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What a time to return home! Some time ago now, I was delighted to have been offered the position of Headteacher of St Teath Primary School, a role that I knew would be a fantastic opportunity to work within an amazing community with such a strong team of staff alongside me. But who knew it would be like this?

Having managed to pack up and leave Dubai in an extremely reduced timescale, we managed to catch the last flight to the UK before Dubai airport was closed completely to commercial flights. We made our way back to St Teath, where we needed to quarantine ourselves for 14 days. However, despite the lockdown, the isolation and the shortages, what an amazing welcome home! People passing by stop and chat over the gate, people sent lovely, welcoming messages. It is great to be back amongst the villagers of St Teath.

It is incredible to see how people pull together in times of crisis such as these. The news is full of emotional stories of help and support, even big businesses are trying to do their bit to support the nation and every Thursday night we stand on our doorstep clapping and listening to the amazing sound emanating from all around us, in recognition of the wonderful, caring professions and the NHS. This is the story nationally, internationally and most definitely locally.

For our part, the teachers are working hard to try to keep students' development on track with learning activities, and I know that parents are working incredibly hard too, to meet the challenges presented by home schooling. We have had some amazing pieces of work sent to us and I have enjoyed the opportunity for pupils to introduce themselves to me online. It is wonderful to see how inventive people can be when the usual methods of communication become restricted.

As I type, there is talk that we may begin to open schools in mid-May. I for one would hope this might be the case, but only if we can be sure that pupils, staff and the wider community will remain safe. In the mean-time, we will continue to provide the best service we can for our pupils and the community. Whatever else, it's good to be back in St Teath, under any circumstances.

PHIL BANKS HEADTEACHER



FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Thank you to everyone from both villages in the parish who took time to complete the recent Housing Need Survey. Planning has been a contentious issue in both villages of late and the level of detail the Parish Council now have around the genuine housing need for each village will help them enormously in evaluating planning permissions and trying to make sure that the right houses are built in the right place.

I had requested that the current application for 24 affordable dwellings on North Road in St Teath was put on hold to give the Parish Council time to commission this survey as I did not have confidence of the level of genuine housing need in the village, given that the only information we had at that point was across the whole parish.

Whilst I will leave it to the Parish Council to release the full details of their survey there were two clear points that came out:

There are at least 8 more people/families seeking affordable homes than the current 46 registered with the council.

The majority considered their links to be with St Teath rather than Delabole

This was a surprising outcome given the relative sizes of the villages and one that should help prevent further speculative large-scale applications in Delabole in the future.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic neither the Parish Council nor Cornwall Council are currently holding public meetings. This means that any decisions on planning applications are for the time being delegated to head of planning with no options for taking them to committee At the time of writing I fully anticipate that the planner will soon recommend approval for the permission on North Road as it is a 100% affordable development that will address the identified housing need. I am already aware that the concerns with the access have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Highways Officer and that the amended plans now take full account of the proposed 20 mph zone for the village.

The government have recently stated at this year's budget that they intend to intervene more where planning authorities fail to meet their local housing need, and whilst there is already permission for a 24-house affordable-led development on Trehannick Road, the planners are restricted in giving any weight to this in their decision-making as many such "rural exception sites" are never built because they are much less financially attractive than open market sites.

Whilst I understand that this might not be universally welcomed, I hope that people will understand that there are young people and families who want to stay in the village and currently do not have other viable housing options.

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COMMUNITY BUS NEWS

The new bus has arrived, it was collected just before the suppliers had to close down due to the Corona Virus restrictions being put in place. It is awaiting the addition of its St Teath livery and will be back in action as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you again to all those who gave so generously of their time and money which allowed us to reach our target so quickly.

Thanks Bob

FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS By Anne Blewett

- 1. What is coronavirus? Why has it caused such problems? Where did it come from? Viruses are tiny particles that can cause disease. The coronavirus 'family' has been around for thousands of years, but the one causing this outbreak, called SARS-CoV-2 (causing the disease COVID-19), is a newly discovered member of that family. It has never infected humans before, so we don't have any natural defences against it. Scientists think SARS-CoV-2 originally affected bats and that they probably spread it to another animal. One possibility is a pangolin, a scaly, ant-eating mammal, illegally sold in markets in China (for meat and for their scales, used in traditional Chinese medicines), so handled by people and that is probably how the virus got into us.
- **2. I had coronavirus-like symptoms over Christmas** have I had it? The virus was first found in Wuhan, eastern China, in December 2019. So, unless you travelled to that part of China before Christmas (or came into contact with someone who did), it's fairly unlikely that you had COVID-19 at that time. (Other illnesses have symptoms that are similar to COVID-19.) In just four months, the virus has now spread to every continent except Antarctica, so the risk of infection anywhere is very high. The only way to definitely show you have had it is to have your blood tested. A blood test looks for the virus-blocking antibodies that are made by your immune system as a natural defence against the virus. Those tests are not yet available, but are being developed. (The nose and throat tests being used now by the NHS can look for the virus only while you are poorly, not afterwards.)
- **3. Can you get it again?** Because this is a new virus, doctors are not yet sure. People who have had COVID-19 do make virus-blocking antibodies that should stop them getting it again. But that protection might not last for life. By looking at other coronaviruses that affect people (such as the 2003 SARS outbreak in Asia), doctors think these antibodies might last for only a year or two. This would mean that you could get the virus again, so in future we might see seasonal peaks of COVID-19 as we do with flu.
- **4. Will I get it if I go to the shops?** You are at a higher risk of getting the virus if you leave your home. The virus spreads when an infected person coughs and sprays virus-packed droplets into the air, which are then breathed in or land on a surface that is touched by other people. Assume such surfaces outside your home are contaminated and avoid touching your face after handling items that other people have touched. You can reduce these risks by staying at least 2 metres (6ft) away from others and washing your hands for 20 secs with soap and water (or alcohol-based hand sanitiser)after shopping ortouching outside surfaces.
- **5.** How long is the lockdown going to last? Until 7 May at least and probably for several weeks after that. We need to stop the virus spreading to reduce the number of daily cases and ensure the NHS can cope. Even after we are allowed out, we are likely to be told we still need to keep 2 metres away from people and possibly not to go to school or work. Some of these rules could remain in place until scientists make an effective, safe vaccine that stops people getting the virus in the first place, which is a lengthy process. So get comfy on your sofas, We are in this for the long haul! Stay home, stay safe ,everyone and help to save lives.

IMPORTANT: if you need medical help, DO NOT go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If you have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new, continuous cough), use the 111 coronavirus service: https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/.

- •If you need help or advice not related to coronavirus: use the NHS website (https://nhs.uk) or your GP surgery website.
- •for urgent medical help, use the NHS 111 online service (https://111.nhs.uk). Only call 111 if you're unable to get help online.
- •for life-threatening emergencies, call 999



REMEMBERING MARION

The late Marion Mewton was a one-time resident and familiar, supportive face in the St Teath community throughout her life. Although born in Tredrizzick in 1938, Marion enjoyed a strong St Teath pedigree on both sides of her family, being the only daughter of Fred Mewton of Trehannick and Ada (nee Beer) of Fentengo.

During World War II, when Fred enlisted in the army, Marion and her mother chose to live nearer their family moving to 'Belle Vue' the house on Trekee corner on Treburgett hill. Despite the hardships of war, Marion's childhood years were happy ones. She lived with her mother, her Granny Mewton, auntie Millicent and uncle Durrell Jacobs, and it was at this time Marion developed a close affinity, in particular, with her "aunt Millie". The values of family and caring for others remained the central pillars of Marion's life and years later when aunt Millie's husband died, Marion invited her to move

(at that time from Tethadene) and spend her declining years living with Marion and her Dad in their Wadebridge home.

The wartime return to join the Allies fight of Canadian cousins, whose family had emigrated 30 years before made a deep impression on Marion. A favourite was Glen Boissevain, who was tragically killed in Holland whilst on active service with the Canadian Royal Air Force - his photograph became a permanent fixture by Marion's bedside for the rest of her life. When Fred returned from active duty, the family moved to Trevanson, near Wadebridge. However, the bonds with St Teath remained strong. Throughout her life Marion frequently visited the homes of family and friends in the village, at one time she was very active in Methodist circles enjoying the Chapel Anniversary and Harvest Festival. She was particularly moved to have been part of the last chapel service led by Rev and Mrs Ede in 2018. Latterly, Marion was delighted when her cousins John Mewton (the other one from Pendoggett) and Patrick moved to St Teath allowing her to visit the village more frequently.

Two St Teath highlights took pride of place in Marion's memory. The frequent return visits of vacationing Canadian cousins always necessitated a "pilgrimage" to Dinnabroad (farmed by Marion's great grandparents) where they received a warm welcome from our great friends Bill and Margaret Adcock. The second, lifetime privilege came when Marion "switched on" the St Teath Christmas lights in 2018.

A St Teath person to the end, Marion was blessed with strong and loving support from our community at her funeral service in Wadebridge. Angela Cooper kindly lead the celebration of Marion's life, Barry Burton, a person for whom she held the highest personal regard as well as enjoying his restaurant hospitality, gave a Bible reading, and Gareth Stubberfield, whose concert performances she would rarely miss, gave of his time and talent to play the organ. Her many dear friends - many from St Teath - took the trouble to attend her service.

It is fair to say Marion's true vocation in life was to selflessly look after and care for other people, whether it was family, friends or neighbours. Equally, she recognised these strong virtues in the St Teath community and was lucky to herself have received their benefit..

PATRICK MEWTON

Unprecedented times! A term we have heard a lot in the past few weeks. By the time this is published, we may be in a very different scenario from the one we find ourselves in as I write this piece.

All schools were instructed to close on the 23rd March to limit the spread of Covid-19. We were given just 2 days' notice to 'close up shop' for an indefinite period. This was an extremely challenging period for staff, parents and, most importantly, the children. Because we are uncertain when schools will return to 'normal' business, it was decided to treat the closure announcement as potentially the end of the academic year. Classrooms were stripped of their displays, work sent home and children bid their farewells. At that time none of us knew whether we would have a proper end of year. This is desperately sad for our year 6 leavers, who were so looking forward to their end of year performance, final sports day, residential trip and all the wonderful experiences they have in their final term. I sincerely hope we will be able to return to school before the end of July so that we can give them all a proper send-off.

In those very hectic two days before closure, the school, like all schools in the country, was given the unenviable challenge of establishing new school provision and ensuring lessons were available online for home learning. The Multi Academy Trust (MAT) decided to amalgamate its 5 schools and provide a school setting at Camelford Primary School for the children of Key Workers. The school leaders worked exceptionally hard to organise staffing, develop schemes of work for children, inform parents and develop provision, which was flexible enough to accommodate a huge age range of children. Primarily our goal was to limit the number of staff required to work, when the government message was clear – STAY AT HOME! Now in its third week, the MAT school is settling into business as usual. There are a few regular children, whose parents are front line workers, and a few children who drop in occasionally when their parents are on rotas to work. For the majority of children who do not attend this provision, staff have worked hard to develop home learning packs, which are shared through the school website. Staff also upload regular videos and challenges on the school's messaging site – Class Dojo, which children respond to well.

I have been informed and have seen some fantastic photos of the colourful display of Rainbows, which adorn many windows and buildings in St Teath. Well done to all of the families and children who have participated in this national display of support for our NHS and Key/front line workers.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that Mr Phil Banks made it home safely from Dubai. Phil commences his new role as Head Teacher at St Teath CP from the start of the Summer Term! Probably this was not what he envisaged as the start to his new job, as the school is closed, however he will actively help lead the MAT school in the interim. I wish Phil every happiness in his new role.

Finally, I hope you all stay safe and healthy in these challenging times.

With Best Wishes, PAUL HOWARD

St Teath School in 1979 Celebrating the Centenary

If schools remain closed for much longer the parents are going to find a vaccine before the scientists.



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COCK-EYED OPTIMISM

During the dark days of World War II Winston Churchill was asked why he continued to be optimistic in such dire circumstances. His reply was that there didn't seem much point in being anything else. In the present troubled times, we too have a choice in how we view the situation. We can follow the news avidly, with its daily death toll and gloomy predictions of worse to come and become deeply anxious and fearful of what might become of our friends and families. Or we can listen to the same news, but not so avidly, and we can instead seize on any glimmer of light, any sign of hope that maybe things won't be so bad after all.

Sceptics will say that it's stupid to delude ourselves with false hopes in such situations, but what's the advantage of spending our days in gloom and despondency, worrying about the worst case scenario? No one knows with any certainty what the future holds and if these worst fears are realised, will we feel any less upset if we can tell ourselves we knew this would happen all along? Whatever happens in the end, whether the dire predictions come true or whether the clouds roll by, these outcomes will not be changed one iota by how we feel now.

So, as Rogers & Hammerstein put it: 'I'm stuck like a dope with a thing called hope and I can't get it out of my heart'. Optimism means that instead of suffering days, weeks or months of misery and fearfulness, we can keep the flame of hope alive and be thankful for the joy each day has to offer. It's still a beautiful world, open the windows of your mind and enjoy it.

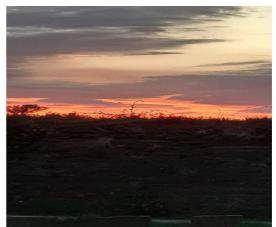
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Our thanks to Sue Hughes for the beautiful photos.





WHAT A WONDERFUL VILLAGE!

I see trees all around and clouds of white, I see friends round about - And I think to myself: What a wonderful village!

🛮 In these troubled times I can think of no better place to be. We 🗗 🗖 have everything we need. Many of us have a garden we can lose 🎝 ourselves in. After the wet winter we have just had, the gardens were looking rather tired and in need of a facelift. We have our quiet country lanes. I know they are a bit hilly but remember it is only in one direction. Neighbours are willing to fetch and carry for the sick and older villagers.

The businesses in the Village are doing their best to keep us supplied with what we need and are able to deliver.

Kevin and Luke at St. Teath Butchers

🗖 The Girls at Churchtown Café, who delivered almost 100 boxes 🎝 of homemade goodies on Easter morning by donation to NHS charities

Lynne at St. Teath Post Office Stores, together with her helpers: Tracy, Jess, Lauren and Gill.

We say **THANK YOU** for all your help.

We also say THANK YOU to ALL the 'Essential' Workers from the village: the N.H.S. staff, the Care in the Community Workers, the Postmen. the Supermarket staff and Charity Workers. I am very sorry if I have missed anyone out.

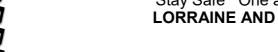
We THANK YOU - ONE and ALL

It is at times like this when we should all realise how lucky we are to live in a place like St. Teath. How lucky we are to have The White Hart, Churchtown Café, Kevin the Butcher and The Post Office. (Delabole haven't got one, nor have Port Isaac, St Kew or Tintagel.)

> Stay Safe One and All **LORRAINE AND DAVID**







A STROLL AROUND ST TEATH (PART ONE)

The Story of the St Teath Calendar

Doris and Mabel are two ladies of a certain age. They have been coming to St Teath for their holidays for many years and know the village well, or thought they did. Last summer they arrived at their holiday cottage and, after settling themselves in decided to take a walk around the village to see what was going on.

"Let's head for the churchyard first," said Doris. "We can say hello to some of our old friends who are no longer with us." "Good idea," agreed Mabel and so off they went.

On their way down Trehannick Close they passed a man with a camera. They recognised him as one of the locals and said a cheery "Hello". At the churchyard the ladies paid their respects to their departed friends and decided to have a look round. They soon spotted the six grass cutters standing in their birthday suits, strimmers held at a jaunty angle. "Well it is rather warm, dear," said Doris. "Let's walk on." The gate squeaked as the man with the camera made a swift exit.

Our ladies then took a detour down a shady lane and stopped by a gate to watch a herd of cattle grazing in a field, when from behind a large bull the jolly farmer popped up, dressed only in his green wellies. Our ladies were quite excited and Mabel cried, "We were just admiring your big bullocks!" The hedge rustled as the man with the camera fought his way through the brambles.

"There's a beautiful garden, full of dahlias just up here. Let's go and have a peep," suggested Mabel when she'd got her breath back. Our two friends stood admiring the colourful display when the couple who owned the garden put in an appearance (yes, you've guessed it). "What wonderful big blooms you have," smiled Doris, as they headed towards the allotments. "Such a lovely couple." Across the road, the man with the camera hurried by.

"I do like a trip to the allotments," said Mabel, "that one down there is so pretty, just like a cottage garden." Picking their way through the rows of fruit and veg, our pals reached the far corner, where to their surprise a huge cabbage appeared, sprouting two heads, four bare shoulders, four bare arms and four bare legs. One of the heads sported a bushy white beard. "It must be one of those new foreign varieties," Doris surmised. The man with the camera slunk out from behind the shed.

Across the road the football team were practising their skills, lined up for a free kick, as naked as nature intended. "Poor things," sighed Mabel, "they must be hard up, they can't afford kit, only boots!" At the end of the pitch, the man with the camera scored an own goal.

"This is all getting a bit too much for me," wailed Doris, "there is something strange going on here today, let's go to the café and have a coffee." "I don't know about coffee, I need a stiff gin!" exclaimed Mabel "Let's go to the White Hart." "Hold on Mabel, you don't think Barry......?" Doris grabbed her friend's arm. Our two intrepid adventurers decided to risk it and entered the pub. "Hello ladies, what can I get you?" asked the landlord politely, his tie covering his modesty (just). Doris and Mabel grabbed their drinks and hurried into the next room. The man with the camera slithered out the back door.

When they had calmed down, Mabel asked" Would you like to go and listen to the bell ringers practising?" "Oh no dear" cried Doris all those ding dongs would give me a headache!" I think it would be better if we went to Ibiza for our holiday next year, it may be a bit quieter!" The man with the camera smiled to himself as he walked back up Trehannick.

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A STROLL AROUND ST TEATH (PART TWO)

The second day of Doris and Mabel's holiday dawned bright and sunny, the sky clear blue, not a cloud in sight. "Oh" yawned Mabel, "I had such an odd dream last night." "That's funny" said Doris, "so did I. It must have been those Ginsters pasties we had for supper. We must buy local in future." "Well, it definitely wasn't the two bottles of Camel Valley and the half bottle of Rock gin we drank," laughed Mabel. "What shall we do today?"

"I know, let's see if the community bus is going anywhere nice," suggested Doris. "Let's take the little lane through the old part of the village today. Someone told me it is very pretty and there are some lovely wild flowers." So, after breakfast our two explorers set off.

"Look!" cried Doris "those beautiful flowers." Indeed the flowers were very pretty, as was the young girl sitting amongst them displaying her morning glass of Pimm's. "She'll catch her death of cold," worried Mabel. "At least she's got her sun hat on. I hope she doesn't suffer from hay fever." The man with the camera crouched behind a holly bush. OUCH!

Soon our gallant pair reached the village. "I think they keep the minibus behind the White Hart," said Doris, "let's go and have a look." But when they got there, Oh dear! There were the bus drivers gathered around the bus, all in the buff and wielding an assortment of balls, surfboards and snorkels. "It looks as if they're having their own outing," smiled Mabel as they beat a hasty retreat. The man with the camera lounged behind an inflatable Lilo.

"Well, if we can't go to the beach, what shall we do?" wondered Doris. "I know, they're serving coffee in the community centre this morning. Let's go and get a cup and maybe some cake as well," proposed Mabel. So off they trotted to the community centre for their treat. When they entered, Doris and Mabel were welcomed by five rosy-cheeked ladies wearing pinnies to protect their precious accoutrements. "What can we get you?" they smiled. "Coffee please, and two buns, big ones!" The man with the camera crept upstairs.

After finishing their elevenses, our ladies continued their exploration of our lovely village. They soon came across some building work being carried out. The builders were using a large yellow truck. Intrigued, our pair stopped to watch. "Well! I've heard of builders' cleavage, but this is something else," giggled Mabel, as they stood to admire the builders' enormous machine. "At least they've got their safety helmets on!" chuckled Doris. The man with the camera peered down from the scaffolding.

Later that evening on their way to the White Hart for supper, our two friends, by now quite frazzled, heard whoops of laughter coming from the community centre. They couldn't resist taking a peek through the window. "This must be the Knit and Natter group we've heard about," said Mabel, "Yes," agreed Doris," I hear that they knit for charities. Those blankets are very colourful." "Mm" agreed Mabel, "but a bit itchy, they should have kept their vests on! Those cucumbers looked good though." The man with the camera snapped away merrily.

"I've heard that there's a new women's group in the village called the Joybirds." said Mabel, "let's go and check them out tomorrow. We may make some new friends. They sound just our sort of girls!" The following evening, after a very uneventful day on the beach, apart from one very hunky New Zealand lifeguard, (but that's another story), our ladies headed once more for the village. With some trepidation our heroines pushed open the door to the community centre and entered to be greeted by shrieks of surprise and delight!

"We weren't sure what to wear." said Doris. "Are just pearls and a hat all right?" The man with the camera was nowhere in sight!

Sandra Piper 2020

CONGRATULATIONS!

To **BERT and IRIS BYFIELD**, celebrating their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** on 19th May, from Kaye, Graham, James, Lola, Roxy and Jonny, Meg, Ella and Max.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I walk my dog Bongo twice a day. He does one poo per walk. If I didn't pick up that would be seven hundred and thirty poos decorating our village each year. Just think about that the next time YOU take your dog for a walk and just ignore what they are doing.

For goodness sake PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

Bob and Bongo.

ST ENDELLION SUMMER FESTIVAL

I am very sad to announce that the 2020 St Endellion Summer Festival will not take place. In the context of the uncertainty around the Corvid-19 virus, the organising committee felt that it would be inappropriate to continue planning the festival. While we all hope that the situation will be much improved by late July, given the uncertainties that we are all facing, it was clear that we could not continue.

We had a wonderful programme all lined up for you - and are very disappointed not to be able to bring it to fruition. It will be our intention to bring it to you in 2021. The whole of the St Endellion Summer Festival community is extremely sad that the festival has had to be cancelled - for the first time since its inception in 1958 - and we all look forward to being able to return to the place we hold so dear, to make magical music together, with the audience who gives us so much.

Mark Padmore. Artistic Director

A HELPING HAND

I tried to post through all letterboxes in the village but had trouble finding some or working out gates(!) - we may be needing to self-isolate but no one should feel isolated. If you need anything: shopping, prescriptions or just a chat please, please call me on: 07969 309617 - we all need to stick together and support each other. If you ever see me walking through the village (I do most days) with my two children and some days being 'dragged' by our four dogs, please say hello!

Giselle, Treburgett

What is the difference between a cat and a comma? One has claws at the end of its paws and the other is a pause at the end of a clause.

Australian tree dweller says, "What do you mean I'm not a Bear? I have all the KOALIFICATIONS"

Growing old is hard work...The mind says "yes" but the body says what the heck are you thinking?

If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about a year ago today.

St Teath and Delabole

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Life Before Lockdown



St Teath New Playing Field Equipment 2017

A METHODIST MINISTER'S VIEW

In early March I planned to focus this article on V.E. Day (8th May) and Christian Aid Week (10th – 16th May), but these events, like many others, have been put on hold because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. This pandemic is affecting nearly every country in the World, everyday life and everyday affairs.

The pandemic is revealing to us just how inter-connected and inter-dependent we are in our modern world. We need to be thankful for this, but also mindful of it when things get back to normal.

Of course, the pandemic is also revealing to us how vulnerable we are as individuals, as well as members of families, companies, organisations and charities. We have to be concerned about how important cash flow is to individuals and organisations. Living on the 'breadline' is a reality in all levels of modern society.

We are all living in unprecedented and difficult times which many of us did not see arising. This situation puts a new perspective on many facets of life for us.

In the world of journalism – written and spoken – many things are being shared about the present times. There are no answers and little that we can do – but one thing we can do is pray about the situation and its impact on people. I am writing this on Maundy Thursday, and very much in my mind is the earnest prayer that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before his crucifixion. God is with us in our times of suffering, as well as the better times. Three verses from the New Testament come to mind as I think in these terms -

Jesus said (John 14:7) "... Now that you have known me you will know my Father also" and to his followers at the time of his Ascension into the heavenly realms – (

Matthew 28:20) "I will be with you always...". Of Jesus the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews wrote (Hebrews 13:8) -" Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever".

In these difficult times I pray that we will all know something of the presence and peace of God with us.

Bryan Ede

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PAUSE FOR THOUGHT



What strange days we are living through! By the time you read this we will be nearly at the end of 6 weeks of lock-down and we may be facing more. In recent weeks we have seen terrible things: a huge death toll; tens of thousands in hospital and sadly some shockingly selfish behaviour; but we've also witnessed, and in many cases personally experienced amazing support, sacrificial care and overwhelming kindness too. I have been particularly struck by the tremendous efforts of our small local shops who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in order to look after us. Thank you to them, as well as

to all those in the health and care sectors. You are amazing.

Many people, and not just church-goers, have been shocked by the closure of our lovely village church, in common with most churches of all denominations around the country. Worship services have been suspended until further notice and we are forbidden to gather in groups of more than 2 outside our own household, but couldn't they have stayed open for private prayer so we could have popped-in in the course of our daily exercise?

The Bishops and Archbishops thought long and hard over this and, in the end, decided that it was more important to re-enforce the government instructions to stay at home; to identify with the restrictions and isolation that everyone is facing (after all we can't pop into the pub or the café) and to protect one another by restricting the spread of the virus, which remains on hard surfaces for some days - we could not clean every surface in the church, after every visit.

The church building may be closed but the Church is not shut down. The Church is the people, not the building. People sometimes tell me, 'I don't have to go to church to be a Christian' Well absolutely! Now we can demonstrate our faith in other ways: by worshipping & praying in our homes; by serving and caring for one another and all in our community; by actually doing something for the most vulnerable and those in need; by sharing our faith that God is with us in all this mess and sorrow and upheaval. And we do still worship together - remotely each in our own homes. At 10am each Sunday we share in a short service together which I send out by email or post each week - we may try videoing this or holding a Zoom service soon (it's a steep learning curve for those of us without a handy teenager to show us what to do!) and there are lots of other on-line options already available. We also have a new Facebook group *Camel-Allen Churches* which we'd love you to join and a website, which is a bit of a work in progress, but is coming on www.camelallenchurches.org If you would like to join our mailing list please contact me at the address/number below. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you are concerned about, or you know someone who needs practical help, please do get in touch.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, says one of the Psalms, echoed in a popular hymn. I pray you will know the strength and peaceful refuge of God at this time.

With love and prayers, Angela (Rector)

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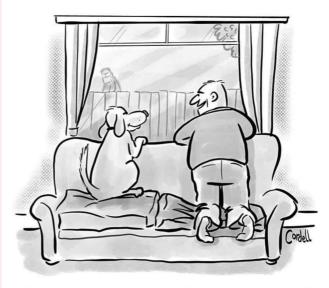
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The buttons of my jeans have started social distancing from each other

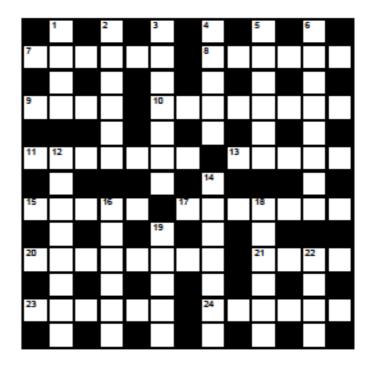


Across

- 7 Mark buries confusion (6)
- 8 Waterproof coat covered inside a capstan or a kayak (6)
- Starters stay mouthwatering until teatime's dirty mark (4)
- 10 Start the showering for workout (8)
- 11 No sign of rain on Derby running (4-3)
- 13 Monitoring system reads equally in reverse (5)
- 15 US soldier returns to convenience in cold house (5)
- 17 Many low movements are so feminine (7)
- 20 Local area in confusion over inns (8)
- 21 Cure found hidden in the altogether (4)
- 23 Metal turns so mum holds ingots first (6)
- 24 Sign up to listen badly (6)

Down

 Squash in former world champion athlete (4)

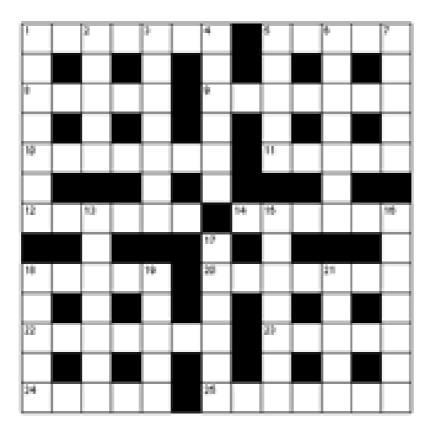


- 2 The opening title moved to name and describe Stuart maybe? (6)
- 3 Never take up intial chaos of business enterprise (7)
- 4 Return of Dallas without leading lady makes for cold fare. (5)
- 5 Remain sober to cover turnaround of European nation (6)
- 6 Sounds like monarch's rule with Autumn weather (8)
- 12 Confused Morgan is a living thing (8)
- 14 Dali's phone receiver is a terrible bolster (7)

- 16 Rio troubled with drink where it all started (6)
- 18 Whale I wrestled for some time (6)
- 19 Spacious constituent parts of ants leave astronomy (5)
- 22 Alphabet learners start on initials too (4)

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Across

- 1 Very dear (7)
- 5 Secret agents (5)
- 8 North African capital (5)
- **9** Weepy (7)
- **10** Dishonourable (7)
- 11 Children's nurse (5)
- **12** Foreman (6)
- 14 Sculptor's tool (6)
- 18 Become a member (5)
- **20** Apart (7)
- **22** A moment ago (4,3)
- **23** Divert (5)
- 24 Surrender (5)
- **25** Very much (7)

Down

- 1 Gambling (7)
- 2 Cloth woven from flax (5)
- **3** Capable of being seen (7)
- 4 Shilly-shally (6)
- **5** Blemish (5)
- 6 Very young children (7)
- 7 Foolish (5)
- 13 Envisage (7)
- 15 Transport business (7)
- **16** Theft (7)
- 17 Insect with large rear pincers (6)
- 18 Take delight in (5)
- **19** Furrowed (5)
- 21 Uncertainty (5)

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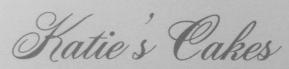
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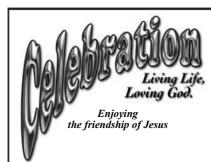
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Please Note

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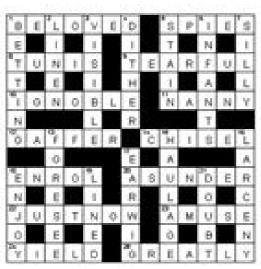
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May Crossword and Sudoku Solutions.

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23. osmium	19. roomy
24. enlist	22. also

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