



CHURCH AT HOME

Issue 27: October 10th 2020

Welcome, brothers and sisters to the twenty-seventh edition of "Church at Home".

I saw something about harvest on tv this week. The main thrust of it was asking people what they are thankful for this harvest. I find this a bit strange. Clearly some now see Harvest festival as a pseudo-thanksgiving for the UK. Another thing focusing on "me" rather than "us".

The fact is Harvest has always been an "us" or community festival. Harvest has always had an element of thanksgiving, but thanksgiving to God who has provided. Harvest is all about Gods provision and we forget that in the not so distant past a poor harvest could decimate a community. People would be giving thanks for their lives.

Harvest is also about provision for the poorest. We have forgotten that in the past, the produce brought to churches kept the poorest in the community alive. It was also there for when harvests did fail. The community barn has had a resurgence, now it's called a food bank and harvest is still a time when we can support our community. Please be generous in your giving.

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

Rev Clive

Church noticeboard

New Service Time

The 9am service has temporarily been moved to 10am.

Harvest

This year, October will be our month of Harvest. Donations will accumulate at the front of church over this time.

Arrangements for the collection of Harvest gifts.

On each **Wednesday** in October at **10am** Harvest gifts will be collected through the window of the Lounge until **11:00**

On each **Sunday** in October, **following** the **10:00** Communion Service, Harvest gifts will be collected in the Link until **12:00**. A table will be set aside for them to be left safely.

Harvest gifts cannot be delivered to the Church Office.

Message from Jeanne Williams

A big thank you to everyone who wished me happy birthday by visiting (on the door step) texting or cards. In these times it is great to show appreciation to friends who manage to lift my spirits. Stay safe and hopefully working together we will conquer this debilitating virus.

Remembrance Sunday

There will be an act of remembrance starting at 10:50am at The War Memorial on Sunday 8th November.

Spring Harvest 2021

Booking is open. If you would like to be included in our group please fill in the form on the back page and return to Clive ASAP.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the church on Wednesday 21st October at 7:30pm.

Harvest Quiz Night

Dear friends of St Paul's

We would like to invite **you all** to take part in our **Harvest Quiz Night In** which will be taking place on **Saturday 24th October** at **7.30pm** from the comfort of your very own homes!!

Yes, that's right, we will be hosting a quiz using an internet app which will allow us to see and speak to you all which can be downloaded onto either a mobile phone or home computer, one device per home (more details on this to follow).

The quiz will be made up of **50 questions** and will take approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours to complete. All that we ask is that you have a pen and paper to hand to jot down your answers, which we will reveal to you at the end of the quiz.

So, whether you are on your own, in a couple or a family of all ages, we would love if you would join us in fellowship and test your knowledge and pick your brains, where the person/team with the highest score will receive a small prize for their triumph!!

So, prepare to cosy up, grab a cuppa or something stronger for some Saturday night indoor fun!

See you soon!!

Your quiz masters, The Gill's

Community Notices

A blue NHS poster with the text "What's new for this year's flu season?". It features the NHS logo and "HM Government" in the top left corner. The background is a blurred image of people walking in the rain with umbrellas. The text "HELP US HELP YOU STAY WELL THIS WINTER" is in the top left corner.

What's new for this year's flu season?

30 million people are now eligible including:

- **household contacts** of those on the NHS shielded patients list
- children of school **Year 7 age** in secondary schools (those aged 11 years on 31 August 2020)
- all health and social care workers who have direct contact with the people they care for
- those aged 50-64 years later in the season

Hall Place

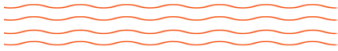
From 1st October we will be switching over to Winter closing times. The Stone Arch Gate that takes you to the Glasshouses and Visitor Centre will be closed at 4pm, with the large Green East Gates that allow access and exit to the wider gardens being closed to the public at 5pm.

THAMESMEAD & BEXLEY

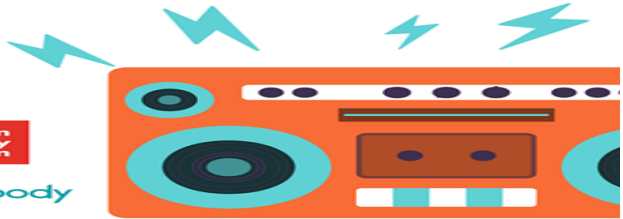
DANCE FOR CARERS

AN HOUR OF 'ME TIME'
ZOOM DANCE CLASS
FREE TO UNPAID CARERS
EVERY TUESDAY @ 11AM
LAUNCH DANCE PARTY 6 OCT 2020

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Community Police Report NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH WARD

From Police SNT Team - PCSO Lorraine O'Hara

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Dedicated Ward Officers: PC Lucy Butler - PC Ali Suat - PCSO Lorraine O'Hara

We have seen a considerable drop in ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) since PC Suat along with the street duties team have been conducting active high visibility patrols. The team have been spending a lot of time dealing with a number of continuous neighbour disputes.

Please be aware that any noise complaints should first be reported to Bexley council Environmental Heath Officer, noise complaints will not be dealt with by police, however we will assist the local authority in gaining evidence for extreme instances of repeated complaints.

We are pleased to say that there have been no burglaries on the ward this week. There has been a theft of a black range rover vehicle from Eastry Road, no keys were stolen, this happened overnight on the Friday 25/ Saturday 26th September.

The team are pleased to announce that whilst PC Gashi is on maternity leave, we now have a new PC who will be with us for at least the next 6 months. We welcome PC Leah Pezzato to the team.

This week's prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

America Magazine

Prayer

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

Please keep in your prayers those who usually have received home communion⁶ but are unable to currently with the Church of England not allowing these to take place.

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



Harley

Harley continues to be cheeky and will hopefully start some sessions at the preschool soon. A picture of her picking apples last weekend which was great fun. We continue to think of everyone from church and send our best wishes to all. Cat, Dean and Harley x



Monica, Molly & Bob Lindridge

Bob and Monica with Molly in Hannah and Ben's hot tub in Chichester last weekend.



Joshua & Faith

Beazley-long
#HelloYellow! Day at School. Raising money for YoungMinds, a charity that support and raise awareness of mental health in young people.

This week's pick of the pics goes to Bob and Monica for autumnal hottubbing!

A book is on its way to you.

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. revclive@hotmail.co.uk

ZOOM LIGHT PARTY

Thursday 29th -
Saturday 31st
October

4-6pm

SATURDAY

FANCY
DRESS

BLAST OFF!

bible
stories

worship

THE OUTER LIMITS

crafts

games

ONLINE



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KIDS

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST
BOOK CHILDREN ONLINE TO
RECEIVE  ID AND
PASSWORD



It feels like it's half-time. The first half of this pandemic has been challenging on every level and yet we need to dust ourselves down, refocus and be prepared to go again.

We, as the evangelical church, have been serving our society and helping to build lasting change and social benefit for centuries. And now, in this unique season, we are called to put in a kind of Herculean effort not previously required, in living memory, for the vast majority of us.

The social challenges will get greater, the gap between the 'haves' and 'have nots' wider, and the need for us to play a key part in the rebuilding and transformation of the land socially, emotionally and spiritually is profound.

However, we can do this. We have a key part to play as we stand on the shoulders of so many giants who've come before us. It might be half-time but the second half is about to kick-off and the church must be ready for action, bravery, compassion and kindness for the next stage of this pandemic.

This week, as we are kind to ourselves and to others, we must not exclude the key component in all of this: prayer. There is power in prayer, and I believe that as we lean on God and seek His face, amazing things begin to take place.

We need to pray for ourselves, for our own rest and wellbeing, coming to God in our times of tiredness and challenge. Let us pray for our leaders, that they may have wisdom and courage as they help us navigate these circumstances. Let us also pray for those around us, those in our neighbourhoods, workplaces, hospital waiting rooms and shopping lines.

If this is half-time, the second half is about to start and so we need to be ready. We need to look after ourselves, we need to be kind and compassionate to those around us, and in all of this, as we face immense challenges, we need to pray, giving all things to the rock of ages as we seek to live and serve Him in this time.

Every blessing,

Gavin Calver
CEO

Books

This week's book suggestions come from SPCK

Graham Tomlin

WHY BEING YOURSELF IS A BAD IDEA

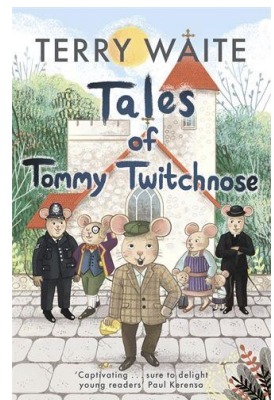
and other countercultural notions

Why Being Yourself Is A bad Idea by Graham Tomlin
Most people just want to be happy and to make a difference in the world. We're often told we'll achieve this by being ourselves. But when we begin to reflect, that's not quite as simple as it sounds. All sorts of questions and countercultural notions arise. Maybe trying to 'be yourself' is not such a good idea after all? This book dares us to let go of some of the assumptions we make about life. Drawing on current research, contemporary events and ancient wisdom, it offers an invitation to journey to places we may never have imagined before

Tales Of Tommy Twitchnose by Terry Waite

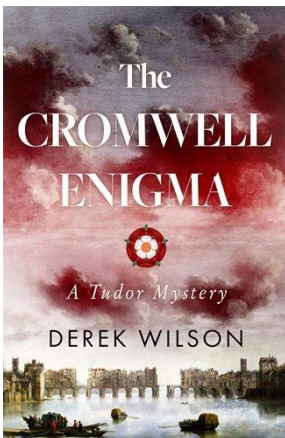
Meet Tommy Twitchnose, who lives with his wife and two children in a cosy little house under the floorboards in a converted barnhouse. Tommy and his family have a happy life, foraging for scraps of food and doing up their home with bits and pieces dropped by the humans who live above them.

But then, one day, their peaceful life is rudely interrupted. A large family of town mice suddenly appears on their doorstep, led by a daring and determined mouse called Danny, who announces that they're moving in...























The Cromwell Enigma by Derek Wilson

July 1540: the shock news of Cromwell's fall reaches the court of Margaret of Navarre, sister of Francis I of France and arguably the most cultured woman north of the Alps. She sends her courtier and poet, Nicolas Bourbon, an avid reformer with many friends in English court circles, to find out what is happening. What Bourbon discovers from members of Cromwell's family, his protégés and his enemies sets him on a quest for the real man behind all the competing versions on offer.



Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, Artist	Peak Pos	Wk
1	1	 THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	62
2	2	 JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	49
3	4 ↑	 LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	18
4	3 ↓	 VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	27
5	5	 MANSION NF CCMG	1	16
6	6	 THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	13
7	7	 AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	34
8	11 ↑	 UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	21
9	9	 AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	51
10	8 ↓	 VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	58
11	14 ↑	 GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	22
12	10 ↓	 VICTORIOUS THE AFTERMATH SKILLET ROADRUNNER	6	3
13	13	 PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	40
14	12 ↓	 VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	88
15	17 ↑	 LET THERE BE LIGHT HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	20
16	16	 GREATEST HITS (THE ATLANTIC YEARS) POD ATLANTIC	6	86
17	15 ↓	 HOW CAN IT BE LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	9	11
18	20 ↑	 THE ESSENTIAL KIRK FRANKLIN KIRK FRANKLIN VERITY	11	14
19	Re	 NF NF CCMG	9	39
20	18 ↓	 JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS REUNION	16	36

Mrs T's quiz page

CRUISE ANAGRAMS

Can you solve the following anagrams to reveal common words and phrases that are associated with cruises?

1	<i>CABARET WINDS</i>	5,7		
2	<i>AIRMAN ENTERED</i>	13		
3	<i>NO FARM LIGHT</i>	6,5		
4	<i>TURD MILLERS</i>	6,5		
5	<i>RE SPUR</i>	6		
6	<i>ASCEND GAP KIRK</i>	6,7		
7	<i>A CATNIP</i>	7		
8	<i>A BOND DIRECTOR</i>	7,5		
9	<i>SECURE RHINOS OX</i>	5,9		
10	<i>TAME ROOTS</i>	9		
11	<i>CAB ONLY</i>	7,5		
12	<i>RED TEN</i>	6		
13	<i>LILAC VEIL SUN</i>	3,9		
14	<i>CABIN BEAR</i>	9		
15	<i>DISCO RECRUITER</i>	6,8		
16	<i>LAY LEG</i>	6		
17	<i>ADSORB RAT</i>	9		
18	<i>OMIT A BANKER</i>	11		
19	<i>ROPE NAMED</i>	9		
20	<i>I SUIT MINE</i>	4-5		
21	<i>GUITAR SITE</i>	10		
22	<i>PACK LEND</i>	4,4		
23	<i>STIR GIFT TINS</i>	5,7		
24	<i>ITS CLAN TARTAN</i>	13		
25	<i>LET RUB</i>	6		

Poet's Corner

To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,

Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;

Conspiring with him how to load and bless

With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;

To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,

And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;

To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells

With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,

And still more, later flowers for the bees,

Until they think warm days will never cease,

For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?

Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find

Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,

Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;

Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,

Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy hook

Sparses the next swath and all its twined flowers:

And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep

Steady thy laden head across a brook;

Or by a cider-press, with patient look,

Thou watchest the last oozings, hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?

Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—

While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,

And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;

Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn

Among the river sallows, borne aloft

Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;

And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;

Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft

The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft,

And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

This is one of my favourite poems. It is by John Keats. It was his last major work before he died in Rome from Tuberculosis in 1821 at the tender age of 25 years.

The poem is filled with highly sensuous language, laden with pictorial imagery and the sweet sounds of nature. He makes good use of alliteration throughout the poem. He speaks of Autumn and the ageing sun 'conspiring 'like two old friends with secrets to share. Use of the words load, heavy, swell and plump help us visualise the fully ripened fruits Juicy and sweet. Personification is used in stanza two. Autumn becomes a lovely woman, mature and carefree. She is sitting careless on a granary floor, her hair softly blowing in the gentle breeze. The stanza finishes with a pretty picture of her watching apple juice 'ooze' from a cider press. Stanza three begins by reminding us that Autumn is not envious of the songs of Spring. She has beautiful sounds of her own.

The 'full grown lambs' bleat, the Robin whistles and migrating swallows gather and fill the air with a multitude of twittering. One of the most beautiful examples of pictorial imagery is the streaked pink clouds adorning the 'dyiny day' and gently illuminating the stubble fields.

I'm sure you will have no problem seeing why this is one of the most beautiful examples of a harvest time poem. God bless you all & keep you safe,

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Carol O'Connor

Thank you

To all those who give regularly towards the mission and ministry of St Paul's

Use this information to set up regular giving through your bank

Code 60-15-28 Account No: 66526434.

Account Name: St Paul's Church.

Reference: your name

Quiz answers

1.Cabin Steward; 2.Mediterranean; 3.Formal Night; 4.Muster Drill; 5.Purser; 6.Drinks Package;7.Captain; 8.Onboard Credit; 9.Shore Excursion; 10.Stateroom; 11.Balcony; 12.Tender; 13.All Inclusive. 14.Caribbean; 15.Cruise Director; 16.Galley; 17.Starboard; 18. Embarkation; 19.Promenade;20.Mini-suite; 21.Gratuities; 22.Deck Plan; 23.First Sitting; 24.Transatlantic; 25.Butler.

PARISH OF

St Paul's Northumberland Heath

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
We <i>(insert names)</i>		
of <i>(insert addresses)</i>		
being members of the electoral roll of this parish, hereby nominate		
of <i>(insert address)</i>		
as a candidate for election to the parochial church council at the annual meeting on _____		
	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
Signed		
I declare that I am communicant of 16 years or over and not disqualified, and that if elected, I consent to serve.		
Signed: <i>Nominee</i>		

Nominees must be:

- at least sixteen years of age;
- actual communicants;
- on the Electoral Roll of this Parish for at least six months

Proposers and seconders must be on the Electoral Roll of this Parish

No person shall be nominated unless they have signified their consent to serve, or there is in the opinion of the meeting sufficient evidence thereof. No person shall be nominated if they are disqualified from serving by the Church Representation Rules. (See right for details)

DISQUALIFICATION (Church Representation Rule 68 in Part 7)

A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if the person:

3 (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).

(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).

(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.

(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

Note

In order to confirm that you are eligible to act as a charity trustee, all newly elected PCC members will be required to sign a declaration confirming their eligibility to hold office as a charity trustee eligibility (i.e. non-disqualification under charity law) and will be asked to sign a Fit and Proper Person declaration. A copy of these declarations can be found at www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/. By confirming that you are eligible for election, you are confirming that you are able to sign these declarations.



St Paul's Booking Form
Saturday 10th April – Thursday 15th April 2021
£285 adult / £265 Under 15*
 Discounts available for low income families & individuals.

Minehead week two – Please Return this form by **September 20th** to get the discounted price shown.

In order to book you in we will need a deposit of £35 per person. This is not refundable after November 26th. Spring Harvest advises you take the optional insurance available which is an additional £25.

We need details of each member of your party. Please fill in the form below

Name	Address (“As above” if the same)	Postcode	Date of Birth	Telephone	(over 16) E Mail

Optional Extras

Insurance £25 Ground Floor Request £15 Cot £0

Signed _____ Date _____

* We will do our best to secure accommodation at this price. If we are unable to and you don't want to pay any extra then your deposit will be returned and your booking cancelled. We do our best at St Paul's to make sure anyone who wants to attend Spring Harvest can go. If you are worried about finances please speak to Clive confidentially.