



CHURCH AT HOME

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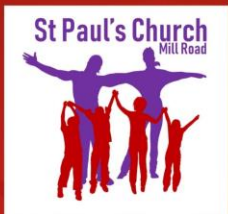
Welcome, brothers and sisters to the thirty-fourth edition of "Church at Home".

We are at the beginning of the end. Beginning next week vaccinations for Covid 19 will start and we are told that we should be back to normality sometime between spring and summer.

Paul often uses the analogy of a race in his teaching. It's felt a bit like a marathon getting through this year and many of us are frankly exhausted. Of course, when Paul uses this picture it is about our spiritual journey. More than any other time, keeping on track with God has been tough. Paul acknowledges that this is normal. In Hebrews 12 & 1 Corinthians 9 he talks about the training of an athlete. In the same way, we need to spiritually train in order to receive the prize which is Christ. In other words, we need to exercise our faith muscles in order to cross the finish line.

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

Rev Clive



Christmas at St Paul's

December 6th at 10am

Final chance to bring toys for children with Women's Aid

December 12th at 2pm

Christmas film for all the family - Nativity

December 19th At 2pm

Christmas film for all the family - The Star

December 19th

Children Nativity Colouring Competition ends

December 19th at 7:30pm

Online Christmas Quiz

December 24th

**Christingle at home
Sign up to have your Christingle packs delivered to your children on Christmas Eve.**

December 24th at 11:30pm

Midnight Communion

December 25th at 10am

Family Celebration

We will do our best to run all these activities as long as restrictions allow.

To apply for the Children's Nativity Colouring Competition, visit www.spnh.org.uk.

Toys can be delivered to Church on Wednesdays 9:30-10am or Sundays 10-11am.

Church noticeboard

Advent Quiet Day on Zoom

9 Dec 2020 10.30am-2.30pm

Finding Light in the Deepest Dark; journeying through lament to gratitude.

Whether your "perfect" Christmas is a luxurious dining table, a crowded living room, or a thoughtful midnight mass, this year will not be perfect. This has been a hard year—let us look for the light together.

Led by Margaret Wooding Jones. To book contact Susanne Carlsson: susannecarlssons@hotmail.co.uk 07795167603
Donations welcome.

Christingles

To clarify. Christingle bags are available to households with just Adult(s) if you would like one. See the information on page 6.

Services

Services resume on Sunday. We have one service at 10am on Sundays and our weekday communion on Wednesdays at 9:30am

Advent Craft Bags

With an activity and worksheet for each Sunday of advent.

Please contact Pippa for collection details.



Available to children in Creche, Splash, Xstream and The Grid.

stpaulsnhchildren@hotmail.com

Demelza Christmas Card

Instead of sending so many Christmas cards this year, why not support Demelza House Children's Hospice, by signing our St Paul's Christmas card and making a donation. The card will be at the back of the church from 6 December. Cheques payable to St Paul's Church PCC.

Cathedral shop

The Cathedral shop is now offering a selection of their most-loved products to sell online. Here you will find perfect souvenirs and stocking fillers, bibles and historical book.

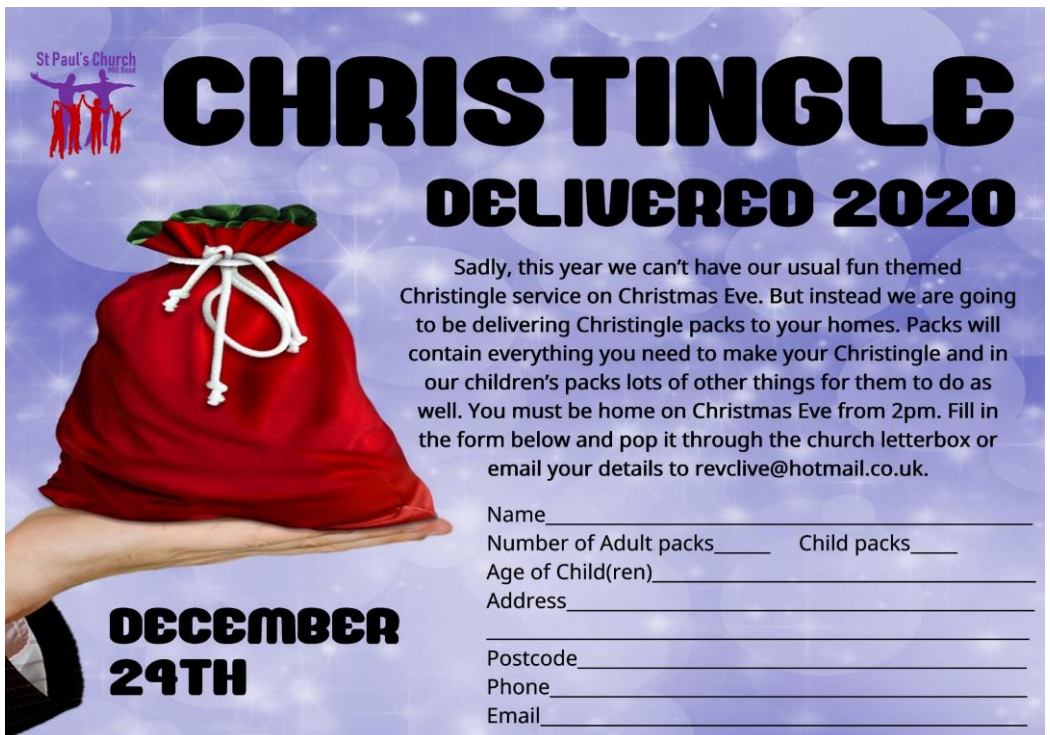
Visit: www.rochestercathedral.org/shop


Children's Church Groups New Email

Parents of children registered in our children's groups should have received an email, if they didn't and would like to please email stpaulsnhchildren@hotmail.com as some emails bounced back.

Children's Nativity Colouring Competition

We are running a colouring competition for our children. Entry is on the back page.



St Paul's Church


CHRISTINGLE DELIVERED 2020

Sadly, this year we can't have our usual fun themed Christingle service on Christmas Eve. But instead we are going to be delivering Christingle packs to your homes. Packs will contain everything you need to make your Christingle and in our children's packs lots of other things for them to do as well. You must be home on Christmas Eve from 2pm. Fill in the form below and pop it through the church letterbox or email your details to revclive@hotmail.co.uk.

Name _____
Number of Adult packs _____ Child packs _____
Age of Child(ren) _____
Address _____
Postcode _____
Phone _____
Email _____

**DECEMBER
24TH**

St Paul's Church presents...

Family Christmas Films



Nativity!
Saturday 12th
December
2pm

Free tickets from
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/
e/129165791359](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/129165791359)

The Star

From the makers of cloudy with a chance of meatballs

Saturday 19th
December
2pm

Free tickets from
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/
e/129167558645](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/129167558645)



We are ticketing these events in order to effectively socially distance during the films. Please only reserve tickets for those you can sit together with.

More tickets may be become available depending on the groupings of those already reserved.

Popcorn and drinks will be available during the films.



ST PAUL'S
VIRTUAL
CHRISTMAS
QUIZ!!

JOIN US VIA ZOOM FOR OUR AMAZING
Festive Night In!!

Saturday 19th December

@7.30pm

ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW....

New Finance Team

As no one has come forward to be our church treasurer the role is now vacant. We have decided to try splitting the role into a number of smaller jobs.

Please consider prayerfully if you are able to fill one of these roles.

Banker (Incoming) [Role Filled – The Lindridges]

Co-ordinate the paying in of physical cash / cheques.

Oversee the Sunday counting team.

Send counting sheets and yellow envelopes to Gift Aid Secretary.

Co-ordinate any miscellaneous incoming payments to bank account. (i.e. non regular incoming payments).

Banker (Outgoing)

Pay bills.

Pay expenses.

Provide office petty cash when requested.

Pay Parish pledge.

Bookkeeper

Prepare monthly accounts for PCC.

Prepare draft budget.

Prepare annual accounts.

Send annual accounts to Diocese & Charity Commission.

If required send accounts to HMRC.

Record Keeper

Keep a financial record of incomings and outgoings.

Gift Aid Secretary [Role filled - Dot Turner]

Co-ordinate the claiming of gift aid from the government.

Please contact Clive for more details.

Community Notices

Abena Appong-Asare

Congratulations to North Heath MP Abena Appong-Asare who has been awarded Newcomer MP of the year for 2020.

Evergreen Care Bexley

Evergreen Care Bexley is looking to recruit a full-time Chief Operating Officer. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please send an email with the subject line 'Chief Operating Officer Application' to info@evergreencarebexley.org to request an information pack which will give details of the personal specification for the job role.

Alive & Kicking

Alive N Kicking - are providing free online cooking classes for children aged 4 to 11 who are above their healthy weight range (above the 91st percentile). You will receive a free goodie bag delivered to your door, filled with all the yummy ingredients and the recipe (feeds 4) needed for the class, plus a free lunch box and apron! Call **020 8432 8535** or <https://www.facebook.com/ankbexley>

Click & Collect Library Service

A new click and collect book service will be available, two days a week, at Sidcup Library and at Central Library, Bexleyheath. You will be able to pre-order specific books by title or library staff can select items for them, in a lucky-dip style, based on your reading preferences.

Central Library, Bexleyheath

Tuesday 9:30am to 5pm

Saturday 9:30am to 4:30pm

Sidcup Library

Thursday, 9:30am to 5pm

Saturday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

More information can be found here -

<https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/click-and-collect>



TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARNS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



This week's prayer

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace

Amen

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, Ron 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.

What you're up to. – Pictures and messages



Monica Lindridge

My friend Hilary gave me this advent calendar for my 'un birthday'. (My real birthday is on Christmas Day).



Jacob, Faith, Joshua & Grace
Beazley-Long

Photography



Christmas light display by John O'Connor

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

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: I am a friend of God (can be sung or listened to)
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8p8x2eK4SfY>

Reflection time: Preparing the way - using the finger labyrinth printed below slowly use your finger following the labyrinth to the centre thinking about the word peace. What pictures or words come into your mind when you reflect on the word peace? Once everyone has had a turn at following the labyrinth share with one another the thoughts or pictures that came into your minds and share where do you find PEACE. Our second candle is lit in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the coming of Jesus the saviour and of how Jesus would reign in righteousness (being fair) and Peace. Now is the time to light the first and second candle on an advent wreath if you have one or colour the 1st and 2nd candle below.



Bible passage: Read Isaiah 40:1-11 together with those who you are gathered with; take it in turns to read a verse each - listen for the way it speaks of preparing the way for Jesus to come and how it speaks of what He will do. Watch the following clip that tells us about John the Baptist who also told people about Jesus coming and what He could do for them. Mark 1:1-8

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pOPKWl61my0>

Interactive Learning.....

This picture will be on the sheet every week during Advent – Today's candle is **Peace** but don't forget to colour the Hope candle from last week,



Peace from the Cross

If you are able take a walk outside into a garden or park and look for small twigs that can be used to make a cross. When you are back place one twig across another and tie with red wool or string. As you are making the twig crosses share with one another of something you may need to put right. Just as Jesus forgives us and we find Peace we may need to either forgive others or put something right in our relationships with others. As we journey through advent and especially this week we think of how Isaiah prepared people for Jesus and how John the Baptist prepared the way we too need to prepare our hearts and minds to receive Jesus this Christmas time.

Whilst creating chat about the following questions & Share stories.....

What places do you find peaceful?

Do we take enough time in our busy days to have "peaceful" times?

What can I do this week to find a time of peace to prepare my heart for Jesus?



Dove of Peace – Model a piece of Clay into a dove & hang in a prominent place over Advent & Christmas to remind you that God's Peace is with you.

Video game challenge - if you have access to a video game via a phone, computer or tablet play a challenge game with each other. As you compete with one another watch how the tension builds - does it feel very peaceful? As you are watching each other play are you finding tips and preparing for your next go? How much preparation is needed? Compare this then to your hearts and minds - Do you need to stop normal activities (like Video games) to focus on preparing to receive Jesus into our hearts this Christmas time.



Peace Christmas Trees – Using the template found here

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/376613587590235060/>

Make these Christmas trees together – young members will need help with the folding. Once folded place your name & the names of people who you know on the trees and remember to pray for yourself and them over the coming week.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: This is my Desire
(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=mZGzu6oI9b4>

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

**Lord Jesus, Light of light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light
to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest.
Amen.**



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: Peace like a River
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6085slXCMs>
(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!

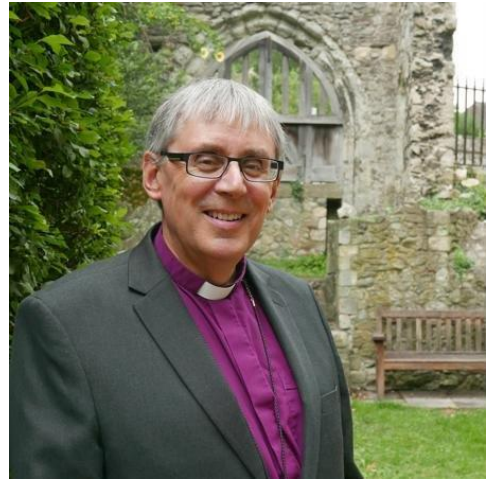
**Ask different members to blow out the
candles.....until you meet again**

Extra Ideas

- <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Advent>
- <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/under18s/christmas-and-advent/>
- <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/under18s/christmas-and-advent/>
- <http://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Roots-Advent-families-resource.pdf>

A Message From Bishop Simon

How does a scriptwriter handle the reboot of a familiar character? There are two particular ways. The first is to provide an origin story, an explanation of how a character grew to be like they are. The second is not to waste time on this but to allow the character to come fully formed so everyone can get on with the story. It feels like every film about Batman and the Joker has to make this choice.



It's fair to say that St Mark allows his characters to come fully formed, because he has a story to tell in his Gospel and a staccato, punchy way of doing it. His Gospel erupts with the story of John and in no time, we've been introduced to the adult Jesus.

But it is the voice, crying out in the wilderness we hear first. John carefully positions himself to ensure Jerusalem comes to him and not him to Jerusalem.

The spiritual capital was full of history, ambition and grandeur. But the sheer untamed charisma of John pulled the crowds to the desert like filings to a magnet. The word of God set the time, the place and the agenda of the people's encounter.

It asked people to make a dangerous journey that would have disorientated those who liked to be in control. It gave them unending, hostile, physical space to reflect on their smallness and vulnerability and he gave them ¹⁵John.

He had one goal in life - to prepare the ground for Jesus. Few people accept

a job description which asks them to decrease in importance over time, because redundancy is the logical outcome. But John embraced this with relish. If the people encountered God powerfully in the wilderness then, every church now should try and figure out where the wilderness is in their locality, where the environment is hostile to human flourishing, and yet, where God may want us to stand with the needy.

For some these are places of material deprivation, where people work wall to wall and live hand to mouth, without any space to reflect and grow their own soul. For others, these are places of emotional poverty where loneliness and loss cause the soul to wither. For all, these are places where the seeds of the Gospel, however carefully they are strewn fall on hard soil and are exposed until snatched away.

The greatest danger is to remain unaware of the wildernesses around us and within us, accepting the creeping sand and stony ground as an unexceptional part of modern life, not seeing it for what it is until it's too late to do much about it.

When faced with lots of challenges, fewer disciples, poorer resources, greater social need, it can be hard to map a highway through the wilderness. We're tempted to build lots of roads that makes it look like we're busy, but each road can loop back on itself like spaghetti junction. We confuse ourselves, like a driver trying to follow a complex route on a sat nav which keeps changing at the last minute.

John the Baptist offers some helpful clues. Keep it simple, find the wilderness and stand in it with others. Don't be afraid to stay there. Don't confuse people over why you are there.

Point to Jesus, fade into the background it's all about Him.

Bishop Simon Burton-Jones – Bishop of Tonbridge



Different Christmas, Same Hope

I love this time of year. I love the opportunities I get to talk about my hope, Jesus. For 20 years, I have spent December travelling the length and breadth of the UK speaking at carol services. This year is different. I won't cover as many miles, but the message of hope will be the same. Our saviour came down as a baby for us all.

Thoughts are already turning to the new year, as people wonder when there will be an end to the virus, and if the vaccine will help things to return to normal. For many of us, this might be the first time we have had to identify and consider ethical questions around the development and use of vaccines, and it can be difficult to know where to turn to for trusted information. Next week we are co-hosting a webinar about this, and you can find out more and register your interest at www.eauk.org.

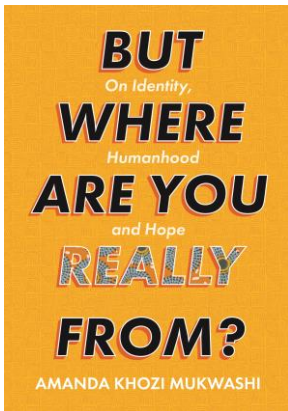
Finally, in case you missed the BBC Wales Live report on faith during the pandemic, featuring data from our Changing Church: autumn survey, do watch it in the final section of the programme here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000q1xy> I hope it inspires your prayers. As the decorations go up and the mince pies come out, let's not forget the light in the darkness. Let us be both realistic and hopeful, and remember the angel's words recorded by Matthew right near the beginning of his gospel: "They will call Him Immanuel (which means 'God with us')." God certainly didn't let us down on that promise. Matthew ends his gospel with Jesus' words: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." The same Jesus promises to be with us now and always.

Every blessing,

Gavin Calver
CEO

Books

This week's book suggestions come from Christianity Magazine

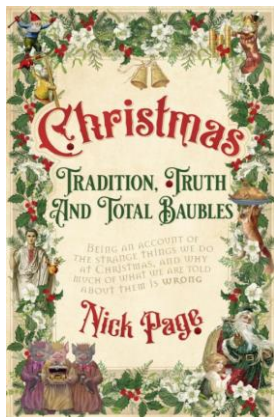
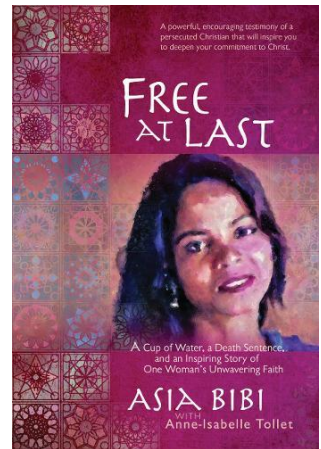


But Where Are You Really From? by Amanda Khozi Mukwashi

But Where Are You Really From? is a thought-provoking book about identity from CEO of Christian Aid, Amanda Khozi Mukwashi. Through telling the story of her experience as a Christian black woman with Zambian heritage, born and living in the UK, she explores issues of race and culture and how it feels to be judged on skin colour when identity is made up of so many things.

Free At Last by Asia Bibi

'I was going to die because of a glass of water.' After drinking water from the same glass as a Muslim woman, Asia Bibi, a Christian, was sentenced to hang by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in 2010 on charges of blasphemy. Bibi's case polarised all of Pakistan and mobilised international support from across the globe, including politicians, journalists, and countless organisations and supporters who fought for her freedom.























Christmas by Nick Page

Starting with the events surrounding Jesus' birth, this book takes us through centuries of commemoration, celebration and over-consumption. Along the way we'll find out why we eat turkey, how an obscure Turkish saint turned into a man flying a sleigh, and why that tree in your house should really contain an apple and a snake.

Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart













Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, Artist	Peak Pos	WOC
1	1	 BELIEVE ANDREA BOCELLI DECCA	1	2
2	2	 THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	70
3	3	 JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	57
4	4	 LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	26
5	7 ↑	 A JOLLY IRISH CHRISTMAS - VOL 2 REND COLLECTIVE CCMG	2	5
6	5 ↓	 VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	286
7	6 ↓	 MANSION NF CCMG	1	172
8	8	 THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	138
9	9	 AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	351
10	10	 RE//CHOIRED HOUSE GOSPEL CHOIR ISLAND	4	5
11	17 ↑	 SONGS OF PRAISE - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS VARIOUS ARTISTS PARLOPHONE	11	6
12	12	 UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	225
13	11 ↓	 AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	59
14	15 ↑	 PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	48
15	14 ↓	 VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	66
16	16	 GRAVES INTO GARDENS - LIVE ELEVATION WORSHIP ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	30
17	18 ↑	 VICTORIOUS THE AFTERMATH SKILLET ROADRUNNER	6	11
18	Re	 HOW CAN IT BE LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	9	122
19	19	 JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS REUNION	16	43
20	Re	 THE ESSENTIAL KIRK FRANKLIN KIRK FRANKLIN VERITY	11	17

General Knowledge

1. If a bunch of bananas are a hand, what is a bunch of onions?
2. Which cathedral city lies on the River Wye?
3. In England when is a village a hamlet?
4. Which is the largest of the Greek Islands?
5. By what name is the Battle of Senlac Hill usually referred to?
6. Which Australian city was named after the wife of King William IV?
7. What would a Russian make in a Samovar?
8. Who fell asleep at the mad hatter's tea party?
9. How is a Kookaburra sometimes known in Australia?
10. How would vegetables be served if "Julienne"?

Dingbats

			
01	02	03	04
			
05	06	07	08
			
09	10	11	12

Simple Recipes for Everyone

Dot Turner's recipe is perfect for cooking with children.

Pizza Pinwheels



Ingredients

100g Chutney (any variety)
2 tbs Tomato Puree
1 sheet of ready rolled puff
pastry
2 slices of Ham
60g of cheese
Mixed herbs
1 egg

Instructions

Mix the chutney and the tomato puree.

Unroll the puff pastry and spread the mixture across it.

Chop the ham and grate the cheese.

Scatter the ham, cheese and herbs on to the puff pastry.

Roll the puff pastry into a tube. Make sure you roll it nice and tightly.

Put your puff pastry tube into the fridge for 1 hour.

After an hour remove your tube and slice into circles of about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch / 2cm.

Place your circles on a lined baking tray and brush with beaten egg.

Bake at 180c / Gas mark 5 for 15-20 minutes.

Poet's Corner

T'was a month before Christmas,
And all through the town,
People wore masks,
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic
Changed everything.

Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air, sea and land.

From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.

When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.

Frontline workers,
Doctors and nurses,
Try to save people,
From riding in hearses.

It's true that this year
Has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
When no one will see it,
No-one but me.

But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.

Christmas ain't cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.

Anon

Suggested by 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

General knowledge

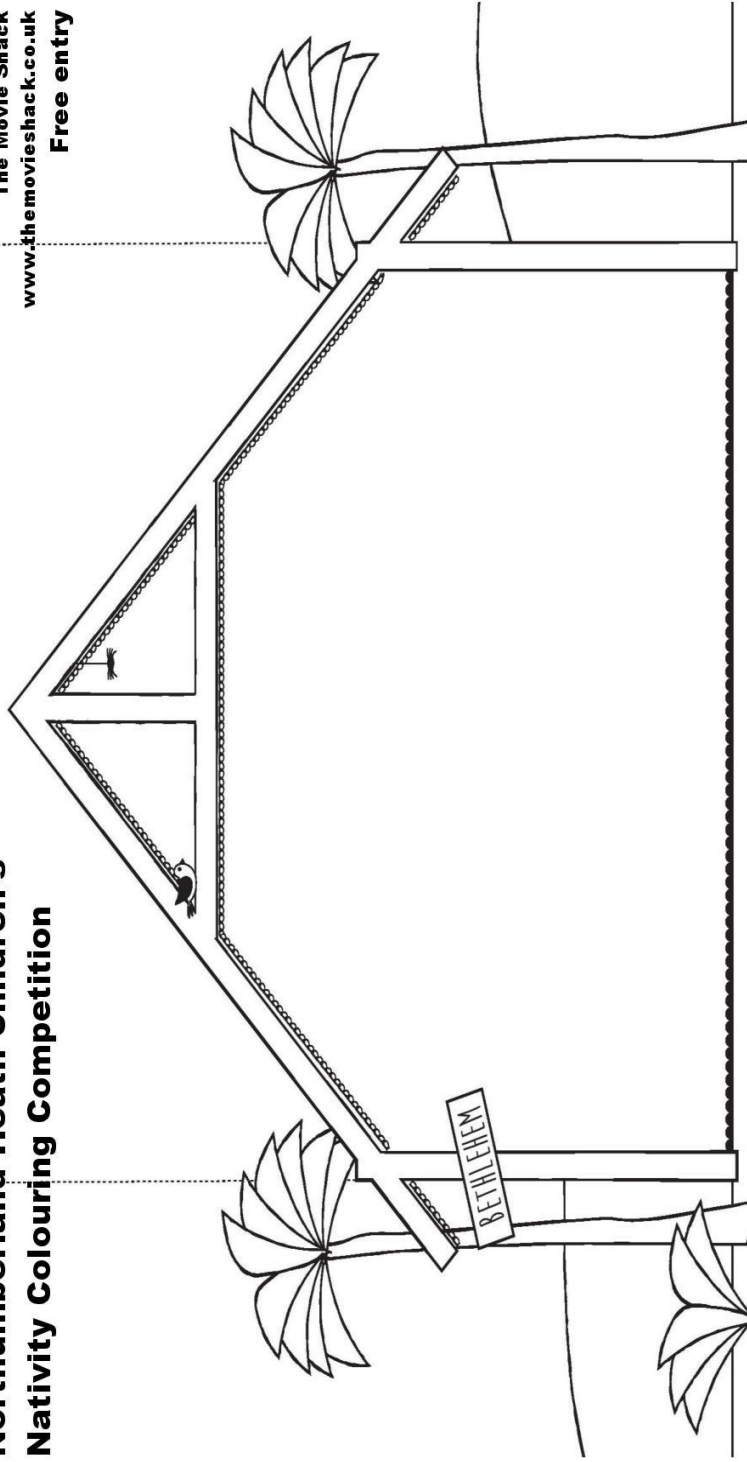
1.A Rope; 2.Hereford; 3.No church; 4.Crete; 5.The Battle of Hastings; 6.Adelaide; 7.Tea; 8.The Dormouse; 9.Laughing Jackass; 10.Cut into fine strips.

Dingbats

1.Ant and Dec; 2.Lockdown; 3.Rabbit Punch; 4.Driving up the Wall; 5.Kiss and Tell; 6.Stand and Deliver; 7.The Big Bang Theory; 8.Tipping Point; 9.Weight Loss; 10.Watching the Detectives; 11.Captain's Log; 12.A Question of Sport.

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