

In crisis?

Huw is on sick-leave, and we pray for him in his illness and medical treatment, particularly in these difficult times.

Steady on!

How the world has changed in recent days. More than 150,000 people are recovering or have recovered from coronavirus and more and more people are recovering in the UK every day. But in the context of lockdown, imposed a few days ago, we seem as far from the recovery period as ever. A tiny percentage of the UK population has been diagnosed, and we will need a very substantial percentage to catch the disease to create a level of immunity that will slow or stop it, pending development of a successful vaccine.

The most important thing to do is to make the best of where we are; to plan for what lies ahead, and to think positively in order to live through a life still worth having, whatever the difficulties.

These are certainly scary times, with the uncertainty of the consequences of coronavirus weighing heavily on everybody. The health of our families and ourselves and the possibility of losing loved ones is a paramount concern, but so too are worries about our jobs, institutions the economy and society as a whole.

This is a global issue and there are many parts of the world where the dangers are even greater than in the UK – but we are all interlinked, commercially, politically, and just as fellow-human beings.

So what are our Christian duties?

It isn't simple selfishness to start with our own health. Anybody who contracts coronavirus will potentially pass it on to more people, and clearly that will be a bad thing that sustains exponential growth of the epidemic. Passing it on to vulnerable people is a particular danger – in particular to those who are already sick or elderly. And we are reminded that the NHS will be under huge and possibly crippling stress. Government action is aimed at slowing down the spread of coronavirus to alleviate this stress as much as possible, and that seems the best option just now.

Keeping away from the virus is important and always start with appropriate precautions for ourselves and to protect others with whom we must interact. But we can take it too far if, by stopping all personal activity, we create unnecessary hardship, loneliness or unhappiness for others. We may also become unnecessarily dependent on others who are already heavily stressed.

The fact is that we can and should continue to be good neighbours, when we can helping people out if they are less able to look after themselves with small jobs – perhaps even helping with meals, shopping and other errands, and providing moral support and relieving loneliness – a telephone call could be a lifesaver or a happy moment in a bleak day for an elderly or ill person. And being a good neighbour will also require us to be independent of others when and to the extent possible.

Our society depends heavily on vital services. It is fellow human beings who are medical professionals doctors dentists and many others, carers, workers, who run energy companies, who distribute, sell and deliver food, fuel and essential supplies, who enable communications and keep us informed about what is going on, and who provide a thousand services that we normally just take for granted. For most people involved in such services, there are additional risks of contact and infection (even if there are precautions taken), and we should be deeply grateful to those who just get on with their jobs and help maintain the life of others as well as their own. Thank you for what you do for us all!

Charities operating in the UK and elsewhere carry out important work, and not having them continue to do so can be life threatening, and will often remove help from the needy. You may well be working for a charity, but supporting charitable work by donation is a form of positive action that is surely particularly pertinent – so let us be prepared to open our purses for causes that particularly need support in these times – even though we may anticipate economic ills affecting us to come from the epidemic. There will be many deserving causes that work outside the UK.

As Christians we need to pray for our fellow humans in the face of this situation, and, more actively, to pray for a sense of compassion and guidance for ourselves and our families as to what we can do to take a positive contribution to our society as it makes its way through the coronavirus situation.

Keep in touch with God as our guide and Jesus as our inspiration and comforter.

De read the words of Archbishop Justin Welby on page 14.

Anthony Hodson, Co-Editor

In memoriam - Natalie

Natalie Lara Spring-Rice (née Robinson), age 50, passed away on 12th February 2020 at St David's nursing home, Ascot surrounded in love by her husband, parents and sister. Natalie had been suffering from advanced melanoma since November 2019. She touched the hearts of the many hospital staff she came into contact with and her dignity, strength and bravery were an inspiration to us all. The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 28th February and was packed out. It was beautifully led by Huw Mordecai and Richard Neill.

Natalie was born in London in 1969 and spent her childhood living in Iver and later Maidenhead. She attended Brigidine Convent and St Bernard's sixth form. Riding horses and listening to 80s bands were two of her passions as a teenager.

She later went on to study business at university and then worked in various marketing roles. Natalie met Jonathan Spring-Rice when they began working together at Towry Law. They married in 1997 and, after travelling in Australia, started a family. They had three children: Jamie, Reuben and Jemima and they also brought several rescued animals into their family home over the years.

No doubt inspired by her grandparents, who were missionaries in the 1940s, Natalie was an incredibly generous person who gave her time and energy to many people

whenever they needed help. In addition to working and bringing up a family, she also held Sunday school at St Mary's for many years, raised money for Peach, the autism charity, and, more recently, provided a lot of practical support to Cyprus Pride House, a charity that brings abandoned and abused dogs and cats to loving homes in England.

Another lovely quality Natalie had was a rather unique, nutty sense of humour, which brought a lot of joy to those around her but also helped her (and others) to get through many challenging times. Natalie was a loyal and warm friend, and her door was always open.

*Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes.
Because for those who love with heart and soul, there is no separation.*

-Rumi

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

Welcome to the following children, baptised into God's church recently:

Dottie Sheeran	1 March 2020	St Mary's
Spencer Streak	1 March 2020	St Mary's

At 9am on Saturday 4 April, there will be Baptism Preparation at St Mary's Church.

Funerals etc.

A funeral service for the late Mr Richard White took place on Tuesday 25 February 2020 at St Martin's church, followed by a committal at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

A memorial service for the late Mrs Natalie Spring-Rice was held at St Mary's church on Saturday 29th February 2020.

Requiescant in pace

EASTER MEMORIAL LILIES

Every Easter St Mary's Women's Guild flower arrangers decorate our beautiful church with white lilies donated by friends and family..

If you would like to purchase any lilies in memory of a loved one please contact Doreen Potter on 01344 886324.

The cost of each lily is £2.00 each.

Thank you

Doreen Potter



Standing notices

Please note that church and other local engagements and arrangements of all kinds may be affected by the coronavirus situation.

Please look for announcements on the Benefice Website www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk or the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield website www.fosmw.com

Office opening hours: Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon.

Contact info

Church Office: c/o St Martin's Church, Church Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RR
Phone: 01344 882933 or email admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk
Website: www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

If you are arranging an event, please contact Alison Burt in the Church Office, so that it can be noted in the Church diary and recorded on the website. Alison will endeavour to keep track of activities and timings etc. There will be no 9:15am prayers until further notice.

The Parish Mag is now bimonthly

The yearly issues will be Feb/Mar, Apr/May, Jun/Jul, Aug/Sep, Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan. The colour versions of present and past parish mag are accessible (without change other than colour from the printed version) on www.fosmw.com/parishmag. The webpage also supports flyers for local events. Please use this feature!

Parish Mag compilation & collation c/o www.fosmw.com

The collation date for the June/July edition is Friday 29 May 2020. The deadline for articles etc. for this edition is Sunday 10 May 2020.

Please volunteer to help us with the Parish Mag collation for an hour or so: contact Margaret Smith (Tel: 01344 882433 or mobile: 07709 285291 or email margaret@rosie25.plus.com). We also need help to manage the distribution of the printed magazine: please contact the church office (see page 4).

Safeguarding

The welfare of the children, young persons and vulnerable adults within our Benefice is at all times paramount and takes precedence over all other considerations. Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our parish and its churches. Should you have any safeguarding or welfare concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer; via the Church Office:

Mrs Camille Jeffs

Telephone 01344 882933 or email: safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries

May Day Fair and Splendid September Fair

The May Fay Fair is cancelled for this year. It will take place again in 2021.

However, the Splendid September Fair (following on 2019's successful Awesome August Fayre) will, if possible, take place on 5 September 2020.

ALMSHOUSE VACANCY

One of the flats managed by Winkfield Parochial Charities in Church Road, Winkfield has become available.

The small community, with seven other residents, provides accommodation for single elderly women who have retired and face financial difficulties. There is no warden, so residents must be capable of independent living.

The flat with a fully fitted kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom with a walk-in shower will be available shortly.

Please ring Richard Wyatt on 07522 306988 or e-mail winkfieldparochialcharities@outlook.com for more information.

Chavey Down Women's Institute

Our meeting in April is on Monday 20th in St Martins Church Hall at 7:45pm. Our speaker for that meeting will be one of our own members Venetia Hyslop talking on life in the Falkland Islands where she and her family have been living for the last two years.

Also on 6 April the Bailwick Group meeting takes place in St Martins Church Hall. The speaker that evening will be 'The Cockney Detective'.

Our May meeting is on Monday 18 May: it is our Resolutions meeting which will then be followed by 'The Cycle of Life' by Judy Young.

Visitors are always most welcome, so do come and give us a try.

Janey Bethune-Williams 883854

Windsor Artists

Windsor Artists Collective launch their 2020 exhibition programme with six exhibitions this year at the Windsor Parish Church as well as many other in the local area. A selection of our experienced and talented artists hold their first exhibition on Saturday 1st February 2020 at the Windsor Parish Church the second one is on Saturday 18 April. For many more exhibitions and opportunities to meet the artists, discuss your art requirements and buy direct go to the website www.windsor-artists.org – which also features gallery pages for each artist

Jonathan Greenyer Founder

Windsor
Artists
Collective

original innovative Art

Exhibition

meet our local artists & buy direct

Saturday 1st February & Saturday 18th April 11.00 - 5.00pm
Windsor Parish Church, High Street Windsor SL4 1LT
Near the Guildhall (Free Entry)

For details of more exhibitions and gallery pages for all our artists...
www.windsor-artists.org

Interested in Cricket??

Royal Ascot Cricket Club is keen to see new players and colts for 2020. It is a family club playing matches at Locks Ride Recreation ground Winkfield Row, with our main clubhouse and pitch inside Ascot Racecourse where all outdoor training takes place.

We run 4 adult teams in the Thames Valley Cricket League, 1 team in the Bracknell Midweek Cricket League, with friendlies on Sundays.

Senior indoor nets will commence Wednesday 26th February for 5 weeks, whilst outdoor nets are held on Tuesday evenings at the main Ascot ground.

We have an active boys and girls colts section from under 7s upwards playing competitive matches locally with a number representing the county. We are also involved in the All Stars Cricket Programme for 5-8 year olds organised via the ECB (English Cricket Board) ecb.co.uk Coaching for all colts is provided by outside coaches.

For further details please visit our website www.royalascotcc.co.uk or contact

Club Chairman Mark Wiggett on 07717 718506

Club Treasurer Richard Wyatt 07974 824583

4th Team and Midweek Captain Richard Baker 07894 983563

SERVICES ACROSS THE PARISH – APRIL & MAY 2020

These arrangements may be changed at short notice.

Services in St Mary's Church – April and May 2020

St Mary's, Winkfield – April 2020

April	Day	Time	Service
5	The Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday)	10am	Family Matins
		11:45am	No Baptism service today
7	Tuesday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Compline
9	Maundy Thursday	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10	Good Friday	2pm	An Hour at the Cross
12	Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10am	Family Communion (BCP)
19	The First Sunday after Easter	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
26	The Second Sunday after Easter	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Messy Church
		11am	Morning Prayer

St Mary's, Winkfield – May 2020

May	Day	Time	Service
3	The Third Sunday after Easter	10am	Family Communion
		11:45am	No Baptism service today
		1pm	Wedding
10	The Fourth Sunday after Easter	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10am	Family Matins
17	The Fifth Sunday after Easter	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		12:45pm	Holy Baptism
21	Ascension Day	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
24	The Sunday after Ascension Day	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Messy Church
		11am	Morning Prayer
31	Whit Sunday	9:30am	Family Praise

Services in St Martin's Church – April and May 2020

St Martin's, Chavey Down – April 2020

April	Day	Time	Service
5	Palm Sunday	9:30am	All Together
6	Monday of Holy Week	7:30pm	Compline
9	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	Holy Communion
12	Easter Day	9:30am	Holy Communion
19	2 nd Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Morning Prayer
26	3 rd Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Holy Communion including

St Martin's, Chavey Down - May 2020

May	Day	Time	Service
3	4th Sunday of Easter	9:30am	All Together
10	5th Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Holy Communion
17	6th Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Morning Prayer
24	7th Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Holy Communion
31	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	9:30am	Morning Prayer

Services in St Peter's Church – April and May 2020

St Peter's church, Cranbourne – April 2020

April	Day	Time	Service
5	Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	SPATS – All Together
8	Wednesday of Holy Week	7:30pm	Compline
10	Good Friday	10am	Stations of the Cross
12	Easter Day	11am	Holy Communion
19	2 nd Sunday of Easter	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer
26	3 rd Sunday of Easter	11am	Holy Communion

St Peter's church, Cranbourne – May 2020

May	Day	Time	Service
3	4 th Sunday of Easter	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	SPATS – All Together

May	Day	Time	Service
10	5 th Sunday of Easter	11am	Holy Communion
17	6 th Sunday of Easter	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer
21	Ascension	7:30pm	Holy Communion
24	7 th Sunday of Easter	11am	Holy Communion
31	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer

Flowers & Cleaning Rotas – April and May 2020

St Mary's church

Dates	Flowers
3 April	Esther Bond and Doreen Potter
10 April Good Friday	All Church Flower Arrangers
17 and 24 April	Penny Cardwell and Lyla Heighes
1 and 8 May	Arabella Cameron and Doreen Potter
15 and 22 May	Jane Hodgson and Anna Clayton
29 May	Esther Bond and Doreen Potter

St Martin's church

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
5 April	Stockdale/Elliot	
12 April	ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS	Crane
19 April		
26 April	Zerilli/Randall	Paramor
3 May	Zerilli/Randall	
10 May	Atkinson	Dickinson
17 May	Phillips/Logan	
24 May	Phillips/Logan	Luff
31 May	Bunker/Smith	

What's on in April / May 2020

Please check that these are going ahead before attending.

Special events – April and May 2020

No special events for April are recorded, other than Baptism Preparation at St Mary's Church on 4 April (see page 3)

On 2 May, the Founder's Choir will give a fund-raising concert in St Mary's Church (see page 13).

Regular events (see also www.fosmw.com/parishmag)

Please check that these are going ahead before you leave!

Day	Event
Mondays not including Bank Holidays	Ascot Bridge Club – Chavey Down, Ascot. For more information please call David Calcutt on 886412, or visit the web site www.ascotbridge.org.uk
	Pilates with Amanda Mann at St Martin's Church from 9:30-10:30am & 10:45-11:45am. Visit the website: www.amandamann.uk.com or email info@amandamann.uk.com or call Amanda on 07767 816499
	Ballet With Victoria Lyons at St Peters Hall. For more information call 638538.
Mondays not including Bank Holidays	Ascot Yoga 7:45-9pm at Carnation hall. Visit www.AscotFitness.co.uk for more info or contact Flo Young on 07711 077038 or email Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk
2nd Monday of the month	Whist Drive at 7:30pm in the White Hart, Church Road, SL4 4SE
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls at Carnation Hall at 7pm. For more information please ring 882137 or 301158
1st Tuesday of the month	St Mary's Women's Guild meeting at 2:30pm, now always at St Mary's church.
Wednesdays	EXTEND – fun, fitness & movement classes for the over-60s. 10:30-11:30am at St Martin's Church Hall, SL5 8RR. Please contact Elizabeth Wright AISTID tel: 883078 or email: lizziewright25@hotmail.com

Day	Event
	<p>Social Dancing for over 50s with Ballroom Dancing and Line Dancing at 1:30pm-3:30pm at Coopers Hill Hall next to Bracknell Station. £2.50. Phone Lynda on tel no: 01344 451878.</p> <p>Zumba gold class at St Peter's church hall 7-8pm</p> <p>Chavey Down Association Bingo Club at St Martin's Hall (fortnightly) at 8pm contact Monica or David on 884348.</p> <p>The NOMADS Table Tennis Club at Carnation Hall, For more information contact Mike on 773939.</p> <p>Pilates classes at Carnation Hall: Contact Rebecca on 07748 603145 or email: pilatesascot@btinternet.com or visit www.pilatesascot.co.uk.</p> <p>Soft Furnishing/Dressmaking Courses on Wednesdays. Day and evening courses. Places available. Please contact Sally Beer on tel no: 01344 882528 for further details, the venue schedule and timings.</p>
2nd Wednesday of the month	Ascot Horticultural Society meets at 7:45pm in King Edward's Hall, North Ascot (unless otherwise stated). All welcome. Admission: members £1 and visitors £2.50. Details on www.ascorthorticulturalsociety.org.uk or call Peter Cleare on 01344 622086.
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month	Ascot Speakers meet at The Parks Community Centre, 8-10 Nicholson Park, Bracknell RG12 9QN from 7:30-9:45pm. Visit: Ascot Speakers: www.ascotspeakers.org.uk and Toastmasters International: www.toastmasters.org
Thursdays	<p>CHAT & CRAFT – now including Scrabble and Bridge. Between 2 and 4pm at St Peters Church. Entry £1. Open to all. Finish that project, enjoy a good game, or just come for a cuppa and chat. For more information please contact Anne Crewe on 01344 885091 or email: annecrewe83@gmail.com</p> <p>The Carnation Badminton Club plays on Thursdays at Carnation Hall, 8-10pm. New members welcome.</p> <p>CLUBBERCISE Dance Fitness class at Carnation Hall 7-8pm, For more info, please see www.Ascot Fitness.co.uk or contact Flo Young on 07711077038 or Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk</p>

Winkfield and North Ascot Good Neighbours Scheme

We are always looking for people to join us as drivers. If you have some spare time, are patient, caring and in good health, you could volunteer and make a big difference to local people. Interested? Please contact Lynne Wilkes on 01344 884947 or email to lynnebobben@btinternet.com or see our flyer on www.fosmw.com

Wanted - Rainbows and Brownies



Did you know Rainbows and Brownies doesn't just run on weekdays?

**We have spaces at
North Ascot & Bracknell Rainbow & Brownie Unit**

for girls aged 5 to 10 years old.
The unit runs one Saturday morning a month.

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK.
We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them a
space to have fun.

Please email Fiona nascotandwinkfieldguiding@gmail.com for more info or apply at
www.girlguiding.org.uk/register-your-daughter/

Caring Challenging Empowering Fun Inclusive Inspiring

News from around the Parish

Bell Ringers report March 2020

After the seasonal rush in December which finished off with the hand bell rally that we organised at the beginning of January we had a quiet period until the AGM rally in Ash which had a "Swiss" theme – we rang a lovely 'Shepherd' piece that involved cowbells which was fun.

Our next performance in church is on Sunday 29 March – it would be lovely to see as many people as possible there; we are practicing hard!

We have also been asked to ring at the Easter Day service and have been practicing hard for that too – it is always a wonderful service!

The tower bells have continued to ring before all services and we appreciated the opportunity to ring both before and after the very moving memorial service for Natalie (see page 2).

Our ever popular quiz night was a success raising just over £700 for the electrics fund. Many thanks to Sarah, Kathryn and Ally for organising it this year and to all of you came and supported the event – keep an eye out for next years date. . .

We do need more people to join us ringing, both hand and tower, if we are to continue with all our events. As you can see we are a sociable lot with plenty of events to join in with if wanted so why not make 2020 the year that you come and have a go?? Bell ringing is a good workout for the mind and the body as well as being very satisfying. Also good fun!!

Jill Glennerster 01344 884071



Friends of St Mary's Winkfield www.fosmw.com

The AGM took place on 21 February - the report of the meeting is on our website www.fosmw.com.

The Founders Choir of the Royal Holloway College will be performing at St Mary's on Saturday 2 May. The concert will be an evening of music for choir, soloist and organ, and will be conducted by Luke Saint who has been playing the organ for many services at St Mary's for over two years. Tickets are £12 and £3 for children under 13 available in church and on the website – just go to www.fosmw.com and press the green [Founder's Choir concert tickets] button, which will take you to the online booking page, and this links to a big button to buy adult or children's tickets.

Our Autumn fund raiser 'Splendid September Fayre' will take place on Saturday 5 September from 12noon 4pm in Carnation Hall. Several stalls are already booked if you would like to participate please contact St Mary's Choir ??????????

St Mary's Women's Guild

Doreen Potter advised members that she would, again, be preparing the posies for Mothering Sunday. She also reminded members that Easter Lilies would be available for purchase in memory of a loved one. The price to remain at £2 each.

Doreen and the flower arrangers are providing the floral contribution for a wedding on April 16.

The Open House date at Judy Warren's is on Tuesday 7 July from 2.30pm. There will be a plant stall and a cake stall and of course a raffle. All proceeds will be for St Mary's church.

Please make a note of the date.

The Church Recorders have nearly finished their report. They have advised that an altar book kept in the Blane Chapel dating from 1930 is shown for sale on Amazon. There are several other interesting books kept in the Chapel and in view of this it was thought sensible to seek some expert advice.

The meeting ended with the Grace.

Lesley Philpot
President

St Mary's Choir

Rehearsals for St Mary's Choir take place before the services 9:20am on 1st and 2nd Sundays and 10:20am on 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

The new Stopford communion service sung at Family Communion has proved popular.



"The organist isn't too sure about it,
he says he can't play that fast."

brother Matthew was a very talented performer on the oboe in the 2019 Music and Merriment concert.

If anyone would like to join the choir please contact Lesley Philpot,
lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com or 01344 427561

Lesley Philpot

Luke Saint, one of our organists, will be conducting the Royal Holloway Founders choir in a concert of an Evening of Music – a selection of works for choir, soloists and organ at 7:30pm on Saturday 2 May at St Mary's. Tickets are available in church and on line – just go to www.fosmw.com and press the green [Founder's Choir concert tickets] button, which will take you to the online booking page, and this links to a big button to buy adult or children's tickets.

On Sunday 23 February Harvey Lin, a piano finalist in the 2020 BBC Young Musician competition, gave a wonderful recital of his competition piece immediately following Morning Prayer. We wish him every success! Harvey is an academic and music scholar at Eton College, and is also thriving as an organist in the school's outstanding organ department. He lives locally, and his younger

Thoughts of all sorts

A message from Archbishop Justin Welby, 13 March 2020

As we continue responding to Coronavirus, a lot of us are wondering how we can walk in faith, resist fear, and support those who are most vulnerable.

The first thing to say is that following the advice of experts – especially about washing our hands regularly and self-isolating if we have cold or flu symptoms – is a really important place to start.

But what else can we do? Well, the thing about having hope, faith and courage is that although they are gifts from God, we can do our bit to nurture them.

We can take some time to sit quietly and pray, letting God know about those things that are on our hearts and minds. When we do that, we make that connection with God that nourishes and sustains us.

We can pray for those who are physically vulnerable. Those who are financially insecure and worried about needing to take time off work. Those who live in countries without public healthcare systems. Those who do not have family or friends and are facing this situation alone.

We can pray for healthcare workers and political leaders who are responding to this crisis and bearing the incredible responsibility of trying to keep us safe.

That brings us to resisting fear. One way to avoid being overwhelmed by fear is turning our attention to helping someone. Is there a person in your life, or your community, that you could call on the phone and see if they're okay? Maybe it was someone that you prayed for?

Perhaps they can't get to the shops – could you pick up some groceries for them? Perhaps they are self-isolating and feeling lonely – could you call them on the phone and see how they are?

If you have some spare income, or some spare food, could you donate to your local food bank?

Let's remember that we are in this together. Let's look after ourselves and our communities, gain courage from each other, and walk together in hope and faith.

As it says in Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

This message was first published on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Facebook page

Enjoyable education visit www.gresham.ac.uk

Many of us will spend most of our time housebound over the next few weeks. Here is a splendid way of taking advantage of it!

Gresham College was established as a result of the will of the great Elizabethan financier, Sir Thomas Gresham, to give free public lectures to Londoners.

This amazing organisation is still going, with Gresham Professors who are the top of the class giving stimulating lectures that lay people can engage with. All lectures are streamed on Youtube, and all you need to do is visit the College website www.gresham.ac.uk and select as many lectures as you like – and enjoy them for free!

Of particular interest are the lectures of Chris Whitty, now the UK's chief medical officer, who was the Gresham Professor of Physic (medicine and biology) until 2019.

However, you can be entertained and educated on a broad range of topics, from Astronomy to Law, and you do not have to be knowledgeable in any particular subject to become absorbed in the lecture.

Children's Corner

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42

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