

Vicar and Curate's Musings

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

Vicar's Musings

I saw this picture of Button Moon the other day asking how many remember it....so I wonder how many of you remember it? If you do you'll probably find that the music is now stuck in your head....it makes me smile every time and I hadn't realised they used a Heinz Baked Beans tin for the rocket!

Well this week has been different in the way we've had a zoom conference with the diocese. After a while your eyes can become itchy so to make sure this didn't happen and I baked some Christmas cakes. Surprisingly as soon as I posted this on Facebook saying the house smelt amazing I had 5 people ask for some to be reserved!!! (I hope they taste as good as they smell).



Another fundraiser is our Christmas Grand Draw which we still hope to have, but differently this year. Could people donate a prize to me at the vicarage and we will have tickets produced and we ask you to sell them to friends and family as we can't sell them to on Christmas Shopping Nights this year (as you may have heard it isn't happening this year). We will also be selling tickets via our website as well.



I've been thinking about services and what we can offer for special services and the hope is that on Remembrance Sunday we can meet at the War Memorial on Broadway High Street at 10.45am for an act of Remembrance followed by a short service outside (Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines permitting).

This got me thinking about our All Souls service where we remember our loved ones. This year we won't be able to hold the service as we usually would and we invite you to help us decorate the Christmas Tree in St Michael's and make it a memory tree this year. On the Sunday 1st November we invite you to bring a bauble / tree decoration with your loved one's name on it that you wish to remember and cherish. To then place it in the basket provided. (Be as creative as you wish.)

You will be a have the option of taking a candle away with you to pray and light at home. If you can't come on the 1st November don't worry you can always bring it another time or drop it off at the vicarage.

The Church of England have suggested this prayer:



Loving God,
thank you for all those who have shaped our lives,
but whom we no longer see.
Help us to remember them well,
and trust that they are
at peace with you.
Amen.

It's important in these times that we can still remember even in a different way and celebrate the life of a cherished and missed love one. I do hope you take the time to put a name on a tag / bauble / tree decoration / or make your own and bring it to church—we would love to see our Christmas Memory Tree covered in names and pray for each and everyone on there.

Stay safe

Shellie



ALL SOULS

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2020

12PM-4PM

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BROADWAY

We invite you to make a
decoration / bauble
for our Christmas tree this year
with the name of your loved one
you wish to remember.

Loving God,
thank you for all those
who have shaped our lives,
but whom we no longer see.
Help us to remember them well,
and trust that they are
at peace with you.
Amen.

If you can't get on the 1st or Covid-19
restrictions Change please drop off / post
to Shellie at

The Vicarage, Church Street, Broadway WR12 7AE



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

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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



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 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 4th, 11th & 25th October for Morning Worship & 18th
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>

Friends of St Eadburgha's

Harvest Festival Sunday 27th September 2020

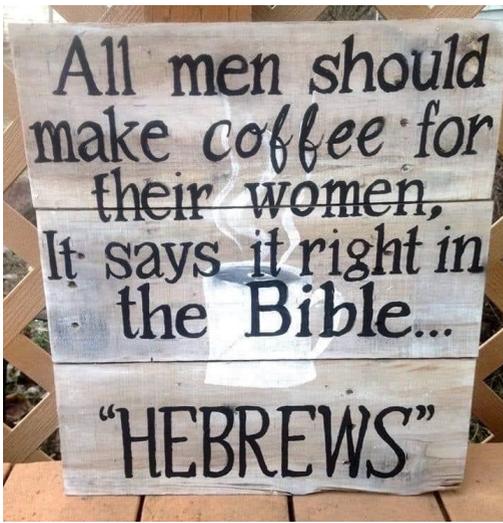
Thank you to all who brought foodbank gifts for caring hands to the Car boot harvest collection. Also to the Friend's of St Eadburgha's and Michael & Sara Ayshford Sanford for organising it.



Sometimes I just want it to stop. Talk of COVID, protests, looting, brutality. I lose my way. I become convinced that this “new normal” is real life. Then I meet an 87-year-old who talks of living through polio, diphtheria, Vietnam protests and yet is still enchanted with life.

He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must be especially challenging for him.

“No,” he said slowly, looking me straight in the eyes. “I learned a long time ago to not see the world through the printed headlines, I see the world through the people that surround me. I see the world with the realization that we love big. Therefore, I just choose to write my own headlines. **“Husband loves wife today.” “Family drops everything to come to Grandma’s bedside.”** He patted my hand. **“Old man makes new friend.”**”



It's with great sadness I have to inform all my family and friends that in the early hours of this morning our much loved turkey Paxo has passed away.

Due to the Covid-19 situation the funeral will be at ours at 14.00 pm on the 25th December 2020.

As we have a limit of 30 guests at present including the turkey please let me know ASAP if you are able to attend. Obviously Covid-19 restrictions will apply at all times.

No flowers please but if you would like to make a contribution things like potatoes, carrots, pigs in blankets and Yorkshire puddings will do, but if you would prefer to bring alcohol to toast our dear turkey Paxo that would be lovely.

Please note starters and puddings are already sorted.



ACTS 29

AND IT CAME TO PASS, when Paul was at Corinth, he and certain disciples came upon a mob that was stoning an organist. ² And Paul said unto them, "What then hath he done unto thee that his head should be bruised?" ³ And the people cried with one voice, "He hath played too loud. ⁴ Yea, in the singing of psalms, he maketh our heads to ring as if they were beaten with hammers. ⁵ Behold, he sitteth up high in the loft, and mighty are the pipes and mighty is the noise thereof, and though there be few of us below, he nonethless playeth with all the stops, the Assyrian trumpet stop and the stop of the ram's horn and the stop that soundeth like the sawing of stone, and we cannot hear the words that cometh out of our own mouths. ⁶ He always tosseth in variations that confuse us mightily and he playeth loud and discordant and always in a militant tempo, so that we have not time to breathe as we sing. ⁷ Lo, he is a plague upon the faith and should be chastised." ⁸ Paul, hearing this, had himself picked up a small stone, and was about to cast it, but he set it down, and bade the organist come forward. ⁹ He was a narrow man, pale of complexion, dry, flaking, thin of hair. ¹⁰ And Paul said unto him, "Why hath thou so abused thy brethren?" ¹¹ And the organist replied, "I could not hear them singing from where I sat, and therefore played the louder so as to encourage them." ¹² And Paul turned round to the mob and said loudly, "Let him who has never played an organ cast the first stone." ¹³ And they cast stones for a while until their arms were tired and Paul bade the organist repent and he did. ¹⁴ And Paul said unto him, "Thou shalt take up the flute and play it for thirty days, to cleanse thy spirit," and afterward they returned to Corinth and sang psalms unaccompanied and then had coffee and were refreshed in the faith.

One for All and All for One?

by the Very Revd Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's, member of General Synod and Vice-Chair of the Ozanne Foundation

<https://viamedia.news/2020/09/21/one-for-all-and-all-for-one/>



The words which bind together Alexander Dumas' *Three Musketeers* are also the unofficial motto of Switzerland, and date back at least to Shakespeare. It might well be a Christian motto too, echoing Paul's reference to Jesus' cross and resurrection ('one has died for all', 2 Corinthians 5.14) and affirming our loyalty to him, and to one another as members of Christ's body.

But it's not a motto which the Church is or has been good at living out. The COVID-19 pandemic, Extinction Rebellion, Black Lives Matter and *Living in Love and Faith* together open a window of opportunity – of necessity – for the Church to do things differently. We are offered the chance to live radically with difference. But will we take it?

In his [September 15th blog on Via Media](#), Charlie Bell highlighted the importance of 'intersectionality' and that the Church has largely ignored it. Most people, including many Christians, will be unaware of the word (I had to look it up!). But nearly all of us, whether Christian or not, are caught up in what it refers to. Formally, it means the interconnection of various forms of oppression. That's often what people experience: for example, an older black trans working-class person living in poverty suffers in themselves the intersection of multiple discriminations and oppression.

But as Charlie Bell noted, this also applies to struggles for justice. Solidarity together by those oppressed in different ways is a powerful response, affirming intersectionality. Think of Desmond Tutu's 'Rainbow Nation' and the welcome given to gay people as well as people of all colours – though this isn't a welcome affirmed by the whole Church. Which is why the Church is perceived as oppressive: because it divides people and makes different rules to apply to them. On 'theological' or 'practical' grounds we split up those who are discriminated against – by the Church and by others – into different categories. We encourage them to remain in their boxes as individual problems to be solved, rather than taking the risk of helping them come together to work for shared love and justice for all God's people, of whatever age, sex, gender, race, (dis)ability, sexual orientation, marital status or belief.

There's nothing new in this. The New Testament offers the picture of a Church called to live in radical love and justice, preaching the gospel of God's loving salvation for all equally, living together in mutual love; and at the same time the picture of a Church struggling to make this real in practice. Whether it's the book of Acts describing Palestinian and Hellenist Jewish believers squabbling over money in Jerusalem, or tensions between Gentiles and Jews in the early churches; or Paul addressing disunity in Corinth and elsewhere; or John writing about God's love while excluding others from that love – the Church has had to work hard, and often failed, to transcend the social divisions and prejudices of the world around it, and has too often aided and abetted oppression rather than brought justice and love.

Ask black people about the churches' role in profiting from slavery and its support for the injustices of the British Empire in the past, and their experiences of racism in churches in the present. Ask working-class people of any colour about how welcome they feel their ministry

is to the church. Ask women, gay and trans people how they feel about churches continuing to exercise institutional discrimination against them. Ask the survivors of abuse in the churches how they have been treated by the systems meant to protect them.

How do we do it differently and together: 'One for all and all for one'? The *Living in Love and Faith* (LLF) process in the Church of England is an opportunity to work in an intersectional way, and open up the conversation to include people of disability, people of non-white colour and non-middle class background, women in ministry and those who don't believe they should be there – and of course LGBTI+ people who have often felt marginalised and excluded. But that requires local churches to not only own and take part in the LLF process, but to use it to listen and respond positively to all who have experienced structural oppression in church life, and look at how to work for justice not only within the church but also in the structures of society.

In a recent newspaper article the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London wrote of the need for local decision-making, with central authority doing only what it has to do. It was written against the background of disquiet about central Church of England guidance about responding to the coronavirus, to reaffirm the importance of parishes and local Christian communities in living out the Gospel of Christ locally in practical as well as spiritual ways. And if local churches don't take seriously the issues of oppression and social justice, then whatever archbishops may say, the Church of England as a whole will continue to relinquish its role and mar its commendation of the Christian gospel to the nation.

The point of being local, and maintaining thriving local churches, isn't to perpetuate the existence of the church; it's to transform people's lives and the life of society – to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with the Lord. Together. One for all and all for one.

IF YOU THINK GOD CAN'T USE YOU, REMEMBER...

Noah was a drunk * Abraham was too old * Isaac was a daydreamer * Jacob was a liar * Leah was ugly * Joseph was abused * Moses had a stuttering problem * Gideon was afraid * Sampson was a womanizer * Rahab was a prostitute * Jeremiah and Timothy were too young * David had an affair and was a murderer * Elijah was suicidal * Isaiah preached naked * Jonah ran from God * Naomi was a widow * Job went bankrupt * John the Baptist ate bugs * Peter denied Christ * The Disciples fell asleep while praying * Martha worried about everything * The Samaritan woman was divorced * Zaccheus was too small * Paul was too religious * Timothy had an ulcer * and Lazarus was dead

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

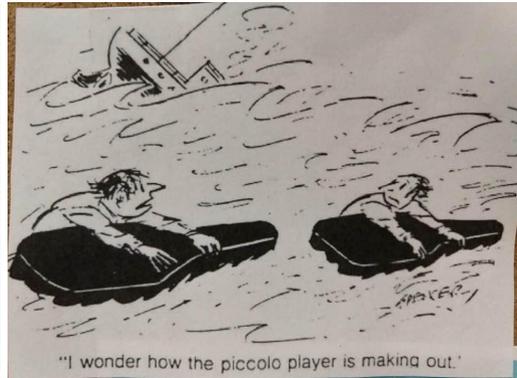
Please do not hesitate to contact any of the PCC members detailed in the Grapevine Parish Magazine or the Administrator through the online form.



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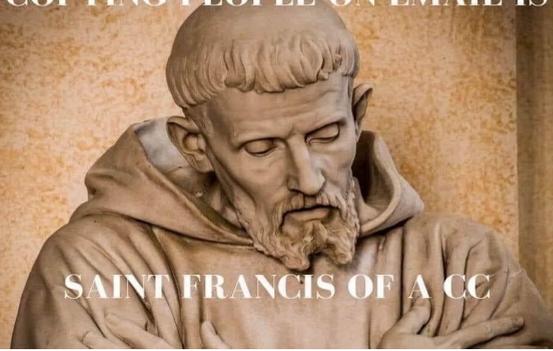


but I never got the chants.



"I wonder how the piccolo player is making out."

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I don't care how magnificent you are, the law says six.....

1:52 pm



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 9-5or8pm)

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

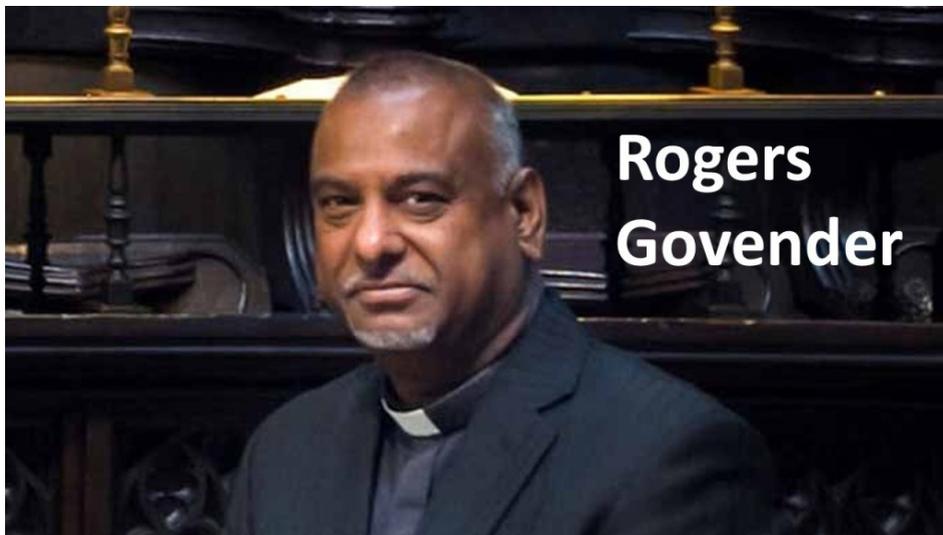
National Centre for Domestic Violence
0207 186 8270

Walking in Beauty

– Contemplation in times of Struggle, Suffering and Exclusion

by the Very Revd Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester

<https://viamedia.news/2020/10/02/walking-in-beauty-contemplation-in-times-of-struggle-suffering-and-exclusion/>



It is an accepted fact that we are currently living in extremely challenging times, especially made more so by Covid-19. We have always had the challenges of human sexuality, poverty, racism and injustice to deal with. What Cov-19 has done is to expose all these issues more starkly. Perhaps because we are more tuned into social media and world news we are experiencing more awareness? The murder of George Floyd hit the news very quickly – I remember following the street protests on a live Facebook feed as it was happening. I was able to post my disgust and anger in seconds.

During the recent Pride season, I decided to fly the Rainbow Flag on the tower of my Cathedral. It was well received apart from a letter of complaint from a group of clergy. My initial reaction was that it would have been good to receive such a letter when I was speaking prophetically at services and on the news media on the racism being exposed by Black Lives Matter! No such support against racism was

offered to me by these clergy colleagues. However, when the issue of human sexuality emerges I suddenly receive a letter of complaint! Is this the Church that I am part of, a Church that wants to grow God's Kingdom? I think our Lord must weep over his Church and the exclusion and injustice that we often collude with.

It is a great temptation to become bitter and angry at one another and the world because of the lack of compassion and injustice that we witness on a daily basis, often in the Church of God. And I have only touched on two major issues in our society! As Christians and especially as Christian priests we are called to a life of love and compassionate service. If we are to serve the people of God then it is our life of prayer and contemplation that we need to be immersed in.

Without a regular routine of prayer and the practise of a contemplative heart we can easily lose the vision of something greater than our prejudices and our sadness that accompanies it. We can easily lose our vision of Jesus and God's kingdom.

So, I want to turn our attention to the writings of Fr Richard Rohr, a Catholic priest in New Mexico and one of my spiritual mentors.

He once wrote an article 'Walk in Beauty' in which he encourages us to recognize the beauty of the world despite its many disfigurements. In his article he cites a prayer of the Navajo people in New Mexico from decades ago, which I particularly love. I mention it here as I want to suggest that we too need to be anchored to God in the midst of the huge challenges we face by 'contemplating beauty'.

In beauty I walk
With beauty before me I walk
With beauty behind me I walk
With beauty above me I walk
With beauty around me I walk
It has become beauty again
It has become beauty again
It has become beauty again
It has become beauty again

There is much beauty in our towns, cities, villages and rural areas. There is much beauty in one another. We simply need to be more aware of the beauty of our surroundings and recognize it in the sounds around us, in drumming, in the voices of people, etc. as we open our hearts and minds to our surroundings. This is how we recognize the divine in all things.

Michael Cassidy the great South African Evangelist in his book 'The Politics of Love' (p.253) cites Job who 'in the depths of his problems and agonies began to question God and received back a shattering questionnaire from the God in whom all power resides'. The power we need to navigate the challenges of prophetic witness is found in God – cf Job 38:4, 8–11. It is only when we lose our life in and for Christ, that we will find it says Jesus in Matthew 16:25. So the ability to recognise the beauty around us in the midst of so many challenges and crises (not least in Covid-19) is found in the incredible life of Jesus who saw possibilities of healing and wholeness in broken human beings and in a broken and bruised world.

Quoting Fr Richard Rohr again:

"I invite you to return to the Navajo prayer above when you have the space and time to literally move or walk with it. If you're able to walk, you might take off your shoes and walk barefoot. Move slowly, noticing the sensations in your body—discomfort, surprise, challenge, pleasure, ease. Take in your surroundings with a soft, receptive gaze. What do you see? Listen to whatever there is to hear—your own breathing, birds, traffic. You may choose to pay attention to one sense at a time or try to hold two simultaneously. Be present to what is. Walk or move in this way for several minutes or even half an hour. When you have ended, bow in gratitude for your body, for the beauty surrounding you, and for the beauty that will continue to follow you everywhere you go" – Adapted from Richard Rohr, an unpublished talk, February 2018, St. John XXIII Catholic Community, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This he says is a form of contemplation! I want to suggest, in the great tradition of our numerous contemplative spiritual writers, scholars, brothers and sisters of old that contemplating the beauty around us will keep us hopeful as fellow pilgrims who strive for the way of God's Kingdom. For this is the way of Jesus.

ESSENTIAL TECHNOLOGY
FOR THE NEXT DEBATE



helping one person might not change
the whole world,



but it could change the world for
one person.

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True friends are
those rare people who
come to find you in dark
places and lead you
back to the light.

—STEVEN AITCHISON



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WHEN LEAVING THE HOUSE...

2019:
Keys, Phone, Purse/Wallet

2020:
Keys, Phone, Purse/Wallet, Mask,
Hand Sanitizer, Samurai Sword,
Garlic, Written Will, Salt, Silver,
Rabbits Foot, Hornet Repellent,
Martial Arts Abilities, Stress Ball,
Holy Water

As new curates train for the ministry, the subject of self-discipline could sometimes be challenging.



Things Book Lovers Do

<p>Read several books at one time...</p> <p>©Adrienne Hedger</p>	<p>...while also having a stack of books to read next...</p> <p>HedgerHumor.com</p>	<p>...and keeping a running list of even MORE books you want.</p> <p></p>
<p>Feel happy when you remember you get to read your book later.</p> <p></p>	<p>Feel sad and lost when you finish a great book.</p> <p></p>	<p>Pause to appreciate a beautifully written sentence.</p> <p></p>
<p>See the cover of an old book and be transported back to your youth.</p> <p></p>	<p>Find joy and comfort in rereading a favorite book.</p> <p></p>	<p>Walk into a library or bookstore and say... I could live here!</p> <p></p>



Living well through the next six months

Living with COVID-19 will be hard for everyone this winter. The Prime Minister has asked us all to observe the Rule of Six. There are lessons and challenges that Christians can draw from this number to help us live well in these times.

> SIX MONTHS IS THE NEW HORIZON

Focus on Easter and lean back into the great themes of the church year.

> SIX DAYS TO WORK AND A SABBATH TO REST

Reclaim the gift of one day each week for rest and re-creation.

> SIX PEOPLE TO JOURNEY WITH

Rediscover church as small groups of people supporting one another.

> SIX WAYS TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

Identify the people and community organisations you can support.

> SIX PERCENT TO YOUR CHURCH

If your income is stable, increase your giving to sustain the local church.

> SIX PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

Pray for people you know to discover the riches of our faith.

"...neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8.37-39



David Runcorn



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I have carried this prayer with me for the last 20 years since I first came across it on a prayer card for the Lambeth Conference in 1998. It has never felt more relevant

Saviour Christ,
in whose way of love lies the secret
of all life and the hope of all people,
we pray for quiet courage
to match this hour.

We did not choose to be born
or to live in such an age:
but let its problems challenge us
its discoveries exhilarate us
its injustices anger us
its possibilities inspire us
and its vigour renew us
for your kingdom's sake.

Amen