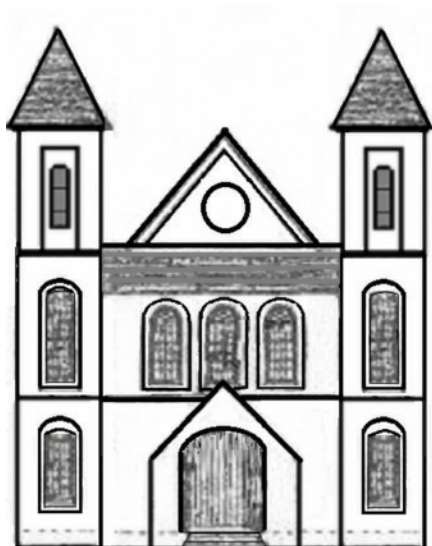


Wye Connect

28 June 2020



The “lockdown” magazine of Trinity and
Cores End United Reformed Churches



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Sunday worship

Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

Recently I was leading a Bible reflection using the method called 'Lectio Divina' which is a prayerful chewing over of a passage from scripture. I was using video conferencing and we were reflecting on the passage from Philippians where Paul invites his readers to rejoice in the Lord always and to move from human anxiety to a sense of God's peace. One of the participants was in a summer house and while we reflected on the passage in silence we all could hear a blackbird singing their heart out. We felt there was an extra participant in all we later shared.

Have you noticed the bird song more this year? Is that simply because we have had more time during lockdown to listen? Or because there has been less competition from traffic noise? Or have the birds really been singing longer and louder? Has the planet let out a gasp from the reduction in human pollution and activity?

I've heard that a team of scientists are studying what they have called the 'anthropause' caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the resulting global slowdown of human activity. They want to explore the impact of humanity on the rest of the species that 'share our increasingly crowded planet'. They are not suggesting that humanity remain in permanent lockdown but there may be ways in which we can mitigate the harmful impact on the natural world.

So have we learnt anything from this 'anthropause'? We need time to absorb and reflect on the lessons of recent months – the hard lessons and positive ones too. It may be about recognising what is really important and what is not really necessary at all. It may be of valuing those things and people that have been in the background of our lives – taken for granted day by day. It may be of re-examining our values and beliefs, exploring how far we truly trust in God's love for ourselves and for all. It may be about facing our fears or letting go of our frustrations. Part of prayer is about a kind of 'anthropause' – a stopping and being still and waiting upon God. Be still and know that I am God, says the Lord, or as another version puts it: 'let be then: learn that I am God.' (Psalm 46.10 NEB).

So as 4 July (Independence Day?) approaches resist the temptation to rush back to 'normality' whatever that is; we will not be returning to normal anytime soon. Instead allow that pause to lead into a prayer of thankfulness for each and every gift and blessing from God – which comes in so many shapes and sizes.. In the words of a simple prayer for each day, 'The Day is yours, Eternal One. Give me the grace to live it well.'



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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Not included in this version

CHURCH OFFERING

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH



We very much appreciate the continued generosity of members in both churches, supporting the church financially during this difficult time. Please continue to give regularly so that we can continue the work and mission God is calling us to do. The best way is by Standing Order, though if this is not possible a bank transfer or a cheque in the post are much appreciated too. Thank you

Please contact the treasurers for more details:

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WORSHIP IN JUNE ...

Thank you to everyone who took part in worship online during June. Highlights included:

- People's photos in the preparation time for worship (now being collected into 'Photo Tours' by our techie team. Please keep sending them in to photos@trinity-urc.org.uk
- Lots of people from both churches have been taking part, reading, leading prayers and giving talks. The shared saying of the grace (on 21 June) was rather special.
- The joint singing group grows! It's been good to have more members from both churches singing some of the songs in worship. I hope this will continue (even when we return to worship in our church buildings as to begin with there will be no singing in church). For more information contact Geoff Britt or Martin Drake).
- Rebecca Hawes' great all age talk on holding faith, using a bag full of water and four pencils (you can see it on our youtube channel). Rebecca also gave an update on the work of Youth for Christ in High Wycombe.

We continue to send out activity sheets for children and families. Roots provides free materials for children and families at <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/>.

...AND IN JULY

The latest easing of lockdown means that churches will be allowed to open for worship after 4 July, but need to do so after suitable preparation and under strict conditions. The elders are working on preparations to do this, but realise that many will not continue to stay in their homes for the time being. Our plan is to provide worship online alongside any worship that take place in our buildings.

Worship will continue online at 10.30 am (and available online anytime after that or through script or dvd). The link is

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGU0XI7GgEXwutvo2kRLPg/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The theme for worship on 5 July is the wonders of creation and God's call on us to care for the planet. It will be partly filmed from the Meadow at Cores End and includes a short talk from Mike Shrubsole (former minister of Trinity and the convener of the URC Green Apostles and Environmental Task Group).

The theme for worship on 12 July will be our place within the global Church and in particular the United Reformed Church here in the UK. We will be praying for our new General Secretary, John Bradbury and New Moderators of General Assembly Clare Downing and Peter Pay.

We will update you about worship for the rest of July/ August as soon as we can.

CHURCH MEETINGS IN JULY

We are planning to hold Church Meetings via Zoom in July to reflect on our work during the pandemic lockdown and our plans for the future.

The date of Trinity Church Meeting is 7 July at 7.30 pm

Cores End Church Meeting is on 13 July at 7.30 pm.

Details and agendas will be circulated very soon.

Online Home Groups and Prayer

Trinity Homegroup (Tuesday evenings, via Zoom) – 14, 28 July and 11 August

The Group has been looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians
more details from Marian and Martin D

Trinity Prayers (Wednesday Mornings, via Zoom) – 1 and 15 July 9.30 am. More information
from Kate Y or Terry H.

Ecumenical Homegroup (Thursday evenings via Zoom) – 2 and 16 July 8.15 pm

The group is studying John's Gospel. More details from John S

Bible Reflection (Lectio Divina) – a third session on 22 July at **10.30 am**. Half an hour prayerfully
reflecting on a bible passage. June's passage was Philippians 4. 1 – 9. Contact Terry H for more
information.

DVD in aid of Cores End Toilet Refurbishment Funds

During the lockdown, and enjoying the wonderful services put together by Terry and the technical team of Trinity, I decided to write a lighthearted song "Virtual Church." This was followed by the notion that it could be used as a catalyst for folk to make a donation towards the refurbishment of our toilet facilities at Cores End which, hopefully, will take place during this summer. The DVD shows pictures of Cores End Church and grounds together with other pictures and drawings to fit in with the lyrics. To make it more value for money, I recorded six more songs with pictures, three being my own compositions.

2. "**Lula** - Somewhere over the Rainbow" features Lula, our daughter Karen's dog on this classic 1939 song from The Wizard of Oz. Both stayed with us, isolating, for 11 weeks, and this was one of the projects that we had fun doing during that time. As well as pictures and video of Lula, she also has a go at singing and speaking with prompts from Karen.

3. "**Meditation**" speaks for itself; enjoy the pictures of a beautiful part of our world or just let the music help with relaxation.

4. "**Sailing**," made famous by Rod Stewart, but composed by Gavin Sutherland, is accompanied by some of my drawings on a nautical theme.

5. "**You got me singing**" is a Leonard Cohen song (one of my greatest songwriting heroes) and features our daughter Debbie assisting me with the vocals. The pictures of Slate Meadow, which is due to be ruined by housing development, include a bear and friends that you might recognise.

6. "**Our self indulgent days**" comes from many years of my lobbying parliament to do something about the appalling air quality which especially affects our children, and which now threatens life on our planet in so many different ways.

7. "**Meditation 2**" is of a similar format to "Meditation."

I hope that you enjoy this production and that we get to use the refurbished toilets of Cores End in the not too distant future. The DVD will shortly be available in different formats suitable for TV's, PC's, or Mac computers. Please email me on berylgeoffbritt@gmail.com or phone 01628 525387 to place an order and how to make a donation.

Remembering Norman Reeves

11 June 1934 -14 May 2020



Norman at his graduation
on 23 January 1985



Pat and Norman on 8 May 2020 at
the street VE Day celebrations

A simple burial service was held on 4 June at Four Ashes Cemetery, High Wycombe to give thanks for Norman's life and to commend him to God's safe keeping. A small group of family, friends and neighbours attended to support Pat. A colleague from teaching days Judith Palfreman read Psalm 23. Then Terry read John 14. 1-3, 27 and gave this short address:

"Today's restrictions mean that we are few in number and unable to gather in church or chapel, but for all those limitations we are here in this peaceful place to give thanks for Norman and to know that he is at peace with God. So we give thanks for Norman and bring together our memories of him. We remember his roots deep in this area of Buckinghamshire, his long teaching career and all the children and adults he influenced and blessed by his life and work. He shared that love of teaching with Pat – and so we remember their 52 years of devoted married life, living in the same house for the whole of their lives together. We remember his love of the garden and of nature; his interest and care for the environment and all creatures great and small.

"He was a good neighbour, kind and gentle – and that neighbourhood supported him and Pat – and does so today

"And Norman was a member of the church, part of Trinity Church in High Wycombe for more than 50 years. Ill health kept him from attending church in recent days, but in the past he very much enjoyed attending and reading the scripture reading every so often.

"One Church member wrote to me, saying 'Norman was a quiet, private man - very well educated and a true gentleman. He was always smartly dressed, a member of Trinity for many years. I found Norman's Bible reading during morning service always perfect - something I remember and looked forward to hearing his reading of the Lesson. Norman will be remembered with affection. I will be thinking and praying for Pat today.'

"Our readings today assure us that even in the darkest – the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us – and God is faithful and full of compassion and peace. Let not your hearts be troubled, Jesus told his disciples as he faced his own death. And he shared his peace with them – such peace as the world cannot give. We pray that peace for Norman, safe in God's love – and we pray that peace for each other."

We keep Pat in our love and prayers.

Buildings as lockdown is eased

Trinity Church building will be opened up this month for limited use and we will keep you posted about details. For the time being do not enter without asking permission from our building officer Simon E.

Cores End Church building is still closed at present but there are plans for limited opening very soon. The Montessori Group are aiming to reopen for 2 weeks from 6 July under a very careful regime. Again for the time being do not enter without referring to the minister.

Cores End Grounds and Meadow

The Cores End grounds have proved to be an attractive place for people to sit and reflect or meet friends (at a suitable distance). For those able and willing to climb over the stile the Meadow is a lovely spot to walk round or to sit.

There is plenty to do in this nature area, especially in preparation for the gateway that will make the area accessible to all. It would be great if those who have got the time and energy could do some work there. The tasks in particular are:

- Clear the compost/ grass clippings away from the wall, in particular at the dog leg bend, so that a gateway can be re-established (we found that there had been an opening in the wall at that point). Some care is needed as there are some bees in this area.
- Remove the nettles that are growing in this compost / along the wall.
- Clear grass from the base of any trees planted.
- Create a new path around the edge of the plot (avoiding the tiny trees planted there).

If you would like to come and do some work on the land – on Saturday 11 July at 10 am – 12 noon (or at another time) please contact the minister.



Most holy Lord to you we pray
That at the start of each new day
With heart-felt thanks we each my say
“GOOD morning, God.”

God, the psalmist’s rock and tower
Protect us in our darkest hour
Shield us when the storm-clouds lour,
And keep us safe.

God the Father of Us all
In your name for help WE call,
Hold Us close in case We fall.
WE are your world.

Lord, you tell me to ask and so I ask you a question but I do not understand the answer so I ask what that answer means. Again I do not understand so I ask why. The next time I ask how and so it goes on.

I ask and ask. I ask different questions because slowly I see that in order to get the right answer, the one that makes perfect sense, I must ask the right question. One day I know that will happen and I shall know it is right because you in whom I trust will have given it to me. Thank you.

And thank you for teaching me the importance of questions: we must always ask them.

Remember Jesus often answered questions with questions. In his Name , Amen

Prayers submitted by Olive S

LOOKING OUT

Eco Fun Day at Cores End 11 July

It won't be happening in the way planned, but we will be sending out eco bags (with gifts and activities etc) for children to use at home. You are also warmly invited to come and visit the Meadow at Cores End (a small working party will be there in the morning). We begin our focus on God's creation with worship on 5 July.

ONE CAN Keep Collecting

Thank you for continuing to collect for the One Can Foodbank – even more important at the moment as the economic effects of recent months are felt. There are many different collecting points (supermarkets etc) for food donations and the warehouse is open for donations Tuesday – Thursday from 10.00am- 12.00pm. Jo Belshaw the new Procurement Officer says that they really need tinned meat / protein at the moment (and not so many biscuits and chocolates). Cash donations are also very welcome. More details from <https://onecantrust.org.uk/>

JARS OF CHANGE FOR WATERAID – let's just keep collecting

Thank you to all at Cores End and beyond who are collecting for Water Aid. Its work is so vital at this time of crisis www.wateraid.org/uk/.

COMPASSION

Trinity supports the work of *Compassion* and in particular sponsors a child through this charity. *Compassion* wrote recently asking for donations during the Covid-19 pandemic. Elders agreed to send £200 towards general funds. It is hoped that we can have a speaker during September and then sponsor a second child. More information about *Compassion UK* can be found at <https://www.compassionuk.org/>

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Both churches are involved in supporting the Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal. Cores End boxes will be collected on Sunday 25 October and Trinity Church on Sunday 1 November. Daphne Stopforth our local organiser will be giving out more information nearer the time. The charity is continuing its work in Eastern Europe at the moment under difficult circumstances. You can find out more at <https://linktohope.co.uk/>

COVID19 MASKS

If you want to help make some (or need a mask – for a donation to charity) please contact Rosie Kimber (Cores End) or Julia Sparks (Trinity). Congratulations to Rosie who is nearing her 100th mask!



EcoTip from A Rocha - Looking after wildlife in hot weather. Please take a moment to think how you might be able to help nature during hot weather: provide a shallow dish of water for thirsty birds, mammals and even insects (make sure you change this water daily); top up your bird feeder and scatter some tasty apple chunks for thrushes and other animals; provide a shady spot using rocks, stone slabs, tall grass for frogs, toads and newts seeking shelter from the sun; top up your pond; water your plants (from a rain barrel) and lastly, keep it a bit messy! Wilder areas can provide shelter for a wide range of wildlife

LIGHTHOUSE LIVE 27 - 31 JULY 2020

Calling all children and young people



From **Monday 27th to Friday 31st July 2020** we will be **online** with **Lighthouse Live**. There will be a morning and afternoon live Mainstage session full of everything we all love about Lighthouse - songs, actions, messy games, gunge, drama, craft, Bible stories, prayer and so much more!

REGISTER AT <https://lighthousecentral.org/>



Chiltern Local Area Group at work

The Group held its AGM on 7 June via Zoom, covering a packed agenda. We were able to thank Anne Sardeson for her work as training officer and wish her well in her new work. We were also joined by Lorraine Downer, the Thames North Synod Children's and Youth Development Officer (CYDO), who updated us on her work. Remco van de Heuvel from Wendover gave a powerful reflection on the lockdown and the challenges and opportunities it had brought the Church. The meeting didn't have time to discuss this, so two sessions were arranged to follow up on this and to enable us to share experiences and insights.

Our prayers are especially with those churches that have ministerial vacancies at this time – Trinity and Kingsway Churches in Slough and Chesham URC. The Group also prays for our churches as we consider the next steps with our CRCW post.

URC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

The United Reformed Church cancelled its 2020 General Assembly, the first time the meeting has been cancelled since the URC was founded in 1972. Mission Council, the executive body of the URC, will meet via video conferencing for a few hours' business on Friday 10 July. Saturday 11 July will primarily be an act of worship to induct the new Moderators of the General Assembly, the Revd Clare Downing and Mr Peter Pay, and the new General Secretary, the Revd Dr John Bradbury, into office, and will be live streamed. More details on the URC website www.urc.org.uk

URC GUIDES FOR THE FUTURE

The URC has produced two excellent discussion papers for churches to use in the months ahead as we come out of Lockdown:

Ready for the new 'normal'- a discussion paper for a pandemic recovery and resumption plan

Many people are asking, "When the lockdown starts to ease, what MUST resume, what SHOULDN'T and what might we do differently?" This guide is drawn together from discussion with our local churches and officers serving the Church. It aims to help churches making a plan now to carry them past lockdown and into a healthy future.

New reality, same Mission - A stimulus to renewed community engagement

To compliment the URC discussion paper Ready for the new 'normal', members of the URC's Church Related Community Work, Mission and Discipleship teams, along with Church Action on Poverty, have produced a new booklet to enable individuals and local churches to explore, in more detail, questions of community presence and engagement and social justice in the new reality which we all face, as we emerge from the pandemic.

The Lockdown School of Cookery.

The absence of any contributions to this topic must lead one to the assumption that readers are surviving on tins of beans etc. Come on folks - prove me wrong!

Black Lives Matter: URC Youth stands in solidarity



In response to the global Black Lives Matter movement, the United Reformed Church Youth Executive released the following statement:

Jesus has called us to love our neighbours, and we choose to do this by standing in solidarity with them when they face injustice and persecution.

The URC Youth Executive stands with the current movement dedicated to ending the systemic oppression of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) individuals both in the UK and across the world.

We hope to affirm our commitment to being anti-racist and will take this opportunity to consciously examine our own practices to see where we can do better.

We urge all who are affiliated with URC Youth to apply the same principles to themselves and seek out education on these issues where possible.

<https://urc.org.uk/news/3511-black-lives-matter-urc-youth-stands-in-solidarity>

The URC issued a statement in response to the brutal killing of George Floyd, opposing all forms of racism and injustice.

Local church leaders in High Wycombe and in the Bourne End/ Wooburn/ Flackwell area also issued statements of solidarity, adding their voices to the protest.

Test Your Bible Skills - the answers to last month's puzzle

This is **A MOST** re**MARK**able puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to **HonoluLU**. **KE**eping himself occupied for hours.

One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **JOHN** boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his ban**JO**. **EL**ain Victs mentioned it in her column once. One woman **JUDGES** the **JOB** to be so difficult; **sHE BREWS** a cup of tea to help calm her nerv**ES**. **THER**e will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fACT**. **S**ome people will soon find themselves in a **JAM**. **ES**pecially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The **tRUTH** is, **fROM ANSW**ers we get, we are forced to admit **IT US**ually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of the **M AT THE W**orst. Something in our **GENES IS** responsible for the difficulty we have. **THOSE A**ble to find all of them will hear great **LAM- ENTATIONS** from those who need to be shown. One **REVELATION** may help: books like **TIMOTHY** and **SAMUEL** may occur without their **NUMBERS**. And punctuation's or spaces in the middle are nor**MAL**. **A CH**ipper attitude will help you com**PETE**. **R**emember there are twenty-five books of the Bible lur**KING S**omewhere in this paragraph.

URC urges Christians to oppose West Bank annexation



The United Reformed Church's Mission Committee has called on local churches to lobby the UK government over plans for the annexation of parts of the West Bank.

In May, Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said he was committed to annexing parts of the West Bank in July once a joint Israeli-US team completes mapping the exact territory based on the conceptual map released by US President Donald Trump's administration.

At its June meeting, the URC Mission Committee considered the threat posed by the Israeli government's proposed annexation of a significant part of the West Bank. It then passed a resolution that strongly endorsed a parliamentary petition calling on the UK government to oppose annexation and to introduce sanctions if the annexation goes ahead in July.

The committee's resolution ended by encouraging local churches to lobby MPs who have not already signed the petition (Early Day Motion 464), asking for their support. The move followed the publication of a joint statement from 13 senior church leaders in the Holy Land, who, on 15 May, expressed "the utmost concern" that annexation plans "would bring about the loss of any remaining hope for the success of the peace process".

The Revd Philip Brooks, URC Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, said: "During the URC's educational visit to the Holy Land last autumn, our team spoke with many indigenous Christians and Palestinians, witnessing at first hand their lived experiences in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. From inadequate water and electricity supplies to severe restrictions on freedom of movement, we heard an outcry against the disproportionate actions of the Israeli government. Annexation will only serve to increase the suffering of Palestinians. We urgently ask Christians everywhere to contact their MP and get them to sign this Early Day Motion."

The General Assembly Israel Palestine Panel Discussion sharing the experiences of the participants of the 2019 Educational Visit will now take place live online via Zoom conferencing on Tuesday 14 July, from 7.00–8.15 pm. This will also include an audience question time. For joining details, please contact Carole Sired at Church House carole.sired@urc.org.uk



This month, we're focusing on our work to stop anyone becoming homeless. At the end of June, the restrictions put in place to prevent evictions during the coronavirus pandemic are due to be lifted.

We are greatly concerned that we will see many people at risk of losing their homes and we would value your prayers and support to help prevent and tackle this.

J's story:

The bedroom tax is still blighting the lives of people who struggle to pay rent in a home they are told is too big for them yet are unable to move to somewhere smaller.

J was sharing her home with her son and caring for her daughter's child who spent time living with his mum and J, his grandmother. Only one of them was allowed to get support for a bedroom for the child so even though her grandson stayed with her a lot, J's housing benefit was reduced and her rental debt started to mount up.

Then, the tragic death of her son left her caring her grandchild alone and living in what was cruelly deemed 'oversized accommodation'.

J and her grandchild were at risk of being evicted from their home when she got in touch with us.

She came to our housing legal advice drop-in clinic. We introduced her the housing benefit expert we work with. With their help, J applied for a grant to cover her rent shortfall to stop the debt building up in the short term. And the expert worked with J and the local authority applying for a one-off payment and cover her rent arrears. The authority agreed to consider the payment but only if J could find a smaller home.

We spent many, many hours talking helping J find a smaller home. It is hard because there is a severe lack of suitable social housing. But in the end we were able to help J find a new, affordable home. The local authority then agreed to clear her debt and she is no longer getting into any more debt.

J and her grandchild moved into her new home a week before the coronavirus lockdown began and they are so happy – as are we!



Thinking of buying a new car?

Thinking of going electric?

Look out for an article on this topic NEXT month

Some useful local information from the local Council

Continued support for our most vulnerable residents

The government has announced changes in the guidance for people shielding. Shielded individuals will be able to go outdoors and meet others at a distance from Monday 6 July and will be able to go out more from Saturday 1 August, such as to the shops or to work or school. Government food parcels will stop from this date. The full guidance issued by the government yesterday is available on line. Everyone who was identified as needing to shield will be getting a detailed letter from government in the coming days.

Nearly 18,000 Buckinghamshire residents have been shielding for the past three months, and I know that this announcement may be met with mixed feelings for many of you. **I want to confirm that Buckinghamshire Council will carry on supporting clinically extremely vulnerable residents who may still need assistance during the coronavirus pandemic**, helping them to get back to a more normal lifestyle.

If you need help, or know a vulnerable adult who does, please call our Adult Social Care team on 01296 383 204.

Our new library 'Request and Collect' service!

I'm delighted to let you know we've launched our new temporary 'Request and Collect' service at Buckinghamshire libraries, enabling library customers to borrow books for the first time since late March, in a safe, contactless way.

Customers can fill in an [online form](#) to tell library staff which books they'd like, which library they want them from, and how many. Then library staff will handpick a selection of books to match each customer and will phone to arrange a date and time to collect them. If you have no internet access you can place a request over the phone by calling 01296 382 415.

You can also now return borrowed books to most libraries. Library staff will 'quarantine' all returns in line with public health guidelines, before they're returned to the shelves. And customers won't need to worry about late fines as all library loans have been automatically extended until Friday 31 July.

Please [check the Buckinghamshire Council website](#) to find out when each library will be able to take in returns.

Town Centres

More shops and businesses are reopening each week, so do get out and support them if you can, and please shop local where possible, supporting your local high street and independent businesses. Many shops are opening at their own pace so it's best to check individual websites for details and please do your bit by following the signs and respecting each other around the town centres and in the shops to help us keep our distance whilst shopping.

The main Buckinghamshire shopping centre websites, such as the [Eden Centre](#) in High Wycombe are listing useful information like which stores are open and how they are operating.

I've also been asked about public toilets too; **all Buckinghamshire Council public toilets are open across our town centres, villages and in our parks**. Please be considerate of others when using the facilities and remember to keep your distance, wash your hands well, and leave them as you would wish to find them.

Parking

All Buckinghamshire Council on-street parking and car parks are free for now, so do take advantage of this. Do remember that some shopping centres and other car parks may still be charging; a list of all Buckinghamshire Council car parks is on [our website](#)..

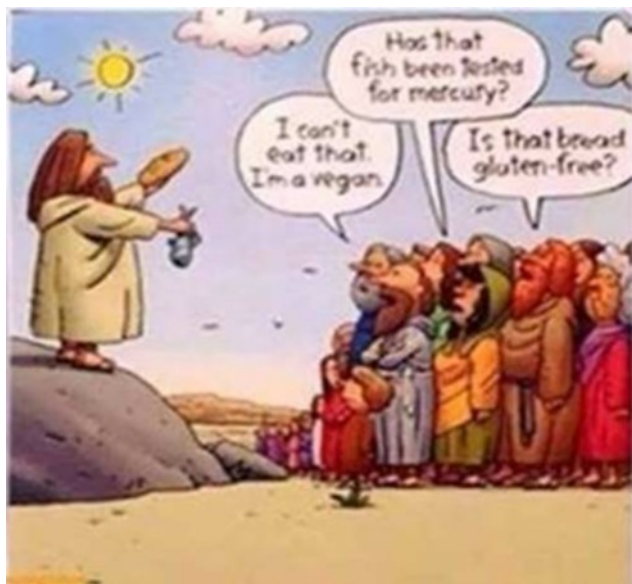
The Lighter Page

Someday us old folks
will use cursive writing
as a secret code.

Wise words -

“Resentment is like drinking poison, and hoping it will kill your enemies”

[Nelson Mandela]



With apologies to Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
Two metres from the madding crowd
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioner's special hour.
I'd gone to get a bag of flour.
But I forgot, when through the door,
What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The: Waitrose staff are extra kind.
I told them it had slipped my mind.
They asked what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask.
She reminded me of this special task
I need some flour to bake a cake
With all that cream you made me take

"As yes, I recall", I had to lie.
I dared not ask what flower to buy
But then I saw them next the tills
A bunch of golden daffodils!

Picture page



Welcome banner in Trinity Church



Butterfly on seat in the
Meadow, Cores End



(Another) clematis



Rose

Contributions to the magazine are ALWAYS welcome! You are just a click away.

Click [HERE](#) to make your contribution.!