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Christian Aid Week is NOT cancelled!

This year's Christian Aid Week (10th-16th May) will be very different to the annual event which has been held every year since 1957.

Due to Covid-19 we won't be able to do house to house collections or Big Brekkies, however, it won't stop us raising money for this life-changing and joyous week.

This year, supporters are encouraged to give via the [Christian Aid Website](#) or via their donation phone line 0207 523 2269. You can also post donations to or by post to Christian Aid, 33 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL

We will have more information next week at our Café Church service with Rev'd Keith and Rev'd Helen on Zoom (See right for details).



What's on....

Although our Church buildings are locked, the doors to our virtual church are open. This week we have added the following to our website:

- [Family Communion Sunday Service \(03.05.20\)](#)
- [Stories and Crafts with Rev'd Helen: The Good Shepherd](#)

We've also launched our **Virtual Chapel** via Zoom. Next week, we hope to hold our first Zoom service for **Café Church on May 10th at 10.30am**. For those already on Zoom the **Meeting ID** is 864 8662 4173 **Password** 447749 . To Join Zoom, check out our guide on the [Virtual Chapel here](#).

For those who are not online you can, join the service on your landline by calling 0131 460 1196, 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 and enter the meeting number and password. Calls are 2p– 10p per minute depending on your provider. Please check before calling.

Mother's Prayers

Mothers Prayers will be meeting virtually this month on **7th May at 11am**. If you would like to join us on Zoom, please contact Rev'd Helen for details. There is also a telephone number to call to join if you don't have access to the internet.

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GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Thinking of and holding in our prayers...

As we are unable to join together for funerals, so please light a candle and remember the following with prayers for their families:

Emily Kemp, who's funeral is on 5th May at 2.45pm. We think of and prayer for her son George and family.



The **Daily Hope** phone line offers a range of worship services, prayers, hymns and reflections as well as Covid-19 advice for those who are unable to access our online church services. The line is available 24 hours a day.

From The Kitchen Window

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Although the rain may have curtailed our daily exercise, it has been a great help to many birds, particularly the Blackbirds and Starlings. There has been much activity on our lawn now that the ground has softened, with Blackbirds extracting worms and Starlings probing for leather-jackets, the larvae of craneflies.



Starlings are communal birds and synchronise their nesting so that all the young birds fledge within a day or two of each other, creating instant, noisy flocks. The adults stay with them, teaching by example where and how to forage for food, giving each juvenile a good start in life.

Blackbirds however have a different strategy: they go for quantity, rather than quality. Almost immediately the first brood of chicks have fledged, the hen bird starts building a new nest, leaving the cock to feed the fledglings, which he will do for a short while, before abandoning them to fend for themselves: slow learners may not survive. Margaret had a close encounter with a young Blackbird which made its maiden flight from the neighbour's hedge, to the table in her summerhouse. Its tail had not yet grown and it was still fluffy about the head, with very big feet. They looked at each other for a minute or two before the youngster flew off to explore more of its exciting new world. We hope it was one that will learn rapidly.

Before the rains, Judith photographed a beautiful Speckled Wood butterfly on her daily walk, which is our photo of the week. I was admiring the patchwork of colour on a hedge bank along the Moor, where white 'Batchelor's Buttons', blue Speedwell and Red Campion were growing together, when the rustle of leaves caught my attention. Glancing up, I was just in time to see a long, slim, russet brown back, with a short tail, disappear from view: a Weasel! While it would not be good news for nesting birds, it was a rare treat to see one of these shy little hunters. **RMR**