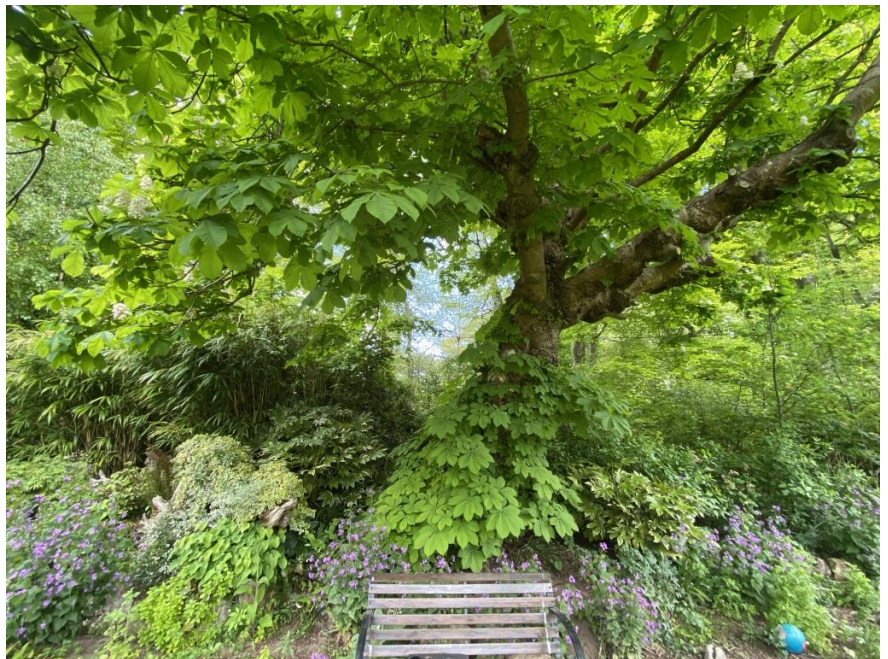


NEWS — from the — PEWS

One of the first things that caught my eye when we came to see the Rectory for the first time was the giant chestnut tree in the back garden. We have since found out that this magnificent tree is beautiful in all the changing seasons of the year. In the Summer it provides welcome shade for humans and animals alike and in the winter it turns into an eerie crooked silhouette, black against the stark silver beeches. If I pause for any length of time in the kitchen window, particularly in early spring when its leaves are only buds, its

branches provide a festival of activity and acrobatics; squirrels chase each other (sometimes four at a time) and, of late, a great hooded crow has taken refuge in its foliage as he waits for his share of the hen food if he is daring enough to enter the chicken run!

I am reminded of Nick Butterworth's *Percy the Park Keeper* books and a tree filled with life and a myriad of living creatures. Surely there is a children's story in here somewhere from the Rectory Garden!



To sit beneath the boughs and just listen is to hear the sound of peace; small rustling breaths of a warm breeze and the heavy drone of flies and bees in the pale lemon and pink fairy-like blossom clusters. It's no wonder we are drawn to here after the day's work is done with ever-increasing light in the sky and the hens scraping at our feet because just here, beneath giant boughs, God rests with us admiring his created order.



Cathy



We have emailed and posted to the Parish today 'God's word for this Week', which is the service sheet for Sunday 17th May 2020. A downloadable version is also available on our website: <http://www.powerscourt.glendalough.anglican.org/test/sunday-worship/>

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday worship will be available online from early Sunday morning. Please follow the below links to view the service.

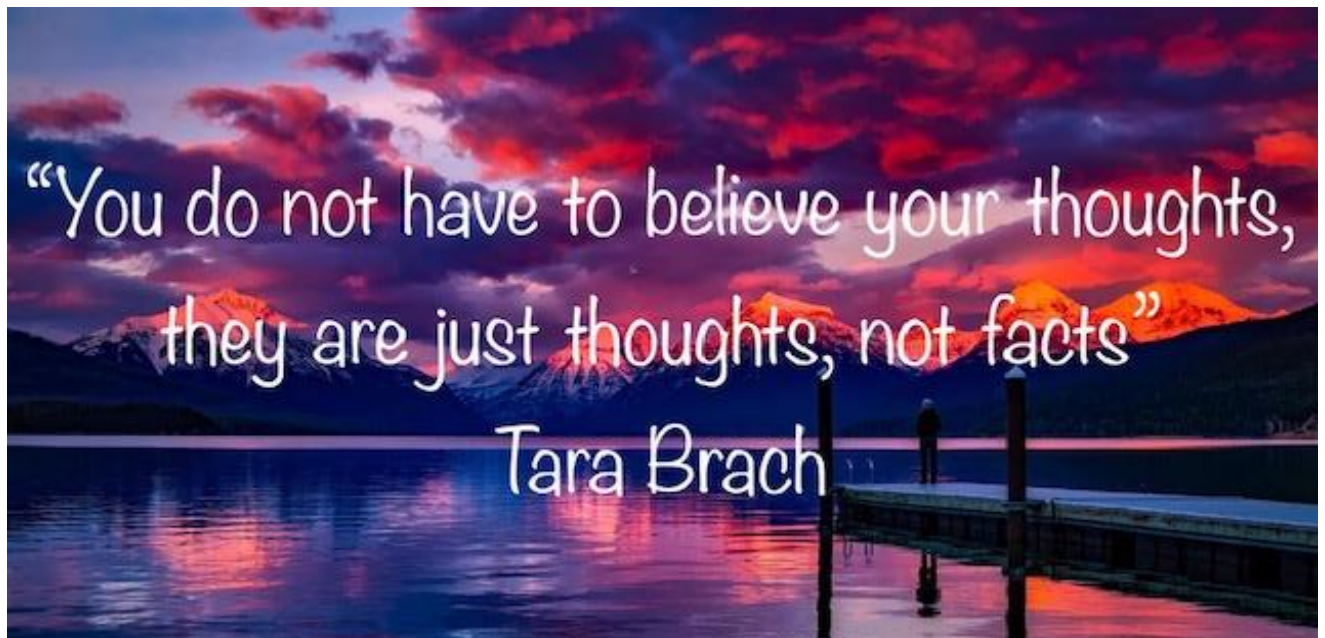
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Covid- 19... A Reflection

What have I learned about myself during these strange times of Covid-19 and indeed what am I continuing to learn? Well I certainly know how to be on my own with my own company. I have become more aware that I am able to be in the now and stay grounded, resisting the urge to take flight and loose myself in anxiety. In trying moments of self-doubt, I repeat a quote to myself from Tara Brach *"you do not have to believe your thoughts, they are just thought not facts"*. It is difficult to look ahead to the future right now because there are many unknowns about this virus that is moving through our world. What I have come to realise is that I have the gift of seeing my glass half full, and this teaches me gratitude for what I have, not for what I have not.



The very notion that nature is getting a chance to breathe and in some small way replenish in our crazy busy self-centred world is a sight to behold. The birds are continually singing and flying around more freely. A beautiful cheeky robin redbreast stopped to say hello in my garden early one morning and because I was not rushed...I noticed and nodded to him with an open heart. The sky at times is azure blue with dotted snow-white clouds throughout, and the air smells fresher and cleaner. It really makes me stop and think what we as a human race are doing to our lovely planet. How careless we are with God's creation and how much we take everything for granted. Right now my garden looks and feels green colourful and healthy. It is not a large plush garden but she knows she has a purpose and is happy in her own space..... and I rest there.

I am learning to appreciate the small things and be grateful. The time now with my children and grandchildren although it is less and we have to socially distance I feel in a strange way we are more present to each other. I know for me although there is less quantity of time I am much more present to the quality. In the beginning of the Covid -19 restrictions I was grieving the loss of physical touch but as time has gone on I have learned to be more present to the presence of the other, and when I leave an encounter I know I have met and been met in the presence of that person no matter how young or how old. There is something about not rushing to embrace another that challenges me to be in the stillness. Now my hello and goodbye is much more grounded. I also notice I have become more at home and at ease in my own presence as time has gone on. There is nowhere to 'rush' to....there are no distractions!

Yesterday was a beautiful warm sunny bright day. Today is dull and overcast...but life goes on. The trees sway in the breeze, the sky is grey, not blue and the birds continue to sing. But this is today and who knows what tomorrow will bring. As I move through these changing seasonal days with energy, hope and most of all presence, I am aware that my inner 'seasons' change also. Sometimes I feel sunny and bright and other days I feel dull and grey, but the trick is to move between the two and not get stuck in either place...because '*this too will pass*'. Intrinsically I am the same person greeting each day with gratitude and hope, and the wish to offer blessings to my fellow travellers and hopefully cause no harm intentionally or otherwise. For we are all together on '*this road less travelled*'.



Kindly submitted by Sheila Lindsay.

We were absolutely delighted to receive such a beautiful piece for our 'News from the Pews'. If you were thinking of writing a few words about your journey through this time we would love to hear from you. Please email me at office@powerscourtns.ie.



Keys to the Kingdom

**When a lot
has been
stripped away
what are the
'Constants'
in your life?**

CHARABANC NOTES, contact Marjorie Mold 2863499



We are still depending on our phones to keep in touch, but so far all is well if rather boring. It will be lovely to get together again when this lock down is over.

Think how much worse it would be if it was cold and wet. At least we can get out into the garden and look at the weeds which have no inhibitions at all and are certainly not on lock down in my garden.

We send our thoughts and sympathy to Rita whose brother passed away in the UK recently.

PASTORAL CARE, contact Marjorie Mold 087 647 2668 Joyce Roe 2862645

We think of all those who are unwell now and send our love to Arthur Jolley also to Joan Baumann both of whom are in hospital just now and our sympathy to Ronan on the loss of his mother.



As some of us watched the tributes to those who went to war 75 years ago it reminded us just how much we owe to those brave men and women who gave so much. Those like Bill Leckie and so many more. Most of whom are no longer with us.

As we all keep in touch by phone and internet, we are aware how lucky we are to have modern devices like the small screen to follow the services which Cathy gives us each week. Thank You Cathy

Who knows, we might be coming to a better time soon, when we can all get out more and maybe get together again

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE contact Joyce Roe 2862645

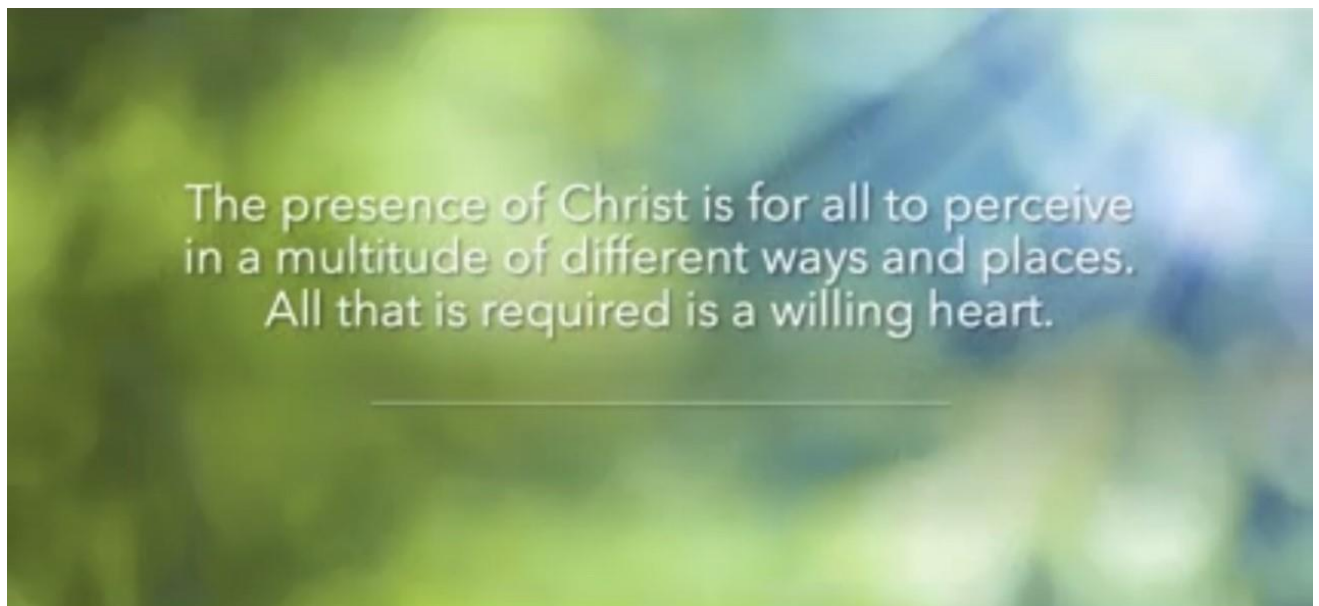


We are still hoping to have our summer barbeque if at all possible, but of course it will be somewhat later than other years, so fingers crossed.

As Vera Lynn sang "We'll meet again"

REFLECTIONS FROM THE BENCH

'Under the Boughs', watch Rev. Cathy's reflections from the bench looking at the revelation of Christ in our lives.



Watch on:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpE_S1zyalg



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FOR CHILDREN, THIS WEEK

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Name _____

John 14.15-21

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us for ever.

Activity time

Draw

Colour in every section that has a dot, to reveal what today's passage is all about.

ROOTS Children's Sheet

17-23 May 2020

Write

Fit the right words into the summary of today's Bible passage.

Jesus

love

Holy Spirit

friends

commandments

work

_____ told his friends that if they loved him, they would follow him by keeping his _____. Jesus' biggest commandment was to _____ other people. Jesus sent the _____ to his _____ to help them love others. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, and we love other people, they see Jesus at _____!

Family time

Talk Why does Jesus say that we show we love him by doing what he asks?

Do Make something tasty and give it to someone who lives on their own, to show that they are loved.

Pray Jesus, thank you that you love us. We want to show that we love you by doing what you ask and loving other people. Holy Spirit, thank you that you are always with us. Help us to love other people. Amen.

Puzzle Unscramble the letters to complete the two important missing words from today's Bible passage.

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'If you _____ me, you will keep my _____

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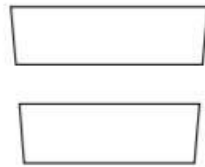
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ROOTS **Colouring Sheet**
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Colouring time

Colour the words and think about how loving others shows that we love Jesus.


LOVE JESUS



LOVE OTHERS

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POEMS FOR CHILDREN



I MAY NOT BE A PRETTY THING
I MAY NOT EVEN HAVE A WING!
BUT I AM GODS AND HE IS MINE
MY BEAUTY LIES IN HIS
DESIGN!

Master Creator,
open my eyes to see the beauty
in each tiny detail of your living
design.

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CHURCH REVIEW



The Church review is now available free of charge online. Our thanks to Rev. Nigel Waugh as editor for keeping this going through the past few months.

The Church review for May is now available on the below link.

For those who have no access to internet and are on the Powerscourt/ Kilbride postal list, we will endeavour to print copies and post over the next week.

CHURCH REVIEW

<https://dublin.anglican.org/news/church-review/about-church-review>

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