

## HARDWICK DEANERY NEWS



*Revd Karen Bradley*

Hi Friends,

I've been asked to write a bit about 'me' so that we can all get to know one another – it may be your turn next ;-)

I'm Karen Bradley, currently Team Vicar at Holy Trinity, Shirebrook and St Michael's, Pleasley – just above Mansfield, on the edge of the Diocese. I am also Acting Assistant Area Dean. But I didn't start here! I was born in Plymouth, raised in Buckinghamshire, and have also lived in Norwich, Brighton, and London, before moving to Derbyshire. We also spent a while living in Bulgaria as a family.

I've got two adult children, a grandson, one husband, a dog – a Border Terrier called Murphy, two cats and two hens!

I started following Jesus on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2000 so I am still a new follower in my book – and I'm a witness to the power of God and the extraordinary journeys she can take us on if we say 'yes!' I have been Team Vicar in Shirebrook for the last 5 years and it has been such a privilege to show and tell folks about God's love for them. I particularly enjoy talking with young people, (I was a Derbyshire Youth Worker at one point) and helping them feel able to talk to me about anything.

When I am not formally 'vicaring', I go wild swimming with different friends. It is great to be in the river, seeing the world from a different angle, feeling the cold of the water on your body, and washing away anything that is stressful or holding you back – it is truly therapeutic as well as good for your immune system and I highly recommend it. I also love to read, sew, crochet etc. etc. I'm not fond of cooking though!

So, that's a bit about me – I look forward to hearing about you! I hope you have all managed to keep going through this time of enforced staying at home, through its ups and downs. I pray that one day we will be able to gather together as a Deanery once again and develop our knowledge of one another in real life!

Every blessing,  
Karen



### Welcome to the new Dean of Derby

The Venerable Dr Peter Robinson was licensed as Assistant Curate of the parish of All Saints, and known as Dean-designate of Derby, on Saturday 4th July, by the Bishop of Derby. Peter is currently the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne in the Diocese of Newcastle since 2008. He also has responsibility as Chair of the Board of Education, as lead for community engagement in Northumberland and as the lead for rural delivery of the Diocesan vision. Before being Ordained in 1995 Peter worked in the oil industry.

Bishop Libby said 'I am delighted to welcome Peter as Dean of Derby. He is a man of inspiring faith with a remarkable breadth of ministerial and professional experience.'

The licensing took place via Zoom because of the rules on conducting church services, and formally allows Dr Robinson to begin work, taking a full part in the life and ministry of Derby Cathedral as it reopens its doors.

Dr Robinson's collation as Dean of Derby will become an important milestone in that process. The Service of Collation and Installation will be in Derby Cathedral at 4.00 pm on Sunday 19th July. The service will be filmed and live streamed – the link will be available on the Cathedral website [www.derbycathedral.org](http://www.derbycathedral.org)

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*Holy Trinity Shirebrook*

**Diocesan Guidance for the resumption of Church Services**  
**from Nadine Waldron, Diocesan Registrar**

Now that the Government has lifted its ban on the opening of places of worship, we are reliant upon the Canons of the Church of England to give us the legal structure for what is expected of us. This note does not take the place of the ample guidance dated, in particular, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, issued by the House of Bishops' Recovery Group and found on the [Church of England website \(www.churchofengland.org\)](http://www.churchofengland.org)

This relates, amongst other topics, to the conduct of public worship, administration of Holy Communion, weddings and funerals.

I hope, in this note, to give you details of how Bishop Libby and the senior staff envisage applying the guidance in this diocese. Please read to the end of this note before deciding what you need to do!

- 1) Since Amending Canon 39 came in to force last year, Canons B11 and B14 have been amended and now require Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion to take place in at least one church in each benefice (not parish) on all Sundays and on certain feast and holy days. This is also the case where parishes are legally held in plurality. We have very few held in this way but have an increasing number of benefices sharing a minister. If you are unsure whether your benefices are legally held in plurality, please contact me and I will be able to tell you.
- 2) Canon B14A sets out the mechanisms for dispensing with the requirements of B11 and B14. These are:
  - a. On an occasional basis, by the minister and the PCC passing a joint resolution to that effect when there is good reason; and
  - b. On a regular basis, by the Bishop following a resolution to request such dispensation from the minister and the PCC.
- 3) When a parish is in vacancy, the Area Dean and the churchwardens will take the place of the minister and will need to act jointly with the PCC.
- 4) Under the new Church Representation Rules, in particular Rule 76 and M29, a PCC can do this by e-mail. You do need, though, to be careful to include people without e-mail access in the decision.
- 5) A suggested wording for the resolutions is included in the annex to the House of Bishops' Recovery Group's paper, dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, version 1.1. If you are stuck, let me know.
- 6) Some parishes may be anxious to open their churches whereas others may be less so. The first requirement is that each church should carry out a risk assessment and have this approved by your Archdeacon before you can open. There is a template on the Church of England's website and the latest is version 4, dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The risk assessment must be strictly adhered to.
- 7) The House of Bishops' Guidance gives full details of what is strongly advised and should be read carefully but some of the most important are:
  - a) You will need to assess how many people can be safely accommodated in your church. Be careful on this. The Government has fixed a limit of 30 people for weddings, but this might be too many for some churches.
  - b) You will need to ask for contact details of everyone attending and keep those details for 21 days. Try and obtain name, address, postcode and telephone number. The postcode is particularly important.
  - c) There must be no singing and no playing of wind or brass instruments. Recorded music would be acceptable.
  - d) Holy Communion can only be taken in one kind.
  - e) Sanitisers and notices will be necessary but be very careful about putting anything on delicate or historic surfaces, including floors.
  - f) The risk assessment will need you to consider how you will clean the building before and after use or whether you will leave it for 72 hours to avoid the need for cleaning after a service.
  - g) The risk of transmission can be reduced by only using the church once per day and by the priest not going to another church on the same day.

- h) There must be no re-usable service sheets, books or Bibles, neither must anything be handed out at the back of church as people enter, because of the requirement for social distancing. New service sheets can be put in pews and people asked to take them home afterwards.
- i) Avoid serving refreshments!
- j) Don't pass the offertory plate around. The advice is to avoid cash completely but, if you do still wish to put a plate out, leave it in one place. The person counting the cash should wear gloves when doing so.
- k) Be careful with other groups using your church for worship. They will have their own risk assessment but make sure it is at least as robust as yours.

8) We appreciate that all this will take some thinking about and doing. It has been agreed, therefore, that:

- a) You will not be required to hold any services during July and August if you do not feel the time is yet right for you to do so, or if you have not yet had your risk assessment signed off by your Archdeacon.
- b) If you feel you still aren't ready by September, the minister and PCC will be able to pass a resolution to that effect themselves, without obtaining the approval of the Bishop, for the month of September.
- c) By mid-September, the minister and PCC will need to have discussed whether they are ready to open in whole or in part, if they have not yet done so. If they still wish to remain closed beyond September or restrict the number of services they wish to offer, they will need to pass a resolution and apply to the Bishop for approval.

9) Certainly, until we receive further guidance, it would be advisable to have only one service per day in any one building. If you are used to having two or three services on a Sunday, but feel you could manage one, you can do this throughout July and August. After that, your resolutions could refer to not holding one or more of your services. This option is covered in the House of Bishops' Guidance on 30 June 2020.

10) Finally, make sure you keep everyone as safe as you possibly can and don't feel pressured to do something which you do not feel equipped to care out safely and in compliance with what is outlined above.

**If you have any queries, please contact Archdeacon Carol or Nadine Waldron and they will do their best to help you.**

### Who was St Swithun?

St Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester and later patron of the Cathedral. This historical importance is now over-shadowed by his supposed ability for posthumous weather forecasting; tradition has it that if it rains on Saint Swithun's bridge in Winchester on the 15<sup>th</sup> July his feast day, it will continue to rain for forty days. How many of us learned his rhythm as children?



*St Swithun's day if thou dost rain  
For forty days it will remain  
St Swithun's day if thou be fair  
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare*

Swithun died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 862. On his deathbed Swithun begged that he should be buried outside the north wall of his cathedral where 'passers-by should pass over his grave and raindrops from the eaves drop upon it'. In 971 it was decided to move his body to a new indoor shrine, and one theory traces the origin of the weather forecasting legend to a heavy shower by which, on the day of the move, the saint marked his displeasure towards those who were removing his remains. This story, however, cannot be traced further back than the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Interestingly, the Cathedral in the Norwegian city of Stavanger is dedicated to St Swithun. The original church was started by Bishop Reinald in approximately 1100, it is thought Reinald may have come from Winchester which is why the Cathedral is dedicated to St Swithun. Stavanger is in the south west of Norway and is the country's fourth largest city. Dominated by the oil industry Stavanger counts 1125 as its foundation year – the year the Cathedral dedicated to St Swithun was completed.

## Virtual Messy Church

Revd Gill Manley

At Blackwell and Tibshelf we have continued our work with children, during the lockdown, by email, post and film.

Here is a photo of two children watching a film about Pentecost being the birthday of the church. (That is why there is a cake with a model of a church on top and why I am wearing a silly hat).



*Model of the cake hat the children made to celebrate Pentecost.*

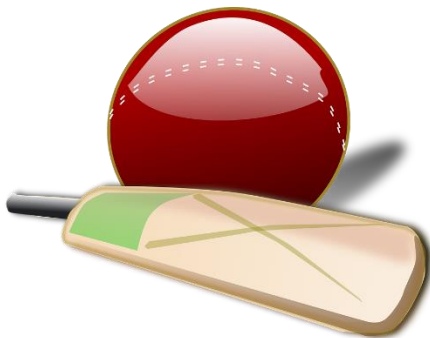


*The birthday cake that Revd Gill Manley made to celebrate Pentecost – it looks delicious.*

The children were given the Pentecost story, a song link, prayers and craft activities. These included a birthday cake hat for the children to make.

## The Ins and Outs of Cricket – Howzat!

At this time of year, it is not uncommon to hear the sound of leather on willow when the cricket bat meets the cricket ball. But what are the rules of cricket? Here are the ins and outs of cricket.



You have two sides,  
one out in the field and one in.  
Each man that's in the side that's in goes out,  
and when he's out he comes in,  
and the next man goes in until he's out.  
When they are all out,  
the side that's out comes in,  
and the side that's been in goes out,  
and tries to get out those coming in.  
Sometimes you get men still in and not out.  
When both sides have been in and out,  
including the not outs,  
the winner is declared..... if there is one!  
Howzat!





Good to go courses form part of the Learning in Faith programme and the courses are ready for you to start rightaway. They are online courses, some may involve purchasing resources to help you complete the course and others are completely free and do not need anything added to them. Find the good to go courses at:

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

There are two upcoming 'webinars' that might be of interest that you might find useful. They are:

### **Five Ways to Keep Your Church Connected – 21<sup>st</sup> July 12pm**

This is a live conversation with the Church of England digital team on how to use the different online tools and platforms for free during this time.

### **Making the Most of a Church Near You – 15<sup>th</sup> July 10am and 29<sup>th</sup> July 12pm**

A look at the eight steps that can help you make the most of your page including how to personalise your homepage, how to write for your audience and using A Church Near You as your main church website.

You can also learn how to become the editor of the page.

To sign up for these and other free webinars go to:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/digital-labs/labs-learning-webinars>

In addition to these 'webinars' Sarah Brown, Diocese of Derby Children's Advisor will be running two one-hour webinar courses focused on children.

### **Unexpected child in the Church Area! – Monday 13 July, 11am - 12pm**

This course will help church leaders and members to review and develop ideas for ensuring that children and adults are welcomed back into church and included in all aspects of church life. It is suitable for churches where there are usually only occasional child visitors (or none at all) as well as those that have a more regular group of children.

### **Love your local schools – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 11am – 12pm**

This course focusses on how you can love and support your local schools whether they are Church of England or community schools, primary or secondary.

### **Derbyshire to feature in BBC Songs of Praise episode**

BBC Songs of Praise has confirmed that they are filming an episode in and around Derbyshire, which it plans to air on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Part of the episode will feature Eyam, the Plague Village and will include an interview with Revd Mike Gilbert the Rector of Eyam Parish Church.

## Fundraising in COVID-19

We are all aware that funds are stretched to breaking point for many churches at the moment, and also for many in the church community which makes raising funds even harder. There are things that you can do though to raise some funds and at the same time raise spirits and include the wider community. Creating online events such as a quiz or virtual coffee morning are fun and you can invite people to sign up for regular giving or to have a donation envelope that can be collected on a regular basis.

If you have something specific you want to raise funds for you could consider using one of the online crowdfunding mediums. They are relatively simple to set up and can have a set target you want to reach so if your Spring fayre was to raise £500 for new kitchen equipment set the fund at £500. There are a number of funding sites to choose from. You can get ideas and inspiration from:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding>

Grants of up to £10,000 are available from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust who have set up a Coalfield COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Fund specifically to provide funds to support for people in crisis, to tackle loneliness and social isolation and support foodbanks and the provision of food parcels. Many parishes in our Deanery are a high priority for support and all of our parishes meet the criteria for support. You can find out more about the funding that is available by contacting the Trust on 01226 272811 or by visiting their website at:

[crt.England@coalfields-rngen.org.uk](mailto:crt.England@coalfields-rngen.org.uk)

### Bringing in the Sheep

Following an earlier report of youths in the church yard at All Saints Church South Wingfield causing damage and enjoying themselves by swimming in the river, we had a report about sheep in the churchyard on Sunday morning. Following investigations by the intrepid Church Warden, it turned out that some sheep had got through an open gate and then wandered into the churchyard via the Glebe field gate, to which they did severe damage. The following report was received.....



When I arrived for the opening of church at 2:45pm, I was met by representatives of the flock waiting at the porch, who then insisted on entering the church porch. Being told that they could not enter until 3pm for Private Prayer, they wandered off seeking fresher flowers and longer grass around the graves, and towards the glebe field gate, which was in a partially demolished state as they had climbed through the gate to get into and out of the churchyard.

Wishing I had a border collie but by using some stealth Ninja moves and my skills of persuasion instead, with churchwarden stave and a broom, the flock were ushered back into the glebe field, and I undertook urgent repairs to the gate.

The sheep that got into the churchyard in 2018 were with some cattle (not sure who's these were, but sure was a collection of farmers there to move them off. What is the collective noun for a group of farmers?) Today's sheep came without the cattle perhaps due to social distancing. One human turned up for prayer.

Damage by human elements: none.

Damage by sheep: 1 broken gate and too many droppings to count.



## Supporting Good Mental Health

During lockdown it has been very important to maintain a routine to help us cope with the extraordinary circumstances that have meant many people have been working at home or because of age and medical conditions confined to their homes to protect them from the dangers of the COVID-19 virus. As we prepare to come out of lockdown it may be a surprise to people that it could be just as difficult at the end of lockdown as it was when we were first isolated. We now have to find a way to reconnect with life in its new normal form and the changes are likely to continue throughout the summer as each week more places open, more services become available and we are able to meet in larger groups. For some these changes may cause fear or anxiety and the uncertainty of what each change will bring gives us new challenges to deal with.

Each of us has a unique situation and we shouldn't be too hard on ourselves – it's very easy to judge our own feelings and actions against those around us and often we feel we fall short as other people appear to be doing and achieving more. It is therefore important to continue with a routine and look after yourself by eating well, taking exercise and staying connected with friends and family in whatever way you can.

Try these tips to help you with anxiety and uncertainty:

- Focus on what you can control – leave things alone that are outside of your control
- Increase your tolerance levels – do something that challenges you every day
- Make a record of the challenges you have done and what you enjoyed about – and remember it doesn't matter if you don't achieve the challenge set, but do record how far you got
- Focus on the present – you can only do your best on that day using what you have available
- Talk about how you feel to trusted friends and family

You can find further help on the Church of England website at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources>

### A Brief History of Wimbledon Traditions



Summer usually brings with it a host of outdoor activities that hopefully take place under sunny skies and aren't interrupted by rain stops play. We take for granted that the traditions of these activities are what they are – but where did they come from? The two weeks of play at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club aka as Wimbledon fortnight are many and varied.

Here are five of the best traditions:

**Wearing white** – keenly observed at Wimbledon the tradition of wearing tennis whites was introduced in Victorian times when it was unseemly to be seen sweating when running around the court. White hid the perspiration so onlookers could concentrate on the inspiration in the game.

**Strawberries and cream** – this classic has been served since the first tournament in 1877

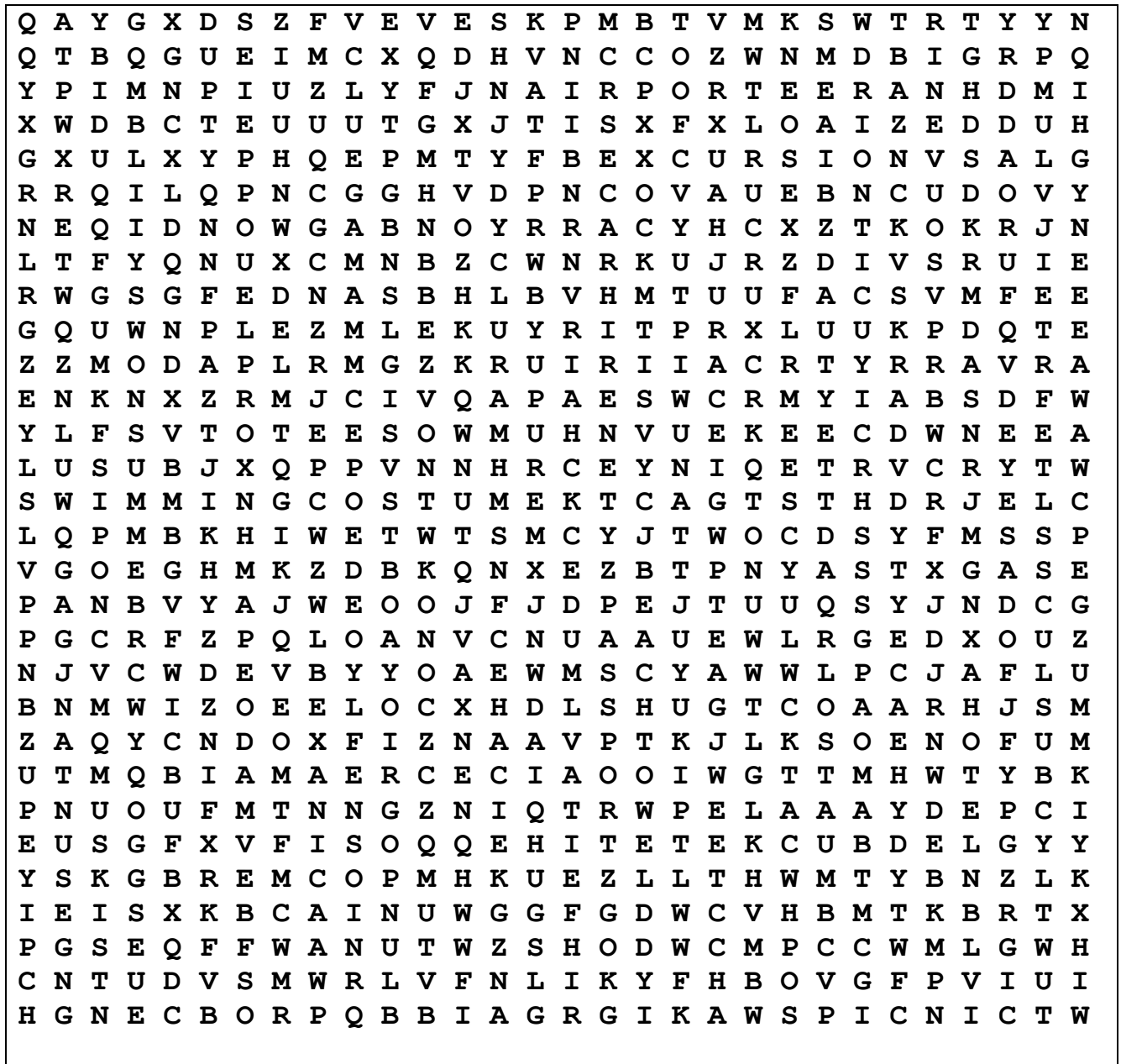
**Aorangi Terrace** – this small hillock by Court 1 is called Aorangi because this is what the New Zealand Sport and Social Club to whom it was leased from 1967 – 1981 called it. Aorangi means 'cloud in the sky', the Maori name for Mount Cook New Zealand's highest mountain. The terrace is more widely known as Murray Mound.

**The queue** – it even has its own code of conduct.

**Pimms** – invented in the 1840's by James Pimm it is the perfect accompaniment to strawberries and cream



# Holiday Wordsearch



Find the holiday related words and phrases in the word search

Airport  
Beach towel  
Bucket  
Camera  
Car hire  
Carryon bag  
Currency

Deckchair  
Excursion  
Ferry  
Guidebook  
Hotel  
Ice cream

Passport  
Picnic  
Postcard  
Runway  
Sand  
Sandcastle

Sea  
Souvenir  
Spade  
Suitcase  
Sunburn  
Sunscreen

Suntan  
Swimming  
costume  
Tickets  
Transfer  
Vaccination



## A Parishioner's Tale – The Flock Returns



The Coronavirus now gone away, and hopefully we've seen the last,  
This awful disease which took so many, lets pray it's in the past,  
Now lives will change for evermore, never to be the same again,  
But God was there throughout this time, to help relieve the pain.

The church it will be full again, masses the doors will come through,  
Rushing to get in before the rest, and filling every pew,  
Collection plates full to the brim, Mikes face is full of glee,  
But sorry it's only a dream, if you believe this, you're as daft as me.

Even so throughout this whole ordeal, many good things have been done,  
And none of us will ever forget, the efforts of Captain Tom,  
How friends were made and selfless acts, were undertaken by many others,  
Helping those in need and in lock down, this fantastic band of brothers.

All across the country key workers toiled, especially the NHS staff,  
And even in the heat of turmoil, they still managed to raise a laugh,  
Farmers, retail staff, postmen and deliveries to your door,  
We should all thank God and give them praise, then remember them  
evermore.

Rachel W. kept us all in touch, with services from her home,  
Be it in the living room, or the garden where the cat did roam,  
And an idea came to me one day, which considered further reflection,  
When we return to church once more, a 20minute service and no collection.  
(Don't think that will go down well)

Rachel G. well she has been busy too,  
Ringing round to check on me and you,  
Keeping all the church's daily business on track,  
Ready for us all, when we get back.

A bit of excitement whilst we weren't there, someone keen to get in the  
church,  
Speeding round the bend straight through the wall, it left them in the lurch,  
The car in flames but no one hurt, though they were not elated,  
But those already buried there, too late to be cremated.

Now is the time to rebuild again, the church will play its part,  
Helping those who have lost their faith, and make a brand-new start,  
The churches throughout this land of ours, become a central hub,  
You only need to come once a week, and it's cheaper than the pub.

God Bless and stay safe.

Mick Bust, Bolsover Parish Church





This year's Rural Mission Sunday is focusing on creating space to stop and 'notice God' in a new way, to find, in the metaphysical poet and devotional lyricist George Herbert's glorious phrase, 'heaven in ordinary'.

The simple premise at the heart of Rural Mission Sunday remains as relevant this year as it always has: to encourage you and your church congregation to celebrate another year of faithfully sustaining an effective Christian presence in your community. This year Rural Mission Sunday will draw on Exodus, Matthew and Acts to bring three different perspectives to the idea of 'heaven in ordinary':

**Exodus 3: 1 – 6 Moses and the Burning Bush:** Moses was having an 'ordinary' working day when he saw the burning bush and hears the voice of God. His ordinary day is transformed, and his eyes are opened to the fact that God is all around him if he can only stop and look.

**Matthew 13: 31 – 35 The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast:** this is a reminder that the work of bringing in the Kingdom of Heaven happens at God's initiative. No farmer would plant just one seed, but this is a reminder that God works in small and often hidden ways. We see this picture again in the parable of the woman using yeast to bake bread; something so small transforms flour into a light loaf. Both activities require patience – we have to wait for a seed to grow and for yeast to raise the dough. We cannot control either process; we must wait on God.

**Acts 16: 12 – 15 Paul and Lydia:** Paul's encounter with Lydia speaks of 'heaven in ordinary' in several different ways as we observe the change that takes place in him, transformed by God from Saul the zealous Pharisee to Paul the Christian leader. Paul accepting Lydia's invitation to her house is an example of the ordinary becoming holy ground.

Resources and suggestions to celebrate Rural Mission Sunday together or at a distance can be found at:

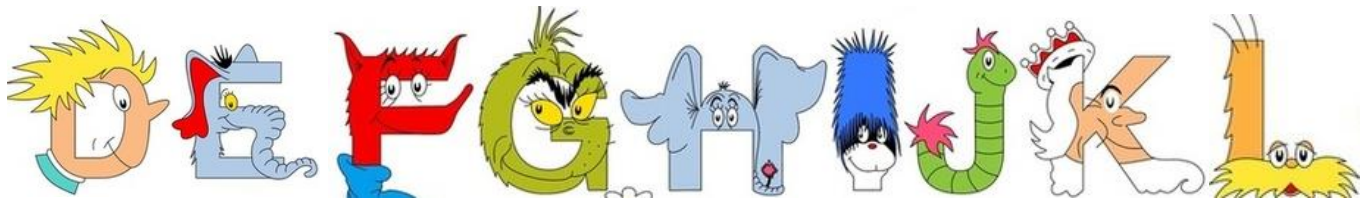
<https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/mission/rural-mission-sunday/rural-mission-sunday-2020>

### A prayer for Rural Mission Sunday 2020

Creator God,  
there is so much that is strange in our lives at present.  
Help us to pay attention to your creation,  
so that we may see you in the common and everyday.

Shepherd Jesus,  
as we walk through this rapidly changing world,  
help us to know you walk with us.  
If our path runs through the valley of the shadow  
may we see your light and know your comfort as you lead us.

Comforting Spirit,  
as we go about our ordinary lives,  
surprise us with glimpses of holy ground.  
Blessed Trinity, Creator, Shepherd, Spirit,  
surround us with you love, now and always.  
Amen



In our last newsletter we asked if you knew your ABC's – this month it's the turn of D – L. All answers to the question's begin with the letter's D – L and to make it simple the questions are in alphabetical order.

There are 45 points available and 4 bonus points from the two-part questions. Good luck – the answers are at the bottom of page 12. No cheating! Sorry, there are no prizes – it's just for fun.

1. These 5 countries all have capital cities beginning with the letter D – name the cities:

Ireland, Syria, Qatar, Senegal, Bangladesh

2. There are 8 countries beginning with the letter E – name them.

3. Where is the world's highest tide? (it begins with the letter 'F')

4. There are 11 countries beginning with the letter G – name them.

5. These countries all have capital cities starting with an H – name the capital cities of:

Cuba, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Finland

6. Only one country has a capital city beginning with the letter I. Name the country and its capital.

7. Which city was previously known as Byzantium and Constantinople? Name the city and the country.

8. What is the name of the sea that lies between Greece and Southern Italy?

9. What peninsula in Europe largely comprises Spain and Portugal?

10. This city was previously known as Batavia when the country was known as the Dutch East Indies. Name the city and the country.

11. What is the name of the low-lying peninsula in western Denmark?

12. Name the world's newest capital city and the country it is in.

13. There is only one city on the UK beginning with the letter K. Name the city.

14. There are eight cities in the UK begin with an L. Name them.

*'Isn't life a collection of weird quizzes with no answers to half the questions?'*

*Pawan Mishra from Coinman: An Untold Conspiracy*



*August brings the sheaves of corn,  
Then the harvest home is borne.*

1. Ireland (Dublin), Syria (Damascus), Qatar (Doha), Senegal (Dakar), Bangladesh (Dhaka). 2. Estonia, Egypt, Eritrea, Ecuador, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini (Swaziland) until 2018). 3. Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia. 4. Germany, Ghana, Gambia, Gabon, Greece, Guyana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau. 5. Havana (Cuba), Hanoi (Vietnam), Harare (Zimbabwe), Helsinki (Finland). 6. Islamabad – Pakistan. 7. Istanbul – Turkey. 8. Ionian Sea. 9. The Iberian Peninsula. 10. Jakarta – Indonesia. 11. Jutland. 12. Juba – South Sudan. 13. Kingston upon Hull. 14. Lancaster, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Liverpool, London, Lisburn, Litchfield.