

Ask for help—**safely** *(updated advice)*

Just contact Pastor George through the website!

If you have a problem perhaps we could help. The Government restrictions have allowed us to go out to help those in need since the beginning of the lockdown. (While keeping “Social Distancing” rules of course.) Our Pastor is in a special position as a minister, being a ‘key worker’. We have helped a few people who were unable to get assistance elsewhere and have provided encouragement and been a “Listening ear” to those troubled by the present emergency. Although visiting has to be done at more than “arm’s length” we have found some have been pleased to see a visitor and to be able to share their feelings. The relaxation in the rules on 1st June mean that you can now invite us for an outdoor visit (as long as there are no more than six present and the 2-metre rule is kept). The Pastor and several other members have **DBA certificates** so you can feel safe approaching us; please be warned that this is sadly not the case with everyone offering help on an *ad hoc* basis.

Bible quiz - plagues

(Some people call COVID-19 a plague or a pestilence.)

1. What brought the plague of locusts to Egypt in Exodus 10?
2. In Exodus 12 what stopped the plague that killed the firstborn from harming God’s people? *(It illustrates how Jesus saves us!)*
3. What did King David build in 2 Samuel 24 to stop a plague?
4. In Psalm 91:10 there is a promise that no plague would come near the house. What was the condition that had to be met (v.9)?
5. At the end of Revelation 16 there was an unusual plague; it was not a virus, but a particularly heavy type of _ _ _ _ ?
6. The Bible has a solemn warning near the end that any person may get all the plagues described in the book (Revelation 22:18); what sin would they have to commit for that to happen?

Verse for the month

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three . . .”

1 Corinthians 13 verse 13



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So, what have we been doing?

With the Chapel having been closed since the middle of March due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it might be thought that nothing was happening. We are very happy to report that this is not the case. We have been producing online services, mainly on YouTube, which are also being followed by people outside our usual congregation. Pastoral visits have been carried out (at the 2 metre “Social distance”) and support and help offered to members and friends. With the relaxation in the rules from **1st June** it is now legal for up to six people to meet outdoors (at two metres of course), so we have started mini-services at 12 noon each day, except on Sundays, in front of the (sadly) locked door. We are having these regularly so that if more than six people want to come they can try another day. Get in touch with Pastor George for details. We *can* worship!

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Online activities in May

Lessons from Falling Towers



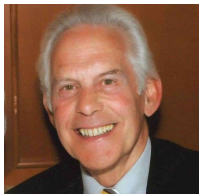
As we went to press with our last issue, we were just about to join **Barry King** for the first of his month of talks on 1st May. On the night 17 people clicked on to his Zoom link. Barry took us to Luke Chapter 13 and the sad account that Jesus told about 18 men who died when a tower fell on them. He then related it to the current situation with COVID-19, and showed us three things we can know for sure about it: **Jesus knows—Jesus cares—Jesus saves**. It was a thoroughly interesting and helpful evening, for which we thank Barry.

Not a bear from “darkest Peru” but a real live missionary

While our Pastor was on leave we linked up one Sunday evening with Copse Road Church in Clevedon by Zoom to hear **Alex Donnelly**, who serves the Lord in Trujillo, share God’s word and talk about the situation there. The photo shows Alex with his wife Giovanna.



Now thank we all our God



We were sent a short exposition of **Psalm 136** by **Derek Cleave**, a well-known Bible speaker, popular on organised holidays, and an occasional visiting preacher at Langford Chapel. Our ‘staycation’ Pastor added Derek’s choice of hymns to it for a service.

Prayer requests

Pray for those suffering from **illness** or **loneliness** just now. Ask God to guide our **leaders** and to protect those helping us. Give thanks that there are some signs of a **better outlook**. Pray about the very sad situation in the **United States**, that the violence may end. We are all praying and longing for the Chapel to be open again but need to be sure it safe for you, as well as legal. The **Deacons** are responsible for the building and Health and Safety. Pray for them.

Tweet of the month

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“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”
John 5:24

From the Pastor’s study

The other day I was asked a question by an occasional worshipper, who was looking around the graves at the Chapel: “**Is there any news on when the Chapel will be open again?**” I assured him that the whole church was praying and longing for that day (though our internet services are being followed by many more people than those who attended services before COVID-19 intervened). I then explained that the earliest date for that to happen is **4th July** (not quite sure why the Government gave us a *Saturday* date rather than a Sunday). Even that is dependent upon there not being a “spike” in Coronavirus cases - if there is, the day will be put back, along with other events. Apart from that, the Deacons have an awful lot of work to do to meet the strict regulations to ensure it is safe to start up again and to prepare the building (please pray for them). This may not be possible in time. I certainly would like it to happen but until we can reopen, we will continue with online services and the new out-of-doors mini-services, if the Lord wills (James 4:15). Let us place our hope in Him *alone*.

For your diary

As we start the new month we are continuing with online services. Our Pastor has started a series on the book of Acts, included in services on the **7th, 21st** and **28th**, at 11 and 6.30 on **YouTube**, with the link on

the Church website videos page, langfordevangelicalchurch.org/videos On the **14th** our preacher is Pastor **D. Field**, on the same link. Tuesday Bible studies are on **Zoom**, ask us for the code. **July 5:** Preacher is **J. Steeds**.