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Flowers at Purley

Revd Alison Southcombe reports:

“let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise.”
Hebrews 13: 15



Even in these difficult circumstances if we think we have nothing to praise God for - then the Word urges us to look again. There is within the acts of praise and gratitude to the Lord a transforming power that changes our lives.



Easter Sunday Zoom Service

Revd Alison Southcombe reports:

This coming Sunday the 12th April the ministry team invite you to join a Zoom service for Easter Sunday worship.

The service will start at 10.45am but the link will be active from 10.30am to allow you to join the Zoom platform and have some time to greet each other. The service will last approximately 40 minutes.

To receive the link to join the service please see the opt-in information below.



Maurice Denis 1894 Easter Morning, Holy Women at the Tomb [oil on canvas]
Musée Départemental, Saint-Germain-en-Laye

To continue to receive links to online Zoom worship services, you'll need to opt in!

Thanks to those who have already subscribed to receive the link for Zoom worship services, you are now on the database.

GDPR regulation means I have to ask those who have not already done so, to opt in to continue to receive email invitations to future General Conference of the New Church online worship services. Even if you have received the link before, you will need to ask to subscribe to continue to have the link sent to you.

Please email alison.southcombe@purleychasecentre.org.uk with the word subscribe and once you've done this, you're automatically on the list for each week. You can also email me at any time to unsubscribe.

To confirm I won't be processing any requests to subscribe after 5pm on a Friday as this means I can focus on preparing the service with my ministry colleagues. Requests to subscribe received after the cut off will be added to the database the following week. Thanks for your understanding.

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**Easter Message from Revd Clifford Curry****Gemma McLean reports:**

Revd Clifford Curry has written a letter about the current situation, which is available to view and download from the Bournemouth New Church web site:

bournemouthnewchurch.uk/covid19letter.pdf

**Thank You****Judith Wilson writes:**

A thank you.....for all that is happening in our Church in this challenging time, a time that is making us slow down and discover what is important in our lives. I think this will prove to be a very valuable time, but one in which I hope you all keep well.

I am sure that I can speak for you all in thanking our Ministers for the worship in which we are all invited to join. The Palm Sunday Service was a lovely experience of praise to the Lord, whether one was watching and hearing, or just hearing, the service. We were encouraged to join in by computer, pads or phones and many people have expressed their joy to me. Thank you, and we look forward to meeting again on Sunday.



It's so good to have the equipment, including the essential telephone, to enable us to keep in touch with each other in many small but important ways. Thank you to Gemma for our continuing E-News and E-Read, and to all contributors. We've had a first letter in response to an article and a first video to watch. 😊 If you know of anyone who cannot receive these but would enjoy them, perhaps you could send them copies for a while – I am sure that some of you are.

The next Council Meeting is cancelled, as are all our face to face meetings at present, but we are able to communicate and the work is being done in the background - even preparation for Conference is underway with the programme being ready - but we do not know the future of that as yet.

Meanwhile let us continue to communicate, worship together and find joy in our shared love of the Lord.

Happy Easter to you all.

Judith Wilson

Chair of the Conference Council





Easter Rally 2020

Jenny Jones writes:

Today marks the end of Easter Rally 2020... we worshipped at Radcliffe New Church on Palm Sunday, studied the correspondences of animals in the bible and went go-karting.

OK - we didn't then 😞... but let's hope that we will have done all these things this time next year! . 😊

Instead, we met on a Monday evening via Zoom for a virtual get-together, a chat and a quiz. We thought that E-News readers might like to have a try at some of our quiz questions... fetch yourself a pen and paper and remember; no googling!

- 1) How many spiders do you swallow a year in your sleep?
- 2) Do astronauts become taller or shorter due to their time in space?
- 3) Which is the most common bird in the world?
- 4) Guess the weight of a hippo not in kilograms but in "average sized men"?
- 5) What percentage of households have a pet?
- 6) In total, which artist or band has spent the most time at the top of the UK singles chart?
- 7) How many babies are born in the world every minute?
- 8) If you divided all the lego bricks equally between each person alive, how many would they have each?
- 9) How many teaspoons of sugar are in a 2 Litre bottle of coke?
- 10) Which city (measured by population) is the largest in the world?
- 11) What colour cars are most likely to be involved in a crash?
- 12) True or False: the colour orange is named after the fruit?
- 13) Which fast food company has the most outlets in the world?
- 14) What household chore do most people say they dislike doing?
- 15) The mayor of San Pedro, a town in Mexico, marries an animal every year to bring good luck. Which animal does he marry?

Good luck!

Answers in the next E-News.



Reader Contributions



“And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely
just as they were healed themselves.”

Although this poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Meara,
referring to famine, it resonates with our situation today.
It speaks of hope and spiritual renewal.

Marion Curry

