

O loving God of life, God of compassion,

as crisis is shaking our world, we turn to you with all our worries: for our loved ones, for our societies, for jobs and economies, and for how the most vulnerable among us will be affected. Transform uncertainty and fear into love and care. Give us courage, wisdom and consolation.

Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray: for the sick and those who are caring for them, for the researchers who are working to find medicine and vaccine, for those who must take difficult decisions that affect many, for international cooperation in the service of justice and peace, for spiritual leadership that is faithful to your will.

In your mercy, help us to hold on to what is right, true and beautiful. Through Jesus Christ, whom we have come to know as our Saviour and Healer. Amen.

Archbishop Dr Antje Jackelén, Church of Sweden



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# Church Chat Weekly

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## Week 16 Stay Alert!

Hello everyone! This week we've seen a potato that thinks it's a bird! It ended up roasted all the same! More traditional bakers such as Rachel and her Mum have been making rock buns and scones !



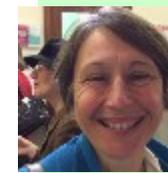
Sheena has been busy



knitting and here is Sara wearing the new bolero! Very nice!

Our best wishes also go to Ron Bosworth who celebrates his 80th and Sue Higham who celebrates her 26th Birthday on Monday (hope I got that right Sue)!

Paul



"If you want to change the world, take up a pen and write" - the Martin Luther quote on the front cover of a notebook I bought from the Catholic Centre, in the German city of Dortmund, on a previous visit. I was last in the city in September, and once again

went to the Catholic Centre as the city's youth hostel is just across from its quadrant with a historic church and a bookshop (if you are lucky - or unlucky, depending on your point of view - you get a room facing the quadrant with the pleasure - or not - of the bells chiming through the night). Who was to know that such a visit would suddenly seem light years away? I had planned to travel a bit in April and May following the end of some employment, before starting up a new search for work. Instead, I pulled the notebook out of the cupboard when I realised it'd make a great book for copying out newly discovered recipes. One of my new activities at home.



The notebook is one of several items connected to my faith journey, such as the Wayfinding Bible with its helpful navigation of the Old Testament. I am having all kinds of 'hmm, interesting' moments - like the patterns of feast and famine. Having come into a church family so late in life, my knowledge of the Bible is still like a Swiss cheese - full of holes! What am I learning during this pandemic? One2One listening comes to mind - a special time to listen to God and go forward in faith. For whatever happens next, I feel reminded never again to assume that one day will be like the next.

Blessings to all, **Helen**

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Ron Bosworth!



Last Weeks  
**Guess the Person**  
was Simon!  
Who is our masked church member this week?