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Services at St Matthew's

Sunday Morning Services

1st 3rd 4th and 5th Sundays

8:30 am Eucharist (Said)

**10:00 am Parish Eucharist with Choir and Children's Groups
followed by tea and coffee in the foyer**

2nd Sunday

8:30 am Eucharist (Said)

10:30am Café Church All Age Service

Sunday Evening Service as announced

5:00pm Breathe

Morning Prayer

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am

Tuesday

2nd Tuesday 3:30pm



Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion (Said)

Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage

By arrangement with the Vicar

St Matthew's Vision

***'Celebrating God's love throughout the
whole community***

By what we believe and do'.

Dear friend,

events

A summer reflection- and a challenge

“Live compassionately”

Compassion definition:” sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.”

Alfred Dubs was born in Prague and was one of 669 children, mainly Jewish, who were saved from the Nazis by an English stockbroker named Nicholas Winton. For his entire career, Lord Dubs, has been active in English political life, but now he has a new campaign. Remembering those who had compassion on him, he gained headlines last year by promoting the cause of compassion in politics. "As our nation turns in on itself," he said, "as the welfare state collapse after years of cuts, and as communities become ever more divided, we need an injection of compassion."

The whole world needs an injection of compassion. Compassion is having a tender and Christlike heart for others. When we exercise compassion, we're reflecting the personality of God for the Bible says, "(The Lord) crowns you with love and compassionThe Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to



anger, abounding in love...As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him." (Psalm 103:4)

Matthew 9:36 says. "But when Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them." When Jesus met two blind men near Jericho, He "had compassion and touched

their eyes."(Matthew 20:34). When a leper dropped to his knees and begged for healing, "Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him."(Mark 1:41).When He saw a funeral procession with a grieving mother, "He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." (Luke 7:13) When His four thousand listeners grew faint with hunger, He said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat."(Mark 8:2)

Compassion is a great attitude because it reflects the character of Jesus Christ moves our hearts to action and touches the world around us in life-changing ways. Compassion also requires prayer and maturity. It's not simply a matter of being soft- hearted and indiscriminate in the face of need. Our world is so needy we can be overwhelmed with it all- weep over every calamity, donate to every charity, and help every addict. Compassion certainly isn't a blanket burden for the world. It's being willing to respond tenderly and lovingly to the specific needs God places in our pathway and puts upon our hearts as we prayerfully follow Him. He calls some couples to adopt a lonely child, others to volunteer in their local school, others to

minister at the nearby nursing home, and still others to assist at the local refugee centre or the night soup and sandwich kitchen.

Here's the question: How are you practising the compassion of Jesus in specific ways in the world around you? No one is exempt. The Bible says, "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous." (1 Peter 3:8)

We aren't compassionate, of course, because of what it does for us. That's just a divine by-product. But when we live compassionately, it reflects Jesus Christ and often opens the door for the Gospel. Most of all, our compassion gives an injection of compassion to others in a way that lifts them up and that lifts up the Name of Him who said, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25: 40)



Praying for Croydon

Croydon Christian Youth workers

Networking the borough's Christian youth workers

The Church provides more activities for more young people than any other organisation in Croydon. We offer stability, reality and creativity to help young people develop new skills, appreciate belief and find self-confidence. Dedicated leaders serve as good role models, building relationships which strengthen communities.

Croydon Christian Youthworkers meet and pray once a term at New Life Christian Centre, and share information to keep updated on resources and respond to issues and events.



Please pray:

1. With thanks for young lives encouraged and nurtured.
2. For youth leaders to be renewed in wisdom and strength and for more leaders to be raised.
3. For churches to actively publicise youth activities so parents and young people know what is going on.
4. That churches will work together effectively on new opportunities created by the reduction in other young people's activities.

Find us on **Facebook**: facebook.com/croydonchristianyouthworkers

The Persecuted Church

Eritrea's president makes peace with everyone but his own people?

Eritrea has long been considered one of the most repressive countries in the world; a dictatorship where all independent expression is stifled and thousands of citizens (especially Christians) languish indefinitely in jails, enduring appalling conditions. Recent developments in the country-most notably the improved relations with Ethiopia- have met with great enthusiasm by the international community. Many saw this as an indication that the plight of the Eritrean people is finally coming to an end. Tragically, however, this couldn't be further from the truth.

On 17th September 2018, 73 year-old Berhane Abrehe was out having breakfast with his son in Asmara, Eritrea's capital. He was approached by security agents and instructed to accompany them. Mr Abrehe had just published a book entitled "Eritrea My Country" in which he presented a plan on how to end Eritrea's dictatorship and prevent it happening again. Several Eritrean former officials living in exile endorsed the book. Since that date Mr Abrehe's whereabouts have been unknown. Mr Abrehe was arrested just one day after the Eritrean and Ethiopian presidents signed a peace agreement; the two countries fought a costly war from May 1998 to June 2000.

The day after Mr Abrehe's arrest marked 17 years since pro- reform officials were forcibly disappeared, independent media outlets shut down and journalists jailed incommunicado. Many are rumoured to have died in the harsh conditions. Six prominent Christian leaders who've detained for over a decade remain imprisoned.



The Church in China

There were Nestorian Christians in China from the Church of the East in Byzantium as early as 635 A.D. during the Tang Dynasty. The Church of the East

had split from Rome and its monks travelled throughout Persia and China as far as Korea preaching what came to be known as the 'Luminous Religion'. The monks returned again in the 13th and 14th centuries during the Yuan (Mongol) Dynasty, but it was not until the arrival of the Jesuit Catholic fathers like the Italian polymath, Matteo Ricci, that the Christian gospel began to take root in China in the late 16th century. He brought new knowledge of astronomy, mathematics and geography and another transcendental dimension to life with his 'Religion of the Lord of Heaven'. He also sought a pragmatic accommodation with Confucianism with its rites of ancestor worship. This resulted in a dispute with other Catholic orders like the Dominicans and the eventual expulsion by the Pope of all Catholic missionaries from China. With the advent of the colonial era from around 1800, the missions from both Catholic and Protestant denominations intensified and many converts were made. Today there are conservatively estimated to be over 10 million Catholics and 40 million Protestants in the country.

Since the Communist Party is an avowedly atheistic organisation, it is very wary of foreign ideas and tends to regard Christianity as a competing ideology. Although it is officially tolerant of religious freedom, it is careful to control and monitor any movement which looks as if it might challenge its absolute authority. The country was shaken to its roots by the Taiping Rebellion – in which a failed scholar posing as the younger brother of Jesus Christ dragged China into a decade-long civil war – in the mid-19th century. In more recent times adherents of the Falun Gong movement (of spiritual meditation) were outlawed and deemed to be enemies of the people.

The present government has tightened its control over religious affairs, branding the Protestant church, in particular, as a 'cult', and ordering the closure of church meeting places. The biggest house church in Beijing, Zion, has been banned from using its rented hall after refusing to allow CCTV cameras to be installed in the building and has resorted to holding services out of doors. To avoid the accusation of suppressing religious freedom, the authorities point to



inadequate fire protection measures and 'illegal' printed materials. New regulations have increased pressure to 'sinicize' culturally and to submit to Party authority. This involves the burning of crosses and replacing them with the Chinese flag and removing sacred images seen to be 'too Western'. In the provinces, many churches have been forced to

forbid foreigners from preaching and anyone under 18 from attending. State security officials continue to harass churchgoers, even visiting their workplaces to ask them to promise not to go to church. The Communist Party now forbids its members to hold religious belief. The new rules state that if they don't

change after help and education from the party organisation, they should be encouraged to leave the party. In China, it seems, the State owns your soul.

A traveller's Guide to Heaven (Part 2)

Vaccination and Inoculation: Injections are not needed as diseases are unknown at the destination. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." (Revelation 21:4)

Currency: Supplies of currency may be forwarded ahead to await the passenger's arrival. Deposits should be as large as possible. "Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:20)

Clothing: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveller. "He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation; He hath covered me with the robes of righteousness." (Isaiah 61: 10)

Time Changes: Resetting of watches will not be necessary (to adjust to any day/night schedule). “The city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it ; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.....there shall be no night there.” (Revelation 21: 23, 25)

Reservations: Booking is now open. Apply at once. “Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (1 Corinthians 6:2)

Coronation Ceremony: The highlight of the journey is the welcoming reception and coronation which awaits each new arrival. “There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge , shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.” (1 Timothy 4:8)



“The Plains of Heaven” by John Martin (Tate Britain)

It's time to become mature

“We must try to become mature” (Hebrews 6:1)

Paul writes; “May God Himselfwho makes everything holy and whole put you together – spirit, soul and body- and keep you fit for the coming ofJesus Christ . The One who called you is completely dependable. If He said it, he’ll do it. (1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24).

Are you growing into spiritual maturity? Before you answer read these words:

“Maturity is the ability to control your anger and settle your differences without violence or resentment. Maturity is patience; it’s the willingness to pass up short-term pleasure for long-term gain. It’s the ability to “sweat it out” in spite of heavy opposition or discouraging setbacks. It’s the capacity to face unpleasantness or frustration without complaining or collapsing. Maturity is humility. It’s being big enough to say, “I was wrong,” and when you are right, never needing to say, “I told you so.” Maturity is the ability to make a decision and follow through with it instead of exploring endless possibilities and doing nothing about any of them. Maturity means dependability, keeping your word and coming through in a crisis.

The immature are masters of alibi; they’re the confused and the disorganised. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, former friends, unfinished business, and good intentions. Maturity is the art of being at peace with what you can’t change, having the courage to change what you can and the wisdom to know the difference.

The Bible says, “We must try to become mature and start thinking about more than just the basic things we were taught.” So the word for you today is; it’s time to become mature.



Bible themed quotes- Faith

So Jesus said to them, “.. I say to you, if you have **faith** as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, “Move from here to there, and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matthew 17:20)

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by **faith**.” (Romans 1: 17)

For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” (Romans 4:3)

“For by grace you have been saved by **faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9)

“Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.”
(Hebrews 11:1)

“But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
(Hebrews 11:6)

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our **faith**. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 John 5:4-5)

“Therefore, having been justified by **faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”(Romans 5:1 & 2)

George Muller

George Müller (born **Johann Georg Ferdinand Müller**, 27 September 1805 – 10 March 1898) was a Christian evangelist and the director of the Ashley Down orphanage in Bristol, England. He cared for 10,024 orphans during his lifetime,^{[1][2]} and provided educational opportunities for the orphans to the point that he was even accused by some of raising the poor above their natural station in British life. He established 117 schools which offered Christian education to more than 120,000.



In 1829, Müller offered to work with Jews in England through the London Society for Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews. He arrived in London on March 19 of that year, but by mid-May, he fell ill and did not think that he would

survive. He was sent to Teignmouth to recuperate and, while there he met Henry Craik, who became his lifelong friend.^[3] Müller returned to London in September, but after ten days started to feel unwell again. He blamed his failing health on his having been confined to his house because of his studies. He asked the Society to send him out to preach but received no reply. By the end of November he became doubtful whether the Society was the right place for him and on 12 December made the decision to leave but to wait for a month before writing. Müller returned to Exmouth in East Devon, England on 31 December for a short holiday and preached at various meetings while there. He wrote to the Society in early January, requesting that they might consider allowing him to remain with them if they would allow him "to labour in regard to time and place as the Lord might direct me". This they refused to do at a meeting on 27 January 1830, communicating this to Müller in writing, and thus bringing to an end his association with the London Society. He moved from Exmouth to Teignmouth and preached several times for Craik, which led to a number of the congregation asking him to stay and be the minister of Ebenezer Chapel in Shaldon, Devon, on a salary of £55 per annum. On 7 October 1830, he married Mary Groves, the sister of Anthony Norris Groves. At the end of October, he renounced his regular salary, believing that the practice could lead to church members giving out of duty, not desire. He also eliminated the renting of church pews, arguing that it gave unfair prestige to the wealthy (based primarily on James 2:1–9)

Müller moved to Bristol on 25 May 1832 to begin working at Bethesda Chapel. Along with Henry Craik, he continued preaching there until his death, even while devoted to his other ministries. In 1834, he founded the Scriptural Knowledge Institution for Home and Abroad, with the goal of aiding Christian schools and missionaries; distributing the Bible and Christian tracts; and providing Day-schools, Sunday-schools and Adult-schools, all upon a Scriptural foundation.^[5] By the end of February 1835, there were five Day-schools – two for boys and three for girls.^[6] Not receiving government support and only accepting unsolicited gifts, this organisation received and disbursed £1,381,171^[1] – around £113 million in today's terms^[7] – by the time of Müller's death, primarily using the money for supporting the orphanages and distributing about 285,407 Bibles,^[1] 1,459,506 New Testaments,^[1] and 244,351 other religious texts,^[1] which were translated into twenty other languages.^[8] The money was also used to support other "faith missionaries" around the world, such as Hudson Taylor.^[9] The work continues to this day.

The work of Müller and his wife with orphans began in 1836 with the preparation of their own rented home at 6 Wilson Street, Bristol for the accommodation of thirty girls. Soon after, three more houses in Wilson Street were furnished, not only for girls but also for boys and younger children, eventually increasing the capacity for children who could be cared for to 130. In 1845, as growth continued, the neighbours complained about the noise and disruption to the public utilities, so Müller decided that a separate building designed to house three hundred children was necessary, and in 1849, at Ashley Down, Bristol, the new home opened. The architect commissioned to draw up the plans asked if

he might do so gratuitously.^[10] By 26 May 1870, 1,722 children were being accommodated in 5 homes, although there was room for 2,050 (No 1 House – 300, No 2 House – 400, Nos 3, 4 and 5 – 450 each). By the following year, there were 280 orphans in No 1 House, 356 in No 2, 450 in Nos 3 and 4, and 309 in No 5 House.^[11]

Through all this, Müller never made requests for financial support, nor did he go into debt, even though the five homes cost more than £100,000 to build. Many times, he received unsolicited food donations only hours before they were needed to feed the children, further strengthening his faith in God. Müller was in constant prayer that God touch the hearts of donors to make provisions for the orphans. For example, on one well-documented occasion, thanks was given for breakfast when all the children were sitting at the table even though there was nothing to eat in the house. As they finished praying, the baker knocked on the door with sufficient fresh bread to feed everyone, and the milkman gave them plenty of fresh milk because his cart broke down in front of the orphanage.^[12] In his autobiographical entry for February 12, 1842, he wrote:

A brother in the Lord came to me this morning and, after a few minutes of conversation gave me two thousand pounds for furnishing the new Orphan House ... Now I am able to meet all of the expenses. In all probability I will even have several hundred pounds more than I need. The Lord not only gives as much as is absolutely necessary for his work, but he gives abundantly. This blessing filled me with inexplicable delight. He had given me the full answer to my thousands of prayers during the [past] 1,195 days.^[13]

Jesus is coming again

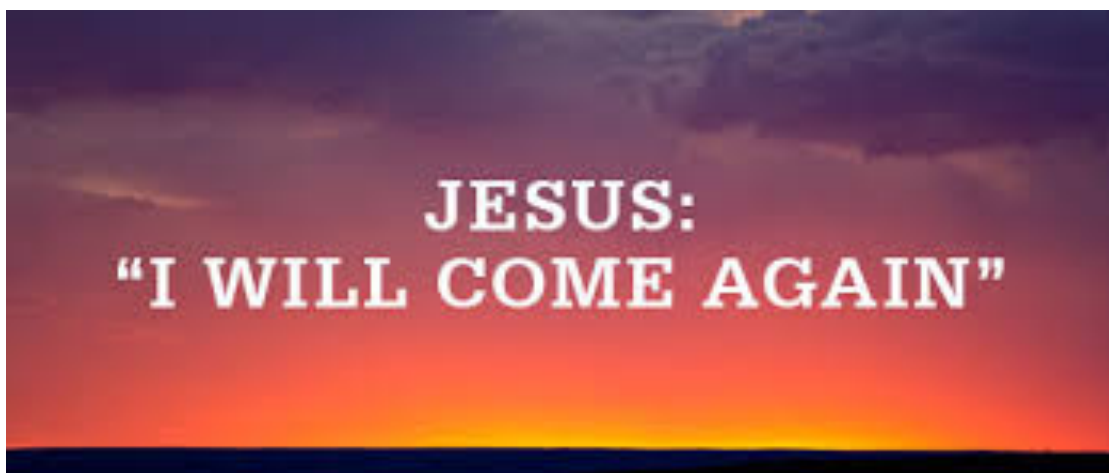
“Be ready...the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”
(Matthew 24:44)

Jesus warned, “Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.” In our generation there have been many high- profile preachers who set dates for Christ’s second coming, and the press jumped all over it. That having been said, Jesus *is* coming again! In scripture it is referenced more than 300 times.

Charles Swindoll says: “Critics have denied it. Cynics have scorned it. Scholars have ignored it. Liberal theologians have tried to explain it away (they call that “re-thinking it.”). Fanatics have perverted it. And some have sarcastically said, “Where is the promise of His coming?” (2 Peter 3:4) Jesus’ return has always been attacked, misused, and denied. But still it stands, solid as a rock, offering real hope in the midst of despair and unbelief.

You say, “What should I do while I am waiting?” First, understand what you shouldn’t do. Don’t sit around waiting for a bugle call or looking for a rapture

cloud. Don’t quite your job and don’t set a date. Instead, use the time to get your act together. Live every day like it’s your last, but work like Jesus isn’t coming back for another ten years. Shake your “salt” and shine your “light” wherever you go (Matthew 5: 13- 16) Remain balanced, cheerful, pleasant, committed, and stable anticipating the day of His return. And if you’re not sure you’re ready, get your ticket immediately. As long as they’re available, they’re free. But if you’re wise you won’t wait. What good is a ticket if the event is over? Today accept Jesus as your Saviour and be ready when He comes.



Quotes

All these quotes are from the Lent “York Course” booklet which w

God’s love is unchangeable; He knows exactly what we are and loves us anyway. (Billy Graham, evangelist)

Repentance means you change your mind so deeply that it changes you. (Bruce Wilkinson, Christian teacher)

Of all acts of man, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none. (Thomas Carlyle, philosopher and essayist)

Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive. (C S Lewis, Christian apologist)

By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God. (Francis de Sales)

The time for action is now. It's never too late to do something.(Antoine de Saint-Exupery, French writer)

The purpose of the Gospel is to make bad men good and good men better, and to change human nature. (David McKay)

In the end what matters is not how good we are but how good God is. Not how much we love Him but how much He loves us. And God loves us whoever we are, whatever we've done or failed to do, whatever we believe or can't.
(Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

Social responsibility becomes an aspect not of Christian mission only, but also of Christian conversion. It is impossible to be truly converted to God without being thereby converted to our neighbour. (Revd Dr John Stott)

Some encouraging news about schools in East London

In recent months there has been much media coverage about different aspects of the State Education system eg curriculum, teachers' recruitment and retention, classroom discipline etc. I read this article (which I've edited) in a recent online edition of "Prophecy Today" and reproduce it with their permission. It is written by a member of a small Christian charity which take assemblies and RE lessons in schools in a predominantly Muslim area of East London.

"We have been astounded at the openness of the primary schools here in Newham to hearing about Christianity and the Gospel. In December we had a primary school contact us about sending 180 children before Christmas in order to share with the children the story about why Christians celebrate Christmas. At the end of each two-hour session (the children were split into two

groups of 90), we presented every classroom a copy of 'The Christmas Story' by J. John and gave every teacher a copy of the Gospel tract 'Why Christmas'. During both of the sessions, I clearly explained the Gospel to the children and then prayed for them. Then, a few weeks ago, we had 300 children come from three different primary schools over a two-day period to do 'The Easter Experience', promoted by the Christian organisation "Faith in Schools."



In one workshop the children made an Easter garden while two of our ladies told them about the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus. We gave all the classes a copy of 'The Easter Story' by J. John and every teacher and many of the children took away the Gospel tract 'Why Easter'. At the end of each of the four two-hour sessions (75 children in each), I clearly explained the Gospel to the children and then prayed for them. 98% of the children coming have never been inside a church building. The majority of the children come from families of Muslim backgrounds. I had one Muslim trainee teacher come up to me after I had prayed for the children and beg to also have a copy of 'The Easter Story' by J. John that I had given to every class. Last week I had another primary school 'begging' me to allow them to bring their children to hear the stories about Jesus. It is quite obvious that the Lord, in his timing, is at work across the UK amongst the children and planting a hunger within their teachers to find out more about Christianity and this Jesus whom we worship."

So true

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am?"

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 59 and 60 degrees north latitude and between 107 and 108 degrees longitude."

"You must be an engineer," said the balloonist

“I am” replied the woman, “How did you know?”

“Well”, answered the balloonist, “everything you told me is technically correct, but I’ve no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I’m still lost. Frankly, you’ve not been much help at all. If anything, you’ve delayed my trip.

The woman below responded, “You must be a politician.”

“I am,” replied the balloonist, but how did you know?”

“Well” said the woman, “you don’t know where you are or where you’re going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you’ve no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow it’s fault.

Anagram of the Day:

The Houses of Parliament =

Loonies far up the Thames

Sentences actually typed by medical secretaries in NHS Glasgow

1. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
2. Patient has left her white blood cells at another hospital.
3. Patient’s medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
4. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for a year.
5. On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
6. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
7. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
8. Discharge status; alive, but without my permission.
9. Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year-old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.
10. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
11. She is numb from her toes down.

12. While in ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
13. The skin was moist and dry.
14. Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
15. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
16. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
17. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.
18. I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.
19. The lab test indicated abnormal liver function.
20. Skin: somewhat pale but present.
21. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
22. Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.
23. Patient has two teenage children but no other abnormalities.
24. When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.
25. Patient was seen in consultation by Dr Smith, who felt that we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.
26. She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.

The confession

Hi Bob, this is Alan next door. I have a confession to make. I've been riddled with guilt these past few months and have been trying to pluck up the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling you in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing.

The truth is I've been sharing your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, probably more than you. The temptation was just too much. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me. It won't happen again.

Please suggest a fee for usage, and I'll pay you. Regards, Alan

THE ACTIONS

Bob, feeling insulted and betrayed, grabbed his gun and shot his neighbour dead. He returned home where he poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. He took out his phone where he noticed an unread subsequent message from his neighbour.

THE SECOND MESSAGE

Hi Bob, This is Alan next door again.

Sorry about the typo on my last text. I expect you figured it out anyway, that you noticed the darned Autocorrect changed "Wi Fi" to "Wife." Technology, hey?

Regards Alan

A message from a banker

A very useful tip when withdrawing funds from an ATM (Automated Teller Machine). Press CANCEL button twice before inserting your card. If anyone has set up the keypad to steal your PIN code, this will cancel the set up. Please make it a habit and part of every transaction that you make. Please share this with others.



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Communications Team	Revd Simon Foster	
Fabric Team	Peter Mulrenan	8688 2753
Finance Team	Richard Tweed	
Pastoral Team	Revd Simon Foster	

Youth Groups and Clubs

Rainbow Guides (Wednesday 6.10-7.30)	Zoë Sheehan	07855 779458
Brownies (Monday 6.10-7.30pm)	Amber Bull	
Ten O'Clock Club (Tuesday 10-12noon)		
Cubs (Tuesday 7-8.30pm)	Michael Smaldon	
Scouts (Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm)	Chris Iouannou	07729 303130
Guides (Wednesday 6.45-8.30pm)	Zoë Sheehan	07855 779458
Beavers (Friday 6-7.15pm)		

For details of other activities taking place at church during the week that include Aerobics, Bach Choir, Philharmonic Choir, Breathe Easy, Children's Ballet, Children's Drama and U3A Groups. Please contact the organisers direct. Details from the Parish Office which is usually open Monday to Friday 9.30am -12.30pm.