

### **Keeping to the Road**

One thing we don't have to worry too much about in this country is driving along roads which are completely covered in snow, but in some countries this certainly can be a problem in the winter months. Not only is the line down the centre of the road invisible but you cannot tell where the road ends and the ditch begins. If you have to make a journey in these conditions, then there are two ways to try and keep to the road.

The first way is to follow the tracks of a car that went before you. As long as you stick closely to the tracks, there should be no problem.

The second method must be used when there are no tracks ahead of you and the road is covered with fresh snow. Then you must be guided by the telegraph poles, fences and markers that run alongside the road.

Living our lives is like travelling along a road. Usually the going is quite easy and the difference between right and wrong is quite obvious, but on other occasions the road is hard to follow. When this happens, there are two ways you can keep on the straight and narrow.

Firstly, you can follow the tracks of those before you. We all have role models, people we look up to and whose example we try to follow. It is important to identify those people and learn from them.

The second way is to be guided by our faith – prayer and God's word. They are the telegraph poles, the markers that give us the guide we need to keep on the straight and narrow; to keep on the road that leads to our rightful destination.

**'For though your hearts were once full of darkness, now you are full of light from the Lord, and your behaviour should show it! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.'** Ephesians 5:8-9.

### **Return to Worship**

A question I am frequently asked is, 'When will we be returning to congregational worship?' At this stage, it is very hard to say. Last year we didn't return until we had reached level 1. This year the playing field will be looking a little different as we soon move to the traffic light system. The Bishop will be sending out guidelines for us as to how worship will look under the red/orange/green stages of the system, and also taking into account the recommendations of the Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group with regards to vaccinations.

Our vestry recently took part in a survey on the issue of vaccinations. One thing which emerged from the survey is the conundrum we are all feeling. We want to be able to welcome all people to worship freely, but we also want to ensure we provide a safe environment taking into account all that we know about the spread of COVID-19 and its risks to vulnerable people. The wisdom of Solomon is required!

### **To Ponder**

**'We are ultimately constituted as persons by the quality of our relationship with others.'**  
Anon

## Nativity Lights

These have now been erected on the north side of the church, providing a wonderful spectacle for those travelling down Chapel Road at night.

Many thanks to Pete Darier for erecting them and Cherian Mathew for getting them powered up.



## Time for a Smile

A married couple are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in a small, romantic restaurant. Suddenly, a beautiful fairy appears. She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple, I will grant you each a wish.'

The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband.' The fairy waved her magic wand and poof! – two tickets for a world cruise appeared in her hands.'

The husband thought for a moment; 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry, my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.'

The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish. So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof! – the husband became 92 years old.

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