

Dear friends at Holy Cross,

I hope you are all keeping well and it is good to hear that some of you have got your vaccinations. Thanks to all those who have sent in pictures of yourselves holding candles for our virtual Candlemas procession on next week's video, it will be good to see each other's faces when we can't meet in person and some of them are real works of art (the photos, I know the faces are too!). If you would still like to join in, send me a photo of you facing right in the dark carrying a candle.

I have encountered most of the things in this cartoon (apart from sharing information and rowdy Methodists, they are all so polite). A couple of recent Episcopalian worship videos have, however, been banned by YouTube for copyright infringements, though no clergy have been arrested yet. We are fortunate in being able to provide music ourselves. This week we have Burns Night and I'd like to thank Vaughan and David for providing some appropriate music as our recessional in this week's Eucharist video. I'd also like to thank Dominic Harris for writing a short musical meditation on our first reading from Jonah. Some of you met Dominic and his son Benedict at one of our Advent services and you can find out more about his music [here](#).

We start our Sunday Zoom coffee meetings this Sunday at 11.30am, a link to join is below and in my email. Thanks to David Townhill for setting this up. Just click the link and turn up, perhaps with a cup of coffee – the meeting is 40 minutes long but it is very informal and you don't have to stay for it all. David will be the host and there is a basic etiquette for Zoom meetings that only one person talks at a time, one tried to make sure people are not left out and one doesn't

dominate the conversation, but I'm sure we all know this!

It is an experiment and we can work out how best to do it but I find the chat at the end of our weekly Evening Prayer works well and it is good to speak with people and see their faces. The second cartoon here is about clergy on Zoom but it could apply to the laity too! I remember the time that the Rector of Old St Paul's was leading Evening Prayer on Zoom and his son set a filter on his computer so it gave him a black trilby hat and dark glasses – but joining the Zoom coffee is easy. Just click on the

ONLINE SERVICES

THINGS THAT CAN GO TERRIBLY WRONG



PROBLEMS WITH THE SOUND



ACCIDENTAL SCREEN-SHARING OF PASTORALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION



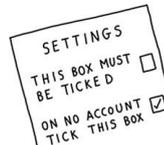
INTERNET BREAKS AT CRUCIAL MOMENT



FAILING TO MUTE THE CONGREGATION



ANIMALS RUNNING AMOK



THE APP HASN'T BEEN CONFIGURED



LIVE ARREST OWING TO IGNORING COPYRIGHT



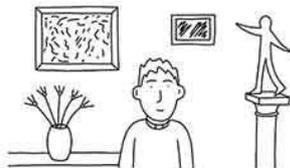
INVASION BY ROWDY GROUP OF METHODISTS

BACKGROUNDS

FOR BROADCASTING FROM THE CLERGY STUDY



SCHOLARLY



ARTISTIC



SPIRITUAL



REALISTIC

link here or in my email after 11.30am, your computer itself will set up Zoom and bring you to the meeting, David will admit you and that is it. Just ask if you need any help.

I am afraid I will not be able to be with you this week as I need to drive my father to hospital for pre-operation tests on Sunday morning. This means that I will also not celebrate the Eucharist in the Church at 10.30am and ring the bell, but I will do it at another time during the day. He has a major operation during the week so please remember him in your prayers, and also Sally Mair and others who are waiting to go to hospital.

At Vestry last week we discussed ways of keeping in touch and keeping praying together during lockdown. In addition to the Zoom coffee, another suggestion was meeting up with others for a walk, as is allowed under current regulations (though it may be a bit dangerous with the ice!). I know some of you do this, but we thought it good to encourage members of the congregation to contact each other and arrange to go for a walk if you want to. I said I would mention this here.

God bless and keep safe, do give me a ring if you want a chat.

With love in Christ,



Holy Cross Zoom Coffee

Time: Jan 24, 2021 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79018745852?pwd=WDdiKlNveGFKMzJBaURQcFljb3RXQT09>

Meeting ID: 790 1874 5852

Passcode: QGk7Ps

CALENDAR & PRAYER LIST

If you wish to continue using the daily readings provided during lockdown, readings for the whole year can be downloaded by clicking on this link: <https://www.osp.org.uk/worship/calendar-lectionary/> (it STILL has the 2020 edition but I am told it will be updated soon) The Edinburgh Diocese Prayer Cycle [can be downloaded here](#).

JANUARY

Sunday 24 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Eucharist

- *Collect:* Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Monday 25 THE CONVERSION OF PAUL, Apostle.

End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- *Collect:* Almighty God, you caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant St Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

- Tuesday 26 Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday 27 John Chrysostom, Bishop & Teacher of the Faith, 407
10.30am Eucharist
- Thursday 28 Thomas Aquinas, Dominican Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1274
5pm Zoom Evening Prayer
- Friday 29
- Saturday 30 CHARLES I, King and Martyr, 1649, founder of the Diocese of Edinburgh
- *Collect:* Blessed Lord, in whose sight the death of your saints is precious: we magnify your Name for the mercies bestowed upon your martyr Charles, King of Scots, by which he was enabled to follow cheerfully in the steps of our Lord and Saviour, suffering barbarous indignities, and praying for his murderers. Grant, O Lord, that his memory be ever blessed among us, and that we may follow the example of his courage, meekness and charity, through Christ our Lord, Amen.
- Sunday 31 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)**
10.30am Eucharist
- *Collect:* Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, your beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple in the substance of our mortal nature: may we be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Sunday - Jennie C; Nancy M; Queen Elizabeth and the Governments in Westminster and Holyrood; Deacon Elias and the Syrian Orthodox congregation at Holy Cross; for all living and working in care homes; those who have died recently, Eric Tonathy, Jean Paterson, Eileen Sadler; and their families.

Monday - Graeme H; Robert M; our local schools, all children, parents and teachers coping with distance learning; all expectant mothers and new-born babies; China; Cramond Kirk, as it prepares to seek a new Minister.

Tuesday – Andy & Julia; Mike Holmes; all our benefactors; those worried about their jobs, businesses & their financial situation; good use of our Church garden and all who work in it; the departed, especially our relatives friends and benefactors.

Wednesday - John; Andrew; those working from home, Fr Peter & St Margaret's RC Church; the Reindeer play group, After School Club and all our partner organisations and hall users affected by the lockdown.

Thursday - Lucy; Katrine; Alan Clark, the earth and the environmental crisis; the NHS, medical staff, emergency services and all key workers; Armenia and the Caucasus; those awaiting surgery or the results of tests.

Friday - Margaret M Minmin Yu; those who live around us especially those who are finding life difficult and people with mental health problems; the USA; the departed, especially our relatives friends and benefactors.

Saturday - Molly; Isobel W-I; those suffering from Covid-19 and their families around the world; students and teachers at Universities and Colleges coping with the current restrictions; Rev Dan Robertson and Davidson's Mains Parish Church; persecuted Christians.