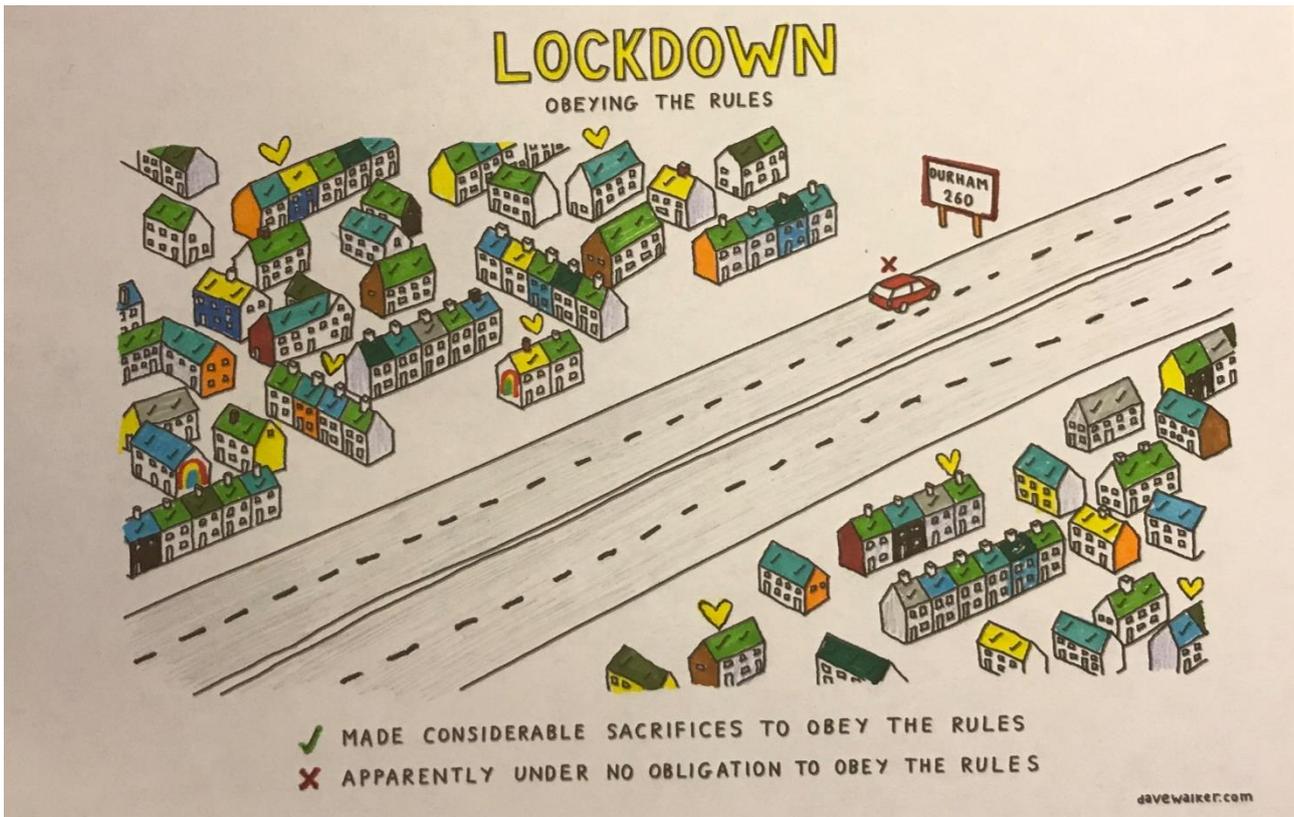


To all Friends of Christ Church, West Wimbledon:
MICHAEL'S MESSAGES CORONAVIRUS 15



OUR CONTINUING LOCKDOWN: Above is a cartoon, drawn by Dave Walker from the Church Times. Whatever your views, it illustrates quite concisely the difficulties we are all facing at this time. It is true that we do need precise guidelines together with a clear message and assurance about the future. Those many millions of people who have followed the Government's advice and stayed at home, coping with many personal difficulties, have done the right thing and still do. Vulnerable people are alive today because of the self-discipline of so many. We thank God for their integrity. So, we hope and pray that decisions about the future opening up of our nation may be made with honesty and clarity. Many of you have asked me when churches are going to be allowed to open again – but I simply do not know. Nor do I know what the life of our churches will be like in the future, given the likely need for many to continue to keep at a social distance from others. Be assured that I will do all I can when the appropriate guidelines are issued in the weeks to come.

THE PEWSHEET has an important **FINANCE** message from John Davey, our Honorary Treasurer, about the financial situation facing us at Christ Church – do take a moment to read it on the website. There is also an important notice about the needs of the **WIMBLEDON FOODBANK** – these needs will be updated in the pewsheet. They continue to welcome financial donations via their website – and food can also be left at two addresses. Thank you to all those who are generously supporting the work of the Foodbank serving our area.

PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH with me if there is anything you need help with – or you just fancy a chat! Everyone at Christ Church is much in my thoughts and prayers as we try to 'Keep calm and carry on.' It goes without saying that we are much looking forward to the time when life begins to return to some sense of normality for all. I am sure that will happen and that we will meet again – eventually!

With my continuing best wishes, thoughts and prayers for you all, Michael

26/5/20