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Bind us together with love



Welcome to Cords the newsletter for
St. Augustines and Christ Church.

Reflection

Last Sunday at Christ Church, Rachel used a poem as part of her Intercessions and several of you asked for more details about it. As it was so in tune with our feelings with regard to the Ukraine, I thought that I would include it here for all of you. It was written by Ann Weems for Ash Wednesday 2003. Ann Weems was a noted writer, speaker, liturgist and worship leader. Among her seven published books or collections of poems, meant to be used in worship, in personal devotions, and in discussions, are *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, *Kneeling in Bethlehem* and the best-selling *Psalms of Lament*. She died in 2016.

"I No Longer Pray For Peace"

On the edge of war, one foot already in,

I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,
and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might
sit down together and share
Its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of our faith:
that we are loved by God.....
that we can truly love one another.

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God Bless

Vivienne

WORSHIP at our Churches

Sunday	10.00am	Christ Church followed by Community Lunch
Sunday 13th	10.30am	St Augustines
Wednesday	10.00am	Mid Week Communion at St. Augustines
Monday— Friday	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom

Community Café

Wednesday 2-4pm St Augustines

Thursday 9.30am to 12 Christ Church

Saturday 9-12 St Augustines

The link for Zoom is sent with this mailing.

The service which we follow for Morning Prayer can be downloaded from the C of E website or App look for Daily Worship Contemporary.

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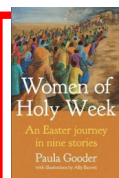
Ukraine — there is a basket in the Café for your money donations.

Breakfast Club Next one —19th March, though there are bacon sandwiches each week at Community Café.

Christ Church News

Community Meals Sunday 13th. March after the morning service. Book for free (so we have numbers for catering) — use the tickettailor link below.

Benches The new benches have now been installed so let's hope for some good weather so that people will use them. Thanks to all who donated towards their purchase.

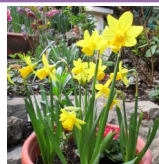


Bible Study Groups — Our study for Lent looks at The Women of Holy Week. Wednesday 7pm on Zoom or 12 noon at Christ Church.

Lent Lunches Churches Together are arranging a series of Lent Lunches, ours will be at St. Augustines on Friday, 24th March

Electoral Rolls As is normal each year, both churches will have to revise our Electoral Rolls. Those already on one of our Electoral Rolls don't need to do anything, but if you have not joined previously then now is your chance. At Christ Church the Roll will be revised from March 27th to April 10th. It will then be closed until after the APCM on May 8th. Please ask if you would like to have your name added or are not sure if you are already included. Forms are available in Church. St Augustines revision dates are to be arranged.

QUIZ on a damp grey morning, when the world has gone mad, the miniature daffodils outside my window bring hope so let's think about Spring Flowers



- Which flowers the earliest? — Bluebell, Snowdrop, Wood Anemone or Allium
- Daffodils are sometimes called what? — Glory of the Snow, Field flowers, Yellow cups or Lent Lilies.
- Which yellow spice is popular during the Hindu Festival of Colours which marks the start of Spring? Clove, cinnamon, turmeric or cumin.
- How much of the world's bluebell population grows in the UK? — half, a quarter, a tenth or three quarters.
- Tulips were first cultivated in Istanbul as early as — 1900, 1055, 1850 or 1305.
- In which habitat do primroses grow? — woodland, beach, mountain, wetland.
- Which vegetable is harvested in spring? — rhubarb, asparagus, radish or artichoke.
- Rhododendron arboretum is the national flower of which country? Sweden, New Zealand, Nepal or Italy.
- Wisteria belongs to the same family as which vegetable? Cauliflower, broccoli, kale or peas.
- What was the most ever paid for a tulip bulb? — 1000 guilders, 10,500 guilders, 3450 guilders or 5,200 guilders.

Last week's answers

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| 1.Dumb | 2.shouting | 3.Quiet | 4.Deaf |
| 5.Talk, Talk | 6.word | 7.singing | 8.word |
| 9.Whispers | 10. sound | 11.whistle | 12.speak |
| 13.Shout | 14.sound | 15.spoke | |

If you would like to submit a quiz or a puzzle, I would love to receive it, send it to Vivienne on the Christ Church email address.

Each Church has a Prayer Box for Prayer Requests.

Prayers: Please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers, but also remember the people of Russia who have no true understanding of what evil is being done in their name.

Thought for the week :

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as your self.

From this week's Lent Study.

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Anything for Cords please use the Christ Church email, by Wednesday each week please.

Booking for events at both Churches: <http://www.tickettailor.com/.../parishesofwhitchurchandhengrove>