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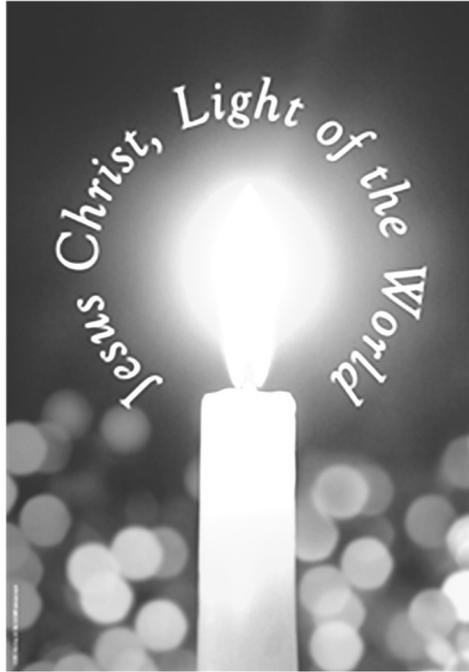


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**A prayer remembering God is with us**

*Lord God, you are always with me. You are with me in the day and in the night. You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad. You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill. You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried. Today I am feeling (**say how you are feeling**) because (**reasons you are feeling this way**). Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.*

*Amen.*

May God shine a light of hope and his love for you into your home at this tough time.

Stuart Burns, Rector  
Tel. 07595 946284

## Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Chris Green

### Is that a light at the end of the tunnel?

Dear Friends

Well our villages, and our churches, have been going through strange and testing times. And at last some of the restrictions on our lives may be easing. But things will take a long time to return to how they were- and some probably never will. And I wonder- might some even change for the *better*?



I am writing this on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, and perhaps the spirit of those times has a lesson for today.

Then, as now, the country was emerging from a period of great national effort and facing an uncertain future. On 8 May 1945 Winston Churchill said "*We must begin the task of rebuilding our hearth and homes, doing our utmost to make this country a land in which all have a chance, in which all have a duty...*". And in the next Parliament, with the country in very challenging economic circumstances, Clement Atlee's government created not only a functioning modern welfare state complete with the NHS, but also transformed the lives and prospects of most of the population. There was a lot of opposition but along the way whole industries were rebuilt and the infrastructure needed to underpin a modern economy was created. We became more equal in wealth than we ever have been since.

Can we pull off something similar now? Amid the wreckage left by COVID- 19, there have been notable positives. We are valuing NHS and care workers as never before – but also others whose contribution has hitherto often been neglected, such as bus drivers, white van drivers, shop workers and call centre staff. Can we build on this? The government is safeguarding jobs and incomes for many people. Can we look at other ways of making everyone more economically secure?

And perhaps we also have an historic opportunity to minimise our impact on the environment. Pollution is down dramatically. We have discovered new ways of visiting places and meeting together without travelling. We are shopping more locally, and consuming more carefully. Can we reap a green dividend too?

So soon after Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, we should remember that a belief in *resurrection* is built into the Christian faith. New life triumphs over death and despair. There is always another opportunity to change for the better. How can we best use *this* opportunity?

*Chris Green*

## Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

### Recognise the one who stands beside you

'Stay alert' is the message as we 'ease out of lockdown'. We know that for some there is little ease as we begin to re-engage with a world that is still fearful of Covid-19 and uncertain about its future. The requirement to 'stay alert' is to encourage us to watch out for signs of the virus and protect ourselves and others as necessary.



We've just celebrated Pentecost, often recognised as the birthday of the Church. Jesus' message to his followers as he left them to return to his Father was that they were to 'stay alert', not to guard against something fearful to come but rather to be watchful for the Spirit that would free them from fear. It didn't mean that there weren't still physical dangers to face but rather that their spiritual lives should grow in boldness.

We have seen much courage exhibited throughout this crisis to date. Key workers who have continued to serve us day by day even whilst most of us have remained at home. The NHS and care workers have quite rightly been applauded and appreciated at this time **and** there are so many more.

I've been especially impressed by our schools and their teams who have largely been open throughout this period to provide care for key worker families and vulnerable children. Even at weekends and during this past half term holiday they have been tirelessly supporting their local communities. Staying alert to the needs of our young, they have shown their commitment and care. I want to express my huge gratitude to them!

As we move into June we may be seeing more children returning to schools having been home-schooled for a time. This will not be without fear for some with a need to be especially alert to physical dangers. Whatever the situation we find ourselves to be in at this point, we are reminded that we have a Comforter, an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and encourages our faith even at times of doubt and anxiety.

Whether still isolated at home or beginning a return to wider community life, may you find yourself being alert for and recognising the one who stands alongside you, the Spirit, who is a friend, guardian and comforter.

With every good wish

*Ruth Worsley*

## Church in the time of Corona

With churches closed and gatherings restricted, how can we still *be* the church during the coronavirus emergency? Well it turns out to be possible even under 'lockdown'- but only if we are willing to try out new ways.

In March, our rector, Stuart Burns, trialled online services of morning and evening prayer with a few of us, using the video-conferencing app ZOOM. As you may know, it is done from a computer, tablet or smartphone. You join the session at the time arranged using codes supplied by the organiser, and you can see and talk to other participants joining the same session. After some fine tuning we quickly got used to it. Then we invited everyone in our combined congregations. For our first Sunday service we had perhaps 50 participants. But it has grown steadily since then, and on Sundays we have 100 or more, on over 70 different devices. It took off just in time for Holy Week and Easter!

It is admittedly strange at first. 'Going to church' means... staying at home. There is the app to install, numbers to key in... but then, you join the gathering and start seeing familiar faces. There is a chatter of folk greeting each other and waving. We can be quite a noisy throng, especially on a Sunday. So the leader of the service turns everyone on to 'silent' for the service, apart from a few people like readers and leaders.

Alan and Wayne start our Sunday worship with a few verses of a hymn (we can sing along at home – to God, and the cat). Then we follow familiar words –liturgy, bible passages – and have a time for reflection. We spend a little time on prayers. In a small group, we can all join in with these. I am often moved when others share their concerns, sorrows or joys in this way. It gives me a real sense of communion, of our disparate lives being joined by common threads- and of all being held in God's love. And we end as we began, but perhaps more thoughtfully. On a Sunday we break up into smaller groups- another wizardry of the app – to help us chat.

Church is more than services, of course. There is administration, church meetings and the like. These can usually be done by email, or on ZOOM. And there is the day-by-day ministry of all church members - to each other, and to the wider community. Our churches have supported different local self-help initiatives in the villages, providing an extra network to help keep vulnerable folk safe and looked after- we have 'done our bit'.

There are downsides of 'being church' in this altered way of course. Seeing others on screen is no substitute for meeting in the flesh, as everyone living apart from



*Stuart celebrating Holy Communion at a service on 'ZOOM'*

family members knows too well. Not all have access to computer technology, so may be excluded from some things (though you can join ZOOM by landline). There is the tragedy of funerals that none but a very few may attend, rubbing salt in the wound of grief. And there are postponed christenings and church weddings. But we all miss our ancient buildings. Our calendar of extra events - fundraising and social - is suspended. Our incomes are down – but not most of our outgoings.

Are there lessons we in the church can learn from these experiences? Here are some to be going on with:

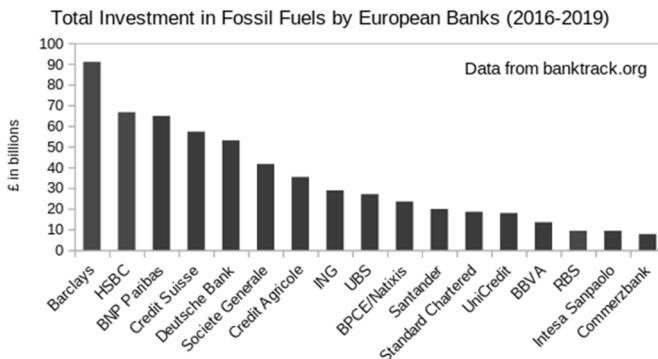
First, the church is more than its buildings, and we can and will adapt to new ways of 'being church' when we need to. It is good to know this!

Second, some of the business we used to conduct face-to-face should continue to be done on-line. Many journeys might be saved (and heating bills cut) if we use ZOOM for PCC meetings and training courses.

But most importantly - it has reminded us that our churches are at the centre of our local communities. We play our own unique part in nurturing and building up community life. Perhaps we have all resolved to look after those around us more, to cherish village life... and to shop more locally!

*Chris Green*

## Not all banks are equal



At the moment we struggle with COVID-19, but ,as many commentators point out ,we are also laying the foundations for the future. Sharp reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are required over the next 10 years to keep global temperature rises under 1.5°C and avoid the worst effects of climate change, as agreed in Paris 2015. Despite this many banks are heavily involved in fossil fuel finance (banktrac.org). Mark Carney, recently retired Governor of the Bank of England, commented that current investment policies will result in a warming of 3.7-3.8°C, while if we make the necessary steps to limit warming, up to 80% of coal assets and half of all developed oil reserves will be stranded i.e. worthless. Our Archbishop Justin Welby said at the Asset Owners Climate Summit *“We have the opportunity to turn that round so that the generations to come can look back in gratitude ....”*.

Many organisations have responded: universities have divested and are pushing for their pension schemes to divest; Rio Tinto plc, the mining monolith, has disposed of all its fossil fuel assets and is re-investing in future ‘green’ energy growth areas; and the Church Commissioners are committed to divestment from high carbon assets.

Christian Aid has a long running campaign ‘The Big Shift’ that seeks to persuade banks to give fossil fuel finance a wide berth. In January, Lloyds committed to halve the climate impact of its loans by 2030, followed by RBS in February, which had invested £9 billion. Pressure is mounting on Barclays and HSBC. Barclays invested £91 billion since the Paris agreement, including in tar sand extraction, which is highly polluting and environmentally destructive. HSBC invested £66 billion; and continues financing new coal-fired power stations in Bangladesh, Indonesia and Vietnam.

An often quoted phrase is that *‘the consumer has the power’ and can vote with their feet..*’. Desmond Tutu said people *“need to break their ties with corporations financing the injustice of climate change”* and Justin Welby notes *“either economics or finance set our values, or they are the subject of our values”*. It is our choice.

Ben Bose

## Eco Church Award Points

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### Greening our Churches.....Lessons from Lockdown?

Over the last two months our lives have changed profoundly, due to the precautions taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Electronic communication has come to the fore. Erstwhile technophobes have discovered email and video-conferencing software to stay in touch with family and friends while becoming adept at ordering groceries on-line.

Many church communities, with church buildings closed, have also developed ways of gathering virtually on-line, to pray and reflect together. Chris Green reports on this elsewhere in this issue in 'Church in time of Corona'.

Prior to 'lockdown' we rarely had weekday services, now there are 20 or more remote participants most evenings. Many churches report that 'attendance' on Sundays has increased since introducing on-line worship. There may of course be specific reasons relevant to the COVID-19 crisis to account for this; people may have more time on their hands than usual, and may feel more motivated to gather for prayer in such threatening times. But it might be worth considering continuing this on-line worship even after lockdown is ended and our church buildings are open again. It would not completely replace gathering in church, but it could be a part of its future.

One advantage would be that it enables people who find it difficult to get to church to join us (though admittedly it may exclude others who don't have access to a suitable device). However by using both 'live' and on-line worship we could maximise the number of participants. Another less obvious benefit of on-line worship could be a reduction in the use of fossil-fuels to heat our ancient and draughty church buildings, particularly in the winter months, by meeting virtually instead of in the church. Emissions would also be reduced because of fewer car journeys to church.

The Church of England Buildings Council is in the process of revising its recommendations on heating church buildings, taking into account the climate emergency and the need to decarbonise. General Synod is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions, in order to fulfil the fifth mark of the church's mission: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". Perhaps ZOOM worship could be an innovative contribution to achieving this goal.

*Nikki Devitt*



The consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic have been colossal. Worldwide, everybody has been affected, whether from contracting the virus, having friends or family suffering from the condition or seeing the impact coronavirus has had on their businesses; often, sadly, leading to the cessation of said livings.

Christians across the globe have managed to meet and worship still, thanks to the wonders of computer video conferencing applications such as ZOOM. Individuals can participate in leading such services, with others in the 'virtual congregation' being muted accordingly, until the conversations afterward.

There is one aspect of all Christian lives that never requires a 'mute' button, however. God is always 'on-line' and listening. To each and every one of us, all over the world. Omnipresence is not a word often heard in these pared-down days of rendering everything into the simplest terms.

But omnipresent is exactly what our Father is. He hears every person who calls and prays to him, be it orally or silently, singly or en masse. Every time. The mute function isn't needed; no computer is required. Pray and our Lord will hear you.

*Ade Macrow*

## Music Matters Silence and Music



For the past 67 years, musicians have always associated those three words with a five-minute unaccompanied choral work by Ralph Vaughan Williams. But now they have a very different meaning.

Since March 23rd there's been **silence** in our church buildings, a strange and unknown scenario to so many, and especially church musicians.

Whilst Worship does not need a permanent home of stone or bricks and mortar, like it or not, we are the current custodians of our churches great and small, as well as our magnificent Cathedrals, and with them the organs and choral traditions in many of these places.

Both clergy and musicians have quickly adapted to the current situation with on-line worship, some even rounding up their choirs on-line to record **music** to be slotted into the Services. The results are, to put it bluntly, highly unsatisfactory, especially as far as choral music is concerned. Yes, the application of up-market technology can meld together many single voices, but singing in a choir is not about that – it's about momentary human reaction and musical empathy with those around you – impossible when it's just you, singing alone in your front room and having no idea what the other singers are doing ! In my opinion it's better to stick to really good recordings, or just solo items.

Organists play the organ. That may be an obvious statement, but like all musicians, we need to practice. The piano may be a useful substitute for keeping the fingers supple and learning notes, but the touch is different AND you need a pedalboard, for the feet. I know that some of us (including me) have quietly let themselves into the deserted building – fully socially isolated - and have practiced for several hours, thus keeping the organ in use, as recommended by all the leading organ builders.

Where and when it will all end is not known as we long for the return of **music**, rather than **silence**.

*Barry Rose*

## Izzy and the Busy Bees— episode 2

*Back in March Izzy told us about her plans and preparations for starting to keep bees. The story continues.....*



### **Getting the Hive**

Annette Wills was reading my first article and she contacted Rob, my next-door neighbour, to get my Dad to call Annette as Andrew Seager was looking after some beehives and was looking to rehome them.

My Dad went up to see Andrew (before the lock down) and we arranged to go and visit the beehives one evening, which were over in Easton. Andrew took us over, and we saw the last remaining unsold hive with the bees busy flying in and out collecting pollen, so we decided to buy it.

We went over with Andrew in early March to collect the beehive one evening, when the bees would have finished foraging for the day and plugged the entrance with a scouring pad. We then wrapped the beehive with a ratchet strap and carefully transported the beehive back to Rodney Stoke and put it in place in our garden and removed the scouring pad. Andrew gave us some fondant (delicious) to feed the bees – a bit like a giant sweet to a human!

The next day the bees were getting used to their new surroundings and were soon very busy collecting pollen and nectar from the garden and further afield and taking it back into the beehive.

### **Getting the Equipment**

With the bees in place, we need to buy some important equipment to get us going. The first piece of important equipment is a bee suit for protection against being stung – not very nice – whilst inspecting the hive. The suit has some handy pockets for other important equipment as well as a veil to protect the face. We also bought some gloves to provide protection for our hands.

The next piece of equipment was the smoker. This is used to generate smoke which you puff into the beehive to calm the bees so you can work with the hive whilst doing inspections. We have saved loads of cardboard toilet roll tubes and wrapped corrugated cardboard around these to use as fuel for the smoker.



The last piece of equipment is a hive tool which is a handheld multipurpose tool used in maintaining and inspecting beehives. My Dad bought a red one for himself, and since there was a pink one also available, I got that for myself.

### **Our First Inspection**

With the hive in place for nearly four weeks, the bees had settled well into their new surroundings and had been very busy foraging for pollen and nectar in the warm spring weather we have had. This warm weather was also a good time to carry out our first inspection.

With our bee-suits on and armed with smoker and hive tools, we took the roof off and with a few careful puffs of smoke across the frames the bees disappeared down into the hive. We pulled the frames out one-by-one looking for the queen and soon found her. She was not easy to find, but when we did, we could see she was clearly bigger than the other drones and worker bees as she has a longer abdomen.

After replacing the frames and putting the hive back together, we added a new honey-super with empty frames for the bees to store nectar in honeycomb ready for harvesting. Let's hope we have a fabulous summer and get lots of honey!!

*Izzy Bibby*

## Living with Lockdown - what our readers say

*Denny Johnson writes:*

I would to thank everyone for all their kindness and support in so many ways shown to me at this very difficult time in self isolation. Especially the children from Barrow Wood Lane for delivering surprise little gifts of love on the front door every week.

This really is a thankful village and community.

*Gil Dury writes*

### **Thoughts**

The May edition of the magazine was such good copy. I enjoyed reading the thoughts of so many people in the Parish and felt that I was in touch with friends, even though it was not in church.

The saddest news was about the death of Stanley Price, a quiet, deeply spiritual man with a lovely “Brummie” sense of humour. I wonder how many others in Draycott and Rodney have special memories of him?

Like a number of others, I have not been using the ZOOM video conferencing, but prefer to have a regular quiet time daily, on my own: meditating, thinking positive thoughts in these troublesome times, praying, reading and renewing my acquaintance with the many Old Testament stories that were so loved by the primary school children that I taught. I am amazed when I hear quizzes on television, the number of people who have no idea at all about OT questions!

I always finish my session with the comfortable words from John chapter 3 v16:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**HOLD ONTO THESE WORDS!**

Michael Powell writes:

### **We'll all probably be fine**

Recently, I was researching flamboyant American author, F. Scott Fitzgerald and stumbled across his quotation: 'The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function'.



Not wishing to blow my own encephalopathic trumpet, but that's me, that is! I'm a bestselling non-fiction author, I like a drink as much as the next man (if the next man is F. Scott Fitzgerald) and when adequately hydrated, my brain is so huge that sometimes my head won't fit through a doorway. But crucially, my overarching experience of lockdown has been *cognitive dissonance*. I wonder how many of us feel the same?

It's been great to have more family time but sobering to lose most of our income, to have my man boobs and beer belly reclassified as 'comorbidity' and to rely on a government which has consistently miscalculated this crisis since October 2016, when it interred the results of Exercise Cygnus, an NHS England simulation which explicitly revealed how unprepared our healthcare system was for a flu pandemic.

On Monday 16th March, my wife developed COVID-like symptoms, so we and my two grown-up children shared a 14-day quarantine of mild illness. I then resumed my part-time role as a 'key worker' at Westbury Community Shop and Post Office.

Like many of us, I now know several people who have died and professional carers who have lost colleagues. Keeping my family safe is paramount, particularly my son Tom, who has Down Syndrome. I've had repeated nightmares in which he is either DNR'd or denied a ventilator, but I feel duty bound to support my colleagues and the community by serving the scores of people who queue patiently outside the shop every day.

I also try to believe that our opaque leaders will develop the humanity to put lives before profits when they attempt to resuscitate the economy. In the meantime, faced with the highest coronavirus death rate in Europe and no antibody testing, I continue to 'function' by opening our last bottle of Montrachet Grand Cru and telling myself that we'll all probably be fine.

## Refugees in the shadow of Corona

The preoccupation of our news media recently has been with coronavirus from a strictly UK-centric viewpoint. This is understandable but the rest of the world has not gone away and much of what is happening there makes very grim reading, not least for refugee communities. Wars and violence continue while the spread of the virus is also taking its toll on an already hugely disadvantaged population and impeding the right to seek asylum.

The UN Refugee Agency estimates 167 countries have fully or partially closed their borders to contain the spread of the virus. At least 57 states are making no exception for people seeking asylum. National measures to combat the virus are having far reaching consequences. The UN is observing disproportionate use of immigration detention, a rise in the risk of sexual violence, discriminatory restrictions of access to health and social services and a dramatic loss of livelihoods that is driving many refugees and others on the margins deeper into poverty and destitution.

The impact of the pandemic on refugee communities is yet to be fully revealed, but even if the spread of the virus is contained the indirect impact is significant. Within refugee camps social isolation and distancing are practically impossible. International NGOs and humanitarian organisations have reduced their support and withdrawn staff.

The world's largest refugee settlement is at the densely populated Cox's Bazaar in Bangladesh. It hosts Rohingyas who have fled Myanmar and it is now facing a humanitarian disaster as coronavirus has been detected there for the first time.

The week of 10-16 May is Christian Aid week. Due to the Coronavirus emergency the usual activities to raise money could not happen, but

Currently, over 850,000 Rohingya refugees live in crammed camps in Cox's Bazar district, making them very vulnerable to coronavirus. We are already taking action. Working together with partners, we are informing people about the risks, offering hygiene and hand washing sessions, ensuring that health facilities in camps have triage and isolation spaces in order to receive suspected cases, and providing training to health personnel and key frontline aid workers.

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Christian Aid's work continues and they currently have an appeal for the work they are doing with Rohingya children.

Refugee self-help groups provide a glimmer of hope and an indication of the untapped potential contribution refugees could make if given the opportunity. A project in Uganda which provides training and employment has been sewing masks and distributing them to the community. Others are organising information campaigns on hygiene and preventative actions to stop the spread of the virus in the camps.

And what is happening closer to home?

Record numbers of people are crossing the English Channel. Since the lockdown on 23 March around 850 men women and children have been intercepted in small boats in British waters or on south coast beaches. The figure for the whole of 2019 was 1900.

Charities working with and on behalf of migrants have criticised the lack of legal routes to claim asylum from abroad, as the response of Ministers is to step up action against the activities of people smugglers and stop the crossings. The Home Secretary is seeking an agreement with France to deter migrants crossing the Channel by returning them to France. She has vowed to crackdown on 'vexatious' immigration and asylum claims. The already dire conditions in camps in France have been made life-threateningly worse so it is not surprising many seek to leave.

After intense lobbying by the campaign group Safe Passage and Lord Alf Dubs, who himself came to the UK as a child refugee, the Home Office has facilitated the move to the UK of just 47 highly vulnerable migrants under the Family Reunion scheme. This has to be seen against the UK's international commitment to resettle 10,000 such refugees every year.

*Susannah Walker*



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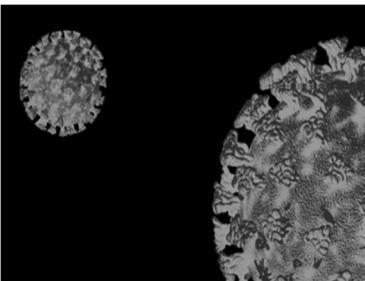
## What's in a word?

Have you ever noticed how some words just keep turning up?

My first memory of the word 'corona' was as a small child in relation to the Corona man, who delivered a vast range of fizzy drinks in recyclable, refillable glass bottles door-to-door and week-in, week out to homes all over the country for perhaps 70 years. The product itself was the brainchild of two Welsh grocers more than a hundred years ago. Their intention was that their Corona would be preferred by thirsty coal miners; the alternative being the conspicuous consumption of beer!



The second time I came across 'corona' was to do with corona discharges used to make commercially useful quantities of ozone for disinfecting drinking water supplies. The French had pioneered this technology because it produces a superior, better tasting and healthier drinking water product than the crude use of chlorine which was the UK standard. If like ours, your drinking water supply comes from the treatment works up on Westfield Lane you will probably appreciate what is meant. From time to time the water in our taps tastes strongly and unpleasantly of chlorine, and taints tea with the taste of TCP.



And now there is the COVID-19 'corona' virus which, from the images we are shown, looks like one of those menacing World War II era spiky mines turned into collection boxes that you always see outside RNLI Lifeboat Stations. From almost nowhere it has come to dominate our lives.

So that is my 'corona' story. It started off as a word associated with fizzy drinks and ends up as part of the shorthand for the pandemic of our lifetimes, sweeping all before it. Funny how words' associations can change so much.

*Rob Walker*

## Mary's Recipe and Don's Poem

Take time to be friendly -  
It is the road to happiness  
Take time to dream -  
It is hitching your wagon to a star.  
Take time to love and be loved -  
It is the privilege of the gods  
Take time to look around -  
It is too short a day to be selfish  
Take time to laugh -  
It is the music of the soul. *Anon*



## Spicy Pork Curry

**2 large ripe tomatoes, chopped  
or 1x230g tin chopped  
tomatoes**  
**2 garlic cloves, peeled**  
**1 onion, chopped**  
**2tsp ground cumin**  
**5cm root ginger, grated, plus  
shredded ginger to garnish**  
**2tbsp vegetable oil**  
**750g pork shoulder, cut into  
bite-sized pieces**  
**2tbsp white wine vinegar**

1. Whiz everything except the pork & vinegar in a food processor until smooth. Cook in a heavy-based pan over a medium heat for 5 mins, stirring constantly until aromatic.
2. Add the pork with 500ml water. Bring to the boil, stir occasionally. Reduce the heat & simmer, uncovered, for 1hr 30 mins, stirring often. Stir in the vinegar & season. Garnish with ginger, chilli & coriander.



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## Services during the period of social isolation

With our buildings shut, we continue to have services **online**, usually combining the congregations of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke. These go from strength to strength- we have about 100 participants on a Sunday.

From Mondays to Fridays, we have Evening Prayer at 8:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. These last about 20 minutes, followed by a chance to chat and socialise. On Sundays the service is at 10 a.m., and slightly longer (and it is Eucharistic on alternate Sundays). This will be followed again by a chance to chat, but in smaller groups.

The best experience is probably to join with a laptop or smartphone that has a camera, microphone and speakers. However you can also join using just an ordinary telephone, and listen and contribute that way. Evening services are smaller than Sundays. However some of us find them a very sustaining way to keep prayerful company with others during the week.

### How to join our services

We use the 'ZOOM' videoconferencing software, which is compatible with most types of computer and smartphone- and allows telephone dial-in.

If you would like to be with us in worship and fellowship, we would love you to join us. We don't make joining details publicly available for security reasons, but you are invited to contact one of those listed below. And if you are already participating, why not introduce a friend?

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May God go with you in these troubled times.

*The Ministry Team, May 2020*

### FROM THE REGISTERS:

#### Funerals:

*Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:*

Frederick Bunn, Henry Baker, Gordon Richardson and Isobel Vickers. RIP

Readings June 2020			
	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
7th June	8	2 Corinthians	Matthew
Trinity Sunday		13: 11-end	28. 16-20
14th June	100	Romans	Matthew
Trinity 1		5: 1-8	9: 35 -10: 8
21st June	69:	Romans	Matthew
Trinity 2	8-20	6: 1 <i>b</i> -11	10: 24-39
28th June	89:	Romans	Matthew
Trinity 3	1-4, 15-18	6: 12-end	10: 40-end

### **Ways to pray or find spiritual feeding online during social distancing**

Stuart can email simple orders of service for Morning and Evening Prayer to you (with pleasure) if you ask by email

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Some churches throughout the land are **streaming services** on Facebook every day; search your area on **[https://](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live_stream)**

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Find lots of **prayer resources** on the national church website at

**<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>**

Or to listen to some Family Prayer Adventure podcasts. Or **listen to a family podcast together**. For example, you can go to **[https://](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map)**

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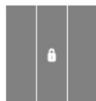
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