

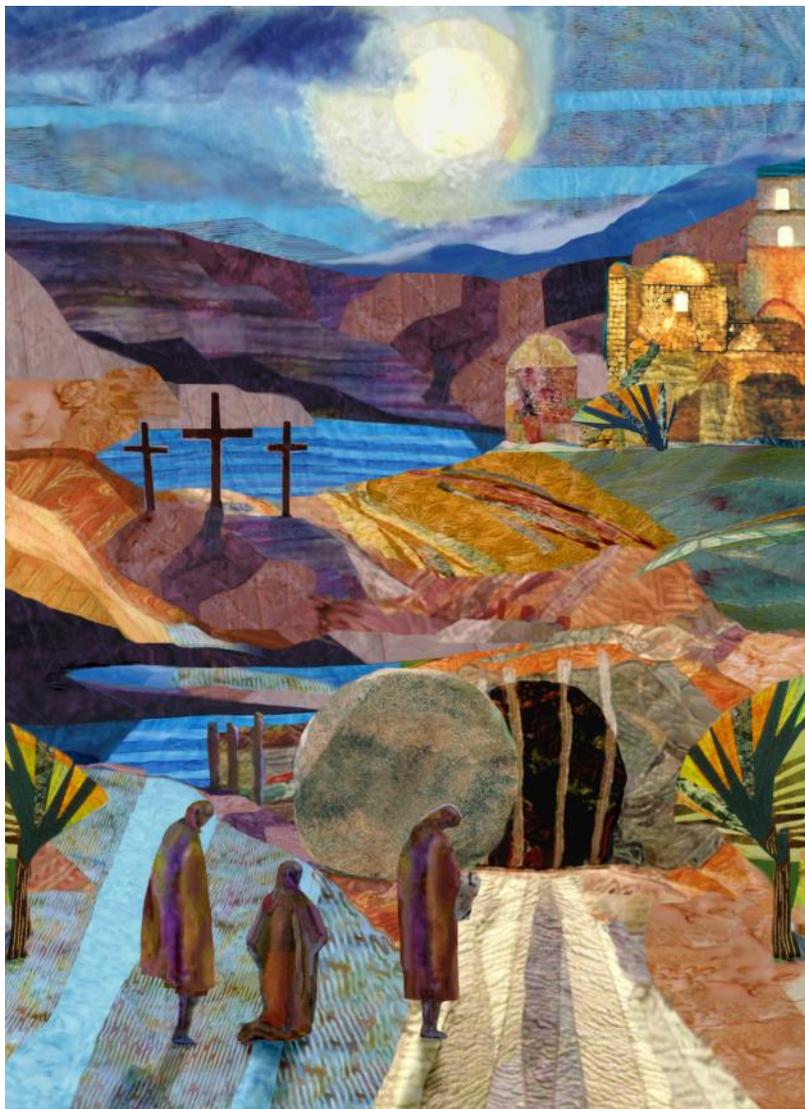
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with St Mary's, Pixham & St Barnabas, Ranmore

Easter



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

John 20: 1

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Thanks. Ed.

Lent *is* a time of reflection and this year (I'm sure you do not need me to tell you) there is a great deal that we could choose from to reflect upon. However, my being a vicar tends to give rise to a supposition amongst the readership and others that I will reflect upon something at least vaguely religious. Not unreasonably, I suppose, many expect that I will have something to say about Easter Day... well, yes. But, actually, I have for some long time had a fascination with Holy Saturday... the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Such was my fascination with this day that I wrote on the topic at theological college some years ago. However, I will resist the temptation to unearth that particular piece and trot it out here – you all have better things to do than to spend the next thirty minutes (or longer?) attempting to digest that particular delicacy! However, I will offer something of what it was that I read at college that set me off on my quest to understand the salvific work of Holy Saturday: on Good Friday Christ allows himself to be handed over and then, in his obedience to God and solidarity with humankind he suffers; he asks God why he has forsaken him, and dies on the Cross – he descends into Hell... to experience the absolute God-forsakenness of the dead.

Those who know me of old from services in church will be aware that during Lent, a time when I try to do a great deal of reading, I tend to replace sermon writing with offering up the words of those writers that (in my humble opinion) say what I might like to say... only far more eloquently than I ever could... and often in ways that are eminently more enjoyable to read. I have recently discovered that Pete Greig (one of my favourite contemporary writers and great heroes of prayer) also has this fascination with Holy Saturday. In his book, **God On Mute** (a book which engages with 'the silence of unanswered prayer') he says this: "*Holy Saturday fascinates me. The Bible tells us almost nothing about this mysterious day sandwiched between crucifixion and resurrection when God allowed the whole of creation to live without answers. It's a day of confusion and silence... Holy Saturday seems to me to describe the place in which many of us live our lives: waiting for God to speak... where, we*

wonder, is God now?" I suspect that is a question that has been much pondered during this past twelve months; and so I offer you some words of wisdom from Pete Greig on the topic on unanswered prayer... particularly pertinent for many people in the light of the events of this year.

"Holy Saturday is the no-man's land between questions and answers, prayers uttered and miracles to come. It's where we wait – with a peculiar mixture of faith and despair – whenever God is silent or life doesn't make sense.

"As we turn to explore the silence of God, we are compelled to address the problem of unanswered prayer... it's not that He's saying 'yes,' 'no' or 'not yet' to our prayers; it's that He's not saying anything at all. We pray and pray but God remains silent. We ask for help and He appears to ignore us. We try to make sense of our situation and there is no explanation, no revelation, no intimation that God even cares. We may wonder if He's there at all. This experience of God's silence, or even His absence, is not uncommon in the Christian life – especially among those God uses most powerfully. It is an experience both epitomised and legitimized by the silence of God on Holy Saturday.

"The Bible opens with the voice of God: He speaks and life begins. It closes with 'What sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: 'Hallelujah!'" (Rev. 19:1). In between those two cataclysmic moments, the story hinges on the Word of God spoken in Jesus. The Bible is a book about a God who speaks! But it does not portray Him as one who speaks incessantly to His people (or to anyone else for that matter). Instead, we often endure Holy Saturdays in which God's word is muted and His presence is veiled.

"From dusk on Good Friday to dawn on Easter Sunday, God allowed the whole of creation to remain in a state of chaos and despair. Martin Luther dared to suggest, 'After Good Friday' – and I imagine him whispering the words – 'God's very self lay dead in the grave.' Is that possible? Can you imagine it? Nobody the disciples could look to for guidance? No basis for any hope? No meaning? ... the disciples were scared, but they were also profoundly confused. Had they been cruelly misled

for three years? Had Jesus been merely a prophet and not the Christ at all? What of all the miracles, all the proof? Hadn't He predicted something like this? But surely God would not permit His Son to be crucified?

"For the disciples these questions would all be answered within a matter of hours in the most glorious way. When we experience similar seasons of doubt and despair, we too may be sure that resurrection is on the way. However, the experience of God's absence is not one to be rushed over as if it has no value in the Christian life. Quite the contrary: Holy Saturday has been the experience of many of the greatest saints in history from St John of the Cross to Mother Teresa."

What, then, does Pete Greig make of the Holy Saturday experience? Well, probably annoyingly but not surprisingly, I'm going to suggest that you get hold of a copy of **God on Mute** and give it a read. Even without a year in which Covid-19 has wrought havoc with the world, we all experience our Holy Saturdays. This book sets out to help us to make sense of and find growth in even those most difficult of moments when we may be tempted to conclude that God may have 'turned out the light and left the building!' Above all else, remember this: without Good Friday and Holy Saturday there can be no Easter Day!

With every blessing for you at this Easter time.
Derek.



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Apathy? Can't be bothered with it!

Writer's block came to pass. The moving finger is supposed to write and move on, but today it seemed determined to write nothing and move nowhere.

My pen came to a halt on World Book Day and World Obesity Day. You would have thought some sort of inspiration lurked there, but no.

Today I was given a free melon by a kindly market trader, yet no essay on generosity was formed. So I went for a walk to see if communing with nature would fetch something, but it didn't. It was cold and muddy, like my brain. On return, I looked at the garden. A week or two ago, we only had crocuses. Now we have hyacinths and daffodils. They can be bothered. Why can't I?

When it comes to writing for this edition, when Eliot opened "The Wasteland" with "April is the cruellest month" he wasn't wrong. Chaucer too opens with references to April, but does that do any good? Nothing from the Knight, the Reeve, the Wife of Bath or anyone else heading down the M20 brought the remotest inspiration.

Ridden with guilt and exasperation, I finally find myself at the message of the Spirit to the church at Laodicea. On holiday to Turkey we took a two day trip that, having majored on Ephesus, passed the ruins of that once prosperous community. By then, the air conditioning on the coach had failed and the courier had run out of that refreshing lemon-scented spray meant to ameliorate the malodorous. The wreckage of Laodicea was beheld from within a fug. Here's what they were hit with:-

"I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth." [Revelation 3: 15-16]

Bit harsh, but there is much else in that section upon which to munch. It is, of course, the passage in which Jesus says "I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice

and open the door, I will come in." As Holman Hunt's famous "Light of the World" painting shows, there is no outer handle on the door. The apathetic occupant who does not open it misses out. If the Spirit spits out the semi-apathetic lukewarm, imagine the consequences of total apathy.

If God "knows my works," better snap out of it, and at Easter here's how:

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Resurrection is no matter for apathy. We look for the life of the world to come.

Petrus Incognitus



Laodicea was one of Revelation's seven churches who received a spiritual evaluation directly from Jesus Christ. God drew an analogy from everyday life in the city in order to make his point that the church had become spiritually lukewarm.

Laodicea, because it lacked its own water supply, had to have it transported from the nearby city of Hierapolis. The water in Hierapolis came out of the ground hot. After its journey of six miles (9.6 kilometers) to the city, however, the water became lukewarm. Although cold water was desired for drinking purposes and hot water for bathing, lukewarm water was good for neither. Citizens had to make the water either hot or cold in order for it to be of use to them.

Like those in Laodicea and their water, God prefers dealing with people who are either hot (zealous for him and abound in good works) or cold (not converted). He does not like those who display only a half-hearted zeal toward him.

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Audrey worked with her big brother Harvey (who used to attend St Martin's school) on her model.

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Zaytoun sources its fairly traded Medjoul dates



Zaytoun sources its fairly traded Medjoul dates - a favourite with many members of St Martin's - from Palestinian palm groves in the Jordan Valley. Known as the 'King of Dates' because of their plump flesh and rich caramel flavour, they make a delicious ethical gift for friends and family.

The growth of the Medjoul date sector over the last decade has become a vital source of income for Palestinian farmers in the Jordan Valley, as they strive to grow trade opportunities in order to retain their own land, against the daily struggles of living under military occupation and the threat of expanding Israeli settlements. Israeli dates are often cheaper because they are grown predominantly on illegal settlements that usually operate on a mass scale of production, whereas Palestinian farmers don't receive state subsidies and face restrictions on movement, resources and access to water.

Ruba Halaiqa loves her work as a Quality Manager for a major Medjoul date producer in the Jordan Valley, a job she's held since gaining her university degree in biology and medical technology. It's a busy role, and Ruba is tasked with overseeing all the company's quality assurance procedures to ensure that dates supplied to Zaytoun are consistently of the highest quality. Since she started working at Nakheel Palestine in 2011, she's seen the company's international sales grow, bringing opportunities to create more value in their supply chain and offering employment to more farming families in the Jordan Valley.

These new job opportunities in a safe and healthy environment are a welcome alternative to working in illegal Israeli settlements, which was often the only employment option available in the Jordan Valley. Work on settlements is often on casual

contracts with no job security. In contrast, the jobs created by the growth in local date production offer long-term prospects, as well as engaging more women in rural areas and attracting investment that ripples out to wider economic growth. This is important to those living in a region that is sorely affected by lack of access to water for irrigation due to the Israeli occupation, as well as severe restrictions on the movement of people and goods which make it difficult to get products to local markets.

These limitations create extra costs for marketing and exporting produce, so growth is essential for a company like Nakheel and the producers in its supply chain.

Ruba values the support of Zaytoun's customers year on year, and their interest in learning about the obstacles that growers need to overcome in order to get the dates to market.



"Education is key to enable our international customers to understand what makes our dates so special, and the complex process involved in taking them from tree to plate."

She was delighted when the Medjoul dates she meticulously helps produce won a UK Great Taste Award in 2018, a result of the hard work she and her team puts in to closely monitor the quality of the dates at every stage of their journey from the farm.

"The award is a recognition of our efforts and we are thankful to receive it".

Church Services for April

The following is entirely subject to future guidance from HMG and PCC/Standing Committee

The confirmed cases locally are continuing to drop and that trend will hopefully continue. Accordingly plans for services in church are as follows, but please keep checking our website for the latest information.

St Martin's

Physical services will take place on the following Sundays, except the 2pm Good Friday service which is pre-recorded.

28th March, Palm Sunday

10.00am Family Communion with Blessing of Palms

1st April, Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Holy Communion

2nd April, Good Friday

Noon - 3pm Church is open for private prayer

2.00pm Pre-recorded service for Good Friday on YouTube

In view of restrictions, a physical Hour at the Cross service will not take place this year at any of the churches, but a recording will be published on our YouTube channel.

4th April, Easter Day

10.00am Family Communion

11th April 10.00am Holy Communion

18th April 10.00am Holy Communion

25th April 10.00am Holy Communion

Pre-recording of Sunday services and publication on YouTube will continue.

It is hoped that supervised private prayer will continue on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 09.30 until 12.00

St Mary's, Pixham

28th March 10.30am Pixham Praise for Palm Sunday

4th April 10.00am Family Communion

11th April 10.30am Morning Prayer

18th April 10.30am Pixham Praise with Holy Communion

25th April 10.00am Rise and Shine

St Barnabas, Ranmore

To continue with Zoom services for the time being. Church open for private prayer only by arrangement.

2nd April

2.00pm Reflection and Devotion for Good Friday

4th April

11.00am Holy Communion for Easter Day

11th April

11.00am Matins

18th April

No Service

25th April

11.00am Matins

Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12.00

DECORATING THE ST MARTIN'S CHURCH FOR EASTER

We hope to decorate church on Saturday morning 3rd April.

At Christmas we used real and paper flowers which worked very well so thought we would do the same for Easter. So any donations of paper flowers, individually or in a display would be much appreciated and can be left at the back of church.



There are lots of ideas and instructions on the internet and with a pair of scissors, paper and glue you can be very creative!

JOHN OBORN

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of John Oborn on the 8th March.

John had played a significant part in the life of St. Martin's for decades as well as faithfully serving our Circuit and neighbouring ones. Having been a local preacher for 58 years he had touched many lives but he had also served as a Senior Steward in Dorking, a Circuit Secretary and a wise and trustworthy source of knowledge concerning all Methodist matters. John died in Westcott nursing home after only a fortnight's stay as a result of cancer, despite treatment last year.

John was a very private man and did not want many people to know that he was ill as he did not want a fuss which was just his way. It is hoped that there will be a memorial service for him later in the year.

A Meditation, a prayer and a poem

Taken from Be Still and Know, by Denis Duncan published in 1994, a collection of meditations first written for the Saturday Telegraph.

Be Sensitive!

So sensitive was Jesus to the suffering of people that he was constantly “moved to compassion”. His was a loving concern for people in need, He expressed that concern in miracles of healing. It was, for example, his awareness of the inner turmoil in Zacchaeus that brought about the healing relationship that transformed the despised tax-gatherer. It was with similar perception that he used his encounters with Nicodemus and “a woman of Samaria” as evangelical opportunities. Jesus showed these two people the deep needs they had, but of which they were unaware. Sensitivity and compassion were essential elements in the attitude to life and people that Jesus had.

Nicodemus visited Jesus secretly, “by night”. That a Pharisee, “a master of Israel”, should do something so risky testifies to the sincerity of his search for truth. The meeting with the woman of Samaria came about when Jesus was on his way back to Galilee. Going through Samaria, he stopped at a well to rest. The woman arrived to draw water, totally unaware that she was about to be involved in deeply spiritual conversation.

These two incidents are recorded in John’s Gospel, significantly close to each other in chapters three and four. In each case the conversation seems, at first sight, to represent a failure in communication. To Jesus’s statement about the necessity of being spiritually “born again”, Nicodemus responds with a question about the possibility of *physical* re-birth. “Can one enter a second time into one’s mother’s womb and be born?” he asks. Jesus talks to the woman of Samaria about the “living water” which he offers. Her response is to raise the practical problem of drawing water from a deep well without proper equipment. Jesus leads both these conversations into deeply spiritual areas, declaring the essence of the Gospel to Nicodemus and defining the meaning of true worship to the Samaritan woman.

The results of these exercises in evangelism are striking. That same Nicodemus was with Joseph of Arimathea when he asked to be given the body of Jesus after his crucifixion in order to tend it with care. It was the woman of Samaria who testified to her own people: “Is not this the Christ?” It is important that all who are involved in evangelical endeavour today reflect the sensitivity and compassion which Jesus showed to those whom he sought to lead towards the truth.

Accident

Colliding with God,
and wearing no seat-belt,
he suffered extensive injuries
to his life.

They say he is not the same man
since the accident.

God, too, did not escape unscathed,
but received nasty wounds
to his hands and feet,
and a deep laceration in his side.
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is unlikely.

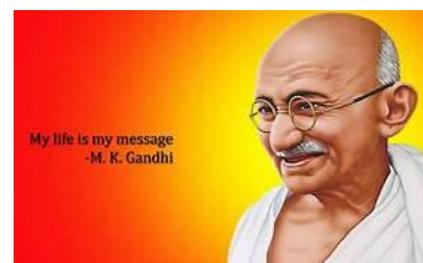
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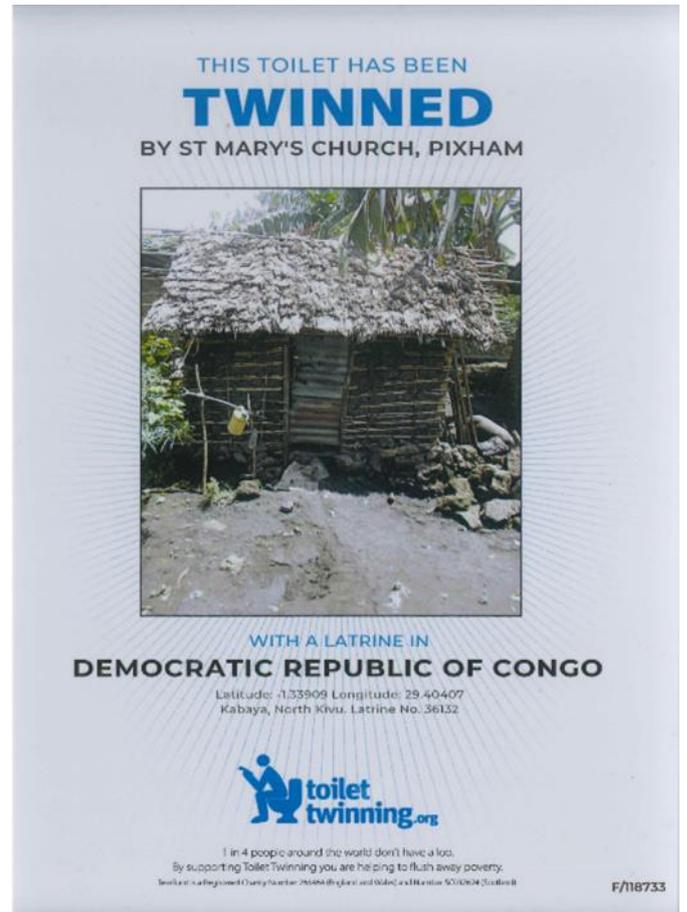
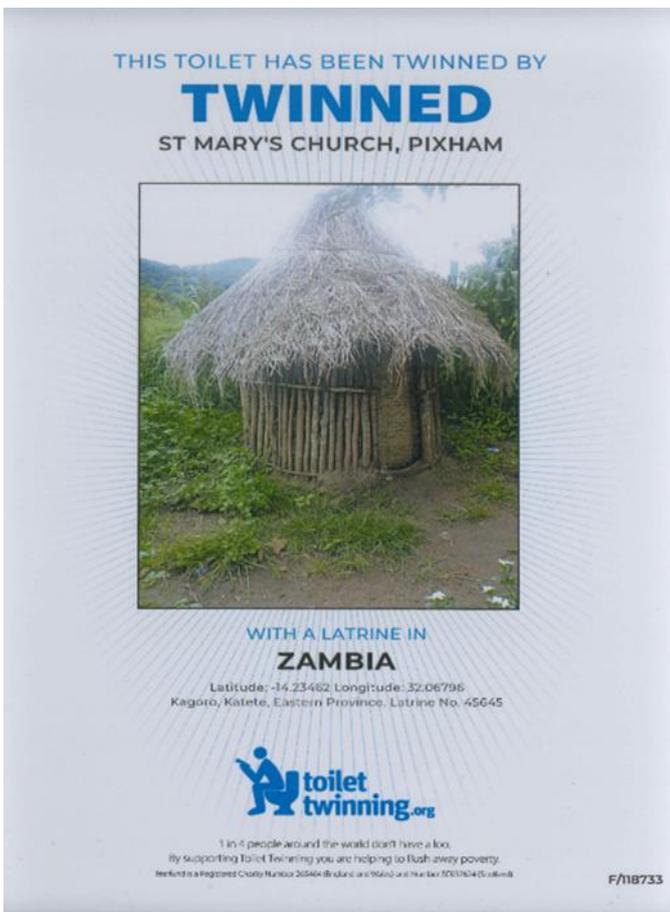
A prayer from India, based on words of Mahatma Gandhi

Deliver us, O God,
from politics without principles,
from wealth without work,
from pleasure without conscience,
from knowledge without character,
from commerce without morality,
from worship without sacrifice,
and from science without humanity.

Amen.



Toilet Twinning at Pixham



Toilet Twinning – “I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.” (Mark 9:41)

St Mary’s, Pixham has just been sent these certificates to mark a gift by Church members – a small step towards solving a very big problem.

Approximately 785 million people in the world (ten per cent of the world population) still lack access to a basic water service with all the consequences that follow.

Women and girls are vulnerable to being attacked when they have no choice but to go to the toilet in the bush.

Toilet twinning, bin twinning and tap twinning are an important and practical step towards changing people’s lives.

If this is something you would like to do (maybe in your own home or towards one in Church) go to toilet twinning .org.



This Toilet Twin is flushing away poverty!



2 billion people don't have a safe, hygienic loo

A child dies every two minutes from a sanitation-related illness





Teenage girls drop out of school if it doesn't have decent toilets





Women risk being attacked or bitten by snakes as they squat in the grass, often late at night



For every £1 spent on sanitation, a community gains £5.50 through better health and productivity

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'I'm no longer in debt to loan sharks to pay for medicines.'
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Toilet Twinning a Pixham contd.

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Good sanitation and clean drinking water are fundamental to communities. Yet 1 in 4 people worldwide don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet. The human and economic impact of this is enormous.

Without a loo, Sita's young children were constantly sick with diarrhoea, and Sita had no choice but to borrow money from family, neighbours or the medical centre to buy vital medicine. "It felt like we would never get out of debt. We felt hopeless, trapped. I stopped wanting to live" said Sita.



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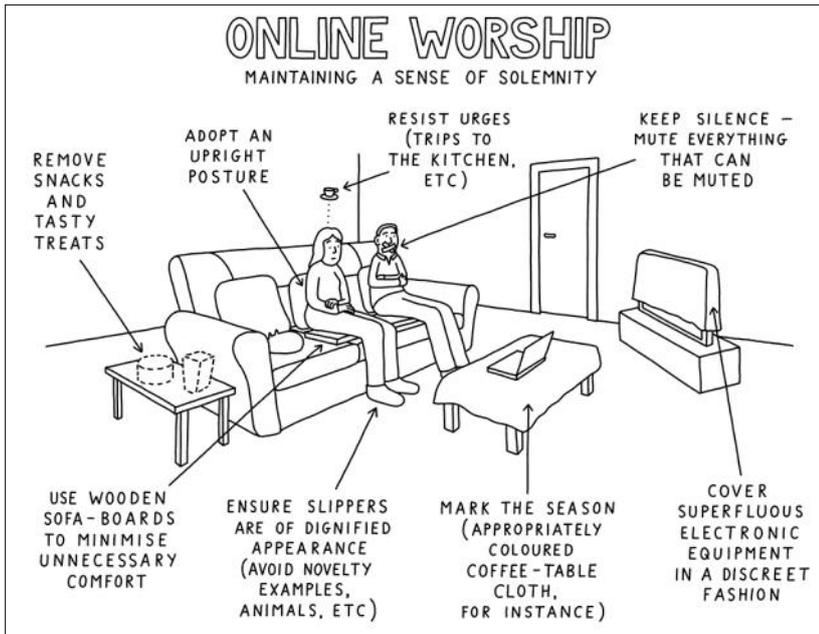
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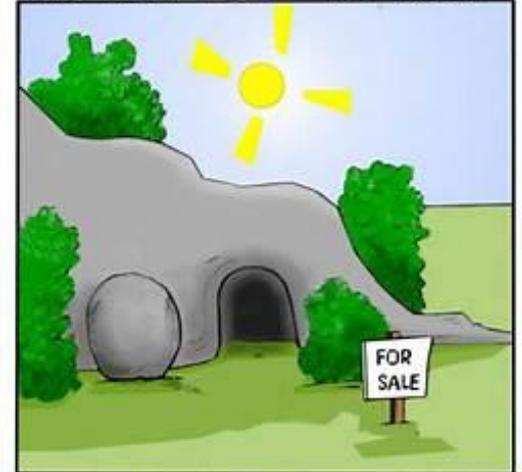
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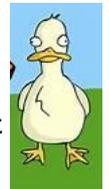
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There are 11 types of people in the world. Those who understand Roman numerals, and those who do not.

I struggle with Roman Numerals until I get to 159, then it CLIX.

I used to be really good at Roman Numerals, but I've forgotten how to write 1, 1000, 51, 6, 500. IM LIVID.

I, for one, quite like Roman Numerals.

A roman centurion walks into a bar and points to a bottle. The barman says "Martini?". He replies, "No, I only want one."

X Factor: The original Roman sun cream.

I excel at saying 39 in Roman Numerals.

Roman Numerals. What are they good IV?

I heard a rumour that they were going to ban Roman Numerals. Not on my watch!

Q: Why is there so much hate around Roman Numeral Jokes?

A: I, for one, like Roman numerals

Q: Why can't a pirate count Roman numerals?

A: They got lost at C



Do ducks ever get down in the mouth?

I applied for several jobs at the local meat processing factory - and have just landed the sausage role.

I bought a zebra the other day.

Biggest barcode I'd ever seen.

How old does the New Forest have to be before we can call it the Forest?

Can anyone tell me the price of sandpaper?

Roughly...



The Mountain Ash Corner

As I write this article Good Friday will be in two weeks' time. A dark day to remember when Jesus was crucified at Calvary. When Jesus hung on that cross with cruel nails in his hands and feet there was darkness for three hours and also an earthquake. I often wonder whether there was a total eclipse of the sun. Having experienced one in my life it was extremely strange. The whole sky went a grey/black/yellow colour. There was absolute silence – the birds had stopped singing and were certainly not flying around. I can remember one very dazed pigeon walking down the hospital corridor (which used to be an old army hut and somehow there must have been a door open for the pigeon to enter the corridor). When the eclipse was over the sun was shining so brightly, the birds started flying around and singing.

How awesome was the Good Friday over 2,000 years ago when Jesus was hanging on that cross. What a sacrifice to die so that we might be saved from our sins. Each one of us has nailed Jesus to the cross and this sacrifice has brought peace between us and God.

One Good Friday several years ago at The Churches Together Service in St Martin's Church grounds there was a large wooden cross with nails in it. We were invited to hammer in a nail into the cross in memory of Jesus' loving sacrifice. It was a very moving action to undertake.

What an amazing thought that one day we will be with Jesus for eternity. There will no more pandemics, illness, death, sorrow or tears. We will be in the heavenly realms, at peace with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do however need to remember at this time the bereaved, particularly thinking of tragic circumstances and COVID 19. Now around all the countryside there is a blaze of yellow with all the daffodils out – this is just a reminder of God's glory.

The Son (Jesus) is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1 v 3 a/b) And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. What reassurance, particularly in the current situation which shrouds our country. So let us pray for protection, for each other, as we still face a degree of isolation and lack of company. We thank you for all our town's clergy and pastors as they seek to feed us spiritually via zoom, You Tube or other technology. Please bless them and encourage them in their preparation week by week.

So we have the summer months to look forward to and let's hope there will be a little more freedom to go places as well as meet people. I pray that you will all keep safe and well and one day we will meet up again! May God richly bless you and give you great courage and strength to carry you through over the next few weeks and months.

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Dorking Museum in April

At the time of writing, Boris' 'lockdown roadmap' is promising the gradual opening-up of the country over the coming months to a mass sigh of relief. Some aspects of life will be returning to something resembling a new normality.



In his "Recollections of Old Dorking" (1878), South Street linen-drafter Charles Rose wrote of life in the town of his childhood in the early 19th century. He recalls that Easter was 'a great Church festival', but that 'Good Friday was not then regarded, either as a holy-day or a holiday, as it is at present' and that shops were 'open throughout the day till dusk. "Hot-cross" buns were as plentiful and as generally partaken of then as now, and in the early part of the morning the youngsters were as active in carrying out the buns, and selling them, as of Good Fridays of the present time.'



However, it does appear that museums will not be able to reopen until May, so we will not be able to hold our regular Easter family activity in the Museum this year. But do not despair ...

Family Easter Activity Packs: Unleash your children's springtime creativity with an Easter Activity Pack, compliments of Dorking Museum.



Items from a Museum Easter Activity Pack
(image: Lisa Geelhood)

Inside each pack will be everything you need to make an egg-citing Easter or Spring greeting card. Just add felt pens and a bit of glue. The Easter Activity Packs will be available to collect starting Friday 2nd through to 17th April. Hop on over to our friends at Head for the Hills on West Street to collect yours. An adult needs to accompany a child, and there is a limit of two packs per family, please. Details will be included in the pack for sharing photos of your incredible creations on the Museum website. Activity packs are free for the asking, but supplies are limited, so do not miss out.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service:

The Museum is excited to be one of 10 Surrey organisations nominated for the 2021 awards. The QAVS is the highest national honour presented to local volunteer groups across the UK, awarded to exceptional groups of volunteers who regularly contribute their own time to enhance and improve the lives of others, and whose level of initiative and



Dorking Museum in April contd.

impact are truly outstanding. It is the MBE for volunteer groups and is awarded for the lifetime of the organisation. We would like to thank those who nominated, supported and recommended the Museum. Winners will be announced on 2nd June.

LGBTQ+ community: The preparation of our E M Forster exhibition last year (currently on hold) reminded us that the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements are topics on which history has frequently remained relatively silent, often because of the social mores, conventions or legal framework of the time.

Museum Chairman Kathy Atherton says, "As life for LGBT people has changed so much in the last 30 years, and none of it tends to be documented (except in the newspapers), this seems to be an area of history that we may have neglected. Even people growing up in the 1970s and 1980s will have stories that are very different from life today. And LGBT history tends to be focussed on the big cities – we don't know what life was like in a small town, even relatively recently.

"We would like to be able to reflect this perspective as part of our oral history project, ideally led and shaped by the LGBT community in recording their experiences. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved or if you know anyone else who might be willing to be involved. This could be anyone in the LGBT community – even people growing up relatively recently are going to have experiences worth recording for posterity." If so, please contact admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk in strict confidence.

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Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries

Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born
there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way

(now read from bottom to top)

Brian Bilston



Every day I want to speak with you. And every day
something more important
calls for my attention - the drugstore, the beauty
products, the luggage

I need to buy it for the trip.
Even now I can hardly sit here

among the falling piles of paper and clothing, the
garbage trucks outside
already screeching and banging.

Retired

Not to worry myself any more
if I am out of step, fallen behind.
Let the space probes continue;
I have a different distance to travel.

Here I can watch the night sky,
listen to how one grass blade
grates on another as member
of a disdained orchestra.

There are no meetings to attend
now other than those nocturnal
gatherings, whose luminaries
fell silent millennia ago.

No longer guilty of wasting
my time, I take my place
by a lily-flower, believing
with Blake that when God comes

he comes sometimes by way
of the nostril. My failure, perhaps,
was to have had no sense of smell
for the holiness suspiring from forked humans.

I count over the hours put by
for repentance, pulling thought's buildings
down to make way for the new,
fooling myself with the assurance

that when he occurs it is as the weather
of prayer's forecast, never with all
the unexpectedness of his body's
lightning, naked upon a cross.

R.S. Thomas

Prayer

The mystics say you are as close as my own
breath.

Why do I flee from you?

My days and nights pour through me like
complaints

and become a story I forgot to tell.

Help me. Even as I write these words I am
planning
to rise from the chair as soon as I finish this
sentence.

Marie Howe, American poet, born 1950

Pound the Pavements for Sight for Surrey

Did you miss out on a place for this year's London marathon again? If so, do not fear, Sight for Surrey has four places up for grabs at this year's virtual race on Sunday 3rd October 2021, when 50,000 runners will have the chance to be part of the biggest marathon ever staged anywhere in the world!



Runners have 24 hours to complete the virtual race at their pace, wherever and whenever they want on Sunday 3rd October. A special Virgin Money London Marathon app records your run every step of the way shouting words of encouragement to keep you motivated and on track. To be part of record breaking history and secure your place in this life changing race, email fundraising@sightforsurrey.org.uk. All you need to do is commit to raising a minimum of £200 and pay a £28 entry fee to secure your place (+ £10 if you live outside the UK).

All registered participants to the 2021 virtual race will receive their Virgin Money London Marathon running number to proudly display whilst pounding the pavements. Whilst all official finishers will receive their coveted finisher medal and T-shirt post event. Runners in the virtual event will join a record 50,000 participants who will run the traditional marathon event from Blackheath to The Mall.

The Virgin Money London Marathon fundraising pages are integrated with Strava, music to a runner's ears, and YouTube, and will contain many new features.

Sight for Surrey support people across Surrey who are blind, vision impaired, deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind and the virtual London Marathon is an opportunity for the charity to raise much needed funds for the charity after the loss of all their fundraising events due to the Coronavirus. Money raised will help support more people with a sensory loss, empowering them to lead independent lives.

The first virtual Virgin Money London Marathon last year was phenomenally successful when 37,966 runners took part from all corners of the globe, earning it the Guinness World Record Breaker title of 'The most users to run a remote marathon in 24 hours'.

For further media information please contact:
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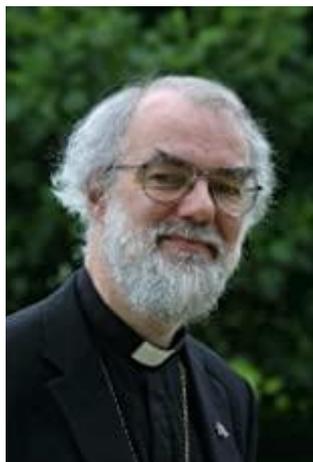
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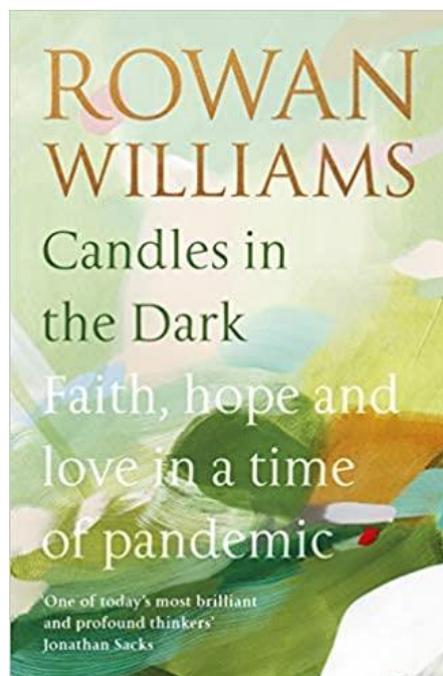
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Recipe for April. Seasonal Rhubarb and Custard Cake

INGREDIENTS

1 quantity roasted rhubarb (see recipe, below)
250g pack butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
150g pot ready-made custard
250g self-raising flour
½ tsp baking powder
4 large eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract
250g golden caster sugar
icing sugar, for dusting



STEP 1

Make the roasted rhubarb first, carefully draining off the juices before you let it cool. Butter and line a 23cm loose-bottomed or springform cake tin. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4.

STEP 2

Reserve 3 tbsp of the custard in a bowl. Beat the rest of the custard together with the butter, flour, baking powder, eggs, vanilla and sugar until creamy and smooth. Spoon one-third of the mix into the tin, add some of the rhubarb, then dot with one-third more cake mix and spread it out as well as you can.

Top with some more rhubarb, then spoon over the remaining cake mix, leaving it in rough mounds and dips rather than being too neat about it. Scatter the rest of the rhubarb over the batter, then dot the remaining custard over.

Bake for 40 mins until risen and golden, then cover with foil and bake for 15-20 mins more. It's ready when a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Cool in the tin, then dredge with icing sugar when cool.

ROASTED RHUBARB

Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Rinse 400g rhubarb and shake off excess water. Trim the ends, then cut into little-finger-size pieces. Put in a shallow dish or a baking tray, tip over 50g caster sugar, toss together, then shuffle rhubarb so it's in a single layer.

Cover with foil, then roast for 15 mins. Remove foil. Give everything a little shake, roast for 5 mins more or until tender and the juices are syrupy.



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HOSPITALS:	
Dorking Community Hospital	887150
St Luke's & Royal Surrey Hospitals, Guildford	01483 571122
Epsom General Hospital	01372 735735
East Surrey Hospital, Redhill	01737 768511
Crawley Hospital	01293 600300
Leatherhead Hospital	01372 384384
LEATHERHEAD NIGHT HOSTEL	01372 377790
LIBRARY (Public)	882948
MOLE VALLEY CARERS	640020
MOLE VALLEY DIAL A RIDE	01372 383333
MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL	885001
For emergencies outside office hours	01372 376533
Parentline Surrey - see FAMILYLINE SURREY above	
POLICE STATION, Pippbrook	101 or 01483 571212
PRIORY SCHOOL	887337
PROBATION SERVICE	01737 763241
RELATE (Marriage Guidance)	01737 245212
ROYAL ASSOCIATION IN AID OF DEAF PEOPLE	881958
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	875058
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SURREY HQ	01372 386500
ST CATHERINES' HOSPICE	01293 772414
ST JOHN AMBULANCE	887333
ST MARTIN'S C of E SCHOOL, Ranmore Road	883474
SAMARITANS	01372 375555 or 01737 248444
TRAINS: National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (Bob Crooks)	01306 740062
VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION for SURREY DISABLED	01372 841148
VOLUNTEER CENTRE, The Point, Mayflower, Lyons Court, Dorking RH4 1AB vcdorking@vamidsurrey.org	01306 640369

WHO's WHO at St Martin's, St Mary's and St Barnabas'

at St Martin's Church: Church Street, Dorking RH4 1DW

CLERGY

Vicar and Authorised Methodist Minister
The Revd. Derek Tighe 882875
Day off is Friday

Associate Minister (non-stipendiary)
The Revd. David Cowan 885341

We are also pleased to have the
assistance of

The Revd. Stuart Peace 883002
The Revd. Mike Stewart 884153
The Revd. David Williams 889754

THE CHURCH OFFICE

Vicki Judd and Michelle Lelliott 884229
stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com
The office has limited opening hours.
Please email or phone and leave a
message.

Marriage Enquiries:

arrangements should in the first instance
be made by telephoning Vicki or Michelle
in the church office.

Baptism Enquiries: arrangements can
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in the church office.

CENTRE MANAGER

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9.00am - 2.15pm Monday to Friday

CHURCHWARDENS

Nick Hands-Clarke 887870
Veronica Watts 640775

DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS

Christine Francis 889617
Christine Lawrence 882316
Anne Whibberley 500288

METHODIST STEWARDS *

Elizabeth Dobson (Senior Steward)
881479

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(Anglican Reader)

VICE CHAIRMAN OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Canon Peter Bruinvels 887082

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St Martin's Church Choir Practice times
Friday s 7.30pm - 9pm
Sundays 9.25am (pre-service at 10am)
1st Sunday 5pm (before Choral Evensong
6pm)

BELL RINGERS

Paul Beeken (Tower Captain)
07739 366434

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Cathy Merrikin 885273

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Anne Brown 884424

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Dave and Mary Cowan 885341

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887538

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