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News of your Parish and Village



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The angel said, "Don't be so surprised. Aren't you looking for Jesus, the Nazarene who was crucified? He isn't here! He has come back to life!"

Mark 16:6

Thought for the month

Pets Awaken the Soul



The week I am writing this we are about to pick up a new puppy! (Monty, above). We sadly lost our eldest dog, Woody, at the beginning of the year and it seems the right timing to get a puppy now. This will be puppy number seven for us, since we married in 1986, and I can't imagine ever being without a dog in the house!

This is a perfect time of year to be welcoming a new life, just as we observe the new life all around us in nature. Also as we approach the Easter season and the time when we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for all creation, and of course, his resurrection that offers 'new life' to all – celebrated on Easter Sunday.

At Keston church we have been reading a book about creation and the environment through the season of Lent. It is the Archbishop's Lent book for this year – *'Say Yes to Life'* by Ruth Valerio. In it we are learning that Jesus came to redeem, and renew, all of creation. It is challenging our thinking about how we can care for the environment. We have had good discussions on recycling, buying ethically, providing for wildlife and campaigning for change.

Pets seem to keep us in touch with creation as they can remind us of how amazing all of God's creation is, and of our part in caring for it. Anatole France, French poet, journalist, and novelist said: "Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened".

Pets become so much a part of the family and give us friendship, comfort and unconditional love – they awaken something within us and somehow enable us to express emotion we might not otherwise have released. Several people I've spoken to have said how they have been exceptionally upset at the loss of a pet.

Pets can teach us to: live in the present, be grateful, make time to play, get outside for a walk, forgive instantly and not hold grudges, accept ourselves, be loyal and trustworthy and love unconditionally.

Keeping a pet is good for health and wellbeing and they can also teach us a lot about being kind. Some pets are so sensitive to our emotional state that when we get upset or angry they can become distressed too. With the recent campaign to be kind to one another our pets can teach us that kindness really does create a peaceful environment.

Those things we can learn from our pets make me realise that my pets really are a gift from God, because they are all the things the Bible teaches us too!

Carol

Rev'd Carol Morrison



Cover Story



Keston C of E Primary kindly let me take some photos of their chicks in Reception class – I took a tremendous number of photos to end up with the one on the front cover. They were very cute, but would not stay still!

Sally Churchus

Chicks in Class

The Reception class at Keston C of E Primary has enjoyed having chicks for many years now. The chicks come from Christmas Tree Farm and also return there! The children watch them with excitement as they are kept warm in an incubator until finally they hatch. Although they are with Reception, all the children in the school love coming to visit the chicks whilst they are with us. The children are so excited to witness the chicks hatching and becoming ‘fluffy’ as they dry out. We know when they are ready to return, to live their lives as free range hens, because they get cheeky and try to jump out of their enclosure... and some even manage to do so!

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday at 11.15am at Keston Parish Church after the church service. All children are invited to join in the fun (must be accompanied). If the weather is dry it will take place in the churchyard, otherwise we will have to hide the eggs in the church itself!



Please come & join in the fun

from

3.30pm-6pm

on

Tues 7th April

venue

Keston Church Hall
Church Road, Keston

Lots of fun and crafts
followed by a short act
of worship in church,
then finishing with High Tea

All Ages are welcome, children
need to be accompanied

Free Admission but donations
towards costs much appreciated

Keston CE Primary School Makes Film

On Friday 31st January, Year 6 took part in an industry led schools outreach program aiming to inspire and educate children about engineering and technology opportunities in the broadcast, media and entertainment industries. The programme is sponsored by BT sport and ITV and involved a hands-on workshop where the children built their own mini broadcast studio throughout the day. Once the set-up was complete, they filmed their own quiz show.

The children had a brilliant day and really learnt a lot. One child said, "This is the best day ever. I want to be a camera person when I grow up. It was so much fun setting up the technical stuff".

For more information see:
<http://risewib.com/rise-up>
Twitter - @Rise_WIB

Rise Up is a programme of school workshops delivered throughout the UK to inspire children throughout their primary and secondary education. Crucially, it will enable industry to remain in contact with students and encourage them to consider a broadcast engineering apprenticeship or degree, when they reach this level. Rise Up was born from a roundtable event with five key industry partners: BT Sport, Sky, db Broadcast, EMS Technical Personnel and the BBC and the scheme has been developed in order to address the lack of new talent entering the broadcast technology sector, specifically engineering and technical operational roles.



60's Music night Saturday 25th January



Well that was fun! About 40 people attended the church social to celebrate the sounds of the 60's with Tonia, (Crouch), as resident DJ and with a light show too.

Tonia had also organised two table quizzes, both of which were won by our table due to the comprehensive knowledge of pop stars and groups of Eileen (Davies) and Trevor (Rowland), evidence of a seriously misspent youth. One set of smarties was generously donated to the table who came second in the groups quiz.

A superb meal of lasagne and trimmings followed by dessert, coffee and mints was provided and followed by a bit of dancing initiated by Bob (Thomson), and Kathryn (Daw), encouraging others to join them on the floor, several of the assembled party having donned garments from a distant past. I particularly liked the flower power crowd! It wasn't long before

Tony and Eileen, (Davies), gave us all a terrific exhibition of jive dancing for which they received a well-deserved round of applause.

After the well-supported raffle and a few more turns round the floor the assembled company departed looking forward, hopefully, to the sounds of the 70's next time.

Well done Tonia and all the social committee for a very enjoyable evening!

Bob Thomson

Keston Parish Church APCM

Everyone interested in the life of the church is welcome to come our APCM at 11.30am on Sunday 26th April in the church hall, to be followed by a lunch of homemade soup and ploughman's for £7 for those who would like it.



My Faith Journey

My earliest memories of My Faith Journey began at the age of four whilst living with my grandmother in Dartford. I was invited to a party in a nearby church, I remember having fun and enjoying the delicious food. It made me feel very happy and I wanted more of it.

Later during my childhood I lived in other places with different relatives none whom attended a church or had the desire to do so. At this time I joined various girls' organisations and occasionally it was necessary to attend church parades. That became my second introduction to faith.

I left school at 15 to study art at Gravesend, here I met my future husband to be, Richard. At the school there was a Christian Union group which we both went to. Here we read a bible passage which was followed by discussion and prayer. My faith began to increase at this impressionable age. This led me to attending the local church where I lived, eventually taking Confirmation classes and being Confirmed.

After finishing my art studies I found employment in London and at the age of 19 lived in a bedsit. Richard went on to do a degree, studying for a further two years. Although I did not go to church at this time my faith still supported me.

On completing his studies and receiving a degree, Richard obtained work in Dublin. Having gained experience in London I also followed to

find work there. We lived in Ireland for two years and attended the church equivalent to the Anglican church here. The Vicar was a very tall, giant of a man and when he preached his voice bellowed around the building. I found this a little intimidating but when he spoke to one personally he was quiet and gentle.

We were in Ireland for two years and decided to return to work in London and get married. This was in the church where I took my Confirmation. We lived in London whilst working there and although we found various churches to belong to, we never felt settled.

Eventually we found our home in Keston and the church we would become part of, and we began to feel more settled. Our two children were born and we brought them to church to be Baptised, and they later attended Keston C of E Primary School.

I have been privileged to have been Churchwarden and a member of the Parochial Church Council. At the present time I am the Verger, this enables me to be involved in church and parish life. My most special moments as Warden were when I unlocked the church in time for the midnight service on Christmas Eve and stood humbly for a while within the silence of this ancient, empty place and relished in my thoughts being a small part of its long history.

Pat Geiger



Parish Walk (Formerly Beating the Bounds)



This year’s walk is on Sunday 17th May starting at 2.15pm at Keston Parish Church car park (BR2 6HT). Hopefully we won’t need the waterproofs this time, although last year once we had set

off the weather actually turned out ok. The walk takes about two hours and we finish back at the church hall for tea and cakes. Well behaved dogs are welcome to join us for the afternoon.

2019 Charitable Giving by Keston Church

Every year we hope to give 10% of our unrestricted net income to charities chosen by the Parochial Church Council. For 2019, the following charities were selected and payments made:

Payments made:

Demelza Children’s Hospice	£100.00
50% Christmas collections (Carol Service, Midnight Mass and 10am Christmas Day) including Gift Aid – St Mungo’s Broadway	£350.00

Collections given direct to charity

Children in Distress in Romania on 9/6/19	£223.00
Foal Farm on 29/9/19	£204.00
Welcare in Bromley on 6/10/19 (Harvest collection)	£210.00
Welcare in Bromley on 1/12/19 (Toy Service collection)	£240.00
Salvation Army on 1/12/19 (Toy service collection)	8 big bags of toy donations
Christian Aid (through door to door collections)	£1136.48
The Children’s Society on 24/12/19 (collection at Christingle)	£190.92
The Royal British Legion (plus what was collected in box)	£317.82

Total £2,972.22

Church Services

CW = Common Worship H & W = With prayer for Healing & Wholeness

5th April Palm Sunday

10.00am First Sunday Communion (*Shorter all age service*)

Wednesday 8th April

10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

9th April Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Holy Communion (CW) preceded by Bring & Share meal at 6.45pm

10th April Good Friday

10.00am Walk of Witness from Village Sign

10.40am Non Communion Service

Followed by tea and coffee with hot cross buns in church hall afterwards

12th April Easter Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

19th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Communion (CW) H & W

26th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

3rd May 4th Sunday of Easter

10.00am First Sunday Communion (*Shorter all age service*)

10th May 5th Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 13th May

10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

17th May 6th Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Communion (CW) H & W

24th May 7th Sunday of Easter

31st May Pentecost

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Please keep watching our website for potential postponement of services and events resulting from updated directives on Coronavirus.

No Communion Wine due to Coronavirus

As of 10/3/20 C of E advice is for Communion to be bread only with the priest alone taking the wine and no intinction (ie. dipping of wafer into wine).

Handshaking or other physical contact during The Peace is to be suspended as well as direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'. Communion administrators are to continue using alcohol based hand sanitiser.

Albert's Memories of h

The Arthur family, of which I was the youngest, moved from Dulwich to 71 Westerham Road, (now Leaves Green Road), Keston, in 1928 when I was two years old. The bungalow is at the junction of Blackness Lane and the main road, and opposite the chalk pit where chalk was burnt to make lime, with its awful smell. Our local shop, Nightingales, at the same junction, sold almost everything including paraffin

We used to trundle a small piano, on a trolley, to the War Memorial

for our oil lamps, and charged up accumulators for radio use. Early in the 1930s gas arrived, (what a joy!), and shortly after, in the mid 1930s, pylons were erected and we had electricity.

In 1931, I started my education at Keston C of E Junior School, (now Heathfield Place), next to the village hall. The Headmaster was Frederick Godden who taught the top class, for 11 to 14 year olds, with the mistresses Jarvis, Pavey and Loder teaching in the



Albert aged 16 years

other three lower classes. On Empire Day, March 24th, we used to trundle a small piano, on a trolley, to the War Memorial opposite the windmill in Heathfield Road, sing hymns, and have a half-day holiday.

In 1939, the school was temporarily closed for about a year until an air raid shelter was finished in the playground.

As a child, for worship, I attended a chapel opposite the Crown public house, Leaves Green Road, St Audrey's church in Commonside, (now a private house) where I sang in the choir and occasionally, pumped the organ, and Keston church, where my grandfather, who died in 1940, is buried.



Leaves Green Baptist chapel 1937

is childhood in Keston



High House in 1940

In the spring of the years in the 1930s we used to follow a bag-piper re-establishing the footpaths across the fields that had been ploughed over during the winter. Another thing I enjoyed doing was watching the motorcycle racing at Layham's farm.

In 1940 I was 14 years old and started work at a factory in Beckenham, cycling there and back six days a week, and earning 10 shillings, (50p), for a 48 hour week. In 1942, I joined the Home Guard; my half-brother, Bob Leverington, was the company Sergeant Major, so, with uniform, rifle and the badge of the West Kent regiment in my cap I was then ready to defend the country. I paraded with other volunteers at the Fox public house car park, where we had a guard room next to the present Post Office, with others at High Beeches, the third house along Downe Road, and High House at the end of Ashmore Lane, Leaves Green, for the defence of the airfield. We did night guard duties every third night, (three privates and one N.C.O.). Two hours on and four hours off.

I joined a Youth Club which was opened at the White House Garage, opposite the Keston Mark public

house, in a car show room, (there were no new cars for sale), where kind local people, (including Richmal Crompton, author of the 'Just William' books), donated crockery, furniture, a radio and a record player. In December 1944, I was conscripted into the regular army for four years, and there ended my teenage years.

Some surnames I remember: Allard, Ballard, Buller, Donovan, Dunwall, Elderfield, Goodchild, Hunt, Mockford, Rothwell, Sessions, Stevens and Warman.

Albert E Arthur



Albert a bit older!

If any readers can identify with Albert's experiences, he would be very pleased to hear from you. His email address is aeathur@talktalk.net.

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The Good Life

by Chalkpit

The home where I grew up along with my parents, two brothers and a sister was a small bungalow at Leaves Green. To compensate for its small size though it had a very large garden which led into the fields and woods beyond. Most of the garden was overgrown, ideal for making hideouts, camp fires, or anything your imagination could think of! One thing there was no lack of was animals as pets but they were also there to supplement the meagre wartime rations. As a baby, of course, I was unaware that I had a milk intolerance and it was Dr Blake who suggested to mother that she try me on goat's milk. This led to the purchase of a Nanny goat and the Doctor's intuition had been correct and I thrived on fresh goat's milk! The goat however was very bad-tempered and would butt anyone

His most unusual acquisition was a fox cub found lost and lonely in a cornfield

who didn't keep a close eye on her, so once she was no longer required Nanny was sold with no regrets! A motley collection of chickens were kept both for eggs and, on special occasions, for dinner. Ducks also had their place complete with pond under a shady apple tree which today is still referred to as "Duck Pond Apples". A shed housed several rabbit hutches and it was best not to enquire into the destination of the contents! Of course, there were always dogs – Collies usually the favourite and they stayed by your side



Chalkpit's sister Gill with
Jimmy the fox

whether in the garden or when you explored the fields and woods. Father was a cat lover and favoured Manx cats – the breed born with little or no tail – very odd!

Having an older brother was fun, he would bring home surprises and one of the first was a pair of golden ferrets – a Jack and a Jill, (their sex not necessarily names!), not just as pets but to work down warrens chasing out the rabbits which were dispatched and sold for pocket money! His most unusual acquisition was a fox cub found lost and lonely in a cornfield. It soon settled in its new home and with regular meals grew into a fine dog fox, happy to be taken for a walk and to play like any pet. However, Jimmy was not accepted by the family's dogs – it just wasn't in their nature. National Service approached for my brother, so with much regret, Jimmy had to go and went to a new home in Downe and

eventually, when ready, was returned to the wild. On my brother's return from Malaya he worked on a local farm where he obtained, and brought home, a tiny piglet – the 'runt' of the litter. "Honky Tonk" took up residence in a hastily constructed pigsty at the bottom of the garden and consumed all the leftovers – to his detriment! He was delicious!

It was good to grow up with so many animals – times were so different then and much would be frowned on today! The garden has now changed to accommodate the wildlife with both food and habitat, to be enjoyed all year round by both them and us!

Easter Quiz

1. The British call it Shrove Tuesday, (Pancake Day), what is it in France?
2. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
3. What was the name of the hill where they crucified Jesus?
4. Eggs are associated with Easter because they are a symbol of what?
5. Does the word 'Easter' appear in the Old Testament?
6. Easter Island belongs to which South American country?
7. The 'Easter Parade', an American cultural event consisting of a festive strolling procession on Easter Sunday, is characterised by what item of clothing worn by women?
8. According to Gospel accounts, who was the first person to see Jesus alive on the 1st Easter Sunday?

Answers on page 18.

The Easter story can be read in the New Testament section of the Bible, including John chapters 18-21. See biblegateway.com.

C of E Smart Speaker Skill

A quarter of UK households now own a smart device and the C of E has consequently launched a skill for Alexa and Google Home smart speakers. The skill can be enabled by saying to the device 'Alexa, open the Church of England' or 'Hey Google, talk to the Church of England'. It is compatible with all Amazon Echo and Alexa devices.

Amongst other faith based questions, the skill allows users to ask:

- Who is God?
- What do Christians believe and how do I become a Christian?
- What is the Bible?
- What is the nearest church to me and what events and services are on offer? (The skill is integrated with A Church Near You website).
- Can I get married in church?
- Read the prayer for the day
- Read the Lord's prayer

The skill has been promoted by Gogglebox star and 'celebrity Vicar' the Rev'd Kate Bottley. It is part of the C of E Renewal and Reform programme to become a growing church for all people in all places. Since launching in May 2018 the C of E skill has been asked more than 100,000 questions by Christians and people exploring the faith on the Alexa skill alone.



What I Do

About two years ago I decided that I needed to do something to keep more active, I was 54 and always thought of myself as someone who played a lot of sport and exercised regularly but this was at odds with my ever increasing weight, barely used gym membership; and to be honest golf doesn't really cut it as a cardiovascular workout, particularly when the buggies are cheap to hire. I was chatting to a friend one day who had started the couch to 5K challenge, with the aim of doing a park run at the end of it, and decided to investigate a little more as it sounded just what I was after.

The couch to 5K challenge is a nine week programme to take you steadily from a non runner to someone who can tackle a 5 kilometre run by slowly building up from walking to jogging. There are apps for this but I simply printed off the nine week schedule and set off to the gym to turn the tide of inactivity. The programme is mainly walking for the first few weeks mixing in short sessions of jogging. It gets tougher and despite the setback of a cold, (which pushed me back three weeks in the schedule!), by mid May I was ready to face a park run.

A park run is a 5K walk or run at 9am on a Saturday morning, my local one is in Norman Park which I felt was ideal because it was easy to get to and flat. The whole event is run by volunteers

and is free, you just sign up online and the results are sent to you by email on Saturday afternoon. I had no idea of the scale of the event, I thought my slow jog around the park would stand out like a sore thumb but there were over 800 people taking part that Saturday morning and I was jogging in a crowd of people all the way round each lap. It's not about how fast you go but more about being there and doing it at whatever speed you are comfortable at,

as the Run Director said at the start, "It's a run not a race". I found myself drawn back the next week to run again, although while running I'm out of breath and the finish can't come soon enough, the sense of achievement once you finish is fantastic. Indeed by Christmas that year I found I had done 25 park runs, the feeling at the finish is no less diminished though to be honest a little bit of me wants to run to beat my

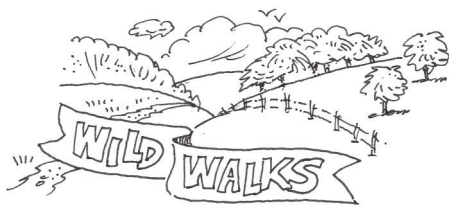
personal best time every week.

All this hasn't happened without a few injuries from time to time, but I have discovered the delights of volunteering to help at the park run which brings a sense of fulfilment, albeit different from that of completing the run, but without the physical effort. Nearly 20 months after my first park run I have now completed 60 runs and volunteered over 20 times, I have found the park run addictive and hope to carry on for many years.

Richard Churchus



Even keen enough to go on Christmas Day, with son Rob



Stone the crows! That's a phrase we don't hear today. When I was in my teens my friend Derek who was an aeromodeller constantly used the expression: often when his model plane ended up in the trees! We didn't use radio control as it was extremely expensive and clunky and the models that had it were almost as large as the real ones! Our model kits were rubber powered and generally small enough to be transported on the handlebars of our bicycles but more importantly didn't eat in to our modest pocket money.

Whilst out walking at the beginning of March I was aware of the crows, in a little copse close to the stables in the Downe Road. They're always there and it's obviously their nursery and breeding spot. When you walk through the area up they all go and make a heck of a racket, and circle around waiting for you to leave them in peace. I recently watched them from across the field – they would circle above the trees in two's and three's and then there'd be a bit of swooping and diving. This puzzled me until I worked out the third one was another male and fancied his chances. This became apparent in as much as a scrap would break out with much flapping and caw-cawing! At times they would tumble downwards and one would swoop back up as the victor to carry on with the wooing!

Last year I watched as a young crow plucked up courage to fly. I stood

beneath the leafy branch and urge him to go for it. Time and again he would flap and totter on his perch but never take the plunge – so I left him to it and continued my walk.

Now here's a story with a twist and a sad ending. My friend Dave had a car bashing business off the Croydon Road near the Mark. By that I mean he repaired car bodies and resprayed them. He had a tame crow named Jonesy and he acquired it by standing beneath a tree, just a I had, and clapping his hands whereupon the fledgling crow, shocked into flight came fluttering down! He assured me that when you do this the crow would regard you as its parent and could be tamed! Jonesy lived in Dave's workshop, and one day a customer delivered an Austin A40 prior to

Jonesy had the keys in his beak and before he could stop him he flew out the door

opening time and popped the keys through the letterbox. When Dave arrived later he saw Jonesy had the keys in his beak and before he could stop him he flew out the door! Disaster! All day the crow would reappear and perch close at hand with the keys still in his care: eventually as the light faded Jonesy, to everyone's relief flew in bringing back the keys – phew! The sad part is that the poor bird, after about four years, expired from the noxious cellulose fumes. I'm told he would sit on Dave's shoulder when he went to the butcher's shop at Locksbottom and receive tasty morsels specially served up by the butcher.

Richard Geiger

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 10th-16th May

Firstly, thank you for your contributions last year which amounted to £1,136.48 which was over £100 more than 2018, well done!

This year Christian Aid are focusing on water, and the need to build dams to help communities survive in areas of severe drought. Droughts are now more frequent and intense due to the climate crisis. Onesmus is 15 years old and lives in Kitui, Kenya. He loves studying and hopes to become a teacher one day. Every day, after school, Onesmus walks for half an hour to collect water from a nearby dam for his family. The dam was built by Christian Aid. The shorter journey to fetch water helps him to do well at school.

'Before the earth dam, we had to walk to a river far away', he says. 'It took us three hours to walk there, and I didn't have enough time to do my homework, now we have the earth dam,



Onesmus is able to stay in school, thanks to the new water dam near his home

I am happier'. Onesmus uses the water from the dam to grow fruit at home, like avocados and pineapples.

Some roads in Keston parish are covered with house to house collections, but if you do not have an envelope drop through your door, please donate at www.caweek.org. If you have some spare time, and would like to help with this important charity and carry out house to house collections, please contact Tricia on 01689 854373. Thank you.

Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, by your suffering you redeemed the world.
Redeem us now from the global spread of the Coronavirus.
Shine your light of peace and love at this time of uncertainty,
and come to our aid in the midst of our fears.

As we entrust ourselves and all people into your loving care,
we pray for comfort, healing, protection and hope.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen

WI News

February saw us coming back down to earth with a bang – literally! Jenny Randall's subject was the V2 bombing of the Crooked Billet in Southborough Lane. It destroyed the pub, killed many people and injured more. Some had miraculous escapes. After a great deal of campaigning a plaque was unveiled in 2011 in memory of the event. In March Sue Hollings told us about life in Medieval times and cooked some food for us to sample. The smells were mouth watering and the tastes were good! Life was very hard for all but the rich. There was the Black Death to deal with and the weather was unpredictable, what's changed?! Our Speaker on 8th April sounds good and sees us 'Call the Midwife'. Do join us at 2pm in Keston Village Hall.

Shirley Newman

Magazine Deadline

Please send copy for the June/July issue of The Keston Magazine to the Editor, Sally Churchus, by Sunday 10th May at the very latest by email to editor@kestonparishchurch.org.uk or telephone 020 8462 8750. Thank you.

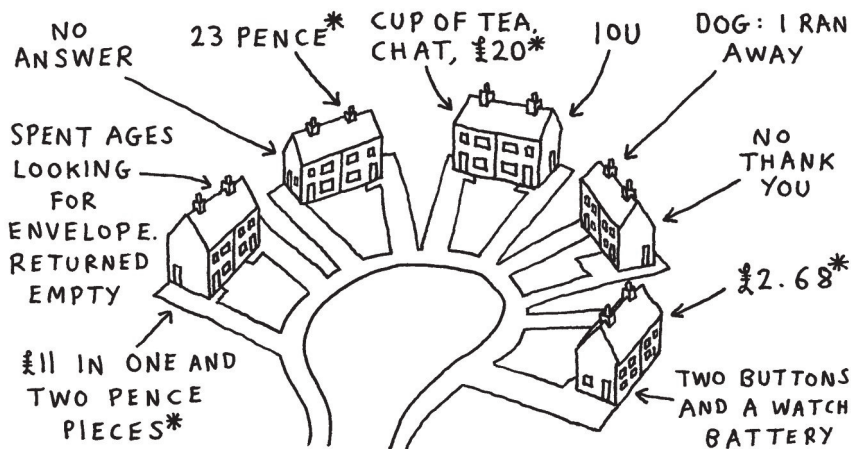
Laughlines

☺ One church Pew sheet said: Please note: Next week is the Fifth Sindyay in Lent.

☺ In one church, the Easter Sunday service sheet included the words of Graham Kendrick's hymn as follows: "For this purpose, Christ was revealed, to destroy all the woks of the evil one..."

*Answers to Easter Quiz: 1. Mardi Gras
2. Palm Sunday 3. Golgotha 4. Rebirth
5. No 6. Chile 7. Hats 8. Mary Magdalene*

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