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## Worship

### Sunday

10.30 a.m. Sung Communion and Junior Church (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service)

18.00 p.m. Occasional Special Services as announced

### Tuesday

10.30 a.m. No service during interregnum

To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the Wardens.

**For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone the Warden, Derek Redeyoff on 0161 338 4779. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.**

## From Our Book of Remembrance

Apr 3	Alan Wilson	1970	Apr 17	Bertha Stanley	1965
	Fred Peck	1977		Dennis Baxter	2001
	William Dawson	1982	Apr 18	Edith Smith	1988
	Joan Brocklehurst	1994		Ada Sayce	1989
Apr 4	Grace Lee	1975	Apr 19	Mary Elizabeth Parkinson	1944
Apr 5	Geoffrey Birch	2006		Doris Hibbert	1970
	Percy Dudleston	1979		Samuel Cook	1989
Apr 6	Herbert Brocklehurst	1975	Apr 20	Louis Bowler	1990
Apr 7	Ellen Ratcliffe	1937		Lena Schofield	1997
Apr 8	Alistair William Rose Forbes	1983	Apr 22	Mary Wright	1989
				Mark Allen Cowley	2009
Apr 9	John (Jack) Ireson	1987	Apr 23	James Johnson	1984
	Kenneth Langton	2007		Jennie Cook	1995
	Howard Steven Fogg	2008	Apr 24	George Wardle	1997
	Robin Edward Morris	2015		Joan Lindley	1983
Apr 10	Walter Bramall	1977		Doreen Lilian Pritchard	2009
	Minnie Talbot	1984		Graham Webster	2009
	Freda Mary Day	1987	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas	1991
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth Gillaspy	1987	Apr 25	Alice Ann Walton	1998
			Apr 26	Elsie Beatrice Dugdale	1974
	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
Apr 14	Helen Shaw	1996		Harry Blackburn	2003
Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw	1961			
	Emily Spencer	1990			



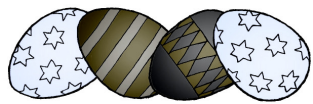
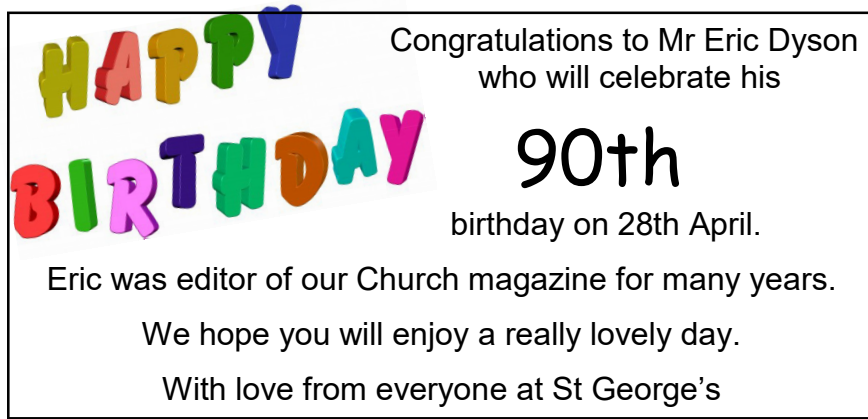
## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry



If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens for any Sunday this year.



**Easter trivia**

***What was the largest ever Easter egg hunt?***

The most-ever entrants for an egg hunt competition was 12,773. It was The Fabergé Big Egg Hunt, as part of World Record London, in London, UK in April 2012.

***What was the largest-ever decorated Easter egg?***

This was built in March 2008, by Freeport in Alcochete, Portugal. It measured 14.79 m (48 ft 6 in) long and 8.40 m (27 ft 6 in) in diameter.

***What was the largest ever chocolate Easter egg?***

It was made in Tosca (Italy) and weighed 7,200 kg (15,873 lbs 4.48 oz). It had a circumference of 19.6 m (64 ft 3.65 in) at its widest point. It was exhibited in a shopping centre in Cortenuova, Italy, in April 2011.

***What was the largest ever Easter egg tree?***

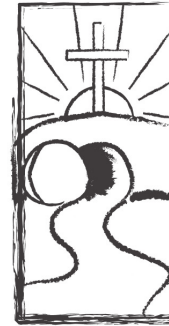
This was set by Zoo Rostock GmbH, Rostock, Germany, who decorated a tree with 76,596 painted hens' eggs in April 2007.

***What about the most expensive hot cross bun?***

This was baked in 1829 in Stepney, London, UK. It was bought by Bill Foster (UK) for £155 at the Antiques for Everyone show at the NEC in Birmingham, West Midlands, UK, in April 2000. Hot cross buns were originally made to hang in the kitchen to ward off evil spirits.

***What was the biggest-ever (real) Easter bunny?***

So far, the longest rabbit was Darius, a Flemish giant rabbit owned by Annette Edwards (UK). It was 4 ft 3 in (129 cm) long when measured for an article in the UK's Daily Mail newspaper in April 2010.



**The Empty Tomb and beyond**

In this glorious month of April we are encouraged by the new life we see all around us. What appeared dead a few weeks ago is now showing blossom, leaf buds and a hint of the glorious display to come – just around the corner.

This reminds me of God's wonderful faithfulness year on year as He shows us His creativity and craftsmanship; which is breathtaking in its variety, colour and splendour.

Springtime is also when Easter falls and how fitting to talk of new life coming from apparent deadness when we read and remember the awful emptiness, desolation, cruelty and bleakness of that first Good Friday which is followed by the triumph, victory and gloriousness of Easter Sunday morning; New Life coming from the deadness and heartbreak of the tomb. How great is our God.

But what does this mean to us in 2019, two thousand years from when this event happened. According to 1 Corinthians 15: 3 – 8 Paul clearly states that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than 500 of the brothers at the same time – most of whom were still living when Paul wrote the letter. Proof surely that this event was an awe-inspiring, never to be repeated life-changing occurrence which demands a response from us.

Jesus, the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried, and rose from the dead. Our response is to truly believe and trust this in our hearts, receiving Jesus alone as Saviour.

Our church, along with thousands of other church fellowships will, this Easter, remember the events leading up to this monumental invasion into history and journey with Jesus to the cross once more. I pray that this year may be an opportunity for us to rededicate our lives to the One for whom ..... 'we live and move and have our being.' (Acts 17:28) and be open to all that the Lord would have us do in representing Him to the world. A new way of looking at history is to remember it is HIS STORY. Hallelujah!!

*Joyce Hansell*  
April 2019

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**Saint of the Month**  
**11 April - George Augustus Selwyn,**  
**first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878**

George Augustus Selwyn was born in Hampshire and educated at Eton and St John's College, Cambridge. He became a Fellow of the college and was ordained in 1833. He served as curacy at Windsor while a private tutor at Eton. In 1841 he was consecrated Bishop of New Zealand and

took up his duties the following year. He studied the Maori language on his long sea voyage, and was able to preach in it on his arrival. In fact Selwyn never saw himself as a colonial bishop and in the ten-year war between the Maoris and the European colonists, he managed to keep the confidence of both sides, making sure that the principle of full participation by Maori Christians in church government was affirmed at the New Zealand Church's first general synod in 1859.

Selwyn laid the foundations of the Church, not only in New Zealand, but throughout the islands of Melanesia. The New Zealand diocese extended from latitude 47 degrees South to latitude 36 degrees *North* (a clerical error in the Letters Patent). But Selwyn made no complaint and cheerfully accepted responsibility for the vast Pacific regions of the Melanesian and Polynesian islands as well as New Zealand. From 1848 he visited the islands, first on HMS *Dido*, later on the mission ship *Southern Cross*, from which this fearless exponent of muscular Christianity often swam ashore and made personal contact with the islanders.

A convinced Tractarian, Selwyn experienced difficulties in his relations with the Church Missionary Society in New Zealand. His understanding of episcopacy and mission led him to favour an alternative strategy, that rather than voluntary agencies missions should be an enterprise of the whole Church in its corporate capacity, led by bishops. This model came into increasing use by High Church missions as the century progressed. In 1852 Selwyn had noted in his diary that 'the careful superintendence of this multitude of islands will require the services of a missionary bishop, able and willing to devote himself to this work'. Thus, in 1854, he founded the Melanesian Mission and recruited John Coleridge Patteson to lead it. By 1861 the diocese was ready for division with Selwyn relinquishing authority in Melanesia to Patteson as the new missionary bishop.

In 1867, Selwyn was persuaded to become Bishop of Lichfield. It was with some reluctance that he returned to England the following year, and served at Lichfield until his death on 11 April 1878. Selwyn College was founded in his memory at Cambridge in 1881.

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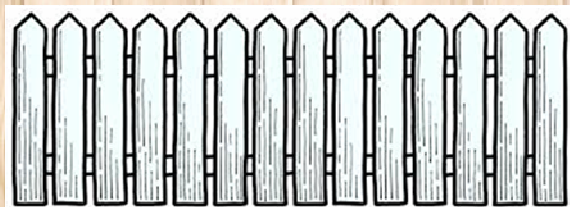
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## **The P.C.C. .... Who?**

*Have you ever wondered who the P.C.C. are and what they do? This article was written some time ago, in March 1986, by a former P.C.C member who served on the council, it was in response to many questions concerning the functions of the P.C.C. and although written a few years ago the role of the P.C.C. remains the same.*

“ Have you ever complained about ‘THEM’? The invisible ‘THEM’ who seem to make all those decisions. You find ‘THEM’ everywhere ..... Yes, even in Church. Who is this mysterious and invisible body? It’s the P.C.C., of course—the Parochial Church Council.

However, far from being a mysterious and invisible body, the P.C.C. is made up of ordinary church members—you or me! A P.C.C. Member must be **elected** at the open Annual General Meeting by his or her fellow parishioners, no one can simply decide to be a member and take on the job.

The P.C.C. Discusses many matters—some referred to them by other church bodies, they also co-operate with the Vicar in promoting the whole mission of the Church—pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. They also have the authority to determine the Church’s annual budget and attempt to raise funds to meet it. So all in all it really can be a very interesting part of church life.

It must be stressed, however, that in the exercise of their functions the P.C.C. try at all times to take into consideration any expression of opinion from the body of the Church. In other words, the P.C.C. that you have elected really does represent you. A new P.C.C. has just been elected. They really want to be your Representatives. Why not give ‘THEM’ that chance?”

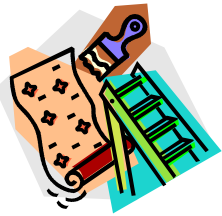
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### **March Crossword Solution**

**ACROSS:** 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

**DOWN:** 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

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### March 2019 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
24 Feb 2019	2nd Sunday before Lent	£48.77	£266.00	£	
03 Mar 2019	Sunday next before Lent	£59.17	£249.83	£	
10 Mar 2019	1st Sunday of Lent	£78.05	£257.00	£	
17 Mar 2019	2nd Sunday of Lent	£92.64	£218.65	£	
24 Mar 2019	3rd Sunday of Lent	£23.21	£396.56	£	
31 Mar 2019	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday				
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
<b>Monthly Total</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>-£</b>

\* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,466 per month

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### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for March 2019 are:

1st Prize	£25	38	Mike Styan
2nd Prize	£15	15	Dorothy Davenport
3rd Prize	£10	48	Jeanette Allsopp

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## Readings and Psalms for April 2019

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> No Service

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> **5th Sunday of Lent**  
10.30 **Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8**

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30 No Service

### HOLY WEEK

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> **Palm Sunday**  
10.30 **Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-end of 23**

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30 No Service

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> **20.00 Stations of the Cross**

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> **Maundy Thursday**  
**20.00 Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end;1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35**

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday**  
10.30 **Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Psalm 22.1-21; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-end of 19**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> **Easter Day**  
8.30 **Acts 10.34-43; Luke 24.1-12**  
10.30 **Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; John 20.1-18**  
18.00 **1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; John 20. 19-23 BCP Communion**

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 No Service

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
10.30 **Acts 5.27-32; John 20.19-end Worship For All**

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30 No Service



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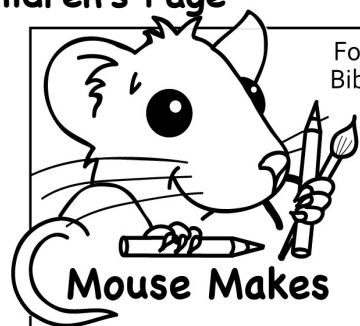
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**Saturday**  
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**The Last  
Supper**

read  
Matthew 26:17-30  
TWELVE DISCIPLES  
PASSOVER  
ROOM • BREAD  
WINE • SON • MAN  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL



**Betrayal  
and  
Death**

read Matthew  
26:36-27:56  
GETHEMANE  
PRAY • BETRAY  
KISS • ARREST  
MESSIAH • CHRIST  
SON • ACCUSED  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS  
QUAKE • DEATH  
LOTS • DICE



**Burial and Resurrection**  
read Matthew 27:57-28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS  
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD  
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Follow the **Easter story** using the  
Bible references, then look for the  
words in the puzzle.

**Into Jerusalem**

read Matthew 21:1-11  
DONKEY • ROAD • COATS  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA

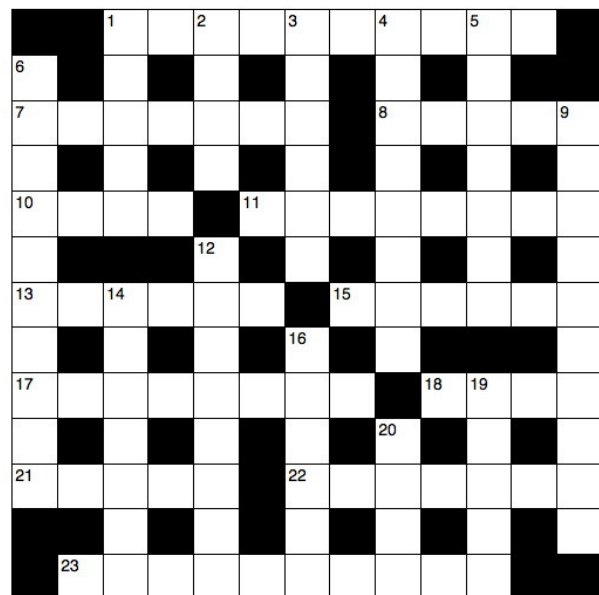


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## April Crossword



### Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal —' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)  
 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)  
 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — —' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)  
 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)  
 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)  
 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)  
 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)  
 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)  
 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)  
 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)  
 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)  
 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

### Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)  
 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — —' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)  
 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)  
 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)  
 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)  
 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)  
 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)  
 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)  
 14 See cape (anag.) (7)  
 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)  
 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)  
 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

## Some dates for your diary - April 2019

- Mon 1st 7.45p.m. Lent Group Meeting  
 Tues 2nd 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café  
 Thurs 4th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)  
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice  
 Sat 6th 8.00p.m. Quiz  
**Sun 7th Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide Begins**  
**10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**  
 Mon 8th 7.45p.m. Lent Group Meeting  
 Tues 9th 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café  
 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council  
 Thurs 11th 9.00a.m. Easter Holidays for Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)  
 7.30p.m. Easter Holidays for Tameside Community Voices Practice  
 Sat 13th 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea  
**HOLY WEEK**  
**Sun 14th Palm Sunday**  
**10.30a.m. Liturgy of the Palms - Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**  
**Mon 15th 7.45p.m. Lent Group Meeting**  
**Thurs 18th MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**8.00p.m. Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper - Stripping of the Altars - followed by Vigil**  
**Fri 19th GOOD FRIDAY**  
**10.30am The Service of the Cross**  
**Sun 21st EASTER DAY**  
**8.30a.m Holy Communion with Hymns**  
**10.30a.m. A Service for Easter Day**  
**6.00p.m. Holy Communion BCP**  
 Tues 23rd 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café  
 Thurs 25th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)  
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice  
**Sun 28th 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**10.30a.m. Worship For All**  
**Family Fun Day in Stamford Park**  
 Tues 30th 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café

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Friends,



We know that Jesus was led to the wilderness and tempted by the devil and I got to thinking that all of us in our lives will have experienced a 'wilderness'. Times when the landscape around us feels barren and dry. Sometimes, it lasts a day or two, sometimes it lasts a month or more. Sometimes it lasts longer.

Sometimes we feel full of doubts about everything including our faith - we feel alone or uncertain, vulnerable, lost and like Jesus in the wilderness - spiritually hungry and unprotected. Sometimes we will have felt a sense of hopelessness as we enter unknown situations - overwhelmed with temptations, obstacles or decisions. This is the place where we meet our adversaries where we call out for a God who... remains silent. And when we feel God has abandoned us we think that our past efforts have all been a waste of time – that God cannot exist at all .....because if he did he would have ... .and so on.

There is no doubt that like me, many of you will have gone through 'several' wilderness experiences – because it seems to be a path we all have to travel! Perhaps it was during a time of serious illness, the death of someone we loved, separation from loved ones, the suffering of a child, faded hopes and dreams, rejection, addiction, failure, and on and on and on it goes! It feels like punishment and it seems overwhelmingly difficult sometimes not to, 'give in and give up' .... Or just to escape from it all for a while! So, whenever we go through the wilderness experience -- what happens? There is always a temptation waiting! Sometimes we give in and sometimes we don't...

Who hasn't at times of difficulty longed for a spa day, a hill walk, been tempted by the holiday ads on the tele, yearned for a bit of peace and quiet, or to cut ourselves off from the noise of life for a while? And there it is.... Something to tempt us!

So off we go and when we return ... the wilderness is still there – nothing has gone away... how often have we said things like, 'I feel like I haven't had a holiday now', or, ' that's paradise over till next year'...or, I wish I hadn't eaten all those chocolates – they were nice at the time but now I feel ugh...

But if we could turn those things that tempt us into something positive and see

that what is actually happening is that God is saying to us at these times, just 'Be Still and Know Me'....

God has found a 'modern way' of hiding you from view for a while – and this is when you feel the need for a spa day or a round of golf - to 'clear your mind'.

These times are God's way of breaking with the old and bringing in the new - so surely we must embrace the solitude, the dry period of the wilderness - and then God can introduce Himself to us in a deeper way - if we will just let Him...

Taking time during the 40 days of Lent - to reconnect everyday (not just on Sundays) -with all the truths and treasures of Scripture, to do a bit of soul searching and to see that though we all stumble along the way, and are tempted to do things that don't really help us - it is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives that keeps us from falling – keeps us moving forward even when we feel we can go no further.

During this time of Lent, we are called to take stock of those temptations that we all encounter. We have the opportunity to prayerfully consider what we are being offered and to ask God for direction. Will we choose immediate gratification in the things we crave? Or will we be patient and trust that God will strengthen us for the journey and lead us on the path that is true?

By all means those spa days or rounds of golf or other temptations are lovely for relaxing our bodies but our minds must not be distracted from the fact - that the wilderness is a place of new beginnings and that God looks after His people in the wilderness.

My hope and prayer for each of us this Lent, is this: That when the Holy Spirit leads us as he did with Jesus, to that place where we need to be tested, God will give us the strength and will to choose wisely that we can overcome those temptations and put our faith in Him. Amen

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