

### **Service**

*A motorist drove into a 'full service' station. Three attendants charged out to meet him. The first washed the windows; the second checked under the bonnet; the third checked the tires. When they finished the motorist paid for the 30 litres of petrol he had ordered and drove off.*

*Three minutes later he returned. Once more, the attendants charged out. 'I'm embarrassed to ask you this,' said the motorist, 'but did anyone put petrol in my car?' The attendants looked at one another rather sheepishly. In their rush to serve, they had forgotten the rather important petrol.*

I believe that one of the pluses that has come out of this pandemic is that we have been forced to slow down and take a stock of our lives; to reflect on just what is important, what our priorities are, or rather, what they should be. I would like to think that consideration of others is one of the outcomes of that reflection. From what I have observed, that is very much the case. The challenge for us is maintain that as a priority post COVID 19.

'Dear friends, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.'  
1 John 3:18

### **Back to Church**

I was a little surprised to see that we can congregate in restaurants and movie theatres, presumably in large numbers, albeit with physical distancing, but church congregations are restricted to a gathering of ten. However, I don't expect that to last for very long.

At the moment, there appears to be quite a few who are reluctant to return to church until we are either at Level 1 or close to it. We will continue to monitor this. It would be nice to hold a service on Pentecost Sunday, which is only two weeks away (May 31<sup>st</sup>). This would be a modified service and would probably not include Holy Communion. My feeling is that we would only go ahead with this if we were confident of a reasonable attendance. Whatever happens, we will continue to produce something on-line for those unable to be there.

### **Word for Today**

Still waiting for delivery! I just know they will arrive this week. I have heard from very few people – please let me know if you would like a copy. I have plenty.

### **Time for a Smile**

A man walks into a pub in London and asks the barman, 'What's the quickest way to Buckingham Palace?' 'Are you walking or driving?' asks the barman. "'Driving,' says the man. 'Ah yes,' says the barman, 'that is definitely the quickest way.'

### **Tax receipts**

We are still waiting for the March 31 tax receipts to be produced by Trust Management. I don't think they are far away but we do apologise for the delay.

### To Ponder

'Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. The willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.' Margaret Cousins.



### YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6CJV5JWNVY>

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