



Self isolation is now set to continue for another three weeks, so [Keep Connected!](#) will now be issued on a weekly basis. Thanks to all who have given me material, but do keep your contributions coming and please 'persuade' others to speak up - anything that will help to keep our community together!

Let's all show our appreciation for those in the front line; NHS, the Care sector and the many other key workers. We owe them so much and we must no longer under-value them. Beverley & Geoff's graphic

designer friend has produced this poster to celebrate all key workers. Beverley says "I hope we do re-evaluate our priorities and pay our key workers fairly when all this is over". Ask Beverley for details.

Meanwhile, residents of Court Road, summoned by St Andrew's Church bell (thank-you Revd Ian) duly appeared at 8pm to join in the national applause for the NHS and key workers. Thanks to Jane Cornish for the photo of Beverley and apologies for not including the photos of you and Jean this time!



Revd Anne Hoad says "At the moment we are missing communion. With the help of Revd Richard Carter (Associate Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields) I reflect on that: we are called to live in communion with one another and communion with God. How can we make this communion central to our lives? How can we become communion? The outward visible sign of Christ's reconciling grace.

Again and again
At different times and places
But constantly
This ultimate gift for you and for a broken
world
Even if they were to cast you out of the city
...

...And leave you to die
This can never be taken away
This is God's unconditional love for you
This is the Word made flesh in you now and for
eternity
This is communion.

Whilst undertaking research on her family history, St Andrew's worshipper Mary Sylvester, investigated records at St Cynillo's in Ceredigion where the artist Nigel Robert Pugh is churchwarden. His artwork includes paintings depicting the Stations of the Cross. These were used by the Dean of Newport Cathedral in his 'Devotion on the Way of the Cross' on Good Friday 2020. Unfortunately the paintings are not on the artists website, but they can be viewed by watching the Dean of Newport's video recording. More information and weblinks to this and St Cynillo's church are on the home page of our website in the CofE section. Thank you Mary for directing us to such moving works of art!

Laura and Garfield's lives have become even busier since the 'lockdown' was imposed. Garfield is a key worker and continues to work full-time. Laura is now working full-time from home as well as educating their young children, Rosa and Roman and also being a mum!

The children are showing their support for a local, Chislehurst based independent company, the Colour Cabin, which delivered a 'slime' DIY kit. Rosa and Roman were able to make it themselves with the online video tutorial provided. Maybe, I'll be able to 'recruit' them to help me manage our website soon!

Check out What's On/News where you will find the story and some photos.



Beryl and Norman report the sad news of the death of Myra Longhurst, a regular attendee at the Thursday Lunches for a number of years. We hold her family in our thoughts and prayers. Also, two past members of the 16th Royal Eltham Scout Group (St Andrew's) have recently passed away.

We have also heard of the sad death of May Lockyer who passed away on 18 April after contracting the coronavirus. May worshipped at St Alban's and it is hoped to hold a memorial service there when possible.

Answers to the quizzes in Issue 2 are as follows: Anagrams (in the numerical order given) *Camden Road; Canary Wharf; Lancaster Gate; Whitechapel; Elephant and Castle; Marble Arch; Sloane Square; Baker Street; Great Portland Street; Bayswater; Cannon Street; Aldgate East; Southwark; Hyde Park Corner; Liverpool Street; Notting Hill Gate; Knightsbridge; Edgware Road; Earls Court; Tottenham Court Road.* (Solved by Alison & Bob, but not verified with Jane!).

Easter Quiz; *Simnel Cake; Pacific; Palm Sunday; Rugby Union (England); New Life (Resurrection of Christ); Shrove Tuesday; 21 days (3 weeks); Leonardo da Vinci; Judy Garland & Fred Astaire; Judas Iscariot.*

Thank you to contributors Jane, Sue & Mick. More quizzes please!

Video star Revd Ian is now becoming experienced in streaming his services and recording them on YouTube. Recordings of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Day events, together with pew sheets can now be found on our website. Revd Ian's section on the home page leads to the details and also has a link to his full Easter letter.

Sadly, we were unable to attend an Easter service this year, so here's a reminder of the Service at Mottingham Methodist Church after The Walk of Witness from St Alban's in 2019.

Information on other online services, national and local, can also be found on our website.



Other news in brief: Thanks to Pat Hubbard for providing contact details for a number of St Alban's members without online facilities. Beryl says, one member of our congregation assisted by her husband, shops weekly for several people who are unable to go out themselves - guess who? In the same vein, which couple have been watering the flower beds at St Andrew's? Navlet is working from home and like Iris Miller, joined the Easter Day streamed service. Thelma & David report that Mottingham Post Office has resumed newspaper deliveries and is hoping to resume (limited) opening from next week.

Pandemic perspectives:
Most people observe social distancing, but some don't, like the couple, oblivious of others, on the Tarn bridge recently. The Council has since erected warning notices! If only all were socially aware! The loss of services in church has resulted in a plethora of online offerings, both national and local. What will this mean for the future of the church when the pandemic is, hopefully, finally eradicated? Revd Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields gives an informed view in his weekly message which you can see here - <https://mailchi.mp/smitf.org/p7ehptetvm-568545?e=92b53717f3>. Take a look and let me know your views!