



Autumn 2020



Hi Everyone,
I'm starting the Blog this month with pictures of 2 of our churches ready for worship. The first, Central, is possibly a bit like your church as it reopens with everyone sitting socially distanced. Wesley is organised with his mask as well.



These 2 pictures are not what you would see. Trinity, Bramley, is dressed for a wedding. We may not be able to have a lot of guests at the wedding, but the beautiful church still makes it a day to remember.



Ten second sermons that are worth more than ten seconds thought. Remember, the light may be out of your reach but the switch isn't. A pessimist is a person who blows out the light to see how dark it is. The church's biggest task today is not just getting sinners into heaven, but getting saints out of bed! Swallowing angry words is a lot easier than having to eat them. There's more power in the open hand than in the clenched fist. We make a living by what we get - but we make a life by what we give. Faith is a steering wheel - not a spare wheel. A good sermon helps in two ways - some rise from it strengthened others wake up refreshed! If you're not so close to God as you once were, don't be mistaken about who's moved. Married folk should remember that in 'wedding' the 'we' comes before 'I'.

Mrs Mary Wilson spent 40 years as a missionary in China. One of her loveliest memories is of a row of Chinese children singing one of the hymns she taught them:

Ing-iu sing shu you kong ku
Siao ning bong iu z yia-su

Do you recognise it? If not, say it over again and see if you can place the rhythm. Do you recognise it now? It's one of the best loved children's hymns which she translated into Chinese -

Jesus loves me! This I know
For the Bible tells me so.

This was a long time ago. Mary left China in 1943, but it's nice to think that somewhere, a Chinese Mother is teaching her children to sing the words Mary taught her.

Whenever we find ourselves becoming critical of what others are doing, whether they are MPs, local officials, neighbours or friends, we would do better to remember what a wise Greek said over two thousand years ago - To find fault is easy. To do better may be difficult.

Some people do odd things for odd reasons, particularly if they are getting older and live alone. They sometimes find each day monotonous with nothing to do except doze or stare at the same familiar walls. One such lady surprised a welcome visitor by confessing her left shoulder was stiff. 'I've pulled a muscle', she said. The visitor was very surprised and asked, 'However did you do that?' 'Oh' was the patient reply. 'I was moving the piano. I had to. I was just sick of seeing it in the same old place!'

Look for a sunny sky after the rain
Sing if it's possible after the pain.
Bravely, with courage high, keep plodding on
Till after weariness, heartache is

A 6 year old Jimmy was sent to church by his Mother. 'Now', she said, 'Here's 10p in one pocket for the collection at the church and 10p in the other pocket for the Sunday School, so no spending them or keeping them for yourself.' With a solemn promise, Jimmy scampered off. When he came back he was triumphantly clutching a 10p. 'Well' demanded his Mother sternly. 'What did I tell you?' 'I know Mum', he replied, 'But I met Granny at the door of the church and she paid me in!'



Wesley and Faith ready for church with masks

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