



CHURCH AT HOME

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

So far so good for England in the Euro 2020 tournament (commiseration to you Scots and Welsh out there). Gareth Southgate has a squad that affords him lots of options. He can pick players depending on opponents and formation. It's because each of the England squad has different skills on the football field. You can't play a team with 11 Strikers or 11 goalkeepers. You need a mix of talent.

The church at it's best should work like a team. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul notes that a church with everyone having the same spiritual gifts won't function. We need a balance that give us options in mission and ministry. A church with all administrators won't function, neither will a church with all intercessors or all evangelists. We need a mix, with all playing a role to build and become a successful team.

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

Rev Clive

Church Noticeboard

Bishop James Leaving Service



Message From The Handy's

We want to send a message of thanks to our friends and family at St Pauls. For the special arrangement of flowers and cards sent since the announcement of the passing of our son James.

Website

Many of the talks from our current sermon series on John's gospel are available on our website www.spnh.org.uk

Church Celebration BBQ

We have our church celebration BBQ on 7th August from 1-4pm. We will be inviting Neighbours and those on the fringes of the church as well. Please come along and bring either a salad or a pudding to share with others.

Cameo & Men's Group

Monica and Bob are pleased to announce that Cameo and Men's Group will commence in September:

Cameo: Monday 6 September 8.00pm in the lounge: Bring and Share Supper with Christian Aid Bring and Buy.

Men's Group: Tuesday 14 September 8.00pm in the lounge: Fish and Chip supper with planning

Living in Love and Faith Webinars

To book any of these webinars please email
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Living in Love and Faith webinar series.

Spring–Summer 2021

All Sessions: 1 pm – 2 pm

Wed 21st April–LLF an introduction
DR MARTIN DAVIE

**Wed 19th May–How we can help same-sex-attracted
Christians to flourish**
DR SEAN DOHERTY

**Wed 23rd June–Biblical hermeneutics in LLF:
what's going on?**
DR CHRIS WRIGHT

**Wed 21st July–Biblical anthropology: how do we
understand identity?**
DR KIRSTEN BIRKETT

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This week's prayer

If the space I am in seems too vast,
so I feel alone with unwelcome thoughts,
help me to reach out with words or gestures
and remind me of my connection to other creatures and the earth.

If the space I am in seems too small,
lacking privacy, my patience running thin,
help me to roam far and wide in imagination and memory,
so I can return refreshed.

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, Pippa's Mum - Helen, 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



Marg Peaper & Annie
Marg meeting new
Granddaughter Annie



Carol O'Connor & Friends
Enjoying lunch with two colleagues
from my teaching days.



Russel & Peter Mayes
Relaxing in Coventry



Robyn & Drew
Linda Mayes
Granddaughters.



Elaine &
Granddaughter Olivia

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

Abena Oppong-Asare

MP for the majority of our Parish



As part of my role in the Shadow Treasury Team, I have been pushing the Government to provide more support to people who need to self-isolate. Labour has always said that health and economic measures must go hand-in-hand, but the Government's failure has

meant too many people have to choose between self-isolating and paying the bills.

At this week's Treasury questions, I asked the Chancellor about reports that the Treasury had suppressed information about how the furlough scheme could be used to support self-isolating employees. This shocking revelation shows how poor the Government's approach to economic support during the pandemic has been.

I called on the Chancellor to appear before the joint parliamentary inquiry into the handling of the Covid crisis to explain why the Government has not listened to the experts and introduced a robust self-isolation support scheme.

Meeting young people in Erith and Thamesmead

As restrictions continue to ease, I have been getting out and about around the constituency. This month I have visited a number of schools and youth groups to see how the pandemic has affected young people in Erith and Thamesmead and to offer my support going forward.

It was a privilege to open the new nurture provision at Belvedere Infant and Junior School and to meet so many amazing children and staff. It's so important to have nurturing at the heart of children's education and this facility will make a real and lasting difference.

I also visited Northumberland Heath Primary School where I met all three year 6 classes and held a question and answer session. The children shared their ideas to protect the environment. I also got a chance to see their impressive eco-garden.



This month I also visited Active Horizons - a charity working with young people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds in Bexley. It was great to hear all about the work they are doing in our community.

Raising local concerns in Parliament

I am always keen to raise local issue in Parliament and to bring concerns to the attention of the Government.

After a local GP raised concerns with me about delays in receiving vital blood test results, I asked the Health Secretary to investigate the problem and resolve it as soon as possible. I have now written to the Department of Health about this.

Supporting the travel industry

The travel industry has faced an extremely difficult 15 months, with restrictions shutting much of it down. This week the industry held a day of action outside Parliament and I met with one my constituents who works in the sector.

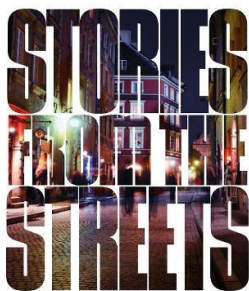
He told me how his businesses had been severely impacted by the pandemic and asked me to raise a number of issues with the Government.

I was able to do this the next day when I asked the Leader of the House to hold a debate on how we can help save the travel industry.

Books

This week's book suggestions come from Christianity Magazine

Dr Luke Randall and Sue Shaw



An insight into the work of Street Pastors

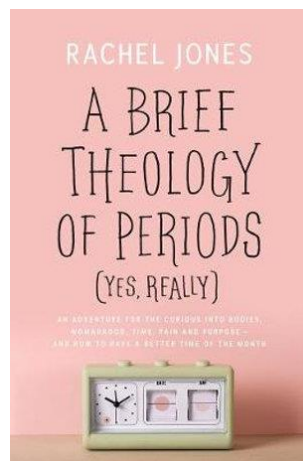
Inspiring testimonies of hope
where it's needed most

Stories From The Streets by Luke Randall & Sue Shaw

Would you volunteer to walk the streets of your town or city late on a Saturday night? This is what Street Pastors do, showing compassionate care and concern to everyone they meet. Whether offering a listening ear to a vulnerable clubber, mentoring a troubled teen or responding to a national emergency, Street Pastors are making a significant difference in communities across the UK and beyond.

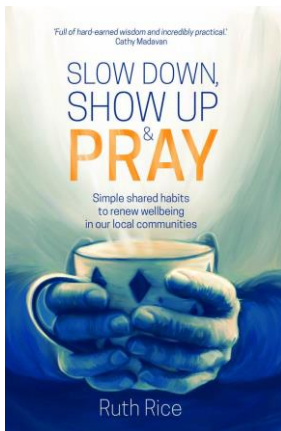
A Brief Theology Of Periods by Rachel Jones

The average woman has 500 periods in her lifetime. And whether yours are mildly annoying, utterly debilitating or emotionally complicated, most of us have at one time or another asked: Why?! This warm, light-hearted, real, honest and at times surprising book gives a biblical perspective on menstruation, as well as a whole lot more. Beginning with periods, Rachel Jones takes readers on an adventure in theology, weaving together wide-ranging reflections on the nature of our bodies, and the meaning of life.



Slow Down, Show Up & Pray by Ruth Rice

After Ruth Rice unexpectedly found herself grappling with her own mental health, she began to look for ways to renew her own wellbeing. As she introduced simple habits woven around prayer and stillness into her life, God began to give her a heart to help others too. The Renew Wellbeing charity was born, assisting churches to open accessible, safe spaces on the high street for those who have mental ill health.



Official UK Christian & Gospel Albums Chart

Top 20

Pos	LW	Title, Artist	Peak Pos	WOC
1	1	 THE SEARCH NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	100
2	2	 CLOUDS NF NF REAL MUSIC	1	13
3	3	 OLD CHURCH BASEMENT ELEVATION WORSHIP & MAVERICK ELEVATION WORSHIP	2	8
4	4	 BELIEVE ANDREA BOCELLI DECCA	1	32
5	5	 VITAL SIGNS SKILLET WARNER BROS	2	316
6	6	 JESUS IS KING KANYE WEST EMI	1	87
7	7	 LOOK UP CHILD LAUREN DAIGLE CENTRICITY MUSIC	1	56
8	8	 MANSION NF CCMG	1	202
9	9	 AWAKE SKILLET ATLANTIC	2	381
10	11 ↑	 THERE IS MORE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	1	168
11	12 ↑	 UNLEASHED SKILLET ROADRUNNER	1	255
12	16 ↑	 VICTORY - LIVE BETHEL MUSIC BETHEL MUSIC	1	111
13	13	 GREATEST HITS (THE ATLANTIC YEARS) POD ATLANTIC	6	107
14	14	 PEOPLE - LIVE HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG MUSIC	1	72
15	18 ↑	 AWAKE HILLSONG WORSHIP HILLSONG MUSIC	2	87
16	17 ↑	 JUST BE HELD - CASTING CROWNS FAVORITES CASTING CROWNS REUNION	12	67
17	19 ↑	 VICTORIOUS SKILLET WARNER RECORDS	3	96
18	Re	 THE ESSENTIAL KIRK FRANKLIN KIRK FRANKLIN VERITY	10	36
19	Re	 VICTORIOUS THE AFTERMATH SKILLET ROADRUNNER	6	27
20	20	 SATELLITE POD ATLANTIC	19	5

Mrs T's quiz page

1. Who lived at Pemberley, Derbyshire?
2. What is the name of Fred Flintstone's daughter?
3. Alfred Pennyworth is the butler to which superhero?
4. What is the biggest planet in our solar system?
5. In which of the United States is the Kennedy Space Centre?
6. Which old country did Alexander the Great come from?
7. Where in London is there a bronze statue of Charlie Chaplin?
8. Which senior US Army officer died at the Battle of Little Bighorn?
9. Subject of an opera by Rossini, who is the legendary national hero of Switzerland?
10. Played by Julia Sawalha, what is the name of Edina's straight-laced daughter in Absolutely Fabulous?
11. What is the name of the resort menaced by a great white shark in the film jaws?
12. Who am I? I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1961. I am a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School. I ran for the United States Senate in 2004.
13. Who killed Cock Robin?
14. Which song from 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' gave Jason Donovan a No 1 UK hit in 1991?
15. In Camberwick Green, what was the occupation of Mickey Murphy?
16. Who lived at Apt. 56B Whitehaven Mansions, Sandhurst Sq., London?
17. Which is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself?
18. Which is the only bird that flies backwards and upside down?
19. Of which country is the lemur a native?
20. Canada has the longest coastline in the world at 125,567 miles but what country has the second longest?
21. What is the capital of Westeros in Game of Thrones?
22. Which actress played Mary Poppins in the 1964 film Mary Poppins?
23. What is the title of the first ever Carry on film made and released in 1958?
24. Which sea on Earth has no beaches?
25. Which fairy princess slept for 100 years?
26. Who was on the English throne at the time of the Battle of Bannockburn?

Poets Corner

GOD'S PROMISES

**GOD HAS NOT PROMISED
SUN WITHOUT RAIN,
JOY WITHOUT SORROW,
PEACE WITHOUT PAIN.**

ANON

**SELECTED BY CAROL
O'CONNOR**

**BUT GOD HAS PROMISED
STRENGTH FOR THE DAY,
REST FROM THE LABOUR,
LIGHT FOR THE WAY,
GRACE FOR THE TRIALS,
HELP FROM ABOVE,
UNFAILING SYMPATHY,
UNDYING LOVE.**



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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Mr Darcy (from Pride and Prejudice); 2. Pebbles; 3. Batman; 4. Jupiter; 5. Florida; 6. Macedonia; 7. Leicester Square; 8. Custer; 9. William Tell; 10. Saffron "Saffy" Monsoon; 11. Amity; 12. Barack Obama; 13. The Sparrow; 14. Any Dream will Do; 15. Baker; 16. Hercule Poirot; 17. Your Teeth; 18. Hummingbird; 19. Madagascar; 20. Norway; 21. Kings Landing; 22. Julie Andrews; 23. Carry on Sargeant; 24. Sargasso Sea; 25. Sleeping Beauty. 26. Edward II