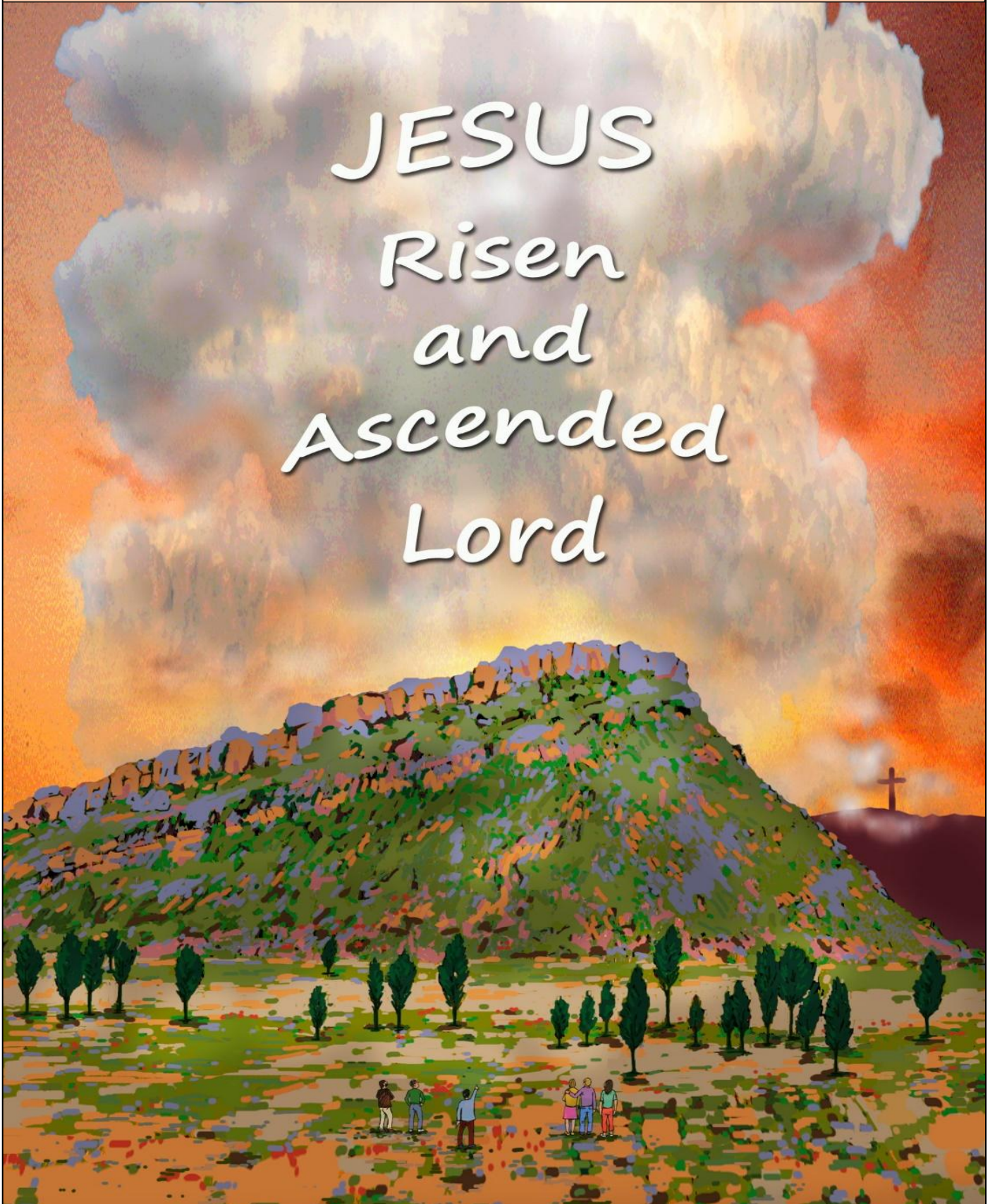


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**JESUS
Risen
and
Ascended
Lord**





The Rector writes...

'I miss you' is a statement that no doubt has crossed your mind at some stage or another – perhaps more so in the last few weeks. In some cases the 'I miss you' is followed closely by 'wish you were here'.

During the last few weeks we have been on a rollercoaster of emotions. Life, as we know it, has become very different from the 'norm' that we had become so accustomed to. Our everyday lives have been turned upside down. However, even if everything around us changes, Jesus is still the same (Hebrews 13:8).

We are currently still in the season of Easter, and by the end of this month we will have (in some way) celebrated the Feast of the Ascension. As I think about the Ascension, as recorded in Acts chapter 1, I can't help but think about how the disciples must have been feeling. They found themselves saying goodbye to Jesus for a second time. From Good Friday until the Easter Day the disciples were grieving, as we all do when someone we know and love passes away. Then there is the joy of the Resurrection and realising that Jesus 'has indeed been raised from the dead' (1st Corinthians 15:20). Now they find themselves staring at the vastness of the sky, watching Jesus ascend into Heaven. There must have been a thought in the minds of the disciples of 'I miss you' and from Jesus a 'wish you were here'.

Jesus longs for us to be with Him in his Kingdom – so much so that He tells us that He is there preparing a place for us (John 14). We are told that, one day, He will return to bring all, who have accepted Him as Lord and Saviour, to His Kingdom (1st Thessalonians 4:16-18). Then there definitely will not be any 'I miss you' or 'wish you were here', because in this moment and forevermore we will be with all God's people in a place that is perfect.

Are you ready for that day when Jesus returns? If yes, then let your hearts and minds be filled with the wonders of God's Grace. If you are not sure, then today you can be sure. Ask the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart and invite Him to take first place in your life. With this comes peace and assurance, that only God can give.

Back to the 'I miss you' for a few minutes. Sundays are somewhat different at present. Yes, I still go to church, I still worship God, I still meditate on His word, I still do what I normally do on a Sunday. I go to St. Andrew's, ring the bells, go to 'my' seat and pray. However, something is missing, or should I say – someone is missing. That missing person is you. I look forward to, and pray for, the day when we can all be back together for Public Worship. However, in the meantime, we have to make the most of it. We must keep worshipping our Lord Jesus who is the Risen, Ascended and Glorified Saviour, and we don't need to be in a church building to do that.

So, as I finish writing this letter, there is one thing left to write from me to you...

I miss you! Stay safe and Keep Praying!



The Deacon writes...

We are still in Eastertide – and it has been a strange one for all of us! Well done on staying the course. Some words from the Easter Gospel, John 20:1-18, seemed especially striking as we read them together, though physically apart, this year.

In the Gospel reading, Mary Magdalene is overwhelmed with grief. She is gazing deep into the darkness of the empty tomb. It is the closest she can get to Jesus. She meets the risen Jesus but, as she looks at him through tearful eyes, she mistakes him for the gardener. She recognises him when he calls her by name. “I am the Good Shepherd,” Jesus had previously said, “and I call my sheep by name.” In response, Mary does the simplest – yet most crucial and transformative – thing in her whole life: she turns around to embrace him. But it is here that we read the hardest words in the Easter story. Jesus gently tells Mary, “Do not hold on to me.”

What a thing to say! I’m sure that Mary wasn’t expecting it. Letting go is a painful experience for anyone. She had been overwhelmed with grief, thinking that she had lost everything, and now she finds that everything has been restored. Jesus was back. So, what does she do? She embraces him – of course she does! But what does he say to her? “Do not hold on to me.”

Have you ever loved someone so dearly that, when you’re embracing them, you don’t want to let them go? This seems like a lovely thing to think about at first but continue reflecting on it for a moment. Doesn’t that feeling run the risk of reducing love to the intensity of the moment? And doesn’t that feeling reduce the other person to an instrument for fulfilling our own needs? Think, for a moment, what it would have looked like if Mary had refused to let go. Had she held onto him too tightly, she might not have gone to the disciples to tell them, “I have seen the Lord.” Letting go was painful; but it was necessary.

Jesus says, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Jesus, in effect, says, “I love you completely, but don’t think I’m only here for you – I’m here for everyone else too. And now you’ve got good news to share with them!” He has not yet ascended to the Father, but through his Ascension, Jesus would be present with his friends in a new, intimate, and powerful way. Ascension Day (Thursday 21st May) means that the risen Christ is free to pour out his Spirit onto the disciples, what we celebrate on Pentecost (Sunday 31st May), and onto countless numbers of his followers through the ages – onto us! As Paul writes, “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).

We too have been challenged in recent weeks. We have had to let go of many of our relationships. Many of us have been starved of the beauty of touch, of being able to

embrace our loved ones. This has been painful. Some have known Good Friday in ways no one should.

But perhaps like Mary and the disciples, we have also seen extraordinary acts of love come from unexpected places and people too. Through recent conversations with many of you, whether over the telephone or via Zoom, I have been greatly moved, encouraged, and inspired by how you are living out God's love in so many deep and creative ways. You truly are the hands and feet of the risen Jesus to our suffering world. And so, I simply want to take a moment to encourage you to "keep on keeping on", and to say a massive "thank you" for all that you are doing.

Yours always in Christ's service,

The Revd Chris West.

Amazon Smile

Many people are shopping online. If you normally use Amazon for purchases, please use Amazon Smile instead. By doing this, you can help support church with every purchase. It doesn't cost you anything extra. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/104223-0>



Scripture Cake



Ingredients

4 ½ cups of 1st Kings 4:22
1 ½ cups of Judges 5:25
2 cups of Jeremiah 6:20
2 cups of 1st Samuel 30:12
2 cups of Nahum 3:12
2 teaspoons of 1st Samuel 14:25
6 of Jeremiah 17:11
1 pinch of Leviticus 2:13
2 teaspoons of Amos 4:5



Method

Put all ingredients into a mixing bowl.
Season to taste with 2nd Chronicles 9:9, add 4oz of citron and follow Solomon's advice from Proverbs 23:14.
Bake in a moderate oven for 2 hours.

Have a go at this cake and let us know how it turns out!

The above recipe has come from the Rectory and it tasted good too!

Have you been baking during lockdown?

Have you got a recipe you would like to share with us?

Send it to standrewskillyman@gmail.com

and a photo of the baked item would be good too!

DVD MINISTRY

DVD's of weekly services are available from Killyman Post Office each week. If you know someone who does not see the services online and would benefit from the DVD, please collect one for them.

Many thanks to Diane for facilitating this arrangement.





Around the world—Covid-19

You in your small corner and I in mine

As we continue on lockdown 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. This is an update from some of those who gave us an insight last time along with a couple of new ones.



Philippines

The Philippines is an archipelago made up of over 7,000 islands.

Food prices are rising, a kilo of rice was 37 pesos (59p) and has risen to 41 pesos (65p - that is a lot in the Philippines), there are shortages of cheaper generic medications on my island and only the expensive branded medications are left. Camaguin island had one positive patient but now are covid-19 free. The island is still on lockdown, there are checkpoints on the roads but people are congregating on the beaches to avoid them. Most people are getting bored. The lockdown has been extended until 15th May and the department of education is providing online learning, however not all families can afford internet access or even data on their mobile phone to access the school content. The government is trying to help families with monetary support for those who are not working. Everyone is now required to wear a mask.



Australia

Still pretty much the same here, however, schools went back today after the school holidays, although some pupils are still being home schooled. My daughter sent her two kids back to school as it is recommended. Many people are still working from home.



South Africa

From a member of Christian Motorcyclists Association, South Africa

Good evening dear friend...I hope that you are well and blessed!! I am sending you this e-mail, after we have heard reports that the Western Cape province (with Cape Town as its capital) and my hometown, is now officially the province with the most Covid- 19 infections in South Africa.

This news came as a shock to many, and even more personal, as a biker friend of mine earlier contacted me, asking for prayers, as he was diagnosed with the virus (this guy is not serving Christ yet, but please keep Rodney in your prayers). Please keep me in your

prayers...I've asked GOD for a miracle to save my business as I battle to keep it afloat, with no income... and yet I managed to pay my staff during these challenging times. Continue to also pray for my wife, Claudine... she is working in a pharmacy, and they are helping many people daily to get their medicine etc. She has a Muslim boss, who is refusing to close his business, and only supplied them with PPE a few days ago.

Our biggest challenge that we are facing, is to get help to the poorest of the poor. People living in places that are not that safe to venture into, even with the Army, assisting the police. We have had many food delivery trucks hijacked by hungry people, and with the closing of liquor shops, many of them looted by angry mobs demanding "food and shelter". The other challenge we face as a rainbow nation , is that "black" people believe that the pandemic is a 'white' people's problem...and are refusing to obey the lock-down laws , and wearing masks, gloves etc. It is really "life as usual" in the black townships with people, and children, unprotected, going about their business as usual!!!

I am so reminded of that Scripture (Gen 50:20)... For whatever the enemy has meant for bad and evil, GOD will turn it around for His good!!

We are ALL affected by this pandemic , in one way or another...we've been under lock-down for more than a month now, with no social inter-action, no church gatherings, no schools, and I can't even see my kids and grandchild, even though they only live about 10 km's from me!!!

I was forced to close my business during this time with no income or assistance from the government to date, but being an "essential service provider", I can go back to work tomorrow, after today's public holiday.



Norway

From a member of Christian Motorcyclists Association, Norway

The Covid-19 is affecting us all in many ways. School have been closed since 13 march, no gathering of people, at all. Which means no Church services and shops are closed. Everybody's days have changed. We do everything online from home now. Schools, jobs, for those that still have them, even church. Thank God for technology!

In Norway schools are opening again from 1-4 grade from tomorrow. The rest still must do online school.

We don't have a lockdown situation here, we are free to move around a little bit, just keep the distance to people and no visiting to old folks. Most of us stay home the whole time.



Canada

From Alliston - Covid-19 is really causing problems here. My dad is in a residential home and the only way that I can see him is to stand outside and wave at him. I just hope he understands why I

can't come in for a visit.

From Toronto - I live on my own in the city and we are now in lockdown. My mother is in a nursing home and I am not allowed to visit her and I am allowed one video call with her every week. I have heard that there is some residents on other floors of the home have contracted Covid-19. I am so afraid that mom will catch the virus.



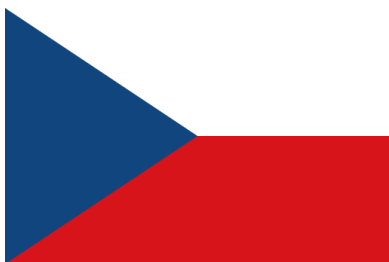
Germany

It's strange in that it's as easy to stay in touch with friends across the globe as it is to stay in touch with those in the same city. There's talk of parts of the lockdown being gradually lifted here, because we went on lockdown quickly and extensively as a country. It's hard to tell what that will look like, as every news report says something different. The wearing of masks is now mandatory when we're outside of our homes at any stage. I'm very worried about the impact lifting parts of the lockdown is going to have. We've experienced the effects of the virus ourselves. One of my brothers has been very ill, but he is starting to feel better now. There isn't an aspect of our lives that hasn't been touched by this virus. There isn't an aspect of our lives that hasn't been touched by God's love too, and that's comforting us all at this time.



Peru

An update from our Mission Partner Rev. Anderson Sanchez. Things are really bad here. People are so afraid. We are in total lockdown. Only one person from the house is allowed to go outside and get the essentials we need. As a Minister I am allowed to leave my home for work, but only during certain hours. There is curfew from early evening until 4am and the Police are really strict about enforcing it. People who are arrested are being put in Jail. Please keep us in your prayers.



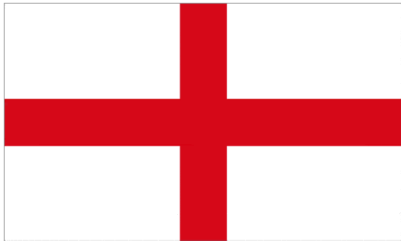
Czech Republic

In the Czech Republic we are still not allowed to go out except for our shopping. Restrictions are in place for people to shop at different times. We are all well and the number of Covid-19 deaths has been quite low. We think it is because people started to wear the face masks earlier. General testing has now started to see how many people have had the virus without them knowing. The other day I had to go to the Post Office and I was there 2 minutes before 9am. I was chased back outside as before 9am it is for senior citizens only. The place was empty- I felt like a criminal!



West Cork

We are all well in West Cork, we continue to obey the rules. My husband goes to the local shop for our supplies once a week. We have really made the most of the good weather and have been able to do a lot of work in the garden. We are glad of technology to be able to have Zoom meetings, use Skype and keep in touch with family and friends across the world.



England

Our wedding should have taken place on Saturday 5th April. We have postponed it until the end of December. We are still working. I go to school on a rota to look after children of Key Workers and Ben is able to work from home. When we aren't working, we read, watch tv, cook, play games and go for our walk each day. We are staying at home and making the most of this very unusual experience.



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

A prayer for those affected by Covid-19

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.

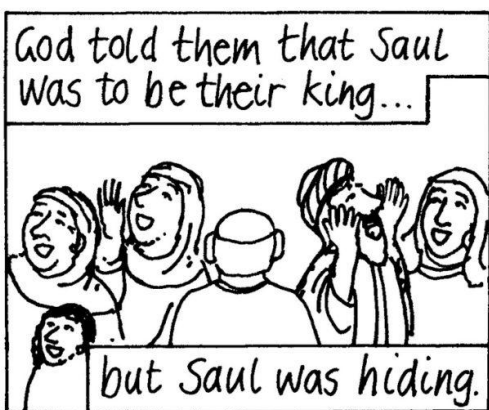
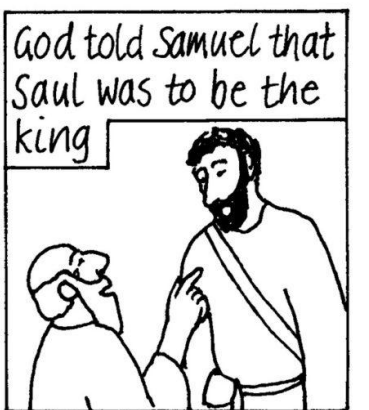
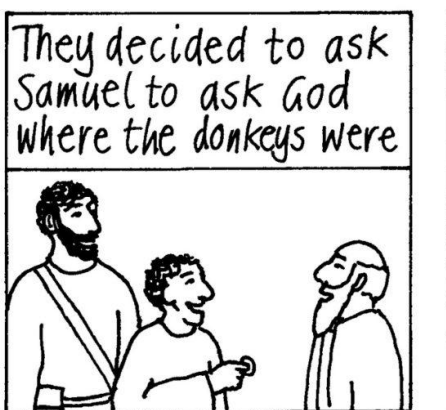
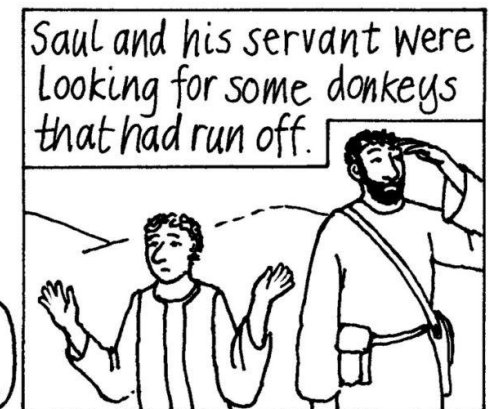
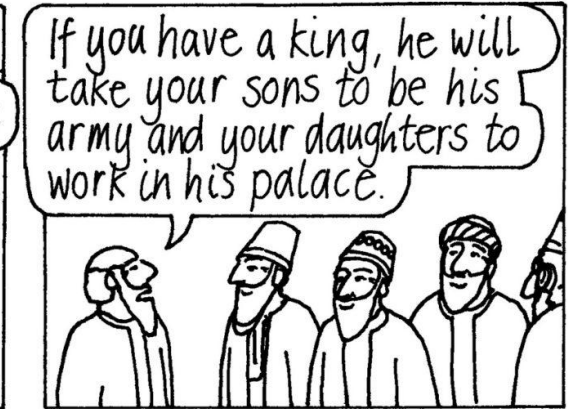
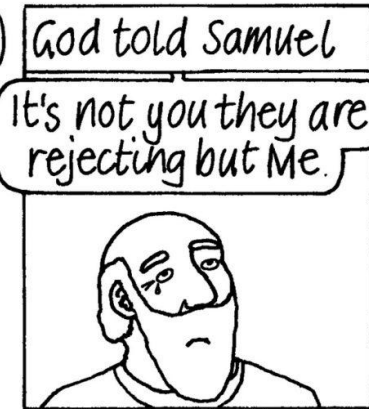
Amen.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Samuel 8:1-10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel but he was now old. The leaders of the twelve tribes came to talk to him...



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Lockdown Diary

Virtual gatherings

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LET'S GET CREATIVE

#SOCIAL DISTANCING

Wash your HANDS





VE Day (Victory in Europe) – was celebrated 75 years ago this month, on 8th May 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe. It was marked with a public holiday.

The previous day the formal act of military surrender had been signed by Germany, and celebrations broke out

when the news was released. Big crowds gathered in London, impromptu parties were held throughout the country, and people danced and sang in the streets. King George VI and his family appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and Churchill made a speech to huge applause. The two princesses Elizabeth and Margaret mingled with the crowds outside.

Many went into churches to give thanks – and to pray for those still involved in the war in the Far East, because the real end of the war, Victory over Japan, would not happen until 15th August. At St Paul's Cathedral there were ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each attended by thousands of people.

The celebrations masked the fact that so many had lost family and friends, as well as possessions and homes. But for the moment normal social conventions broke down, strangers embraced, and love was in the air.



Unfortunately this year, due to current circumstances, it is unlikely that public commemorations will be held.

Graveyard Notice

Now that the graveyard has re-opened, we ask that people adhere to the following rules:

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.



To help reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 during this period of restricted movement and social distancing we would ask all visitors to the graveyard to adhere to 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 ones graves.

Please be aware of social distancing when you are parking your cars.

Please bring your own water, as the taps on the church grounds are not in use.

Please take all rubbish home with you.

From the Registers

Burials

11 th March	Rosemary Scott – Culnagrew Road
17 th March	Valerie Wilson – Trewmount Road
6 th April	Fred Hazelton – Riverdale
11 th April	Doreen Wray – formally Bush
14 th April	James Hamilton – Drumard Cross Roads

May God comfort all who are bereaved and surround them with His love

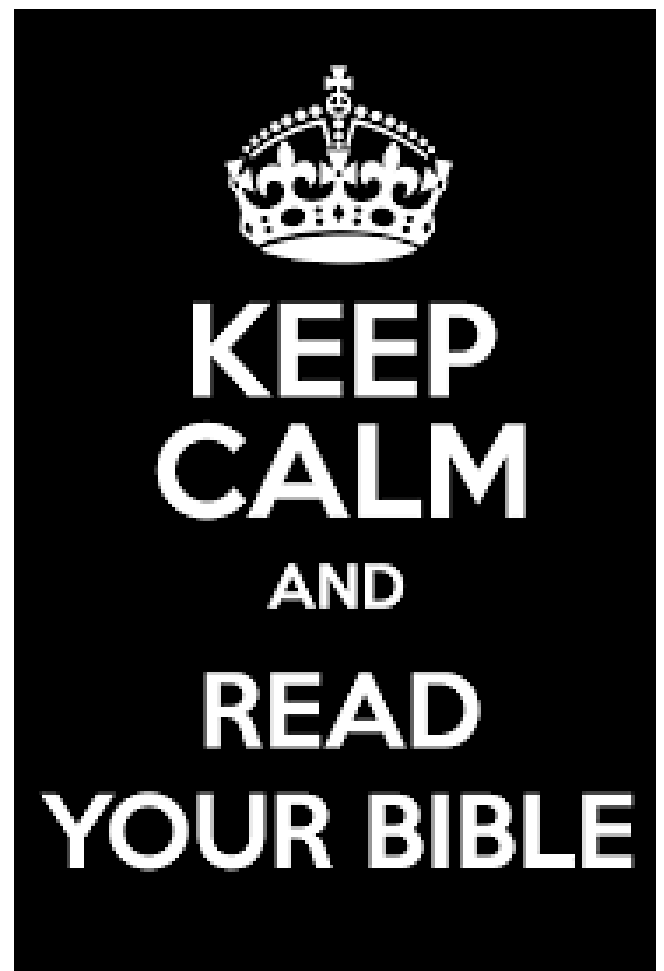
Bible Readings for May 2020

May

- 1 Isaiah 60:10-14
- 2 Isaiah 60:15-22
- 3 Isaiah 61:1-3
- 4 Isaiah 61:4-7
- 5 Isaiah 61:8-11
- 6 Isaiah 62:1-7
- 7 Isaiah 62:8-12
- 8 Acts 10:1-8
- 9 Acts 10:9-23
- 10 Acts 10:24-48
- 11 Acts 11:1-18
- 12 Acts 11:19-30
- 13 Acts 12:1-11
- 14 Acts 12:12-25
- 15 Acts 13:1-12
- 16 Acts 13:13-25
- 17 Acts 13:26-41
- 18 Acts 13:42-52
- 19 Acts 14:1-7
- 20 Acts 14:8-20
- 21 Acts 14:21-28
- 22 Acts 15:1-21
- 23 Acts 15:22-35
- 24 Acts 15:36-41
- 25 Acts 16:1-5
- 26 Acts 16:6-10
- 27 Acts 16:11-15
- 28 Acts 16:16-40
- 29 Acts 17:1-9
- 30 Acts 17:10-15
- 31 Acts 17:16-34

June

- 1 Leviticus 1
- 2 Leviticus 2
- 3 Leviticus 3
- 4 Leviticus 4
- 5 Leviticus 5
- 6 Leviticus 6



Study: Reflections on our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Part 2)

The Revd Chris West

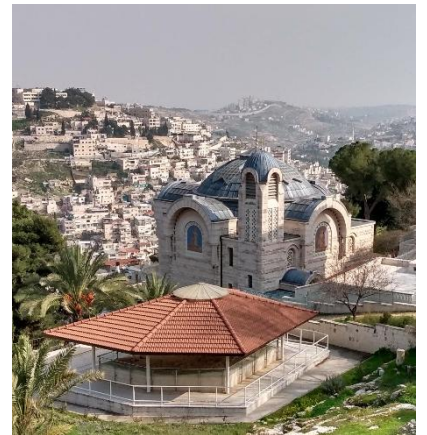
During our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we had the enormous privilege of visiting some of the different churches in Jerusalem. The Church of St Peter in Gallicantu stuck out for many of us,

marking the site of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas. It was a profoundly moving experience to stand in the courtyard where Peter denied Christ. “Gallicantu” literally means “cock’s crow”, referencing Christ’s prophecy that Peter would deny him three times “before the cock crows”. The church itself is built on four different layers, with the top layers forming the main church building and visitor’s centre. The bottom layer includes the cistern where Jesus was taken after his arrest.



Standing in that cistern, looking up at the small hole at the top – which would have formed the only entry and exit to the dark pit below – was a profoundly moving experience for many on

the trip. We were standing – quite literally – in the footsteps of Jesus. It is impossible to stand in that place and hold onto any of those distorted images of God. He is not disinterested and aloof. One of our Eucharistic Prayers in the Holy Communion sums it up beautifully (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 216):



When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Although we had to move quite quickly, I could have spent an hour or more staring at the walls and ceiling of the Church of St Peter. The colours of the mosaic work – oranges and reds – were simply stunning. Each pilgrim remarked on the vivid and bright colours of the church. A leaflet, at the main entrance to the church, explained that, due to the vast



number of pilgrims visiting the church, a section of the mosaic on one wall had become slightly monochrome. A small corner of the mosaic had recently been restored, with dirt being carefully removed from the mosaic. The restorers had finished their work a few weeks before we arrived, so there was no grime left on the mosaic. The leaflet included “before and after” photos of the mosaic. It was striking to see how dim it had become before it had been cleaned. The contrast was dramatic.

This, I think, provides another good analogy for our view of God. Instead of seeing the vividness of who God truly is, we often let our own ideas and assumptions and misconceptions hide him. Worse still, we often fall into the trap of confusing ourselves with Christ. This is vitally important to safeguard against, as the authentic Christian disciple is the one who confuses herself or himself the least with Christ, and who can, therefore, be most convincingly transparent to Christ. We all need to foster a deeper sense of repentance (we need to “clean the mosaic tiles of our hearts” – if that isn’t too excruciating a metaphor to use), and we need to pray that we would let the light of Christ shine through our lives. Our calling is to be transparent to Christ, and our strength comes from him – the one who loves us, transforms us, suffered for us, remains with us, and sustains us.





It was:

200 years ago, on 11th May 1820 that the British Royal Navy sloop HMS Beagle was launched. This was the ship that took the naturalist Charles Darwin on his scientific voyage around the world (1831-36).

Also 200 years ago: on 12th May 1820 that Florence Nightingale was born. This Italian-born British social reformer and statistician saved thousands of lives and became the founder of modern nursing.

175 years ago: on 12th May 1845 that Gabriel Faure, the French composer was born.

125 years ago: on 20th May 1895 that R J Mitchell was born. This British aeronautical engineer designed the iconic Supermarine Spitfire fighter plane as well as several racing seaplanes.

100 years ago: on 17th May 1920 that the Dutch national airline KLM's first flight took place, from London to Amsterdam. Scheduled services began in 1921.

90 years ago, on 24th May 1930 that British aviator Amy Johnson became the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia.

80 years ago, on 2nd May 1940 that the 1940 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, were cancelled, due to World War II.

80 years ago, 1940: WORLD WAR II

- 10th May: Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned after losing the support of many Conservatives in the House of Commons. Succeeded by Winston Churchill.
- 10th-28th May: It what was called Case Yellow, Germany invaded Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.
- 10th May: Germany dropped its first bombs on England, at Chilham and Petham in Kent.
- 13th May: Winston Churchill gave his first speech in the House of Commons, saying: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."
- 14th May: The Home Guard was established, nicknamed Dad's Army as it was comprised of volunteers who were ineligible for military service, usually because of their age.
- 26th May-4th June: The Battle of Dunkirk. Allied forces launched a massive evacuation of troops from Dunkirk, France, across the English Channel to England after they were

cut off by approaching German forces. Nearly 340,000 soldiers were rescued in a hastily assembled fleet of 800 boats.

75 years ago, 1945: WORLD WAR II

- 2nd May: The Battle of Berlin ended. Allied victory which led to the surrender of all German forces by 8th/9th May, and the end of the war in Europe.
- 8th May: VE Day (Victory in Europe) – celebrated as a public holiday.
- 28th May: British-born Nazi propaganda broadcaster Lord Haw-Haw (William Joyce) was captured by the British Army and taken to Britain to face trial. (He was convicted of treason and sentenced to death on 19th September and hanged on 3rd January 1946.)

70 years ago, on 13th May 1950 that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone in England. (This race is also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)

60 years ago, on 23rd May 1960 that Israel announced that Nazi Adolf Eichmann had been captured in Argentina. He was responsible for organising the mass extermination of Jews in WWII. He was tried, sentenced to death and executed in June 1962.

50 years ago, on 8th May 1970 that the Beatles released their final album, *Let it Be*.

Also 50 years ago, on 22nd May 1970 the song 'In the Summertime' by Mungo Jerry was released. By June it had reached Number One on dozens of record charts around the world.

Solution to last month's sudoku puzzle

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2020: WHO's Year of the Nurse

When the WHO (World Health Organisation) decided to make 2020 the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, they based it on the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth on 12th May 1820.

But with the arrival of the coronavirus, it is a remarkably apt year to celebrate all that nurses do for us.

As the ICN (International Council of Nurses) says: "All around the world, nurses are working tirelessly to provide the care and attention people need, whenever and wherever they need it. Nurses are central to the delivery of health care; nurses are making an invaluable contribution to the health of people globally."

Nursing as a vocation goes back to the Early Church. When plague struck the Roman world in the third century, it was Christians who tended the sick and dying, often at great personal cost. Their self-sacrifice made a huge impression on Roman society. Centuries later, in medieval Europe, it was the monastic orders that provided health care.

Still centuries later, during the Crimean War (1853-56) Florence Nightingale saved thousands of lives when she transformed the field hospitals, hugely improving the standards of care for wounded and dying soldiers.

In fact, Florence Nightingale deserves the credit for establishing the modern profession of nursing and its structures of training. Although of course medical science has advanced since her time, the basic ethos of nursing care remains today close to Nightingale's vision.

Nursing is frequently described as a vocation, and it is one to which many Christians are called. Nightingale wrote of being 'called' by God, after having had a vivid religious conversion as a teenager. Writing in February 1837, she stated: "God has spoken to me and called me to His Service."

Four years before going to Crimea, she studied at a Lutheran religious community in Germany which trained deaconesses in medical skills, nursing, and theology. Many of the ideas that Nightingale adopted for her nurses came from that religious community.

Thus, Nightingale's training programme was not solely devoted to secular medical sciences. Her student nurses were required to attend chapel, and her nurses read prayers on the wards.

Nightingale wrote many letters of spiritual encouragement to her students. To one, she wrote that Christ considered it an "honour to serve the poorest and the meanest... He will



not give His crown except to those who have borne His cross... Enduring hardship is what He encourages and rewards.”

The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally trained and worked as a nurse before being appointed to senior positions in the Health Service. She was Chief Nursing Officer for England between 1999 to 2004.

She says: “I became a Christian as a teenager and wanted to follow Christ with my whole life. Rather than having two careers, I have had one vocation: to follow Jesus Christ, to know Him, and to make Him known.”

Certainly, of all the professions, nursing has one of the strongest claims to being rooted in the Gospel. Christian nurses implicitly witness to Christ in caring for others.



The bell tower of Killyman Church lit up blue on Wednesday 25th March 2020.



**Thank
You!**

A huge Thank You to all our Frontline workers, not just those in the health sector. We greatly appreciate everything you are doing for us, without your dedication and commitment we would be a lot worse off during this time of uncertainty.

Do your part..... Stay Home Stay Safe Keep Praying

Follow the Government advice. Together we will get through this.

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KILLYMAN ONLINE

Our Sunday Services are currently being streamed online on our Facebook Page and Youtube Channel. Please tune in at usual service times and join us for Public Worship.

Facebook - @KillymanParishChurch

Youtube – St Andrew’s Church, Parish of Killyman



A Message from the Crime Prevention Officer

With our society currently in a very different place to what we are used to we are continually looking at ways of keeping you informed about issues that may affect everyone, particularly the elderly and vulnerable who are self-isolating or shielding due to Covid19.

We have a lot of people working tirelessly in the community to support our elderly and vulnerable, playing a vital role in keeping people connected and well supplied. Unfortunately we have received information to suggest that SOME individuals claiming to be good Samaritans are calling at elderly person's homes offering to take weekly collections to their local churches and in some cases offering to collect prescriptions and groceries for a cash sum.

We urge everyone to be cautious and follow this advice:

- **Only use the services of people you know and trust**
- **Please ensure you speak with a trusted member of your Church to arrange collection or alternative methods for paying your weekly collections.**
- **Be alert to online and telephone scams, do not share personal or financial details with anyone.**
 - **Keep your doors locked at all times. Use your door chain or peep hole.**
 - **Check ID, call 101 Quick Check to confirm identity.**
 - **Please display No cold calling stickers or the nominated neighbour scheme.**

If you see something suspicious in the area that you live in or are concerned about an elderly member of your community, please don't hesitate to contact us on 101.



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prayer wall

3rd MAY — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Archbishop John McDowell

The Parish of Drumcree – Rev. Gary Galway

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and the Rt Rev Paul Colton

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)

10th MAY — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Archbishop John McDowell

The Parish of Drumglass – For the Parochial Nominators and for the Curates Rev. Elizabeth Stevenson and Rev. Graham Hare

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and the Rt Rev Paul Colton

The Anglican Church of Kenya

17th MAY — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Archbishop John McDowell

The Dundalk Union of Parishes – Rev. Geoffrey Walmsley and Rev. Richard Moore

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and the Rt Rev Paul Colton

The Anglican Church of Korea

24th MAY- SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Archbishop John McDowell

The Parishes of Errigle Keerogue, Ballygawley and Killeshil – for those who have the care of the Parish during the vacancy

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and the Rt Rev Paul Colton

The Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops.

31st MAY – THE DAY OF PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY

Archbishop John McDowell

The Parishes of Keady, Armaghbreague, Derrynoose and Newtownhamilton – for those who have the care of the Parish during the vacancy

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and the Rt Rev Paul Colton

The Anglican Church of Melanesia



Lockdown Diary

Virtual gatherings

Were in this TOGETHER



LET'S GET CREATIVE

#SOCIAL DISTANCING

Wash your HANDS





In the midst of all the worrying news right now, I am delighted to be able to share the good news that the resilient folks in North Kivu Diocese have pushed on and finished the third building! I received these photos and a video from Bishop Isesomo last week, he tells me they officially did the opening the week before, so children are already using the building, even though it is not furnished yet.

The photos attached are not great shots of the new building, but they do show the joy of the opening programme, and also the number of children still receiving the love and care of Mama Mbambu and the other helpers. They did make progress in finding family homes for six of the children this year, but you can see that there are many still in need of ongoing care for now. The other encouragement from the photos is the corrugated iron fence around the site, this was put up in response to the Ebola epidemic, but will also serve well during the present C19 situation.



Linda Abwa Partnership Coordinator



Competition time

MU in Ireland are running a photographic competition among members during the month of May 2020.

The details are as follows:

Submit a photograph - taken by camera, on your phone or ipad - with the theme

"What I will remember from isolation in the spring of 2020".

The five categories for the photographs are:

- a. Family Time
- b. Going the extra mile (Knitting, crafts, sewing scrubs, helping others etc)
- c. Back to nature
- d. Something that made me smile
- e. My abiding memory - with the most imaginative caption

The closing date for entries is 31 May 2020 and they should be sent by that date to our Fundraising and Communication Unit Coordinator, preferably by email to mufrandc.armagh@gmail.com and stating the name of the photographer and the category under which it is entered.

All entries will then be forwarded to All Ireland for judging and winners will be notified in due course.

It would be lovely to have a good representation from Killyman Branch.

Entries can also be submitted to Linda, Branch Leader at linda.douglas@hotmail.co.uk

Looking forward to all your submissions.

Competition is open to Mothers' Union Members only.

KILLYMAN TO PERU 2020

As you have read in the Lockdown Reports from around the world, things are not good in Peru. The scheduled Mission trip for July 2020 has had to be postponed. We thank everyone for their support in our fundraising efforts and the money will be kept safe for a trip to PERU when it is safe to travel to Lima.

We continue to remember Rev. Anderson Sanchez, his family, the Parishioners of Cristo Redentor and San Pedro, and all the people in PERU in our prayers.

How does your Garden Grow?



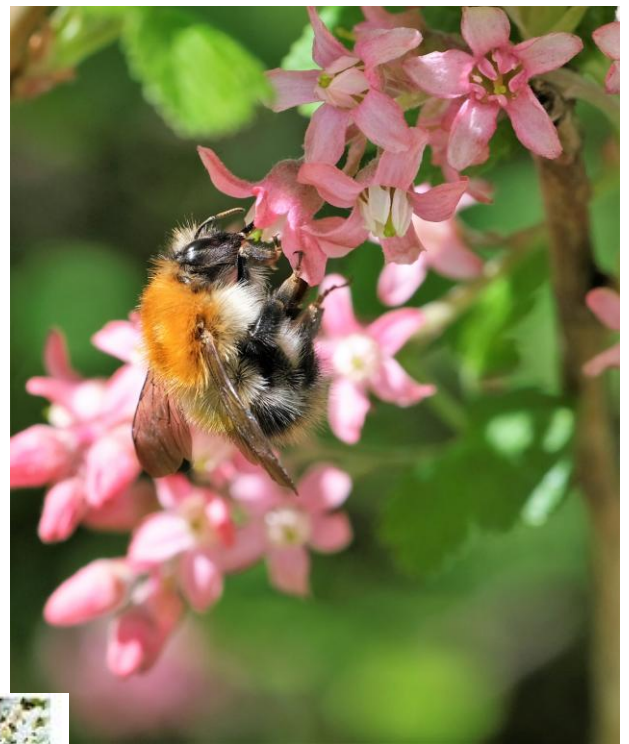
When mowing your lawn, avoid cutting your dandelions. That is the advice of the president of the British Ecological Society, Prof Jane Memmott. It will help to save the bees.

She explains: "Dandelions are a fantastic source of pollen and nectar for the early pollinators in particular. If they were rare, people would be fighting over them, but because they're common, people pull them out and spray them with all sorts of horrible things when they should just let them flower. If you leave the lawn to three or four inches, then dandelions, clover and daisies can flower and then you end with something like a tapestry, and it's much nicer to sit there and watch the insects buzzing about."

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has called on people to allow flowers to grow on their lawns, instead of insisting on smooth green surfaces.

The reason is because nearly 7.5million acres of meadows and pastures rich in wildflowers have been lost since the Thirties, thus removing a vital source of food for pollinators, many of whom are now in steep decline.

The nation's 15 million gardens could help a lot in supporting bees, butterflies and other bugs looking for nectar.



Get the kids interested in the garden, they can go and hunt for minibeasts. Look out for all the different varieties of butterfly arriving in our gardens – some coming the whole way back from South Africa. Send us some of your photos and we can include some in our next issue to standrewskillyman@gmail.com



All sorts of themes are chosen for the Chelsea Flower Show, but this year's theme turned out to be scarily appropriate for the Spring of 2020: loneliness and mental health.

For, according to Sue Briggs, RHS Director General, "many feel they need gardening in their life now more than ever

before, for their mental and physical wellbeing during this national emergency."

Writing on RHS website (www.rhs.org.uk), Sue Briggs says: "This applies to everyone from those who are having to self-isolate to families planning, maybe for the first time, to grow their own food."

And so, "for these reasons, and to do more to support the industry, the RHS will create a Virtual RHS Chelsea Flower Show, to celebrate our great horticultural industry and gardening heritage."

The Virtual Show will run from Tuesday 19th May to Saturday 23rd May.

Guy Barker, chief horticulturalist at the RHS said: "Nurturing plants can make you less lonely and release you from troubles."



Gardening Tips for May

- Deadhead your spring flowering bulbs, do not cut the leaves off them as this is still their source of food. This is the ideal month to divide your bulbs if they have formed clumps, in doing so they will form more bulbs and produce more flowers in years to come.
- Harden off your summer bedding plants. There is still the risk of frost so cover plants at night, use horticultural fleece or set them somewhere sheltered so the warm morning sun doesn't burn their soft foliage.
- Tie up your climbing roses before they become untidy and sprawl everywhere.
- Keep on top of the weeding, but don't stress if it gets too much. After all, a weed is just a flower growing in the wrong place.
- Enjoy the warm sunny days!

The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth, one is nearer God's Heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth. Dorothy Frances Gurney



A number of people have been asking about their Free Will Offering Envelopes and the finances of the Church.

The majority of our financial support comes through what is put on the collection plate at Sunday Worship. As you know, there has been no opportunity to give this way since Sunday 15th March 2020. Our Financial obligations still have to be met, so let us encourage you to consider one of the following options.

- 1) **Standing Order Giving** – you can set up a Standing Order by simply completing a Standing Order Form and sending it to your Bank. Or if you use online banking you can set it up yourself. This can be cancelled at anytime by contacting your bank.**
- 2) **One off Donation** – Simply post a cheque to the Rectory and mark the envelope for the Treasurer.
- 3) **Envelope giving** – Continue to fill your Fill Will Offering envelopes at home and give them at the first available opportunity.

If you are interested in Option 1 or have any questions regarding Financial Giving please contact either the Rector, Treasurer or send an email to standrewskillyman@gmail.com

Finally let me thank you for your continued financial support for the Parish. We understand that these are uncertain times, and we appreciate you giving these suggestions your prayerful consideration.

**One of the reasons for people not signing up to Standing Order is that they wouldn't want anyone to see them not putting anything on the Collection Plate on a Sunday Morning. Before lockdown the Select Vestry had agreed to "Giving Tokens", which each Standing Order Parishioner would place on the Collection Plate instead.

During Lockdown, please be aware that no-one from our church will call at your door to collect your envelopes.



Bible Study

ONLINE

TUESDAY AT 8:00PM

WANT TO JOIN US?

send a private message or email:

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Prayer Meeting

ONLINE

WEDNESDAY AT 8:00PM

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I AM

with you

Isaiah 41:10