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a Matter of TIME

I have been intrigued by how, even though it looks like I have a lot of extra time on my hands, I don't seem to get through as much as I think I should. Some things that used to take me a few hours to do, now takes twice as long, simply because the format is different. I am also taking on things I wouldn't at all if it was not for Lockdown.

I do try to do a bit of a veggie garden each year, but this year with the time and an extra pair of hands (thanks to our family growing by one 16 year old!) our garden is varied and growing at an amazing rate.

Chillies and then some....



It takes me 45 minutes each morning just to water all the pots and planters, as well as the birdbaths (we have 3 containers out for the birds, the first shared with Obadiah as a water dish. Then we had to add a second dish to the one under the hawthorn so there is a choice especially when Mrs Blackbird refuses to share during her evening ablutions). I have included a photo of our chilli plants that are quickly turning into chilli trees.

As a family we have also taken to building puzzles together in the evenings. There is the photo of our second one, which took us 10 days to complete!

I have also taken the time to potter through the files and boxes that have been gathering up over the last 14 years.

It has been lovely finding photos and notes. I had hoped to share some, as I have come across

several from the congregation from many years ago.

But I will save that for the next newsletter and ask if you found any in your pottering and tiding.

Please do send them along (to either myself or Camilla). Every Blessing. **Rev. Lorraine.**



our Robin approving of Daniel's gardening skills.



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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Here is a prayer I found, written by a Mennonite minister Carol Penner. May it bless you as it has me. **Lorraine**

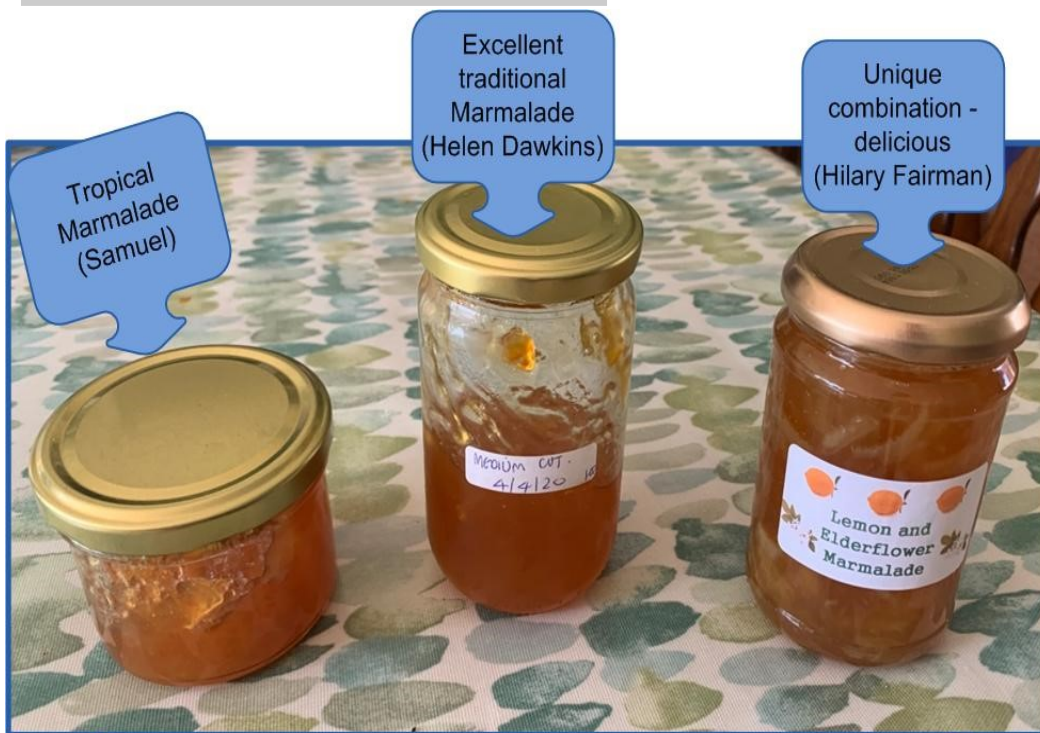
We're always calling God.
Where are you God?
Why don't you pick up?

The phone rings and rings,
echoing in that heavenly chamber.
We check the number,
this has got to be right.

Finally God's answering machine clicks in.
We hear God's voice,
"Why are you calling me?~
I'm standing right beside you."

Carol Penner

Michael John Brown...born to Grahame and Joy, 2nd grandson of Noelene, on 16th April weighing 7lbs 11oz.



Taste testing the competition

Zoom Quiz

Monday 1st June at 8pm

Please contact Leslie Dawkins, via text on 0871257602

If you are interested in taking part. Good luck!

Monday 1st June 2020 at 7pm.

The Installation of the Moderator of General Assembly, Rt. Rev. Dr. David Bruce. This service will be live streamed. You can access this via PCI website:

Link: www.presbyterianireland.org

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I am doing pretty much the same as everyone else, extra baking to share with neighbours, jigsaws, and LOTS of gardening.

The garden never looked so good and thankfully it is always an on-going occupation.

Attached are a couple of beautiful plants which have given me great joy over the past few weeks, together with repainted wind chimes which had been looking a bit sad.

Valerie Hughes



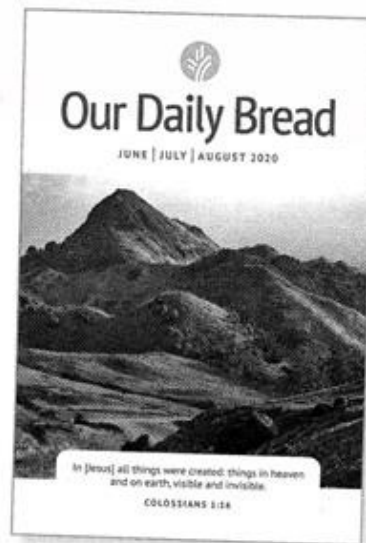
FOR THOSE WHO NORMALLY PICK UP YOUR DAILY BREAD - PLEASE READ BELOW



We are still here for you!

Dear Friend,

In these troubled and anxious times, we want you to know that all of us at Our Daily Bread Ministries are committed to supporting you in any way that we can. It has never been more essential to rest in the hope and reassurance of God's Word. As Bill Crowder reminds us in the June-July-August edition of *Our Daily Bread* (on 1st June): "Left to ourselves, we would be hopelessly lost in the desert of a broken world. But we are not left to ourselves! We have a Shepherd who leads us 'beside quiet waters,' refreshes our souls and guides us (PSALM 23:2-3)."



The recent government ruling on remote working and social distancing has affected our Ireland office significantly, and may result in the office closing for the foreseeable future. This has forced us to make the difficult decision to send all our readers one copy of *Our Daily Bread* only. If you normally receive a quantity of the booklets, we are so sorry that we cannot serve you in a normal fashion at this time. We have done everything possible to make sure we can get one copy of the *Our Daily Bread* into your hands, and pray it is a blessing to you and your household.

While our mailings have been disrupted by the Corona Virus outbreak, there are other ways we can support you and those you normally share *Our Daily Bread* with. Anyone can sign up to receive their own copy to be posted directly to them at ourdailybread.org/subscription (please be aware that there may be a delay in mailing these booklets out). There are also details on this webpage about how to receive *Our Daily Bread* into your email inbox each day or download the *Our Daily Bread* app on your phone. The *Our Daily Bread* readings are also available to read online at ourdailybread.org. If you are able to, please do share ourdailybread.org/subscription and ourdailybread.org with others.

We have also created ourdailybread.org/hope especially for this hard season. You can read several resources on this webpage which share inspiring stories and daily reflections to help you to stay focused on your Rock and Provider in the days ahead. Please be aware that any resources you order by email or on our Discovery House website may take longer than usual to reach you.

You can still get in touch with our team via email at ireland@odb.org where we will do our best to handle any questions or concerns you have. Also it is unlikely that we will be able to send you extra copies of the June-July-August *Our Daily Bread*, especially if our office is forced to close. Again, we are so sorry that we cannot serve you as we normally would.

In a time of great weariness and heartache, let us make the words of Psalm 61:2 our heartfelt prayer: "From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Trusting in the One who is "the same yesterday and today and for ever" (HEBREWS 13:8),

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Dublin City Libraries Book Delivery Service for Cocooners

Submitted by Your Library on Wed, 13/05/2020 - 08:30



Dublin City Libraries, in partnership with the Dublin Volunteer Centre are delighted to announce the launch of a book delivery service for people who are cocooning.



If you or your loved one are cocooning and would like to avail of this service, library staff will take your request and organise the delivery of the items to your home, with the help of volunteers from the Dublin Volunteer Centre. All items are on long loan, there are no overdue fines or fees and access to the service is always FREE.

Contact us by phone at 01 6744818 or by email at homedelivery@dublincity.ie between 10am and 2pm from Monday to Friday.

We look forward to welcoming all of our library users back when our libraries reopen, but in the meantime we would encourage those cocooning to take advantage of this new service and to stay safe, stay well and stay home!

Recommended:

[books & reading](#) [libraries & archive news](#)

Covid Reflections

Part One: Consumerism

I had already written a first draft of my reflection, when I listened to Lorraine's online sermon of 10 May where, among other things, she pointed out that the current situation is making us rethink our relationship with material possessions. She also said that we will hopefully remember the lessons we have learned after the crisis is over, that possessions are not everything that we have been taught them to be.

I have heard many people say that a huge positive for those who have not been directly affected by the virus, is that they are thinking about things in a new way, slowing down the pace of living and being less enslaved to consumerism because shops are closed.

For example, do we really need to go clothes shopping when many of us complain of having too many clothes? Do we need to buy so many new clothes, when we could instead support charity shops, reduce the consumer demand for production of new clothes which invariably end up in the bin (often when still wearable), and save money? According to WWF, 'it can take 2,700 litres of water to produce the cotton needed to make a single t-shirt'. And most of the world's cotton comes from China and India where, as we know, workers' rights are often poor if they are acknowledged at all. Many clothes nowadays also have plastic in them, which makes it important to reuse our clothes for as long as they are wearable, whether by ourselves or by passing on to friends or charity shops, as this plastic will end up in landfill eventually and will not biodegrade like cotton or linen.

Once the virus measures are over, we can realise that we didn't need to buy any clothes for 3 months or longer, and that the world has not ended as a result of this! My mother and I are playing a sort of game where we see how long we can go without having to get groceries. The longest we have gone in this time, without food shopping, has been almost two weeks. I was talking to another member of the congregation, and she said she has, coincidentally, been doing the exact same. We can often make do with what we already have at home for a very long time, whether it is clothes or food.

There is currently a rise in waste production in certain areas, such as the unfortunate tonnes of plastic waste due to single-use PPE worldwide, and huge quantities of food being wasted which were being produced for the hospitality sector such as in restaurants, hotels and cafés which were then binned. In other ways, the lockdown measures mean that we are benefitting the environment by saving on petrol and therefore allowing cleaner air, not purchasing hundreds of thousands of single-use take-away cups from cafés, and clothes-buying. Hopefully we learn from this that we are incredibly privileged in that we have so much in the way of possessions in this part of the world, whether it is food, electronics or clothing. Acknowledgement is the first step for each of us in realising what we can do in our own lives to produce less waste, and that first step is to buy less and make what we have, last longer.

Miriam van der Molen

"And Katie finished the walls of her grandad's garden"



A L.o..n..g Story, with a message in the Tail.

Three years ago my Grand-daughter Evelyn, gave me a present for Christmas. It was a lovely present, but it required me to spend some time to sort it out. It was a working model of "**Leonardo da Vinci's Ornithopter**". At first I went at it with some enthusiasm and put a good deal of the of the basic construction together. It was spread all over the dining room table when I discovered some parts were missing. So the work stopped. As the table was needed and progress was halted the model moved to my upstairs office in a box. Eventually I got the missing parts which were added to the box for later attention.

Just recently , a long time later, because of the *Covid-19* confinement I have been looking for things to do and so I said "*here goes*" lets get it finished and surprise Evelyn. It took me three days of trial and error to finish it so after three years and a bit here is a photo of the finished product with the addition of Tissue paper wings which were not on the actual plans.

There's a message for all of us here. Because Jesus said we must run the race, we must finish the course. There are no parts missing in His plan Blessed is the man who has endured the trial and has stood the test because he will receive the crown of life promised but God to those who love Him.

See below the finished model.

Thank you Evelyn, I'll give you the model when I can,

Grandad. (Alan Finlay)



Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church COVID-19 mitigation protocols

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The Guiding principle is protecting the health and safety of all who visit. Initially open to members only. The Kirk Session and Congregational Committee are working on protocols for the re-opening of the church buildings from 20th July at the earliest. Outlined below is a draft of the range of issues we as a congregation need to address. It is still early in our deliberations so please take a look and let me have your feedback (by email or on 087 968 2300). **Hugh Borland**

1.0 Pre- and Post-event disinfecting regime

1. List details of the process to be undertaken.
2. Identify who will do it every week (set up a rota)
3. Provide disinfecting equipment and materials

2.0 Site Preparation

4. Provide masks? Singing with masks?
5. Provide disposable gloves?
6. Sanitising gel
7. Temperature sensors
8. Signage, direction markers and 2 m separation markers
9. Rope off every other pew
10. 2m separation marked in available pews
11. Designated family only pews
12. Collection plate at doors
13. No service leaflets - email in advance
14. High power projector/screen for hymn words, readings, etc

3.0 In church site management

15. Greeting stewards outdoors for information on induction to the building?
16. Monitoring stewards indoors?
17. Temperature measurement before entry?
18. Ingress through Howth Road entrance or Scots Hall entrance only
19. Sign-in facility to record presence for contact tracing should it prove necessary
20. One-way traffic – main aisle towards the front, return/exit via Transept and Howth Road door
21. Egress through Clontarf Road entrance only (except mobility impaired who need to wait to use Scots Hall ramp via Howth Road entrance)
22. The Minister to call out the order for pew occupants to leave to aid physical distancing

4.0 Two service and phased options

23. First service at 09.30 for older and at higher risk members
24. Second service at 11.00 for family groups and regular risk members
25. Services to be recorded and made available on the website afterwards
26. Phased resumption of other activities as conditions and regulations permit
27. Holy Communion will be a later phase:

- a. Simply service format
- b. Disposable cups
- c. Bring your own bread (!)

28. Re-opening to non-members will be a later phase again

5.0 Scots Hall site management

29. Disinfecting regime as per Section 1.0 above.
30. Ingress/egress controls
31. One-way traffic – enter through main door, exit via small Hall or Emergency exit.
32. Monitoring stewards indoors?

5.1 For services

33. 2 m separation options?
34. Placement of chairs
35. Floor markings

5.2 For tea/coffee

36. Monitoring stewards indoors?
37. 2 m separation options?
38. Simply service options available
39. Disposable cups/spoons
40. Portion sugars
41. Single wrapped biscuits

5.3 For clients

42. Specify requirements to be followed by clients?