

Vicar and Curate's Musings

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

Vicar's Musings

'Okay... let me just take a moment... I need to process this.' I've heard a lot recently. This I believe is due to the fact we are all learning a new vocabulary at the moment or sharing words that most of us rarely use; lockdown, social distancing, PPE, self-isolation, COVID-19, Coronavirus amongst others. We have also been experiencing a new kind of human physical spacing. The other day I was picking up some groceries for someone as part of Broadway's support group and the shop was limited in terms of floor space and there was a handful of people shopping. Everything felt uncomfortable and you could feel people's thinking process - I do not want to be too close to people but there is no room not to; it was awkward and weird.

So much of what we are experiencing is awkward and weird. And in the midst of these disjointed spaces and places that we find ourselves there is still God, who has not become removed or replaced but is near. When others can feel very far away at the moment it is important to remember that God can, and does, surround you and is with you.

There have been different descriptions from world leaders and individuals in how Coronavirus is named; the invisible killer, the unseen enemy and others. Yet, there is another that is often described as invisible and unseen but changes and influences that which is visible and seen - the living God.

The other side of this season in which we find ourselves is as unknown of what the next few days may bring to a way of life but I hope and pray that we will see a new way of being neighbours, a fairer and more caring society, a system or model or framework that has learnt from this for the good, for the better. Far too early to know and, perhaps, far too early to say. Maybe I think about the time post-this! because it helps to work through where we are and how best to care and support others. I do not know but I want to be changed by this in a way that I become more like the person God calls me to be. I pray this for each of us.

I do not know the effect on our environment being pushed to provide the energy for such a significant movement of people, meetings, organisations, businesses and churches operating online - I hope it is less than the more that is being achieved by the significant less amount of travel impact on the climate. Again, I hope the learning from this will be positive in the future for our world. On the other side, it has been, and will continue to be, an incredible blessing to be able to meet and pray with people, see family and friends, and share messages and images of hope and humour in connecting us together.

I have found it good to invite God into the space.
A short poem a friends of mine wrote came to my mind which I share:

Where to begin?
When it has no ending.
I bought a picture frame to resize a stretched image.

An image with everything:
Shadows and lights enmeshed
Cities and wildernesses unified
Tears dripping and love ripping
A picture of hope
With possibilities for a present reality.

Where to go?
When no isolated path can be found.
We can be strong.

We can breathe while we reframe our pictures.
While we search for the great Alleluia in the midst of this.
We can be
We can.

Turn swiftly, with all your heart, to God and be embraced. It is in Christ where community can be found, where disconnected parts exiled from each other can collide back together both beyond and within time and space.

It's hard to believe but it was only last year when we saw the images of Notre Dame burning. All of us in our own way build temples, our emblems of achievement and security. What's the temple you're building?... maybe it's your relationships, your career, money, family, home – the things we invest in, our temples which sometime will burn down or have the floods sweep them away, and which time will crumble to dust.
Many people think that if we're good, God will keep us from harm, and

nothing will go wrong. But the story of Jesus Christ tells us that God keeps us safe, not from harm but through harm: that our hope and security come, not from the temples we build, not from our own goodness or cleverness, but by putting our trust in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

It's not temples that take us through sorrow and death into new life, but Jesus himself, with us holding his hand as he leads us through death and resurrection, where he has gone before. This is very apparent this year when we can't worship in our buildings together this Easter but together corporately in our own homes as the disciples did.

The good news of Easter is that God through Jesus Christ is in the resurrection business; that the damage and destruction that we do, or that happens to us and others, isn't beyond renewal or hope.

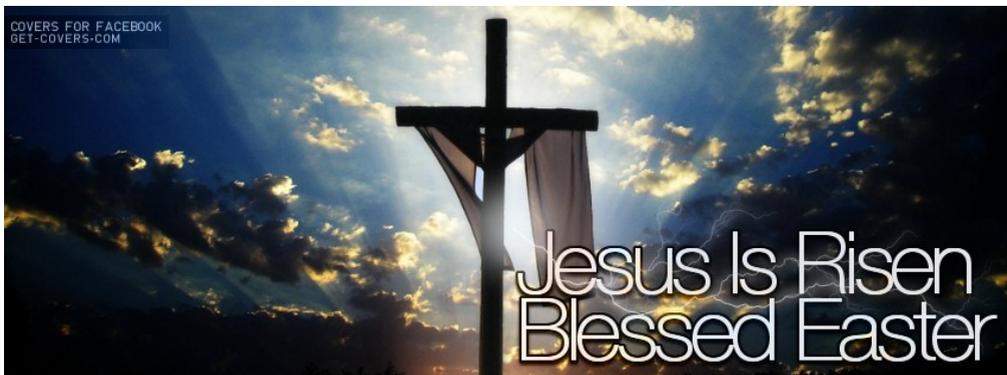
We can't change what's happened in the past: but God's love can transform the power of the past, so that instead of our sins and sorrows holding us captive, we can begin to live in hope renewed and find a new future.

So may Notre Dame de Paris we witnessed to the enduring power of the love of God in Jesus to bring resurrection and hope out of the power of death and destruction.

And may we too rise again, as we turn to Christ, and put our trust in him, put our life and death into his hands, as he leads us through the gate of death to a joyful resurrection.

I hope what ever this Easter brings we can all join in and say

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!



John Hincks

It is with sadness that I inform you that John passed away on 9th April at Worcester Royal Hospital.

Elizabeth is with Sue and our prayers are with Elizabeth, Sue and Julie and all the family and friends at this time.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

A post on Facebook:

This is a kairos moment in many ways - a painful and sad one, there can be no doubt, but also one filled with acts of love, transcending difference, and new community. A process of recalibrating and discovering once again who our neighbour truly is and who we really are.

A kairos moment.

Just for a moment
That I could be there
Rather than here

Just for a moment
All could be clear
Free from fear

Just for a moment
That I could be here
And you would be near

Just for a moment
The silence has returned
The beauty resurfaced

God is there
God is here
God is near

Just for a moment
All is clear.

by Lee

Sing Resurrection 10am Easter Sunday morning

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Also see attached pdf with explanation from Churches Together in England



These are the hands

These are the hands
That touch us first
Feel your head
Find the pulse
And make your bed.

These are the hands
That tap your back
Test the skin
Hold your arm
Wheel the bin

Change the bulb
Fix the drip
Pour the jug
Replace your hip.

These are the hands
That fill the bath
Mop the floor

Flick the switch
Soothe the sore
Burn the swabs
Give us a jab
Throw out sharps
Design the lab.

And these are the hands
That stop the leaks
Empty the pan
Wipe the pipes
Carry the can

Clamp the veins
Make the cast
Log the dose
And touch us last.

Michael Rosen

As Children's Poet Laureate, Michael Rosen was commissioned to write this poem to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the NHS in 2008. It is reproduced here by kind permission of the author.

Poems for...one world

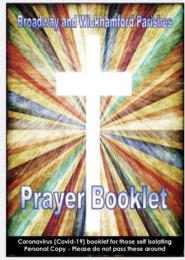
<https://poemsforthewall.org>



John Lewis Partnership



Coronavirus / Covid 19 update



Prayer Booklet

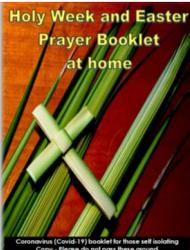
We've produced a prayer booklet for those self isolating and will produce another if this goes beyond April and will give you the new link to the digital version.

<https://shelliem.wordpress.com/.../prayer-booklet-for-those-.../>
[#pray](#) [#prayer Church of England Diocese of Worcester](#)



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/>



This booklet is specifically for Holy Week and Easter.

<https://shelliem.wordpress.com/2020/04/02/holy-week-and-easter-prayer-booklet/>

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



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

Matt Matterson of Fleece Road has very kindly made an offer of help for NHS staff and key workers in Broadway who may have concerns about their cars but cannot get into a garage.

Matt who is a professional engineer can help with basic requests and can check your car over if you have problems, but bear in mind that as he is only one person we ask that you do try and get an appointment with a garage as a first port of call.

However if you are struggling to find a garage that has space and need help please give him a call on 07866 513888 and he will do his best to help!

Heart Felt Buddies..... Testing times ahead. Here's how your children can also help: Lets pair-up elderly people with a local buddies who's jobs over the next few months will be to write them letters, do little outside jobs, and leave them little parcels on their door steps. *Pen-pals who do a bit more*. I've already 'match-made' two juniors with two seniors in their village and it took just two phone calls. Think about your elderly neighbours or enquire if anyone needs help on your local Facebook page, perhaps ask in the church, put a note in the local shop or if you have a care home near you, give them a call.

Heart Felt Buddies - go forth and sprinkle some magic!

Please share.... X

The Broadway Wine Company

During this exceptionally hard time. We at Broadway Wine Company would like to thank our loyal customers for your support. We are a small independent company who unlike a lot of companies we will not survive unless people continue to support us. We have bills to pay and children to feed and ask that during this time people find it in their hearts to support local companies. The shop is open daily from 10am and prices start from only £5.99 in the shop. We are now also offering free delivery within a 20 mile radius (minimum order applies). Please message us for a price list.

Barn Close Surgery

COVID-19 Coronavirus
27th March 2020 Update

**PLEASE STAY AT HOME, MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL DIE IF YOU DON'T
DO NOT TAKE ANY RISKS, IT IS NOT WORTH IT**

From Monday 30th March 2020, in line with National and local guidance, we will be offering a locality "hub" model to provide you with medical care. Barn Close Surgery is part of the Vale Primary Care Network.

We have an excellent close relationship with our 7 local practices, and the following plans have been drawn up with the sole purpose of looking after you and our staff at this very difficult and uncertain time.

All patients will receive telephone triage prior to a face to face appointment being offered.

If the doctor or nurse deems that it is "essential" that you should be seen, then you will be asked several questions to determine where the best place to see you is.

You will be offered an appointment in one of two sites determined by clinical need. You **MUST** only attend the site where you have been asked to go:

1. Barn Close Surgery - via rear entrance to building. Please bring your mobile phone, call us when you have arrived and we will escort you from the car park.
2. De Montfort Surgery, Burford Street, Evesham. You may not be seen by a doctor who is known to you. You will receive "double triage" from 2 doctors to determine whether this is the appropriate destination for you to be assessed. Clear instructions will be given.

Routine care is currently cancelled and you will only be seen if your care is defined as "Core Work".

If you are asked to attend the practice, please be aware that the clinician seeing you will be working from a "clean room" and will always be dressed in protective clothing, gloves and a mask (PPE).

You may also be asked to wear a mask yourself. This is for your own protection and for the protection of the NHS staff looking after you.

DO NOT ATTEND the surgery if you have a **NEW PERSISTENT COUGH AND/OR FEVER.**

Prescriptions can still be collected from the practice, one person at a time from the tent that has been erected at the front of the surgery. You will not be allowed into the building, but medication will be given to you. Please listen to the instructions that you will be given.

You can order new prescriptions by posting the repeat slip through the door or registering for on-line "Patient Access" using the link below.

Requests for medication are outstripping supply. Please only request what you need. You WILL NOT be allowed more than one month at a time. Please allow 7 working days for your medication to be read.

We thank you all for your patience and respect at this difficult and stressful time for all of us.

www.111.nhs.uk

Abbey Green Vets

As vets, our jobs have always been about protecting animal health and welfare. We now find ourselves in a position where it also our duty to do everything we can to protect human health.

Because of this we have reached the decision to stop face to face routine work. We will now operate our service from the BROADWAY clinic ONLY to allow us to provide the best service while minimising the chance of transmitting corona virus amongst our staff and the general public.

Some of you may be contacted to cancel your appointment. We apologise if you turn up and cannot let you in but hope you understand. We will be in touch shortly to discuss things further with you.

From today, some of our consults will be taking place via telephone or video link. In some cases you may be advised to come to the practice if we feel your pet needs some treatment that we cannot provide over the phone, or to collect medication, which will be done in a 'no contact' manner. Local delivery or postage of medications may also be necessary.

Please phone the practice on arrival. We are no longer allowing clients into the clinic so the vet or nurse will speak to you on the phone, come to collect the pet and bring it into the building for the examination/treatment. They will let you know a treatment plan and deliver your pet and medication back outside to you. Reception will take your payment, by card, over the phone. We will not accept cash payments.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus or are self isolating please make this known on the phone and STAY at HOME. We will try and assist by delivering medication or arranging for someone else to transport your pet to us.

We will not be booking any routine appointments face to face, but please feel free to call us if you need us as we may be able to provide this service by telephone or video link.

Repeat prescriptions and medications can be requested online via our website

or by emailing mail@abbeygreenvets.co.uk or by calling 01386 852421 between 10am and 3pm on week days. Please allow 3 days notice while our suppliers deliver every other day rather than daily. We can post some medication out.

Be patient when calling as we may be dealing with an emergency.

Farm Animal Update

We will be providing essential services:

Medicines Orders

please do NOT stockpile supplies – please order normal amounts
Ring all orders into the office.

For medicine collection, please do not enter reception. Please ring the office from the carpark when you arrive, and your order will be placed outside the front door to avoid immediate contact

Farm Visits

We will maintain all essential calls.

If you or anyone on farm is unwell, in advised self-isolation, you **MUST** make us aware before we arrive on farm so that we can make the best decision to reduce risks for everyone

We will continue to use our usual protective equipment and practice strict hygiene and biosecurity measures such as disinfecting between visits and wearing disposable gloves.

Please always practice social distancing – no hand shaking, passing equipment and stand 2 metres apart from other people.

Abbey Green vets was first opened in 1893 and we survived the Flu pandemic in 1918, WWI and WWII...we will endeavour to continue to provide our service to the local pets and farm population through this very difficult period. Wishing you all our very best and thank you for your support.

Information from the Diocese

Annual Parochial Church meetings

The deadline for holding APCMs has been extended until the end of October, with current office holders (churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and PCC members) remaining in office longer than they would otherwise do so. It means Churchwardens and PCC members remain in office until the APCM, current deanery synod representatives remain in office until 30 November 2020 (instead of 30 June).

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.

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

Prayer diary - April

Recent events have meant that many of our prayer diary entries are out of date. We will therefore be issuing monthly pdf updates.

Download the updated prayer diary for April 2020. (*I have attached this pdf with this mailing—Shellie*).

Updated prayers will also be available on our website 'prayer for the day' and our social media streams.

Sam Setchell—Communications Officer

Wickhamford Parish Council posted on Facebook

28th March

Councillor Sally Write is the representative from Wickhamford Parish Council who will assist/co-ordinate with other groups in the village to ensure that residents are looked after and get whatever help they need. Tel no. 07734819183.

All other PC business should still be directed to the Parish Clerk, Andrea Evans on 01386 760332 or wickhamfordpc@gmail.com



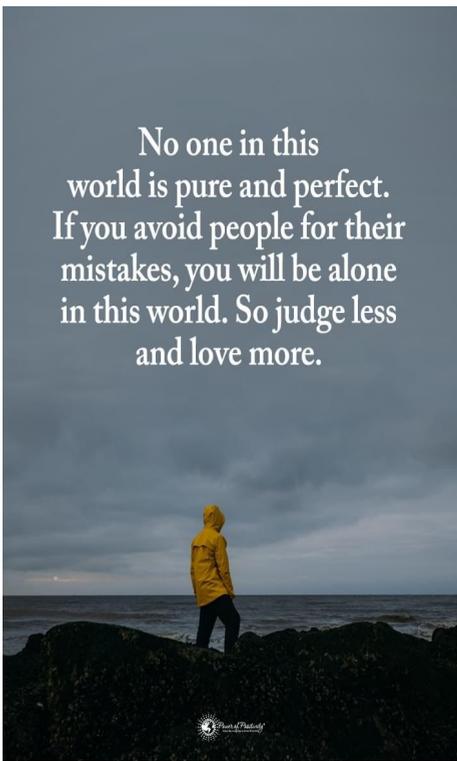
For those suffering **domestic abuse**, isolation will be a terrifying prospect and **significantly increase the risk of harm**.

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**

the mother load
powered by motherhood

www.fb.com/groups/wearethemotherload



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#>

Whenever my kids get bored they can choose to pick a stick, but the rule is you have to do what the stick says. I've included housework there too just because 😊👩🏠. So far today we've done dusting, ballgames, drawing with YouTube tutorials and a Lego tower challenge. They love it (my kids are 6 and 8).



If you can, STAY HOME.

Because if all the doctors and nurses get sick, veterinarians and vet nurses may have to look after you.

And you do know how we take temperatures, right?

St Simeon Stylites

Patron Saint of physical distancing

For 37 yrs, he lived upon a pillar
3-15m high

liturgy.co.nz

Hope this puts a smile on your face!



I saw this on the Leedons Park Facebook Group page and asked if I could share it.....

Isolation: Day Something. Tuesday

by Bryn Richards

I'm afraid suppli*s of l*tt*r*s ar* b*ginning to run out. I*v* us*d them car*fully so far but I suppos* it had to happ*n.

Th* first thing I notic*d was that the l*tt*r * was in short supply. I'm afraid th* l*tt*r 'O' is running low and this may b* gon* s^^n. If this g^*s ^n I'lls^^n hav* littl* to writ* with. I blam* th* panic buy*rs wh^stripp*d th* sh*lv*s ^f th* alphab*t in th* sh^ps.

I'm alright for full st^ps.... And *xclamati^n marks! I've g^t s*v*ral b^x*s of c^mmas l*ft ^v*r fr^m my days in th* classr^m, but th*y may n^t last f^r*v*r.

Bu~~*r! Th* l*tt*r '~' has just ~^n*!

S^rry if this is sh^rt but I n**d t^ rati^n th* alphab*t. I'll ch*ck what I*v* ~^t in th* attic f^r t^m^rr^w.

Suppli*s Sh^rt

Spirit ~^^d *n^u~h





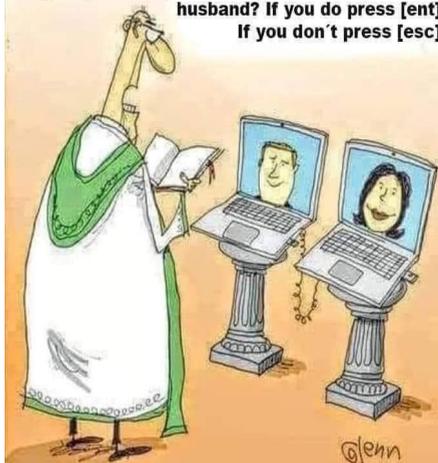
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Breathe on Me, Breath of God.....NOPE
 Precious Lord, Take my Hand.....NOPE
 Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....NOPE
 Gather Us In.....NOPE
 Close to Thee.....NOPE

COULD WORK

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
 Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
 I Come to the Garden Alone
 Trust and Obey

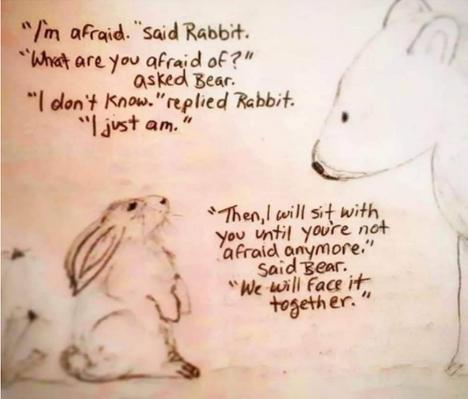
Mary, do you accept John as your lawfully wedded husband? If you do press [ent]. If you don't press [esc].





Sometimes all you can do is accept that there's not much you can do. And sometimes all you can control is how well you let go of control.

Lori Deschene



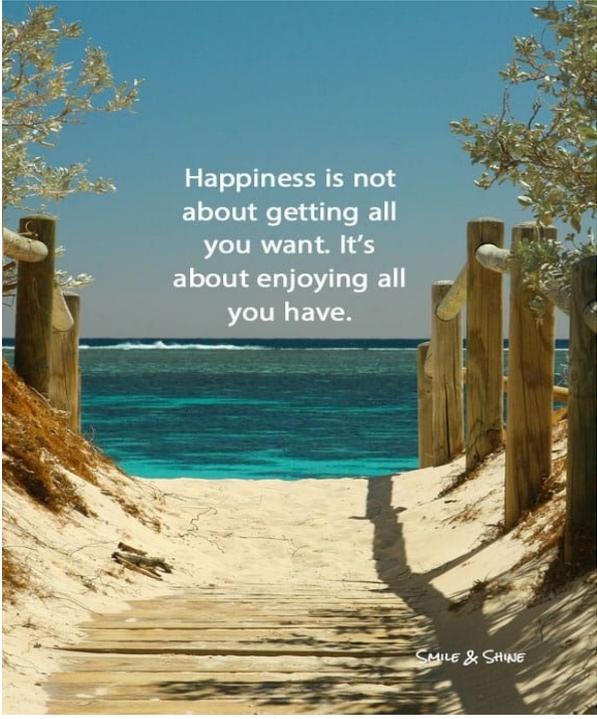
"I'm afraid," said Rabbit.
"What are you afraid of?" asked Bear.
"I don't know," replied Rabbit.
"I just am."

"Then, I will sit with you until you're not afraid anymore," said Bear.
"We will face it together."



Rural Crime Team - Gloucestershire...
@GlosPol_Rural

Here's something that may cheer a few people up and a break from C-19 news. The Rural crime team got this snap earlier today of a beautiful Peregrine Falcon on Cirencester Church. We're working with the [@glosraptors](#) to make sure the birds are safe.



Happiness is not about getting all you want. It's about enjoying all you have.

SMILE & SHINE

Until further notice the days of the week are now called, | thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today and nextday!

If you thought Toilet Paper was crazy... Just wait until 100 million people want their hair & nails done at the same time!

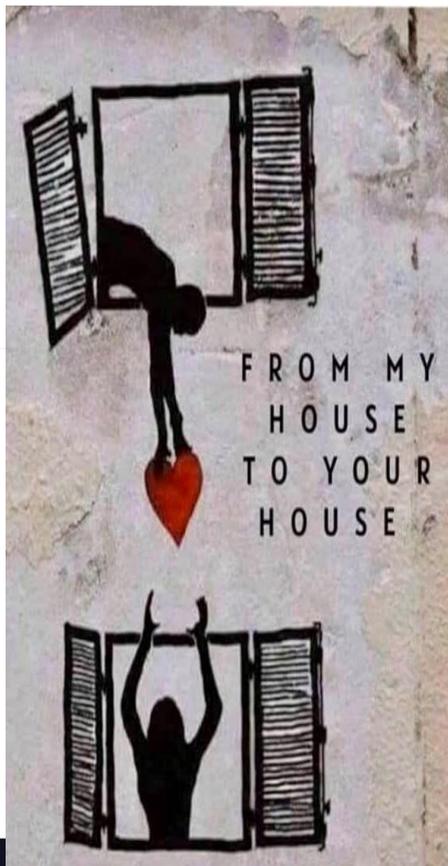
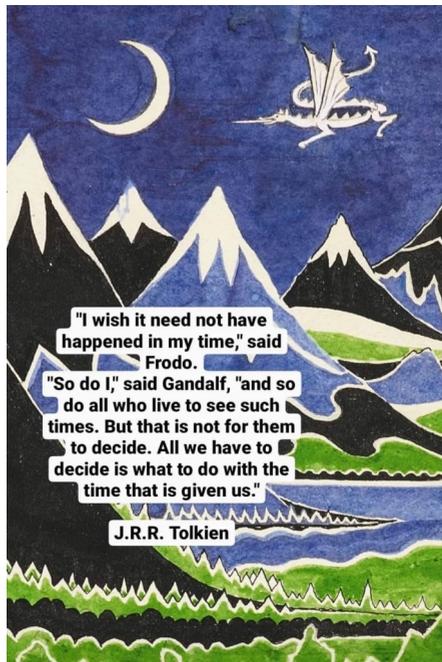
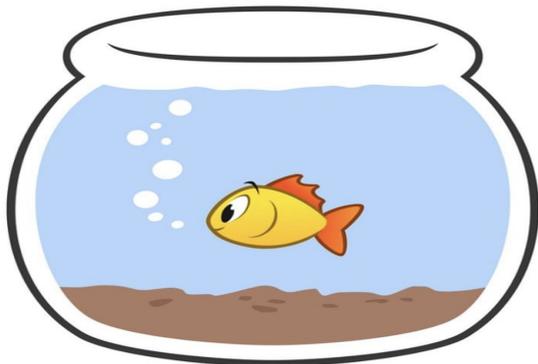
WOMEN WORKING

If you see this wheelie bin floating, you have been in the house too long. It is just a wet spot on the pavement. 😂



When I was in halls at Winchester in the late 90's, my neighbour had a poster on her door which was called something like 'The Diary of a Goldfish' with the caption:
Ate...slept...swam round bowl
Ate...slept...swam round bowl
Ate...slept...swam round bowl

Can't imagine why I've just remembered this?



EASTER

NAME: _____

DRAW / COLOUR / FILL IN THE GAPS

TICK HERE

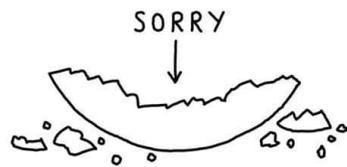
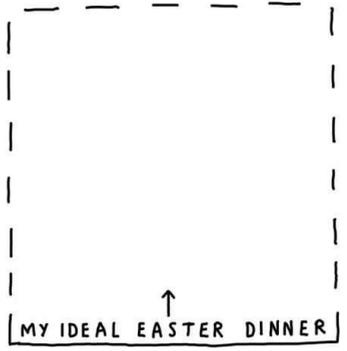
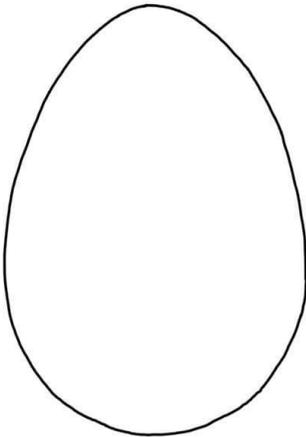


SPOT
THE
DIFFERENCE
(THERE
ARE
TEN...)



DESIGN

COLOUR



SOMETHING WE COULD
MAKE THIS WEEK

THINGS TO BE HOPEFUL ABOUT:

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____

This Easter Celebration

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.
2. No gath - ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban - ners lead the way.
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd - ed room
4. In all the grief and suf - fer - ing, may we re - mem - ber well:
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be

We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.
Christ suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.

We're dis - tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be - come the place
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,

No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.

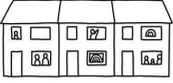
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BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

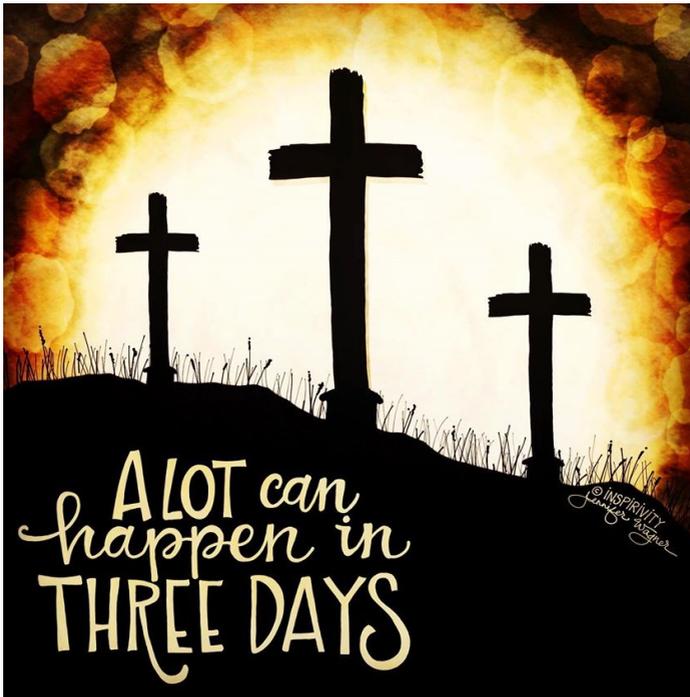
BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

TEXT: JAYNE MANFREDI

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The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen. But it seemed too good to be true. They were living in a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really had won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end?

Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken, that God's love was the most powerful of all, even though it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth

This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!

This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like