

Dear all

It's been a real pleasure to phone around folk, and learning what is happening and the range of activities that people are taking up – whether it is the usual tasks (I am sure that our carpet is in danger of becoming threadbare due to all the vacuuming!), other activities that we are now finding more time for (e.g. gardening, reading that book), or new activities. I have heard of a few who have taken up painting-by-numbers, or those fiendishly difficult jigsaw puzzles. It is also so good to share in your concerns and prayer requests.

For those, like myself, who have missed the wonderful playing of our organist Chris, he has uploaded two Lenten Bach Chorale Preludes - Ich ruf zu dir (I call to you) , and Wenn wir in hochsten noten sein (Whenever we are in greatest need). With the wonders of modern technology, he has a programme that samples the voices of famous organs; so, we are hearing the sound of the St. Etienne Cavallé-Coll organ at Caen.

Links below:

<http://www.contrebombarde.com/concerthall/music/38216>

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For those who are finding supplies difficult to source, I have been given the names of the following places who I understand deliver, some of which might also have their farm shops still open:

Moor Farm, Decoy Road, Peterborough PE6 7QD
01733 810229 www.moorfarmshop.com

Tallington Farm Shop, Tallington Lakes, Tallington, Stamford PE9 4RJ 01778 218947

Grasmere Farm <https://www.grasmere-farm.co.uk/>

Vine House Farm <https://www.vinehousefarm.co.uk/farm-shop/>

For anyone wanting a thought-provoking article to stimulate their reflections, I would recommend *Christianity Offers No Answers About the Coronavirus. It's Not Supposed To*. It is written by N. T. Wright, who is Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St Andrews, a Senior Research Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University and the author of over 80 books. Formerly the Bishop of Durham, he also writes, in a more popular vein, as Tom Wright. This article explores the meaning and place of 'lament'.

https://time.com/5808495/coronavirus-christianity/?fbclid=IwAR3tbMM96VcVwB2LsEVUFiV4j_1KCu9186GN0vtfpJsUymU6e_eKFnaqaZo

Some very good news to share – John and Victoria Worthington's daughter, Rebecca, has had a baby girl named Esmé Beatrice. All are well.

Finally, Philip Aistle informs me that the quote he supplied earlier was from a collection of quotes starting with that famous line "All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well". Philip adds *Julian of Norwich was an anchorite mystic attached to St Julian's Church in Norwich. Her real name is unclear but she is known by the name of that church and as such witnessed the Black Death which was particularly serious in Norwich. That makes her words particularly appropriate at this time.*

A good link to find out more is <http://juliancentre.org/about/about-julian-of-norwich.html>

Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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