



Hello, my name is Revd Rachel Gouldthorpe. I have agreed to be the Acting Area Dean for the Hardwick Deanery during this difficult period of uncertainty. I am also the Vicar of St Mary and St Laurence Church in Bolsover, a small town in the north east of the Deanery. I'm originally from Chesterfield and after college I moved to Brighton and worked with the homeless for 15 years. I was ordained Deacon in 2003 and did my curacy at St Andrew's Hove. I moved to the parish of Bolsover in 2012.

On arriving back 'home' I acquired a dog called Bob, a Border Terrier with attitude (as seen on page 6). I love music and play the guitar and sing. My favourite piece of music is a piece called Gabrielle's Oboe from the film The Mission. Among my other favourite things are prosecco and having a good laugh which is probably why my favourite TV programmes are Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights and Car Share and The Royle Family.

My favourite city is Rome, (not at the moment though!) and my pet peeve is negativity. I have already met some of you at Synod and Deanery events and look forward to meeting many more of you once we are the other side of this crisis. I hope we can work together to steer the Deanery through what are unprecedented times.



*St Mary & St Laurence  
Bolsover*

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## Daily Hope Phone Line

### A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

**Daily Hope – 0800 804 8044**

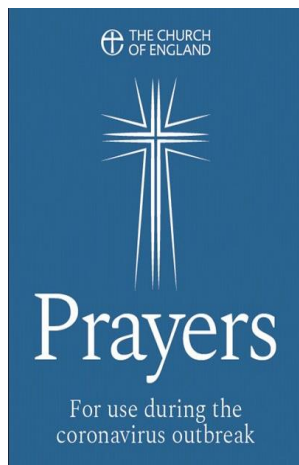
The Archbishop of Canterbury launched a free national phone line on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed. This is particularly aimed at the more than 3 million people who do not have regular access to internet services.

**Daily Hope** offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line – 24 hours a day.

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including:

- Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship
- A recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service
- A section called Hymn Line will also offer callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily
- An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection

Set up costs and funding for the first 2.2 million minutes of calls has been gifted to us from various charitable organisations.



## Prayers for Use During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Church House Publishing have compiled a small pocket- sized booklet of prayers for use during these challenging times, especially when people may struggle to find the right words to express how they feel.

The prayers will help everyone to pray together even though they are apart.

There is also a simple form of prayer to say each morning and evening. The booklet can be purchased from Church House Publishing in packs of 10 for £4 or packs of 50 for £15. You can access the page from the following link: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/prayerbooklet>

## Giving to Your Church

Encouraging individuals to give to the church at this difficult time doesn't always feel comfortable, but it is essential. With churches and church buildings closed we are unable to generate any income in the usual way whilst at the same time we still have our bills to pay. Sadly, there will be many people in the Deanery who are also worried about their own and their family finances and as such you may think asking people to give to the church is a bit of a cheek, but every donation will help your parish church. You can continue to use your weekly envelopes and your church will collect these as soon as they can. Setting up a regular direct debit or standing order would also help. You may wish to consider a one-off gift to help your church at this difficult time. If you are a UK tax-payer and are able to Giftaid you can set this up with your treasurer. There are other ways you can help too by joining the Parish Giving Scheme if your church is a member – further details can be found on page 5. Any gift is essential in these unprecedented times and will make a real difference to your parish church.

## Safeguarding

In these difficult times many people are at serious risk from a virus that cannot be seen. There are also those at serious risk in their own home: from domestic abuse.

This abuse takes many different forms – economic, coercive, sexual, physical, technological or psychological. Whatever form it takes domestic abuse is contrary to the will of God and an affront to human dignity. All need to play their part in preventing or halting it.

Domestic abuse may affect anyone at any time, but the isolation resulting from COVID-19 is particularly affecting victims/survivors of domestic abuse. The National Domestic Abuse helpline has seen a 25% increase in calls and online requests for help since the lockdown, according to the charity Refuge. Victims/survivors of domestic abuse may be self-isolating with someone who is harming them, and they may feel they have no way out. Previous places of safety or respite, such as friends, family or local churches, may no longer appear accessible.

It is vital that victims/survivors of domestic abuse know that they are not alone and there is still help available in these challenging times.

Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the National Domestic Violence Helpline. Their telephone number is **0808 2000 247**. All calls are free of charge. For those in immediate danger the police can be contacted on 999 even if you are unable to speak – when the call is answered press 55 and the operator will know what to do and that you are at risk.

Anyone who has concerns about anyone they believe to be at risk can contact Diocesan Safeguarding on 01332 3888682.

There are a number of Learning in Faith courses that are ready for you to start right away. These courses include Leading your Church into Growth, Mission Action Planning and Share the Good News. Currently all face to face courses are cancelled and we don't know when they will start again. You can find further information at:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/good-to-go.html>

## Coronavirus FAQs



There is so much information – and a good deal of dis-information circulating about the COVID-19 virus.

To help separate fact from fiction and give clear and concise information there is now a dedicated page on the Church of England website. The information is updated regularly and can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>



In 2020, Thy Kingdom Come happens between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May. This global prayer movement invites Christians around the world to pray – between Ascension and Pentecost – for more people to come to know Jesus. What started out as an invitation, in 2016, from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. The hope is that people will commit to pray with God's family, churches will hold virtual prayer events, people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

There will be an Ascension Day Eucharist with Derby Cathedral Acting Dean Elizabeth Thomson live streaming an evening service from [Derby Cathedral via Facebook](#). There will also be live streamed Daily Morning and Pentecost Eucharist – join Bishop Libby at 10:45am as she live streams a eucharistic celebration using [Derby Cathedral's Facebook page](#)

As part of Thy Kingdom Come 2020, join us in lighting a candle and placing it on a windowsill at 7pm every evening. This will be your **#candleofhope**. At the same time, pray the Lord's prayer. We'd love to see your pictures of your window candles on social media – use the hashtag **#candleofhope**

If you have any stories to share of what's going on in your parish, you can email the Diocesan communications team, including any pictures of your events if you have them at [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org) You can find more information and resources at:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/thy-kingdom-come.html>



## Christian Aid Week 2020 goes virtual

This year Christian Aid week will be very different due to the coronavirus pandemic. Churches across the diocese are being invited to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable people in new and innovative ways.

On the Christian Aid website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk> you will find many different resources to help you support Christian Aid Week including:

- An Order of Service for virtual Christian Aid Week services
- TV quiz
- Donation forms
- Children's activity sheet

You can even send an electronic donation envelope, an 'e-envelope' to friends and family. All donations will be used to help and support families around the world to overcome poverty and injustice.

## Supporting Foodbanks



Food banks provide emergency food and support to people in crisis. They work with frontline professionals to identify people in need and issue them with a food bank voucher, e.g. advice agencies such as the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre, housing associations, mental health teams and GP surgeries.

Food banks are designed to provide short-term, emergency support with food during a crisis. Their aim is to relieve the immediate pressure of the crisis by providing food, while also providing additional support to help people resolve the crises that they face. Currently there are many in need. Foodbanks will deliver food parcels to those in need – once they have been given a referral voucher, recipients can phone their local foodbank who will help them and make sure they receive the help they need. Foodbanks are scattered around the Deanery and new sources of emergency food have been set up with the support of the church in Crich, Tibshelf and Shirebrook.

Please support your local foodbank, and if you or anyone you know is in need please use it.

## Funeral Fees Suspended

In the light of the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, Bishop's Council, acting as the Directors of the Diocesan Board of Finance, has decided:

- to waive the DBF component of funeral fees with immediate effect
- to encourage PCCs to waive their component of funeral fees
- to allow PCCs to reclaim from the DBF income lost to them as a result

This provision will last until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, when it will be reviewed in the light of changing circumstances. Bishop Libby said of the decision 'We believe that, in taking this step, local parishes and the diocese are responding to their residents and communities with a pastoral concern which supports a vital ministry in this time of crisis, and comforts bereaved families. As the Church of England works hard to meet a significant national need, we have an opportunity to play our part. When the time comes for memorial services, for which no statutory fee is chargeable, incumbents and PCCs are encouraged to be similarly generous'. Funeral directors across the diocese have been informed of this change.





## Has your parish signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme?

If it has then the new telephone service from PGS could be just what you are looking for. It is designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular Direct Debit donation to your parish over the phone.

### How does this work?

The service is live and operates weekdays between 9am - 5pm. Donors can set up a regular gift to your parish by calling the dedicated telephone line: **0333 002 1271**.

The simple sign-up process takes approx. 15 minutes and the following information is needed:

- personal bank account details
- the name of the parish they wish to donate to
- they will need to confirm if they want to increase their gift in line with inflation each year
- confirm if they are eligible for Gift Aid
- the PGS code for their parish (donors cannot set up a PGS without this information), you will have received this code when your parish signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme

### What happens next?

Donors will receive written confirmation (by email or post) of their Direct Debit, including details of the parish they are supporting, the amount of their gift and the date of their first donation.

### How will our parish be notified of the donation?

The parish's Planned Giving representative will receive a monthly statement, detailing the names of those who have donated (unless they choose to remain anonymous) and all the gifts given through the PGS. Donors can make any changes to their Direct Debit by post, phone or by email to [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk)

## Hyacinth's to Feed the Soul

"If of thy mortal goods thou art bereft  
And from thy slender store two loaves alone are left  
Sell one and with the dole  
Buy hyacinths to feed the soul."

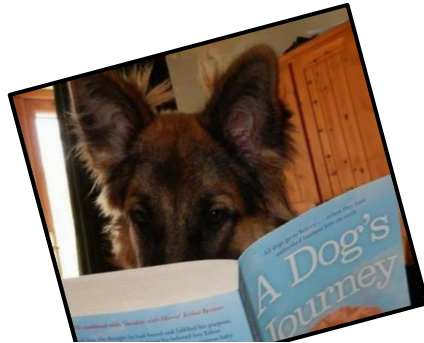
*Written by Persian poet Muslihuddin Sadi in 13th century.*



## Top Tips for Lockdown



*Lottie – keep calm*



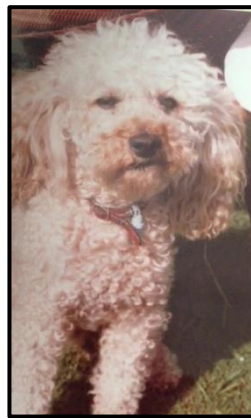
*Mia – work on your personal development*



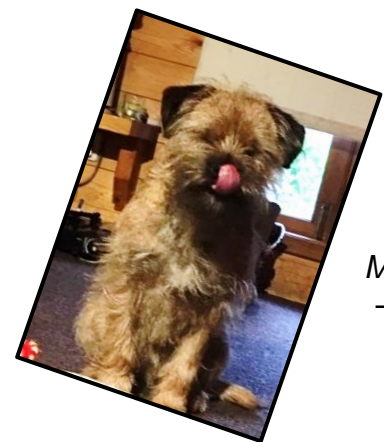
*Blue – take daily exercise*



*Bella – perfect your hard stare*



*Tango – be ready for action*



*Murphy – pick your nose*



*Monty – dance on a table*



*Bob – pose & look cool*



*Moo – collect litter*



*Flash – say prayers*

*Betsy – have a night on the sauce*





# Stories of the Bible Word Search

U S N C J X X A Y V Q Q L M P O L M H H J Q C H B  
 F O Z U D J P B Z T H V M E B E S K T U O S E K R  
 C L P J F N Q E S A U L V R I A I O V A S L I U K  
 H O G U H C P H G O L I A T H N B M Y S E O T R J  
 G M D N D Z V S Z L L Q F X R A A R O E P D F W C  
 E O W O F H N H C K P B J D N Y A D M A H I T C Q  
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 J U L B A G H A O N X R F P I O R R E W I A O I C  
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 L D O N X E L A M L G S B C E S R P B T X Z M H X  
 J L M N X E M H M J E S U S O U G E M Z U J M S W  
 M E U E D E S T H E R K T V S B V T D O R R W O U  
 R T I N P Y G I N P H O B L M B P E A M X R E F N  
 W R Q Y W E Z M N M F M Q Z M M M R J E L X L Y J

Find the names below in the word search. They are all from stories in the Bible.

Abraham  
 Elijah  
 Jacob  
 Martha  
 Nicodemus  
 Samson

Bathsheba  
 Esau  
 Jesus  
 Mary  
 Noah  
 Saul

Daniel  
 Esther  
 Jonah  
 Moses  
 Paul  
 Silas

David  
 Goliath  
 Joseph  
 Naboth  
 Peter  
 Solomon

Delilah  
 Isaiah  
 Lazarus  
 Naomi  
 Ruth  
 Zacchaeus



## Time for the Girls

*By Pam Ayres*

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth,  
But we grew up in the 60s -  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll  
The pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
For 4 weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

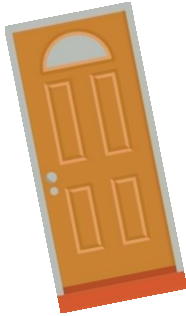
It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze  
For when I'm being idle  
There's wine and whisky, even gin  
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this awful virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates!





## Raymond Ross Small Grant Scheme

Even though our churches are closed this does not stop us thinking about the improvements that could be made if we had the money. Small projects can often have the biggest impact, but they still require funding and often when applying for grants they are dependent on match funding. If you have something in mind but are struggling to raise funds, why not look at the grants available from the Raymond Ross Fund. You can apply for up to £5,000 to fund small but not insignificant capital projects that will generate outcomes which achieve and support mission, community or growth.

There are always good ideas on the boil to enhance welcome, improve accessibility, or perhaps to make small but much needed changes to internal areas. So now is the time to make a significant impact through a small change.

Application deadlines are:

- 26 June for a July decision
- 18 September for an October decision
- 4 December for a January 2021 decision

If you are successful, you will be expected to draw on the grant within 12 months. You can find full details and application forms at:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources/funding/raymond-ross-5k-funding.html>

**Please note:** If you have a larger project which you are looking to fund, the Raymond Ross Large Grant Scheme will become available again shortly – watch out for announcements on this website or in E-news.

## The Fire Rainbow



Fire rainbow's or to be scientifically correct, a circumhorizontal arc is an optical phenomenon that belongs to the family of ice halos formed by the refraction of sun or moonlight in plate-shaped ice crystals suspended in the atmosphere, typically in cirrus or cirrostratus clouds.

The fire rainbow is an incredibly rare natural phenomenon. The display relies on there being the right type of cloud, the sun being at a certain angle and at an elevation of more than 58 degrees all at the same time.

The rainbow reminds us of the covenant God made with Noah 'I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth' Genesis 9: 13 and His ongoing presence 'Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on earth' Genesis 9: 16.

## Crich and South Wingfield Churches Online – CSW Digital Church



*The Digital Church hub – also known as Jim's study.*

CSW Digital Church or the Benefice of Crich and South Wingfield was created by church member Jim Morton. Jim feels called by God to ordained ministry within the Church of England and is currently studying on the Derby Diocese Discipleship Training Program. Jim currently manages the Benefice's social media ministry on Facebook and A Church Near You.

Using his own time, resources, creativity, and skills, Jim has created CSW Digital Church. What started as a hobby for Jim by teaching himself new online skills, turned into an exciting and successful ministry under the guidance of Parish Vicar Revd Ian Whitehead.

Following lockdown due to Covid-19, and the closure of our churches in April 2020, Jim felt that God had set him a task.

That task was to take the Gospel to our existing church community, and beyond.

Jim felt it was important to make prayer available to everyone and he was inspired by the ministry of Jesus – Jim wanted to make the message of Jesus as accessible as possible in these difficult times. CSW Digital started out as a YouTube Channel but soon grew into a three times daily prayer podcast on Soundcloud. Jim then ventured into special services on Sundays. Shortly after, Jim learnt how to create an Amazon Alexa skills app.

Since April 2020 CSW Digital Church has had over 1500 listeners from all corners of the Globe. Currently Jim is now working on a project to build a children's ministry within CSW Digital Church, called "CSW for Kids". Jim does all this from his study at home.



*Jim (on the left) is seen here with Revd Ian Whitehead. (taken before lockdown)*

You can listen to CSW Digital Church on the following platforms:



<https://www.facebook.com/CSWDigitalChurch/>



<https://soundcloud.com/user-629282275>



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxCqyLA\\_shl10iwJmCGsVKA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxCqyLA_shl10iwJmCGsVKA)



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<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/csw-digital-church>



If you know your ABC's, have a go at this quiz. There are three sets of questions and all the answers start with A, B or C. You get a point for each correct answer – there are 50 points in total. Where there are multiple answers to the question you get one point for each correct answer, so for example question 1 is worth 9 points. Good luck – the answers are at the bottom of page 12. No cheating! Sorry, there are no prizes – it's just for fun.

### **Section 1 – all the answers start with the letter 'A'**

1. There are nine countries that begin and end with the letter A. Name them.
2. Name the two cities in the UK that start with the letter A.
3. What are the Christian names of each of these UK Prime Ministers:

Balfour, Blair, Bonar Law, Douglas-Home, Eden

### **Section 2 – all the answers start with the letter 'B'**

4. Name the capital cities of these seven European countries:

Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland

5. What was the name of Yogi Bear's best friend?
6. Who wrote these four books? Their surnames all begin with the letter B.

The Da Vinci Code, Withering Heights, Peter Pan, Notes from a Small Island

7. There are 7 UK cities beginning with 'B'. Name them.

### **Section 3 – all the answers begin with the letter 'C'**

8. Name the eight cities in the UK beginning with a 'C'.
9. I invented number 5. Who am I?

10. What are the girls names missing from these three book titles:

----- Webb (EB White), A Christmas ----- (Charles Dickens), ----- and the Great Glass Elevator (Roald Dahl)

11. From 1963 to 1973 I was known as Cape Kennedy.

12. I have the initials CC – who am I?

I invented the Hovercraft and I did the twist.

## Financial Support for Village and Community Halls

Did you know you can apply to your Local Authority for a grant from the Covid-19 government money that is aimed at supporting village and community halls? This could be a very important source of support given that there is no revenue from lettings at the moment.

Rural Action Derbyshire and the ACRE Network (Action with Communities in Rural England) have been working hard to support village halls during this difficult time. The ACRE website provides guidance regarding your hall's eligibility for financial support. Most halls will be eligible for the Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant and 100% rate relief but not the Small Business Grant. Local Authorities are administering the business rate relief and grant support schemes (for eligible businesses with business premises) in each District or Borough Council area. You can access further information on the Diocese of Derby website or at:

<https://acre.org.uk/rural-issues/coronavirus-rural-halls-and-small-charities>



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### The NHS Rainbow

Alfreton fire and rescue station crew put a routine equipment maintenance test on a beautiful sunny Spring day to very good use.

White Watch created this beautiful rainbow to show their support for fellow emergency service workers in the NHS on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service have continued with their usual work during the pandemic as well as supporting local communities. On the 8<sup>th</sup> May, VE Day members of Blue Watch stood vigil at the War Memorial in Alfreton.



**PEOPLE KEEP ASKING  
"IS COVID 19 REALLY THAT SERIOUS?"**

**LISTEN UP**

**CASINOS AND CHURCHES ARE CLOSED**

**WHEN HEAVEN AND HELL  
AGREE ON THE SAME THING**

**IT'S PROBABLY PRETTY SERIOUS**



- Quiz Answers.**
1. Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia
  2. Aberdeen and Armagh
  3. Arthur, Anthony, Andrew, Alec, Anthony
  4. Brussels, Berlin, Budapest, Bucharest, Bratislava, Berne
  5. Boo Boo
  6. Dan Brown, Emily Bronte, JM Barrie, Bill Bryson
  7. Bangor, Bath, Belfast, Birmingham, Bradford, Brighton & Hove, Bristol
  8. Charlotte, Carol, Charlie
  9. **Coco Chanel**
  10. Cambridge, Canterbury, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Chester, Chichester, Coventry
  11. Cape Canaveral
  12. Christopher Cockerell, Chubby Checker