



St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday 5th July 2020,

4th Sunday after Trinity

We are living through extraordinary times in Madrid. Everyone is welcome to join this virtual Holy Communion whilst we cannot attend Church.

Follow the link on Facebook and our website to join in a virtual service led by Rev'd Fran Le Blanc assisted by Joao de Castro Soares

Locum Chaplain: Father John is well and trying to get back to Madrid but while he is "trapped" in The United States the Rev'd Fran Le Blanc is acting as locum for us.

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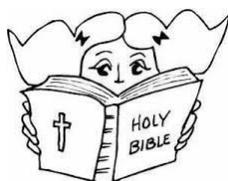
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The Church office is closed for now but our administrator, Liz M, is working from home. She will answer any queries about Church services at this difficult time. The phone has been re-routed to her home and has an answer machine which gives the emergency contact numbers of our Wardens. We hope that you don't need them!

The hymns, readings and collect can be found on our website (www.stgeorgesmadrid.org) under the "services" tab ready for you to print out.

Readings.

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145: 8-14
Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew: 11:16-19, 25-30



Hymns.

As notified on the website

Please pray for everyone in need known to the congregation at St George's. Pray for our Bishops Robert and David, for Fr John hoping to get back to us from America and for Rev Fran working for us from Lisbon. Please pray for the congregation of St Christopher's Church in Costa Azahar which has now closed due to lack of financial support. Pray that they are given support to be able to continue worshipping regularly.



Make a special prayer for Solomon whose ordination has had to be delayed due to covid-19. He has worked so hard and he must be disappointed, but hopefully his ordination will now be in September. Let's hope that when the day arrives we can support and celebrate with him!

If you read the request for prayers you will have seen that a Church in our Diocese has had to close due to lack of funds. It's quite tragic.

Every Church needs money for maintenance and paying the bills. It's a big commitment.

So we have to continue to ask you to be as generous as possible. Without your contributions we cannot pay our way or maintain our aged but dignified building. Please consider making donations via a bank transfer. Our bank account details are:

The Comunion Anglicana de Madrid IBAN ES97 2038 1065 5660 0114 6076



We'll meet again!

To open the Church for worship again we need to be especially careful. Anne and Becky (our Wardens) have produced a brilliant protocol to cover just about every eventuality. However, they are still refining it and taking into account day to day changes in requirements. **SO**, we will be opening again **BUT** it may not be for a few weeks. We need to give them time to be absolutely sure that it is as foolproof as possible. The last thing that we want is for someone to unknowingly bring the virus with them to Church. Please be patient, give them space to work and know that they are doing a great job!



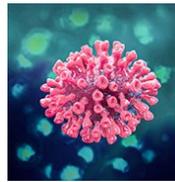
Did you know that.....

Have you ever wondered how birds know which of their nestlings need feeding next? In the tit family the parent birds feed quite even handedly (beakedly) according to the tone of the baby birds request for food. In this way all nestlings have enough food although some will grow more and be stronger than others. Not all baby birds are as lucky as blue tits and their relatives!



On this day.....

In 2003 the WHO declared that the SARS-COV-1 epidemic was officially over. It had killed just under 800 people in 28 countries. It's sobering to compare that with covid-19, both of them strains of coronavirus but the latest as we know to our costs, much more devastating.



1948 The NHS came kicking and screaming into life on 5 July 1948 in the UK. It was the first time anywhere in the world that completely free healthcare was made available on the basis of citizenship rather than the payment of fees or insurance. It brought hospitals, doctors, nurses and dentists together under one service.

More bug controls. The English name earwig comes from the appearance of its hindwings which, when unfolded, resemble a human ear. It is called a *tijereta* in Spanish, which refers to its forcep-like rear pincers. It is mainly nocturnal which is when it does much damage to the petals of dahlias, chrysanthemums, roses and similar plants. The best way of reducing the earwig population is to fill a yoghurt pot or similar with shredded paper and leave it upside down on top of a stick near the plants at risk. Tip out the pot every morning and then... Getting rid of the Red Spider Mite, *araña roja* or *ácaro*, is not so easy. To start with it is very small and secondly it is not red but greenish brown with two spots and so difficult to see. It is only the female which turns red at the end of the summer. By that time that its webs are becoming obvious, it has already sucked the life out of leaves and possibly has even killed the host plant. Best control is to pick off any leaves showing small pale spots immediately and then spray your plants with water every evening. Insecticides do work but they kill lots of other insects too.



Saints remembered this week. John Fisher and Thomas More were beatified in 1886 along with fifty-four other English martyrs. The two were canonized together in 1935 and share their feast day on 6th July in the Church of England.

John Fisher (c. 19 October 1469 – 22 June 1535), was an English Catholic bishop, cardinal, and theologian. Fisher was also an academic, and eventually served as Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. Fisher was executed by order of Henry VIII during the English Reformation for refusing to accept him as the supreme head of the Church of England and for upholding the Catholic Church's doctrine of papal supremacy. He was named a cardinal shortly before his death. He is honoured as a martyr and saint by the Catholic Church.



Sir Thomas More (7 February 1478 – 6 July 1535), venerated in the Catholic Church as **Saint Thomas More**, was an English lawyer, social philosopher, author, statesman, and noted Renaissance humanist. He was also a chancellor to Henry VIII, and Lord High Chancellor of England from October 1529 to May 1532.^[9] He wrote *Utopia*, published in 1516, about the political system of an imaginary island state. More opposed the Protestant Reformation, and opposed Henry VIII's separation from the Catholic Church, refusing to acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church of England and the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. After refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy, he was convicted of treason and executed. On his execution, he was reported to have said: "I die the King's good servant, and God's first".



“This week in Lockdown”

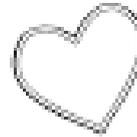


Continuing on from last week when we had our final meetings, the Cubs looked at the year in review on a special video and then they read a story about how small actions can have a big impact – especially throughout this time of lockdown. Finally, they had an open chat about all of the positives that have come from being in confinement. The cubs sent messages on zoom saying things like “I have spent more time with my dad”, “I had fun with my sister”, “I learned how to cook” etc.

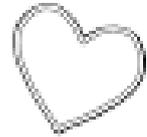
This is our last update of term and we will be back again after the summer holidays! We are hoping to meet up for one or two activities over the holidays, and we’ll be sure to tell you all about it! In the meantime, all our Scout, Cub and Beaver leaders are meeting up for social gathering next week – it will be the first time we have got together since the beginning of the quarantine – and very well deserved! Watch this space...



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Howler of the week

All teachers at our school are certified.

