

25th April 2020

Greetings friends, attached today are the Readings, hymns and newsletter information for this coming week. I hope that these messages from me are of use and not too tiresome. You may always ask to be removed from the contact list if it's a bit too much!

I, like many people I suspect, have had opportunity in the past to moan about the Internet. However, I wonder where we would have been if the C-19 virus had struck before we had such a varied means of communication? If Church buildings were closed and we didn't have the wonders of modern technology, things would be very different and that's true for so many other parts of our lives too. Keeping in touch with family and friends is quick and relatively (see what I did there?) easy. Imagine if we only had letters to keep in touch (poor posties!) or the telephone, good as it is, it's not the same as seeing someone and seeing someone isn't as good as being with someone.

I like people and I like to spend time with them, which is something my vocation allows me to do. Gossiping the Gospel, as it were, is what's expected of clergy and most of us like to do it. The current restriction on movement and engagement with others makes that quite hard but as I say, at least we have the internet to help us along. So, sorry internet, I promise I won't moan about you again...well not so much.

Attached are the Newsletter, Hymns and notices for this Sunday the Third Sunday of Easter. I also attach the order of service for each Sunday in Easter, in case you've mislaid it or need to print it again.

Tom.

And finally in lieu of S. George's Day...

A tramp knocked on the door of the inn known as St. George and the Dragon. The landlady answered the door.

The tramp said, "Could you give a poor man something to eat?"

"No," said the woman, slamming the door in his face.

He knocked again and said, "Could I have a few words with George?"

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