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**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever does.
(Margaret Mead)**



PAUSE TO REFLECT



We believe in a God who knows holy rage - a God who stands with the underdog. Who passionately protects the suffering. And who overturns systems of corruption.

We believe in a God who leads by example- feeding the hungry, welcoming the children, offering water to the Samaritan, eating with the tax collector, healing the sick, preaching from the mountaintop, and offering second chances.

We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way, and still said, "This is my body broken for you." We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes, and still said, "I'm going to prepare a place for you."

And because of this love, we believe that God shows us the way, again and again and again. *Sarah Are*

St AUGUSTINE



Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We have enjoyed several stimulating and topical discussions with a wide variety of audiences.



We had members of the mental health team from Broomfield Hospital lead us in looking at how lockdown and the pandemic have affected the well-being of people of all ages across the globe.

We had a fascinating follow-up meeting with Chelmsford MP Vicky Ford on the subject of children, education and the family.



And we hosted a record Zoom crowd to hear Liz Dodd from the Tablet share her views on the new translation of the lectionary.

If you would like to read more about the issue this link and others would be helpful:

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/13858/bishops-condemned-for-losing-women-in-translation>

READY TO FLY.....?

Gandhi said:

You must be the change that you wish to see in the world.
So you've been curled up and sad? Good
Depression is the first blessing --It means you've been in tune.
But now the moon is waiting for you to burn bright,
And there has never been a time when your light was needed more - never a time like this before.

Yes you are small - we are all as small as a single breath, but tied to the rest, we are all the life of the world; the pulse that turns rocks to pearls inside the darkness of their shells.
So become the well where wishes are born; become the bell that rings when even the birds refuse to sing. Become the wings that fly.



Andrea Gibson

LOOKING FORWARD

For many of us, this last year has forced us to be creative and flexible in how we connect with one another and the rest of the world. Although much that is positive has come from those new ways, and we will certainly carry Zoom forward into our future, we are also looking forward to greater physical presence with each other and with our neighbours.

All being well we will resume some local activities over the summer months and into September, starting outdoors with some picnics or barbecues for the Wisdom group in Melbourne - maybe some children's fun days in Greenstead and Melbourne? Some holiday camps for children? Certainly things to plan for locally now...



SOME QUOTATIONS TO GIVE US HOPE

Philippians 4:6-7: *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

Isaiah 40:31: *"But those who wait on the Lord/ Shall renew their strength;/ They shall mount up with wings like eagles,/ They shall run and not be weary,/ They shall walk and not faint."*

Psalms 43:5: *"Why are you cast down, O my soul?/ And why are you disquieted within me?/ Hope in God;/ For I shall yet praise Him,/ The help of my countenance and my God."*

Isaiah 43:1-2: *"But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.'"*

Jeremiah 29:11: *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

2 Corinthians 4:17-18: *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

TEA BOXES ARE BACK AGAIN

You may remember that last year our annual lunch garden party, fundraising for our sisters in DR Congo and Rwanda, became 'Tea Boxes delivered to your door' (for those in a CM postcode). The feedback was very positive. We have tossed up what to do this year and given that things are still a bit unsure re COVID, we think it is best to stick with Tea Boxes.

Several people organised social gatherings of family and friends around them, and we hope this will happen again.

The Clayton family have once again most generously offered to undertake the mammoth task and are currently making some adjustments to the menu - though keeping the hot favourites including Jenny's delicious Lemon Drizzle cake!

The date is **Sunday 11th July** with deliveries between 1.30 and 3.30pm. The cost this year will be £25 for a Tea Box for two! Veggie options are catered for as are religious preferences and most allergies.

Very soon we will send out booking forms - get it in quickly as last year we had more than we could manage and had to find a second date! Enjoy!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Let us Dream' says Pope Francis...which, with the help of Zoom, is what we are intending to do on 7th, 14th, 21st June 2021 from 3 - 4pm led, by S. Angela, register here:

[LET US DREAM - Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre](#)

Sunday 11th July: Tea Boxes home delivery for our sisters in Africa.

Please join us for tea on the afternoon of either or on **Friday 25th Melbourne** or **Saturday 26th September Colchester**. Further details to follow.

Thursday 7th October: The Community will host a lecture evening at New Hall featuring the Community's current archive researcher Dr Cormac Begadon. He will speak about the role of the Community in education during the 18th century. His findings will excite historians!!



END WITH A SMILE!!



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