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Greetings friends!

Yippee! I got to go out again yesterday, just a short drive to pick up some food which had been kindly donated and then deliver it to our friends at Cool to be Kind, a short but nice break from the new 'normal'

Anyway, I'm still trying to work out how to reconfigure the Vicarage so that I am able to make Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday work, without too much fuss. It's much harder than I thought! I mean, in church we have all the lovely space in the Sanctuary and room to process and move around. It's a bit tighter for space here though. So I've chosen to see this as an opportunity for creative and practical liturgy, rather than a problem, because I can't do what I usually do.

It's one of those things that makes you stop and think about what's REALLY necessary in order to make things work. I suppose that next Holy Week and Easter will be a chance for us to rediscover all the things that make it such a rich and rewarding time of contemplation and worship for us all. Until then, I pray that we are all able to maintain our spiritual health through our prayers and reading.

Thanks for the rapid responses for my request for prayer last night. My brother says that he's on the road to recovery but it's been unpleasant. Please continue to remember all those suffering from the C-19 virus at this time.

And finally...What did the pirate say when he invited people to his 80th birthday party?
Aye matey.

I must point out that the jokes of the past couple of days (if I can call them that!), have come from a friend of mine and I take no responsibility for any damage they may have caused to your health and well-being.

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