



Dear all,

What did you make of the snow last Sunday? Did you venture out into the beautiful 'White World' or choose to admire it from indoors? The snow challenge I suggested has been so well supported that it is the best challenge to date – do watch out for it in Sunday's online service!

Did you know that each snowflake is different? No two are the same, meaning they are all unique and unrepeatably! That reminds me - I know a person who loves to remind everyone that we are all unique, unrepeatably miracles!! It's true – do you believe this?

Because we are all unique, unrepeatably miracles, we need to realise that we all process life circumstances differently. Even if we share the same environment, the way we respond to situations will vary according to how each person is wired. This is especially true when reflecting on the ongoing pandemic – we should expect a wide range of responses. The question is, how will we continue to journey with each other through this long season of struggle and uncertainty?

Time and time again, Scripture reminds us to encourage each other – this day, can I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to lay on your heart the name of a person(s) for you to phone. When the Holy Spirit has given you a name(s), my challenge to you is to then phone them – you never know the impact this could have on their lives today!

### Church News:

- **Inspiring Resources**

If you visit the Church's Inspiring Resources webpage [by clicking here](#), you can find some of the notes from the current Sermon Series on Ezekiel – do read and enjoy!

- **Do you have an old laptop (PC and Mac!) you're no longer using?**  
If so, [idash](#), a great local company and our church IT provider, is involved with the [Dreamdrops NHS charity](#) which refurbishes old computers for use by pupils and schools affected by Covid19. These can be dropped in at idash. Click on either of the links above for more information.
- **Big Garden Birdwatch STARTS TODAY**  
This weekend (starting today) is the Big Garden Birdwatch. Enjoy an hour with God's creation and discover the wildlife on your doorstep. Bob and Sue Boreham will be watching for us in the churchyard. Sadly this year they have to do it on their own, but we look forward to hearing what they've seen, and how it compares with their own garden. Have you signed up for your own garden or balcony? [Visit the rspb website to discover more](#)
- **Another initiative...**  
Last Sunday, we learned that the church's Creation Care Group 'twinned' the three toilets at St Mary's with latrines in Uganda. Next time you visit one, look out for the photo of its twin. To find out more about this project and how you can twin your own toilet(s) in your home, [click here](#).
- **St Mary's Bible Project**  
Thank-you to all those who have been able to support the Bible Project. To date, we have received gifts totalling over £1000, which means we only need to find around £400 to cover the cost of the Bibles. If you would like to contribute to this project, please [click here](#). Bibles cost £10 each and we have bought 145 for Church use.
- **APCM**  
This year's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 11.15am. [Click here to view the notices](#) and information relating to this meeting. Both the Annual Report and how people can attend will be available closer to the time.
- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January's Service**  
This Sunday is a Communion service so do get ready for it.

Please join us on Zoom for 'Zoffee and Zea' afterwards for a time of catching up with each other at **11:45am**.

Under Aslan's paw,

Tim

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