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## A Message from the Rector

As a Christian and an Anglican Priest I am easily recognised because I wear a dog collar and as a result of that people will often come and talk to me and tell me things that say much about their own particular religious beliefs. I have had a number of people say to

me that they are Christians but don't go to church. My usual answer is that to be a Christian you have to be a part of the body of Christ which means being a member of a church and being part of an active Christian community. I still believe this to be true but being a Christian and a member of an active worshipping church looks very different now than it did last week. Our churches are closed, people cannot come in for a look around or even for private prayer. Even the priests are not allowed to say prayers in the church. Weddings and baptisms are suspended and funeral services are extremely restricted.

It all feels very strange and disconcerting and we are all waiting for things to happen and praying that we will get through the next few weeks or months. We are praying for ourselves, our families and friends. We are praying for the nations of the world and all those who are suffering for whatever reason. We are praying for our nation and our government and for all the decisions being made and hoping to God that the decisions that are being made are the right ones because the consequences of the wrong ones look so immense. So that is what the church, the community of faith is doing. We are praying and asking God to be with us and we are trusting in God whatever happens and we hear His words. When everyone is worried and some are in a state of complete panic, these words from Matthew might well speak to us and to those who are panic buying toilet rolls etc.

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:31-34)

And John 14:1

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

As Christians we are called to pray and trust in God. Let the Holy Spirit come close to you and do not be afraid. Look to God and remember we are His body even though we are separated, which feels very strange but we are all called to love God and one another. In these strange and worrying days we have to work out how to be the Church apart physically but yet still united in faith, in love and in prayer.

May God bless you  
Richard





## From Suffering to Resurrection

A theme of suffering reminds us that Lent, Holy Week and Easter are here, when we particularly remember the suffering of Christ on the cross. It's a reminder, too, that suffering, whether physical, mental or emotional, is an integral part of the experience of being human – and I've often wondered why that should be so.

It may be a cliché to say that life is unfair, but it's a cliché that doesn't admit there are any easy answers, and one to which we shall never have a truly satisfying answer this side of heaven. But suffering, real though it is, need not have the last word. Easy to say, I know, and perhaps of little or no consolation to you if today will be a day of pain or sorrow for whatever reason.

As part of my ministry I have the privilege of conducting many funeral services each year and in most of them the 23rd Psalm is used – the one which begins “The Lord is My Shepherd...” I don't know whether the psalmist had to walk through the valley of the shadow of death because his own end was approaching, or because he had lost someone dear to him. But he was wise enough not to pray that he might walk round his suffering, and also to express confidence that God would be with him when, inevitably, he had to walk through his suffering.

Similarly, Jesus could presumably have avoided the cross, but he didn't; and, in the resurrection, that suffering, real as it undoubtedly was, was shown to be not the final word in his story – any more than it need be the final word in ours.

Reverend Christine Anderson



## Monthly Music

This month musical trains. Four pieces which attempt to create the feeling of trains and rail travel.

First a piece by Vivian Ellis which evokes the the glamour days of rail in England ‘The Coronation Scot’. Written in 1938 and celebrating the train that first ran in 1937 from Euston, along the West Coast Line, to Glasgow. The train was named in recognition of the Coronation of King George VI on May 12th 1937. After the Second World War the music was used as the theme tune to the long running BBC Radio drama, Paul Temple.

Next to Brazil and the music of Hector Villa-Lobos. ‘The Little Train of The Caipira’ is the 4th Movement (section) from the suite (collection of pieces) Bachianas Brasileiras No.2. In this piece you will hear a small steam train hiss and wheeze as it slowly starts moving along with various clunks and bangs from the carriages. It builds to a fair speed and then slows as it arrives at the destination. The use of South American percussion instruments with traditional Brazilian rhythms and melodies create an authentic atmosphere.

Aaron Copland wrote “John Henry - A Railroad Ballad’ for an American High School orchestra. It tells the story of John Henry, who set himself a contest against a steam pile driver used in the construction of the railway. The music represents the trains and the steam hammer.

As is sometimes the case with these suggestions the last piece is much more demanding. The composer Steve Reich, who writes in a minimalist style (lots of repeated patterns of notes), took audio recordings of Holocaust survivors talking about train journeys to the concentration camps and mixed them with real train sounds into the second movement of his piece ‘Different Trains’. The repeated patterns of the music mirror the rhythm of the train. The outer movements relate to journeys in America and Europe before and after the war. The lyrics of the second movement can be found online.

Peter Coughtrey-Wellsted

It was March 2020

The streets were empty, stores closed, people couldn't go out anymore.  
But spring didn't know, and the flowers began to bloom, the sun was shining, the birds were singing, swallows were coming soon, the sky was blue, morning was coming early.

It was March 2020...

Young people had to study online, and find jobs at home, people couldn't shop anymore, or go to the hairdresser. Soon there would be no room in hospitals, and people continued to get sick.  
But spring didn't know, time to go to the garden was coming, the grass was growing.

It was March 2020...

People have been put on lockdown. to protect grandparents, families and children. No more reunion or meal, family party. Fear has become real and the days looked alike.

But spring didn't know, apple trees, cherry trees and others grew, the leaves grew.

People started reading, playing with family, learning a language, singing on the balcony by inviting neighbors to do the same, they learned a new language, be supportive and focused on other values.  
People realized the importance of health, the suffering, of this world that had stopped, of the economy that fell down.

But spring didn't know. the flowers left their place for fruits, the birds made their nest, swallows had arrived.

Then release day came, people found out on TV, the virus had lost, people went down the street, sang, crying, kissing their neighbours, without masks or gloves.

And that's when summer came, because spring didn't know. He continued to be there despite everything, despite the virus, fear and death. Because spring didn't know, it taught people the power of life.  
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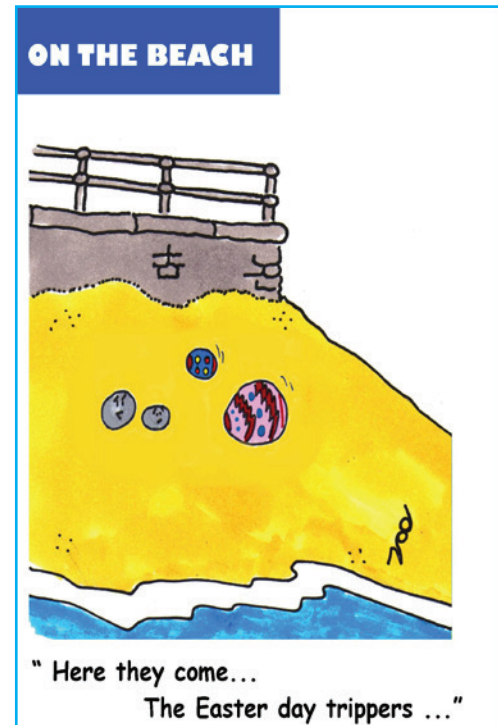
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## A Wartime Easter Sunday from May Hill's Diaries

On the evening of 5 April, Easter Day, 1942, May Hill of Chapel St Leonards wrote:

Easter Sunday and the clocks were put on another hour this morning. 'Father' came off [Coastguard] watch at 8 o'clock so Jean [daughter] rose at 7.30. (5.30 by sun) and got his breakfast ready. I stayed in bed until 10.00 for once and Jean brought my breakfast up. She went to chapel. Mr A. [elder daughter Rene's future husband] preached. She said they had a very nice service with Easter hymns that went very well. Laurence [nephew] played the organ. Rene was there, and several soldiers [some billeted next door].

Have written to Ron [son in RAF]. He will be going to Yeadon [fiancé Emmie's family home] next weekend. Had a nice Easter card from Emmie. It hardly seems as if the world were much better than it was the first Easter, though in those days Britain was only partly civilised I suppose. Yet we cannot think that Christ died for the sins of the world in vain, or that He who conquered death cannot bring all this war and destruction to an ordered existence again, if we all humble ourselves before God and walk in paths of righteousness. But we do not as a nation seem to be turning to God so far as I can see at present. If only He would start the little leaven of Peace working that would grow to leaven all the world, and that we might live in peace and happiness with all nations.

Out of this chaos Lord we pray: Bring order, light and peace.

Pierce the dark clouds with lightning's ray, and bid the weary tumult cease.

Oh may we all, with humble hearts, fall down before Thy face

Forgive our sins, restore our faith and bless us with Thy heavenly Grace.

I did not make Hot X [cross] Buns this year, but may do later. We can't buy any more white bread now. Breakfast cereals and condensed tinned milk are included in [ration] points now but we are to get 24 points instead of 20 per month each. We can have 1 lb. of sugar in place of each lb. of jam or syrup the next 3 months if we like [e.g. for home jam-making]. That may be alright in the country but they do not promise much soft fruit in the shops.

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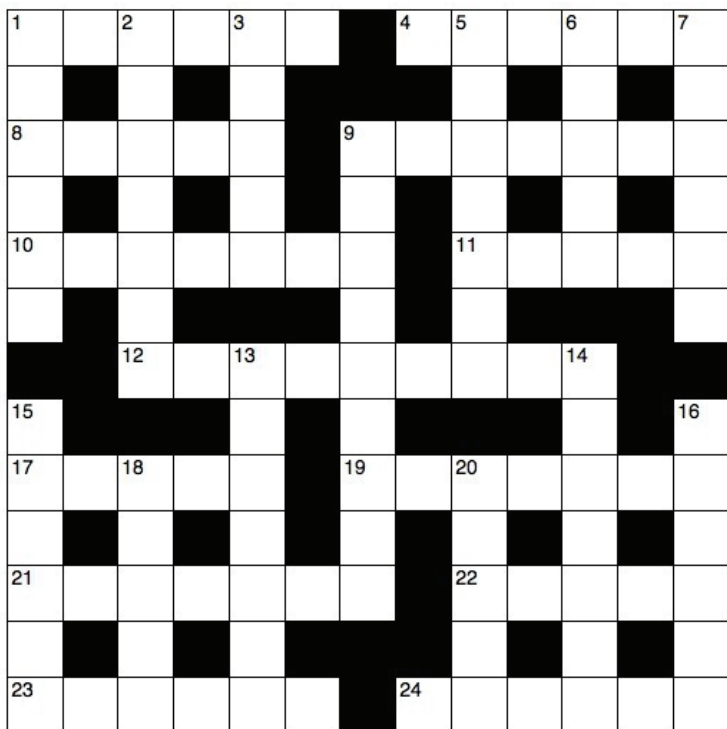
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# Crossword Time

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## Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

## Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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## Jo Blogs! Jo Wheeler

Well! These are indeed extraordinary times. Tough times. Scary times. But whilst our everyday lives have changed beyond belief, there's proof around the world that things will return to normal, eventually.

Even our vocabulary has changed – self isolating and social distancing are new phrases but the concept of quarantine hasn't changed over the years.

There's a tiny village in Derbyshire called Eyam. Not as well known as it's pretty neighbour Stoney Middleton, mostly because the road through the latter is one of the more major routes through the Peak District. But in reality Eyam is the more famous. During The Great Plague of 1665, almost a quarter of London's population was wiped out within 18 months. The disease was spread through the bite of infected rat fleas. At a time when the spread of the plague was slowing, some of those fleas arrived in Derbyshire in a tailor's bundle of cloth. As villagers began to fall ill, the 1000 inhabitants of Eyam were persuaded to isolate themselves from the villages around. A gritstone boulder still stands on the village boundary with six holes in it. Villagers would leave money in the holes and supplies of food and medicine would be left by the stone by neighbouring villages.

The people of Derbyshire didn't know how the plague was transmitted – it was a calculated guess – and the self imposed isolation was the idea of the newly arrived priest, William Mompesson, aided and abetted by his predecessor Thomas Stanley.

It is a truly amazing story of self sacrifice; one that my mother used to tell me with tears in her eyes. (Although, to be honest, she could never get to the end of Babar without crying either.) The one thing the villagers of Eyam didn't do was to distance one from the other. As they nursed each other and maintained their community, so the plague spread rapidly through their population.

Thankfully we've learned quite a lot in the last 400 years. And we're not the first country to have to deal with it – so we've got the research, knowledge and know how to slow the spread of this novel Coronavirus.

That's why we're being asked to keep two metres away from each other – to self isolate in family units and to wash our hands. That's all we need to do. The scientists and doctors will do the rest.

Yes it's going to be hard, not to see our friends and family as usual – not to go to our places of work. Hopefully measures are being put in place to make sure people don't suffer financially. But we have television and the internet – books and kindles and the opportunity to do some of those things we 'haven't had the time to do' before.

And on the positive upside, an assistant professor at Stanford's Department of Earth System Science suggests that the reduction in air pollution resulting from China's drastic measures

during the coronavirus outbreak is likely to have 'saved twenty times more lives in China than have been lost to the virus.'

In fact, many countries have recorded a significant drop in pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. And in Venice the water in the canal network is cleaner and clearer than in living memory, with fish visible below the surface.

Accepted that many of these benefits will disappear when life returns to normal, but perhaps the 'new' normal will still offer some beneficial effects.

Many many people have switched to home working during this crisis. Some companies may find that this is a better, more productive way of working and will allow their employees to continue. In the meantime, we've all got 'time' on our hands. And that's something that is usually in very short supply in 21st Century living.

Social media suggests we put up trees and lights and enjoy a second Christmas, without the stress of cooking huge meals and buying presents. It's one idea, but not for everyone.

What we do have is the opportunity to do something new – take up a new hobby, learn a new language. We can get the garden properly sorted for the spring? Clear out the loft or the laundry cupboard. Or, if you want to be really really useful, invent an alternative to loo roll and make it widely available.

If your kids are at home, enjoy their company, play with them and read them stories. And if you ever find out what happens at the end of Babar – please let me know!





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## 23 April - St George: Our Patron Saint who isn't English



It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.



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# A LISTENING ear and a HELPING hand in the workplace

## who are we?

We are a group of trained chaplains who belong to the Skegness Group of Parishes. We want to help people in the workplace whether they are employees or self-employed. Ours is an independent and confidential support service for those of all faiths and none.

## what do we do?

We regularly visit businesses in the area. By engaging with those at work we offer a listening ear to the many stresses and worries which life brings whether work related or personal. We all have problems from time to time and the chaplains at Link can provide a caring presence and encourage a sense of well-being.



**link**  
CHAPLAINCY IN THE WORKPLACE



## how do i contact link?

A chaplain may already visit your workplace, in which case the times of their visits should be available to you or contact the number below. If a chaplain does not visit then please get in touch by telephone or email.

Tel: 01754 763875  
Email: [info@skegness-anglican.org.uk](mailto:info@skegness-anglican.org.uk)  
The Parish Office, Lumley Avenue, Skegness PE25 2AT  
(Open Monday to Friday 09.00 until midday)

### I Was There (A poem for Easter)

I was there said the little lamb  
The night that He was born  
They lay Him in a manger  
In a stable cold and worn

I was there said the little donkey  
When through the town He rode  
Palm leaves scattered at His feet  
Lord Jesus was my load

I was there said the little dog  
When they hung Him from the tree  
I licked His wounds when they took Him down  
Impaled to set you free

I was there said the little sparrow  
When they found the empty tomb  
The Son of Man arisen  
The fruit of Mary's womb

We were there said all the creatures  
When He ascended into Heaven  
To sit by the side of our Father  
Our sins to be forgiven

So be there for our dear Lord Jesus  
Don't let your memory fade  
We must always remember  
The sacrifice He made

Patricia Sheen  
Church Warden St Mary Winthorpe

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## Sudoku Time

Can you take on  
our Sudoku puzzle?







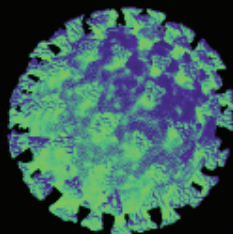
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# **CORONAVIRUS**

# **STAY AT HOME**

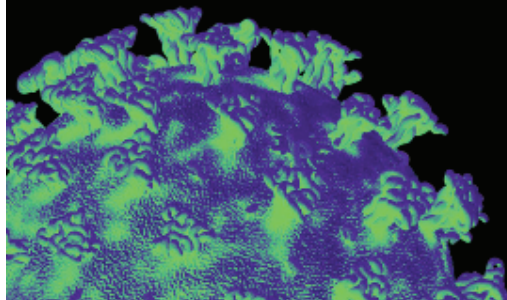
# **SAVE LIVES**



**Anyone can spread Coronavirus.**

**The only reasons to leave home are:**

- ✓ To shop for basic necessities or pick up medicine
- ✓ To travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home
- ✓ To exercise once a day, alone or with members of your household
- ✗ Do not meet others, even friends or family



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**STAY HOME  
PROTECT  
THE NHS  
SAVE LIVES**