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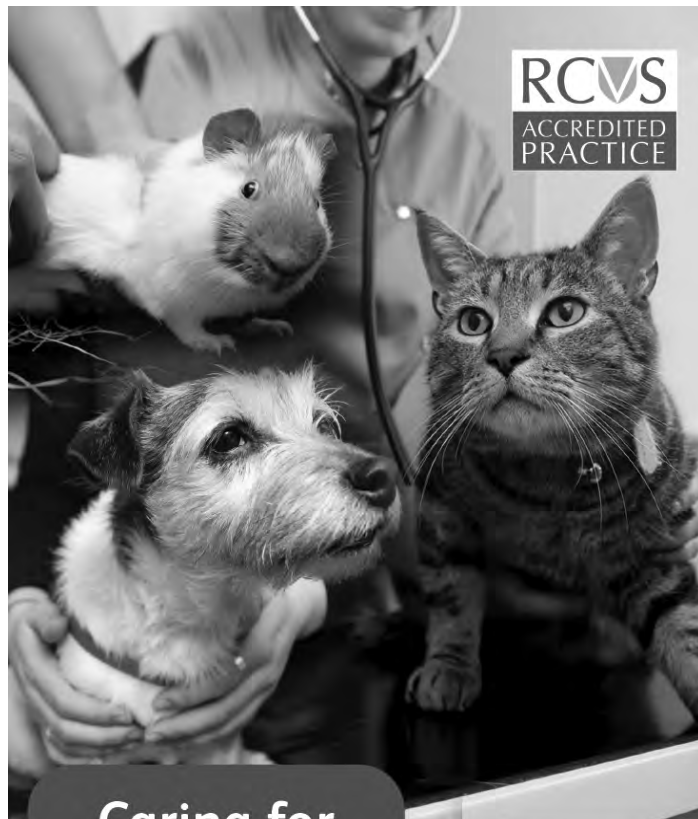
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Life after lockdown?

On March 24th, my family instigated a new daily ritual. At some point every evening, we gather together, and take it in turns to choose a coloured pen. We then mark that day on our kitchen calendar with a coloured tick (or another symbol). In this way we have created a visual record of the journey through the days that we're making together in lockdown. At the time of writing, this little ceremony has been conducted in respect of 34 days (there's been the odd day when we've forgotten, so had the pleasure of entering two ticks on the next occasion).

Our days have, by and large, assumed a new pattern. Mine includes livestreaming Morning and Evening Prayer via Facebook on Monday to Thursday, followed immediately by taking Pippin out for his first walk of the day. Matt, as NHS Digital's Director of Communications, spends most of his time in the dining room, on Zoom call after Zoom call; Jack continues to monitor social media and write news stories in his role as diocesan communications team apprentice; and Kate divides her time between finishing her final university assignments and reading immersive fiction and a wide range of non-fiction alternately. In the evenings, we gather to watch TV together (series including *The Librarians*, and the highly enjoyable *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries* on

Netflix, plus several of the excellent National Theatre productions). We are in contact with the wider world, but our immediate horizons have shrunk in both



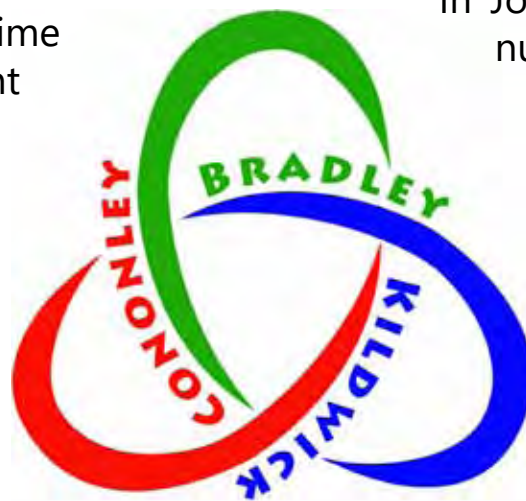
space and time. Our home and garden provide our immediate focus, and we can't see much further than the end of the day.

But there are already signs that this won't – can't – go on for ever, and that we will soon need to start raising our eyes once again to wider horizons. As Boris Johnson returns to work, the question on everyone's (well – the media's) lips seems to be 'How much longer?' It's a complicated question, not least because

it begs so many others. How do we decide when to start to come out of lockdown? What do we need in order to make it possible to start coming out of lockdown (eg testing – what kind, and of whom)? What does 'coming out of lockdown' mean – what will be permitted, and what won't?

All of these are wrapped up in a bigger question. What kind of post-pandemic world will we find ourselves in? And the even bigger question we need to ask is – what kind of post-pandemic world do we want to build?

I know that my instinct is to want everything to go back 'to normal'. To treat these last few weeks as an unsought-for interruption to normal life, to be got over as fast as possible so that I can get back to what I know and am comfortable with. But I'm not convinced that that's the right response. Partly because it's simply not possible. Whatever post-pandemic life looks like, it's going to be very different for some considerable time to come to what went before. Social distancing is almost certainly going to be required for the foreseeable future, and that's going to continue to affect many areas of our lives – shopping, socialising, worshipping... But even if it were possible, I'm not sure that it would be right to aspire to 'business as usual'. Life before coronavirus was far from perfect for many, and the lockdown will have hit many of those people particularly hard. As we contemplate 'life after lockdown', this is an opportunity for us to ask ourselves what kind of life we want it to be. At the personal level, I'm thinking about what I've missed (seeing friends and family in the flesh) and what I haven't (traffic jams and often an overfull diary). But I'm also asking myself what as a nation, and as a planet, we have and haven't missed. The 'economy' (which ultimately means the finances of individuals, businesses



and nations) will certainly have taken a massive hit. But did we have the balance wrong between, say, the imperative towards economic growth and the toll exacted from people and planet to generate it? Who benefited in practice? Is there a chance here to find a new balance, between productivity and regenerative rest; between 'progress' and its cost?

In John's gospel, Jesus uses a number of vivid images and metaphors to describe himself. 'I am...', he says, memorably, '...the light of the world', or '...the way, the truth and the life.' One of the less familiar images is '...the gate.' He goes on to say, 'Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' (John 10.9-10) As we think about what life after lockdown looks like, it's worth asking ourselves what is 'abundant life', the life that Jesus came that we might have? In what does it abound? Perhaps if we start to filter our post-lockdown priorities through Jesus 'the gate', we will be better placed to decide what really matters, and to shape the world accordingly.

With every blessing

Julie

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

Grains of sand

My Facebook page has been getting comments; "Chris, you're a hero!" I'm not, of course – but it's a nice thought!



What I have been doing is printing face shields for health workers. I've got one of these 3D printer things and, for the past couple of weeks, I've been churning out headbands to hold plastic sheets to make face shields for health care workers.

I can make around 16 or 17 a day. In the face of today's extraordinary situation, they are but single grains of sand on the beach.

These shields are collected by a group, based in Skipton and Cross Hills. Between us, we are making, perhaps, 200 a day. In the last two weeks, they have distributed around 3,500 face shields. They've gone to hospitals and care homes, to care workers and community nurses. They have been lapped up by workers at a food factory for whom social distancing is not an option and delivered to a home for adults with severe learning disabilities.

Our small group is gathering these grains together and, together, we are building at least a small sand castle.

Of course the Skipton group is not alone. I know of a similar group in Keighley and another in Bradford. My grandson's school in Pontypridd has a room full of 3D printers and they are supplying their local area. 3D printers are no longer the rare niche toys of just a year or so ago. I guess that just about every town has a team doing just the same. As a member of another, national initiative, I have just despatched 20 to a care home in Folkestone.

Each group, one sand castle. Together, we have enough for a whole beach!

No. I'm not a hero – but there is great joy in knowing that I am just a small part of a very large group that, together, might just aspire to the accolade, "heroic".



Maundy Thursday

The Royal Maundy Service

The Royal Maundy is held on Maundy Thursday each year. At the service, the British monarch ceremonially distributes small silver coins known as “Maundy money” as symbolic alms to elderly recipients. The coins are legal tender but do not circulate because of their value. A small sum of ordinary money is also given in lieu of gifts of clothing and food that the sovereign once bestowed on Maundy recipients.



The name “Maundy” as well as the ceremony itself derive from an instruction, or mandatum, of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper that his followers should love one another. In the Middle Ages, English monarchs washed the feet of beggars in imitation of Jesus, and presented gifts and money to the poor. Over time, additional money was substituted for the clothing and other items that had once been distributed. The service has been held in every English

Cathedral. Bradford’s turn was in 1997, when 71 male and 71 female pensioners received the red and white purses. Why 71? That’s because, in 1997, the Queen was in her 71st year. The 2020 distribution contained 94 Maundy Pence in the white purse and was distributed to 94 men and 94 women.

That’s all fascinating stuff – but what’s the relevance?

It is not often that one of “our own” folk get singled out for great honour, but that is just what has happened for Janet Wade. Janet has worked, mainly with the Mothers’ Union of which she has been president, for many years. She was singled out for an MBE in 2003 and her work has been recognised again in this singular honour. Let her take up the tale:

“I received a letter on the 18th November from the Royal Almonry Office to let me know that my name had been submitted to be one of the Maundy Recipients. Humbled and pleased, I accepted the honour and waited. I knew I could take one companion with me who would sit beside me in St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Lots of details arrived in the New Year. We would be greeted at St. George’s Chapel by the Wandsmen and we heard all about the Service and the reception afterwards. We also could invite 4 guests who could stand in the Castle precincts

to listen to the service and see the Queen depart at the end of the service. All exciting stuff! More details would come with our tickets on 19th March.

Then the coronavirus – and all Church services cancelled. The Lord High Almoner, Dr. John Inge, wrote on the 18th March to say that with much regret the service had to be cancelled and more information would follow.

On the Tuesday of Holy Week a letter from Dr. Inge arrived, enclosing the Maundy purses from the Queen with an accompanying letter from Her Majesty. He said, "The Queen takes a great interest in the Maundy Recipients and greatly values their exemplary Christian service to the nation". Two purses – a red purse containing the traditional sum of £5.50

– in the past an allowance for clothing and provisions formerly given in kind and a payment for the redemption of the Sovereign's gown. This year the £5 coin commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the birth of William Wordsworth and the 50 pence coin portrays Team Great Britain in the 2020 Olympics. The white purse contains Maundy Coins: silver pennies, twopences, threepences and fourpences, totalling 94 pence, corresponding to the sovereign's age. All coins were newly minted this year. He then finishes with "May God bless you richly in your continuing Christian service".

In the letter from her Majesty, she says that the service reflects Jesus's instruction to his disciples to love one another, a call to the service of others. She believes that this is a call to service for all of us. She goes on to say that it is one of her most rewarding duties as Sovereign – to observe this highly significant ceremony at such an important point in the Christian calendar.

She wrote: "It is deeply disappointing that the service can't go ahead whilst I understand the necessary decision in the present circumstances. However this should not mean your invaluable contribution within the community goes unnoticed, and I am sending this Maundy gift to thank you for your Christian service."

The Queen ends by saying that her thoughts and prayers are with us and our families at this difficult time."

We're proud for you, Janet! I can't think of anyone more deserving of such an honour – and we're so sorry that the Corona virus has robbed you of what would have been a very splendid day.



The Thumbnail Chain

Here's the second in a series of "Thumbnails". Each month someone is challenged to write a snippet about themselves. Something that people won't know. It can be trivial – or it could be deep. The point is that it is **your** choice! There's no need to go baring your innermost private thoughts...

We've started off fairly close to home but next month, let's travel a bit further. Who knows; it may be your turn next!

Being married to the editor of the parish magazine has at least one disadvantage! Last month, if you remember, he wrote a piece entitled "The Thumbnail Chain". The idea was that people might be interested in a short article with two or three interesting but little-known facts about the author. He wrote a bit about himself and seized the opportunity to extend it to a series of articles.

Now ... who to pick on next? Ah yes – "the wife is sitting next to me: I'll challenge her!" Huh! Anyway, here goes.

Chris and I met when we were both based at S. Martin's College in Lancaster.

Chris was a couple of years ahead of me and very involved in all things "outdoor pursuits" – mainly kayaking and climbing. Given that I get dizzy on a thick pile carpet, kayaking (they called it canoeing then) was the way in. He wanted someone to do the driving for him at a white water race on the River Leven in the Lake District – and that's what prompted our first date. What he didn't bargain for was that although I had passed my driving test, I'd never seen the bonkers gear stick in a Renault 4 and I refused to drive the car!

I was never anything like as good on (or in!) the water as Chris, but that didn't put him off – to the extent that we took canoes on our honeymoon up to the Cairngorms (well hidden before we set off so we didn't get confetti in them!).

Oh – and one other thing about me: I was at school with the fabulous Maureen Lipman. She was three or four years ahead of me – and she was obviously destined for a glittering career even then! Reflected glory or what?!?

Now, who can I pick ... what about the Lancasters?

People are so ready to get back to life forgetting that in 1918 the second wave of the Spanish Flu reportedly killed 20-50 million.

The first wave only killed 3-5 million. History does indeed repeat.

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Online services

Julie is streaming a regular service most days from her home. This is available on Facebook <facebook.com/KCBParish>.

Other services are available. Bradford Cathedral <bradfordcathedral.org> does a service at least every Sunday – and probably more often.

You may like to search <achurchnearyou.com>
for other churches that stream services.

Zoom

Much in the news these COVID Days, has been a computer program, called "Zoom".

What on earth is Zoom?

This system is one of a number of different devices that allows a group of people to "meet" from the comfort of their own homes. It's called Conferencing Software. Another well known one is Skype. Microsoft Teams and Jitsi are also players in this market.



Every member of the conference will log in to a central computer using a unique code. To communicate, you'll need at least a microphone. A camera is an additional option – but it's not strictly necessary – and if you only have a slow broadband connection (as quite a lot of us do, out in the sticks), it can slow things down quite considerably. A pair of headphones or earbuds is also useful. Some earbuds actually come with a microphone built in; you often get them bundled with your new smartphone. Have a look in the drawer!

That central computer will then broadcast your pearls of wisdom to all the others who have logged in. Ruby and

the Cononley Singers have used this quite successfully. She says,

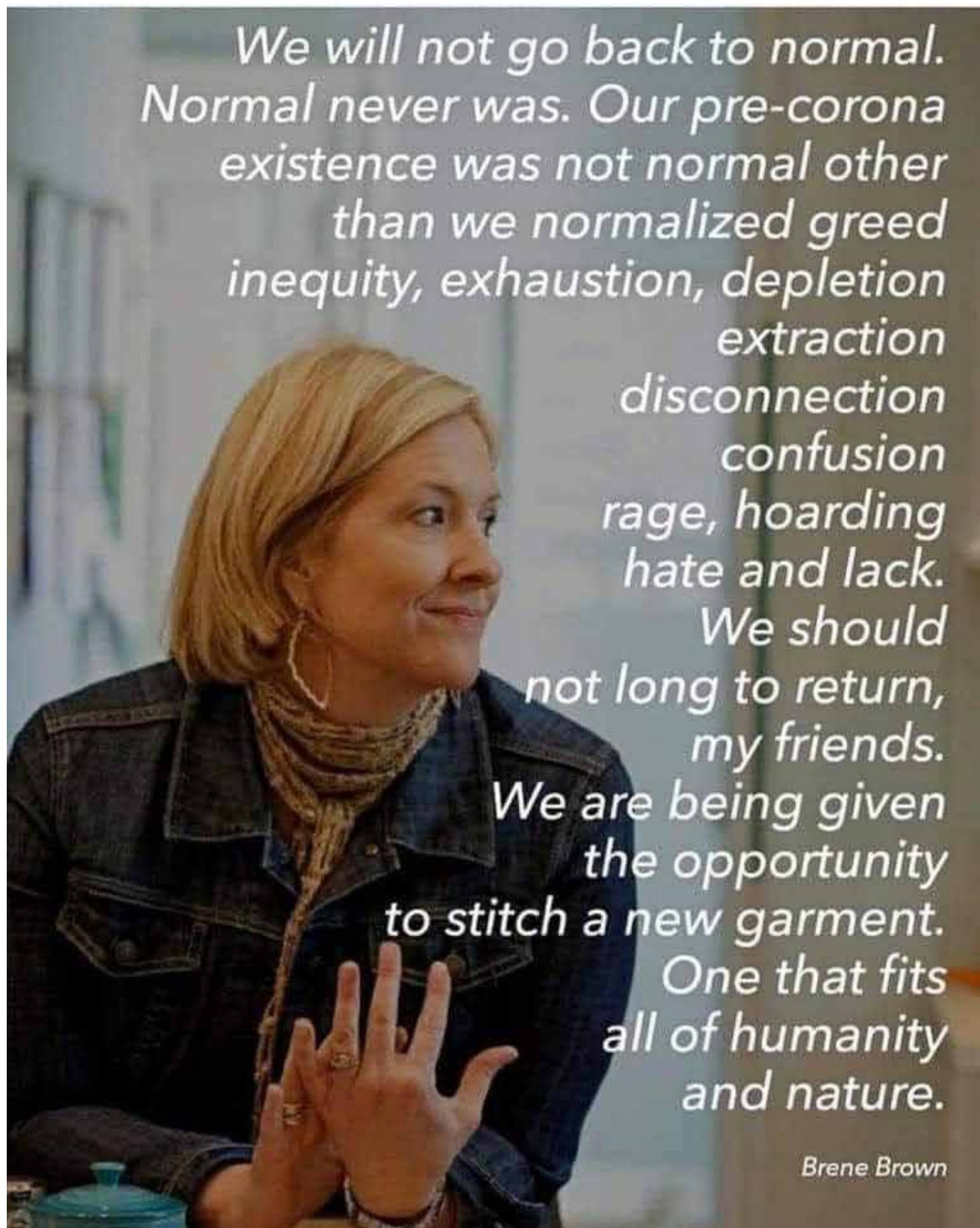
"We had a Zoom and next week we will have a virtual sing-in which could be a laugh seeing as there's a lag on Zoom."

Jill and the Skipton Choral Society have a regular Monday rehearsal which seems to go quite well. A number of bell ringing groups use the system in conjunction with another program to ring together.

Recently, Zoom suddenly got a fair bit of negative publicity on security issues.

Security is always an issue, especially with any application that is sharing data as we are doing when conferencing. There is always a possibility, if you are sharing material on the InterWeb, that someone can get hold of that information. Problems can arise when organisers don't keep tabs on who has logged in – and if participants share sensitive details. There is far more danger, in fact, in a standard straightforward email. Most of the problems with Zoom really boil down to that old acronym; PICNIC. Problem In Chair, Not in Computer. For these reasons, a group I'm in use Microsoft Teams rather than Zoom; I think that's only available to some MS users; I prefer another program called Jitsi, which has not attracted the same negative comments





Any of these programs, properly used, will make a great tool for communication. Why not set up a family "conference"? It's much better than peering at a small mobile phone screen! Many groups of people are finding how useful it can be to be able to meet without travelling.

Today, that's a necessity, but when restrictions are lifted, several of those groups may well decide not to burn petrol but to continue to meet in this way.

Chris Wright

Readings for May

Here is a list of the Sunday readings for May, with the traditional Collects.

The readings from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

3rd May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-4,
Psalm 23,
1 Peter 2.19-25,
John 10.1-10

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

10th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-60,
Psalm 31.1-5,15-16*,
1 Peter 2.2-10,
John 14.1-14

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate
of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

17th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31,
Psalm 66.7-18,
1 Peter 3.13-22,
John 14.15-21

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to
life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**24th May – The Seventh
Sunday of Easter,
Sunday after Ascension Day**

Acts 1.6-14,
Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*,
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11,
John 17.1-11

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**31st May – Day of
Pentecost
Whit Sunday**

Acts 2.1-21
or Numbers 11.24-30,
Psalm 104.26-36,37b*,
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13
or Acts 2.1-21,
John 20.19-23
or John 7.37-39

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Daily Readings

There are set readings for every day of the year in the Church of England's regular calendar. If you have Internet access visit the excellent Oremus website. [<oremus.org/cofe.html>](http://oremus.org/cofe.html) gives a simple link to the Common Worship liturgy for that day. It's all in one place and includes all the readings and psalms as well as the Collect and so on.

If you can't access this, the full lectionary for May is available in printed format. (Yes! On real paper!). If you want one, get in touch with Chris Wright on 634526 with your address and Postman Pat will do the rest!

Yet another option would be to get a copy of Bible Reading Fellowship notes.

New Daylight (May to August 2020) costs £4.70.

We have two spare copies here – if you want one, just let us know.

Two Eskimos were chilly, so they lit a fire in their boat. Unsurprisingly it sank.

You can't have your kayak and heat it.

The Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your
disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

God our Father, by whose mercy
the world turns safely into darkness and returns
again to light:
we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only what you bless will prosper.
To your love and protection
we commit each other and all those we love,
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for a pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at risk,
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable,
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving
their health or making their rent,
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when
their School's close
Remember those who have no options,
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult
of the economic market
Remember those who have to margin at all,
May we who settle in for quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home,
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms
around each other
Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our
neighbours.

Salvation Army

A Word from Jigsaw

Dear Julie, Sandie and everyone at St Andrew's,

Thank you very much for holding your recent coffee morning and the amazing gift £812. Your gift is so significant to so many and is being used to help bring safety and hope to extremely vulnerable families and children living in slum, squatter and street communities in Manila at this very difficult time. The corona virus is affecting us all in big ways, but for the poorest, those with no income and little food, shelter or hope of health support your gifts are a lifeline to so many, thank you.

We send too our prayers of love and protection to you at this very difficult time, and pray that God will intervene and bring a quick and ending intervention to the corona virus and that the world may turn to him as Lord and Saviour and know peace.

God's Blessing of Peace and Joy be with you, with love from all the children, young people and families in Jigsaw Ministry

Tim, Lendehl, Jolly, Jenalyn and all in Jigsaw.

A reminder from Jigsaw

Hi everyone,

A short email request regarding gift aid forms.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful gifts for the Jigsaw emergency fund. If you have given a gift, could you please ensure that if possible Jigsaw has a signed gift aid form. If you could fill it in and either return as a scanned copy by email, or by post to the Jigsaw UK office, we would be most grateful.

To access the gift aid form, visit the Jigsaw article on the website - or get in touch with the PCC Secretary, Jill Wright (contact on the back page) – she will send you one.

Being able to claim gift aid allows us to increase donations by 25% and is a great help to growing Jigsaw's ministry.

Thank you for your continued support and care for Jigsaw,

Peace be with you,

Dave

The midget fortune-teller escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray:
a seasoned veteran.

Chuffs

Our Chuffs group may not have been meeting in person from the beginning of the lock down but we still have been very busy meeting 'virtually' rather than physically!

It is not always easy staying at home with very active babies, toddlers and older children but our mums have found many ways of entertaining and occupying their little ones. Here it a few examples of what they have been up to

- We've attempted school work,
10 minutes and I realised teachers should be paid more than footballers !!
- N has climbed into the hen hut!! She got some eggs!
- Managed a little bit of school work and a bit of craft with J.
- Not a lot of school work getting done N busy helping with lambing,
helped pull out her first lamb today!
- Made some Easter things with the children, E nearly crawling!
- Done some painting and an obstacle course in the garden,
making the most of the sun.
- Made a ball out of the boys' old babygrows.
- Baking with the girls.
- H has been playing in the garden and G is in the pool!
E looking far too grown up!!
- Libba has been making amazing quilts!
- Lesley is just about to have her first glass of wine for 40 days
– it's been a long Lent this year!!!!
- Missing our usual egg decorating and rolling this Easter!
Anyone doing an Easter Egg hunt?
- L has done some lovely painted eggs.
- Lots of Easter egg hunting going on! Although bizarrely two children
appeared to be on a worm hunt in the compost heap!
N even gave her worm an Easter kiss!!!
- J and his sister made wonderful elephants.
- Lots of fun on the trampoline and enjoying the sunshine in the garden,
and X raiding fridge for yoghurts!
- Must be warm – the children have made a beach in the back garden
and W has stripped off!!!
- N has begun to act like a sheep!

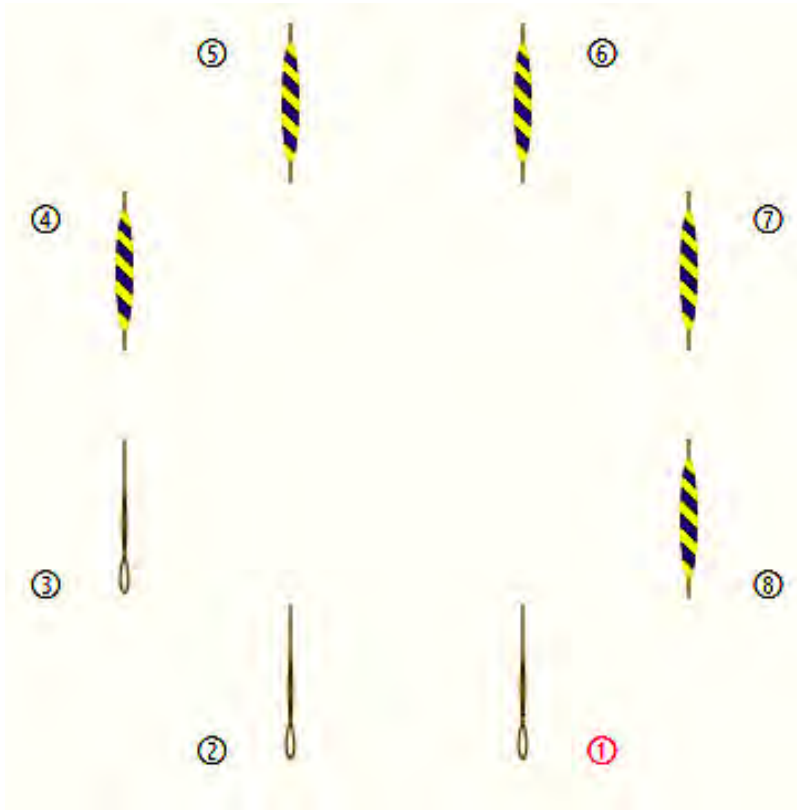
Finally one family have made a great poster – if you're on the canal bank in Farnhill look out for it.

Stay safe and God bless.

Lockdown Bellringing

What have you been doing during lockdown?

Houses are unnaturally clean; gardens weeded to within an inch of their life. But consider the poor deprived bell ringing addict!



Fortunately, a small group in Massachusetts has come up with a campanological equivalent to Methodone.

Called "Ringing Room", it allows a group to gather around their own computers and to ring together in a virtual tower.

Linked together, each ringer takes control of a bell and, working together, we can ring our complicated patterns. Well, nearly!

Using some form of conferencing system (Skype, Zoom, MS Teams) the band can chat together.

The ringing itself is a good deal more difficult than it is in a real tower. With no natural rhythm from the bell itself, keeping your place and counting become vital skills! Even experienced ringers find themselves very definitely back in the classroom as they re-learn some of the basic skills of change ringing.

We have just run the very first Kildwick Virtual Practice. It was a bit of a pity that there were rather few of us for this initial session - but it went really well. It's rather predictable, I guess - but the young ones coped with all the technology far better than I did! Ringing simple rounds proved to be just too easy. Plain hunting was a bit more challenging, especially as I had to ring two bells at once - and keep track of where they were supposed to be going! Fortunately, I "know the tune" for plain hunting!

We used the alternative conferencing software; Jitsi - and it seemed to work brilliantly for us. There was no complicated setting up or downloading apps and was really easy to use.

It's not bell ringing as we know it. But it doesn't half make the brain ache!

2021 Village Calendar Competition

Your last chance to submit your photos!



Local amateur photographers are invited to send a maximum of three images of Kildwick or Farnhill, in landscape format, for possible inclusion in the 2021 Kildwick & Farnhill Institute Calendar.

In these difficult times, why not have a look through the photographs of the villages you've taken in previous years, and submit some of those? Alternatively, if you do go out with your camera, please take

all necessary precautions to protect yourself and others.

The closing date for submissions is 31st May 2020 and the successful images will be chosen anonymously by Institute committee members early in June.

Full details of the competition can be found on the Calendar page of the Institute's website. You do not have to live in Farnhill or Kildwick to enter the competition.

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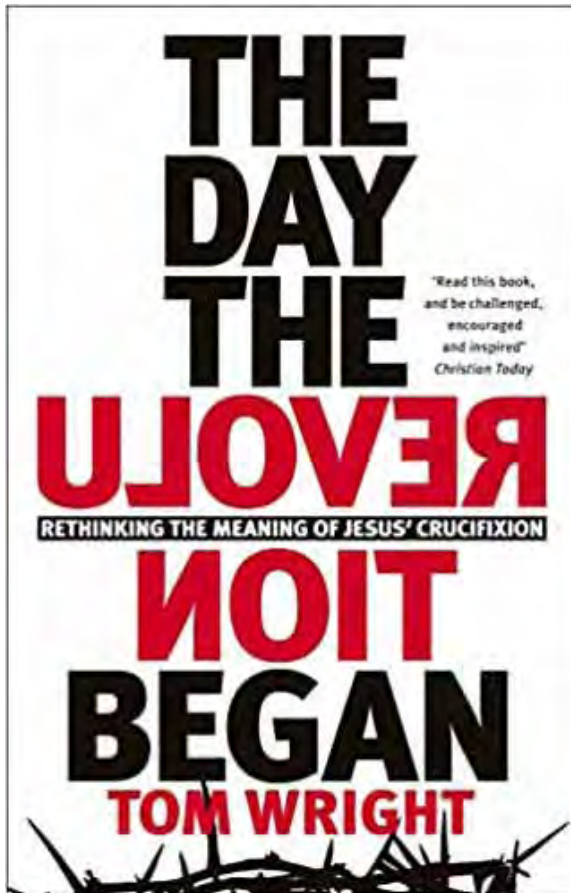
Clapping

Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole world has been turned upside down, filled with rules they've never known. A life they couldn't have imagined just a few weeks ago.

All the things they love, like sports, being with friends, going to school, or just being kids have all been taken away from them. They listen to adults talking about others becoming unwell and hear news reporting death after death. Our children's minds must be racing .. Every day they get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our young heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.

*Quite heavily adapted from a posting on Facebook.
The original was unbearably "twee" - but the sentiment is right...*

The Day the Revolution Began *by Tom Wright*



Why did Jesus have to die? And why did it have to be by crucifixion? These questions have been asked by thinking people for two thousand years. For many, they have proved to be a stumbling block, and even a barrier to faith. After all, what kind of faith is it that centres on a God who dies? Even worse for some, if Jesus's death is somehow demanded by his heavenly Father as a kind of brutal punishment for the sins of others, what kind of God is it that Christians worship?

In this book, Tom Wright grapples with these questions. His answer is that in order to understand what was accomplished by Jesus's death, and why it had to be by crucifixion, and what it tells us about the nature and character of God, we need to make the imaginative journey into the mindset and understanding of first-century Judaism. Any attempt to understand the crucifixion without doing so

leads to a distortion of the truth, and a misunderstanding of its purpose and effect.

Many of us will have been taught some version of this: that 'heaven' is the place where good people end up after death; that because none of us is without sin, we aren't morally good enough to 'get to heaven' on our own; that because we need to be rescued, Jesus died 'for our sins'; and that if we believe in Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we will go to heaven when we die. Tom Wright argues that none of this is found in Jewish thought, and represents a gospel that is at best misleading, watered-down and partial, and at worst downright wrong. According to Scripture, 'heaven' isn't 'the place where good people go when they die. It's no less than the realm of God, a present reality that Christians pray regularly will come 'on earth as in heaven'. The Bible doesn't promise that when we die we will go to heaven. Instead, the Biblical promise is that at the end of all things, creation will be renewed and united with heaven. Our goal as human beings is not 'heaven', but to live out our renewed vocation within God's renewed creation. Human beings are called to be 'image-bearers' of God, living as genuine human beings, with genuinely human tasks to perform as part of the Creator's purposes for his world. We fail to be genuine human beings because of sin – the result of giving worship and allegiance to forces and powers within creation itself, rather than to God. In other words, the basis of all sin is idolatry. And sin results

Tom Wright is a brilliant New Testament scholar, both under his academic guise as 'N.T. Wright' and in his much more accessible and engaging books as 'Tom Wright'. This is a 'Tom Wright' book, and particularly in its earlier chapters, his writing carries the reader along, making the deep scholarship that underpins it understandable. As the book progresses, it becomes more detailed and inevitably more dense, but is still very readable. If you want a guide to help you to understand the thought and conceptual world in which the New Testament books were written, and maybe to challenge and transform your own thinking and understanding of the crucifixion, this is a very good place to start.

Puzzle answers

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The Birds in Your Garden



Cats! A "Marmite" topic if ever there was one.



Tabby cat Love them or hate them, they are undoubtedly garden birds' number one predator, but what is their true effect, are they really responsible for the ongoing decline in bird numbers?

It's difficult to get a handle on the true situation, but according to both the RSPB and the Mammal Society

there is no scientific evidence that cats are responsible for the general decline in many garden bird numbers. Looking through academic (and quasi-academic) papers, the most salient fact is that the majority of trials run are local and lacking in rigour.

Domestic cats are rarely underfed, but most still hunt. There are also many feral and semi-feral cats around – but how many? Most trials count prey brought back to the cats' home territories, but what percentage is that of what they catch?

The most recent figures of how much wildlife is killed by cats are from the Mammal Society. They estimate that cats in the UK catch up to 275 million prey items a year, of which 27 million are birds. This is only the number which were caught and brought home, though. We don't know how many more cats caught, but didn't bring back, or how many escaped but subsequently died.

The most frequently caught birds, according to the Mammal Society, are House Sparrows, Blue Tits, Blackbirds and Starlings whilst the most common garden birds are Wrens, Robins, House Sparrows, Woodpigeons (a bit big for most cats!), Chaffinches and Blackbirds. Make what you will of the disparity in the two lists! Bird behaviour has a lot to do with which are caught, and I suspect that birds in an area with large numbers of cats will, over time, change their behaviour accordingly.

The RSPB say "We know that of the millions of baby birds hatched each year, most will die before they reach breeding age. This is natural, and each pair needs only to rear two young that survive to breeding age to replace themselves and maintain the population. It is likely that most of the birds killed by cats would have died anyway from other causes before the next breeding season, so cats are unlikely to have a major impact on populations. Those bird species which have undergone the most serious population declines in the UK (such as Skylarks, Tree Sparrows and Corn Buntings) rarely encounter cats. Research shows that these declines are usually caused by habitat change or loss, particularly on farmland."

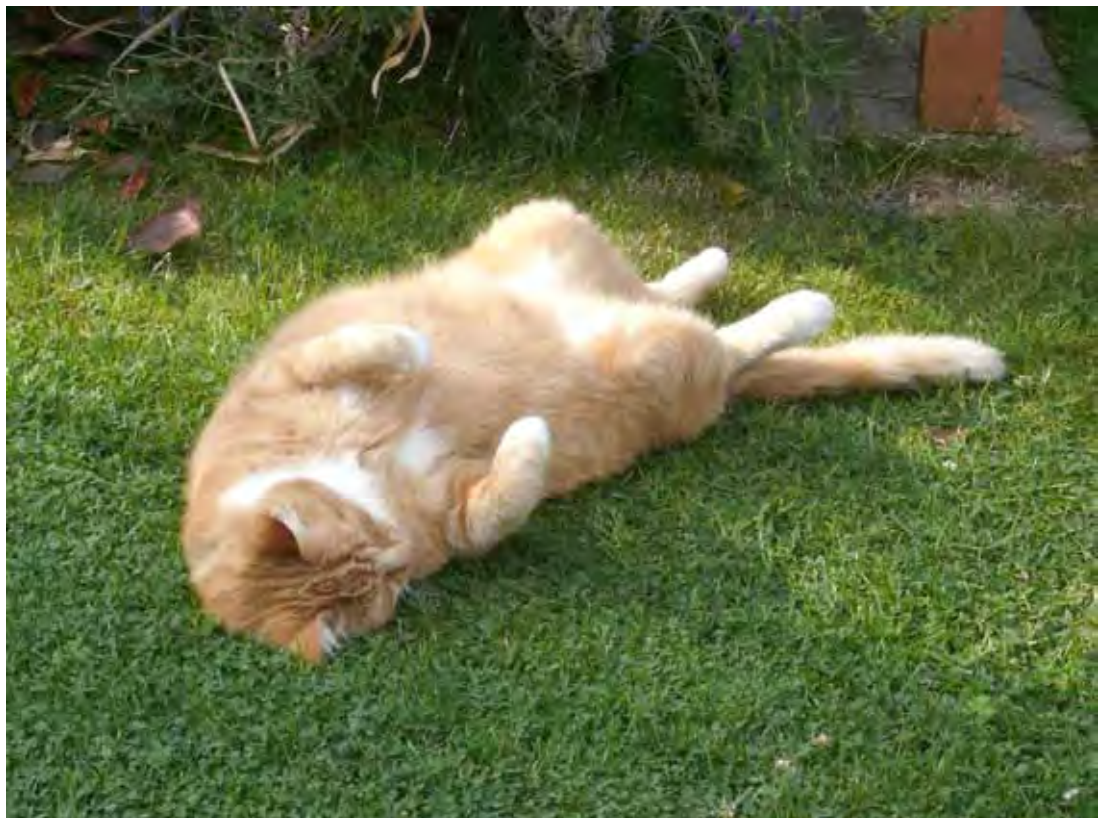
What can cat "owners" do to reduce predation levels?

Number one must be to keep them in at night: it helps; we did so with our cats all their lives. This is particularly important during the breeding season when there are fledglings around. Inexperienced and hungry young birds, desperate for their first feed of the day are easy prey, and parent birds are all too willing to risk their own lives when feeding offspring. Lights out and cats out at bedtime is not a good idea!

Collars fitted with bells or sonic devices have also been shown to reduce predation rates. It may take a cat a few days to get used to one though...

If you'd like to read further, try *Floyd, L., Underhill-Day, J. C. (2013). Literature Review on the effects of cats on nearby protected wildlife sites. Unpublished report by Footprint Ecology for Breckland Council.*

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). Membership is free for the duration of the Covid lockdown



Mike Gray

Overheard in the Forest

"If you listen to me", said the Old Oak tree,
 "I'll teach you the way to grow
 One inch in the year is the way, my dear,
 In case you didn't know."

"No listen to us" said the firs, with some fuss,
 "That pace will not suit us at all.
 You must double that rate – it's getting so late
 And press up if you mean to grow tall".

"It is all very well", said an elm in the dell,
 "When you're burdened with nests full of rooks,
 They are noisy and rude and crazy and crude,
 And sometimes the craftiest crooks."

"Well what about me?" said the deodar tree
 "I've grown for a hundred years;
 No one cares, not too hoots, if I can't do square roots!"
 And it wept a few resinous tears.

"Now I have a key", said a slim young ash tree,
 "Don't trouble about your growing
 Be quiet and true in the way meant for you
 And look up at the sky where you're going"

"Send your roots right down deep,
 rock the small birds to sleep
 And spread out your limbs in the air.
 Lift your leaves to the sun till the summer is done
 And reflect how the forest is fair.

Enid Gush

Quarantine Exercise

Can you find the names of sixteen books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

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The Puzzle Page

In these Lockdown Days, we may have time for some brain food. (or not, as the case might be!)

So here are some puzzles...



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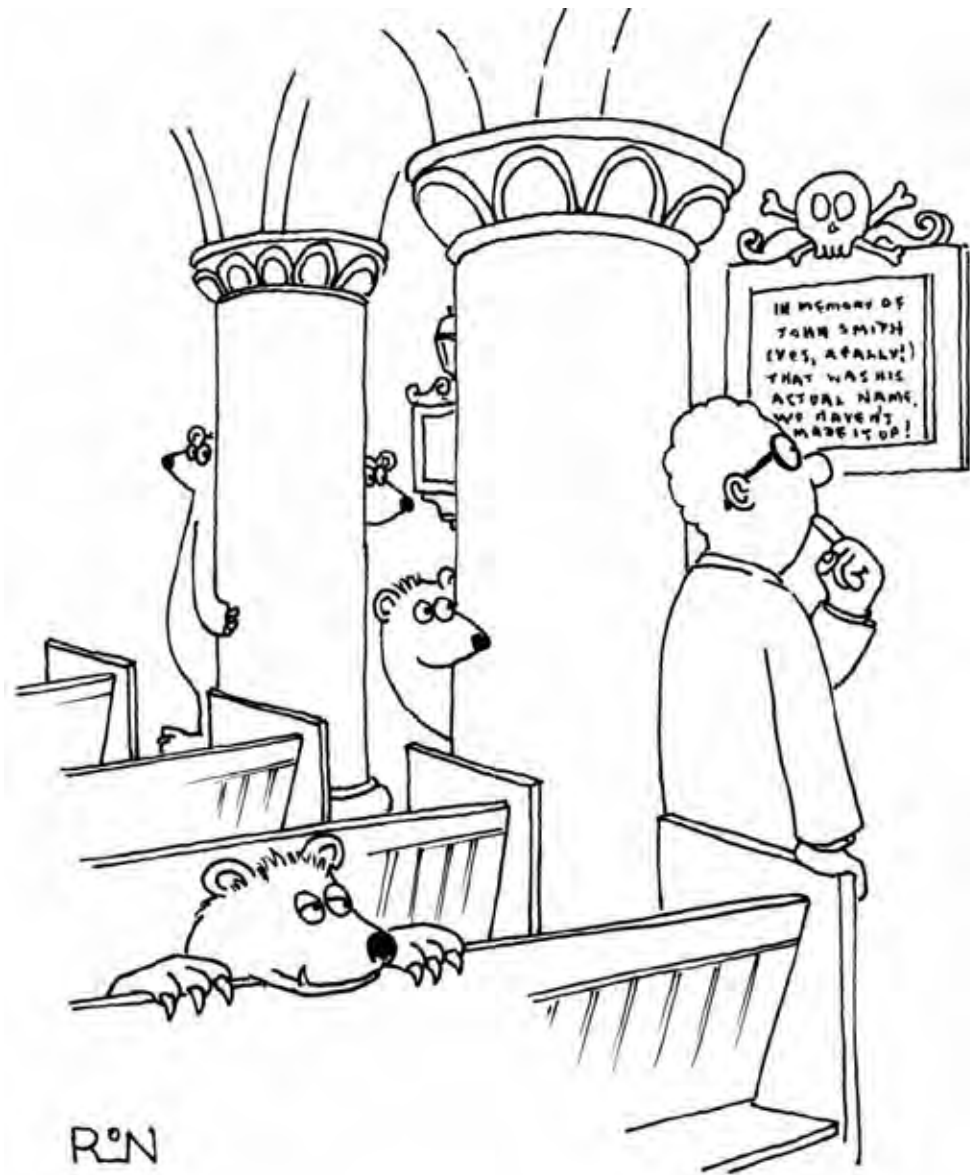
An easy Sudoku

A harder Sudoku

The solutions to these - and the crossword - are on page 19

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*Dennis spent a long time in church
looking for his forbears*

Deadlines

In the current situation, a Sunday publication day is less significant. We'll try to get the magazine online by the 1st of the month, rather than the First Sunday. The 1st June is a Monday, so the deadline for that edition is

Monday 25th May

Please let us have your material at least by then (earlier will be better!)

We'll try to have the magazine ready for Monday, 1st June