

## TRINITY SUNDAY

St Alban's and St Edmund's Churches are not holding any church services at the moment, BUT if you would like to speak to either Rev Karen or Rev Mandy their mobile numbers are:

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### 'Made in the Image of God'

by Rev Mandy Young

I am not sure who originally used the phrase, a picture paints a thousand words. I read somewhere that it was popularised in the 1920s as part of an insight into advertising campaigns. Whoever came up with the proverb, its truth was revealed to us this week in some extraordinarily disturbing, sad, provocative and occasionally inspiring images from one or other side of the Atlantic.

The first image to which I refer, and the trigger for the others, was that of George Floyd in Minneapolis, a police officer's knee in his neck. His death brought other images of mass marches in so many cities, of prostrate protesters, of the dignified taking of the knee, as well as the anger and anarchy of the lootings. Then there was the strange, unsettling image of Donald Trump standing outside St John's Church, Bible in hand, after protesters had been forcibly removed from the scene.

An image I would like to share with you (see over page) is this one by Vincent Barzoni. It depicts Jesus Christ as an African American and around the central image of the Messiah as a bound slave, you have key scenes from the life of Christ, from the Nativity to the Ascension. The message is very simple to my mind – that in his divine essence which is love,

God stands with the oppressed, whoever and wherever they are and whatever their ethnicity or race.

In Genesis we're told that God made human beings in his own image – a lot of ink has been spilled over what that phrase may mean, but it is not to be interpreted of course in any physical sense. God is not black or white, male or female. To be made in God's image means to be made to love, to be made to create. To be made in God's image means to stand against anything that is filled with or sourced in hatred and destruction. Racism, like sexism or homophobia, is antithetical to the nature of God.

And for all of the caricatures of God in the Old Testament as being cruel, and there are a few, closer reading always reveal his own righteous anger is rooted in response to the cruelty, hypocrisy, and oppressive relationships of human beings to their fellow humans. A picture paints a thousand words but sometimes the words do it on their own. From the Old Testament Prophet Micah:

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

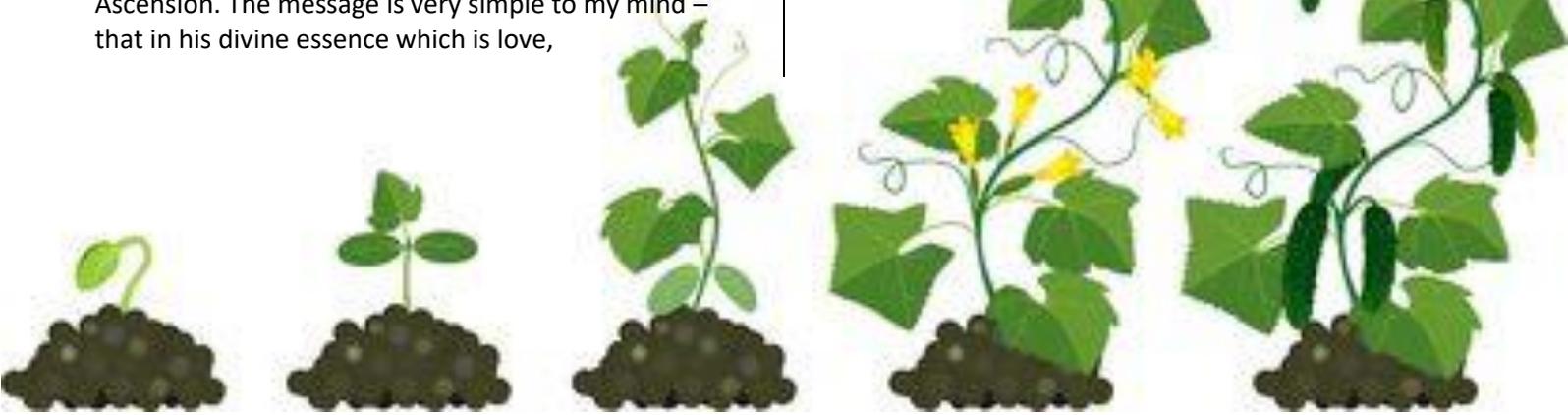
God Bless, Mandy

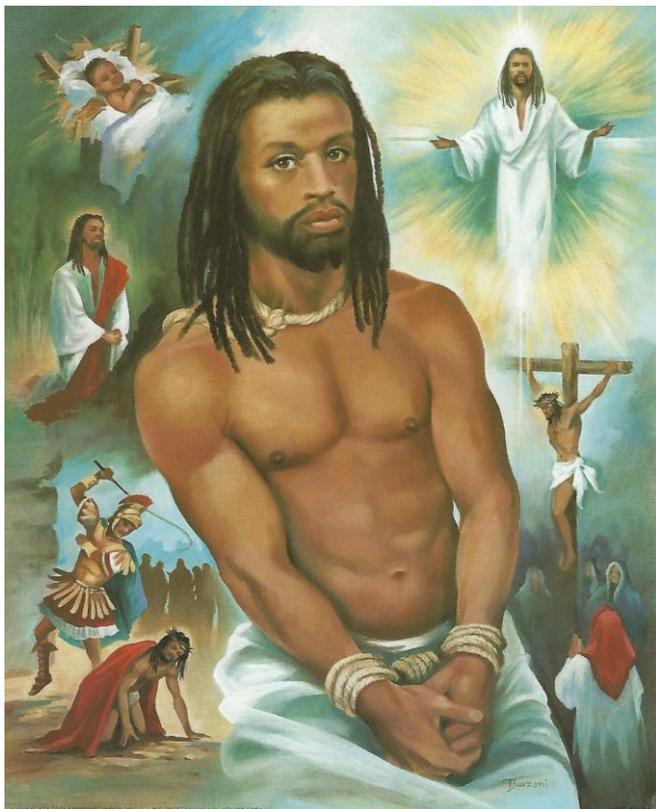
To access online worship, prayers, sermons and other resources please visit the new St Alban website: [www.stalbansdartford.com](http://www.stalbansdartford.com) or the St Edmund website: [www.stedmundsdartford.co.uk](http://www.stedmundsdartford.co.uk).



'St Albans Church Dartford'

'St Edmunds Church Dartford'





by Vincent Barzoni

### This Week's Quiz \ Capital City Anagrams

1. Mat Dreams
2. Open Change
3. Bad Setup
4. Lock Moths
5. Basilar Vat
6. Java Rose
7. Less Rubs
8. Like Shin
9. Hasten
10. Bun Lid

## For your prayers ...

Prayer is at the heart of St Alban's  
and St Edmund's Churches....

For the people of the USA that peace with justice might come. For all victims of racism and xenophobia.

For Churches communities around the world, that they might speak prophetically into the lives of those who are hurting.

For all those engaging with Worship for the first time via the internet.

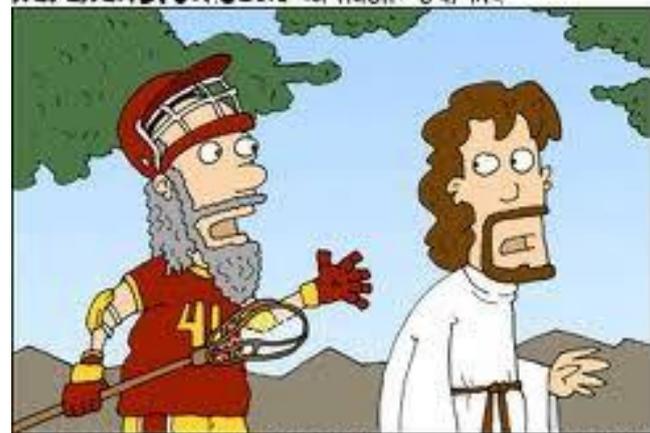
For all those charged with making decisions about the lockdown and the wellbeing of our country.

For all those individuals in need, known only to us.

Continue to pray for neighbours — pray for those who live on either side of you and for those who live on your road.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, **Amen**

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Thanks to David Lundahl (See Mark 10:21) 09-15-2006  
**YOU SAID TAKE UP LACROSSE AND FOLLOW YOU ... NOW WHAT?**

**NEW WEBSITE \ [www.stalbansdartford.com](http://www.stalbansdartford.com)**

Thank you for your patience while we have been working on the website for St Alban's Church. It is now live, so please do have a look and let me know what you think .... remember to be kind!!

## Sunday Worship ...

**Radio 4** has Sunday Worship at 8.10am - **The comfort of the Trinity** - A Service for Trinity Sunday led by Jonathan Rea of New Irish Arts.

**BBC1 - 10.45am Trinity Sunday.** The Reverend Canon Leigh Richardson, sub-dean and precentor, leads a service for Trinity Sunday from St David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire. With hymns sung by the Songs of Praise congregation in July 2019, the programme was filmed before the closure of all church buildings was announced.

Our YouTube channel "**St Edmund's & St Alban's, Dartford**" at **10.30am** – A service of Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday

**On the phone:** Daily Hope - offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a 24hr telephone line: 0800 804 8044.

### Riddles — Last week's answers

1. A map
2. A Penny
3. Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
4. An Envelope
5. Your name
6. Your finger
7. A piano
8. His horse was called Sunday
9. A dice
10. Your breath