

28th September 2020

Dear all

This is a very short letter! Merely a device to attach a couple of documents to, with a little explanation.

Firstly, we have a [report from Graham Thompson](#) on the Deepings Foodbank. It gives a comparison of activity in the year up to 31st March 2020, and the period of 1st April – 24th September 2020. You will note that the Foodbank has gone from the equivalent of feeding 5 people every day to feeding 10 every day over those 2 periods. Quite an increase! It doesn't look to be slacking. Also in the document is a list of what is contained in a 3-day parcel for households of various sizes. It might be illuminating to see how long you can make that parcel last!

Secondly is a pdf of the [Annual Report and Accounts](#) for the Annual Church Meeting. This is the 'official' report. The [other account of activities](#) is also available.

We will only be printing a few copies for the Annual Meeting (Sunday 11th October at 11.00am), both for cost and environmental reasons. Please let me know if you wish to be provided with a hard copy.

It would also be very helpful if you would let me know if you have any questions for the meeting in advance. Questions will be included from the floor, but it would help speed things up if we have some in advance.

Finally, I have not given any musical links for a while. For the Jewish people, today is the most sacred day of the year, Yom Kippur. Wikipedia notes that its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jews traditionally observe this holy day with a day-long fast and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services.

Kol Nidrei (קַל נִדְרֵי) is an Aramaic declaration recited in the synagogue before the beginning of the evening service on every Yom Kippur ("Day of Atonement").

Here is a beautiful cello piece, based upon this recitation, written by the composer Max Bruch, and performed by Mischa Maisky.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGzOozXt4ek>



Stay safe

Blessings and love

Mark