 160c for 50mins. Check with a skewer that the cake is cooked through.

When cool, turn your cake out and sprinkle some sugar on it to finish.

Photography



Strawberry and
Blueberry
Pancake by
Sophie Tyler



Wonderful world
by George Stafford

This week's Photography winner is Joseph Chima. For the great pic but also for all the extra time he's been spending helping some of the older folk on his paper round. Well done Joseph. He will get the Album – The Search by NF.



Duck Family by Grace Allen



Hall Place flowers by Grace Allen



Painted & Cleaned decking by
Clair Gill



Thank God for our gardens by
Bob Lindridge

Blast from the Past

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Postcards from...

Ever wondered how to update the "old favourite bible stories" we learnt about in Sunday School? One way is 'Postcards'. Some of our teenagers were asked to assume the role of a bible character and write a postcard from them. Here is a small taster of the result:

To John:

I am sorry for not showing up for my annual side burns trim, only Delilah got someone to do it for me whilst I was asleep! Besides, I've heard the prices have gone up. Anyway, got to go as I'm due down the gym.

Yours, Sam.

P.S. Sorry for pulling the door off its hinges last time!

(Samson, by Stephen Luff)

CHECK THE YOUTH COMMITTEE NOTICE BOARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR MORE POSTCARDS. CAN YOU WRITE ONE FROM A BIBLE CHARACTER? TINA CHATTINGTON WILL BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH CAN BE LEFT AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR COLLECTION.

Wot-ever Next

Full marks to those who, after seven days, could still remember the main points from the Wot Next talk. Tim Mungeam from Oasis Trust spoke about "Decision to Disciple". Accepting Christ as our Lord and Saviour is not the end of the story. We have a choice to be like either Linford Christie or a spectator in the stands. Linford is a good athlete because he persistently trains, it affects his whole lifestyle and he knows the daily routine must continue if he is to perform at his best. Meanwhile, the spectator sits and watches, longing to excel but not daring to see where their abilities will take them. What about us as Christians? Are we running the great race of life for God's glory, are we not yet convinced we have the ability to win or are we afraid that others might laugh at us? We have been specially chosen to run the race, given all the



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training equipment we need and have God's promise of the ultimate victory. What more could we ask for? Be bold and determined to leave the stands and get down onto the race track.

For further reading: Heb.12:1-3; Phil.3:12-14; 2Tim.4:7,8 and Hymn: Fight the Good Fight, verses 1 & 2.

Read All About It....

The hot-news-latest from our correspondent in Tanzania, Andy Hunt, is on the Youth Committee notice board at the back of the church. What an eye-opener!

Deanery Kids Fun Afternoon



Saturday 18th May 1996 - Christ Church Bexleyheath.

This event held for 6 - 11 year olds, focused this year on the 'Holy Spirit', and the children enjoyed participating in various activities relating to the theme.

These included Candle Holders, Windmills, Head Dresses, & Potato Cuts. I wondered why there was a look of relief on the Committee's faces at our planning evening prior to the afternoon, when I volunteered to be responsible for the potato cuts. Not having a clue at the time as to what this entailed. I now know, and still have, the remains of paint under my fingernails! With 30 plus children in 5 groups, & each child competing for the most shapes on a blank piece of paper, keeping order became increasingly difficult.

There was a distinct difference between the behaviour of the boys and the girls. The boys perception of success being to load as much paint on the potato cuts as possible and then to give the impression of someone behind a Post Office Counter, date stamping a parcel. FORCE = FUN. Whilst the girls were much more mature and made beautiful shapes of doves and flames very delicately. With Tina C. working the badge machine (How many fingers did you lose?) and also providing the musical accompaniment, the afternoon proved a great success and we hope the children discovered in various ways that the Holy Spirit brings such fun

Tim Luff

FOOTNOTE: Will Tina's T-shirts ever be paint-free again !!



On TV this week

Freeveiw Sky Virgin Freesat BT

Saturday

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39 148 193)

13:00 - 23:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

17:00: Bruce Almighty: Channel 5

Sunday

06:00: Hour of Power: Sky1 (106 110)

09:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Drama (71 147 197)

10:45: Sunday Worship: BBC1

11:15: Sunday Morning Stories: BBC1

13:15: Songs of Praise: BBC1

13:50: Sacred Wonders: BBC2

14:00- 16:00: Father Brown: Drama (20 143 130 158)

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16:10: Sister Act: Sky Cinema Comedy (308 408 508)

18:00: Sister Act 2: Sky Cinema Comedy (308 408 508)

20:00: Call the Midwife: Drama (20 143 130 158)

22:30: Retreat, Meditations from a Monastery: BBC4 (9 116)

Monday

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39)

14:00: The Young Messiah: Sky Cinema Drama (310 410)

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

15:45: Joseph, King of Dreams: Sky Cinema Family (306)

19:30: The Beauty of Books, Ancient Bibles: BBC4 (9 116)

Tuesday

09:10 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39)

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

Wednesday

06:00 & 00:15: Corpus Christi: Sky Cinema Premiere (301)

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

10:25 The Prince of Egypt: Sky Cinema Family (306 406 506)

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39)

Thursday

09:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39)

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

15:45: Corpus Christi: Sky Cinema Premiere (301 401 501)

Friday

09:00 & 22:00: Father Brown: Alibi (132 126 312)

11:00 & 17:00: Father Dowling Mysteries: CBS Justice (39)

14:15: Father Brown: BBC1

23:00: Dana, The Original Derry Girl: BBC4 (9 116 107 107)

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Streaming & Box Sets



The Middle – Amazon Prime

Comedy series that charts the life of the Heck Family.

Christians themes pop up regularly especially in the life of daughter Sue who does her best to be a good Christian with the help of regular character Rev Tim Tom.

Do you have any TV or Streaming suggestions? Let us know.

Radio programs

Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43am on Radio 4

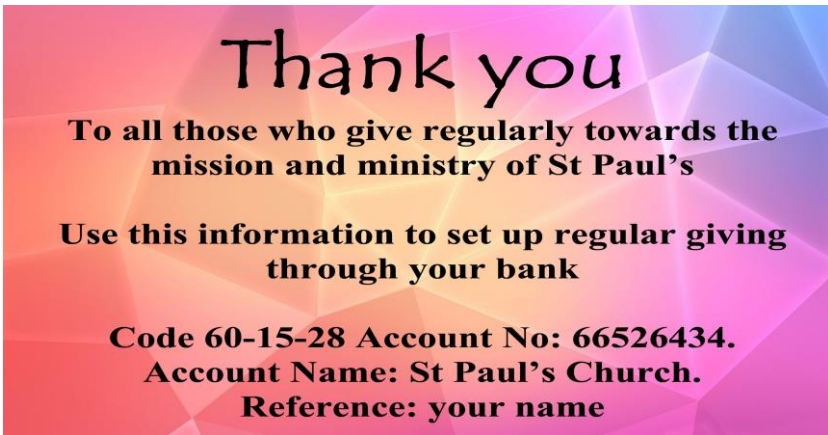
Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4

Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4

Longwave and DAB

Lent Talks Wednesdays at 8.45pm on Radio 4

Choral evensong- Wednesdays at 3.30pm and the same service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on BBC Radio 3



Quiz answers

Royal Dingbats

1.Reigns over us. 2.The Opening of Parliament. 3.Lady in Waiting. 4.The Tower of London. 5.Changing of the Guard. 6.Sixty Years on the Throne. 7.Long Live the Queen. 8.For Queen and Country. 9.George Cross. 10.Highland Games. 11.Sandringham. 12.Long to Reign over us. 13.New Year's Honours. 14. Street Parties. 15.Christmas Broadcast. 16.Royal Highness. 17.The Commonwealth. 18.The Order of the Garter.

Places in Kent

1.Sole Street,2. Whitstable,3. Dover,4. Edenbridge,5. Limpsfeild 6. Thong,7. Pratt's Bottom, 8. Deal,9. Minster,10. Bridge.

