

Dear all

I have had a lovely day catching up with folk by phone – as you can't come to the church, I wanted the church to come to you, as it were. It's been lovely to talk and hear some of your stories, and really encouraging how many people there are in our lives who help and support us. I have just reached the end on g's, and will be starting on the h's tomorrow. If your surname begins with A-G and you have not had a call from me, it's probably because I don't have your phone number. Please let me know if this is the case.

It was lovely to hear all the Friday Knights sharing their intercessions. Today I'm adding a couple more links. Not our own folk – I'm only just learning how to put videos together and upload them!

Today is Passion Sunday. This is not named after our idea of passion, but rather from the Latin *passio* which means to suffer.

The first link is to one of the most-loved Passion hymns – My Song is Love Unknown by King's College, Cambridge, music by John Ireland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMart4wXsl0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3AYl0KjsPDPNQ5KvdjutdZ8CAXKRNNWfU3t8ahRjxmoeVh0cdG-5oSsD8>

The second link is to an anthem, God so loved the world from Stainer's 'Crucifixion' The choir is from Derby Cathedral.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9jlrAZVngc&fbclid=IwAR3r4dvHBnsWTXGVpdPtethzc8nqDNuArwOUUeMw-njnzTTaNU_EYJzFb0

I hope you enjoyed them, and we look forward to the day when you will be able to hear our organ and choir again.

Finally, another prayer form Nick Fawcett:

When you're struggling to pray during these dark days of the coronavirus pandemic (4)

Here's another prayer that may help you to find words to articulate some of your thoughts and fears when you're struggling to pray during these dark days of the coronavirus pandemic, and remind you that, however much it may feel like it, you are not alone.

So many are worried, Lord.

Calm their fears.

So many are hurting.

Tend their wounds.

So many are grieving.

Comfort them.

So many are lonely.

Assure them of your presence.

So many are vulnerable.

Protect them.

So many are struggling to make ends meet.

Provide for them.

So many are despairing.

Encourage them.

So many are sick.

Heal them.

So many are seeking to bring help to those infected.
Equip and enable them.
So many are looking to defeat this disease.
Guide them.
So many are in need, Lord,
and so many more soon will be.
Reach out to them,
in love,
tenderness
and mercy,
and see them safely through.
Amen.

Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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