

# Vicar and Curate's Musings

*and any other information we found interesting,  
funny or a need to share!*

## **Vicar's Musings**

I had so much information for this week I've produced a musing's again with a few extra's in.

I came across this poem again recently when going through my bookshelves....it's quite an interesting poem. Lance Landall if you haven't come across his poetry before is thought provoking and he likes to inspire discussion and challenge people.

### **Imagine Being Me**

*Have you ever stopped to think, friend, how you would feel if you were me,  
Especially considering, that I, myself, can only be.*

*There's not a thing that can be done, to ever change me into you,  
So, please consider carefully, what to me, you might say or do.*

*In fact, I might deep within my heart, wish that I could be like you,  
But just accepting who I am, is something I must learn to do.  
You'll make it so much easier, if you will just accept me too,  
Allowing me to be myself, and I, the same allowing you.*

*I'm just simply how I am — I'm me — and while changes can be made,  
Any wrongful expectations, will only see us both dismayed.  
Certain things that work for you, even certain things that you can do,  
Mightn't be the kind of things — that I can do — or that'll work for me too.*

*You see, you're so used to being you, you just can't imagine being me,  
Yet, it's only when you try, friend, that there's a chance you might then see.  
But if no matter how you try, an understanding still alludes you,  
Dwell on this: It could be just as hard for me to understand you too.*

*By Lance Landall*

This is another poem by Lance Landall...it struck a chord with me because it's easy to love people we like but harder to love people that are seen as different for whatever reason. For me each person is unique and wonderfully made and loved by God...does it really cost us much to show people the respect and care they deserve? No one should be made to feel second class or second rate because of how they look, what disability they have or where they live...we do that to people not God – God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them...lets show people the love they deserve.

## Loving The Unlovely

Don't mock or laugh at others, nor treat them indifferently,  
Just because you think they're odd, weak, silly, even ugly.  
No, never treat unkindly any human on this earth,  
Remember: They're someone's child, and had no say in their birth.

Yes, love and help the difficult, the misfits, the unlovely,  
For they need your love also, more so, unconditionally.  
We all love the loveable; that's easy, natural too,  
But loving the unlovely is the greater thing to do.

It's easy to love your own, they're your loved ones, after all,  
But loving the unlovely — for most — is a very hard call.  
Yet, such love's pure love — and in each of us — such love should be,  
Such doesn't seek to get, just seeks to give, for it's self free.

Everyone is different, the product of many things,  
Hence why out of each one's life, both good and bad flows or springs.  
Take time to get to know folk, accept them the way they are,  
Yes, tolerance and understanding have always gone far.

It's hard enough for many that they feel the way they do,  
That they're struggling with their quirks, anxieties, obsessions too.  
Such folk need a helping hand, not those whispers, looks or comments,  
Nor thoughtless indifference, that to some, is more intense.

Many not so well endowed with looks, physique or IQ,  
Are made to feel inferior by sad things folk say and do.  
You may say that folk can choose to feel that way or not, but,  
Is anything that easy, and sometimes, things really cut.

Yes, love and help the difficult, the misfits, the unlovely,  
For they need your love also, more so, unconditionally.  
Never just love your loved ones, or those you're attracted to,  
But show love and care to all — for that's the greater thing to do.

As Christians we are to be as light in the world. It's easy at the moment to not know what's going on in someone's life behind the scenes. We aren't seeing people as often as we did and when we do it's different. Some are frightened or have to shield, some wish to go out and are frustrated and other's are trying to carry on as best they can. It is hard but if we could try to be less judgmental and more open to kindness, show a little love to whomever we are struggling with or finding challenging at this time.

I'm finding that more people as lockdown went on struggled not only with lockdown and coming out of isolation but also with their mental health.

These poems seem even more relevant to me now than they did over 15 years ago when I first came across them. May they inspire much thought in how we treat others we meet on our lives journeys.

Stay safe

Shellie

## take time

take a moment to see the good.  
to remember the smiles.  
to remember the moments.  
to remember the little things.  
to be thankful.  
to be grateful.  
take time to see the wonderful  
in this world.  
the more you see the good,  
the more you will inspire others  
to see it as well.  
ripple.

words by rachel marie martin  
findingjoy.net

# Church Information

St Michael and All Angels Church, Broadway  
St Eadburgha's Church, Broadway,  
St John the Baptist Church, Withamford  
& St Mary's Church, Childsoddenham

Welcome to  
Evening Prayer  
on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02zoom.us/j/89563918565?pwd=SEdLbGdhMWFFR0xDNII1OC9NTzNyQT09>  
Meeting ID: 895 6391 8565  
Password: 591377

Evening Prayer on Zoom Order of Service

<https://www.stmichaelsbroadway.org/church-services>

Join Zoom Meeting (recurring meeting details)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89563918565?pwd=SEdLbGdhMWFFR0xDNII1OC9NTzNyQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 6391 8565

Password: 591377



## Give a little

The diocese are trying to help churches, which due to Covid19 cannot fundraise or meet weekly as they did before March 23rd. This has had an impact on churches across the diocese and church including our own churches that still have weekly and monthly expenses that have to be paid but are struggling to fundraise and as yet aren't meeting for gathered worship.

To help support St Michael's and St Eadburgha's churches—give online to Broadway PCC please use this link from SUMUP: [https://givealittle.co/campaigns/517bdd8b-33bf-4a59-92f4-7b8d88840249?fbclid=IwAR0RNYX2EJfHX\\_J5A2RjB6SpuCyYU0DrtPL4CynAYu7Shdy8NixBEvq6vFI](https://givealittle.co/campaigns/517bdd8b-33bf-4a59-92f4-7b8d88840249?fbclid=IwAR0RNYX2EJfHX_J5A2RjB6SpuCyYU0DrtPL4CynAYu7Shdy8NixBEvq6vFI)



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

## St Michael's Church, Broadway

Sunday's for Morning Worship at 10.30am

*(please do let Shellie know if you're coming as we are limited to 30 people.)*

Wednesday's—10am—12pm—for private prayer

## St Eadburgha's Church, Broadway

Open Sunday 27th September and 11th October for Evening Prayer

*(please do let Shellie know if you're coming as we are limited to 30 people.)*

## St Mary's Childswickham

Open 20th September for private prayer 10.30am—12pm

*and hopes to hold Morning Worship in October following a PCC meeting.*

## St John's Church, Wickhamford

*remains closed at this time due to their risk assessments.*

## APCM's

Both Broadway and Wickhamford PCC's will be holding their APCM's on 4th October.

Broadway PCC 12pm following morning worship

Wickhamford PCC 2.30pm in St John's Church, Churchyard

Please go to the website for reports (due to Covid-19) we cannot print them out as we have before. If you know someone who isn't on the internet and cannot download the forms please let Shellie know and we can post a copy to them following all the guidelines.

<https://www.stmichaelsbroadway.org/apcm>

# Harvest

Sunday 27th our services of gathered worship will have a harvest theme and at 6pm on ZOOM Churches Together are inviting us to join together for a harvest Zoom Service. The link will be provided next week along with the service sheet.

## Friends of St Eadburgha's

### Harvest Festival Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

We would like to celebrate Harvest Festival (a religious festival) by arranging a collection of foodstuffs outside St Eadburgha's church.

The plan is that on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, two cars, with boots open (to reduce handling), will be parked under the lime trees and we invite you to contribute food (in packets or tins), soft drinks, and household necessities, but nothing perishable, thank you.

We hope to receive your contributions from 10 am to, say, 2pm on the Sunday, or, by arrangement, the days before. With notice, we could collect.

We will ensure that the entire collection will be given to the excellent charity 'Caring Hands' for distribution to those in trouble in Evesham and surrounding villages, including Broadway.

We hope to see you on or before Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Michael & Sara Ayshford Sanford  
(tel: 01386 858574)

# The 200 Club

- your invitation to join

## Supporting Broadway Parish Churches

with

**FOUR** chances to win £200 (& other prizes) every year

*To join pick up an application form at the back of St Michael's Church  
or complete the online enquiry form*

<https://www.stmichaelsbroadway.org/200-club>

### What is the 200 Club?

It is a simple and fun way to raise extra, necessary funds to maintain and develop St Michael's and St. Eadburgha's Churches in Broadway for the benefit of all parishioners, whilst adding an element of chance/good luck for its members to win substantial cash prizes.

### Why is it so important?

We are asking for your support to ensure that our beautiful parish churches continue to be well-maintained, warm and welcoming to all who wish to use them, be that for baptism, weddings, funerals or to attend special services at Easter, Christmas or Remembrance.

The 200 Club helps by generating a regular income for the church at a time when it is becoming increasingly difficult to 'balance the books' as the cost of maintenance, heat, light and insurance all increase despite the generous, regular giving by our faithful congregations who attend our churches and organise fundraising events.

### How does it work?

When you join, your name is entered into quarterly draws with a First Prize of

£200. Additional prizes will be drawn with the total annual prize money amounting to 50% of the income received, so members all have an excellent chance of winning. The Draws take place in March, June, September & December, see the 'Grapevine' for dates.

The 200 Club funds are overseen by Kevin Beasley, Church Treasurer, as well as the members of the Church Council (PCC). Kevin ensures that all 200 Club funds are used for our agreed purpose.

## How much does it cost?

The annual membership is just £20 per person, payable either by standing order or by cash/cheque. All members must be over eighteen years of age and only one entry is permitted per person. Family and friends are all welcome!

## How do I join?

Either - simply complete the online enquiry form and the 200 Club Administrator, Henrietta Cooke, will contact you to set up your preferred payment method.

## If you have any queries

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the PCC members detailed in the Grapevine Parish Magazine or the Administrator through the online form.





# Information from the Diocese

## Morning Prayer from Worcester Cathedral

Watch Morning Prayer from Worcester Cathedral. This is one way in which we are linking members of the Cathedral community as well as the wider public to the Cathedral's daily offering of praise and prayer.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/WorcesterCathedral/>



Following the open conversations held around the Diocese at the start of the year, we are now planning a series of further opportunities to engage with the process as we look at how we can effectively resource a healthy and sustainable Church into the future.

It will be a chance to hear more about the strategy for mission and ministry across the Diocese and think about how it might impact on your own church. Only by working together can we ensure that God's Kingdom continues to grow in Worcestershire and Dudley.

These meetings will be held online using Zoom, but will follow a similar format to the previous open conversations, with opportunities for people to contribute in small groups.

To sign up for one of the conversations, please contact the training team with your preferred date on [training@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:training@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or [01905 732812](tel:01905732812),

You will be sent the Zoom details ahead of the conversation.

Conversations will take place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 8 September:** 3 to 5pm **and** from 6 to 8pm
- **Friday 18 September:** 10am to 12 noon
- **Monday 21 September:** 6 to 8pm
- **Tuesday 22 September:** 6 to 8pm
- **Thursday 24 September:** 6 pm to 8pm
- **Monday 28 September:** 2 to 4pm **and** 6 to 8pm:

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<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/join-the-conversation-around-the-future-of-our-church-7462.php>

*The Lord is here,  
his Spirit is with us.  
We need not fear,  
his Spirit is with us.  
We are surrounded by love,  
his Spirit is with us.  
We are immersed in peace,  
his Spirit is with us.  
We rejoice in hope,  
his Spirit is with us.  
We travel in faith,  
his Spirit is with us.*

THE ARCHBISHOP  
OF CANTERBURY

## LET YOURSELF REST

If you're exhausted, rest.

If you don't feel like starting a new project, don't.

If you don't feel the urge to make something new, just rest in the beauty of the old, the familiar, the known.

If you don't feel like talking, stay silent.

If you're fed up with the news, turn it off.

If you want to postpone something until tomorrow, do it.

If you want to do nothing, let yourself do nothing today.

Feel the fullness of the emptiness, the vastness of the silence, the sheer life in your unproductive moments.

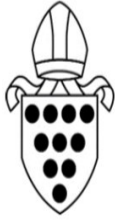
Time does not always need to be filled.

You are enough, simply in your being.

Jeff Foster



Please pray for all those who are preparing to be ordained this Michaelmas, and among them to serve in the Diocese of Worcester.



### **Deacons**

#### **Claire Billington**

Peopleton & White Ladies Aston w  
Churchill & Spetchley & Upton Snodsbury  
& Broughton Hackett

#### **Lindsey Coulthard**

Worcester, St Stephen

#### **Foluso Enwerem**

The Benefice of Dudley  
(The Church of Dudley St Thomas  
and St Luke)

#### **Jonathan Evans**

The Lye & Stambermill

#### **Jess Fellows**

Worcester, St Nicholas & All Saints  
with St Helens

#### **Christopher Henson**

Kidderminster West

#### **Rosie Moss**

St Nicholas, Warndon

#### **Kim Topham**

Benefice of Hagley and the Parish of Clent

#### **Carol Weston**

The Brierley Hill Team

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### **Priests**

#### **Sarah Bardell**

The Benefice of Dudley  
(The Church of Dudley St Thomas  
and St Luke)

#### **Victoria Barlow**

Astwood Bank, St Matthias & St George  
and The Parish of The Bridge, Headless  
Cross

#### **Jonny Gordon**

Great Malvern

#### **Francis Moloney**

Redditch Holy Trinity

# WVA Amen to this!



**If you're happy and you know it, Stay in Bed. If you're happy and you know it, Stay in Bed. If you're happy and you know it, getting up will surely blow it. If you're happy and you know it, STAY IN BED!**

WOMEN  
WORKING

AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TURN THE TABLET SIDEWAYS - THE TEXT SWIVELS THE RIGHT WAY UP!

TRULY THE WORK OF GOD!

CHRIS MADDEN

I'D START WITH A PRAYER, IT ALSO COULDN'T HURT TO REFRAIN FROM VISITING QUESTIONABLE WEBSITES.

REPAIR SHOE? SHAWN?

WHA-?. HOW WILL THAT SAVE MY SOLE?

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THIS YEAR I WANT TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS:

- Hang out with sinners.
- Upset religious people.
- Tell stories that make people think.
- Choose unpopular friends.
- Be kind, loving and merciful.
- Take naps on boats.

# Worldly Weddings – To Bless or Not to Bless?

*by the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford*

<https://viamedia.news/2020/09/05/worldly-weddings-to-bless-or-not-to-bless/>



On 14 February a former Bishop of Jarrow used to stand at the feet of the Angel of the North in Gateshead, and bless any couples who came along. Kitsch and worldly certainly. But it might tell us something important about marriage and the church as we seek to respond to Government proposals to change the rules on where people can get married and who can officiate at weddings.

The history of marriage and the church is clear enough. For almost the whole of the first 1,000 years of Christian history there is simply no such thing as 'Christian' marriage. Christians get married, certainly. But they get married according to the laws and traditions of 'secular' culture. Christian clergy play no role. Indeed, there is nothing resembling a Christian marriage service, a liturgy, until at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century.

Even then weddings remain firmly under civil jurisdiction for another 400 years. It is only in the post-Reformation period that, by canon law and custom, it becomes a requirement in both Catholic and Anglican traditions that a priest officiates at a wedding. Always of course the actual ministers of the sacrament are the couple themselves and not the priest.

Marriage does not fit easily into Aquinas' Aristotelian sacramental system. But the sacramentalisation of marriage in the Middle Ages – rather like the monasticisation of the clergy – is a fascinating power grab by the medieval church, more to do with control than blessing.

Marriage is robustly secular. Though often missed, this is precisely what informs Paul's teaching on marriage. Getting married is what people do, and that is part of its 'worldly' nature. In the teaching of both Jesus and Paul, marriage is part of the "the present form of this world which is passing away (1 Corinthians 7.31) and Jesus is specific that in the resurrection "they neither marry nor are given in marriage" (Matthew 22.30).

These would not be comfortable texts to us at the funeral of a deeply loved spouse but this is not intended as a *moral* condemnation. Rather it reflects the eschatology of the New Testament writers.

Christians have had to recognise for most of the last 2,000 years that marriage has taken a variety of forms and that these have largely been dictated and developed by 'secular' culture rather than by the church. Christopher Brooke's classic, *The Medieval Idea of Marriage*, is hugely enjoyable in its own right, but leaves the reader in no doubt.

The history of marriage and the church has not been helped by a deeply unbiblical pessimism about sex. Rowan Williams notes that Gregory the Great had to reassure Augustine of Canterbury that someone who had had sex on a Saturday could still receive communion on Sunday. By contrast, in the Jewish tradition, the Sabbath is a specially favoured day for making love. Whilst the very positive statements of modern church leaders about marriage and the family are welcome, these have little resonance in the tradition, and often unintentionally echo the church's earlier attempts to control marriage rather than demonstrating a desire to bless human relationships.

When I was a vicar in North Yorkshire, I officiated at a minimum of at least 30 a year. It was a pretty church in a stunning location, and with a huge parish centre where we could even offer wedding receptions. This was a place where people still got married in large numbers, even though the registry office was just stone's throw away. Wedding preparation in large groups on Saturday mornings was an excellent opportunity to get to know couples well and do some straight teaching and reflection. But although I was completely confident that we had wonderful good news to share – that we knew about love, sacrifice, life intention, vows, for better for worse – I also realised in those precious encounters that they were inviting me onto their sacred ground, not the other way round.

And I think that's why over recent years, I have learnt most from non-church weddings, especially a family wedding in a youth hostel in Derbyshire. Some non-church weddings have left me feeling empty and frustrated, to be sure. But so have some church weddings. This Derbyshire youth hostel wedding genuinely engaged and excited me. Location was determined by the bride and groom's passion for rock climbing, and the ceremony itself – not just the party afterwards in a tent where the heating had failed – was a genuine opportunity for people to speak serious words about love and commitment, and make unique personal contributions. It seemed extraordinary to all of us that although there were several ordained ministers present, and the bride and groom would have loved to have their participation, the legalities prohibited any such religious content. But I realised through that day that I was learning at a 'secular' wedding things I thought I already knew.

This is important. For many of us as Christian parents our children may well not make the same choices as us about marriage. Even devout Christians are sometimes opting for non-church weddings, because the rules we make exclude them or because what we offer seems to restrain rather than to bless.

The experience of going to civil weddings has raised my game. If I were getting married now, it certainly would still be in a church, with full Nuptial Mass and all the trimmings. But we would seek to learn from non-church weddings, where the personal is often better honoured, the world better understood and the context better embraced. If Aquinas is right, these civil events are (at least in part) still sacraments, and the doctrine of the Incarnation tells us that Christ is there, just as he was at the similarly non-church wedding at Canaan in Galilee.

The incarnation invites us to a recognise that it is the world in all its glorious variety that is the arena of God's activity, the arena into which God sends us to serve, the context to which God invites us to pay attention.

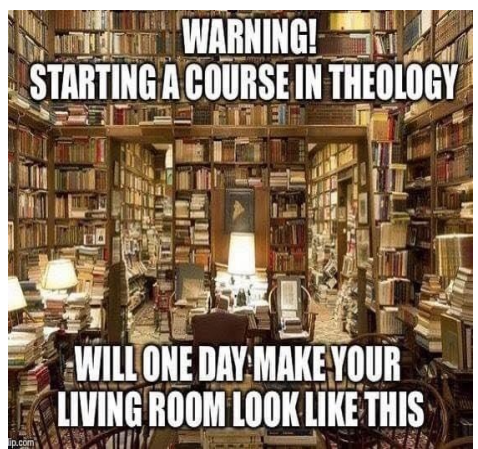
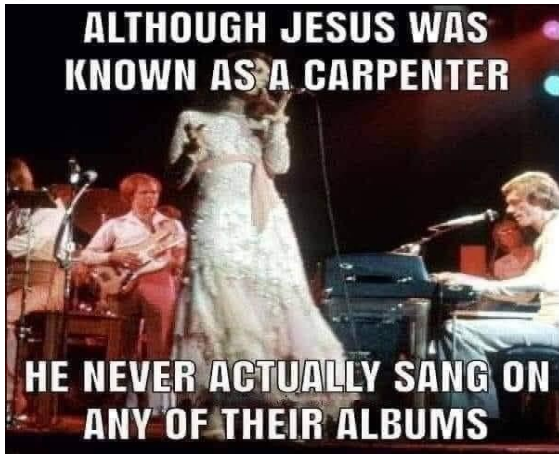
So, alongside welcoming the government's long-overdue consultation on opening up the conversation about where people can get married and who can officiate at a wedding, let's be bold enough – as confident missionary-minded churches have always been – to engage with the kitsch and the worldly next Valentine's Day and do some serious blessing.







Looking forward to dining out this winter...



# Secrecy and an Unaccountable Church of England

*by the Revd Canon Rosie Harper, Chaplain to the Bishop of Buckingham, Author, Trustee of the Ozanne Foundation and member of General Synod*

<https://viamedia.news/2020/09/18/secrecy-and-an-unaccountable-church-of-england/>



Honestly, it drives me mad!

When I first became a member of General Synod over ten years ago I was very taken with the idea that anyone could ask a question and the person responsible for that area of church life would be required to reply both to the question and the supplementary. It looked to me like a way of ensuring accountability.

What I quickly discovered is that it's actually a game of manners in which carefully briefed bishops very effectively shut down any probing or awkward questions. There are basically variants of three answers: 'This is work in progress'; 'We don't collect that data'; 'It's confidential.'

It mirrors the whole world of General Synod which, apart from the odd little rush of blood to the head, is very carefully managed to create the illusion of accountability without the reality.

So yes! It makes me mad. So much so that I'm not going to stand again. It has, however, got me thinking about accountability as a Christian concept.

In February 2020 I asked the following question: "*In the light of a figure of £200 million mentioned by Bishop Peter Hancock to survivors, how much money has actually been allocated in the AC or CC budget this year and next, specifically for the care and restorative justice of survivors of clergy abuse?*"

The reply was that they were working on it and waiting for the IICSA report to tell them what to do! Not even a hint of any figures and zero accountability.

However.....

John Spence, the chair of the finance committee was clearly deeply moved and memorably spoke from the floor promising that funds would be found for compensation payments, saying: "*This is not about affordability, it is about justice. Justice cannot have a different value depending on the finances of this or that diocese. Whatever we are told is required ... for redress, then those funds will be found,*"

So, is this actually happening? Can we hold even the revered John Spence to account?

In the absence of any figures whatsoever Dr Josephine Stein used her research skills to put together an educated estimate. The opening sentence of the Church Times article about her work says it all: '*Survivors of abuse in a church context receive about £55,000 in redress in from the Church of England out of an estimated £20 million spent on safeguarding annually.*' (CT 19.08.2020)

It would seem that John Spence's pockets were not that deep after all. Survivors are still on the bread line. They are unable to work, have exhausted their life savings and are still given a poxy £500 upper limit for counselling after life changing trauma.

There are no other ways we lesser mortals can ask the Church of

England to follow through with its promises – that’s why it drives me mad.

The really interesting thing, once you start thinking about it, is that accountability should be an attitude of life – a cast of the heart. There are all sorts of legal backstops to ensure financial accountability.

People make it their life’s work and call themselves “accountants” after all! Genuine accountability is far more to do with the nature of the relationship you think you have with others. I hold myself accountable to my husband, to my family, because I love them. We consider one another equal and would not abuse power or money. If one of us messed up we’d try and fix it and be genuinely sorry. This requires truth telling and openness and transparency not secrecy and silence.

Whilst writing this blog a rather excellent MA thesis landed on my desk. It’s about the use of Non Disclosure Agreements in Religious Institutions. Ben Nicholson successfully demonstrates that: *‘NDAs actively prevent transparency, truthfulness, accountability, reconciliation and restored relationships through a combination of intimidation and enforced silence.’* They also, he continues: *‘discriminate in favour of the powerful, enabling them to avoid being held accountable for wrongdoing and require the complicity of other powerful people.’*

I recognise that. When I asked about the Church of England’s use of NDAs the reply was: “We can’t tell you that – it’s secret!”

So yes! It drives me mad!

It doesn’t need to be like that! As Bishop’s chaplain I have been to more licensing services than I care to remember, when a new person is legally made the vicar of a parish. To this day I am struck afresh by a particular moment, after the bishop has read out the terms of the license, when the piece of paper is handed over from the bishop to the priest with the words ‘receive the cure of souls which is both yours and mine....’ And Bishop Alan always says: *‘I hold myself as accountable to you as you are to me. The scripture teaches mutual accountability.....’*

Experience tell me that is not a common attitude.

What's more Scripture teaches us that we are accountable to God through one another. The way we treat one another is the litmus test of the authenticity of our faith.

As we hold our breath for the "Living in Love and Faith" document whose genesis has also been shrouded in secrecy, can we expect something different? Will the authors hold themselves as accountable to the LGBTI+ members of our Church as they do the powerful conservative lobby!?

Unaccountable power is dangerous. To sustain it there needs to be secrecy. However, it won't last forever for: *'Things hidden will become clear and every secret thing will be made known.'* (Luke 8.17)  
Secrecy and accountability *can't* co-exist.

**NEVER ALONE**

NSPCC  
0808 800 5000  
(24hrs)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline  
0808 2000 247  
(24hrs free)

Mind  
0300 123 3393  
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Victim Support  
0808 168 9111  
(24hrs)

Cruse Bereavement  
0800 808 1677  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

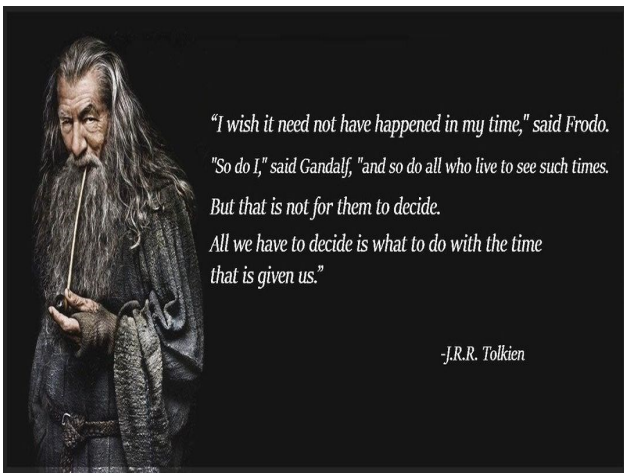
ChildLine  
0800 1111  
(24hrs)

Action on Elder Abuse  
0808 808 8141  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Respect - Men's Advice Line  
0808 801 0327  
(Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)

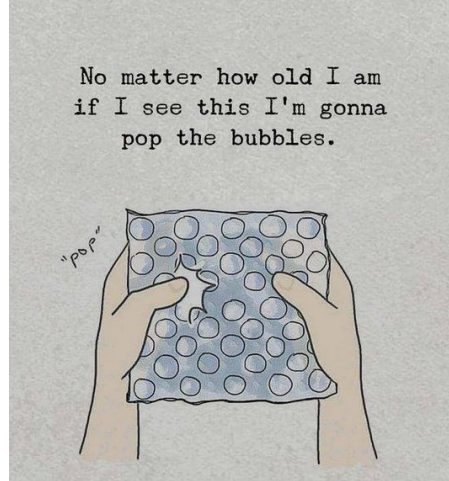
Samaritans  
116 123  
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic Violence  
0207 186 8270



*"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.  
 "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times.  
 But that is not for them to decide.  
 All we have to decide is what to do with the time  
 that is given us."*

-J.R.R. Tolkien



No matter how old I am  
 if I see this I'm gonna  
 pop the bubbles.



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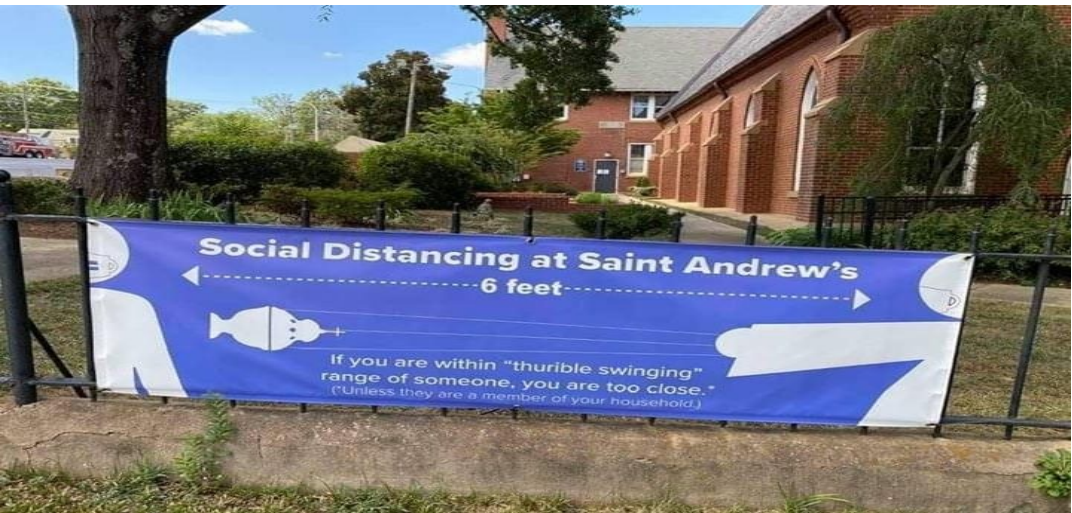


**Bishop Caught Practicing  
 Lion Taming Skills**



**I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS  
 KID IS GOING THROUGH**

**BUT I CAN RELATE**

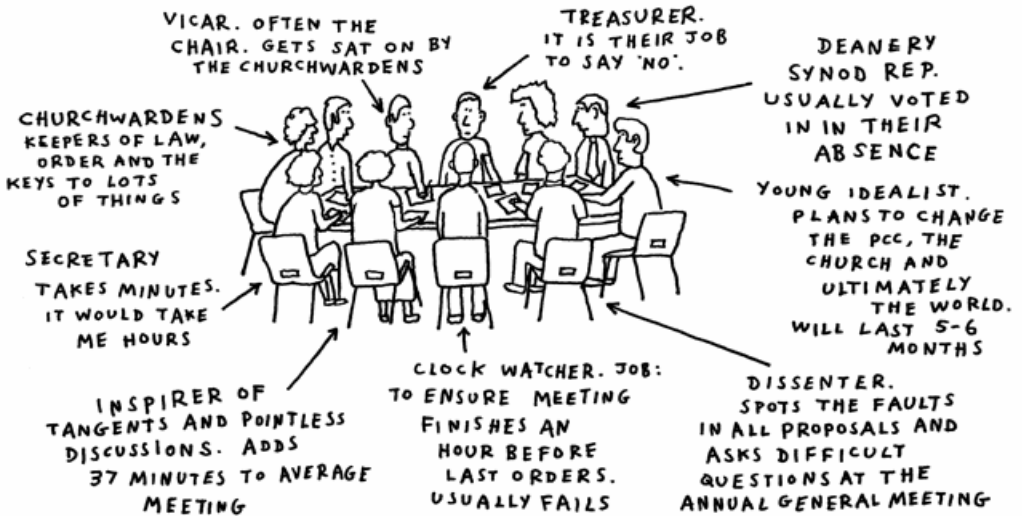


**Social Distancing at Saint Andrew's**  
 ←-----6 feet-----→

If you are within "thurible swinging"  
 range of someone, you are too close.  
 (\*Unless they are a member of your household.)

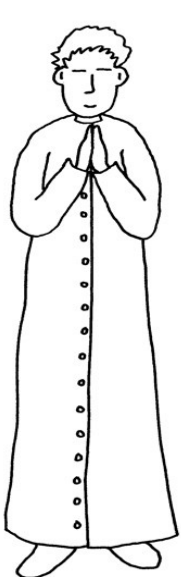
# THE P.C.C.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS EVERY NOW AND THEN TO DISCUSS THINGS TO DO WITH THE CHURCH. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF IT



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THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE



THE INWARD REALITY

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DON'T GIVE UP ON THIS YEAR.  
KEEP FIGHTING FOR THE GOOD.  
KEEP SHOWING UP.  
KEEP LOVING.  
KEEP GIVING BACK.  
KEEP BEING KIND,  
KEEP BEING BRAVE.  
KEEP CARING.  
KEEP TRYING NEW THINGS.  
KEEP SHOWING GRACE.  
KEEP ON.  
THIS WORLD NEEDS YOU  
TO BELIEVE IN THE GOOD.