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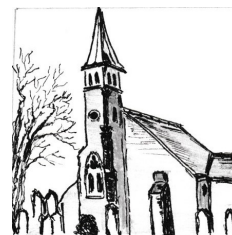
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HELLO THERE!

Well we didn't expect this for Spring did we? Indeed, I didn't expect to be writing to you as I should be still on my sabbatical, but things change..... and our lives certainly have, in so many ways. We in our household are in Week 5 of lockdown, some of you may be in Week 6 or 7 depending on your situation and health concerns. As it was described so many times at the beginning of the pandemic – we live in unprecedented times.

A lovely gentlemen in front of me in the queue waiting outside Aldi commented to me last week 'Well, there's no point complaining, we are all in the same boat aren't we, we just have to get on with it.' I smiled and acknowledged his sentiments, but on reflection I now don't necessarily agree with his words....

We are not all in the same boat. We may be sailing in the same storm, but we are not in the same boat. Some of our ships may be in good working order, others of ours may be leaking and only have one oar....and whilst I know there are some sailors out there, I am of course speaking metaphorically!!! And it seems that others have thought similar to me as I read the following on a Facebook page:

- ◆ For some of you, you may have been able to embrace quarantine and the peace and quiet that it brings. You may be loving the time of reflection, of pottering in the garden, having gin on the lawn. For others of you, this may be a time of desperate financial & family crisis. For those of you who live alone you are facing endless loneliness. While for others it is precious family time with children, quality time with spouses, exciting times with new partners.
- ◆ Some of you are bringing in extra money with endless overtime, Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales. Sadly, some of you may no longer have a job.
- ◆ Some of you may have been concerned about getting a certain chocolate for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.
- ◆ Some of our lovely community have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it, and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others living around us don't believe this is a big deal and continue to go out and about, ignoring the guidance.

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'So, friends, we are not in the same boat and I think we need to acknowledge that. We are going through a shared time together but one where our perceptions and needs are completely different....however we are all experiencing suffering in one way or another.

For Christians like me, we have just experienced Easter and all the joy the resurrection of Jesus brings, but I have been drawn back to the section in the bible, where Jesus is with some friends and goes to prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is 'Maundy Thursday', the last supper has just taken place, and Jesus knows he will die soon. In Matthew chapter 26, verses 38 and 39 it says

Then Jesus said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

He may have been the Son of God, but Jesus was going through extreme pressure in the Garden that night. And I think we need to be honest with ourselves in that we are all going through extreme pressure – lack of money, loss of job, disconnects with family and friends, trying to home-school our children whilst working 8 hours a day: the list is endless.....

None of this is physical illness, they are all mental issues and stresses, but as we all know this type of illness can be as damaging and as painful as any actual injury.

And whilst my message in the magazine is not normally bible centric, I think this experience by Jesus can in a way help us through this pandemic of fear and worry:

1. Jesus chooses to go to the garden:

This was a favourite place of his. Whilst I have not visited my favourite place, the beach, since the lockdown, I have reclaimed a lovely armchair from paperwork, books and jumpers and now I am enjoy spending five minutes or so sitting and being in the chair every day, with the sun coming through the window. So, find somewhere you can peacefully sit and rest there awhile each day.

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2. Jesus took his 3 closest friends with him.

Being separated from family and friends is up there with the hardest thing we have to cope with, but with all the technology available to us it is actually quite easy to keep in contact with one another. This could even be the time to go 'old school' and get out some paper and pen and write some old fashion handwritten letters!

3. In prayer, Jesus focussed on the goodness of God

It is very easy to fill our mind with dark thoughts, but actually when we look at the beautiful world around us, we have so much to be thankful for: try to remember this every day.

4. Jesus chose to be radically vulnerable

He asked his friends to stay with him.... He asked God to 'take this cup away' from him. Jesus dared to be vulnerable – how often do we do that? Virtually 'Lean' on your family and friends - don't always put on a brave face, admit your struggles.

I know turning to God is not for everyone, but I wanted to speak from my heart today and that means including my faith. All I wanted was to do was to be honest and try and give you all some hope, some peace and most importantly my love during this challenging period of worry and fear.

Be gentle on yourselves, be kind to each other, be thankful. Most importantly know that not only are the medical professionals and other key workers in my thoughts and prayers, but also each and every one of you, the community I have the honour to serve.

Keep safe, keep well and I look forward to seeing you in the calm, when this storm is over. With love
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has ever seen, and one in which we now, hopefully, with concerted effort, seem to be getting on top of. But, without diminishing the significance of the impact and effect of the virus, we also need to keep the other eye on another crisis in the making; one of the biggest financial downturns in history, and the risk that will have a deeper, greater, wider, more profound and lasting devastation than the virus. So, we also need to take all sensible precautions and sensible steps to keep what parts of the economy turning over that we can safely.

Hopes

Personally, I hope that we come out of this a more purposeful and focused Country, with a clearer appreciation of the values that we hold and what makes us a nation. I hope that the burden of over bureaucratic systems, and correctness for correctness' sake is diminished - it seems, sometimes, we are frightened of our own shadows! I hope that we will return to being a more direct, open, can-do society. One in which we have greater positive appreciation and respect for each other and our natural assets, diversities and differences. One in which the focus of service, whether it be a pub, a Council or Hospital, is entirely on the people it is serving, rather than the focus slipping, as it often does, on self-serving wants, processes and justification.

Our Future is What We All Make it

I believe that there are only binary decisions in life, by opting out, you consent to the default and must accept the same accountability for your decision. There is example in history when otherwise good people did not speak out, and thereby shared culpability for just going along with things. We, I feel, should not be a people that just go along with things, who don't complain because we don't like to make a fuss, put up with bad service or behaviour because the perpetrator has a problem, etc. Tolerant, yes, but there is a sharp divide between being tolerant and condoning by not doing, giving in, going along with things, following the heard. By exercising choice, we become more informed, by taking responsibility, we gain more control, by standing up for what we believe in, we take ownership and get a better society. At the same time, we should not have fixed ideas, but learn by experience and from each other, without entrenchment or taking things personally, because that is childish, and the society that we build reflects our deep-down attitude. So, it is the one that we deserve. Let's change what we deserve!

John Nicholson, Ward Councillor for Northwood & Cowes
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April 2020

Coronavirus Commentary

Stranger Than Fiction

Am I the only one who thinks that we seem to be living in one of those bizarre sci-fi or horror movies? You know the ones, those B-movies, where untold people are falling ill or dying, the whole world has stopped functioning properly, and people are frightened to engage with each other least some unseen horror befalls them. This is certainly one of those occasions when you can honestly say that real life is stranger than fiction!

Misunderstanding

There has been some misunderstanding, however, on what Government has instructed and not instructed. Government has said that all unnecessary activity should cease, but then goes on to qualify what that means government definition. Basically, these are not arbitrary decisions; they have reason behind them. Anywhere that people have to assemble in close quarters for sustained periods, when infection could be easily spread, has to close. Other services that can be carried out safely within Government safe operating guidelines should continue, under measured controls, and if those safe controls cannot be kept, then the activity should not take place. The essential activity that should be continued, where possible, under new awareness and controls includes work.

Rational Measured Steps

The knee-jerk reaction to the initial message has meant that many activities that keep the economy rolling, and that could still be carried out under new measured controls, have stopped, and there is a knock-on effect through these independently made decisions. One example is with the Construction Industry. There are many cases where it is possible to continue operations under new control guidelines, albeit at measured and reduced levels. The school works programme, for example, continues with measured control, but many other sites that could operate are prevented from doing so because the supply chain has closed, despite it could have continued with measured controls, as indeed some other smaller suppliers have successfully managed to do.

Devastating Side-Effect

Yet, there is more than a single focus that we need to maintain during this crisis. Focus on taking all sensible precautions to protect each other from the virus has been the main concern at hand, after all, we are in the midst of one of the biggest health scares the world

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1st NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP - SCOUT H.Q. Wyatts Lane

Beavers Thursday 5.45pm to 7.00pm

Scouts Monday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cubs Friday 6.45pm to 8.15pm

For more information contact Dave Searle, Group Scout Leader, 07503 373106

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CREEA - COWES RADAR EX-EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is Thursday 14th May at 2:30pm in the Isle of Wight
 Community Club, Park Road, Cowes

"Shipwrecks of the Isle of Wight"—Jacqui Arnold

For membership details contact Joy Ash, 01983 298731.
 or visit the **CREEA** webpage in the **Local Groups** section of the village
 website where you can also download a copy of our Programme
 and view photos of past events.

New Members are always Welcome