
Dear Church Family,

Sadly we begin this newsletter with the news that John Lloyd, a faithful parishioner in Goring for many years, died this Tuesday (21st April) in the care home in Rustington where he has been since he left Goring. If you have memories of John please send them in so that we can include more detail about John next week.

What are we all doing?

What a gift Tanya Burnett has for poetry. She has sent in this most beautiful poem. No more words needed except thanks for sharing your gift and precious photograph with us.

The Words Of A Two Year Old

I sit and wonder,
Where have all the people gone.
I wonder where they could be,
For weeks now it's only been Mummy and me.

I waved to Grandad from my window,
Why can't I have a cuddle,
This doesn't feel right.
Everything's in a muddle.

The world is so silent,
Is that a bee I can hear.
There are no humans around my friend,
You have nothing to fear.

I've learnt my lesson now,
I know what we have done.
I appreciate earths beauty,
And the warmth I feel from the sun.

The parks are all empty,
The roads are all clear.
When will this silence end,
I hope noise is near.

I promise to go a bit slower,
To look after the world the best I can.
I promise to be less greedy,
This was all in the plan.

I wonder where my Nanny is,
April is when she comes.
My Aunties, Uncle and Cousins,
I miss all the fun.

I promise to be kinder,
To not complain quite as much.
To hold my loved ones close,
O to feel their touch.

We haven't been to our church,
Where Mummy likes to pray.
The playgroups where my friends are,
I miss my special days.

As I sit and wonder,
Looking up at the clear blue sky.
Deep in my thoughts,
I slowly start to cry.

Tanya Burnett

Marmalade

Can't get your favourite brand of marmalade. Well now you can. Penelope Corp still has stocks of her marmalade. Just get in touch with her by email pen.corp00@gmail.com or phone 01903 209 448 and pick-up can be arranged.

'Quarantine Quavers' newsletter

A reminder that you can still receive Yvonne Newnham’s ‘Quarantine Quavers’ newsletter at y.newnham@btinternet.com. She reminds us that music is so good for our wellbeing.

Worship

Fr. Keith is Live streaming regularly at the following times: **Tuesday. 18.00** Reflection and prayers. **Thursday. 10.00** Morning Prayer and reflections. **Sunday. 10.00** Eucharist (Common Worship). The Live stream will open 10 minutes before the scheduled time.

https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/
A favourite prayer?

Gill has shared this with us; do you have a favourite or special prayer? Are you reading or have seen something that has helped or made you think recently? Please share it with us.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.
The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.
The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.
Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.
Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive.
The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
Father, forgive.
The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Father, forgive.
Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

I found this prayer some years ago when I was working in the Midlands, and at a time when I was not attending church. I had an afternoon to spare and visited Coventry Cathedral(s).

The Cathedral ruins moved me in a way I cannot really explain, except that I felt a strong sense of forgiveness and reconciliation in the place. I now look back and reflect on this as one of a number of events that began my journey back to the faith of my earlier years.

Canon Joseph Poole wrote it in 1958. While framed around the seven deadly sins, it serves as a reminder that when we pray about the problems of the world around us, we need to begin by acknowledging the roots of those problems in our own hearts. The Litany is prayed, in a short ceremony taking at most ten minutes, at noon each weekday in Coventry Cathedral and in the Cathedral ruins on Fridays.

Please do not think that I believe in any sense that the Covid-19 virus is a punishment from God. However I do believe it may be a consequence of our lack of care for our world. Therefore a time when we need to pray for forgiveness as a people, and a determination to learn and take better care of our world and each other.

Gill Keevill

Prayer and Study Groups

If you have a prayer group that can open to others, or would like to join a group please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know and they will try and match you up.

Pastoral visits

Please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know if you have a personal pastoral concern or may know of somebody in need.

If you have something that you would like to share, especially to encourage us all, please send to Gill Keevill (gilliankeevill@me.com) or mobile number: 07715120841.

God Bless you all, Gill, Janice, Ruth and Geoff.