



The Gospel for the First Sunday after Trinity comprises the story of the rich man and the beggar at his gate - Dives and Lazarus. This vivid illustration comes from the Codex Aureus of Echternach, an 11th century illuminated Gospel book, is now in the National Museum in Nuremberg.

St Peter's Wolvercote & All Saints' Wytham Wednesday 10 June 2020

CHARLES WRITES:

Dear Friends

Things are starting to change all around us, in many different ways. The “Black lives matter” movement, following the tragic death of George Floyd has been an unexpected development. It challenges all of us to think about our attitudes to racism, and our PCC will be thinking about whether there are things that we too can learn from this.

Meanwhile we are hearing that as soon as next week we may be able to start opening our churches for private prayer, and we are starting to think over what times and days we could open our churches, and how we can manage this safely.

Again we will need to take this step by step, learning as we go – and initially only a few of us will be able to be in church at any one time. So there may be some frustrations! – but it will be lovely to be able to start to be together in church again for prayer. So do look out for more on this in the next couple of mailings.

With love and prayers

Charles

THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu retired from his position as Archbishop of York last Sunday, having been enthroned in 2005.

His final service was broadcast and is available on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/r1BjdzR111k) (<https://youtu.be/r1BjdzR111k>) if you would like to see it (or to see it again).



The service started with an archive recording by BBC TV of the opening hymn at Archbishop Sentamu’s 2005 inauguration service at York Minster, 'The God of Abraham Praise'. It concluded with a 2019 recording of Alle Alle Alle – a Jamaican melody adapted by the Archbishop in 1985 and verses based on the “I Am” sayings of Jesus of Nazareth. The song was performed by children from Heworth Church of England Primary School in York. The Archbishop joins in by playing congas: it’s a wonderfully joyous ending.

On YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFAA2p-7gMw>) you can also watch a short film of Dr Sentamu striding the length of an empty York Minster to place his crozier on the High Altar, watched by his wife Margaret.

We hope that it will be helpful for everyone to have the Partnership Link sheet, which you normally receive in church, included in the eNews. Here is a digest of the general side of this week's copy.

SUMMERTOWN–WOLVERCOTE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PARTNERSHIP LINK

CHURCH PARTNERSHIP OFFICE - The Parish Room, St Peter's Church, First Turn, Upper Wolvercote, Oxford OX2 8AQ *OPEN THURSDAY 9.30-11.00AM (NOT AUGUST!)* (01865) 236 094; officeatstpeters@gmail.com. Items for *PARTNERSHIP LINK* - to Jenny Gerrard - by 6.00pm (PROMPT), TUESDAYS 20 Diamond Court, 153 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7AA (bjg1@waitrose.com)

THE GATEHOUSE NEEDS A CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

The Chair, in post for 15 years, steps down in the autumn. New appointment, for c 3 years. Around 5 hrs p.wk, 3-month handover starts September. Full role specification / to apply giving skills and experience you can bring to the post: *Contact, by 26 June* cathy.gatehouse.trustee@gmail.com

VACCINE TESTING Volunteers needed The Oxford Vaccine Group is developing a vaccine against COVID-19. Around 1000 under-55s have been vaccinated in the last month. Testing being extended to adults over-55s and the 5-12s. Details of what taking part in this study might entail *University of Oxford* <http://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2020-05-22-oxford-covid-19-vaccine-begin-phase-iiii-human-trials#>

PICK FOR BRITAIN Looking to work on a UK Fruit & Veg farm? Pickers & packers, to plant, husbandry, tractor / forklift drivers - a wide range of roles available. *Pick For Britain* helps bring workers / employers together, ensures UK can continue to deliver the best quality British Fruit & Veg for everyone to enjoy. Grow-ers, recruiters, agencies with job opportunities across the country. Feed the nation! Come and help pick for Britain.

<https://pickforbritain.org.uk/>

LETTER FOR A LOVED ONE Email service helping families / friends be in touch with patients, easing concerns / worries. *Email + Word attachment / digital photo* will be printed in colour, put in an envelope (can be read to the patient). Include patient's full name, DOB, Ward location. *Mon.-Fri. Letters by 1.00pm* - delivery same day; *after 1.00pm* - next day; *weekend* - Monday. All letters confidential - can be read to them a patient.

keepintouch@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

NO INTERNET ACCESS? *Cathedral phone service* Ox. 920 930. Listen to a full service with worship and the Eucharist / a short service. 954 005. *Diocesan Church at Home* Livestreamed Services view the service / Download the order of service / previous services. <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE: OFFERS Shopping etc. help for those shielding 8.00am-8.00pm 0808-196-3646 <https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/>

HEALTHWATCH OXFORDSHIRE A wealth of CV-19 information / advice / support available from national and local organisations - Updates

<https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/coronavirus>

THE FARADAY INSTITUTE Telling a Better Story Monday 29 June-Friday 3 July Summer course online teaching. Faith & Science in contemporary society, exploring theological & ethical issues. 2/3 webinars daily, international speakers: Amsterdam, Cambridge, London Newcastle, Oxford, USA, York. Online discussion. Free, open to all. <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Summer-Course-Programme-2020-Telling-a-better-story-online.pdf>

YOUR OXFORDSHIRE NEWS Practical advice: ideas incl. online library.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

WWII OXFORD, PERM, LOUISIANA https://www.oxford.gov.uk/news/article/1419/contribution_to_victory_virtual_exhibition.

OXFORD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY SWIFTS LIVECAM

<https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/swifts-in-the-tower-0>

COVID-19 INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS Deaths per million of the population, Confirmed case death rates per million of the population - and much more.

<https://www.realclearpolitics.com/coronavirus/#!>

THE FLYING GOOSE JUNE 2020



In his last leading article as Vicar of St Peter's and All Saints', Charles reflects on the wildernesses and the solitary places which we are all inhabiting

This is a strange time to be writing my farewell article for the Flying Goose. Our midsummer festival cancelled, and with it all our opportunities for farewell services and events at St Peter's and Wytham, means that I shall finish work quietly on Sunday 12th July, at a time when we may, possibly, be just starting to open up our churches again.... If anything is happening at church, Jane and I will certainly want to be there, either at St Peter's or All Saints', until we move in mid August. We want



An online service in the vicarage garden

fatigue, anxiety, and occasional mild depression – has led to new discoveries; not only medication, but vigorous exercise, mindfulness, and what I hadn't expected – a powerful experience of renewal in my personal faith. I have found that the wilderness really can be a place where new shoots, new life and new growth spring up.

Coronavirus has been a struggle, not only for those who have caught the virus, their families, and those who have cared for them, but also for those who have lost their jobs or their livelihood: those who have had

The new issue of your fave quarterly is online now - it can be downloaded from the church website. Because of the lockdown it is unfortunately not possible to distribute hard copies, but we hope to have a few paper copies printed for those of us who cannot access the internet. We will do all we can to disseminate the link so that as many households as possible can access and read it. The copy deadline for the September issue is 3 August. Please email Stephen Drew at flying.goose.ed@gmail.com or telephone him (01865 554352) with ideas for articles. A half-page article is about 250 words, a full page about 500 words, and photographs are always welcome.

COMMEMORATED IN JUNE

8 Thomas Ken, Bp, Hym.; 9 Columba of Iona, Ab., Missionary, 6th; Ephrem of Syria, Dn, Hym., TF; 11 Barnabas, Ap., 1st; 13 Anthony of Padua OFM, Pr., TF; 5 Evelyn Underhill, SW, 20th; 16 Richard of Chichester, Bp; 17 Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers; 22 Alban, 1st M of Britain; 23 Etheldreda of Ely, Abbs; 24 Birth of John the Baptist; cousin & Forerunner of Christ; 27 Cyril of Alexandria, Bp, TF; 28 Irenaeus of Lyons, Bp, TF; 29 Peter & Paul, Aps; (*Ab* Abbot; *Abbs* Abbess; *Aps* Apostles, *Bp* Bishop; *Dn* Deacon; *Hym* Hymnographer; *M* Martyr; *Pr* Priest; *TF* Teacher of the Faith; *SW* Spiritual Writer)

THIS WEEK'S WILDLIFE PICTURE

This photograph of a swan grooming was taken by Ian Curtis - thank you, Ian!

