

Vicar and Curate's Musings

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

Vicar's Musings

This past week we've been following 'Thy Kingdom come' from Ascension to Pentecost (which is this Sunday). Each few years they produce a hymn for the year and this years is below:

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come – Lord teach us how to pray
For all to know your joy, your peace and love
And know your friendship each and every day
The breath of Christ, the Father's gentle dove

Thy Kingdom Come – Christ's prayer to make us one
That all may know the Father sent the Son
To celebrate the victory He has won
In love and grace we pray: 'thy will be done'

Thy Kingdom Come – we pray for those we know
To turn and follow you for all their days
and in your love find peace and service grow
Our one desire and hope your highest praise

Thy Kingdom Come – transform our human ways
Our lives laid down in mercy, truth and care
Nations renewed, in giving thanks and praise
To see God's Kingdom come: this is our prayer

Thy Kingdom Come – we praise your Holy name
Your sacrifice and rising sets us free
That by our words and lives we may proclaim
By Jesus' risen life, God's victory!

CCLI Song No 7150052

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Music: Woodlands (Walter Grottores)

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"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight...Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer... When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added."

Acts 1, 2

This year we have been encouraged not to just pray that friends and family, colleagues and neighbours might encounter the love of God in Christ, but that they would experience that love in action. Thy Kingdom Come have called this 'Prayer and Care' – care for those you are praying for, pray for those you are caring for. Of course, all churches are doing this as a daily reality, especially with all the needs around us. There are many ways this could happen; by care, by contact, by service – but serving as Christ serves.

I'm sure we're all doing all we can. Music for me is a way of praying and another new song by EMU based at St Ebbe's Church in Oxford have written the hymn below. Our WhatsApp church group gave good feedback about it when they heard it. I think it speaks to us in the situation we're in as the world feels broken. Jesus came and bore our sins on the cross and the Holy Spirit is with us now. If you are able to go to youtube it is worth hearing.

Hymn of the Saviour

From the chaos of darkness, your word shaped the earth
in your image a people made
But we traded perfection, the truth for a lie
and your glory was veiled in shame
But a promise made, a blessing you gave,
to a people of your name
For this broken world, a Saviour foretold
to bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour, descended his throne
all my sin on his shoulders laid
and to win our redemption, he suffered and died
For the sake of my guilt and shame
oh the price he paid in taking my place
so that death was overcome
When the King of love, burst forth from the grave
proclaiming the victory won

At the end of the ages, the world passed away
I will gaze on my Saviour's face
When my heart is perfected, and free from my sin
I will rest in your glorious grace
For the song we raise, the works of our hands
are in service of the King
When a thousand tongues cry, 'Glory to God'
forever his praise we'll sing

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<https://emumusic.com/products/hymn-of-the-saviour>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnX6XEDgIH4&list=RDpnX6XEDgIH4&start_radio=1

The church has in its own way changed and all around the world people are writing beautiful liturgies and prayers to help us worship God. Sometimes it's hard to find your own words, other times it seems so easy the words flow. Prayer is one thing more people are turning to. Whilst our online offerings are only reaching 70% of our normal congregations our patrons have said today that numbers show that 50% of the people watching or engaging with the church online are new. Whilst we don't want to lose contact with any of our regular worshippers it is encouraging that we are finding new people turning to pray and engaging with us.

I find it heartening that people are finding the church online and joining us. I've also heard that people seem to like being able to worship at a time that suits them—which you are also able to do online. So whilst there has been enforced changes that some of us would maybe not have thought a good idea—it does seem to have opened doors to new possibilities of how we may worship and engage with each other in the future—taking the good from both hopefully and being church for different people in many ways.

Praying at times of crisis, coming together as communities and people of faith is hugely important and we can't forget that although lockdown seems to be being released for some of us, for others it is a frightening time due to their health and they are still in lockdown. Also for some it is frightening due to their mental health or just fears that we're being released too early. I hope we remember to include everyone in our prayers. I'm always conscious that funeral directors are missed out on lists of key workers—I'm never sure if its because of the job they do (and we don't wish to be reminded about death) or if we just forget! Please do include them in your prayers as they also have had a busy time and still are.

There are many prayers but one that seems to cover a lot is on the next page....

A Prayer During the Time of Covid-19

Here's a prayer of intercession during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. It was written by the Right Reverend Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

Prayer for Others during Pandemic

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we aren't sure, God,
help us be calm;
when information comes
from all sides, correct and not,
help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts,
when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected,
when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

For the doctors, we pray,
for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and the
aides and the caregivers, we pray,
for the researchers and theorists,
the epidemiologists and investigators,
for those who are sick,
and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected,
all around the world...
we pray
for safety,
for health,
for wholeness.

May we feed the hungry,
give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick—
in spite of the epidemic,
in spite of the fear.

Help us, O God,
that we might help each other.

In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,
we pray.

May it be so.

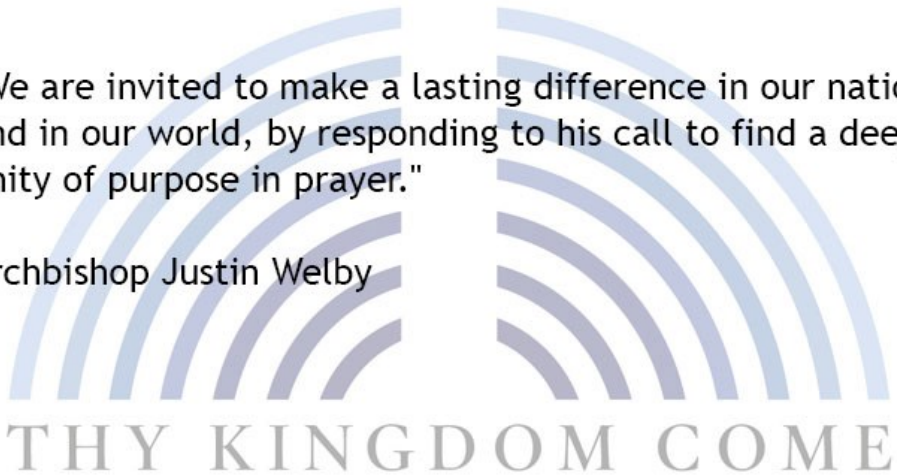
*~ written by the Right Rev. Richard Bott. Posted on the **United Church of Canada** website.
<https://www.united-church.ca/prayers/prayer-during-times-covid-19>*

Please do stay safe

Shellie

"We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations
and in our world, by responding to his call to find a deep
unity of purpose in prayer."

Archbishop Justin Welby



This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



I stood waving to my neighbour for 10 minutes this morning before realising she was cleaning her windows 🙌😁



Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips, yet you can tiptoe but not tipfinger.



Hen pecked puss..



What do you see? 🤔 Hole in the ground, or a bale of hay?



Everyone follow me. I've found an endless supply of NUTS, they're on Facebook.



A German Shepherd, a Doberman, and a cat died.



In heaven, all three faced God, who wanted to know what they believed in.

The German Shepherd said, "I believe in discipline, training, and loyalty to my master."

"Good!" said God. "Sit at my right side."

"Doberman, what do you believe in?" asked God.

The doberman answered, "I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master."

"Aha," said God. You may sit to my left."

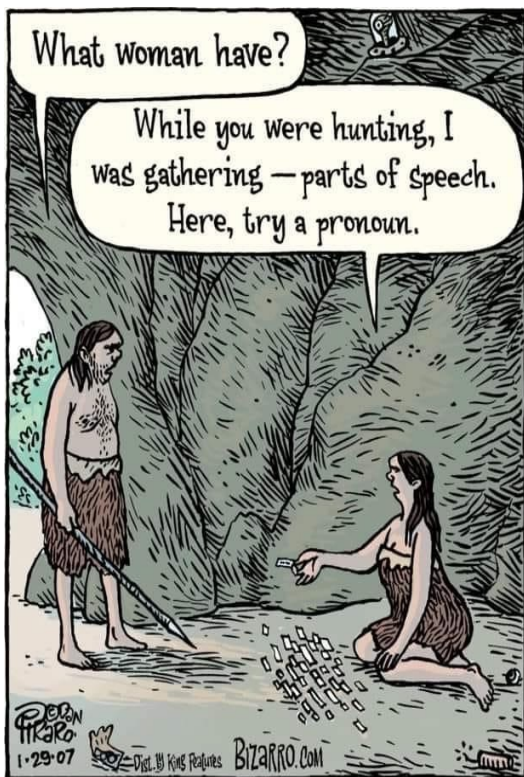
Then God looked at the cat and asked, "And what do you believe in?"

The cat replied, "I believe you are sitting in my seat."



What woman have?

While you were hunting, I was gathering — parts of speech. Here, try a pronoun.



MY TO-DO LIST FOR TODAY

- count my blessings
- practice kindness
- let go of what I can't control
- listen to my heart
- be productive yet calm
- just breathe

tinybuddha.com

**JESUS DOESN'T CARE HOW
MANY BIBLE VERSES YOU HAVE
MEMORIZED.**



**HE CARES ABOUT HOW YOU
TREAT PEOPLE.**





Bishop Libby Lane

Yesterday at 19:00 · 🌐



Please, join with me as we pray to hold in our thoughts those who have been affected by the coronavirus. Those who have suffered with this illness, and those who have watched their loved ones suffer. Those whose daily lives are confined to their homes. Those who have had to say goodbye, from a distance. For them, and for you, and for me, we pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.



**GUESS WHO GOT A LOT DONE.
TODAY.**



**NOT ME, BUT
CONGRATULATIONS TO SOMEONE
OUT THERE WHO DID.**

PLEASE...



**MAKE THE STUPID
PEOPLE SHUT UP.**

now that we washed our
hands, how do
we get them out Karen



Don't worry
about **getting** old,
worry about
thinking old.

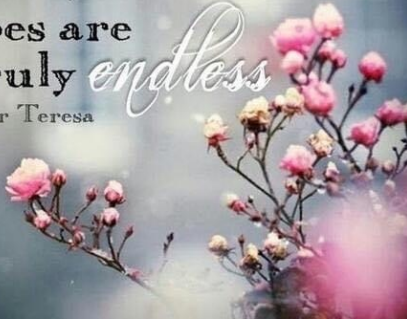
**I'm a proud supporter of
messy hair, no makeup and
PJ's all day! Who's with me?**



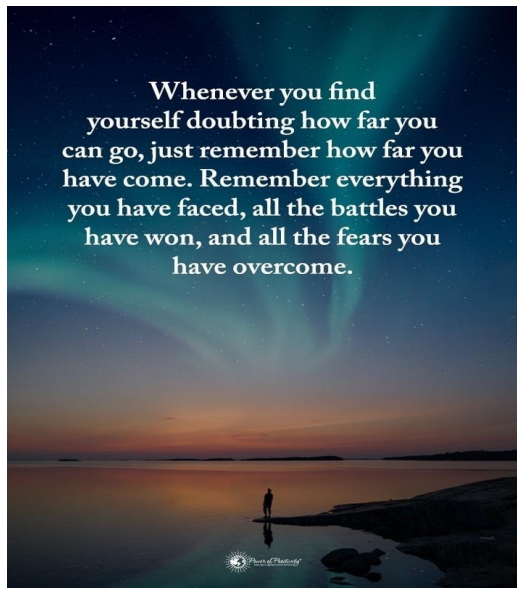
SWEET TO THE SOUL

Kind words can be
short & easy to
speak, but their
echoes are
truly endless

Mother Teresa



Whenever you find
yourself doubting how far you
can go, just remember how far you
have come. Remember everything
you have faced, all the battles you
have won, and all the fears you
have overcome.



Gratitude Scavenger Hunt



1. Find something that makes you happy.
2. Something to give someone else to make them smile.
3. Find one thing that you love to smell.
4. Find one thing you enjoy looking at.
5. Find something that's your favorite color.
6. Find something you are thankful for in nature.
7. Find something that you can use to make a gift for someone.
8. Find something that is useful for you.



A Prayer for the current situation.

*Written by The Revd Barbara Glasson
President of The Methodist Conference.*

How long, Lord, for how long,
must we live in exile and watch
the sufferings of the poor?

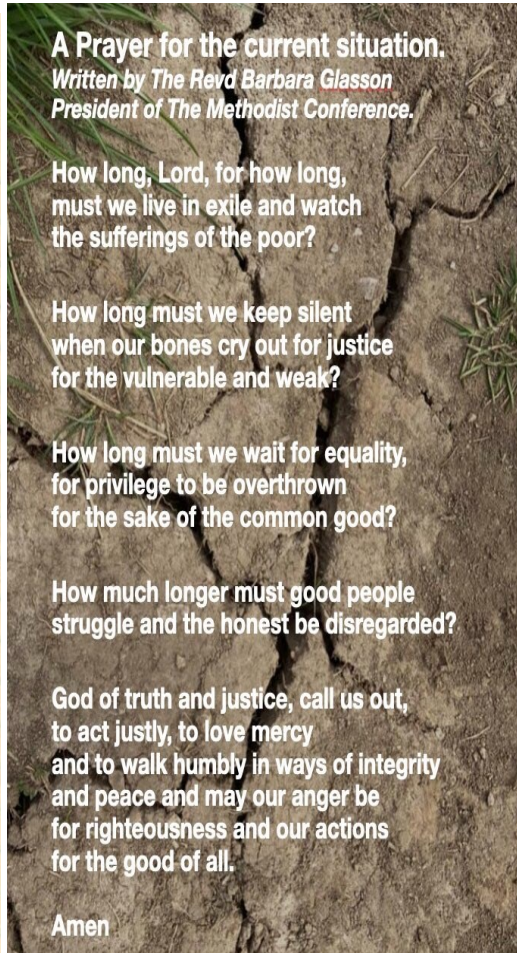
How long must we keep silent
when our bones cry out for justice
for the vulnerable and weak?

How long must we wait for equality,
for privilege to be overthrown
for the sake of the common good?

How much longer must good people
struggle and the honest be disregarded?

God of truth and justice, call us out,
to act justly, to love mercy
and to walk humbly in ways of integrity
and peace and may our anger be
for righteousness and our actions
for the good of all.

Amen

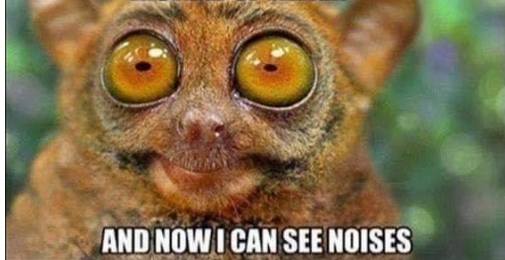




**Please,
be normal**

Nope

**I PUT REDBULL IN MY COFFEE THIS MORNING
INSTEAD OF WATER**



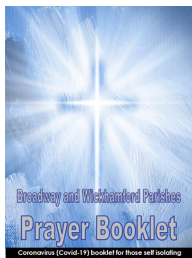
AND NOW I CAN SEE NOISES



**Finally found a use for
all the wine I drank this year.**

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

Broadway Coronavirus Support Network

Pentecost Prayer

**Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;**

**Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;**

**Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;**

**Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;**

**Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.**

- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

talk *amen*

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever



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;

****** If you need a volunteer to pick up a few urgent essentials for you from the

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

local shops please ensure you have some cash at home or a cheque book. All cash should be placed in an envelope.

We're here to help!

Other Useful Information found on Facebook or other places online

Barn Close Surgery

5th May 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.barnclose.co.uk



Broadway Flower and Horticultural Show

2 mins • 🌐

It is with much sadness we announce that this years Horticultural and Craft show will not take place. We feel that it would be impossible to hold the event and keep everyone safe and well. We want to wish you all a wonderful growing season. Please take photos of all that you do and make. In 2021 we will be having a class "covid crafting " for all that you made. We are about to launch our website and will be putting the 2021 show schedule on line. Stay safe.



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Broadway, Worcestershire

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Re-Opening for Takeaway

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

4.30pm to 8.00pm

Tues-Weds-Thurs-Fri-Sat

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

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

Thank you!



Delivery Menu

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

Burgers

All Served In Peter Cook's Brioche Buns

No.32 Burger £8

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

Pulled Pork Burger £7

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

Bacon Burger £8

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

Beer Battered Cod and Chips- £8.00

Chicken Goujons and Chips – £8.00

Breaded Scampi and Chips – £8.00

Battered Halloumi and Chips – £7.00

Paddock Farm Sausage & Chips -£7.00

Chips- £2.50

Large Chips -£3.00

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

info@russellsofbroadway.co.uk

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

Ross, Andrew & Gavnor Rilev & team.

Information from the Diocese

Live Streaming of services

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

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

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

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

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

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



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



Pray For Your Five

Thy Kingdom Come encourages every Christian to pray for five individuals so that they would know God's love for them in Christ.

Friday | **Celebrate**

Pray for yourself and those others the Lord sends to help show your five their route home to God, that they would know the loving father running to greet them.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



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

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

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

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



www.fb.com/groups/wearethemotherload

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
(24hrs)

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

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

NEVER ALONE

Victim Support
0808 168 9111
(24hrs)

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

ChildLine
0800 1111
(24hrs)

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

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

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic
Violence
0207 186 8270

Mental health

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

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

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

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



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7 Days a week**

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Every little helps



Evesham & District Mental Health Support
Services

Yesterday at 22:49 · 🌐

We are here supporting you .Let [#kindness](#) be every day 😊
COVID-19 helpline number 07495 896695 from 9am to 9pm
7 days a week

As The Mental Health Awareness Week Is Nearly Finishing, It Shouldn't Be About Just One Week It Should Be A Continuous Effort. In These Challenging Times An Act Of Kindness Goes A Long Way!

It is at times like these, when the world feels upside down, that we feel kindness could be the key to turning things around. A little act of kindness can boost the other persons mental health, reduce stress and it can cheer them up.

So be kind...

(Brandon J. Brayshaw)

You never know who may need an act of kindness!

F.E.A.R.

has two meanings -

Forget Everything And Run
OR
Face Everything And Rise

The choice is yours.



Here are a few thoughts for prayer from our Deans of Retired Clergy as the Church prays for the Kingdom, expressed in the context of retired ministry as many wait, without opportunities to act.

Prayers for the Kingdom

*For God alone my soul **WAITS** in silence for my hope is from him; He alone is my rock and salvation, my fortress, I shall not be taken.*

Psalm 62.5-6

We wait now, just as the disciples waited.
They waited not knowing how long;
they waited not knowing the shape of what may occur.

**Lord of time and timelessness,
be in our restlessness and our searching as we pray for
stillness, for patience**

We wait now. Just as the disciples waited;
we wait with an attentiveness that is alive and active.
We wait, conscious of the empowerment of silence
- of entering more deeply into the activity of God.

**Lord of energy, of movement and space,
teach us to trust the unseen dimensions of your activity
that in this, our waiting time, we may find new powers within.**

We wait now. As the disciples looked back in confusion
with only the sense of absence being real, they were
being prepared to see that nothing is lost in the economy of God.

**Lord of our past and Lord of our future,
in this present moment grant us in days of uncertainty,
the growing sense of our own calling and of our place in the new kingdom.**

We wait now. As the disciples waited, Pentecost was beyond their wild imagining.
To be empowered, called and sent was the language of the age to come.
In the darkness of these days,
we are called to wait for the language of the age to come.

**Lord of the new kingdom, of a world of justice, of health and of hope,
prepare our minds to see what we might do
to shape that new world which is before us.**

7 Cardinal Rules for Life

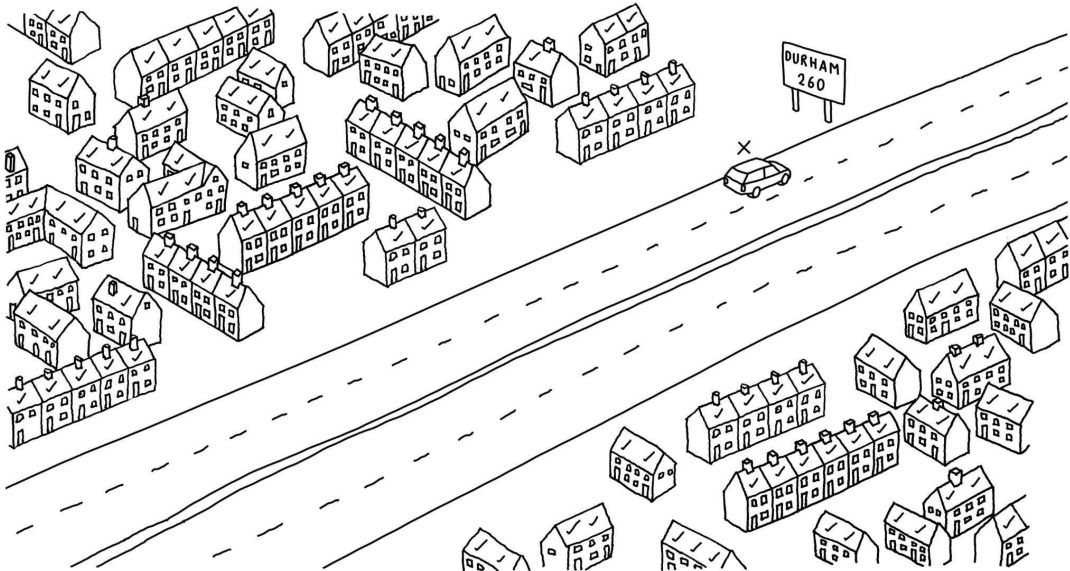
1. **Make peace with your past** so it won't disturb your present.
2. **What other people think of you** is none of your business.
3. **Time heals almost everything.** Give it time.
4. **No one is in charge of your happiness,** except you.
5. **Don't compare your life to others** and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
6. **Stop thinking too much.** It's alright not to know the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it.
7. **Smile.** You don't own all the problems in the world.

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow".

~ Mary Anne Radmacher

LOCKDOWN

OBEYING THE RULES



✓ MADE CONSIDERABLE SACRIFICES TO OBEY THE RULES

✗ APPARENTLY UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO OBEY THE RULES

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Combine one word from each of the three columns below, prefaced with "Thou":

Column 1

artless
bawdy
beslubbering
bootless
churlish
cockered
cloouted
craven
currish
dankish
dissembling
droning
errant
fawning
fobbing
froward
frothy
gleeking
goatish
gorbellied
impertinent
infectious
jarring
joggerheaded
lumpish
mammering
mangled
mewling
paunchy
pribbling
puking
puny
qualling
rank
reeky
roguish
ruttish
saucy
spleeny
spongy
surly
tottering
unmuzzled
vain
venomed
villainous
warped
wayward
weedy
yeasty

Column 2

base-court
bat-forling
beef-witted
beetle-headed
boil-brained
clapper-clawed
clay-brained
common-kissing
crook-pated
dismal-dreaming
dizzy-eyed
doghearted
dread-bolted
earth-vexing
elf-skinned
fat-kidneyed
fen-sucked
flap-mothed
fly-bitten
folly-fallen
fool-born
fill-gorged
guts-gripping
half-faced
hasty-witted
hedge-born
hell-hated
idle-headed
ill-breeding
ill-nurtured
knotty-pated
milk-livered
motley-minded
onion-eyed
plume-plucked
pottle-deep
pox-marked
reeling-ripe
rough-hewn
rude-growing
rump-fed
shard-borne
sheep-biting
spur-galled
swag-bellied
tardy-gaited
tickle-brained
toad-spotted
unchin-snouted
weather-bitten

Column 3

apple-john
baggage
barnacle
bladder
boar-pig
bugbear
bum-bailey
canket-blossom
clack-dish
clotpole
coxcomb
codpieve
death-token
dewberry
flap-dragon
flax-wench
flirt-gill
foot-licker
futilarian
giglet
gudgeon
haggard
harpy
hedge-pig
horn-beast
hugger-mugger
joithead
lewduster
lout
maggot-pie
malt-worm
mammet
measle
minnow
miscreant
moldwarp
mumble-news
nut-hook
pigeon-egg
pignut
puttock
pumpion
ratsbane
scut
skainsmate
strumpot
varlot
vassal
wheyface
wagtail

Do you ever smell a certain, familiar scent and suddenly remember a small part of your childhood you totally forgot about?

QUARANTINE DAY 32

I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you.

Is that you or the liquor talking?

It's me, talking to the liquor.



SO, IN RETROSPECT, IN 2015, NOT A SINGLE PERSON GOT THE ANSWER RIGHT TO "WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?"



I honked at the car in front of me and this angry Alpaca popped out and now I'm not sure what to do



Alright little one, you can sleep with me.



A month later...

@relaxingmommy



-YOU'RE HOME EARLY...



I did not slap you



I high fived your face

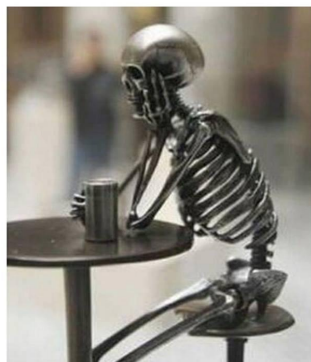
**I'LL GET MY OWN
DAMM FOOD**



I wish I were a glow worm,
A glow worm's never glum.
'Cause how can you be
grumpy, when the sun shines
out your bum?!



Me thinking about the last time I
went out and had fun



MAMASPOOPY

I have questions



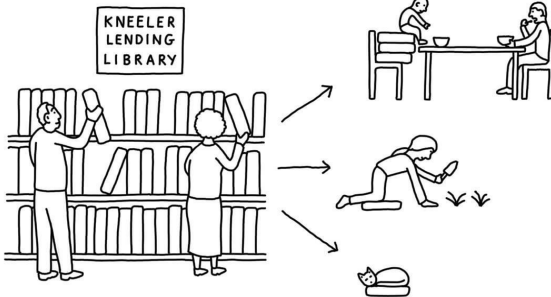
Dude, it's a ceiling
fan, not a UFO.
Quit screaming.

Please don't take me.
I haven't eaten yet!

THE KNEELERS

HOW THEY ARE BEING USED DURING THE PANDEMIC

SOME WERE LENT OUT BEFORE THE START OF LOCKDOWN



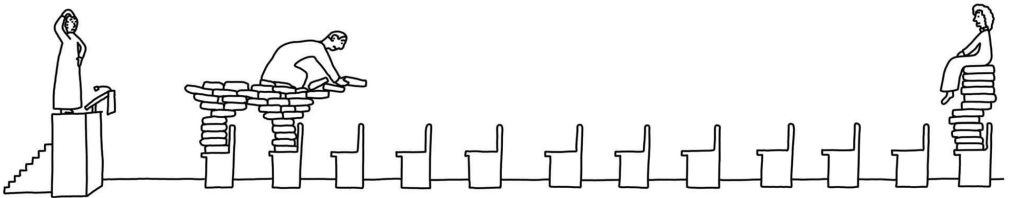
A FEW WERE PILFERED
(VERY TRICKY TO DETECT)



PENITENT KNEELER
THIEF RETURNS STASH,
HAVING BEEN
CONVERTED BY
EMBROIDERED MESSAGES



THE CLERGY USE THE REMAINDER FOR (SOCIALLY-DISTANCED) TEAM-BUILDING EXERCISES



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10 Things to Remember

1. Love is the answer. Always.
2. Vulnerability is not a weakness. It's a strength.
3. Your body is sacred. Cherish it.
4. Gratitude shifts everything. Be thankful.
5. Forgiveness sets you free. It really does.
6. You cannot change others. Only yourself.
7. Little acts of kindness are never little. Ever.
8. Fun is underrated. Enjoy yourself.
9. Age is just a number. It's never too late.
10. Life is precious. Live it now.

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AND SUDDENLY
there came from the sky
A NOISE LIKE A
STRONG DRIVING WIND,
and it filled the entire house
IN WHICH THEY WERE.
Then there appeared to
THEM TONGUES AS OF FIRE,
which parted
and came to rest on each one of them.
AND THEY WERE ALL
Filled with the
HOLY SPIRIT.



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PENTECOST

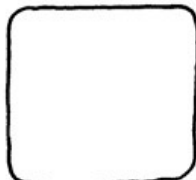
Reading
from the Bible

Acts
chapter
2

LANGUAGES I
CAN SPEAK

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

(CONTINUE OVERLEAF)



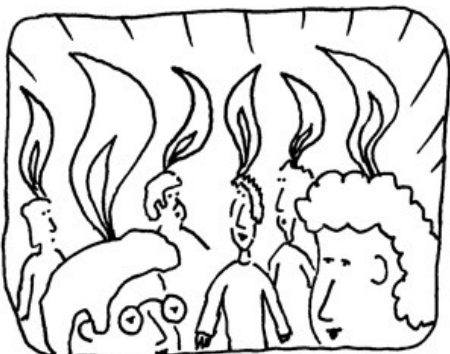
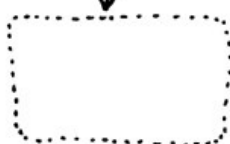
FIRE

Things that fall
over when it's windy

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

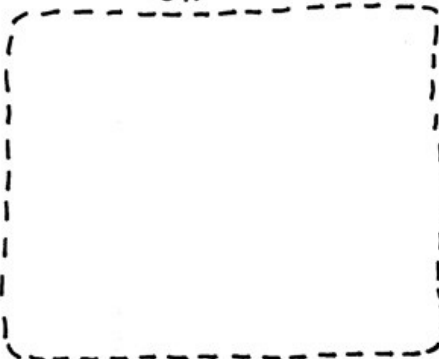
Why the hurricane
sound, fire and
different languages?

your ideas here



What seemed to be tongues of
fire came to rest on each of
them... A sound like a violent gale...
they were filled with the Holy
Spirit and began to speak in
languages from all around the world...

OR



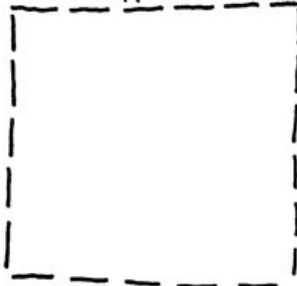
How do you imagine the scene?

I spend time listening to _____
but I would prefer to listen to _____

I would like
to speak to

what happened
before this story?

What happened next?



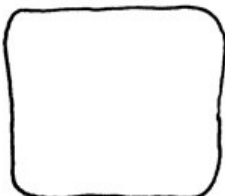
My name is

I prefer:

Flying a Kite ☐

sailing ☐

chasing leaves ☐



My hair on a
windy day

MARKS OUT OF 10

Ornate fireplace ☐

Fire alarm going off ☐


Fire Engine ☐

Firefox ☐

Bonfire night ☐

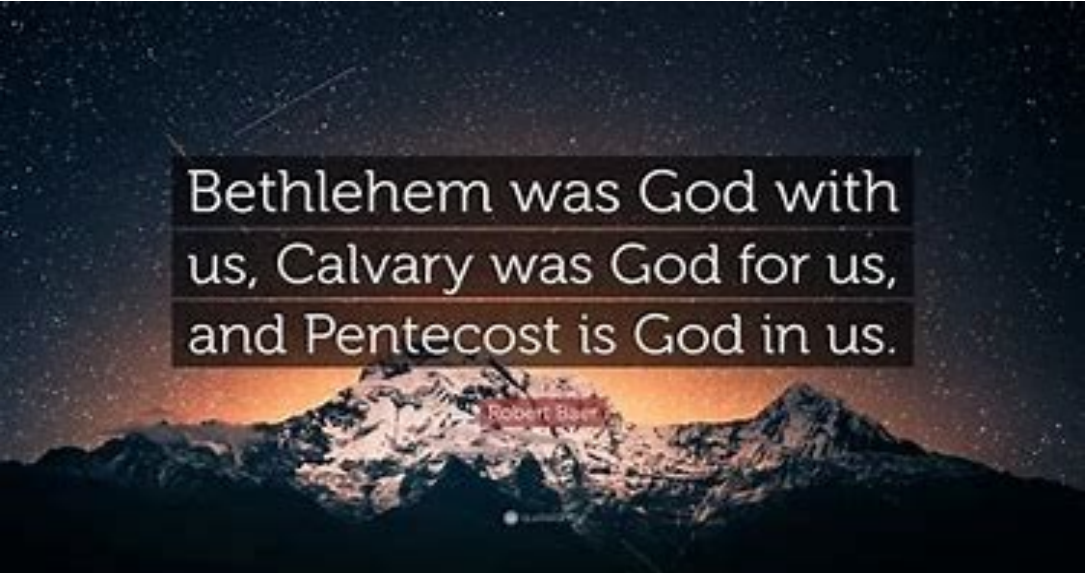
I would like it
if the spirit
helped me to...





PRACTICE
THE PAUSE.
WHEN IN
DOUBT, PAUSE.
WHEN ANGRY,
PAUSE. WHEN
TIRED, PAUSE.
WHEN
STRESSED,
PAUSE. AND
WHEN YOU
PAUSE, PRAY.

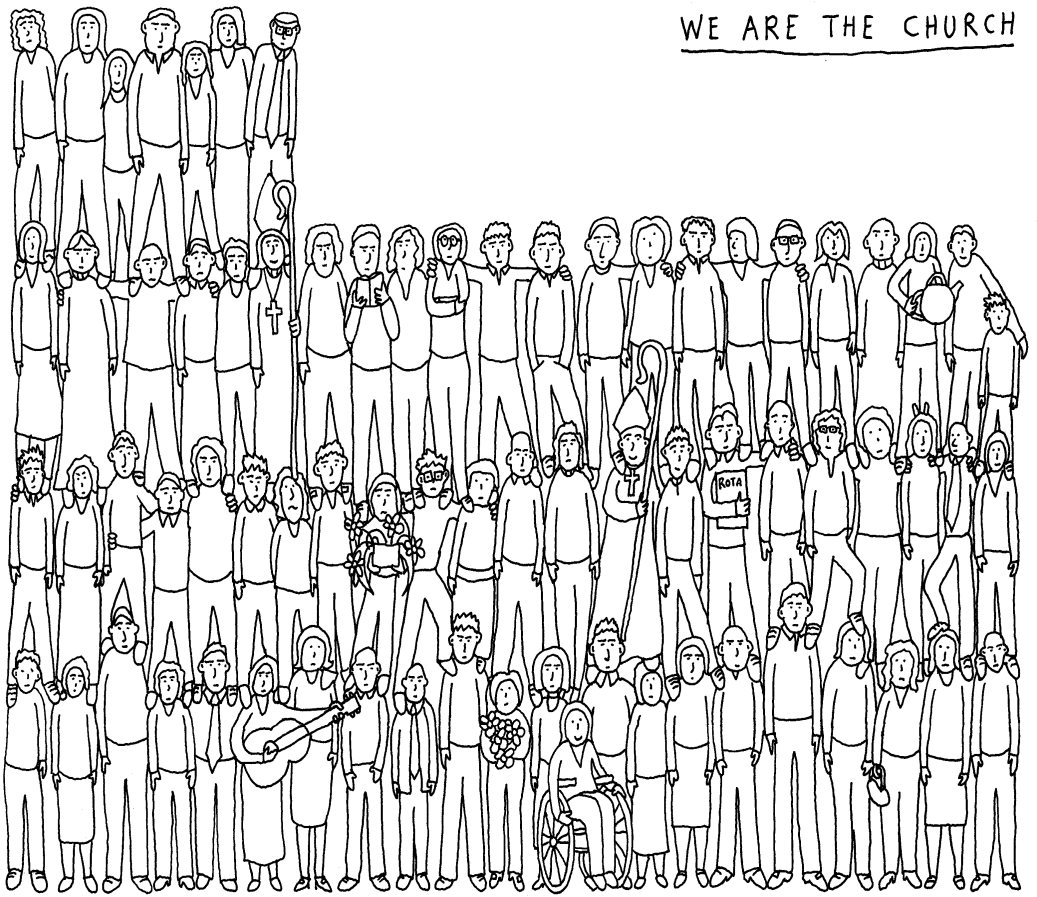
TOBYMAC #SPEAKLIFE



Bethlehem was God with
us, Calvary was God for us,
and Pentecost is God in us.

Robert Blair

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**THE CHURCH NEVER CLOSED.
WE ADAPTED!
RATHER THAN BEING A PART OF THE
PROBLEM, WE BECAME PART OF THE SOLUTION.
WE FOUND NEW WAYS TO WORSHIP AND NEW
WAYS TO SERVE A BROKEN WORLD.**