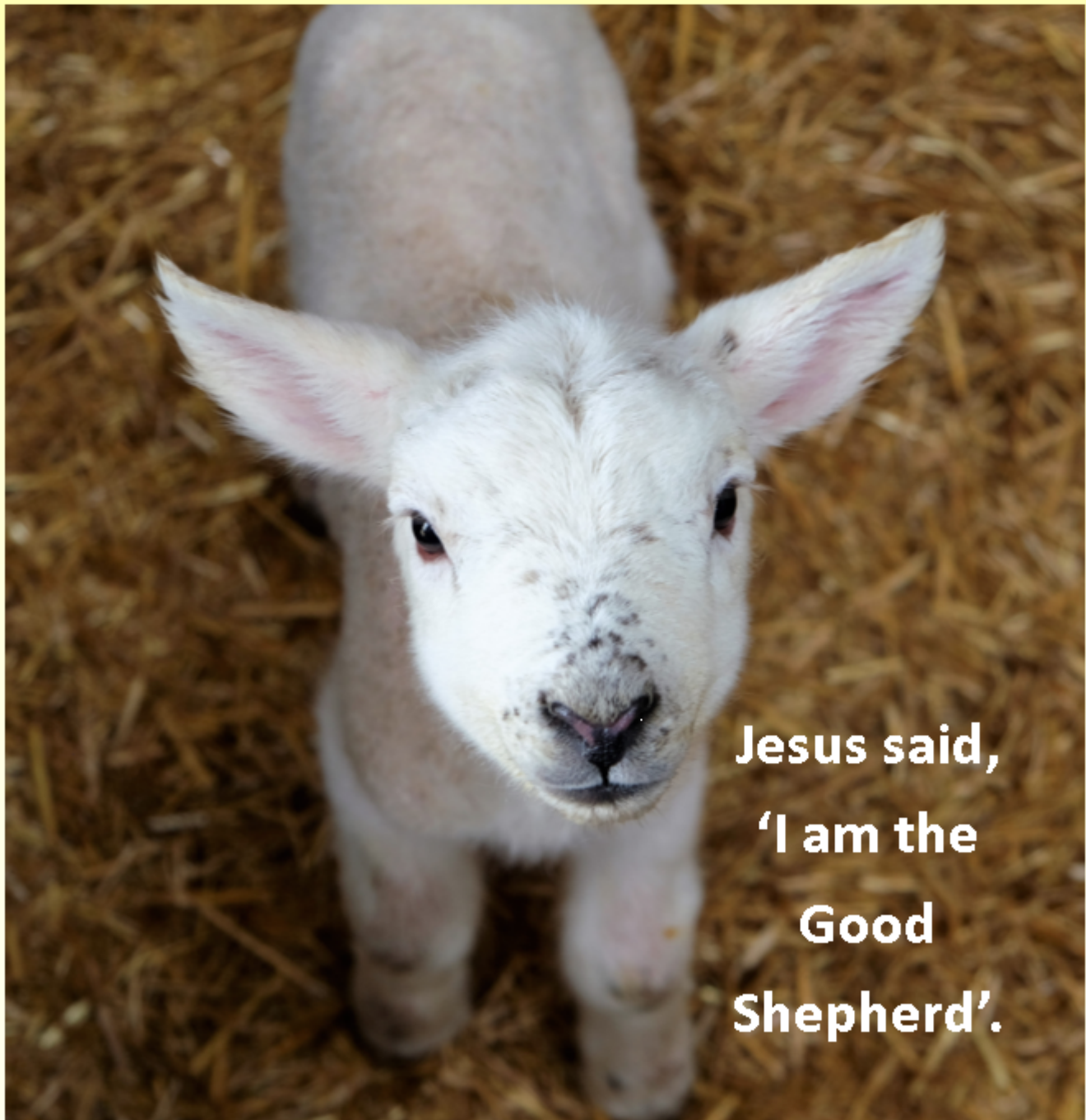


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Jesus said,
'I am the
Good
Shepherd'.



The Rector's Letter

Who could have imagined it? I am currently writing this month's magazine letter amid the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus across the World. Within the last week our world, the things that we know and love, have been turned upside down. We are all being told to stay at home unless it is essential we go out, schools have closed, shops are selling out of products as panic buying continues, Church activities have stopped, etc. We are really having to try and rethink the way in which we go about our daily lives, and also how we 'do' church.

I want us to think for a few moments about what hasn't changed.

Firstly – Jesus hasn't changed. As the writer to the Hebrews tells us "Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Our faith in Him needs to remain strong. We must remain strong in what we know to be true. Jesus is still the Messiah who died for us on the cross and was raised to life on the 3rd day. This Magazine covers the Easter Season. We must not forget the sacrifice that was offered for us 2000 years ago. As the hymn writer Isaac Watts penned (ICH247):

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Secondly – Be Church. This may seem to be difficult in light of the fact that we are not allowed to gather together for Public Worship and other Church based activities. However, through this all, we are being forced to find new and innovative ways to grow in our faith. Church Services are now being streamed on Facebook Live and Youtube. Let me again encourage you to embark on spiritual disciplines at home. Watch Services, Read your Bible, Pray, Listen to some Worship Music on Youtube, Radio or CD, and Give of yourself. Talk to people on the phone, encourage and strengthen one another. Look out for and help each other. If we as a Church can do anything for you, no matter how small, please just ask. Together we will get through this.

Thirdly – Stay Safe and Keep Praying. We have no way of knowing how long this is going to last. Let me encourage you to adopt 'Stay Safe and Keep Praying' as a way of saying good-bye to each other. Doing this brings faith into our everyday conversations.

So from me to you... Stay Safe and Keep Praying.

Rev Mark Lennox



Might I start by writing that I really do hope that you are all doing OK in these difficult times? I am sure for many of you the whole Covid-19 crisis is a very unnerving experience – and this is understandable and absolutely understood. I hope sincerely that you have effective support networks around you to whom you can talk and with whom you can discuss your concerns. As ever, if any of you have any concerns, please do let us know. I cannot guarantee to have all – or indeed any – of the answers, but I absolutely guarantee that you will be taken seriously and respected.

The psalmists understood better than most of us what it means to trust God in a state of almost constant distress. When the psalmists begin to doubt God’s love or nature or presence in the difficult circumstances of life, they often do 3 things:

- They remind themselves who God is, often repeating out loud, “You are my strong refuge” (Psalm 71:7).
They are honest about their struggles, bringing them before God in prayer – “How Long, O Lord?”
- (Psalm 13:1). They present their petitions to God, appealing to him to intervene – “Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy” (Psalm 143:1).
- When the psalmists look at others who are in distress, they often do 2 things:
- They acknowledge their interdependence – “Love the Lord, all his faithful people” (Psalm 31:23).
- They remind themselves that loving their neighbours and caring for the most vulnerable reflects the compassion of God – “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling” (Psalm 68:5).

Finally, the psalmists often look to the future with hope, entrusting it into God’s hands – “I will praise you”. In a similar way, St John the Visionary, in his Revelation that closes our Bibles, identifies Jesus as the one “who is, and who was, and who is to come”. This means that the past holds for him no missed opportunities; the present holds for him no anxieties; and the future holds for him no uncertainties. And so, with confidence, we can entrust: our past into his mercy; our present into his love; and our future into his care.

Prayers and very best wishes for Holy Week and Easter.

Yours in Christ

Rev Chris West.

Please pray for Rev. Chris as he continues his studies and adds the finishing touches to his dissertation. Covid-19 has meant that the Church of Ireland Theological Institute is not open. Therefore his studies continue online.

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Family

A mother and son were washing dishes while the father and daughter were watching TV in the family room. Suddenly, there was an almighty crash of breaking dishes, then complete silence. The girl looked at her dad and said, "It was Mum."

"How do you know?" asked her father in amazement.

"She didn't say anything."

Around the world—Covid-19

“You in your small corner and I in mine”



As restrictions on our movement have been put in place in Northern Ireland we are aware that everyone in the world is facing the same situation, so we reached out to friends and family in various countries to find out how they are coping with the uncertainty and disruption to everyday life.

Israel

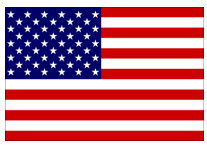


As I was observing things in Israel I decided at that stage to come back to Ireland before everything closed completely and it may have been a different situation for me. While I was still there, Bethlehem went on lockdown. It impinged on the Garden Tomb as some of the people employed by the Association lived there and as a result could not come into work. No one was allowed in or out of Bethlehem. At that point Israel had stopped flights not only from China and Italy but also 6 other countries in Europe. Many in Israel rely on pilgrims as a means of a living in Israel. Many had been coming from China, South Korea, and now they were stopped from coming.

Within 10 days of my return it was a whole different matter, Israel were taking a strong stand on isolation. Israelis who were abroad and were returning, if they had no symptoms they had to self isolate at home for two weeks. If they had any symptoms they had to quarantine on return.

That was seen in the case of the Israelis who had been on the cruise ship. They have some digital means of being able to track people who break these restrictions. People who break these rules have been arrested, as these restrictions carry the force of law. All tourist sites have been closed. There are just two couples left in the Garden Tomb. Both from the U.K., they are now there indefinitely. Their visas are ok. There is plenty of fresh food in Israel. The Sea of Galilee is full to the brim. It is a fresh water sea or lake. They have seen record amounts of rainfall this year. All the same precautions that we see here in Ireland have been implemented in Israel.

Shalom and blessings. J.



From Lexington, Kentucky in the USA

Everyone here is really scared and every state is doing things differently. Here in Kentucky all public venues (restaurants, cafes, theatres etc.) are closed for at least 8 weeks. However, restaurants are allowed to operate on a delivery business. Small gatherings are not allowed and family events such as weddings are cancelled. We are all worried about our Mortgages, and as yet there is no exemption, though there is talk of ‘loan forgiveness’ if we default on a payment.

In my business I have had to make staff redundant, as we are not getting any help with paying them. In America it is common for people to move hours away from their home for work and study. Lots of people are going home to their parents. It is hard times. My Grandfather is in his 90's and lives in New York, I just hope he will be ok.



From the Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Asuncion, Paraguay

Case numbers are starting to grow. We are currently at home and are not allowed to be outside on the streets between 8pm and 4am. My wife is a teacher and I am also chaplain in the School, and the schools are all closed. All non-essential work has been stopped. We just go out to buy food or to go to the hospital if needed. All our Sunday Services are now being done online.



How has life changed in the Philippines?

The government has the capital city Manila on lockdown with the result that the streets are empty and crime has went down. There are no domestic flights to the capital and there are curfews with shopping malls closed. People are encouraged to work at home where possible. In my small island there is a restriction of foreign visitors and any current visitors from overseas must quarantine for 14 days at home. My island is going on lockdown on the 24/3-12/4 and there will be no ferries or flights to and from the Island. The island is small and has a few towns. Churches are also closed and they are live streaming services just like Killyman.

People are very concerned and they cannot afford not to work and cannot afford any extra food to limit their exposure to people. Food prices are going up and there is also a shortage of masks.

Hospitals are just as pressured as they are here with the exception that we have to pay for all our treatment from antibiotics to gauze swabs. Schools are closed early and all graduations that were scheduled for the end of March have been cancelled. All social gatherings including the fiestas and celebrations are cancelled. The military are doing checkpoints and advising you to limit travel and contact with others.



South Africa

We have 72 ports of entrance which are all closed. Fourteen international flights were grounded at OR Tambo International Airport on Friday in line with

the travel ban pertaining to foreign nationals from Covid-19 high-risk countries. The South African government announced this week that it would be denying visas to travellers from high-risk coronavirus countries such as China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Spain, Germany, France, the UK and the US among other countries.

On the ground restaurants, pubs (there are not many of the latter) cafes etc have a curfew... limited openings and no alcohol served after 6pm Monday to Saturday and after 1pm on a Sunday. Tourism is in turmoil. Sadly due to the dynamics of the country many don't understand the real severity of the situation... every day is a struggle for many so this is shrugged off. The positive coronavirus patients are mainly ones that have travelled overseas and come back... mixing with friends.

If this virus hits the townships (thankfully not yet) it will be catastrophic... let alone the mass of people with Aids and other illnesses. There is no government aid here so many businesses will suffer - worse still their employees will be no longer employed... many are breadwinners for the extended family... husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, grandparents and then the aunties from the other mothers... KZN the men may have more than one wife! The government has said it's a national disaster! Oh and toilet roll is flying off the shelves!!!!



Canada

- BC is under recommended lock down. Yesterday was my last day at work. I am now retired!! As I suffer from asthma my boss thought it good to just relieve me of office duties. I also wanted to mention that I realize this virus is causing families to RESET their lives. No school, work from home, lack of funds, lack of food. If there is a bright side, families are coming together, where possible. Neighbours are helping out one another. Sending lots of love and support to you all. Stay safe and be careful!
- It has been a crazy last week here from all the hoarding of groceries to all the closures that are happening hour by hour. All Senior's homes closing until possibly the end of April. Gee I miss my Dad. I really hope he does have some understanding as to why no one is visiting, he has dementia. I will try to get to his window for a quick visit. The milk delivery guy this week has been nuts filling orders for the stores that ran low on supplies, but as I walked through some stores it seems that most are well stocked up now. The roads are very quiet and sparsely travelled. Parking lots are virtually empty as most stores have either closed or are on limited hours. My wife's work place is busy filling and stocking takeout meals and traffic is lighter now. My son said his work place has just announced that they are shutting down for the next 10 days, but possibly longer. This affects a lot of people here in Alliston, ON and surrounding areas. My other son is still working but it is getting increasingly difficult to get their supplies. Many walks with the dogs, the fresh air is good for all. In short we are all coping with adjustments. Hands are raw from washing constantly. Stay safe.

- Living in isolation in the suburbs of Toronto is a tad boring and thankfully I am not in a high rise. However, I'm already tired of the freedom of being in my jammies, doing Facebook, face chat, phone calls and texting. Need to get creative. So I've decided to pack picnic lunches and go visit friends and family from my car bubble and window at interesting scenic areas. The luxury of being retired and single!



Germany

Things have changed very quickly here. The news reports today say that we have the fifth highest number of cases of the virus. A few weeks ago we celebrated the city's annual carnival and the streets were full of people. Now the place is completely empty. Being a university student in the city can be isolating normally, but it has been even more isolating over the last few weeks. My flatmate was quarantined at the beginning of the month because he was in contact with a colleague who tested positive for the virus. Thankfully he does not have the virus. Most of the students, including me, went home to be with their families when the universities shut. Most people are trying to stay at home. In the middle of all the panic, there are some good stories of love and compassion beginning to emerge. Things seems isolating, but I know we are never really on our own. We have our prayers and we have each other. Jesus is always near.



Indonesia

As per recent news, President Joko Widodo will start doing rapid corona test for all. The 500 quick test machine is now in use and the result will appear in 15 minutes to 3 hours

As it's such a big country, it's hard to do lock down as the income is so varied to each person and people need to work to be paid. It is creating chaos and a big crisis like in 1998, the community there wasn't ready for such lock down.

But we are already banning European travellers from coming in following China and South Korea (first banned), cancelling visas on arrival and refusing entry and transit into the country except Indonesians returning to their homes.





From our Mission Partner, Rev. Anderson in Lima, Peru

Hello Brother. Here things are in a state of emergency. The government has closed everything down. We can go nowhere. There are no services, no schools, no universities, no meetings, no water. Yes that is right, the water has been turned off. A water truck comes past once every day to give us what we need. The cost of food has risen a lot. We must stay at home. Our people are really scared and people are dying. In our Church we are giving out sanitizing packs. I know it is dangerous but we have to do something. Please pray for us.



Australia

I guess we are similar to other countries. However, we are not in lockdown as yet. Schools are still open as are cafe's, cinema's, etc. Government has implemented social distances and no supporters at all sports events. Shopping is the worst. Panic buying, especially toilet rolls, tissues and soap. Rice pasta etc. Shelves near empty.

Here in South Australia we have recorded one of the lowest numbers, however, New South Wales have now confirmed 382 cases. Things are changing on a daily basis. We are all well at this point. I volunteered at Adelaide zoo yesterday and noticed a drop in attendance. The Zoo is also daily implementing new protocol. For example no behind the scenes tours for our primates who are susceptible to human diseases. ♥



New Zealand

Here in NZ we are a little behind the rest of the world. However, things are starting to move quickly. From only a few cases at the start of the week we are now 50+. The supermarkets are crazy with shelves empty! Schools are currently still open however teachers have already been asked to set up teaching online...a bit hard for PE!!

The boys at Dilworth are given a computer to use at school however we have let them take them home for a trial this weekend, 3/4 of a million NZ dollars worth walking out the door.

A real concern here is not just our elderly but our Polynesian community especially here in south Auckland, as they have a high rate of respiratory problems which could be fatal with Covid 19. In all our struggles we still need to stay strong, look after each other, and trust in the Lord. Kia Kaha Church.



Czech Republic

It has been almost a week since we went into quarantine. It took a while for people to understand that they had to take the tightening government restrictions seriously. Wearing a face mask every time you go out to reduce the possibility of infecting others if you happen to be infected yourself is obligatory. All stores, shops, bars and cafes are closed, except grocery store, drugstores and the pharmacy. Restaurants provide meals only as take away. The life is different, people come home from work, unless they are ordered by home office, not to get in touch with anyone. Streets are vacant. No one can tell how long it will take before life returns to normal.

Despite all the bad things that Covid-19 has caused, I have to say that it has also revealed nice things people have in them, like the will to help. Instead of only sitting at home, reading bad news on the internet and blaming our government for not doing enough, for not having accepted appropriate precautions in time, for not having prepared enough supplies of protective equipment for people working in healthcare etc., people do try to help each other. There is a Facebook group called “The Czech sewing face masks” where hundreds of people share tips and tricks for sewing masks, of which there is a critical shortage. They sew a large number of them at home and send them to seniors, hospitals or people working in social services. Groups of students whose schools are momentarily closed do not just sit at home on the Internet but help as volunteers for the Red Cross. There is an actor who has set up a platform for helping seniors from your neighbourhood with shopping and other necessary things so they wouldn't have to go out. In some shops, they offer free coffee or tea for policemen or firemen. And there are many more. People can be nice to each other even if they have to keep the ordered distance;-)



England

Here in Birmingham, England, everything is starting to wind down and it has left me feeling much more positive. We have had to postpone our wedding. It was meant to be on 5th April 2020. We're amazed that in postponing everything we have only lost £70.

As of tonight, all bars, restaurants, cinemas and theatres will be closed. Many people have already begun working from home and as of Monday schools will be operating on a much smaller scale with a limited number of staff. There is no real teaching happening however staff are pulling together to look after children whose parents work within the NHS and those who have special needs. Today my neighbour who I normally just talk to in passing knocked on my door because she had spotted my car and wanted to see if I was feeling okay and if I needed anything. That was such a lovely human act and it made me smile.



Republic of Ireland

We live in West Cork and are adapting well to a new routine. We are fairly well stocked food wise. Our elderly neighbour is self-isolating as she has only 20% lung capacity. We are having a great time, spring cleaning whilst listening to our favourite CDs, watching movies in front of the fire, planting fruit trees in the garden and taking the dog for a walk up the hill behind our house.



A Prayer for those who work in the NHS

Lord Jesus Christ, who said “forasmuch as you do these things to my brothers and sisters, you do them to me” be near to all those who care for the sick at this time. Give them a sure sense of your presence, and a full measure of your spirit of care and love. Guide their hands and keep their hearts as they bring health and healing to all in their care, who you lived and died to save.
And keep them, Lord in perfect peace as they do your will. Amen

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the coronavirus and Covid-19 in this land and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





Read Joshua chapter 1:1-9

In light of what we have been facing at present I thought that it might be a good idea to actually look in detail at a passage which we have been reminded of a lot lately.

Moses had an enormous task. His purpose was to lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt where they had been held in slavery for a long time. The journey, which today in a car would take less than 10 hours, took the children of Israel 40 years. I know that in Moses' day there were no cars, and for the vast majority the journey would have been on foot, but it still wouldn't have taken 40 years to walk the 450 (approx.) miles. At 10 miles per day they could walk it in under two months. However, the reason why it took so long is not for this Bible Study.

(V1-2) Joshua was Moses' aide. His purpose was to assist Moses in whatever way he could. You could say that he received on the job training. When Moses died, the Children of Israel needed a leader, someone who would be able to lead them to the inheritance God had promised for them. God chose Joshua for the task. Joshua didn't put himself forward for the task. He was clearly called by God.

(V3-4) Joshua became the inheritor of the promise God made to Moses. He would inherit the land that God had brought the Children of Israel too. God describes to Joshua the vast expanse of the land which the Children of Israel would inherit.

(V5-6) Joshua was aware of the scale of the task that was ahead of him. Not only was he to lead this group of people, who for 40 years had wandered, moaned, argued, worshiped false gods and been chastised by Moses, Joshua also had to turn them into a nation who could face whatever this new land would throw at them. He knew that he would not be able to do this in his own strength, but God had a very direct message for him. God tells Joshua that He will be with him, and to be "Strong and Courageous". Perhaps God is saying the same to you. Is He telling you to be strong and courageous in these days? Joshua had full faith in God, and hence God is able to fully reassure him. No matter what you are going through today, by having full faith in God, He is saying to you Be Strong and Courageous. God reminded Joshua that he would be able to complete the task ahead of him.

(V7-8) God again reminds Joshua that he is to be Strong and very Courageous, but this time he reminds Joshua how to maintain that strength. He tells Joshua to remember the Law which was given to Moses and not to turn from it. When things go well, we could so easily forget about God and His word, and God was warning Joshua to not fall into this trap. We must not take our mind off Jesus. We must not lose the habit of spending time in His Word. Think of how Jesus fought off the temptations the devil presented Him with while in the wilderness – He used Scripture.

(V9) God gives Joshua one more word of encouragement – Be Strong and Courageous. This time reminding Joshua not to be afraid and not to be discouraged. When things don't go to plan, it can be so easy to get discouraged. Then doubts start to flow in. We must remember that when we are walking in the will of the Lord, no matter what comes our way, God is always with us. We find our Strength and Courage in the Lord.

Graveyard Notice

Please respect the signs at the top of the graveyard regarding where to place artificial flowers, pots etc. This area is for decomposable items only.

The Select Vestry may be forced to remove this facility if the dumping of non-decomposable items continues.

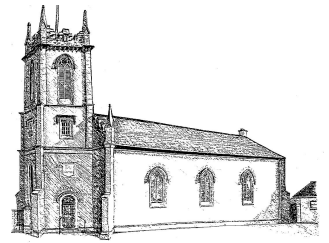


During this period of restricted movement and social distancing we would like to make you aware of the following:

- Please enter and exit the Graveyard using the gate in the middle of the laneway. This gate has deliberately been left open to help protect you from the spread of Covid-19.
- Please respect social distancing and keep at least 2 meters distance between you and others in the graveyard.
- Please respect the sanctity of the Graveyard and respect other people's privacy as they attend to loved one's graves.
- Please be aware of social distancing when parking your cars.

Re: Free Will Offering/ Financial Giving

April 2020



Dear Parishioners of Killyman

As you know Church services are currently being streamed online because we are unable to meet together in Church, and therefore normal Church collections are not being taken. Some parishioners have been enquiring about how they might continue with their Free Will Offering as we continue to support the financial commitments of the Parish. In order to facilitate this, I have two options I would like to offer you...

Firstly – over the past year a number of Parishioners have signed up for Direct Giving using the Standing Order Scheme. To do this you can contact your bank and give them our **sort code 950302** and **account number 31015184**. This will allow monthly payments of whatever you decide to go directly into our main Church Bank Account. Please tell your bank to name the transaction using your full name. This can be stopped at any time of your choosing by contacting your bank. Once you have opted for Direct Giving then please email either myself at killyman@armagh.anglican.org or Philip Annesley at phadgn@hotmail.com and tell us that you have signed up for this.

Secondly – You can still use your FWO envelopes but you won't be able to give these to the Church until the Government lifts the social distancing restrictions. If you wish to still use your envelopes then let us encourage you to fill these as normal every week and leave them aside for when Church re-opens.

Ideally, in these days of social distancing and self-isolation the first option would be most advisable and we would encourage you to consider this.

I want to thank you for your continued financial support to the Parish. In these uncertain days please stay safe and keep praying.

Yours in His service,

Rev. Mark R. W. Lennox

Rector

On behalf of the Select Vestry



Study: Reflections on our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Part 1)

Rev Chris West

Arriving at Yad Vashem at the beginning of the day, having navigated unaccountably tangled Jerusalem traffic, we disembarked from the bus and stepped into a beautiful,

bright morning. One of the official memorials to the victims of the Holocaust in Israel, visiting Yad Vashem would have been a very moving experience in any case, but I was especially moved to be there after my excursion to Auschwitz the previous year. It was a morning of virtual silence as we moved methodically from display to display in the main building. Each display described something of the camps which were built to accommodate the killing of millions of mainly Eastern European Jews. Outside the main building stood numerous trees, planted in honour of those who risked their lives to save many during the Holocaust. As they glistened in the morning sun, the memorial was, as one of the other pilgrims remarked, actually quite beautiful – or would have been. We were a group of pilgrims, there to visit, to learn, and to pray.

The afternoon after our visit to Yad Vashem, we spent some free moments resting, reflecting, and sight-seeing in the Old City of Jerusalem. A few of us decided to spend some time walking parts of the Via Dolorosa – one of the possible paths that Jesus walked on his way to the Crucifixion – in preparation for walking it as a larger group at the end of the week.



As we walked, we stumbled into a small church, right at the edge of the Old City. In it stood a large painting, consisting of two striking panels. The first panel depicted the baby Jesus, lying in his manger-bed.



On the second panel, the crowning of the crucified Jesus was displayed in particularly grisly fashion: his skin was covered with nasty sores and deep lacerations, his body was battered and disfigured, his wounds were oozing and haemorrhaging. For me, the depiction was at once horrible and hopeful. It speaks deeply into the suffering in our world – past, present, and future. Jesus both understands and shares in our suffering.

As I briefly looked at the second panel, I was reminded of one of the displays I had read that morning. This particular display told the story of Elie Wiesel, a survivor of Auschwitz. In one part of the display, Wiesel himself told the horrific story of the hanging of a young person in

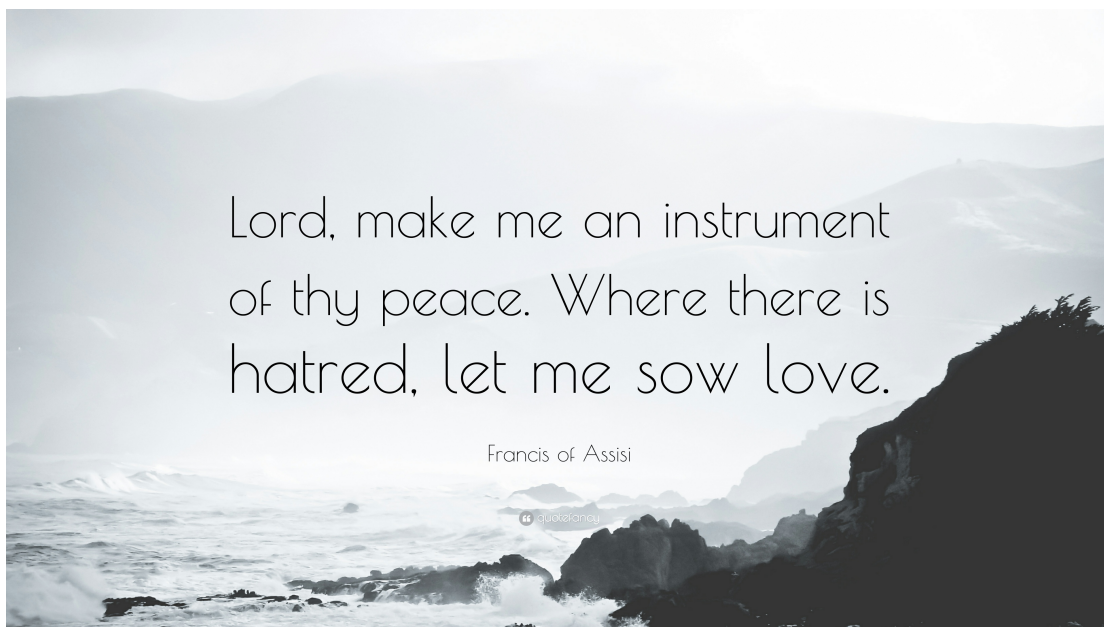
front of the whole camp. Wiesel described someone asking the question, “Where is God?” as the young person hung in torment for a long time. Wiesel heard himself answer, “He is here. He is hanging there on the gallows.”



In light of the Crucifixion, we, as Christians, can say that Wiesel is, in a sense, correct; God is indeed there. God’s love is shown in that he suffers in the same way we do – in our humanity. He is not distant or aloof; he is near. Out of his own freedom, our loving God chose to enter and to suffer in our humanity – and that is at the heart of Holy Week.

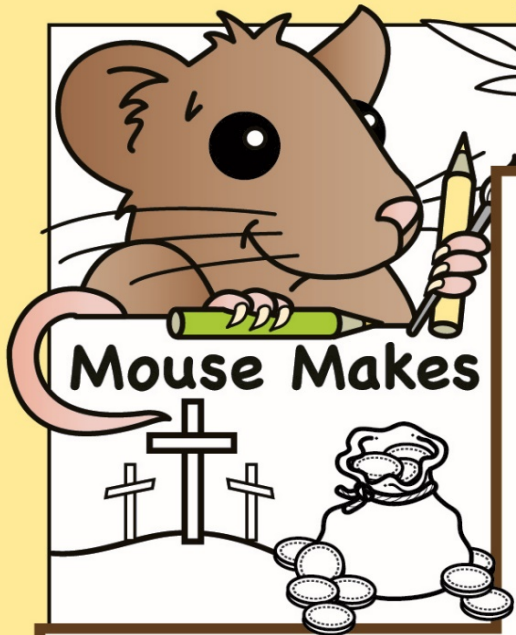
But not only did he experience suffering and death on the Cross, he conquered it and rose victorious: “We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him” (Romans 6:9).

We are therefore reminded of our calling to be agents of the victory of the Cross in our everyday lives. We are called to be those who, in the words of that beautiful prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi, “where there is despair, [bring] hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.”

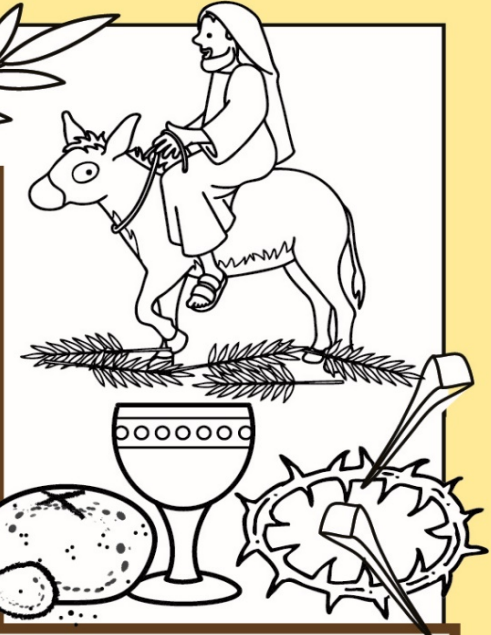


Sunday School Update

As there is no Sunday School due to Covid-19 any parent who would like to receive fun activities for their children from the Sunday School Teachers please send an email to standrewskillyman@gmail.com



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- DISCIPLES • ROOM • PASSOVER
- FEAST • EAT • DRINK • BREAD
- WINE • SON • MAN • BLOOD • CUP
- MEAL • JEWS • PLOT • KILL • COINS
- GETHSEMANE • PRAY • WILL
- BETRAY • KISS • ARREST • MESSIAH
- CHRIST • CRUCIFY • JESUS • CROWN
- THORNS • ROBE • TREE • NAILS
- CROSS • SPIRIT • DARKNESS
- TEMPLE • DEATH • LOTS • DICE
- TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY
- BURY • GUARD • THREE DAYS
- DAWN • MORNING • ANGEL • TELL
- HEAVEN • GOOD NEWS • LORD
- GOD • RAISED • JOY • PEACE
- PRAISE • SAVIOUR • EASTER

Daily Bible Readings

April	May	June
1 John 15:1-17	1 Isaiah 60:10-14	1 Leviticus 1
2 John 15:18-27	2 Isaiah 60:15-22	2 Leviticus 2
3 John 16:1-15	3 Isaiah 61:1-3	3 Leviticus 3
4 John 16:16-33	4 Isaiah 61:4-7	4 Leviticus 4
5 Matthew 21:1-17	5 Isaiah 61:8-11	5 Leviticus 5
6 John 17:1-6	6 Isaiah 62:1-7	6 Leviticus 6
7 John 17:6-19	7 Isaiah 62:8-12	
8 John 17:20-26	8 Acts 10:1-8	
9 John 18:1-27	9 Acts 10:9-23	
10 John 18:28-19:37	10 Acts 10:24-48	
11 John 19:38-42	11 Acts 11:1-18	
12 John 20:1-18	12 Acts 11:19-30	
13 John 20:19-23	13 Acts 12:1-11	
14 John 20:24-31	14 Acts 12:12-25	
15 John 21:1-14	15 Acts 13:1-12	
16 John 21:15-25	16 Acts:13:13-25	
17 Isaiah 54:1-8	17 Acts 13:26-41	
18 Isaiah 54:9-15	18 Acts 13:42-52	
19 Isaiah 54:16-17	19 Acts 14:1-7	
20 Isaiah 55:1-5	20 Acts 14:8-20	
21 Isaiah 55:6-13	21 Acts 14:21-28	
22 Isaiah 56:1-8	22 Acts 15:1-21	
23 Isaiah 56:9-12	23 Acts 15:22-35	
24 Isaiah 57:1-13	24 Acts 15:36-41	
25 Isaiah 57:14-21	25 Acts 16:1-5	
26 Isaiah 58:1-5	26 Acts 16:6-10	
27 Isaiah 58:6-14	27 Acts 16:11-15	
28 Isaiah 59:1-8	28 Acts 16:16-40	
29 Isaiah 59:9-21	29 Acts 17:1-9	
30 Isaiah 60:1-9	30 Acts 17:10-15	
	31 Acts 17:16-34	

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK, NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42



Thursday 19th March started our daily hymn to sing along to while washing our hands.

This gives us a great opportunity to firstly praise the Lord while completing a simple task, and secondly to start learning and singing hymns.

On Tuesday 24th March 2020 we celebrated the 200th birthday of one of the most famous hymn writers in our Church Hymnal, Fanny Crosby. Blinded shortly after her birth, Crosby did not let this stop her from serving the Lord; she was a poet, hymnist, and educator, to name but a few.



Crosby was once asked about her sight and not being able to see, to which she replied, "When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Saviour". This week we will be listening to some of Crosby's most famous work in our hand-washing clips to celebrate the life of this remarkable woman!

During this week we will also celebrate the life of another great musician, Beethoven. 'Ode to Joy' is taken from his Symphony No.9 fourth movement, and features in our church hymnal to

Baughen's 'Sing to God his deeds are marvellous'. I have said, "To play a insignificant; to play inexcusable!" I think this is when singing our praises encourage each of you to journey of praise in those 20 seconds while washing your hands.



new songs of worship all Beethoven was once to wrong note is without passion is something we can apply to our Heavenly Father. I sing along on this daily

'To God be the glory!'

Hannah





**He is not
here; He has
risen
just as He
said. Come
and see the
place where
He lay.
Matthew 28:6**

