

# ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## INTRODUCTION

- If you have a friend or neighbour who would like to receive this, please forward their details.
- I also invite you to send in items, especially humorous ones!
- For all correspondence please use [office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.org)

## CHURCH SERVICES

Each week run 2 identical services every week which will last approximately 30 minutes

- One on a Wednesday at 10.30am. This is targeted at people who are most at risk. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 20, and you will need to book in advance with the office.
- The other is on a Sunday at 10.30am. Maximum capacity of St Michael's, allowing for social distancing is about 40, depending on the size of family groups.
- We plan to film the Wednesday service, John will edit it and I will send it out on the Sunday morning, so that those who are at home can watch it at 10.30am.
- At 11.45am on the Sunday we are planning to have ZOOM coffee. All three groups: Wed, Sun, and those at home, will be able to take part so we will see everyone.

If you have any questions please do contact Nerys in the church office 0151 924 0561, or email [office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.org)

## EATING IN THE UK IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented.  
Curry was a surname.  
A takeaway was a mathematical problem.  
A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.  
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.  
All crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.  
A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.  
Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our dinner.  
A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.  
Brown bread was something only poor people ate.  
Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.  
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.  
Coffee was Camp and came in a bottle.  
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.  
Only Heinz made beans.  
Fish didn't have fingers in those days.  
Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.  
None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.  
Healthy food consisted of anything edible.  
People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.  
Indian restaurants were only found in India.  
Cooking outside was called camping.  
Seaweed was not a recognised food.  
'Kebab' was not even a word never mind a food.  
Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being white gold.  
Prunes were medicinal.  
Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one. Water came out of the tap, if someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties ..... was elbows.

## **GENESIS**

Starting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September we will be launching a new sermon series on the book of Genesis. Are we supposed to believe God created the world in seven days? Does the devil exist? Was there a flood? These are some of the questions we will be addressing. More importantly, we will be looking at why God created the world, what he thinks about us, and what he wants us to do with our lives.

## **QUIZ NIGHTS**

Quiz nights are back. We will be having a quiz every month. The first one will be on 11<sup>th</sup> September 7.30. If you would like to be involved send an email to Richard Kemp at [blundellsands@btinternet.com](mailto:blundellsands@btinternet.com)

## **GEOGRAPHY QUIZ**

1. What was the largest country in Africa until 2011, when it became the third-largest?
2. What castle, the biggest in England, is often described as “the Key to England”?
3. After California, which US state is the most populous?
4. Literally meaning “capital city”, to distinguish from the “eastern capital” of Tokyo, what is the historical capital of Japan during the imperial period? It is now a major cultural centre.



## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

It has been said that many people are busy playing a game of rounders:

- Shopping
- Sexing
- Supping
- Soccering

There's nothing wrong with any of these but some people call a time out for long enough to contemplate a fifth 'S'..... Searching.

TS Elliot described life as:

The endless cycle of ideas and action,  
Endless invention, endless experiment,  
Brings knowledge of motion, but not of stillness;  
Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word.  
All our knowledge brings us nearer to our ignorance.  
All our ignorance brings us nearer to our death,  
But nearness to death no nearer to God.

The Bible says:  
Be still and know that I am God.

So slow down for long enough and create enough space for God to find you.

## TALKS

For those who missed our Sunday talks you will find them here:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August: <https://youtu.be/eB9p8ezCTSs>

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September: <https://youtu.be/1MfZv3FwzF0> and <https://youtu.be/76nr71ElAik>

If you are new to accessing YouTube clips and need some help, just give Margaret or I a ring on 0151 378 0332 and we will help.

## GEOGRAPHY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Sudan 2. Dover 3. Texas 4. Kyoto

## ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE



**Together we will get through this.**

Revd Neil Short

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