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Yes, you may well have thought I'd have given this up by now but you'd be wrong!

Luckily for you there's no reason why you have to read these little missives of mine but it's just my way of maintaining contact with a good number of the congregation (and beyond) for the dual purposes of updating you with information from the church and around the parish and also to try, as best I can to help keep our spirits up.

Indeed, it's as much therapy for me as anything else, it gives me something to think about and to do each day. When normally I'm busy with meetings or visits, being indoors and trying to make sure I have enough useful things to do, is quite a challenge. So Far I've had all the Holy Week and Easter services to occupy my mind and prepare for in a new way. Now that that's over I'll need to think of something else. It seems to me this is one of the major challenges we all now face, as lockdown looks to be going on for some time yet.

There may be new things we might try or, indeed, it may be interesting to revisit something we haven't looked at for a while. Perhaps revive an old hobby or re-read a book that we enjoyed some time ago.

I have no doubt that some of these e-mails will be quite short, as I begin to run out of things to say...well, it could happen. Also, there will be no View from the Vicarage on Fridays (my rest day) or Sundays (count yourselves lucky!)

By the way, I'm considering doing an occasional 'vlog' or short talk about anything that people might find interesting about faith, the church etc., any questions or suggestions for topics, please e-mail me.

Until tomorrow then, here are a couple more jokes (?) from my anonymous friend...

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed and cleaned everything down. Did a really good job. Tomorrow I am putting it in the bathroom.

Which Knight invented the Round Table for King Arthur? Sir Cumference.

Tom

Sent by Canon Tom Page

Vicar: Ascension with All Saints

Chelmsford

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