

Vicar and Curate's Musings

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

Vicar's Musings

Not long ago we were hearing how we should all be kind, not judge and help each other and generally I've found we do. As we slowly come out of lockdown we are I feel in different places.

Whilst I was pondering this I came across a poem I'd not read in a while on my blog—

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

Lance Landall usually writes about disability but I think that this poem speaks to us on many levels.

We can't imagine what a person in a facemask has been through through-out this period or how scared / anxious they may feel at this time. People are in different places with visiting gardens, bubbles and working out which one they are in (if any) etc.

As a church we have met for the first time on Zoom for Coffee club and I'll be offering it again this Thursday 10.30am –11.30am and every Thursday. We are all also working through risk assessments and trying to find ways we can open for the few who would like to come and pray in the building.

We all have a view about the virus, we are all in different places and I hope we can all still find the time to be a good neighbour to others and be kind to those who we don't agree with as we would wish them to be to ourselves.

This week I've been on zoom more for meetings and apparently the phrase being used by some is being 'zoomed out'. I'm afraid I haven't got that far with it yet but I can understand how some people could be.

The other thing I've been thinking about is weddings and our wedding couples. Jo and I have sent them a card to let them know we're all thinking and praying for them as they've mostly postponed their weddings. As we come to the time when a lot of them would have taken place please do spare a moment to hold them in your prayers. The prayer below is a copy of the prayer we enclosed within the card..

Loving God,
surround us this day
with your presence;
be with us in our disappointment
and help us to be wise
as we re-think our wedding plans.
Sustain us in our love for one another,
and hold all whom we love
in your great love.
Amen.

From the Church of England website Dreams and Disappointments

I came across another poem which I love and only saw recently.

A relationship is....

A relationship is not what everyone thinks it is.

It's not waking up early every morning to make breakfast and eat together.

It's not cuddling in bed together until both of you peacefully fall asleep.

It's not a clean home and a homemade meal every day.

It's someone who steals all the covers or snores like a chainsaw.

It's sometimes slammed doors, and a few harsh words, disagreeing, and the silent treatment until your hearts heal.

It's about growing together because your love is stronger than all struggles..

Then...forgiveness!

It's coming home to the same person everyday that you know loves and cares about you, in spite of and because of who you are.

It's laughing about all times you accidentally did something stupid.

It's about dirty laundry and unmade beds without finger pointing.

It's about helping each other with the hard work of life!

It's about swallowing the nagging words instead of saying them out loud.

It's about eating the cheapest and easiest meal you can make and sitting down together to eat because you both had a crazy day.

It's when you have an emotional breakdown, and your love lays with you and holds you and tells you everything is going to be okay, and you believe them.

It's when "Netflix and Chill" literally means you watch Netflix and hang out.

It's about still loving someone even though sometimes they make you absolutely insane, angry, and hurt your feelings.

Who loves you for fat or thin, happy or grumpy, young or old.

Marriage, being in love with the person you love is not perfect, and sometimes it's hard, but it's amazing, comforting, and one of the best things you'll ever experience.

This Saturday James and I will have been married 6 years and we give thanks for that. I also put a picture from that happy and memorable day

in St Michael's where we asked for a picture to be taken of all those who could join us on that day.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and stay safe

Shellie



I'm supposed to be at school today...

I'm supposed to be at school today
But mum says I can't go
'It's our turn on the bikes' I said
But she hugged me and said 'No'

I get to play at home today
And sit and watch TV
Dad's been on his phone all day
But it doesn't bother me

Mum made us ring Gran today
And I said that I had grown
I told them both my favourite joke
And Gran laughed loud down the phone

No-one's playing on my street today
And I'm getting bored of TV
I got a bit upset and sad
Then mum sat me on her knee

She said
'It all feels a little strange today
Not just for you, but for me
It won't be like this forever, my love
Just you wait and see

Dad came off his computer today
And helped me read my book
Both our tummies started rumbling
So then he taught me how to cook

I played out in the yard today
And found some bugs within the grass
My neighbour saw me through her window
And waved at me through the glass

Guess what? I went back to school today
And all my friends came back too
My classroom looked exactly the same
And my teacher said 'I missed you'

Gran came round for tea today
And said something to me
'You must remember this time, my dear
'Cause they'll teach this in History

Lucy Short



The current state of things:

Pastors: I'm going to 26 meetings a week to figure out how to have in-person church.

People: We're watching church on the couch, wearing pajamas and drinking coffee, and we can mute you. We're good.



I finally remember what Zoom meetings remind me of.



WHAT THE HEK

**DID I JUST
TOUCH**

**Though I walk thru the shadow of death
I fear no evil**

"You not even watching the movie"

Me: Yes I am

EXCUSE ME

**COULD YOU DIRECT ME TO THE
CARROT PATCH PLEASE?**



When someone's telling a story and you tryna look interested but really you jus thinking bout what you gon eat later



when u say ur going to take an hour nap and wake up 10 hours later





YORKSHIRE DALES
National Park

A little
space goes
a long way

← 2m →

What does
2 metres
look like?

Accessible large green spaces like National Parks can be refreshing places to exercise while **social distancing**, when done safely and responsibly.

RESPECT THE LAND

RESPECT THE COMMUNITY

RESPECT EACH OTHER



← 2m →

9 x Red Squirrels



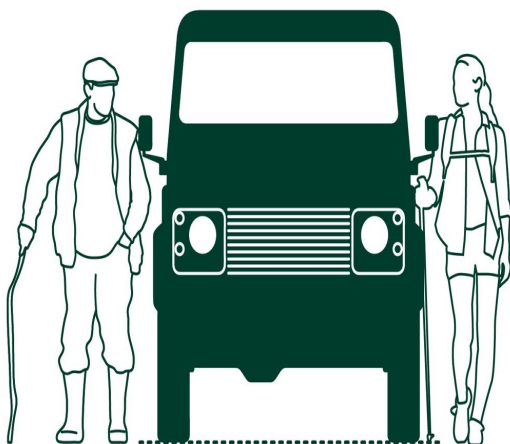
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3 x Spaniels



← 2m →

2 x Swaledale Ewes

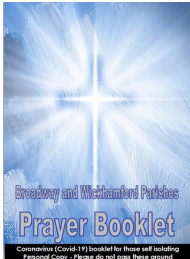


← 2m →

1 x Land Rover

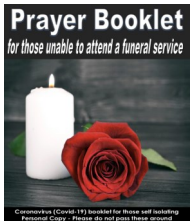
Coronavirus / Covid 19 update

Prayer Booklet



Prayer Booklet for June

<https://shelliem.wordpress.com/2020/05/30/june-prayer-booklet/>



This prayer booklet is for people unable to attend a funeral

<https://shelliem.wordpress.com/2020/03/29/prayer-booklet-for-those-unable-to-attend-a-funeral/>

Go to church this Sunday (virtually)

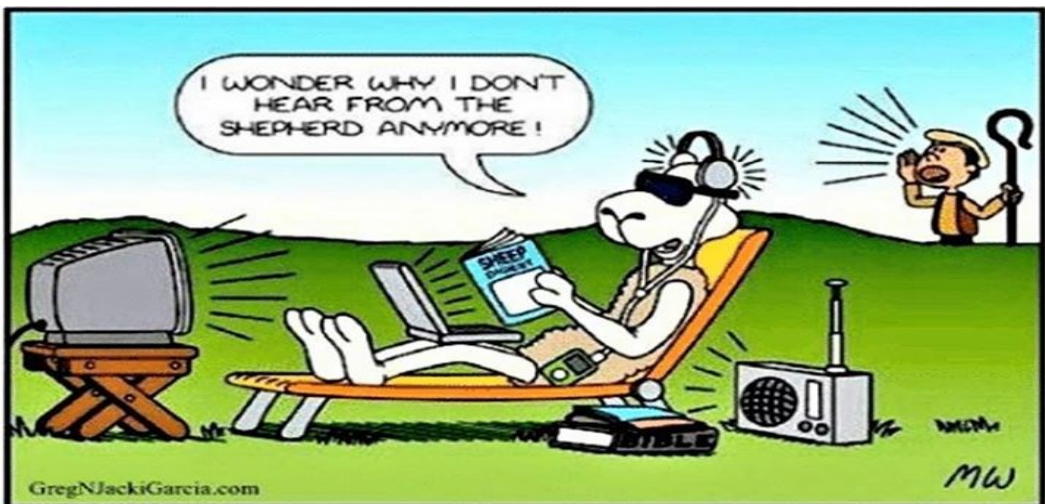
You can watch (and rewatch) the Church of England's virtual Sunday services:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Radio 3—Choral Evensong 3pm

Radio 4—Morning worship 8am

BBC radio—Hereford and Worcester—8am



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
— JOHN 10:27 NIV



Broadway Coronavirus Support Network

There is a group of people who have formed a group with many volunteers—The Broadway Coronavirus Support Network—
<https://www.facebook.com/broadwaycoronasupportnetwork>

This is updated regularly on Facebook.

(UPDATED 7pm SAT 21/03) To all residents in the Parish of Broadway

We are so far a very small group of villagers working together with the Parish Council as we would like to provide help to our fellow residents during the current Coronavirus pandemic.

We are in the process of setting this page and network up so please bear with us whilst we pull together the relevant parties to assist.

This FREE service is available to residents within the Parish of Broadway who are self-isolating, vulnerable or have underlying health issues that prevent them from going to public places.

Please contact us if you require assistance with local shopping, prescription collections, posting letters or anything else you are struggling with, or if you would simply like a friendly chat over the phone:

Contact:

Tel: Revd Michelle (Shellie)Ward - 07780002565.

E-mail: broadwayvillagenetwork@gmail.com

One of our coordinators will then put you in touch with a helper who lives near to you.

*PLEASE NOTE - we will also aim to provide all of the details on leaflets and posters so that those who do not use online services can easily access the same help.

Please do not feel isolated or that you shouldn't be asking for help. We are all here for each other during this difficult time! Your contact details will only be shared with your designated Broadway Helper. We won't keep records, or publicise your details or ask you for money.

This free service will be available until the British government / W.H.O. has declared that the pandemic is no longer a threat.

*PLEASE NOTE

** We cannot provide medical advice / assistance or lifts to medical appointments or elsewhere. If you require this type of help please contact Cotswold Friends, a local charity:

Telephone 01608 651415 info@cotswoldsfriends.org

We will aim to work with our local stores provide delivery services.
The following Broadway businesses offer local delivery, and you can place your orders over the phone and pay with your bank card: We will add to this list as we go;

UPDATED FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

BROADWAY FOOD / MEALS / SHOPPING DELIVERIES

COLLINS OF BROADWAY BUTCHERS

01386 852061 for any orders big or small.

WAYSIDE FARM SHOP can take orders, payment and deliver to door as well as collection; Wayside also doing roast **01386 830 546**

CO OP - offering food orders online between 10am -1pm on Tues, Weds,Thurs. Call order and pay on **01386 842870** and they will organise the food.

For those self- isolating due to illness, or those vulnerable / elderly you can then call us when you have made payment and we will arrange delivery **07780 002565**.

NISA LOCAL - BIBSWORTH AVENUE

Set up for online payment and delivery. If you wish to place an order please phone **01386 859218** before 2pm.

Also offering a drive through service - phone with order, pull up outside and it goes in the boot.

THE BROADWAY DELI – Call the boys on **07483 404497** for Deli food, letter posting, newspapers ... whatever you need :)

THE BROADWAY WINE COMPANY

Call **01386 852 501** to order your Wine, minimum of 6 bottles for home delivery.

JOHN BARLEYCORN

Selection of quality local beers, ciders, wines, loads of gins & other spirits from small British distilleries, jams, honey etc. Free delivery (on orders over £20) in Broadway and to the local area, up to 5 miles. Any orders outside this area might be subject to a delivery fee. **01386 854938** only between 9am-2pm Tuesday-Saturday with your order.

THE BAKEHOUSE

Offering fresh, daily prepped Bake@Home ready meals delivered to door. Weds – Saturday. Details on website, Telephone **01386 852277**.

www.thebakehousebroadway.co.uk/bakeathome

**** If you need a volunteer to pick up a few urgent essentials for you from the local shops please ensure you have some cash at home or a cheque book. All cash should be placed in an envelope.**

We're here to help!

Other Useful Information **found on Facebook or other places online**

Barn Close Surgery

5th May 2020

Barn close Surgery remains affected by the current lockdown. We are operating as a "Blue" site for telephone and video consultations. Please ensure that we have your latest mobile telephone numbers to enable video consultations.

We are also an Amber zone for face to face consultations for non respiratory or cardiac conditions. Appointments are limited due to the need for reducing face to face consultations and social distancing requirements. If it is felt that you would benefit from a face to face consultation we will give you strict instructions.

Our Red zone is operating at De Montfort medical centre in Evesham. We will advise you whether you need to attend the Red zone on the basis of your presenting condition.

8th May 2020 Bank Holiday. The surgery is closed for "normal" business and you will be unable to collect medication that you have ordered.

If you require urgent care that cannot wait until the surgery is next open, then please call the surgery and listen to the instructions.

Thankyou again for all your patience and kind will at this difficult time.

www.barnclose.co.uk



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Broadway, Worcestershire

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Re-Opening for Takeaway

**Customer collection only,
no pre-orders accepted**

4.30pm to 8.00pm

Tues-Weds-Thurs-Fri-Sat

**Our website is now live
to take your orders!**

We are currently able to deliver
flowers in & around Broadway,
within a radius of 12 miles.

Thank you!



Delivery Menu

Delivery is £3 for orders in Broadway, Childswickham & Willersey.

Burgers

All Served In Peter Cook's Brioche Buns

No.32 Burger £8

Dry Aged Beef Burger, Streaky Bacon, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Gherkin, Red Onion & Paprika Mayo

Pulled Pork Burger £7

Harissa Spiced Pulled Pork, Cheese, Red Cabbage 'Slaw' & Homemade BBQ Sauce

Bacon Burger £8

Dry Aged Beef Burger, Cheese, Streaky Bacon, Bacon Jam & Baconnaise

'Imposter' Burger £8

100% Plant Based Burger, Caramelised Red Onion, Grilled Halloumi, Lettuce, Tomato, Gherkin & Garlic Mayo

Pizzas

Margherita £12

Tomato, Mozzarella, Oregano & Basil

Hawaiian £13

Tomato Base, Bacon, Parma Ham, Pineapple & Mozzarella

Pulled Pork £13

Tomato Base, Harissa Spiced Pulled Pork, Bacon, Jalapenos, Red Onion & Mozzarella

Zeus £13

Tomato Base, Sun Blushed Tomatoes, Olives, Artichoke, Spinach, Red Onion, Halloumi & Mozzarella

Feast of Meat £14

Tomato Base, Pepperoni, Salami, Bacon, Parma Ham, Mozzarella, Rocket & Balsamic

Sides

Skin on Fries £3

Rosemary Salt

Sweet Potato Fries £4

Halloumi Fries £5

Pineapple & Chilli Salsa, Hot Sauce

Red Cabbage 'Slaw' £3

Homemade Sauces

Roast Garlic Mayo £0.5

Smoky BBQ Sauce £0.5

Paprika Mayo £0.5

Baconnaise £1

Beer Battered Cod and Chips - £8.00

Chicken Goujons and Chips - £8.00

Breaded Scampi and Chips - £8.00

Battered Halloumi and Chips - £7.00

Paddock Farm Sausage & Chips - £7.00

Chips - £2.50

Large Chips - £3.00

To contact us please use email as the telephone will
not always be answered

info@russellsofbroadway.co.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage
everyone to stay safe, wash your hands, support the
vulnerable people around you as well as small local
businesses wherever possible.

Ross, Andrew & Gavnor Rilev & team.

Information from the Diocese

Live Streaming of services

You can follow the links to these churches online via the diocesan page: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/2020/03/16/coronavirus-latest-information/>
I have chosen, for now, to offer a WhatsApp group where we can pray, share and communicate as a benefice—if you wish to join the group please send me your mobile number and download the app. There is always the prayer booklet on our churches website and a hard copy is in church.

The following churches will be live streaming. Please do point people to these if you're not able to stream worship yourself.

Worcester Cathedral will be streaming their 8.30am service each morning on the Cathedral Facebook page. (From Sunday 22 March)

All Saints in Worcester are streaming 11am morning prayer and 10pm Compline as well as a Sunday service at 10.30am on YouTube.

Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill will be streaming their Sunday service at 10.45am on YouTube.

Malvern Link with Cowleigh parish will be streaming a 9.45am Eucharist and 11.15am Contemporary Worship on Sundays on their Facebook page.

Christ Church, Lye will be streaming prayers and a sermon at 11am on Sunday morning on their Facebook page.

East Vale and Avon benefice are putting together a series of online services which can be accessed through their website.

Holy Trinity & St Matthew, Ronkswood, Worcester will be live streaming worship via Zoom on Sunday at 10am and 6pm. Details about how to join in are on the parish website.

St Mary, Old Swinford, Stourbridge is live streaming services on Thursdays at 10.30am and Sunday at 10am. More details on the parish website

St Peter, Cradley is live streaming daily morning prayer at 8.30am and Compline in the late afternoon through their Facebook page

Hagley and Clent are offering Sunday worship at 10.30am via Zoom and all are welcome to join them. Contact the Rector, Richard Newton for more details.

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.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



I wanted to make people aware.... guide dogs haven't been trained in social distancing and queuing to get in a shop. If you see a guide dog heading straight for the shop door and not joining the queue, that is what they have been trained to do. They're not being rude or intentionally queue jumping. Also, if you see them walking down the street, remember, they haven't been trained to social distance, so it is up to us, the sighted people, to give them the space. Hope that helps my many guide dog owner friends in these really difficult and challenging times.

For those suffering **domestic abuse**, isolation will be a terrifying prospect and **significantly increase the risk of harm**.

If you, or anyone you know is **in need of help**, please reach out to Women's Aid, us, a trusted friend or family member and consider using a code word to communicate safely.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: **0808 2000 247**



www.fb.com/groups/wearethemotherload

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



Mental health

The Church of England has produced some mental health reflections to help you in this time of uncertainty. You can access them at: cofe.io/MentalHealth.

The Mental Health Foundation has also produced some useful resources, which can be found at: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

You can find a host of other mental health resources from a variety of different organisations and charities. <https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/toolkit/coronavirus-and-isolation-supporting-yourself-and-your-colleagues/>

Some helpful books and resources are also available from Sacristy Press at <https://www.sacristy.co.uk/books/coronavirus-church-resources#>



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Every little helps

NEVER FORGET
how far you've come. Everything you
have gotten through. All the times you have
pushed on even when you felt you couldn't.
All the mornings you got out of bed no matter
how hard it was. All the times you wanted to give
up but you got through another day. Never
forget how much strength you have
developed along the way.

Edmhss.org



Archbishop of Canterbury

15 June at 17:40 · 🌐

It's always a joy to see Cardinal Vincent Nichols.
Today we needed to keep distant as we visited
Westminster Cathedral

and

Westminster Abbey

to mark the reopening of church buildings for individual prayer.
We continue to give thanks for all those battling the pandemic
and pray for a renewal of our common life.



Make History with Paperchains

When the history of the 2020 Lockdown is written it shouldn't be just-the-usual voices that document it. We have created Paperchains to bring attention to those with experience of prison, armed services, or homelessness, and their families.

These are the voices we feel are often less heard.

Paperchains will be a book and 2021 exhibition of responses to the lockdown be it a journal entry, short story, a poem, a drawing, sketch or painting.

Send entries (one per person) to
Paperchains, PO Box 7482
Stourbridge DY8 9HH

DEADLINE: July 5th 2020



@Paperchains5



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**TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER**

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View what's
right for you

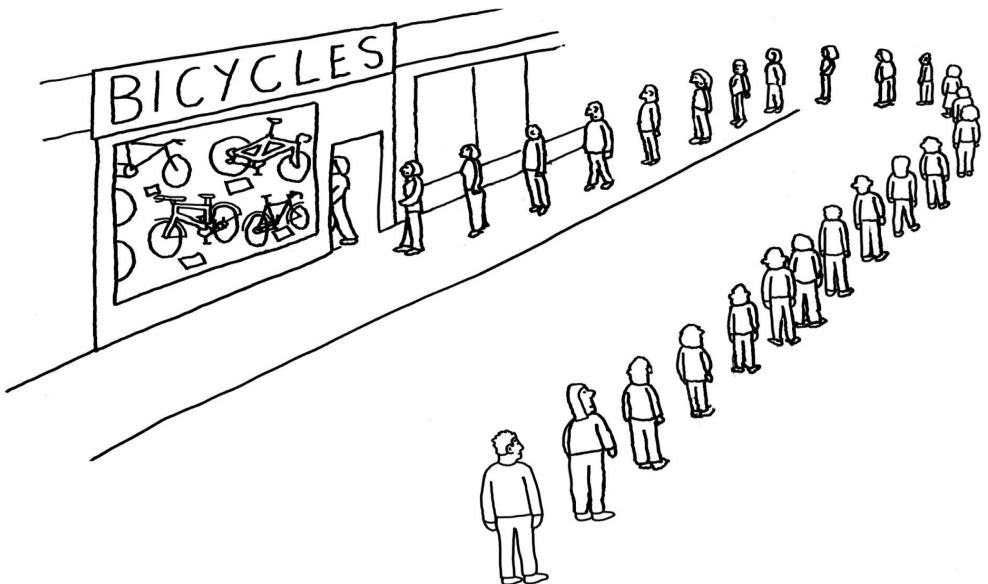


**THE BIG
ISSUE**

SCRAGENDS

Story
Machine
Productions

SAVING THE ECONOMY



WITHOUT WRECKING THE PLANET

When your cat watches too much Master Chef...



"Alexa - write Sunday's sermon for me!"

Monday washing

I'M JUST POPPING TO THE
NON-ESSENTIAL SHOPS...
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING
WE DON'T NEED?



You can't open it
till your birthday—
It's a surprise

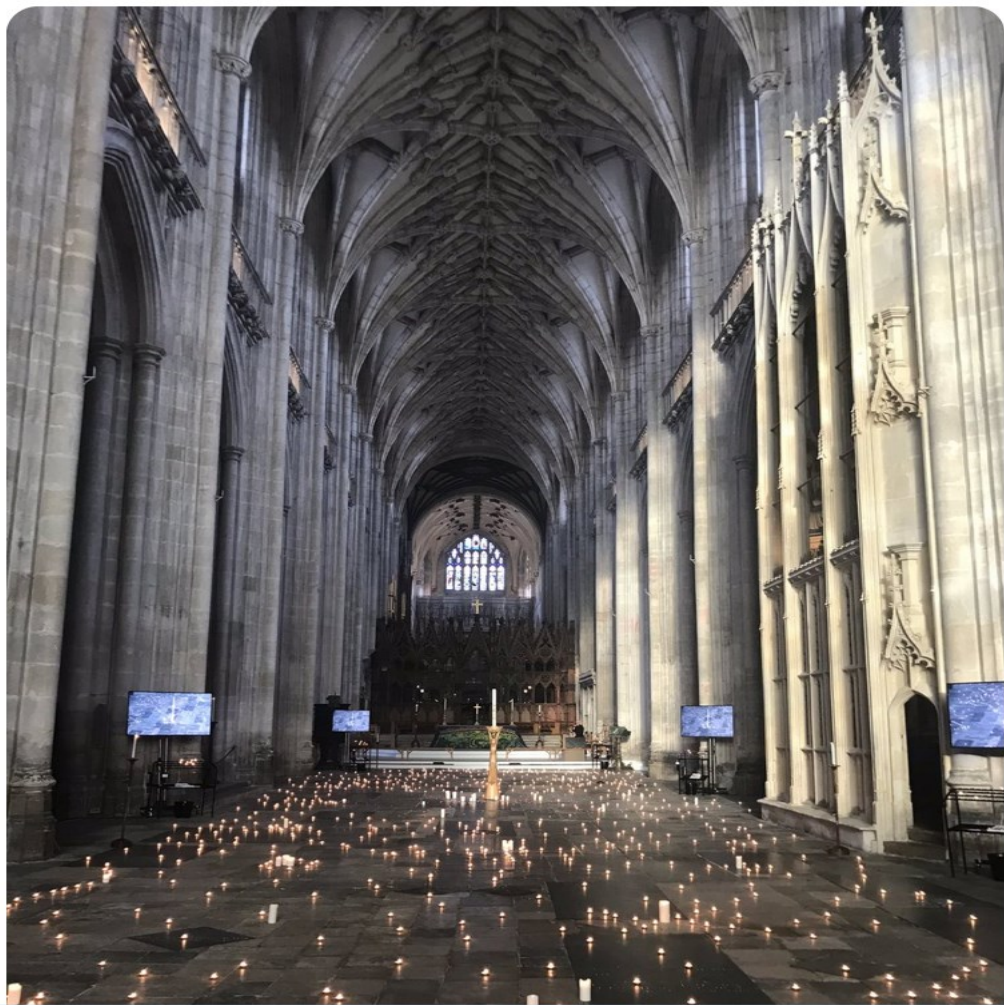




Catherine Ogle
@CatherineOgle



Over 1000 candles lit this evening
[@WinCathedral](#) each represents &
honours someone who has died with
Coronavirus in Hampshire [#memorial](#)
[#prayer](#)



I don't believe time heals everything.

It helps, it does.

After awhile you won't cry about it all the time.

It won't consume your every thought anymore.

You do get better.

You'll laugh,

And smile.

You'll even have a lot of great days.

But it's still there.

You just learn to live with it.

This is how things are now.

So you get used to it.

But,

That doesn't mean it ever goes away.

It's still deep in your soul.

Still makes you cry when you think about it too much.

**Still stops you in your tracks when something
reminds you of it.**

**You'll have those moments
where your heart hurts really bad.**

I don't think time heals everything

Sure it gets better,

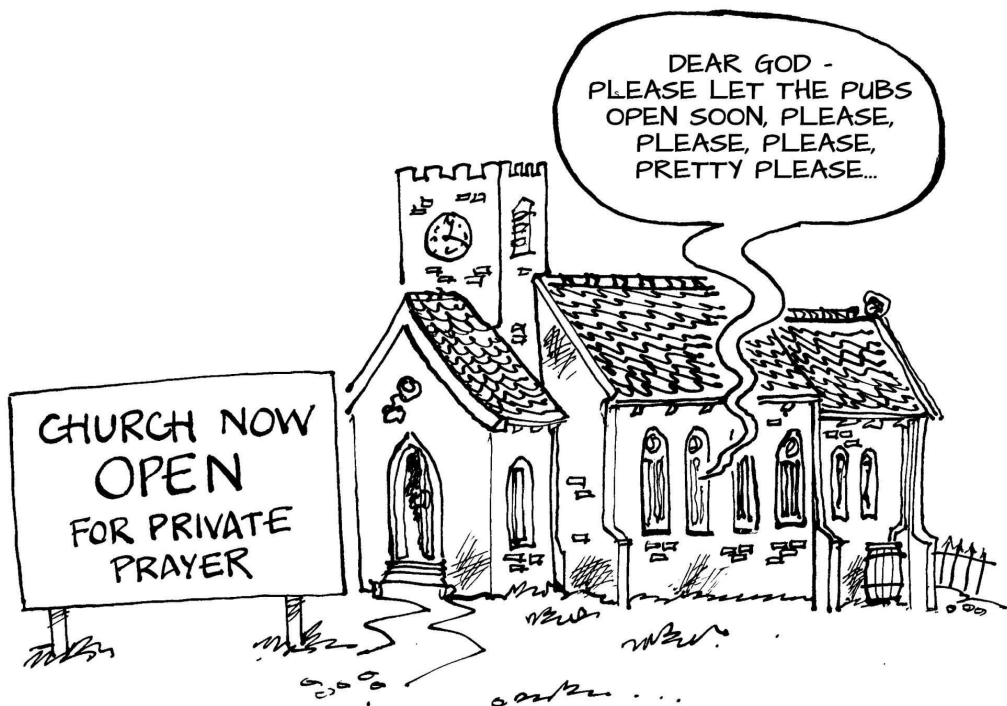
But it's a scar that never goes away.

A broken bone that still aches on rainy days.

Melinda Caroline

One awesome thing about Eeyore is that even though he is basically clinically depressed, he still gets invited to participate in adventures and shenanigans with all his friends. They never expect him to pretend to feel happy, they never leave him behind or ask him to change,
THEY JUST SHOW HIM LOVE.



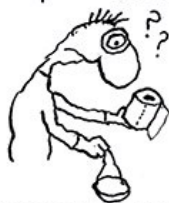


YES, MORE CORONAVIRUS... SORRY.

The most common danger with self quarantine is mental illness



For instance, there are reports that some people are getting toilet paper mixed up with face masks.



Getting simple things mixed up could indicate that cabin fever has struck... or that you are going stir crazy.



While using toilet paper as a face mask can be funny, using a face mask for toilet purposes is disturbing, sorrowful and very difficult.

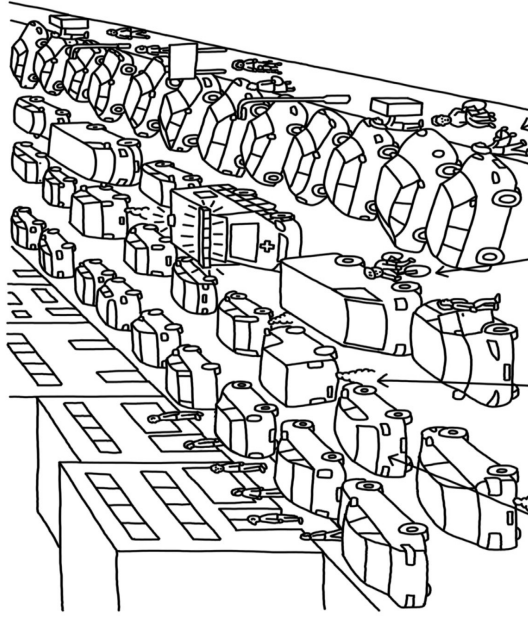


SO GOOD LUCK!

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DECISION TIME

BACK TO NORMAL, OR FAST TRACK TO THE FUTURE?

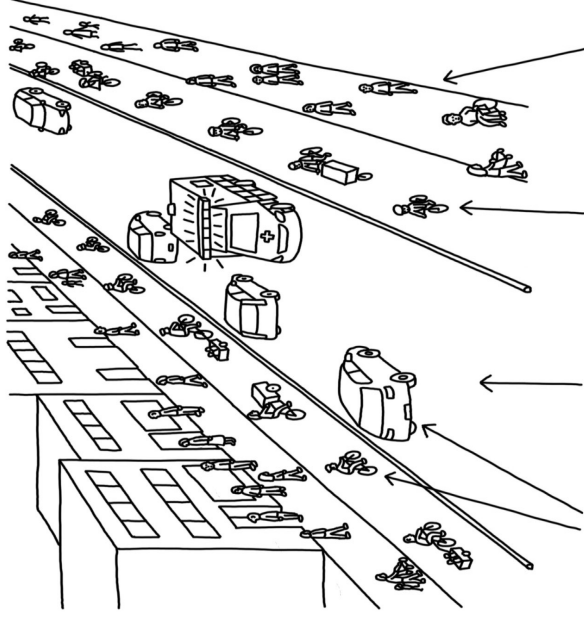


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WORKERS
STUCK IN
TRAFFIC

POLLUTION
AFFECTING
EVERYONE

NO SAFE
SPACE FOR
CYCLING

NO SPACE
FOR
SOCIAL
DISTANCING



KEY
WORKERS
CAN GET
TO WORK

CLEANER
AIR
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