

## St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 26 April 2020

### Sacrifice

*During the Second World War a British troop ship with hundreds of men on board was spotted by a lurking U-boat and soon two torpedoes had smashed into its side. Within minutes the ship began to sink.*

*Lifeboats were manned, and those who were able to do so scrambled aboard and were lowered away to safety. One person who was offered a place was the Reverend Hubert Pugh, a Chaplain in the RAF. However, he declined the offer and made his way to the edge of the hold. Looking down, he was appalled to see hundreds of men looking up at him, without any hope of escape, most of whom were under 20 years of age. Grabbing a coil of rope, he tied one end around his waist and persuading an officer standing by to help, he lowered himself into the hold to be with the doomed men. The officer warned him that he would never come out alive, but he replied, 'Believe me, my faith in God is far stronger than my fear of death at this moment.'*

*Hubert Pugh went down with the ship. For this act of self-sacrifice he was awarded posthumously the George Cross.*

This weekend we acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice made by so many men and women on our behalf in arenas of battle over the last 100 years. We are fighting a battle right now, albeit against a very different type of enemy, but all the same, sacrifice is called for. For further comment, see the YouTube clip!

### Giving

Just a reminder that we still have to ensure that we financially support our church as the cost of running our church does not change just because we are in lockdown. To that end, can I also remind you of the on-line process.

Bank account name – St Paul's in the Park. Bank account number – 06 0991 0056055 00. If you want your contribution to remain confidential, put your donor number in Reference. If you do not have a donor number, please email Jenny Burrow ( [jrburrow2016@gmail.com](mailto:jrburrow2016@gmail.com)) and she will give you a number.

It is that time of the year when donor numbers, names and addresses are given to Trust Management, and they will then post out your receipts for the financial year ending 31 March 2020.

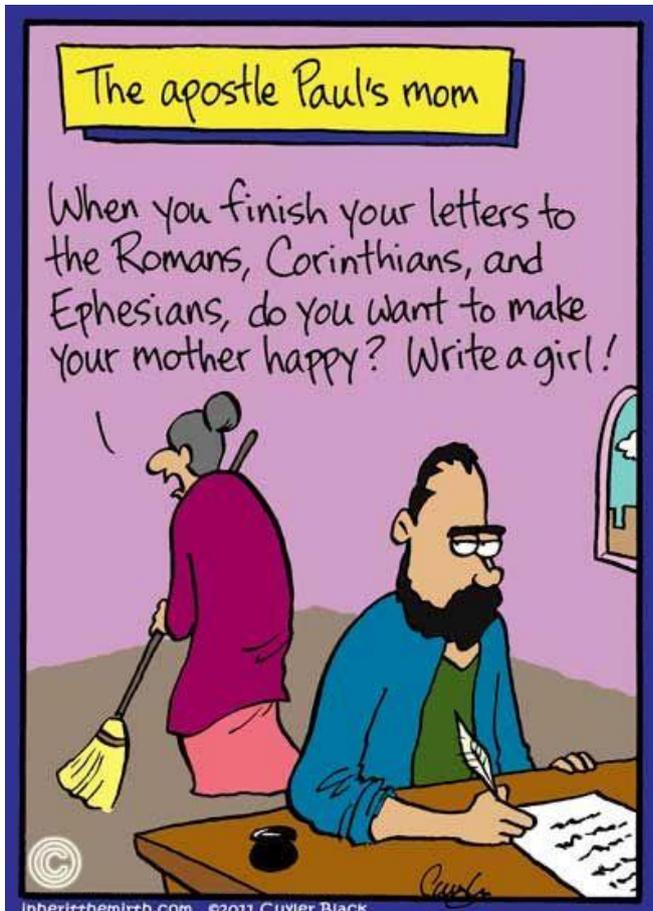
### Time for a Smile

1. A man walks into a hardware store and says, 'I'd like some nails, please.' 'Ok,' says the assistant. 'How long do you want them?' 'Well,' says the man, 'I was hoping I could keep them.'

2. A man is being interviewed. 'Where do you live?' asks the interviewer. 'London,' replies the man. 'And have you lived there all your life?' asks the interviewer. 'No,' replies the man, 'Not yet.'

### Word for Today

The latest edition of Word for Today will be in our mailbox any day soon. Please let me know if you would like a copy and I will send you one. I have ordered many copies, so please put your order in.



### To Ponder

'I have never met a person whose greatest need was anything other than real, unconditional love.'

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

### YouTube Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dVLvX8lOnc>

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