

Sunday 14th June

Hello, welcome to our June Newsletter.

I'm Liz and I have been trusted with writing this month's newsletter. :)

We hope that this newsletter will be an opportunity to connect with you through stories, pictures and prayers.

This time of lockdown has been difficult, however there are also many positives to come out of it. For us as a family, we have appreciated spending more time together. Personally, I have been spending a lot of time gardening (veggies), painting and the odd bicycle ride. It has certainly given me a different perspective on life and made me re-evaluate what is important in life.



As a Church, we have never experienced a time like this before. This a great time for us to re-assess, re-evaluate, and re-think how we do 'Church'. We have designed a reflection tool to help us think about Church in a new and radical way. So here are some tough questions that we would like you to think about and feedback to the Lifestreams team. Please be open and honest. Here are some of my thoughts...

What have we gained in lockdown and must keep?

Time away from the Church building and more time in the community

What have we lost in lockdown and must have back?

Physical contact with people! I miss hugs :) I miss having meals with our Church family and just being together.

What have we gained in lockdown but are happy to lose at the end of lockdown?

I'm not sure we should continue with all of the online services. (I'm actually rather enjoying the occasional lie in on a Sunday morning).

What have we lost in lockdown and don't want back?

The formality of having Church at a set time as even though the online services start at a specific time, we are able to engage with them when we choose. We've lost the sense that meeting with God has to be at a set time slot, it's a constant rhythm of meeting with Him in prayer and worship throughout our daily lives.

OFFERING

Through the period of lock-down, Lifestreams has lost income of about £7,000 per month due to loss of hall rentals. Our giving has gone down too because we are no longer taking weekly collections. If you are able to make your regular giving online or by Standing Order, that would be really appreciated. Our bank details are as follows:

Saint Peter's: a/c name - St. Peter's Church
sort code - 55-50-28

a/c number - 07117272

Saint Cedd's: a/c name - St. Cedd's Church
sort code - 20-19-97

a/c number - 23801896

Saint Stephen's: a/c name - St. Stephen's Church
sort code - 20-79-73

a/c number - 20792705

What do we want in a new Bishop?

As we said good-bye to Bishop Stephen in April, we now have some time as a Diocese to think about what we are looking for in our next Bishop of Chelmsford.

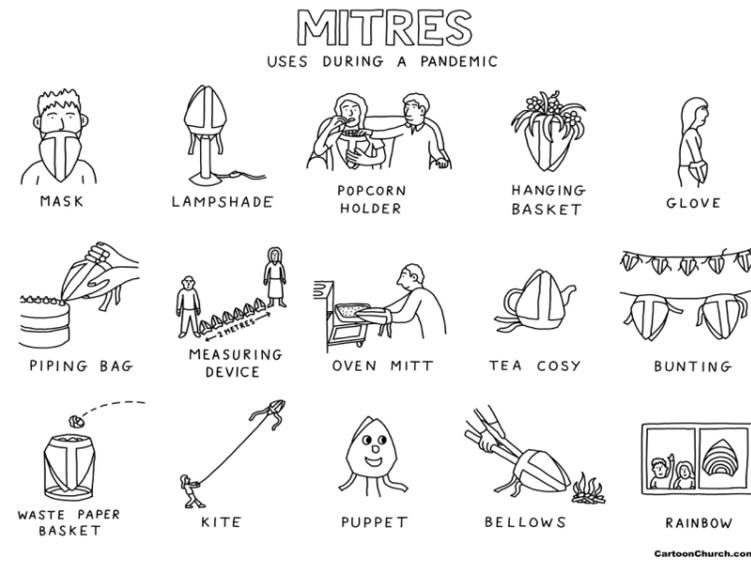
Of course, appointing a new Bishop goes through many stages in order to discern who God is calling to this post.

Where do we fit in? Well, the good news is that we all get a say.

To have your say, just visit the website address shown in bold and then scroll down the page to complete the online

consultation questions. Or pop us a message if you would like a paper copy.

WWW.CHELMSFORD.ANGLICAN.ORG/OUR-NEXT-BISHOP



PRAYER BOARD PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Bishop John, Archdeacon Mike, Area Dean Jonathan Collis
- Our clergy, staff and ministry team - Colin and Vi, John and Sonia, Liz and Adam, Stuart, Andreas and Sharon, Kathy, David, members of the PCCs and families.
- All those who are grieving following the death of a loved one. We pray for the family and friends of people known personally to us.
- Eileen (Colin's Mum)

Please include anyone else who you are praying for especially at this time.

Saint Peter's	Saint Cedd's	Saint Stephen's
Sebastian Page Jean Bishop-Laggett Ernie Crump Jonathan & Karen and family Peter Davies Mary Powell Austin and George Nesbeth Sheila Kenny Jill Ridge Jo Helena Anna Revd Christine Robinson Sam R-H's Mum Anne Seomore	Sharon Ann Pray for Saint Cedd's to welcome the gifts of musicians to grow our worship team. Pray for those in the community with mental health concerns to receive all available help and support through the local services provided.	Judy Grace Doreenand others on our hearts. For the work of KMAC and their clients. For the building and garden projects; the planning application due Summer 2020.
Funding for café project	DO YOU KNOW ANYONE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, OR CONTACT FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM? IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY 333520, COLIN OR ANDREAS 300402	

A MUM'S RELECTION ON LOCKDOWN

Since the beginning of lockdown, I have got much more organised with meal planning and preparation. I'm thinking ahead, including a wider variety of meals and cooking most things from scratch. It's also made me think more about reducing my food waste and reusing what I can.

Unfortunately, this means I have also gained quite a bit of extra weight. My new found love of cooking has encouraged my already much established love of eating.

I'm hoping once I'm able to go out after the lockdown has been lifted, I can lose some of the extra weight and work on my food addiction.

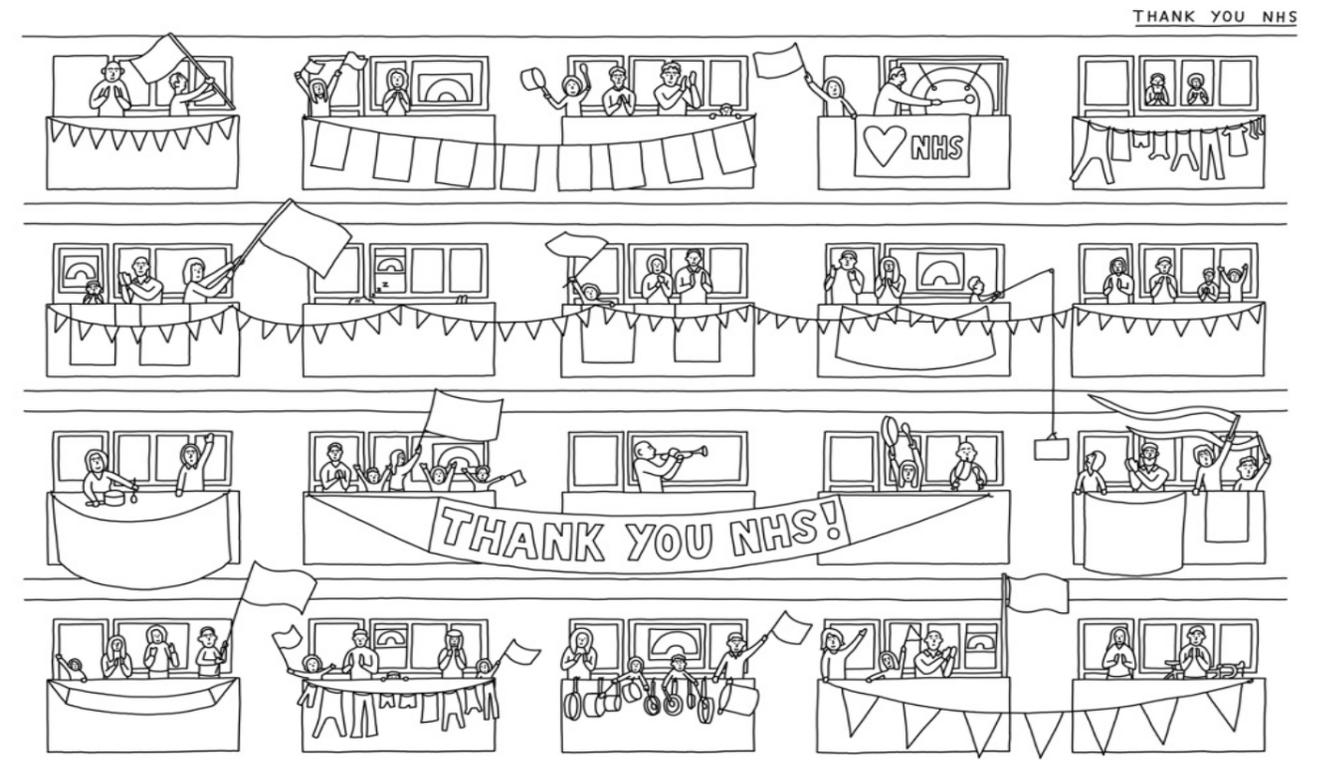


In regards to my faith, I've actually found it quite hard. I suppose it's been nice to have God to talk things through with and it has helped me hold onto something when at times I've felt like I'm drowning. It's like a constant thing when everything else is so crazy and all over the place. With everything changing it's the one thing I can come back to and it feels the same.

Jo Taylor



I feel the hardest part of lockdown for me is the loss of purpose. Normally I am a very busy person with lots of projects on the go. Lockdown has made me realise how unimportant all those 'little projects' and jobs were. It has made me really have to think and re-evaluate what I value and what I prioritise.



ALPHA ONLINE?

With the abrupt halt of our last Alpha course due to Covid-19, we have at last scheduled our first online Alpha course! Obviously there are a few changes as we will now be meeting on Zoom, however it brings a new feel to how Alpha works. Best of all, you can do it all from the comfort of your own sofa.

Alpha is a great opportunity to learn more about Jesus, ask some of the big questions like 'Is there more to life than this?' and meet like-minded people.

If you're nervous about using Zoom, please give us a call or message so we can put your mind at ease. It's not difficult to use, and the first time might be a bit scary but grab a cuppa and a biscuit, take a deep k with us!

**Stay Home.
Try Alpha Online**

#AlphaOnline



ONLINE SERVICES

WEEKDAYS:

8am Morning Prayer led by Rev Colin.

Live on Facebook, it will be available on our YouTube channel afterwards.

Midday Reflection

A short reflection including the Lord's Prayer.

4pm - Lifestreams Kids

Time for children and the young at heart to worship through songs, stories and art.

8pm - Night Prayer

A quiet time to reflect upon the day.

WEDNESDAYS:

9.30am - Communion led by Rev Colin

FRIDAYS:

7.30pm - Late Night Worship

Contemplative modern sung worship with words on screen.

SUNDAYS:

10.30am - All age worship with communion followed by coffee on Zoom.

7pm - Evening Prayer and reflection

A quiet time to reflect upon the day

UPDATES

1. It is possible that the Church buildings are able to open for private prayer on the 4th July. Please let us know if you would like to use the Church in this way.
2. Online consultations are underway to seek out the next Bishop of Chelmsford. Go to **<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/our-next-bishop>** to have your say, or contact us if you require a paper copy.
3. We are currently arranging for the Church to undergo a thorough clean before and during the possible opening of the building. We want to make sure it is 'Covid secure'.

PASTORAL CARE

How can we support you at this time?

Please give Kathy (33520), Rev Colin or Andreas (300402) a ring to speak to someone, arrange shopping or to be added to our prayer list.