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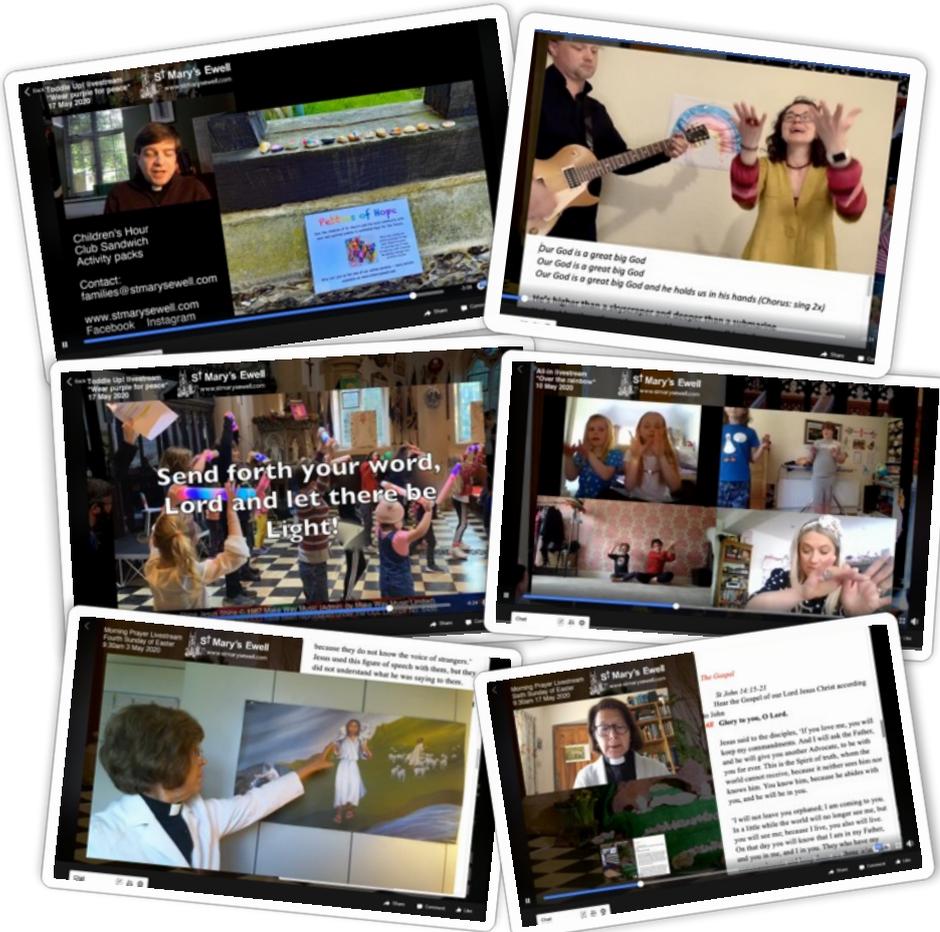
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## St. Mary's on-line for all the family



Screenshots are from our on-line Toddle Up!, Praise @ 11, All-in and Morning Services. The 'Send forth' background was recorded at Christmas.

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## The Vicar writes

By the time this edition of EPN is published we will have celebrated all the three greatest festivals of the liturgical year: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. For two of them we have not been able to gather in the usual way in church. But all three celebrations - the birth of Christ, his death and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit - remain as important and relevant as ever.

I am struck today by those who gathered at the first Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. They are not the people we would expect to be favoured in the society of Jesus's day. At Christmas, shepherds working the night-shift attended the Lord's birth. At Easter, the first witnesses of the Risen Christ are women - whose testimony was considered less weighty in the culture of the time. At Pentecost, the first sermon from this great religious event is heard not by the cognoscenti in Hebrew - but by people from every nation, each in their own language. In every case, outsiders are included, those usually considered peripheral are brought to the centre.

There has been something of a similar shift in our country today. Those whose essential work is too often forgotten has been remembered, and celebrated: we are remembering to thank the hospital workers, the delivery drivers, the rubbish collectors, and so on. Residents of care homes are in the news, and in our prayers, as we are conscious that the battle against COVID-19 is particularly severe in those environments. People all too often pushed to the margins are at the centre of news bulletins and our national consciousness. This is surely right. My hope is that when life starts to return to normal, this will not change and that from this time of suffering and loss we will have learned something that endures.

### IN CHURCH IN JUNE

Services will continue online during June. There may be some relaxing of restrictions, but it is not expected that public church services will resume in any form before July, and possibly much later.

It has been good to see so many people taking part in our services online, both live and by watching the recordings afterwards. Most services are by Facebook live, which can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live) using a web browser. You don't need to be a member of Facebook. Some other activities, including Children's Hour, Club Sandwich, coffee hour, and quizzes, take place over Zoom, for which you need to receive an email invitation. Get in touch to take part in any of these activities, and we will send you the invitation: it's very easy to get started even if you've never used Zoom before.

Every Sunday, there is a service of Morning Prayer at 9:30am. This includes organ music, hymns, readings, prayers, a sermon, and an anthem, usually a recording of our parish choir. In this time when most of us cannot receive Holy Communion sacramentally, this service is a

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**CAFE NESCO**

**Postponed till further notice**

On Tuesdays in term time, students from NESCO are serving simple lunches in our church hall (London Road, opposite the church) between 12 and 1.30pm.  
Soup, sandwiches, salad, and cakes, with tea, coffee, and soft drinks.  
Everyone welcome!

good time to ask God for the grace of a spiritual communion.

Two all-age services are planned for the month on Facebook live. All-in is at 5:30pm on 14 June. This is an interactive all-age service. Then on 21 June, our monthly toddler service, Toddle Up!, will be at 11am. To find out more about our two children's groups meeting on-line, please be in touch: they are Children's Hour, every Sunday at 10am, and Club Sandwich, every fortnight, for 7+ and 11+.

Your friend and Parish Priest

Russell Dewhurst

**PLEASE JOIN OUR ZOOM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

During lockdown we are introducing various on-line activities using Zoom so that we can get together, enjoy ourselves and have a chat.

**On-line quizzes**

At the time of writing we have held two on-line quizzes. Feedback has been very positive. We will be holding our third quiz at the end of May and will continue to hold quizzes on Wednesday evenings at fortnightly intervals. The dates of the June quizzes are the 10th and the 24th. Our quiz invitations state: 'This will be a fun quiz that everyone can enjoy from home, participating as individuals or as a family group together in the same room. The quiz will last about 45 minutes. Most questions will appear on your screen in pictures and words. There will be no winner's medal and no wooden spoon but we hope you will enjoy the quiz and the opportunity to see and greet other members of our church.'

**Virtual Coffee**

In May we held two virtual Coffee Meetings after the 9:30 Sunday service. These were much enjoyed by the participants, and we also plan to hold these at fortnightly intervals. The dates of the Virtual Coffee meetings in June are the 7th and the 21st.

**Virtual Garden Party**

Our Garden Party, planned for 6 June at 2 pm in the Vicarage has had to be cancelled, and we will instead be holding a Virtual Garden Party. We hope to see you there! Do join us from your home or gar-

den. We plan to make a video with your photos of your garden, or those you have taken around the church. Please send your photos to [publicity@stmarysewell.com](mailto:publicity@stmarysewell.com) by 3 June.



**Online Garden Party**

Saturday 6th June at 2.00pm



via Zoom Call

Pour yourself a glass of Pimms or a cup of tea, prepare your favourite picnic food and join us from your garden or home.

Participants for each of the above events need to register in advance as we cannot make the Zoom joining instructions publicly available. Registration links are given in our Vicar's weekly general email and are published in the Weekly Notes. We can also provide them if you email us at [zoom@stmarysewell.com](mailto:zoom@stmarysewell.com).

David Dance



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## A BIRD WATCHING WALK IN EWELL

All seasons have their virtues. But arguably spring is the best time to be out and about. Not only are the trees in their fresh young greenery but they are still sufficiently bare for it to be easy to see birds. Bear in mind also that you will need your ears as well as your eyes when out walking as some species are unwilling to show themselves.

Join me if you will on a footpath ramble through Ewell. We begin at The Spring Tavern and head northwards along the Hogsmill past Ewell Court leading up to where the Hogsmill and the Bonesgate Brook meet. A brisk walker can usually cover this journey in an hour. For us, with numerous pauses to "stop and stare" you should allow two and a half hours.

Although large birds are present - one thinks of the Canada geese, coots and ducks always on Bourne Hall lake, or the occasional heron - it is mostly smaller songbirds that concern us now. Some of them stay with us all year round: robins, wrens with their loud cheerful songs, thrushes, blackbirds and wood pigeons. One resident whose song reverberates among the trees next to The Spring Tavern is the nuthatch. You can easily spot him too. Unique among birds, he is equally happy climbing down a tree trunk head first as climbing up. The jaunty song of the chaffinch can also be heard here.

Not all birds show themselves off in this way. The other day I was lucky enough to see a spotted flycatcher doing its fly catching act. Plain brown and inconspicuous, it will perch and wait patiently until a moth or other insect passes within range. Suddenly it will launch itself out and capture the insect, all over in a couple of seconds.

Along the Hogsmill you may see a kingfisher. An unusual species to look out for or listen for, is the grey wagtail. Unlike



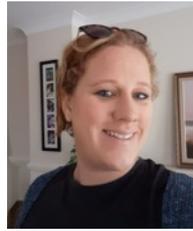
our more familiar pied, this has a longer tail which wags incessantly, and a brilliant yellow breast. A pair has bred here near The Spring for several years. In the winter they can be seen anywhere along the Hogsmill for they are what are termed "altitudinal migrants". They breed in the uplands of Northern England and come South for the winter. Another species to be seen both at Bourne Hall and at Ewell Court is the stock dove, smaller and greyer than the wood pigeon, with which it often associates. Its coo is soft yet far-carrying.

A common migrant bird to listen out for is the black cap. It lives up to its name for it has a sooty black crown. Beyond the railway and in several other places further on you may see the whitethroat, another migrant from East Africa. Quite often it will fly up while singing and display. You may also hear its cousin, the lesser whitethroat, which keeps in deep cover. This is another species that has increased markedly in recent years.

The foregoing suggests this can be a rewarding walk. I conclude with an observation. As well as the diurnal species mentioned above, a walk after dark may well be rewarded with the begging calls of baby owls.

*TT, photo by RD*

## FROM OUR CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER



Wow! What a fantastic month it has been. Nearly all our children's services have gone digital and we have had a marvellous response to these, which has been so pleasing to see.

Our children's team has been working hard to deliver excellent, fun and interactive services that everyone can be a part of. There is something for the whole family and the awesome crafts, activities, songs, stories and games are well worth joining us for.

This month our services have been centred around Peace, Hope and Joy and there have been beautiful messages shared from so many incredible people. If you have not yet watched our services, please watch them on Facebook Live and join in for an experience you won't regret.

We are very excited to have created 'Rainbow' craft activity packs. Fran and Zoe have kindly made these up and delivered them to our families across the Ewell and Epsom area. The response from our families to get involved has been truly incredible and we are looking forward to seeing all the finished products.



We have also started an amazing project called 'Pebbles for Hope' which we would like our families and greater community to get involved with. We are asking for families to decorate their pebbles and then drop them off outside St Mary's as we are hoping to create a colourful walkway when we return to church. This is a great activity to get the whole family involved in and will stand as a reminder of the current crisis we find ourselves in, whilst also providing Hope for the future.

We have great things happening in the next few weeks so please keep a look-out on the St Mary's Ewell website to see what's on the go.

For any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me on [families@stmarysewell.com](mailto:families@stmarysewell.com).

Keep well and stay safe,

*Sandi*

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# Prayers for June



On May 31 we celebrate the festival of Pentecost, the time when those first disciples received the Holy Spirit. It gave them the power and strength to speak of God's love for all peoples; to face all the challenges, adversity and hardship of their times with courage. Today, we too need that God given power and strength to face the challenges of our own Age.

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being, the breath of life.

*Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.*

*Throughout history, there have been times of great challenge and uncertainty. These past few months, the whole world has been living through times of extraordinary challenge and uncertainty as the global Coronavirus pandemic has touched every nation.*

*Come, Spirit of Power, strengthen us for the challenges that continue to lie before us.*

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: You break down barriers of language, race, and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.

*Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.*

*During these past few months, we have also seen in abundance the fruits of the Spirit – the patience and self-control of most people who have endured the lockdown to reduce the spread of the virus. We have seen people of all walks of life showing love, kindness and gentleness to others.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, burn in our hearts that we may all share your love, your joy, and your peace.*

*During recent weeks, there have been times of untold tragedy and grief as millions of people around the world have died of the virus without their family at their side.*

*Come, Comforting Spirit, and fill the hearts of all those who mourn*

So Lord, throughout our lives, we pray

*Come, Life giving and Life sustaining Spirit, be with us in every moment of our lives. Strengthen us for service that Your name may be praised throughout the whole of creation. AMEN*

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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIRTH OF A CHILD

A member of Christ, the child of God  
(BCP Baptism rite)

8 March Kypros Michael Kypre

### FUNERALS

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord**

18 March	Christine Taylor, aged 70
9 April	Jane Carole Clarke, aged 78
15 April	Bridget Madaline Bain, aged 92
17 April	Linda Gertrude Shrubsole, aged 95
11 May	Catherine Deanna Vickery, aged 76
11 May	David Lynn Jones, aged 79
13 May	Jean Margaret Benke, aged 90
13 May	John Wharton, aged 94
20 May	Julian Robert Varney, aged 81
20 May	Doreen Elizabeth Davey, aged 88
20 May	Vera Mabel Pearson, aged 85

# A NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH CONTINUES ...

The Ministry Team are continuing to keep in touch with those who are not online and cannot access the church website, or Sunday services. We hope this reassures everyone that they are not forgotten.

We told you last month about St Mary's telephone ministry. This month we're letting you know that some people have offered help with shopping, picking up medicines, or solving IT problems to anyone staying at home. If - like us - you are having to get to grips with new technology or find Facebook confusing there are volunteers who would be pleased to help you. For example, if you are having problems accessing St Mary's Facebook live page containing our current and past services at [www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell/live) and would like some help, please contact Sue (020 8337 6347 or [assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com](mailto:assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com)) who can put you in touch with another member of the congregation who would be happy to show you the ropes.

Clearly, we are all missing the strength and comfort we receive from being able to worship together in St Mary's, and we are aware from the numbers who are now accessing online services that many people, unknown to us, are drawn to find hope and comfort at this time. It's good that the Church of England has seen this dilemma, which affects everyone. As a result, they have launched a new telephone initiative called Daily Hope.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

**0800 804 8044**

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  Faith in later life CONNECTIONS

**Daily Hope** is available now, offering music, prayers and reflections, as well as full worship services from the Church of England, all at the end of a telephone line. The national line (0800 804 8044) is available 24 hours a day. **It's Free - you won't be charged for the call.**

Maggie has listened to see what it's all about, and it offers something for every day. It begins with a short welcome from Archbishop Justin. "With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are," he said. You can choose to listen to his words of encouragement in full, where he reminds us that none of us is forgotten, and how much everyone is being held in prayer daily throughout the whole of the Church.

There are several options from which you can choose:

1. **Hymns we Love** - this is a series of short talks based on well-loved hymns.
2. **Hymn Line** - these are recordings of different daily hymns on a continuous loop system.
3. **Prayer Line** - prayers that are specific and relevant to the coronavirus pandemic.
4. **More Options...** giving the further options of...
5. **The Church of England's Weekly Service**
6. **To join in with Traditional Morning and Evening Prayer.** You will be very familiar with this service and the words from the psalms, the scripture readings and prayers were extremely uplifting, both comforting and full of hope. Although the whole service was very traditional, The Lord's Prayer used was the modern version, which is shown below alongside the more traditional words, so you can join in if you listen to this service.
7. **To listen to the latest government advice on the coronavirus.**

An idea that has been suggested to help us all feel closer to one another, is to come together at 12 noon each day to pray **The Lord's Prayer**. So even though we are physically isolated, we can share those few moments of unity in the Spirit of God, held in the warm embrace of his love.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him how they should pray. As we pray the Lord's Prayer -

- we bless God and pray for our world, our communities and our lives to be shaped by God's will;
- we pray for daily needs to be met;
- we pray for forgiveness for wrongdoings, strength to resist temptation and protection from danger.

So let us pray - in whichever version you choose, traditional or modern:

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

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As a reminder of the changing seasons in the Church's year, we offer below a short explanation of the Meaning of Pentecost, which falls on Sunday 31 May, together with a Pentecost Prayer, affirming the power of God's Spirit to transform our lives, even in the most difficult of times.

As ever, do please feel free to get in touch by phone with any of the Ministry Team. We would love to hear from you - either simply for a chat, or if you need help in any way, or if you would like to support us too. We all need each other at this time and we all have so much to offer.

In the meantime, we continue to hold you all in our prayers, and look forward to joining with you in praying The Lord's Prayer together daily at 12 noon. We send you our hope that you will remain safe and well. With our love in Christ.

*Maggie and Sue*

## The Meaning of Pentecost



At Pentecost, Christians celebrate the coming of God's Holy Spirit, which was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem.

The Biblical account tells of the Spirit coming as heavenly wind and tongues of fire. (Acts Chapter 2 verses 1-21). We don't usually receive the Spirit in such dramatic fashion today, but nevertheless God freely pours out his Spirit on us.

Christians are invited to live in the presence and power of the Spirit of God. Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Are we relying on the power of God's Spirit? Are we an open channel for the Spirit's gifts? Are we attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Are the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) growing in our lives?

Thankfully, God knows our limitations, and with the Spirit's help, working through us, we can seek to grow those gifts in ourselves and do our best to reflect the love of God in the world.

## A Prayer for Pentecost

God of the universe,  
send your Holy Spirit to renew and refresh your world,  
that we, and creation in all its colour,  
and all its diversity,  
may sing out your praise,  
and celebrate your presence among us.

Send streams of living water  
where hearts are parched,  
touch with the warmth of your healing  
all those who are sick, or anxious,  
embrace with comfort  
all who are grieving and in pain,  
and sprinkle showers of grace and peace  
in all places of conflict and need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.



## Thank you

Wendy Varney and family (Andrew, Kathryn and Alison) would like to thank everyone for their prayers and for the many cards and kind words received following Julian's death.

Because of the various restrictions caused by the coronavirus, only six of us were able to attend Julian's funeral. Randalls Park Crematorium had been flooded earlier this year and they were still using a marquee in their grounds. We didn't know quite what to expect, but they had softened the appearance of the marquee with white fabric drapes across the ceiling and walls. The chairs were placed to enable social distancing.

Thank you too to the Revd. Sally Thomas, from St. Paul's, Howell Hill, who very kindly stepped in at short notice to conduct the service when Russell became unwell and to Lucy Morrell whose colourful floral tribute (see photo above) helped to lift our spirits.

We hope to have a thanksgiving or memorial service at St. Mary's when life has settled down a bit.

## THE ECO-GROUP'S TIP FOR JUNE TO HELP REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE

### Those tasty summer BBQs

Some imported BBQ charcoal comes from tropical forests and we might unwittingly be contributing to deforestation while enjoying those delicious sausages!

There is an alternative close to home. Charcoal is produced every month in Horton Country Park by the Countryside team.

The charcoal is available to buy from their office in the Park and usually from the nearby Old Moat Garden Centre. Hopefully both will soon reopen.

Enjoy those BBQs with a clear conscience!

*If you have any ideas you'd like to feed in or a favourite tip to share please get in touch with the Reverend Sue Ayling:  
assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com or 020 8337 6347.*



# OUR LOCKDOWN PHOTOS AND ACTIVITIES

Louisa Read writes:

I've been doing quite a bit of baking during lockdown as my working hours have changed so that my colleague and I who normally sit less than 2m apart don't cross paths! Quite a weird situation but basically I've ended up with 2 days off per week which is wonderful! As one can't really go anywhere I decided to try baking a few new recipes at home that I can then use later for when I do the coffees after church on Sundays.



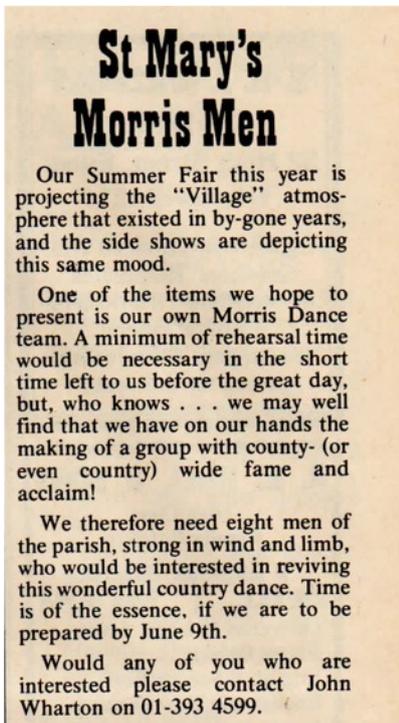
Here are photos of Russell Dewhurst's Vicarage Tea Time Cake (from the St Mary's Recipes from the Cake Stall booklet) which is an apricot and lemon cake. Delicious! Also Beetroot and Chocolate Brownies, also Delicious, but probably more calorific!

If anyone would like the recipes I would be happy to e:mail them. Please contact me at:

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Nigel Bird writes:

The Ewell St Mary's Morris Men reached their 40th anniversary in 2019 having been formed at the behest of the then vicar, Peter Hogben for the 1979 summer fair which had a village theme. The May 1979 edition of Ewell Parish news suggests that "we may well find that we have on our hands the making of a group with county – (or even country) wide fame and acclaim"! Having danced in various parts of England, France and Belgium it seems that prophecy has been fulfilled and bettered.



John Wharton pulled the group together in the early days and we were sad to hear of his death. Two founder members are still active with the side, one of whom, Peter Collins, can boast unbroken service.

One of the annual traditions of the side is the celebration of St George's Day. Coincidentally our colours are red and white and for many years we have toured the City of London. With the restrictions of lockdown our usual celebrations were curtailed but the men were not defeated, several performed jigs outside their homes, and one toured Ewell in kit, performing in the style of a wandering minstrel.

If you are interested in finding out more about the side take a look at [www.ewellmorris.co.uk](http://www.ewellmorris.co.uk) or give Nigel a call ( 07956 917 635).

Jenny Dance writes:

## 99 NOT OUT- Mary Dwyer

What a time to have a birthday party! Especially knowing that there may not be another 99 in the future. Nevertheless we decided to do our best and prepared a 99th birthday celebration for my Mum using Zoom. Family and friends from around the world were invited.

Some who could not be there for the zoom meeting sent video greetings. Unfortunately some of my Mum's friends, the more elderly, don't have computer access but they were able to ring or write to her.

It was a jolly but busy day. Happy Birthday and many happy returns



## REPORT FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

You may recall that I wrote in the March edition of EPN that the new finance team were enthused by the work to be done in 2020 and our key initiative was to focus on how the Church might reduce certain expenditure, without impacting pastoral needs, and also increase income.

With this in mind in the first quarter of 2020 we opened a new deposit account with Redwood Bank, improving the blended interest rate on our important reserves. A working party was established to consider how the Church hall can best be used as a community asset and income stream for the Church. We also completed the 2020 budget process, considering how best the Church resources can be used for the benefit of the congregation and the community.

Unfortunately some of our banks reduced the rates on some of our variable rate accounts in February and March 2020. The Bank of England then announced an emergency cut in interest rates from 0.75% to 0.25% on 11 March 2020, shortly after the rate on our CBF Church of England deposit account was halved, and we anticipated rates would be cut on our remaining variable rate reserve accounts. This would have a detrimental impact on our investment income earned.

Following the first rate cut we acted swiftly to secure a one year fixed rate account at 1.4% with the Charities Aid Foundation to again improve the blended interest rate on our important reserves.

It will be of no surprise to anyone, that in recent times our attention has been diverted to understanding and managing the continued impact of COVID-19 on the Church and its financial position.

In March we completed an initial estimate of the financial consequences of COVID-19 and the anticipated fall in income and impact on reserves. This was discussed with the finance committee which included a discussion on every line of the church's income and expenses to consider what could/should be done. A summary, including our proposed actions, was also discussed with the PCC.

In April we submitted a financial update to the Diocese of Guildford, who has asked parishes to estimate the impact of COVID-19 on church cashflows and resources over an initial three month period. Our expectation is that, following analysis of the results across parishes, this will lead to a reduction in the parish share we pay. However, details are still to be finalised and, in any event, the reduction is unlikely to cover the 'lost' income we are expecting.

As I explained in the online presentation of the 2019 accounts to the congregation on 26 April 2020, we have a solid financial position as a result of generous legacies in recent years. This has meant COVID-19 has not financially crippled us and also enabled us to continue to provide a wide and frequent range of services to the congregation during this difficult time.

We continue to monitor the position, in conjunction with the PCC, and consider potential mitigation factors to limit any financial impact caused by COVID-19. We are encouraged by the level of recent online giving, which is helping compensate for lost giving in church and thank the congregation for their continued support.

*John Baker*



If we can't go on the beach...



Nobody wants me anymore ...



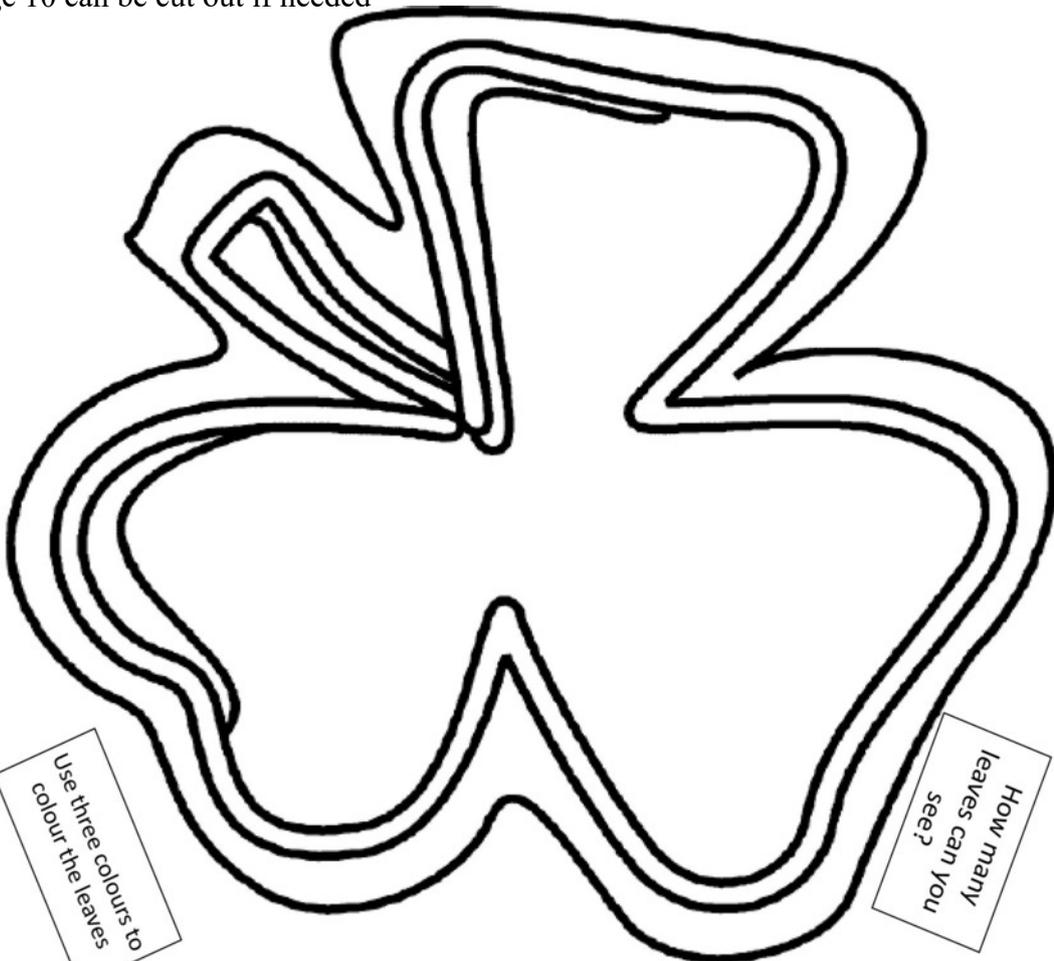
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# Young Church May

07 June 2020, Trinity Sunday; Matthew 28:16-20

On Trinity Sunday we remember that  
God is Three in One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

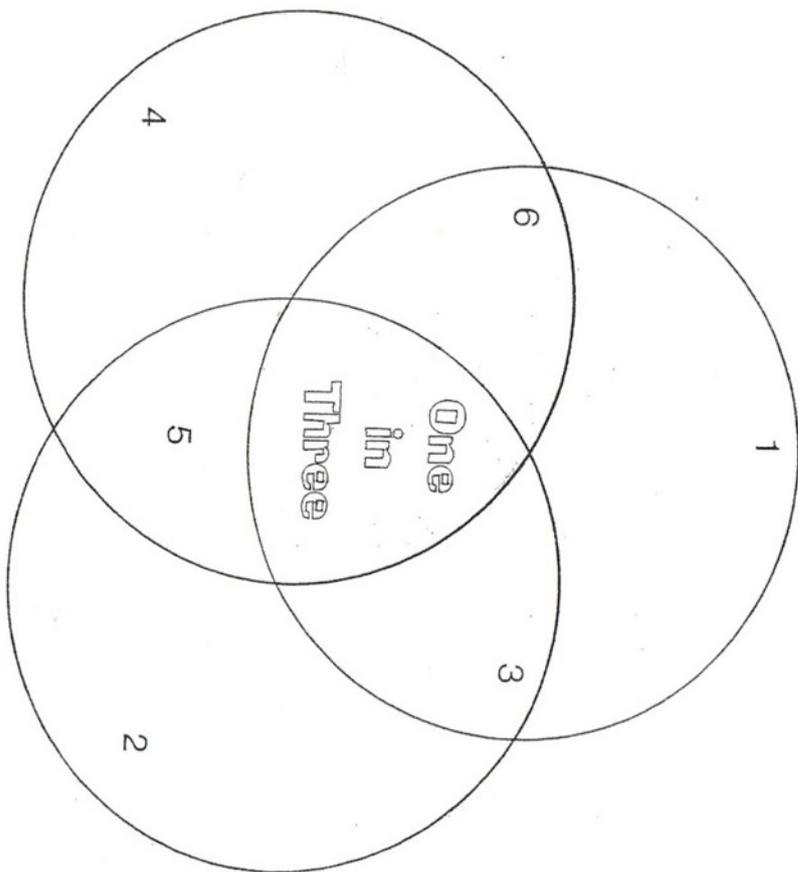


How many leaves can you see?

Use three colours to colour the leaves

1

- Colour by number:**
- 1 = yellow
  - 2 = blue
  - 3 = green
  - 4 = red
  - 5 = purple
  - 6 = orange



Groan! Groan!

By the way, what colour is the wind?  
Then what colour is a happy cat?  
What colour is a sailor on a desert island?

Blew!  
Purr-ple!  
Maroon(ed)!

2



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## FOODBANK WISH LIST - JUNE

Everyone must be aware just how many people are financially affected by Covid-19, particularly those who are not able to work and have no income at all. People are turning to the Foodbank for help who would never have dreamt in February that they would need to do so. This April, the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank fed 1035 people, April 2019, it was 386 people. It is not all doom and gloom, FB has received astonishing levels of donations from supermarkets, businesses, faith groups, street collections and many local residents. While on my daily walk, I pass a house with a Foodbank poster in the window. The occupants volunteer twice a week at the Foodbank and are happy to take any food donations to the FB centre that are given to them.

**Urgently needed items: sponge puddings, tinned meat, ketchup, tinned spaghetti/beans with meat, tinned**

**potatoes, custard, powdered milk, hot chocolate, packets of pasta sauce, jam, dog food, kids toothbrushes 6+ and 0-2 years, kids and adults toothpaste, pump soap, shaving gel/foam and deodorant – male and female.**

Not needed: baked beans, pasta, pulses, rice, tinned soup, tinned fruit, sweetcorn, porridge and cereal.

If possible, please either donate at supermarkets or direct to the depot at Generation Resource Centre, (behind West Ewell Primary School), Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG. They are open for donations in the carpark, Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm (Not Bank Holidays)

Would you like to help with the Food Bank's increased costs? You can do so on-line at:

**<https://epsomandewellfoodbank.charitycheckout.co.uk/donate#!/>**

Thank you for your support,

DB

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO EPSOM AND EWELL'S NEW MAYOR



*Photo taken at St Mary's in June 2019*

We are delighted that our Mayor for this coming year is Humphrey Reynolds, joined by Gill, his wife as Lady Mayoress. Our Vicar will continue to serve as Mayor's Chaplain.

Humphrey and Gill have been members of St Mary's Church for a number of years and Humphrey has served this Borough both as a Local Councillor and School Governor, reflecting his passion for the wellbeing of everyone.

It is unfortunate that due to the current restrictions, which are so necessary at this time, Humphrey's official inauguration as Mayor on Thursday has taken place online rather than in the usual way, but nevertheless Humphrey and Gill know that they have the support of all of us as he takes up his new position in the service of our community.

Despite not being able to visit people and organisations in person as he would wish, the needs of everyone in the Borough are very dear to Humphrey's heart, especially those in particular need at this time, and he will be working in every way possible to ensure the continued smooth running of local services, with special emphasis on his own Mayor's Charities for this year, Age Concern Epsom & Ewell, Love Me Love My Mind and The Epsom and Ewell Community Fund.

As we all wish Humphrey and Gill every blessing in their new role, we take this opportunity to thank all members of our Local Council, the emergency and essential services, and everyone who is continuing to give unstinting service on our behalf at this difficult time.

We pray in faith and hope for Humphrey and Gill and for everyone in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell.

Almighty God,

we ask your blessing on Humphrey and Gill as they take up the office of Mayor and Mayoress of Epsom and Ewell.

We give thanks for their dedication to the work of this Borough to enable all who live and work here to live in peace and prosperity.

Guide, inspire and strengthen them and all who serve us as local councillors, officers of the various civic services, members of the emergency services and all working in the NHS in our local hospitals, care homes, surgeries and pharmacies, and those who are ensuring we are fed.

We pray especially at this time for all now suffering from Covid-19, for those who are struggling with mental issues, the lonely and afraid and all who are bereaved.



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May they know your love surrounding them, your presence ever with them and your peace in their hearts.

And uplift us all at this time, give us the courage to overcome, safe in the knowledge that there is nothing that can separate us from your love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who overcame the darkness of death and rose again for us.

Amen.