

Dronne Valley Church News



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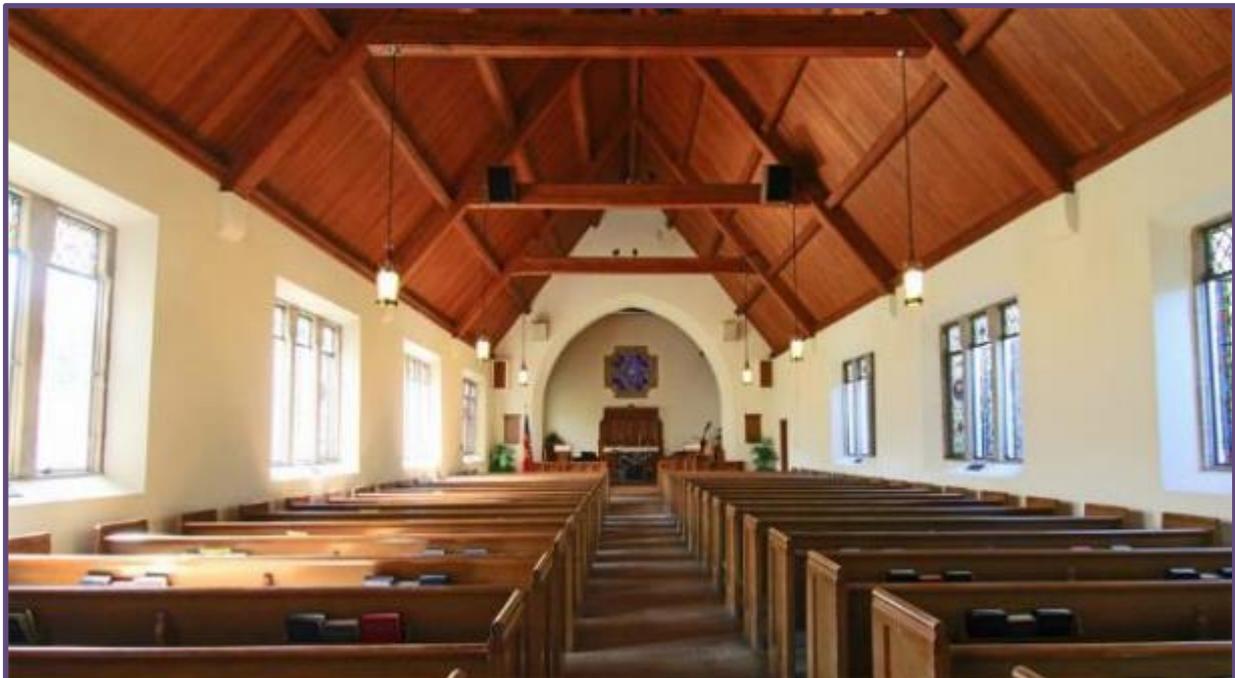
First Week in April 2020

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Keeping us connected



**Our Chaplaincy of Aquitaine resources page
- helps us stay in touch**

Click on the picture to go to the web page

**Details of Palm Sunday and Holy Week on-line services
later in the newsletter [HERE](#)**



photo: Geoff Cogger, St Severin

*“May the love of Christ take hold of me
May the light of Christ shine in my heart
May the love of Christ flow through me like a river”*

- a prayer written by
Baptist pastor Shaun Lambert

He's written a helpful article about ways
to cope with our current predicament - [here](#)

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*Richard Frost - a Devon Lay Reader
has recently put together three films
which can be used to provide the basis for
a personal quiet day:*

**'Finding Stability
in Times of Change'**



Worshipping Virtually Together

Rev Tony Lomas, Rev Charlotte Sullivan and administrator Amy Owensmith have been working hard to prepare for the next week's on-line worship.

Palm Sunday 5th April Worship

You can access this pre-recorded video after 06:00, if you're an early riser, but we would encourage you to think of viewing and joining in this act of worship at around **10:30**, so that we have a sense of gathering together. Join us via the web page **HERE**

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th April at 09:30

You are invited to join Charlotte **LIVE** for Morning Prayer via Zoom*

Tuesday 7th April at 18:00

You are invited to join Charlotte **LIVE** for Evening Prayer via Zoom

Maundy Thursday 9th April at 18:00

You are invited to join Charlotte **LIVE** for a service via Zoom

Good Friday 10th April

A service of Good Friday Meditations led by the Chaplain
Join us via the web page **HERE**

Good Friday 10th April at 20:30

You are invited to join Tony **LIVE** for a service via Zoom

Easter Day 12th April Worship

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*Zoom is software which enables 'conferences', home group meetings, family get-togethers.

It can work via your browser, but we recommend you download the app **HERE**

You will need a 'meeting ID' to join the meeting – email **Charlotte** before the day to ask for this. It's very straightforward technology, by the way.

THE MANY OWING MUCH TO FEW

Sitting here in isolation
Wishing for some inspiration
Just to write a line or two
Of all the things I'm going to do
In my splendid isolation
Like my street & like my nation
Mowing grass & pulling weeds
Sorting out & planting seeds
Making bread & reading books
Throwing food to hungry rooks
Exercising on the go
Slow down, slow down Mr Joe
House is tidy, car is clean
No more flies on my windscreen
Seeing neighbours at a distance
At the Government's insistence
Supermarket shelves are empty
Even though there should be plenty
Choosing shopping now online
Home delivery not so fine
Slots are booked for weeks ahead
How will the country still be fed?
Staying home to save the nation
Applauding loudly dedication
Doctors working day and night
Nurses aiding in the fight
The many owing much to few
Keyworkers all, THREE CHEERS for you

Nicolette Gunn



Steve Long says it's –

NOW'T TO DO WITH ME !

Those of you who know me well, know that I have the horticultural abilities of a new-born donkey, so what grows at La Gare is either up to Jenny or God. Now, Jenny is good, grows Fuchsias brilliantly but God is quite different – doesn't much care for dug up soil, just plants things where He feels like it and adds colour to the place. Like these:



I'm told these are Grape Hyacinths (*Muscari neglectum*) – grow everywhere, there's a couple of square yards of them beside the Bay tree but the un-mown grass surrounding them is rather starting to overwhelm the poor things.



According to Rosemary Robinson (who knows these things) this is either a Bee Orchid or a Bumble-bee Orchid (*Ophrys bombyliflora*) – difficult to mow around and if I plot where it is ready for next year, it wanders off and comes up somewhere else just to tease me.

Then there are dozens of these:



Rosemary tells me they are red Anemones – something akin to the blue *Anemone Blanda* she has growing. Again, they refuse to be moved and just want to grow where our Dad has put them. Then, just because He notices that the car rarely moves these days, He's covered the car park with these:



Might be a sort of miniature dandelion but doesn't have the tubular stalk so, to me, they're LYJ (Little Yellow Jobbers)

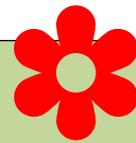
*“And so I asked You why the blackbird learned the song that he sings,
and why the butterfly has colours on his wings.
And You told me it was Your desire
to set my heart on fire,
in my grey world to colour everything...”*

*And so to You who made the world, let the grasshopper sing,
and let the sparrows and the blackbirds all join in
and the wind among the mountains
and the lapping of the waves,
and I will add my voice to everything.”*

Graham Kendrick, **Sunset**
from the album 'Footsteps on the Sea', 1972

Steve

Gardens -



Whether you're a keen gardener or not, I would be glad to have your garden / nature photos for future newsletters. Next issue – **mid April**.
And, if you can manage it, please **include yourself** / yourselves in your photo
Prop the phone or camera on a handy rock, and set the timer

As these difficult days go by,
seeing familiar faces is a great encouragement

Please send them in

My email is [HERE](#)

Keith Gunn

Various people on line have encouraged us
to make **palm crosses**, using garden plant leaves
to help us celebrate **Palm Sunday**

[HERE](#) is one demonstration, from the youth worker
in our daughter's church in Ashburton, Devon

There's slower, step-by-step, version [HERE](#)





Bertilla Rooduijn's brilliant Ceanothus





We planted this plum tree last week

We are fortunate that our little nearby garden centre, here in Dorset, is able to continue to take phone orders, load plants into their van and drop them in the front garden for us.

We particularly hope they can continue with this, as it's run by a charity *Employ My Ability*.

This tree, happily growing as spring continues, reminds me that we can be sure that there will be an end to this crisis.

Variety is **Blue Tit**, for those (not us) who know about such things.



We're hopeful that the plums will look like this

- in the fulness of time.

We challenge you to a
Cryptic Bird Quiz



Every answer is the name of a bird

1. Astral Heather
2. Early nickname for postmen
3. After Evening jam container
4. Scottish, apparently
5. Dog breed, without capital
6. Architect
7. Arrested messenger of peace?
8. Engineering equipment
9. Bond film
10. Novice beach musician
11. Sign of a happy dog?
12. e.g. Paul Heaton, or Norman Cook
13. Royal exponent of popular sport
14. Famous steam locomotive
15. Pipesmoking?
16. Cost of Gillette GII ?
17. Fun in the air
18. Long range shot
19. Fast
20. Dead as you can be

We know you will breeze through this in a trice but, in case you want to check, the answers are



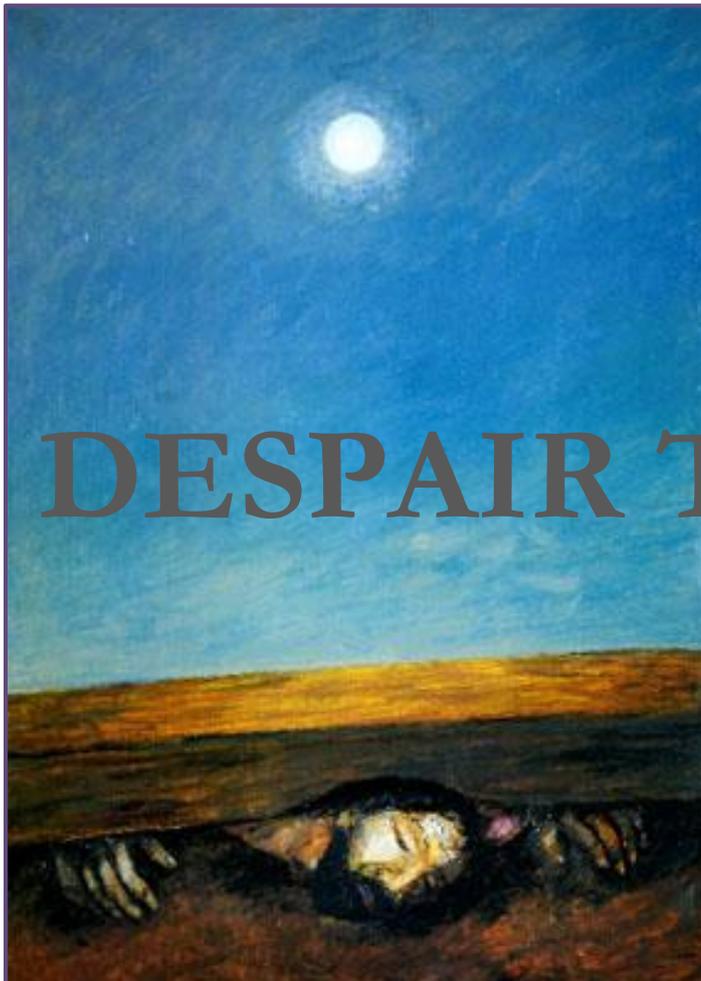
Devised by David Ainley

Found on FaceBook...



A Social Distancing Baptism

Cynthia Holmberg Henschen



**Church of England vicar,
Rev Kirsty Clarke,
has made her
book of poems
for a 'Stations-of-the-Cross
and Resurrection'
meditation
available on line**

DESPAIR TO HOPE

Prayer Ministry

During the coronavirus crisis, please do not hesitate to contact members of our regular prayer team, or other church people in our church contact list at the end of the newsletter, if you wish to be prayed for, or wish to pray with them.



Prayer changes things

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The Chaplaincy of Aquitaine Prayer Diary for April is **HERE**

The minutes of 9th February's Annual Church Meeting are **HERE**

Earlier editions of DV Church News can be found **HERE**

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