



Dear all,

Recently, Julie and I bought a new Food Processor (*translation: a Kitchen Wizz for NZ readers!*) as our previous one of many years stopped working before the days of Covid-19. Accompanying it were numerous cutting discs, blades, bowls and various attachments, all designed to offer a range of blending and cutting options – this will certainly keep us busy over the next few months as we explore and try them out!

Sometimes in our lives, we can feel as if we're going through the blender or as if we're being cut up due to life's situations – perhaps you may feel this way due to the current pandemic and feel that there is no hope? So how do we respond? The book of Psalms can be a key help for us because in it, we see the range of human emotion, including anguish and despair, such as the words found in Psalm 13:

*How long O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
Look on me and answer, O Lord my God...*

Although life is unbearable for the Psalmist, he doesn't wallow in self-pity. Instead after crying out to God, he focuses on who God is and what He has done saying:

*But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me.*

May this be our daily prayer as we continue to journey through these dark days.

Church News:

- **The Weekly Challenge Returns**

During Advent & Christmas, the Weekly Challenge is back! Next Sunday's challenge (29 Nov) is to send us a photo or picture of what HOPE looks like to you. For more details and to see all challenges coming up, [click here](#).

- **Join us on Zoom ‘Zoffee and Zea’ this Sunday**
Enjoy a time of catching up with each other at 11:30am on Zoom this Sunday. To take part, please contact me.
- **Christingle @ Home Event**
Orders for the Christingle Making Kits CLOSE TODAY – SUNDAY!
To find out more details and to book your Christingle Making Kits, [please click here](#). Don't miss out!
- **A Scientist's Letter to the UK Church**
A letter well worth reading – [Click here](#)
- **World Mission Update**
The latest newsletter from Mano Emmanuel is now available – [click here](#) to read it.
- **Prayer Service for Climate Change**
On Sunday 22 November 2-3pm, there is an online service organised by *Christian Aid, Tearfund, CAFOD, The Lutheran World Federation, Anglican Communion Environmental Network, ACT Alliance, European Christian Environmental Network and other friends around the world*. [Click here to book your free ticket](#).
- **Operation Christmas Child – Christmas Shoeboxes**
Christmas Shoeboxes can be delivered to the vicarage during November. Alternatively, you can complete a box online (cost £20) by [clicking here](#).
- **Sunday's Service**
This will be live-streamed as usual, but with a few service participants in attendance only. Please do join the service on either Facebook or Youtube.
- **Wednesday's Private Prayer**
During lockdown, the Church is open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. There will be Prayers and Verses of Scripture displayed on the screens in church and a Bread & Wine Point (using individual wafer/grape juice sets) so please do join us. Just turn up or [book your ticket here](#).

Under Aslan's paw,

Tim
Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon