

Vicar and Curate's Musings

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

Vicar's Musings

I've been wondering what to muse about this week....the latest news from the Diocese? A book I've been reading? The church during lockdown and questions to be asked before we can go back? How life may be different? Or I finally decided to share some of my time out with my camera. They say you should never work with animals but I live with three and the past week Bella has had a cone because she's been spayed. As you can see she looks really happy about the cone and that is only one of the looks we've had from her.



Pepper bless him didn't recognise his own sister at first and hissed at her—he was completely flummoxed by this new creature with a cone on her head and didn't know how to treat her at all. He wasn't impressed with mums walking frame either!



Rosie on the other hand continue to show love to all—however whenever mum wanted to move

Rosie decided she wasn't going to—whilst this was funny to watch at first in the end a doggy biscuit was needed to tempt her to move.



Animals to me show how we all react to change and the new environments we find ourselves in. We can be grumpy and pull



face and moan, hiss and spit or become immovable.

The church is known for not wanting or not embracing change and yet with the daily phone line, WhatsApp groups, services streamed online we've adapted and from what I've heard I believe we're

doing it well. Not every church is streaming services or creating prayer books but we're sharing our resources and pulling together. We're helping the community through prayer and joining support groups. We've adapted to a situation none of us ever dreamed of.

Whatever you think about clapping for the NHS or putting rainbows in your window and there's now a debate about how long that will continue—it is wonderful to see so many rainbows about Broadway including on this sheep—I wonder have you spotted it when out walking?



Our own doctors surgery have been amazing in these unprecedented times and all the keyworkers who help us and our society to keep going the best we can. We've all probably had to learn a bit of patience and I'm loving the slowed down pace of life and fewer cars. These last couple of days with more traffic on the roads has seemed rather odd.

When I've had time I've loved getting out and seeing the wildlife and flowers that grow around our local area—we are so lucky to live in such a wonderful area where we are in the middle of now where in minutes. As you may be able to tell I've decided to share some of the images with you.. Feel lucky you aren't on Facebook or Instagram (I've uploaded a few more on there!)

I know some of you are finding it hard that our churches are closed right now—some agree and others have told me how they disagree. I



watched the Archbishops of Canterbury and York with Cardinal Nichols address this issue on Ascension Day before their time of prayer in conversation with each other. It is still available to watch on youtube...<https://tinyurl.com/yb82gngk> TKC prayer.

Also today on Facebook this post has circulated and gone everywhere from the Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri, Deon K. Johnson:

"The work of the church is essential.

The work of caring for the lonely, the marginalized, and the oppressed is essential.

The work of speaking truth to power and seeking justice is essential.

The work of being a loving, liberating, and life giving presence in the world is essential.

The work of welcoming the stranger, the refugee and the undocumented is essential.

The work of reconciliation and healing and caring is essential.

The church does not need to "open" because the church never "closed".

We who make up the Body of Christ, the church, love God and our neighbours and ourselves so much that we will stay away from our buildings until it is safe.

We are the church."

I hope although we are apart you still feel connected as a church, that you find places to pray and communicate with God.

Please do stay safe

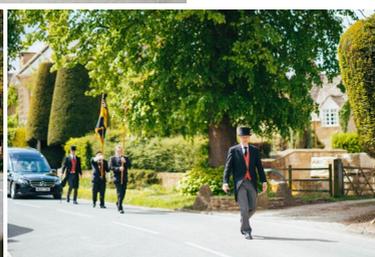
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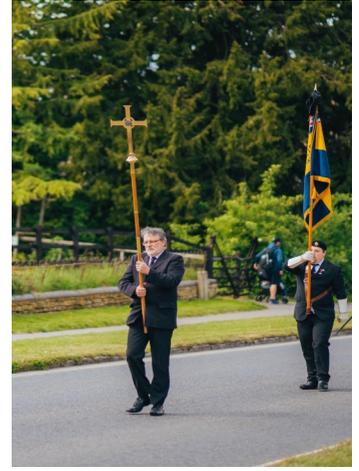


The funeral service for David Folkes MBE took place on Saturday 16th May 2020.

There was a procession through Broadway starting at St Michael's Church, Broadway and up Broadway High Street, which due to the number of people lining the street carried until the edge of the village down Leamington road—it was amazing to see how many people came and lined the streets—Thank you. Our thanks to Merstow Green Funeral Home for helping to organise this and to Charlotte Burn Photography for the images of the procession (some of which are below).

Our prayers continue to be with Gill, Caroline, Christine and the family.

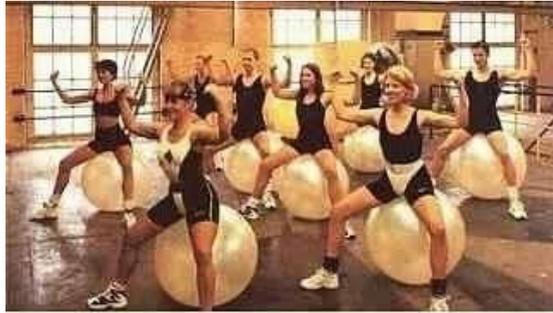




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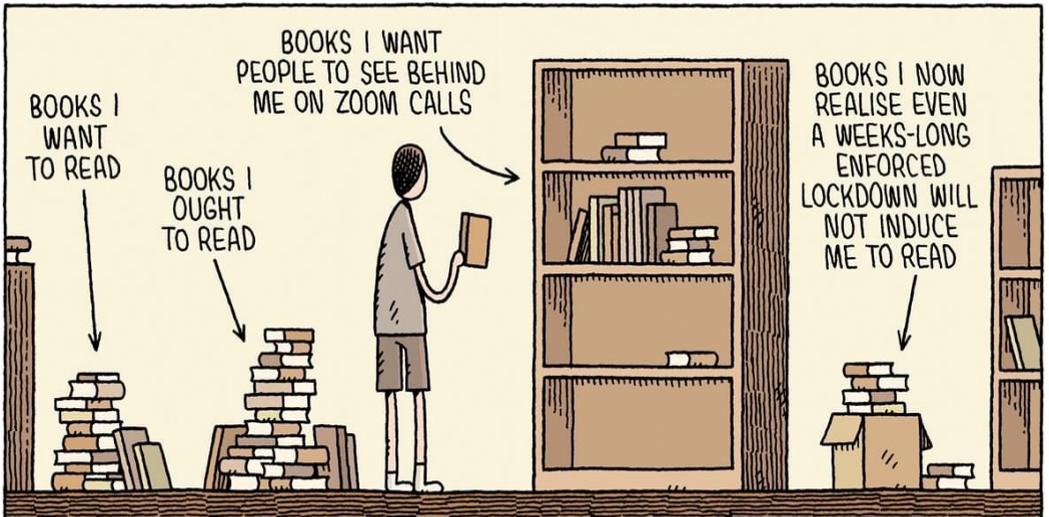


"I've got a busy day of Zoom meetings to interrupt."



Never swallow your bubblegum

REARRANGING MY BOOKSHELVES



LET'S CLAP OUR HANDS

Let's clap our hands
Let's raise the roof
Because here's a simple
Undeniable truth:
We would be in a much worse mess
If it wasn't for the NHS.

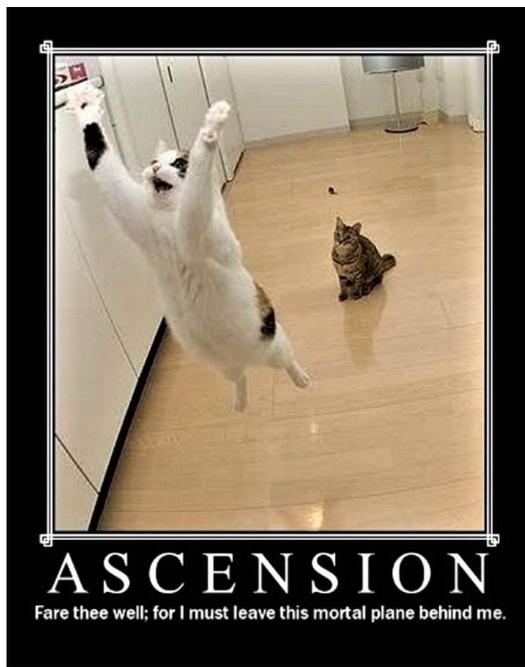
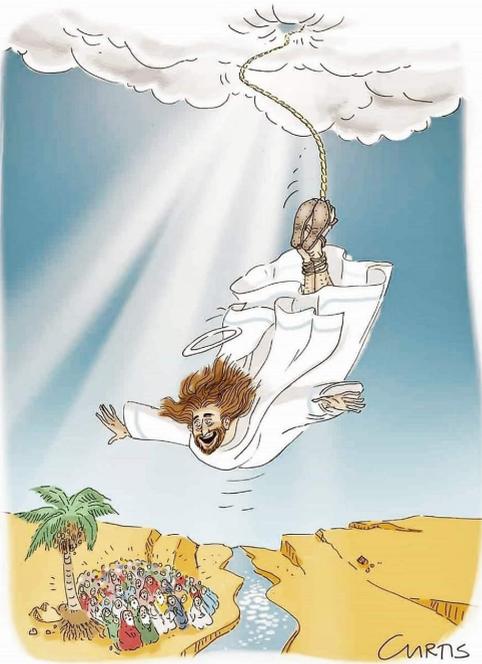
They step into places
We won't go,
They wipe the tears
When they start to flow.
They mend, they smile,
They hold, they sew.
They shout 'Push!'
And then they pull
You back into life's
Dramatic flow.

Let's give them more,
Let's raise their pay
Because this is a simple
Thing to say:
We would be in a much worse mess
If it wasn't for the NHS.

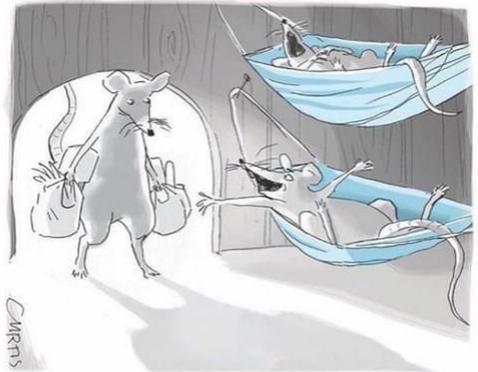


Ian McMillan

April 2020



Don't clap and call us heroes if you are still hanging out with friends, inviting people over for BBQs, or wanting to lift lockdown too early. Don't let those who are making the ultimate sacrifice do so in vain. Have our back, don't stab us in it.



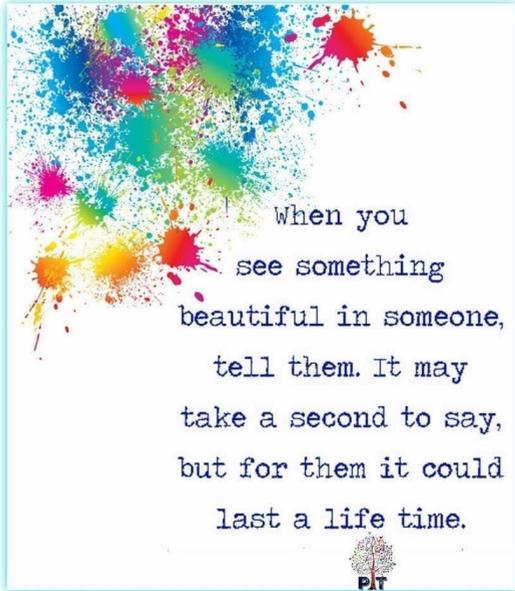
"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a mouse in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I am putting that mouse in the bathroom!!



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When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. It may take a second to say, but for them it could last a life time.



ALTERNATIVES TO HANDSHAKES, HUGS, HIGH FIVES AND HONGI



THE WAVE



THE HAND ON HEART



NAMASTE



NZSL: HOW ARE YOU?



THE 'HI-BROWS'



THE 'ALL GOOD' NOD



THE 'EAST COAST WAVE'



THE 'WHAT A WORLD EH?'

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TRAVEL MAP FOR LONDONERS



PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

FOR THOSE IN ISOLATION

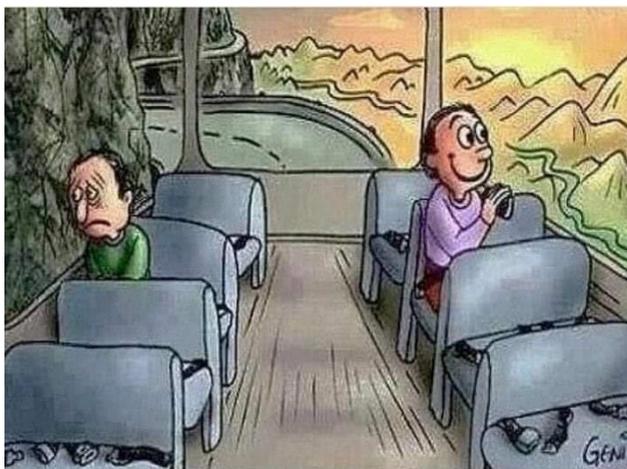
God of compassion,
 be close to those who are ill,
 afraid or in isolation.
 In their loneliness, be their consolation;
 in their anxiety, be their hope;
 in their darkness, be their light;
 through him who suffered alone
 on the cross,
 but reigns with you in glory,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

When someone you know is going through a hard time, don't say **"call me if you need anything"**, rather say:

- ◆ I'm doing grocery shopping today, send me your list and I'll drop it off on the way home.
- ◆ I'll fetch your kids from school this week.
- ◆ I've made some dinner for you, what time can I drop it off?
- ◆ I know you're not OK, tell me how you're feeling about everything.
- ◆ I've booked a massage for you, the therapist comes to your house so you don't have to drive.
- ◆ I'm taking your kids to the movies so you can have the afternoon off.
- ◆ I've got time off this week, what can I do for you and how can I support you?

UNKNOWN

☯ ENLIGHTENED CONSCIOUSNESS



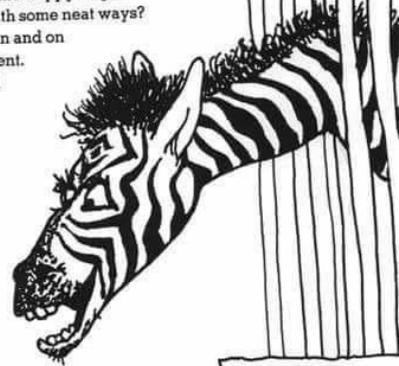
So much of our happiness depends on how we choose to look at the world.

Yesterday i wore something from 5 years ago and it actually fit!! So proud of myself.

It was a scarf. But still. Let's be positive here!

ZEBRA QUESTION

I asked the zebra,
Are you black with white stripes?
Or white with black stripes?
And the zebra asked me,
Are you good with bad habits?
Or are you bad with good habits?
Are you noisy with quiet times?
Or are you quiet with noisy times?
Are you happy with some sad days?
Or are you sad with some happy days?
Are you neat with some sloppy ways?
Or are you sloppy with some neat ways?
And on and on and on and on
And on and on he went.
I'll never ask a zebra
About stripes
Again.



Lockdown Lingo 🤔



Furlough Merlot

Wine consumed in an attempt to relieve the frustration of not working.

Also known as "bored-eaux" or "cabernet tedium".

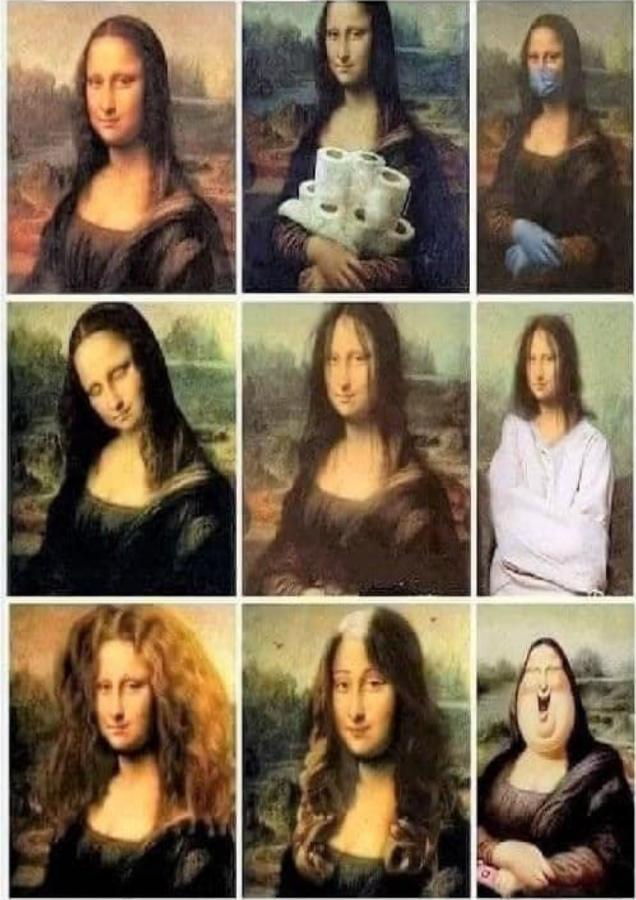
WORK IS A RUBBER BALL. IF YOU DROP IT, IT WILL BOUNCE BACK. THE OTHER FOUR BALLS - FAMILY, HEALTH, FRIENDS, INTEGRITY - ARE MADE OF GLASS. IF YOU DROP ONE OF THESE, IT WILL BE IRREVOCABLY SCUFFED, NICKED, PERHAPS EVEN SHATTERED.

Gary Keller

Always one for keeping fit, Susie did her regular pelvic floor exercises.



9 stages of quarantine

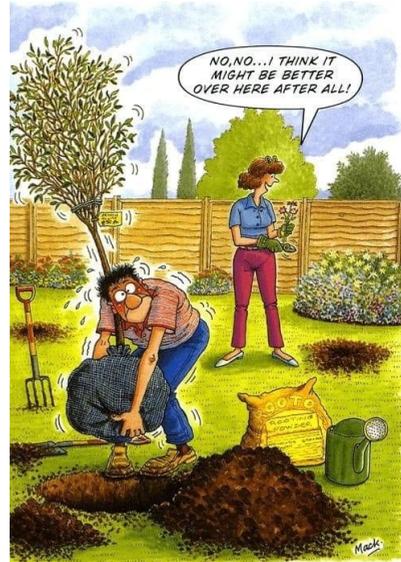


Courage is knowing it might hurt, and doing it anyway.

Stupidity is the same.

And that's why life is hard.

Jeremy Goldberg



A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



Richard Burrige is with Richard Coles and 12 others.

24 mins · 🧑

I am grateful to [Paul Roberts](#) for telling me of a rumour that the House of Bishops, continuing their "extreme social distancing" cautionary policy, have asked the Liturgical Commission to change the text of the Gloria in Excelsis to read, "you are seated a minimum of two metres from the right hand of the Father..."



Can we uninstall 2020
and install it again?

This version has a
virus.

Always warm your hands
before milking the cow.



Who'd have thought that eight weeks of uncut hair would weigh a stone... but who am I to argue with the bathroom scales?

**Ascension day...
when Jesus
went back to
working from
home...**

A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit "what'll ya have?" The rabbit says "I dunno. I'm only here because of Autocorrect."



**DO YOU EVER GET UP
IN THE MORNING,**



**LOOK AT YOURSELF IN
THE MIRROR AND
THINK... "THAT CAN'T
BE ACCURATE."**

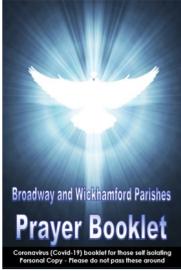
Feeding the ducks



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THE PLAYING OF
BALL GAMES
RIDING OF CYCLES
EXORCISING OF DOGS
STRICTLY PROHIBITED

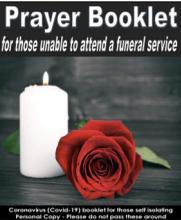
Coronavirus / Covid 19 update



Prayer Booklet

Prayer Booklet for May

www.shelliem.wordpress.com/2020/04/28/prayer-booklet-for-may-during-covid-19/



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



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.

Saturday after Ascension | **Thanks**

Pray for your five to recognise the goodness of God in their lives, that they would turn to God in gratitude and trust.



Archbishop of Canterbury ✓
@JustinWelby

In the life and love we receive from Jesus, there is hope, peace and purpose. It matters that so many don't know this. Let us pray they would.

[#ComeHolySpirit](#) [#ThyKingdomCome](#)



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Broadway Coronavirus Support Network

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

This is updated regularly on Facebook.

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

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

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

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

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

Contact:

Tel: Revd Michelle (Shellie)Ward - 07780002565.

E-mail: broadwayvillagenetwork@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

*PLEASE NOTE

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

Telephone 01608 651415 info@cotswoldsfriends.org

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

UPDATED FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

BROADWAY FOOD / MEALS / SHOPPING DELIVERIES

COLLINS OF BROADWAY BUTCHERS

01386 852061 for any orders big or small.

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

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

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

NISA LOCAL - BIBSWORTH AVENUE

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

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

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

THE BROADWAY WINE COMPANY

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

JOHN BARLEYCORN

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

THE BAKEHOUSE

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

www.thebakehousebroadway.co.uk/bakeathome

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

We're here to help!

Other Useful Information found on Facebook or other places online

Barn Close Surgery

5th May 2020

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

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

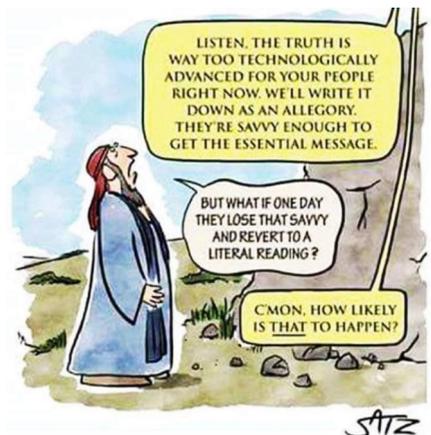
Our Red zone is operating at De Montfort medical centre in Evesham. We will advise you whether you need to attend the Red zone on the basis of your presenting condition.

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

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

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

www.barnclose.co.uk





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Broadway, Worcestershire

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**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!



NUMBER.32

CAFÉ • BAR • FOOD

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, Pepparoni, Salmi, 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

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

Ross, Andrew & Gavnor Rilev & team.

Information from the Diocese

Live Streaming of services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

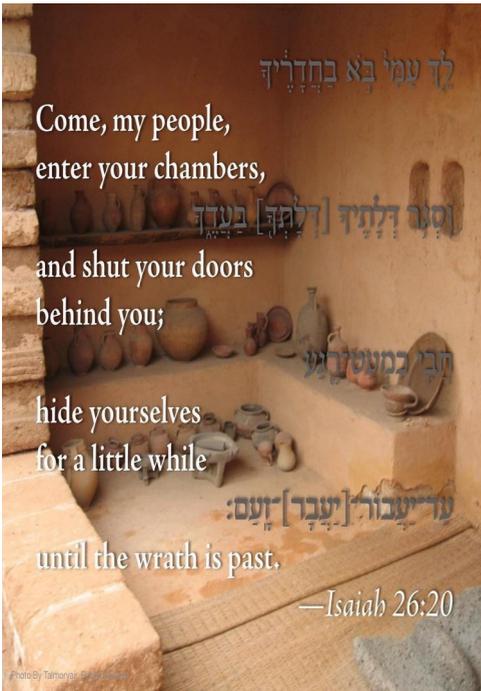
Morning Prayer from Worcester Cathedral

Watch Morning Prayer from Worcester Cathedral. This is one way in which we are linking members of the Cathedral community as well as the wider public to the Cathedral's daily offering of praise and prayer.

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



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



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

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

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

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



www.fb.com/groups/wearethemotherload

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
(24hrs)

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

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

Victim Support
0808 168 9111
(24hrs)

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.

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

WORCESTERSHIRE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY FUND

The National Lottery Community Fund

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Evesham & District Mental Health Support Services

1 hr · 🌐

Sunday - Anxiety can be all consuming - but it won't last for ever :)
COVID-19 helpline open from 9 am to 9 pm 7 days a week
07495 896695

I WILL GET THROUGH THIS, LIKE I DO EVERYTIME.
TAKE DEEP BREATHS.
I AM LOVED, SAFE & PROTECTED.
THIS WILL SOON PASS & I WILL FEEL HAPPY AGAIN.
THIS IS NOT FOREVER OR CONSTANT.
I AM NOT MY ANXIETY.

EDMHSS.org 01386 429454 07495 896695

Focus on Happiness!

Life is meant to be happy. What you focus on determines your experience. Sit quietly and notice this simple truth. Your thoughts affect your emotions, and your emotions affect your quality of life. Focus on things that make you Happy!

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the person I can, and the wisdom to know that person is me.

Tracey Dawson

**I HAVE SOOOO MUCH
TO DO TODAY...**



OH LOOK, FACEBOOK!

whyatt



Why dogs stick their heads
out of car windows

I Told
Him To Pull
My Finger
And He
Did It !!!



Never
Again !!!

And thats how it happened

Gone Crazy.



Back Soon.

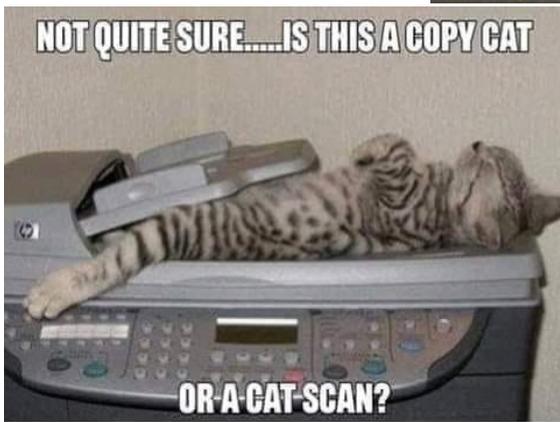
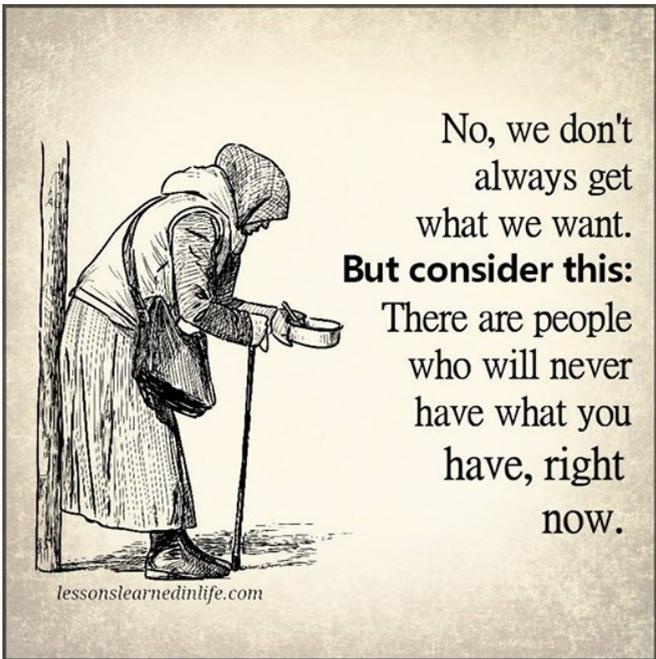


**I beg to differ with your
logic...**



**You do not need a smaller cat, you need
a bigger sink!**

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Francesca Bradford
@cesca_uk

This is Alf, I rescued him as a surprise for the husband, but it turns out he's allergic to dogs. So it looks like I'm going to have to find a new home for him. He's called Adam, he's 41, not bad at DIY, decent cook and a lovely fella....



Sharing because are you kidding me...

We are our own virus.
We haven't learned anything



@PeacefulMindPeacefulLife

No matter what you do, someone
will always talk about you.
Someone will always question your
judgement. Someone will always
doubt you. So just smile and make
the choices you can live with.

- UNKNOWN



The time the neighbours
were trying to outdo each
other and clapped for the
NHS for 3 hours



poke.

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Dad's sourdough
starter goes
horribly wrong

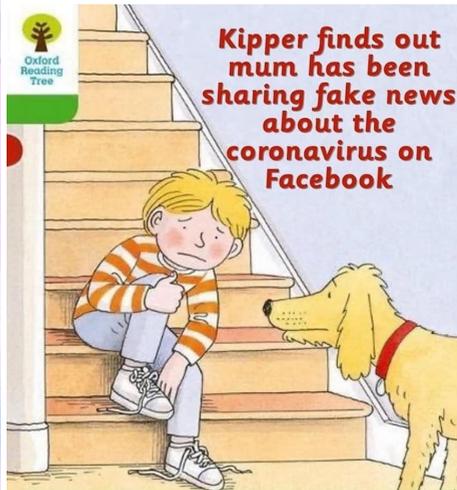


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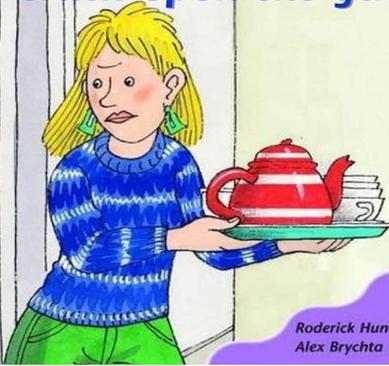
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mum has been
sharing fake news
about the
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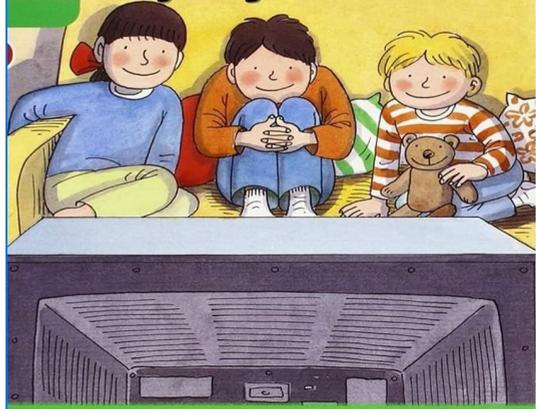
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Mum wonders if 8am is too early to crack open the gin



Roderick Hunt
Alex Brychta

The kids watch Netflix for 14 hours



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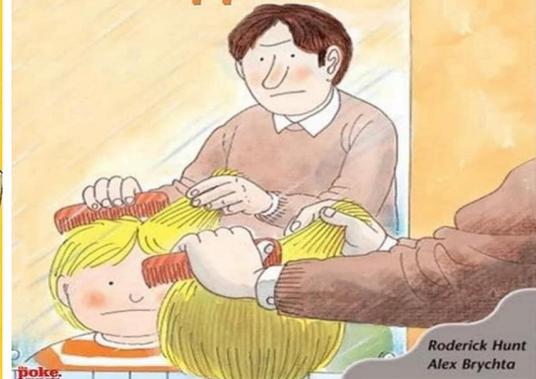
Phonics: Level 1

Biff stages an Intervention for mum



I'm begging you.
Please delete your
TikTok account.
You're ruining
my life.

Dad cocks up Kipper's haircut



Roderick Hunt
Alex Brychta

Dad hasn't got a bloody clue if it's bin day or not



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Mum orders a load of shit from the internet



Roderick Hunt
Alex Brychta

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

Isolation Day Twelvty three. Wednesday

by Bryn Richards

The period of lockdown is easing but it's still doubtful if we'll be able to holiday abroad so we may be considering 'Staycation.' We are lucky where we live that we can visit some of the wonderful tourist destinations in the surrounding Cotswolds. They are places not only of great beauty but many also have a fascinating history as I've found out.

Morton In Marsh: No-one knows for certain the spot where Colonel Sir Branwell Morton plunged into the swamp as he led the 1st Regiment of Yorkshire Foot in pursuit of King Charles in the latter days of the Civil War. His body was never found and his loyal troops marked the supposed spot with the sign Morton in T'Marsh. The 'T' was stolen as part of a public school prank in 1928.

Bourton: A prosperous village in medieval times, the village became unfortunately separated in the great storm of 1376. The upper part of the village remained "On The Hill" whilst the other section was swept along with the flood and became 'On The Water' some 8 miles away. Geologists estimate the latter part of the village is still on the move and may be forced to change its name to Bourton Sur Mer some time next century.

The Slaughters: These pretty villages were mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 but under the name 'Clapperton.' An enterprising lord of the manor, Sir William Graham saw the opportunity for a village to be a major part of the fledgling television industry and altered the name accordingly. Unfortunately the Berkshire village of Midsomer caught the producer's eye first.

Upper/Lower Swell: The Great Plague of 1665 is well recorded in London but had strange offshoot in the village of Upper Swell. Victims suffered a range of boils bunions and nodules appearing above the waist, especially around the neck. These could grow to a disturbing size before bursting unpleasantly.

The similar affliction that appeared in the neighbouring village of Lower Swell is rarely referred to in polite society.

Isolation day Something or other +3 Thursday

Scientists throughout the world are rapidly searching for a vaccine to rid us of this terrible plague, what have been the cures to terrible plagues in the past?

The Black Death swept Europe in the Middle Ages with no obvious cure. One popular remedy was the Vicary method, to shave the rear end of a live chicken and strap it to the swollen parts of a patient. Remove when either the patient or the chicken are dead.

Rubbing a plague sufferer with the chopped up parts of a dead snake was another popular remedy. Using a live snake meant that the patient was still likely to die but not necessarily of the plague.

Drinking a potion made from ground up unicorn horn was a thought to work if a

little expensive. There is no real evidence of success though many doctors were able to afford more up-market homes.

Cures for other illnesses were not always terribly wholesome.

Urine baths were seen as a possible solution to many ailments though the origin of the urine is not always specified. However it was readily available and plentiful and considerably cheaper than unicorn horn.

Tobacco smoke enema was a Native American practice though it continued to be used in Europe until the early 19th Century. You had to no, I'm not going to even think about it!

Unusually for me, I have done a bit of research for this blog and all these "cures" are real. Why not give the NHS an especially loud round of applause this week.

Supplies Short of unicorn

Spirits Relieved.

Isolation Day LAST. Friday

So thats it. The lockdown is easing. Garden centres are open, we can exercise non-stop, people are moving back to work. Some of us will shortly be making a return to the bowling green. We can begin to emerge blinking into the bright sunlight of a new day. It's time for the blog to fade with the dawn.

It will take a while for every day life to be up and running again but it is a start. Will we return to normal? I think we may have to redefine what normal is! Who are the most important people in our society? Who are the people who really matter and do we value them enough? Its been a difficult few weeks but if we don't spend some thinking about our values it will have been wasted. However we must first remember. Remember those who have lost, suffered and given so much.

For us on the park, we may have had some difficulties but on the whole we've had great neighbours, a fine place to live and a sense of humour that's carried us through. We looked forward to the Thursday night clap and catch-up. We'll look back on the VE Day celebrations with fond memories. It's been great wandering through a fantastic historical village without throngs of tourists. But I know we need the throngs to get the economy back up to speed. Many of us have managed to go further into the countryside without so much traffic and perhaps become a little closer to nature, surely a good thing.

On a personal level, the blog began as something to pass my time but it took on a life of its own. I really appreciated the comments which have added to, enhanced and improved upon it. Many thanks.

Especial thanks to the wonderful woman I spent all these weeks cooped up with, she put up with so much and kept me sane. Thank you.

I only hope H never finds out!



James Sledge is at Falls Church Presbyterian Church.

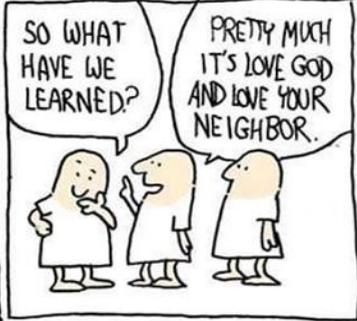
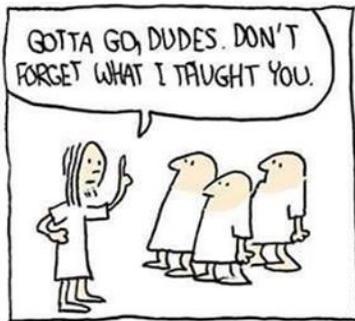
Yesterday at 5:44 PM · Falls Church · 🌐

At least one of the organ pipes is following CDC guidelines. @ Falls Church Presbyterian Church



Drive in Church Services have been a huge success.

Drive in Baptisms not so much.

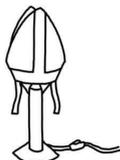


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USES DURING A PANDEMIC



MASK



LAMPSHADE



POPCORN
HOLDER



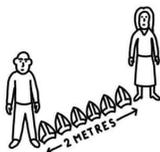
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PIPING BAG



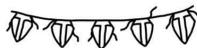
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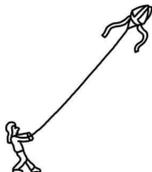
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BUNTING



WASTE PAPER
BASKET



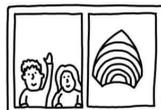
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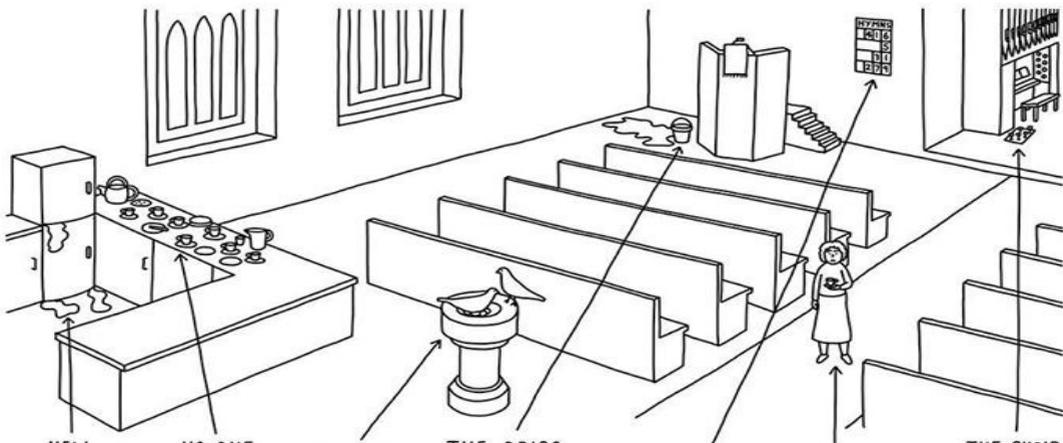


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DISCOVERIES

MADE UPON RETURNING TO THE CHURCH BUILDING



NEW
LIFE-FORMS
ARE
EMERGING
FROM
THE FRIDGE

NO ONE
WASHED
UP AFTER
THE FINAL
COFFEE
MORNING

PIGEONS
ARE
NESTING
IN THE
FONT

THE DRIPS
BUCKET
SHOULD
HAVE
BECOME
SEVERAL
INCHES TO
THE LEFT

THE HYMN
NUMBERS
HAVE BECOME
WELDED
IN PLACE

A CONGREGATION
MEMBER WAS SHUT
IN, BUT SURVIVED
ON BISCUITS
AND WEAK TEA

THE CHOIR
DIDN'T
CLEAR UP
THEIR
SHERRY
GLASSES

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.

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*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,*

 ST. PATRICK,
PRAY FOR US



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Holy God
who created us for and from love,
in this time of social distancing
hold us close in your arms.
Comfort those who are afraid,
enliven those who are bored,
give courage to those
who feel the cold touch
of loneliness.
Breathe in, with and through us
as we walk through uncertainty
into a new future,
knowing that you are with us now
and await us there.
In the name of Christ the Beloved.
Amen.

Ellen Clark-King
Grace Cathedral SF