

# Vicar and Curate's Musings

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

## Vicar's Musings

This week I would like to thank the people who came to help clean St Michael's Church so that we can open for private prayer on Sunday 5th July 10am-12pm.





Also to those who helped move pews and clean St Eadburgha's Church. We won't be opening as yet for private prayer but we are a step closer and hope to open for private prayer as soon as it is safe to do so.

St Mary's Childswickham hopes to open its doors for private prayer Monday 20th July—this is due to the amount of cleaning involved which is more complicated than we thought. At the moment, St John's, Wickhamford remains closed due to its risk assessment.

As per the whole country each PCC and local area with the support of the Bishops and Archdeacons are going through risk assessments and guidelines which change daily, some of which is contradictory. The challenge is trying to make our places of worship safe whilst also gauging the congregations and local community attitudes to our buildings and also trying to balance what worship and support we can offer. Last week I sent around a survey and I thank those who have responded—the information will help our PCC's make decisions about public worship. The 5 I've had back so far all agree it's too early to start public worship yet but as have different views on when we should restart but the majority so far is September.—but this is only 5 responses. I attach the survey again and ask you to please fill it in or email me your thoughts on the questions asked.

This Sunday we will film opening St Michael's Church for private prayer and open the doors for the first time and say a prayer—which I will post on our website, WhatsApp group and Facebook and twitter accounts. This is the first step into the new normal for our congregations.

We have travelled along a hard road through the pandemic, and it is

abundantly clear that the journey is not over yet. If an effective vaccine can be developed, it will still be many months before this is ready or even in circulation, and we must take extraordinary care over our part to prevent further mass outbreaks. It is possible that lockdown restrictions will be imposed again, either across the UK, or regionally or even more locally.

The new normal for church has changed everything we know about church and probably our lives and how we live them has changed.

I don't know about you but Sundays feel weird. Normally Sundays are energising, challenging and exhausting. On Sundays we get to do the things we are called and trained to do; preach, lead worship and connect with people we love. (I will admit to not missing the dashing between services). Now a typical Sunday consists of watching a pre-recorded service or 'Songs of Praise' or making small talk in an online chat room and prayers on WhatsApp. Those who love sport are mourning the fact that it isn't on asking questions like—if they can play football why not cricket? It's just so wrong. (mind you, I'm told this ruling has changed today).

Let's take time to celebrate and think of the positives....

We are doing things as a church we wouldn't have thought possible back in March.

Some churches are preaching to a camera and getting pretty good at it. We are connecting with people we've known for years, and people we've never met, in ways we didn't know was possible.

We are figuring out worship and prayer without being in the same room, and its working.

We are bringing hope and light to our community at a time when they desperately need it.

We are being the church in ways we couldn't have imagined way back in February.

That calls for a socially-distanced celebration!

We've lost some things that are really hard to let go of.

We did not have Good Friday walk of witness and service on the green as churches together.

We did not gather on Easter or Pentecost.

We will not go to that conference or on the holiday we've been looking forward to for months.

We've missed seeing family, friends and going out.

We've not shopped and had to let others help us and found it hard.

Each of us have lost or will lose many things, and we need to take the time to mourn.

There are many aspects of our current situation that are confining and dispiriting. Pretending that it isn't don't doesn't help.

Take some time to grieve what you've lost.

Going back to the positives and embracing the situation...

I've loved seeing stories of companies pivoting right now to manufacture things they've never built before. Car makers are making ventilators, and shoe companies are making masks. It gives me hope because I see incredible innovation happening around the world.

The same innovation has to happen in the church world. We can no longer do what we've always done but we also cannot stay in lockdown forever. The challenge is embracing change and transforming as a church which some may find uncomfortable. As I've been reading, if we're rooted in our faith we can do this and embrace what is needed from us to flourish as a church.

This Sunday we are offering Evening Prayer on Zoom and I'm sure whilst it's hopefully welcomed it will feel different and strange.

Let's be honest, it feels really strange sitting on our couches watching a pre-recorded Sunday service from another church, I doubt Zoom will feel much different albeit its live.

Some prefer it as you can mute whenever you wish and not leave your home and others will do it but wish we were back in our buildings.



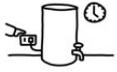
There is a chance church will never be quite the same after this experience.

Let us create time in our day to celebrate and pray about where our churches are going and how they are transforming for the gospel. Let us continue to be the church God wants us to be and become through this crisis.

Yours in Christ  
Shellie

# SKILLS

GAINED OVER A LIFETIME OF CHURCHGOING



SWITCHING ON THE URN AT THE CORRECT TIME



NOT FORGETTING TO BRING THE MILK



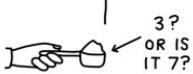
KNOWING HOW MANY TEA BAGS ARE NEEDED IN THE LARGE TEA POT



POURING A REASONABLE CUP OF TEA



DEALING WITH SPILLAGES IN A CALM MANNER



REMEMBERING HOW MANY SCOOPS TO PUT INTO THE COFFEE MACHINE



BEING ABLE TO LOCATE THE TEA SPOON DRAWER UNDER PRESSURE



GRASPING BASIC SERVING HATCH ETIQUETTE



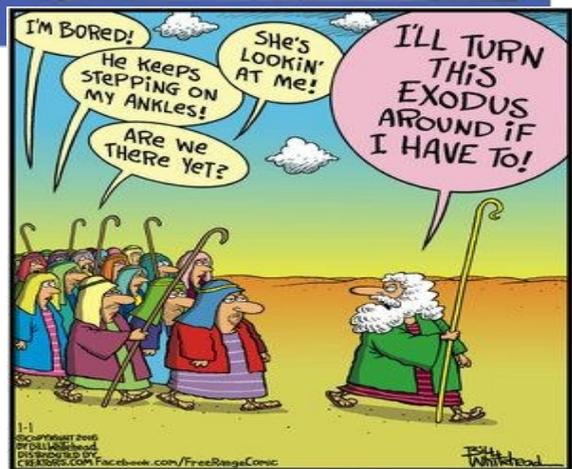
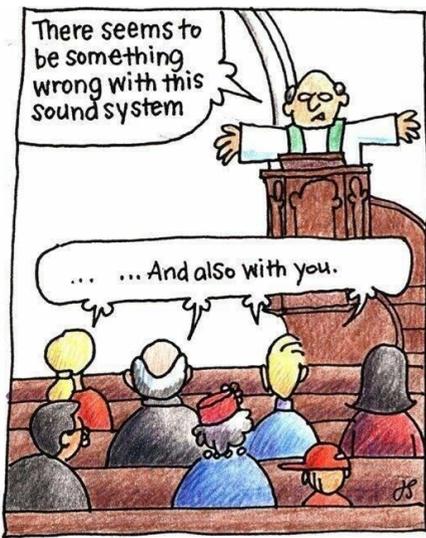
FOLDING THE COFFEE TABLES WITHOUT INJURY



WASHING UP 14 CUPS AND SAUCERS IN A MINUTE

CartoonChurch.com





# Blame the Vicar

by *Sir John Betjeman*

When things go wrong it's rather tame  
To find we are ourselves to blame,  
It gets the trouble over quicker  
To go and blame things on the Vicar.

The Vicar, after all, is paid  
To keep us bright and undismayed.  
The Vicar is more virtuous too  
Than lay folks such as me and you.  
He never swears, he never drinks,  
He never should say what he thinks.  
His collar is the wrong way round,  
And that is why he's simply bound  
To be the sort of person who  
Has nothing very much to do  
But take the blame for what goes wrong  
And sing in tune at Evensong.

For what's a Vicar really for  
Except to cheer us up? What's more,  
He shouldn't ever, ever tell  
If there is such a place as Hell,  
For if there is it's certain he  
Will go to it as well as we.  
The Vicar should be all pretence  
And never, never give offence.  
To preach on Sunday is his task  
And lend his mower when we ask  
And organize our village fetes  
And sing at Christmas with the waits  
And in his car to give us lifts  
And when we quarrel, heal the rifts.

To keep his family alive  
He should industriously strive  
In that enormous house he gets,  
And he should always pay his debts,  
For he has quite six pounds a week,  
And when we're rude he should be  
meek  
And always turn the other cheek.  
He should be neat and nicely dressed  
With polished shoes and trousers

pressed,  
For we look up to him as higher  
Than anyone, except the Squire.

Dear People, who have read so far,  
I know how really kind you are,  
I hope that you are always seeing  
Your Vicar as a human being,  
Making allowances when he  
Does things with which you don't agree.  
But there are lots of people who  
Are not so kind to him as you.  
So in conclusion you shall hear  
About a parish somewhat near,  
Perhaps your own or maybe not,  
And of the Vicars that it got.

One parson came and people said,  
Alas! Our former Vicar's dead!  
And this new man is far more 'Low'  
Than dear old Reverend so-and-so,  
And far too earnest in his preaching,  
We do not really like his teaching,  
He seems to think we're simply fools  
Who've never been to Sunday Schools."  
That Vicar left, and by and by

A new one came, "He's much too  
'High',"  
The people said, "too like a saint,  
His incense makes our Mavis faint."  
So now he's left and they're alone  
Without a Vicar of their own.  
The living's been amalgamated  
With one next door they've always  
hated.

Dear readers, from this rhyme take  
warning,  
And if you heard the bell this morning  
Your Vicar went to pray for you,  
A task the Prayer Book bids him do.  
"Highness" or "Lowness" do not matter,  
You are the Church and must not  
scatter,  
Cling to the Sacraments and pray  
And God be with you every day.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

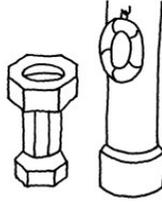
GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES: THINGS YOU NEED TO DO



RISK ASSESSMENTS BEFORE EACH SERVICE



HI-VIS JACKETS FOR SIDEPERSONS



A LIFEBELT NEXT TO THE FONT



PADDED BUFFERS ON PEW-ENDS FOR CHILDREN CAREERING AROUND THE AISLES AT HIGH SPEED



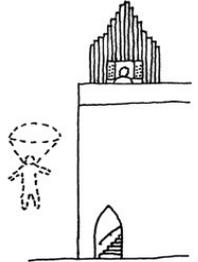
HARD HATS FOR ANYONE CARRYING A STICK



GLOVES TO BE USED BY ALL BISCUIT-ARRANGERS



A SERVER TO TRY THE COMMUNION WINE IN THE VESTRY (IN CASE POISONED)



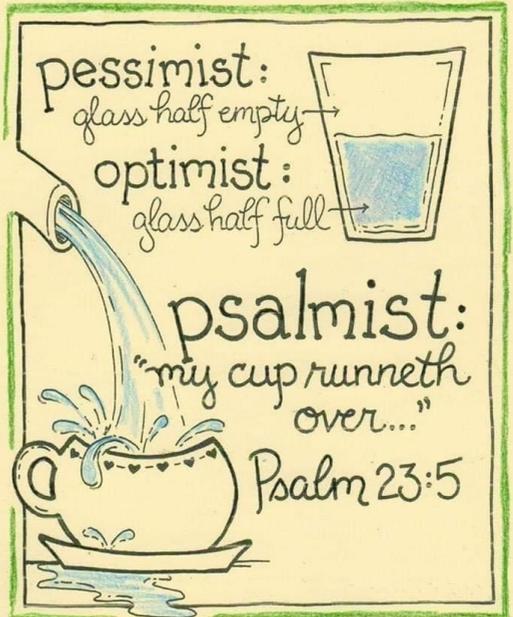
PARACHUTE FOR EMERGENCY DESCENT FROM ORGAN LOFT

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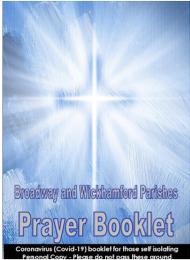
**MATT**



*'I only came back to work for the air conditioning; it's too hot to sleep at home'*



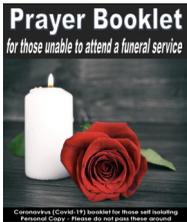
# Coronavirus / Covid 19 update



## Prayer Booklet

Prayer Booklet for June

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



## Prayer Booklet

for those unable to attend a funeral service

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

A close-up photograph of a woman's face, looking slightly to the side with a thoughtful expression. Her hand is near her face.

**SEARCHED FOR AN HOUR IN THE  
PARISH KITCHEN FOR A CAN  
OPENER**

**NEVER FOUND A CAN OPENER  
BUT FOUND SEVEN CORKSCREWS**

A photograph of a grey tabby cat with yellow eyes, wearing a white bow tie. The cat is looking directly at the camera.

**GOD IS FULLY INCLUSIVE IN HIS LOVE  
WITH NO EXCEPTIONS**

**THEREFORE I BELIEVE THAT EVEN  
DOGS HAVE A PLACE IN HIS  
KINGDOM**



## Broadway Coronavirus Support Network



47 mins · 🌐

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR GROUP AND VOLUNTEERS

As we move into a new and more hopeful phase since the Covid Pandemic began - our amazing team of Volunteers are now returning to work either full or part time and whilst many will endeavour to help those self isolating and vulnerable stocked up it may now take a litter longer to provide food and medications, for eg - these might be dropped later in the day to fit around our working hours.

We would like to extend a HUGE note of thanks to all of our Volunteers who have made such a difference by helping those in need in our Village.

THANK YOU TEAM BROADWAY SUPPORT NETWORK 🥰



## **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](http://www.thebakehousebroadway.co.uk/bakeathome)

## 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.

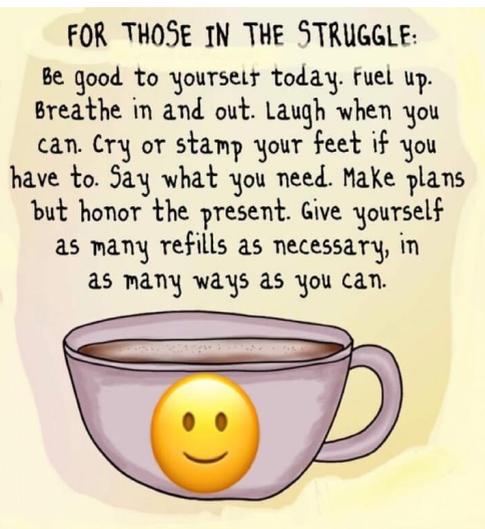
We are also an Amber zone for face to face consultations for non respiratory or cardiac conditions. Appointments are limited due to the need for reducing face to face consultations and social distancing requirements. If it is felt that you would benefit from a face to face consultation we will give you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



**Gorsehill Abbey Farm**  
6 hrs · 🌐

We are delighted to be working with our lovely neighbours @willerseyprovisions who are now stocking our milk. You can order from them for next day delivery. This morning they have collected fresh milk which they will take to @chadburyfarmshop near Evesham.

Our organic milk is also available to purchase from @waysidefarmshop and @collins\_of\_broadway

#freshmilk #lovemilk #organicmilk #organicdairy  
#localdelivery #localbusiness #familybusiness  
#shoplocal #supportlocal #farmshop  
#broadwaycotswolds #willersey #evesham  
#thecotswolds





### 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 & Baconnaisse

### '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

### Smokey BBQ Sauce £0.5

### Paprika Mayo £0.5

### Baconnaisse £1

# Re-Opening for Takeaway

## Customer collection only, no pre-orders accepted

**4.30pm to 8.00pm**

**Tues-Weds-Thurs-Fri-Sat**

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](mailto: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.

and kind will at this difficult time.

[www.barnclose.co.uk](http://www.barnclose.co.uk)

## 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 You Tube.

**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](http://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)

**NEVER ALONE**



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**

## 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](https://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#>



EDMHSS supporting the community

**COVID-19**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**Helpline**

TELE : 07495896695

9am to 9pm  
7 Days a week

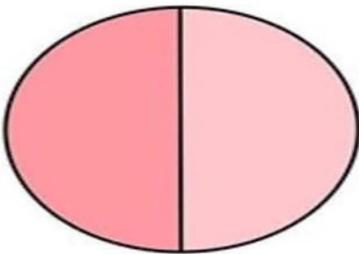
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Every little helps



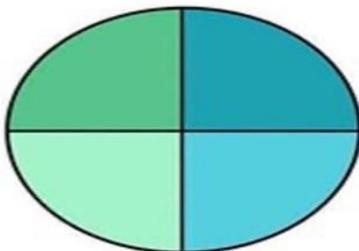
## What people think social anxiety is

@what.is.mental.illness

- Being shy
- Fear of public speaking

## What social anxiety actually is

Fear of :



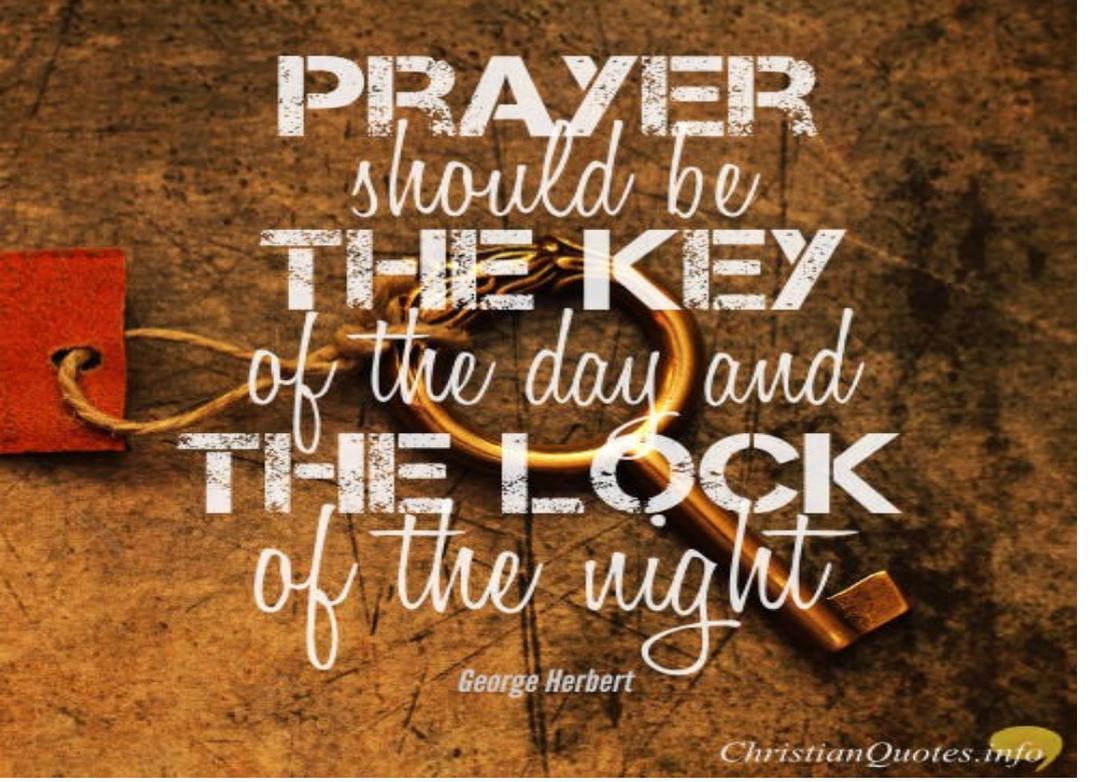
- Being judged by others in social situations
- Fear of accidentally offending someone
- Fear of being the center of attention
- Fear of being embarrassed or humiliated & showing it by blushing, sweating or shaking



God of the onward journey  
Amid uncertainty,  
give us courage  
Amid darkness,  
give us light  
Amid fear,  
give us hope  
Amid instability,  
give us balance  
amid conflict,  
give us peace  
and in all things  
accompany us  
along the Way.

*Penny Jones*  
[antiochian.org](http://antiochian.org)

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on *Unsplash*



**PRAYER**  
should be  
**THE KEY**  
of the day and  
**THE LOCK**  
of the night

*George Herbert*