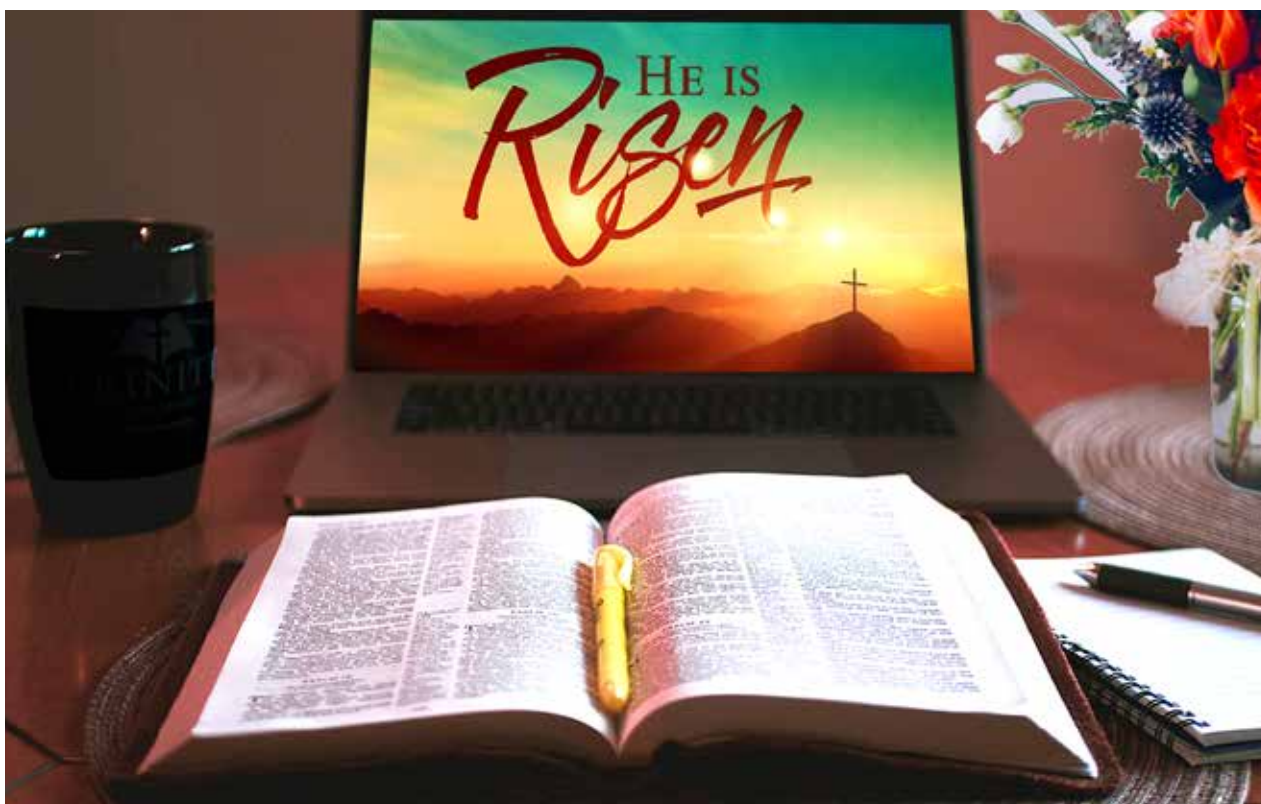


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Archbishop's Easter Message

Recently, I underwent a minor medical procedure, following which the doctor asked if I was feeling any pain. I replied that what I was feeling was a mere discomfort because I have seen human pain and I could not bestow such a label to my little discomfort. I accepted a prescription for pain which he gave me, but which sat in my car for several days and was finally discarded as I waited for "the discomfort" to subside.

I would not present myself as any paragon of virtue in this regard but, I cannot ignore the deep pain which tens of thousands of people have been experiencing since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in places like Italy, Spain, and the State of New York. The suffering and death vastly outstrip the

ability of the human and material resources to alleviate the situation. The sheer physical pain which the virus inflicts on the body of the worse affected; the separation of infected persons from all contact with family; the burial of those who succumb without even family members to share in that moment of grief and separation; the distress experienced by health workers who become victims of the virus or watch their colleagues die in a self-sacrificial commitment to care for the infected – all speak of pain at a physical level and beyond.

Here in Jamaica, the numbers may be few compared to these extreme situations but, we still have to deal with the victims of the infection, the dislocation which has resulted in job and income loss for many, as well as other

Editorial Committee Statement

Dear Friends
This Easter issue of **The Anglican** is late as we grapple with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an unusual issue as it is being published online because of the present circumstances. Our Editorial Committee decided to do this for three main reasons:

Firstly, we know that, even in adversity, God is with us and we need to retain our hope. In this connection, I refer you to the Message from His Grace the Archbishop.

Secondly, we need to recognize and promote the creative ways in which our Diocesan family has responded to the crisis, both in our worship; and the operation of our schools, as members, teachers and students face the restrictions on our movements which, unfortunately, have become the new 'norm'.

Thirdly, we need to remember that, even as we are preoccupied with the spread of the corona virus, life has to go on. This issue covers the period January to March 2020.

I urge you all to be vigilant and keep safe in this new environment. Please stay in touch with the Diocese as a whole, and your local church, in particular, by following and participating in the Services and meditations shared on Diocesan Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.). Remember also to listen to **Think on These Things** on Radio Jamaica 94FM on Sundays at 4:45 pm. Let us remember and depend on God's promised presence with us.

Yours In Christ,
Venerable Patrick Cunningham
Archdeacon of Kingston and
Chair, Editorial Committee



serious challenges which will continue even after the pandemic recedes. There is a general sense of anxiety and uncertainty as each of us remains a potential victim.

God’s Life-giving Power

This pandemic comes at a time when our Christian tradition calls us to recall and focus on the experience of human suffering, abandonment, isolation, despair and death by the most cruel means possible – crucifixion – at the cross in Jerusalem. The death of Christ was not caused by a viral pandemic, but resulted from the coming together of human sin and a misguided and closed religious establishment which pursued the expedient and pragmatic route to retain political power, even in the face of innocence.

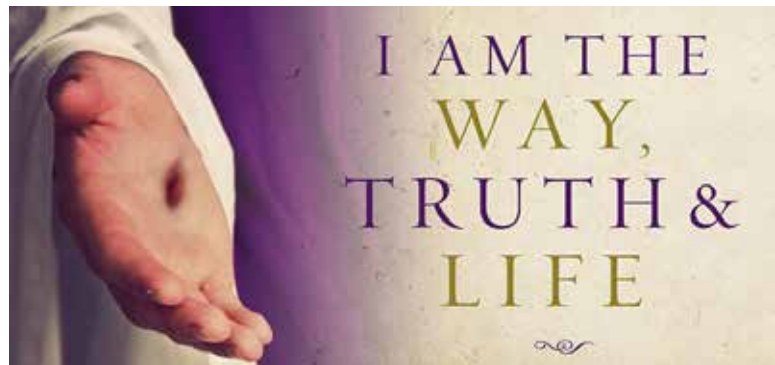
And yet, despite their vile act, the God of heaven and earth made it evident that there is no situation of apparent death and futility that is beyond the life-infusing power of God. One of the Old Testament reading options for Easter Day is from Jeremiah 31, in which the prophet communicates hopeful words to a people who were experiencing decline, destruction, death and exile. Jeremiah proclaims and makes evident for us that, despite the people’s seemingly hopeless and despairing situation, there is no experience of death and destruction in which God cannot find and give expression to life.

While the Government has been making budgetary provisions to offset some of the fallout from the pandemic, and projecting what it will take to get the nation back to a state of normality, many persons are not embracing that future as they are embedded in the anxieties of the moment, the images of death, and all of the uncertainty about tomorrow. The message, which is affirmed most profoundly at Easter with the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is that death, anxiety and despair do not hold the last word for the people of the living God. One commentator sums up the significance of Easter and the resurrection in this way:

“Easter is about the absurd announcement that there is not death so dead that God cannot find life in it... Easter is about the sort of God we worship, a God who will always have the last laugh, even in the face of the old dog, death.”

May the life-declaring message of Easter ring afresh in your heart and life as we journey through this worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

The Most Rev. Howard Gregory
Archbishop of the West Indies, Primate & Metropolitan
Bishop of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands



EDITORIAL

Easter – A Transformative Power

Once again, we celebrate Easter, rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and all that it means for our salvation. Easter is the high point and centre of the Christian Calendar. All the events in the Christian Year take their key from the Resurrection; and every Sunday is a memorial of the Resurrection. The forty days of Lent, and Holy Week, are in preparation for this the great festival; and we are expected to engage in self-examination, prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness, among other practices. Through these Lenten disciplines, we are seeking to better train ourselves to be more available and open to God. The Apostle Paul, speaking of his own goal as a Christian, writes.

¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, [Philippians 3:10]

The power of the resurrection for Paul was not simply a past event which happened to Jesus. It was a dynamic power available and operative in the life of the individual Christian. The resurrection speaks of the transforming power of God.

The post-resurrection stories of the Christian community give testimony to the transforming power of God in the life of the disciples. They were a transformed people and transforming agents. The influence of the early Christians changed the course of history. The resurrection is not only a power that overcomes death, but also the evils of the world. Christians must not simply rejoice, but be agents against all forms of evil and advocates for justice, working for a better world for all God’s people. This will require sharing in Christ’s sufferings by becoming like Him in his death, dying to all that is negative, for a better human community. It is the hope that, as you read the various articles in this edition of the Anglican, you will be inspired to live the risen, transformed life in Christ and be a transforming agent in a society that so needs to be transformed for good.

Alleluia! the Lord is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia! A blessed Easter.

Rt. Rev. Leon Golding
Suffragan Bishop of Montego Bay



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COVID-19: New Directions for Ministry

With the COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings, pastoral ministry in the Diocese has taken on new dimensions as ministers adjust and adopt novel strategies to ensure that their members are still being nourished spiritually.

Before the first case of the disease was identified in Jamaica, the Archbishop of the West Indies and Diocesan Bishop, the Most Rev. Howard Gregory, instructed that best hygiene practices be observed in Churches. These included the use of hand-sanitizers; suspension of handshaking during the Peace; the administration of Holy Communion in one kind only and discontinuation of intinction. Two weeks later, the Archbishop directed that churches be closed in keeping with tightened government measures to contain the spread of the virus; and which also restrict attendance at Services to 10 persons.

The Corona epidemic has resulted in the cancellation of all Diocesan events such as Clergy Retreats, Pre-Synod Meetings, the annual Synod traditionally held in the week following Easter Day, and the Service at the National Arena scheduled for June 14 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment of the Church from the State. That Service will be rescheduled for a date in 2021.

However, the work of the Church continues; and social media platforms, such as WhatsApp, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Email and Zoom have become the new normal. They are being effectively utilised to deliver Eucharistic Services, Morning Prayer, daily Meditations, as well as for Bible Study, Church Committee, and Diocesan Meetings. Some priests explain that at first, these initiatives were targeted to their congregants. However, the digital ministry has quickly developed an international reach, and is impacting Jamaicans in the Diaspora, as well as other Christians.

New Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions

Rev. Kirk Brown of the St. Michael's/Clarke's Town Cure in Trelawny, who has produced short, daily devotionals in collaboration with other clergy, explains that that "Congregants who have data, but no Wi-Fi connection can simply download the recording to their phones, listen at their convenience, and be inspired." A similar technique is being

applied by other priests who prepare a weekly Service which is posted to their congregants via WhatsApp or YouTube.

The Rev. Khan Honeyghan of the St. Jude's Cure, Stony Hill, shared messages of hope from the Church's Lenten Journey publication on several platforms, while Archbishop Gregory offered a daily Holy Week Meditation posted on sound cloud and distributed across the Diocese via WhatsApp.

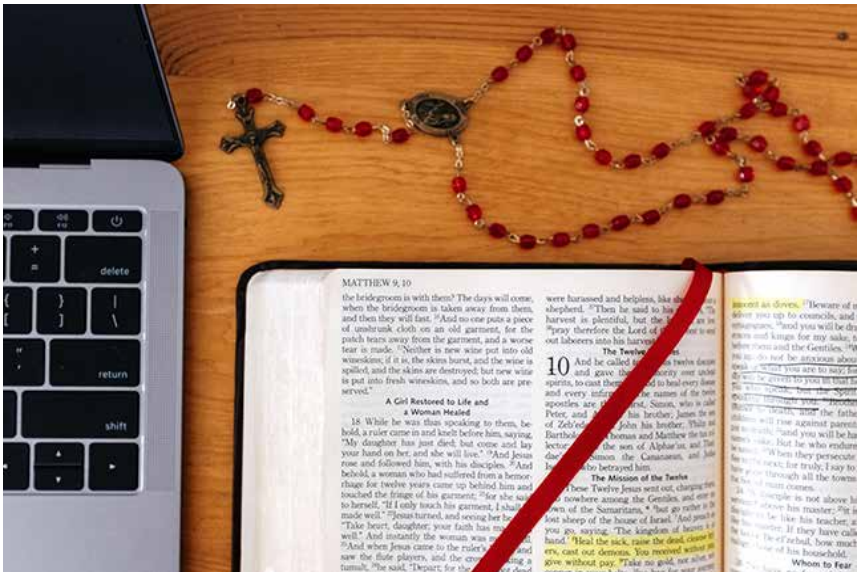
Several churches are also live streaming their services. These include St. Andrew Parish Church, where the Archbishop was Celebrant and Preacher for the Diocesan Palm Sunday and Easter Day Services which were also broadcast on radio.

Rev. Dwane Blackwood, Priest-in-Charge of the St. Matthew's Santa Cruz Cure, notes that "streamed Services require some creativity, as, for example, we are unable to assemble a choir due to the limited number of worshippers allowed." He says recorded hymns have provided a solution in his Cure.

Rev. Jerome Small, Priest-in-Charge at St. George's, Grand Cayman, points out that a lot more time, work and effort go into putting out an online service than the preparation for a face-to-face act of worship. These include the quality of lighting and sound, the type of camera and the bandwidth for transmission. He also notes that "Access to quality recorded Caribbean Church music is a challenge, and so we are often limited to audio from North America or England."

The Cathedral of St. Jago de la Vega, in Spanish Town, presented a creative solution to the challenge posed by the recent lockdown in St. Catherine, by streaming its weekly Sunday Service with the Very Rev. Canon Colin Reid and other participants being recorded from several locations by Zoom.

While welcoming the new technologies, priests also acknowledge the importance of using traditional communication channels such as the telephone, radio and television to minister



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to members who do not have access to social media.

Engaging Our Children

Recognising that, like adults, children are experiencing the sense of loss resulting from the closure of Churches, separation from their friends and changes in their daily routine, Rev. Natalie Blake, Director of Christian Education, assembled a team to create a series of online Sunday School lessons.

"We are working with teachers to whom our children can relate; and who are breaking down the lessons in creative ways," she explains.

A significant advantage is that these lessons and the learning and teaching resources being used will also benefit children in churches that do not have regular Sunday School.

Undoubtedly, the nature of the church's ministry has changed, but its duty to serve as a beacon of hope and to convey God's message remains the same; and to this end, it is embracing the emerging opportunities to fulfil its mandate to the glory of God.

As Archbishop Gregory stated in his message on the Diocesan radio programme, **Think on These Things** on March 22, "COVID-19 presents an inescapable call for reflection. May this pandemic be turned into an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of love and service which bind individuals, communities and nations together."

**Submitted by: The Rev. Orlando Gayle
Priest-in-Charge, Southfield Cure,
St. Elizabeth**



COVID19 - The Virtual Classroom

The closure of schools was one of the first measures introduced by the Government following detection of the first case of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Jamaica on March 10. Consequently, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information mandated that the teaching and learning process continue by way of online platforms. While several school administrators were unprepared for this new and urgent special requirement, management, staff and other stakeholders have responded favourably to the new virtual classroom. However, the successes and challenges faced on a daily basis are numerous and varied. The summary below highlights the experiences of teachers and students at The Queen's School with the online teaching process:

Overview

Teachers are diligent in making the process work. They are using several platforms to engage students on a daily basis, especially those preparing for the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE). These platforms include Moodle, Google Classroom, Google Meet, Zoom, Skype, Schoolology, WhatsApp and also Emails.

While some students are enjoying the time away from school, others are missing the classroom space. Many are not in favour of a virtual classroom on a daily basis, and would still prefer the face-to-face contact.

Successes

Teachers have been creating and uploading videos relating to specific topics, and allowing students to learn at their own pace. Worksheets and notes are also being circulated to ensure that students remain meaningfully engaged; and

face-to-face conference classes ensure contact with students is maintained on a regular basis.

Challenges

Some of the challenges faced are that

1. Some students do not log on to the various platforms on time for classes. This is due to various reasons, namely:
 - a) There's one device for the entire household;
 - b) Parents leave for work with the device;
 - c) Instability of the Internet networks;
 - d) Students sleep late.
2. Teachers and students experience financial constraints in procuring data;
3. Students and/or parents ignore messages from teachers;
4. Although students are present at the class, they are distracted by activities within their surroundings;
5. Teachers have to keep repeating the information due to the unstable Internet service or because the students are distracted;
6. Failure of parents/students to update personal contact information;
7. Clashes with televised classes hosted by The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Jamaica News Network (JNN), Television Jamaica (TVJ) and Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica (PBCJ);
8. Lack of student supervision at home.

The Queen's School remains committed to providing excellent service at all times to its students, regardless of the circumstances. Teachers who are making the learning process possible at



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this challenging time must be commended and applauded for going beyond the normal call of duty.

Submitted by:
Jennifer M. Williams
Principal, The Queen's School

Note from the Director of Anglican Schools

Principals of the approximately 200 schools operated by our Diocese, including those at the Primary and Early Childhood levels, can identify with the experience of their colleagues at The Queen's School.

I hope that the workshops in which hundreds of teachers participated across the six regions have assisted them in creating a meaningful learning experience for the students while they are at home. I also urge parents to support the learning process by supervising their children, and helping them to plan a routine for completing and submitting assignments.

This is, indeed, a teaching and learning experience for all. In addition to the online classes, some teachers also have to prepare hard copies for every subject for those students who have no electronic devices or Internet access. We look forward to a return to normalcy soon.

Ena Barclay



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DID YOU KNOW



The Archbishop Of Canterbury conducted his Easter Day service from the kitchen in his home? It was prerecorded and his wife read a lesson. A child said prayers and Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin read the Gospel from her garden in Dover. Churches in England are all closed. It was an inspiring experience!

Keeping Fit During Covid19

Social isolation does not mean we should become couch potatoes. In fact, it is even more important to remain active as we obey the regulations to stay at home to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Some Benefits of Exercise

- ❑ **Builds up** the immune system to help fight infection, especially among older persons;
- ❑ **Strengthens** heart and lungs;
- ❑ **Lowers the risk** of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes;
- ❑ **Increases the good** cholesterol in the blood;
- ❑ **Burns fat** and helps to maintain a healthy weight;
- ❑ **Strengthens** bones,
- ❑ **Builds** stronger muscles;
- ❑ **Reduces** stress, anxiety and depression;
- ❑ **Improves** concentration and academic performance

For Youngsters

- o **3-5 years** – at least 60 minutes of structured activities and some free play daily
- o **6-17 years** – at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 5 days per week to include a combination of muscle-strengthening and bone-strengthening activities.

Muscle-strengthening activities: Squats, push-ups, sit-ups, lunges, weight lifting, climbing stairs, carrying the groceries.

Bone-strengthening activities: Jumping, skipping, running, walking, hop-sotch and dancing.

For Adults (Choose a time that fits into your daily routine)

At least **30 minutes 5 days per week**

At least **60 minutes 5 days per week** if you want to lose weight

For Seniors 65 Years and Over

At least **30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity 5 days per week**

This may be done in 10-minute sessions

Always warm up before starting – Try 10 heel raises (balance on the ball of the feet, with arms stretched up, and go back to the flat feet)

Recommended Exercises:

- o 10 Leg lifts each side
- o 10 arm lifts with weight (Could be canned food)
- o 10 sits to stand (Sit on a chair and stand without using your arms)
- o Climb stairs (as many times as you are able)

Be sure to get your doctor's permission before starting an exercise programme.

News Around the Diocese

Our Diocese welcomes the new General Manager of the Property Management Group, Mr. Norman Maurice Anderson. His appointment took effect on April 14. Mr. Anderson has extensive experience in the Construction Industry in Jamaica and the Caribbean, which has allowed him the opportunity of implementing many varied projects. He served for more than 12 years as Director/Technical Manager at the National Housing Trust. In addition, Mr. Anderson's work in the construction industry has provided him with knowledge of public administration. He has also completed the Real Estate Salesman Course. He is a member of several boards, including the Jamaica Institution of Engineers and the Construction Industry Council which is the umbrella group for professionals in this sector.

Appointments & Resignation October – November 2019

- ❑ Rev. Nina-Rae Barrett, former Curate at St Gabriel's Church, May Pen as Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary's Cure, Lucea, Hanover effective October 1, 2019
- ❑ Rev. Marjorie Downer, former Curate at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Cumberland, Portmore as Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's Cure, Pedro Plains, St. Elizabeth, effective November 1, 2019
- ❑ Rev. Canon Charles Manderson, former Rector, St. Mary Parish Church, Port Maria transferred to Church of Reconciliation, Portmore effective November 21, 2019
- ❑ Rev. Shawn Nisbeth resigned as Priest-in-Charge of the Porus Cure effective October, 2019.



For list of Services being streamed on Sundays please check

'Live and Recorded Services' on our website: www.anglicandioceseja.org

Tune in to Love 101FM at 6.00 pm every Sunday until May 17 for a delayed broadcast of the Sunday Service at St. Andrew Parish Church.

YOUNG ANGLICANS

COVID19 Youth Views

"The teachers are taking advantage of us being at home, and are giving us more work than they would if we were at school. Sometimes, we don't have the resources to complete this work and give it in on time. Although I have access to the Internet, worship is not the same as being in a church and experiencing the warm, comforting environment of a church family."

Atulya Rhoden- St. Augustine, Coral Gardens

"COVID-19 has disrupted the normal order of things which I have become so accustomed to in my educational, spiritual and social life. It has also led me to rely more on God and His mercies."

Kandice Ambersley, St. George's, East Street

"I'm going to be behind in school; and spiritually, I don't feel as connected to God at home as I do when I am in church."

Paige Grainger- St. James Parish Church

"My spiritual life is affected as I am unable to attend church; so, I read a few scriptures from the Bible when I can. School-wise though, I have been getting my notes and homework from my teachers by email."

Carlissia Wilkins, St. Mark, Mandeville

"COVID-19 has caused me to readjust to university life, especially with online classes; however, I am feeling better, mentally, since I am home with my family. My spiritual connection with God has also been strengthened as I can now dedicate more time to him."

Kristina Ambersley, St. George's, East Street

"I now rely on YouTube, Zoom and other online platforms to stay connected to the weekly church service, although I am also praying and reading the Bible more. However, the online school work is not working in my favour. There are Internet issues and the workload seems heavier. My social life has been placed on pause because I am more of a meet and greet person rather than a WhatsApp voice/video call kind of girl."

Jessica Richards, St. Mark, Mandeville

"My life has changed, both physically and socially. While I am accustomed to learning online, the difference in the teaching methods has affected me. Being in the same physical space with friends and teachers is more suitable for me. However, I now feel that I am more at one with God as I can pray in my own time, outside of the church building. The only downside is the absence of corporate worship and the opportunity to socialize."

Shamar Moulton, St. Marks, Brown's Town, St. Ann



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"I am definitely not used to seeing and speaking frequently with teachers online. However, this season has opened my eyes to what learning really is, especially with the Zoom platform, because the teachers issue work (sometimes too much); and it is up to us to learn. I miss my church family, but I now have more personal time with Christ, to engage in online discussions and bible studies, and to practically apply His word in my life and my community. On the social level, although I am not able to physically meet my friends, we hangout via Zoom or WhatsApp call; and we even did an all-night movie marathon."

Kareem Ismail, Mandeville Parish Church

"This virus has actually allowed me to get closer to God because I have made time for devotions. Education wise though, I find it hard to learn with the online platforms but I commend the efforts of the Ministry of Education and our schools. My social life has not really been affected; I only have to wait until one of my friends is online to interact with me."

Shola Ismail, Mandeville Parish Church



The National Council (AYF) had an impromptu "Fitness Challenge" on its Instagram and Facebook pages. It was spearheaded by the Council's PRO Rory Morgan. Several members and Clergy joined in by doing push-ups, jogging and leg-ups. Follow their pages and check it out.

What are you doing to keep fit during the Covid-19 Pandemic?

Rev. Mary Graham Retires from St George's, Grand Cayman



was attended by members of her family, friends and the community who joined with the congregation in thanksgiving to God for her ministry.

The Citation presented to Rev. Mary highlighted her consistent effort to move the Church out of the pews with the introduction of innovative programmes through which members shared the Good News of Jesus and His Love, and served the community.

Rev. Mary leaves a legacy of outstanding service at St. George's, Grand Cayman; and we thank God for the vision which inspired her ministry, especially among youth across the country, and persons in distress.

Musical tributes, choral pieces, liturgical movement and line dancing complemented the well-known hymns and liturgy of the Service, which was followed by a reception in the church hall. We wish the very best for Rev. Mary in the next phase of her life's journey.

Contributed By: Andria Dilbert
St. George's, Grand Cayman



Dr. Lemuel Hurlston, Trustee, presents the Citation to Rev. Mary.



Tribute in dance

The Rev. Mary Graham retired on February 29 as Rector of St. George's, Grand Cayman where she began her ordained ministry as Assistant Curate in 2000. She subsequently served as Priest-in-Charge before being installed as the fifth Rector of the Church in 2014.

Affectionately known as Rev. Mary, her retirement was celebrated at a Festal Evensong on February 23. The Service

Annual Corporation and Council Meeting

The annual meeting of the Corporation and Council for the Anglican Church in the Cayman Islands was held on February 10 at St. George's Church, Grand Cayman. The meeting, chaired by the Archbishop of the Province and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, The Most Rev. Howard Gregory, discussed the operations of the Church over the past year, as well as the proposed budget for 2020.

In 2019, there was increased focus on the 11-16 age group. One of the highlights was a successful youth forum, which engaged young people from other denominations. The wide-ranging discussion addressed issues such as: The Existence of God; Relationships and Self-Worth; Prayer; Karma and other bad things that God "allows;" and Life after Death.

The Archbishop affirmed the mission and ministry of the Church, especially its community outreach activities, such as the parenting programme spearheaded by the Mothers' Union; the Food Pantry, and Soup on Saturday; and he applauded the Preschool and the Positive Intervention Programmes which continue to perform well. Archbishop



Front Row (from left): Jacqueline Mighty, Diocesan Secretary; Rt. Rev. Robert Thompson, Bishop of Kingston; Archbishop Howard Gregory; Rev. Mary Graham, then Rector of St. George's, Grand Cayman.

Back Row (from left): Andria Dilbert, Rector's Warden; Anthony Smellie, Chief Justice & Trustee; Andrew Rollins, Treasurer; Hon. Michael Fennell, Chairman, Diocesan Financial Board; Debreca Rollins, Preschool Treasurer; Dr. George Meggs, Trustee; Dr. Lemuel Hurlston, Trustee; Hon. Zaila McCalla, Chancellor of the Diocese.

Gregory also commended the Rector, Rev. Mary Graham, for her valuable contribution, and wished her all the best in her retirement.

Contributed by: Andria Dilbert
St. George's Church, Grand Cayman

Appointments & Congratulations

Appointments & Retirements February – March 2020

- Rev. Jerome Small, former Rector, St Phillips-the-less in the Diocese of Barbados, assumed leadership of St. George's Cure, Grand Cayman, effective March 1, 2020
- The Very Rev. Barrington Soares, Rector, St. Mark's, Mandeville and Rural Dean, Manchester, retired effective March 2020
- Rev. Mary Graham, retired as Rector St. George's, Grand Cayman, effective February 2020.

Appointments Effective May 1, 2020

- Rev. Mark Jones, Curate, St. Andrew Parish Church as Priest-in-Charge, Christiana Cure
- Rev. Howard Walters, Curate, Cathedral of St. Jago de la Vega as Priest-in-Charge, Old Harbour Cure

Congratulations

- The Rev. and Hon. Hartley Perrin, Rector of the Darliston Cure and Custos of Westmoreland on his marriage to Ms. Sophia Lorraine, a tourist specialist and wedding planner, on March 14 in Claremont, Florida. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. Lenworth Haughton, former Rector of Christ Church, Morant Bay and St. Boniface, Harbour View.
- Rev. Natalie Blake, Director of Christian Education in the Department of Youth and Education, on obtaining the degree of Master of Sacred Theology from the School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. The School of Theology is one of the seminary of the Episcopal Church in the USA.
- Kingston College which celebrated its 95th anniversary April 16. The School began operation in 1925 with 49 boys on roll. It now has some 2,000 students.

Nyameche Solomon – Anglican Millennial Extraordinaire

In a world which spares little thought for faith and Christian practices, the church struggles to attract young people to the Anglican faith. It is no longer natural for young people to automatically attend the church of their parents and grandparents, unless they are prodded and cajoled. But one young lady stands tall at St. George's Church, Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland.

Nyameche Solomon, lovingly called Meche by her family and Nya by many, is a confirmed and devout Anglican. Like many of her peers, Meche attended boarding school but, unlike most of her colleagues, her strong Christian values and discipline remained unwavering, despite her demanding academic schedule. While at university, she joined the Servers Guild and the Music Ministry; and, on returning home to Savanna-la-mar, Meche became even more involved in the work of the church.

She is driven by a desire to serve selflessly, and always gives of her best, a quality she inherited from her parents, especially her mother who also serves in many capacities at St. George's. This young medical student is currently a Senior Server on a team of up to eight Servers for whom she is both a mentor and positive role model. Meche is also an active member

of the Women's Auxillary, and the church's Financial Committee.

Always ready to tackle a challenge, she was one of the first persons to show interest when the church needed young upcoming musicians. She volunteered for organ lessons, and despite numerous challenges along the way, she mastered the organ. Today, she is at the console for multiple Services on Sunday; and there is a growing demand across the Deanery for this multi-talented musician who is an accomplished steel band instrumentalist, and also plays the recorder, as well as the clarinet. She is truly an inspiration for millennials.

St. George's, Savanna-la-Mar applauds her efforts and thanks her parents for rearing such an extraordinary and inspiring human being. May God be with her as she continues to serve in her varied capacities.

Contributed by: Flavea Jones
Secretary
St. George's Savanna-la-mar Women's
Auxiliary



Jamaica Medical Mission to St. Mary Celebrates 30 Years “United In Love and Service”

St. Mary Parish Church, Port Maria, in partnership with its Christian counterpart in the United States, celebrated 30 years of medical outreach to the community in January 2020. Since the launch of this programme, some 37,000 persons have benefitted, some of whom had eye surgery, while others were referred to the Kingston Public Hospital for procedures that they could not have afforded otherwise.

This year, 52 volunteers, including health professionals and support staff from the United States and Canada, examined and treated 1,353 patients during clinic sessions held at the Parish Church from January 25-28. Services were provided in the areas of Internal Medicine, Gynaecology; Dentistry; Pediatrics; and Optometry. Physical Therapy was introduced to the programme this year; and spiritual counselling was also offered with resource persons making presentations designed specifically for men, women and youths.

The community is ever grateful for the services delivered through this annual mission, especially in the areas of Dentistry and Optometry which are always in high demand. Patients also received prescribed drugs for chronic illnesses and personal care packages.

The 2020 medical mission started with a commemorative service on Sunday, January 24, under the theme, **“United in Love and Service”**. The Rt. Rev. Leon Golding, Suffragan Bishop of Montego Bay, was Celebrant and Preacher. The volunteers and members of the local community were elated at the national endorsement of the project, demonstrated by the presence of Mr. Courtney Cephas, Executive Director, Health for Life and Wellness Foundation, who represented the Minister of Health,

Dr. The Hon. Christopher Tufton, at the Service.

Mr. Stewart Mowatt, Founder/Coordinator of the annual project, was acknowledged for 30 years of committed service to the mission. A son of Port Maria, Mr. Mowatt who resides overseas, has been serving his community through this outreach project, as an act of love to the needy.

Following the Commemorative Service, an appreciation luncheon was held for members of the church and community.

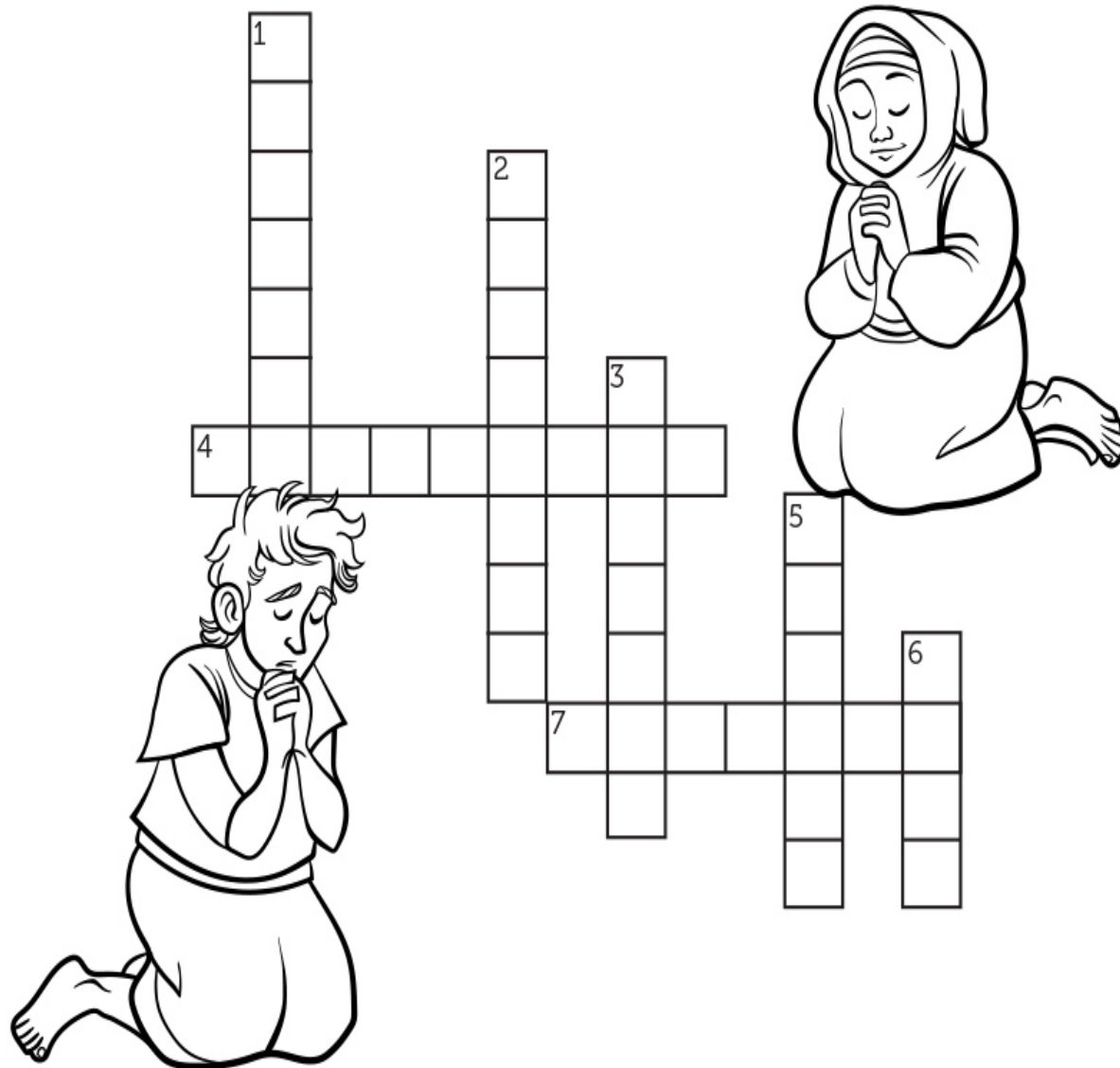
The mission team also thanked the Rev. Canon Charles Manderson for his leadership during his 24 years as Rector. The Canon, who was transferred to the Church of the Reconciliation Cure in Portmore in late 2019, visited St. Mary Parish Church during the week-long mission and pledged his continued support.

**Contributed by: Rhonda Gordon
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GOD OUR FATHER

Matthew 6:5-15



Across

4. We should pray in private so that we can pay _____.
7. From forgiveness of our sins to the food we need each day, God will _____ our every need.

Down

1. Our Father will _____ us from the enemy.
2. Jesus told us to _____ what we pray.
3. We should ask God to bring Heaven to earth so we can experience the _____ and goodness of our Father.
5. God is a _____ father who wants to bless his children.
6. Our Father knows what we _____.



Letter to The Editor

The Christ Triumphant

Dear Editor,

Allow me a space in the Anglican to respond to a view expressed in an article written by the Rev. Dr. Devon Dick, (*Daily Gleaner*, Thursday January 16, 2020, "Alfred Reid A Man of Courage and Compassion") In acknowledging the work of the late Bishop Alfred Reid, he stated that the 'Christ Triumphant' a copper sculpture by Jamaican artist Christopher Gonzales, now at St. Jude's Church, Stony Hill, was rejected by the congregation in the 1990s because of its negroid features. He writes,



This bold masterpiece by sculptor Christopher Gonzales offended many in the congregation who were accustomed to seeing Jesus as a Caucasian. By the 1990s, this artwork was rejected and vilified as inappropriate by members of the said congregation

Of interest, the Gonzales sculpture of the late Reggae Superstar, The Hon. Robert 'Bob' Nesta Marley, was rejected by the people of Jamaica. In response to the people, the Government of the day had another sculpture commissioned, which now stands at Independence Park opposite the National Arena. The lack of support for Gonzales work has nothing to do with the fact that his images have the features of most Jamaicans. The 'Christ Triumphant' is a great work of art, as is the sculpture of the late Reggae icon. Both of them have similar features that are consistent with the artist's unique style and 'trademark' which portrays a mystical depth that is not always appreciated or readily explained.

Respectfully, The Rev. Dr. Dick was misinformed, and it is unfair to cast such a judgement of a congregation without the full facts.

The Rt. Rev. Leon Golding
Suffragan Bishop, Montego Bay

New Servers at Church of the Transfiguration



Front row: Baeleigh Anderson, Aneika Campbell & John-Alexander Henry
Second row: Rachel-Elizabeth Henry, Emaunie Henry, Danielle Reynolds & Zandria Francis
Third row: Diane Radway Stewart, Andre Henry (Instructor) & Jennifer Hall

Condolences

To the families of:

- ❑ Rev. Vernon Scott who died on March 26. He was ordained to the diaconate on August 19, 1962, and was the first Deacon to be ordained after Independence. He served as Assistant Curate of the Cathedral of St. Jago de la Vega, Priest-in-Charge of St. Margaret's Church, Portland, Rector of the Annotto Bay Cure and Rural Dean, St. Mary, before being installed as Rector, Christ Church, Christiana, where he ministered until his retirement in 2004.
- ❑ Rev. Doreen Hall, Retired Supplementary Priest attached to the Snowden Cure, Manchester, who died on April 3. Her funeral service was held on April 9 at St. David's Church, Snowden.
- ❑ Mr Kenneth Daniel, brother of Bishop Harold Daniel, who died on April 13 in

Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- ❑ Mr. James Hobson, brother of the Rev. Canon Judith Daniel, who died on April 17 in Brooklyn, New York, USA.

PALM SUNDAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

With the closure of churches, several members observed the Palm Sunday tradition with creative decorations at their home.



LIFELONG STEWARDSHIP

Based on the gift each one has received,
use it to serve others, as good managers
of the varied grace of God.
1 Peter 4:10

While you are contemplating bequeathing your assets, you may wish to consider a charitable bequest to the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and its various ministries. Bequests may be made in your memory, if you so desire. We suggest that you discuss the matter with your attorney-at-law (or financial planner) prior to making any final decision.

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