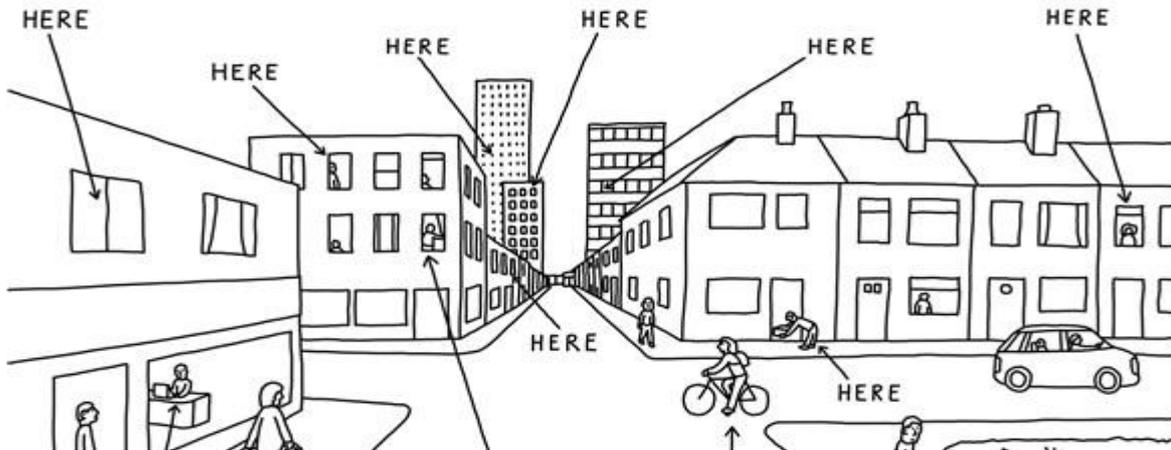


To all Friends of Christ Church, West Wimbledon:

MICHAEL'S MESSAGES CORONAVIRUS No 6

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



HELP OFFERED: I thought you might like this great cartoon, again from Dave Walker of the Church Times! It is the reality of our church life now. Thank you to so many who have offered some form of help – including collecting and delivering prescriptions/medication or getting essential shopping (milk bread etc) or just being happy to talk with someone if they are feeling isolated and lonely. If you would like to take up the offer of some help, please do not be afraid to ask – you are really not being any trouble at all and I am happy to put you in touch with someone suitable who is offering this sort of help. Please ring me on 020 8946 5954 or email: ccww.vicar@gmail.com. If you do contact me asking for anything, I would of course liaise with you before putting you in touch with anyone offering help.

SUNDAY PEWSHEET AND SHORT SERMON: Each Sunday (I started last Sunday) I am inserting a short sermon/homily onto the Sunday pewsheet. Many of you receive the pewsheet direct from Sara each week – and it is also put by Paul Brazier onto the Church website in good time for Sunday.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING 2020: We have obviously cancelled the meeting due on April 26. The Bishop of Southwark has issued an Order allowing this meeting to be held anytime up to 31 October 2020. As soon as we have permission to re-open the building, we will fix the date of our meeting. Thank you to those who have submitted your reports – if you haven't done so yet, please email it to Sara as soon as you can.

NEW CHURCHWARDENS: I am delighted to say that we have received two nominations for the Office of Churchwarden: Tish Mousell and Julie Grainger. They will make a good team together, methinks!

THANK YOU to everyone who is working hard from home to keep in touch with others at Christ Church. It has been wonderful to see the way in which everyone is rallying together. The challenge for us all is to keep up the momentum for however long this emergency lasts. But we human beings often have a remarkable ability to be resilient and I think we will probably be stronger for what we are going through now. Give thanks for all those who are supporting us in whatever way and we pray that God will keep us all safe. Some words from Paul's letter to the Philippians (while he was in prison and in isolation): *"Finally, my friends, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you"*.

With my prayers and warm wishes, Michael Burns, Vicar

2/4/2020