

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH NEWS

The church that welcomes one and all with closed doors (temporarily)



Social (Distance) News

Helen McGugan has sent the photo above along with Easter greetings.

Margaret Gicquel writes to say that she is so glad to have made her house move - to fashionable St Saviour. Although she is surrounded by boxes, well, she's not going anywhere at the moment. As you can imagine, a number of her friends are helping her with shopping and fish deliveries etc.

Nat and Margaret Martini are well and keeping busy in the house and garden, 'I have painted two benches and a table and chairs , I am going to start on some garden walls today. It's very hard not seeing the Grandchildren, I miss there kisses and cuddles but we do know how blessed we are living in Jersey and have a garden to sit in.' [Thanks Margaret. Ed.]

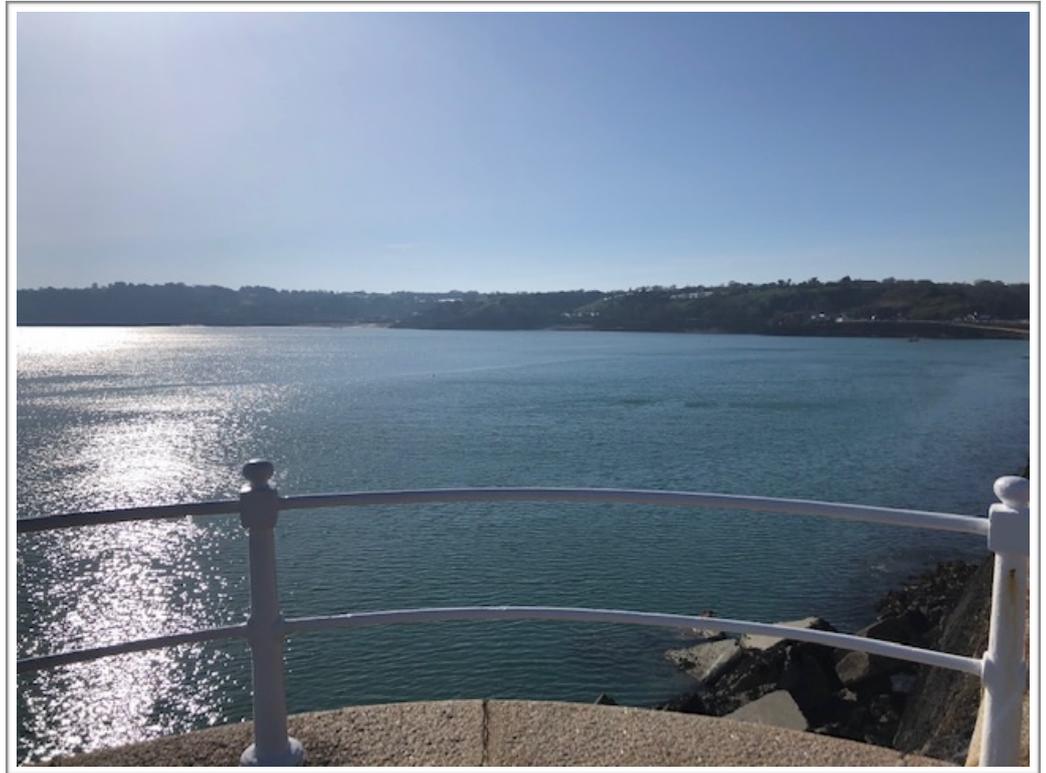
Social (Long Distance) News

How are you all doing? [It's Hilary Anne! Ed.] Thought I send you a message from Australia to catch up. I've been in Perth, Brisbane. Weather has improved and swims possible. Not exactly sure when I will be home yet. I have been keeping in touch with my travel agent and The British High

Commission but at the moment it seems safer to be here. I'm lucky to have good friends around. [Please keep us updated. Ed.]

Blair Country

Sam Blair writes, Hello everyone, This week's photo comes to you after an energetic walk to the end of St Catherine's Pier. A magical view with the sun shimmering on the water – one could be forgiven for thinking that it was the height of summer. Let us hope that the good weather continues so that everyone may be able to get out and enjoy it sometime soon. Thinking of everyone and wishing you a very Happy Easter.
Sam x



!!!The 3.a.m. Crew!!!

They're back!! The most glamorous, energetic, fun-loving members of our church. Don't worry about missing out on the gossip, this crew is always at the centre of things - no matter how late! If the gossip is hot, then you'll read it here. Let's Party!!

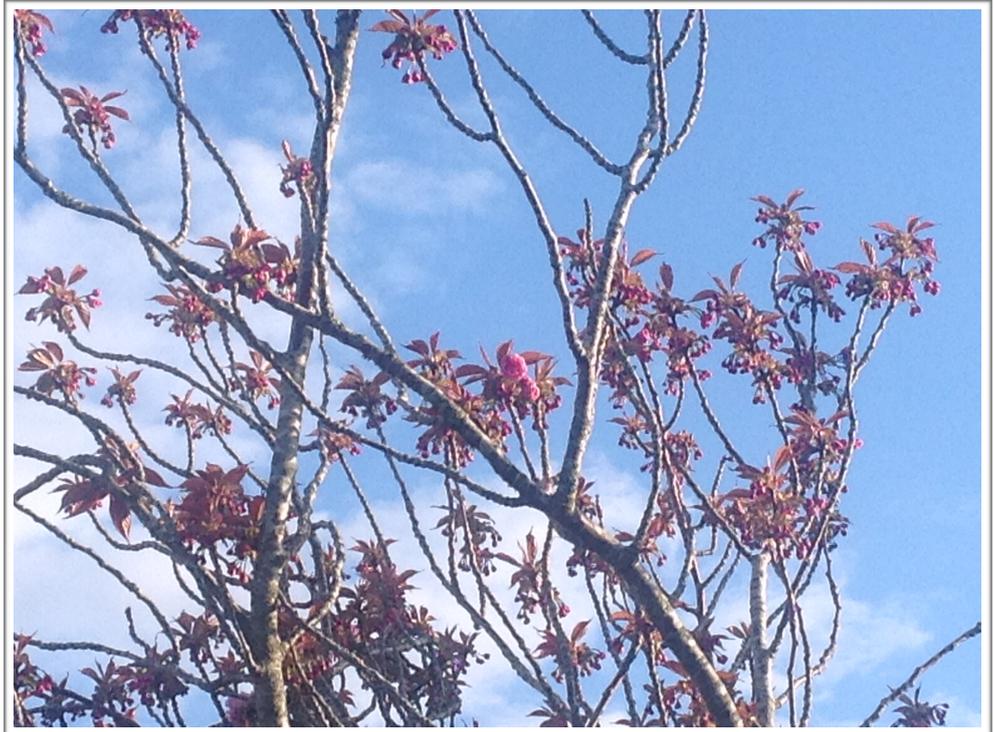
The 3.a.m. Crew writes, unfortunately, we have been unable to bring you any virtual gossip this week as we have been trying to learn something called "Zoom". [Sigh. We need Hilary Anne back. Ed.]

Classifieds

Walking Holidays - St. Columba's Church is proud to offer walking holidays of Midvale Road. [Un]Limited places available for spring 2021. Book with confidence: we are ATOL Protected.

Sinclair Calling...

Musings from home by Jim Sinclair, I promised to let you all know when the first pink bud appeared on the cherry blossom tree just outside our house. It is now 6.30 pm on Monday 6th April and we have a result! We went out this afternoon for a walk round Noirmont (I like fortifications but the views are glorious too). The



buds were not there when we left. I have just had a look and as you can see they appeared during our not-more-than-two-hours sojourn. The polis have been out and about checking. These buds will be here until early May, depending on the wind. The leaves will come afterwards and they will remain until November. They will start to fall off late October, early November and they are usually all off and the branches bare by the end of November, last year it was November 27th. The circle of life. It is never ending. Our cherry blossom tree repeats it year after year. We humans only get one flowering. Make the most of your flowering.

Viticulture News

Anne-Marie Meiklejohn our Europe correspondent writes, I had a call from a relative of mine in Germany and her son is a winegrower and she herself is the daughter of a winegrower and she is now in her 80's. At this time of the year it can get very warm in the daytime and the young plants are budding and flowering but it can get frosty at night which is very dangerous for the young wines. The tender buds and flowers can get damaged which will result in no crop later. Similarly hailstones can damage the grapes. Winegrowers are out daily inspecting their wines. A different slant on problems.

And finally...

In case you thought nothing was happening at our building, **Maisie Robertson writes:** You will be pleased to know that our Easter tree has been put up, even although we are not there. Also, Graeme, Daphne and Maisie have been busy in the church garden:



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