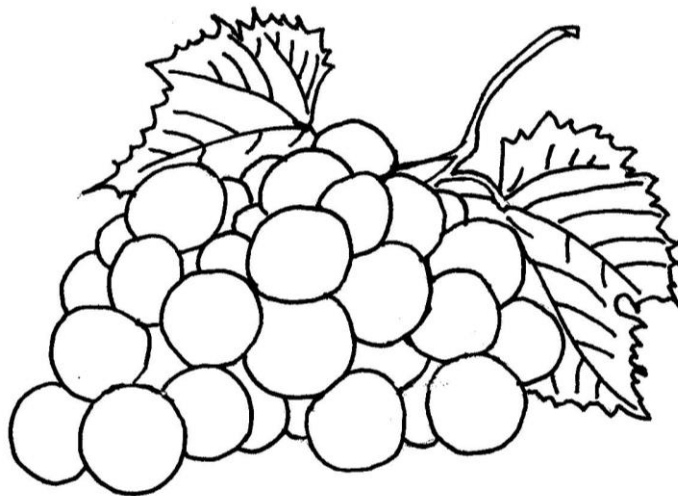


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Minister's letter

Dear Friends,

Prayer has been described as the life blood of the church and it has been observed that churches that neglect prayer do not show many other signs of life either.

In one sense prayer is a very personal thing, it is about the time we spend with God. Prayer doesn't need to begin with "Dear God" and it doesn't need to end with "Amen". Prayer is time spent with God, speaking to him, sharing our concerns with him, but also being quiet in his presence. It is a very personal thing; we're all different; we all have our own methods, patterns are habits; there is no one correct way that we're all expected to follow.

Prayer is a personal thing between us and God, but many people do find it helpful to meet with others to share in prayer and fellowship. Many house groups and fellowship groups regard this as a valuable part of their function and spend some time at each meeting sharing in prayer together.

Praying with others can help us in our prayers. The impression is sometimes given that prayer is one of the easier parts of being a Christian, but that is not the experience of many. David Watson said that prayer is actually one of the hardest parts of being a Christian. It isn't always easy, so we need to encourage each other in our prayer lives.

One thing is sure - our church will not be a living church unless it is a praying church.

With best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

God in his perfect goodness will want to make the best of us: make saints of us and use us to make saints of others .. and help us to interact with him. All that involves an unlimited commitment. But God respects us; he will not force these things on us - we can choose whether to seek them or not.

Prof. Richard Swinburne

Church Family News.....

Please remember in your prayers all those known to us who face a variety of difficulties; bereavement; health problems; anxiety about loved ones and loneliness.

Hey up!! Shirley Crawford is a Grannie.

Her daughter, Fiona, has given birth to a boy, Jaxon James Baxter Mum, Dad (Aaron) and Son doing well. Grannie living with them as "one household" to help out in the early weeks.

Shirley begins a job at Woodhouse Group School in September. She will be living-in at Girls Boarding. *Phil Maud*

and.....

Simon, Gladys Pagden's grandson, and his wife Rachel are proud parents of Patrick Thomas (who weighed in at 8lbs 15oz) on 12th May. You will remember that Simon used to worship with us when he was at Leeds University.

and....

Betty West will be 90 on 22nd July. A phone call from her daughter Pat revealed this fact and asked us to tell all her friends at the Grove. (We thought you were only 29, Betty)

From the Registers

Funeral

22nd June Ian Routledge

A Carer's View of Lockdown

My Mum was diagnosed with vascular dementia five years ago and has been living in a care home for the past three and a half years.

These last three months have been really hard not being able to visit her inside the home. We thought she might forget us!

We miss the hand holding and hugs which were also a bit part of the visit, plus the usual conversations we had every few days.

Now we are reduced to seeing her through the window once or twice a week, with little or no conversation. But just seeing her smiling and happy is a real tonic for us.

Luckily, because of her dementia, Mum seems oblivious to the current situation and won't remember our visits being less frequent and shorter.

What is lovely is that she's always pleased to see us and we are sure she still knows who we are.

We are so thankful for all the love and care she receives and to see her so contented and well.

Mitzi Whitham

When I can hear the small woodpecker's ring
Time on a tree for all the birds that sing
And here the pleasant cuckoo, loud and long -
The simple bird that thinks two notes a song

Wm Henry Davies

The Women's Fellowship AGM in July has been cancelled until further notice. It will be held as soon as the meetings at the Grove can begin again.

Muriel Christopher

Update from Cyprus

We are very fortunate here in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The prompt border closures and other measures have been effective, and since the beginning of the COVID19 outbreak there have been a total of 108 recorded cases and 4 deaths. There have been no new recorded cases since 20th April, the last patient was discharged from hospital on 11th May.

Shops were opened on a phased basis, then food delivery services (we had fish and chips from The Crispy Squid to celebrate mum's birthday at the end of May!), followed a couple of weeks later by cafes and restaurants some hair and beauty services. Appropriate hygiene and social distancing procedures were in place, and names and phone numbers were initially required by non-essential businesses for track and trace purposes. This is now rather inconsistent, though it did happen to me in a clothes shop in town yesterday - I couldn't remember my temporary number, so gave my dad's.... he will be a bit confused if they phone him!

Masks are still generally worn in banks, shops and supermarkets, but fewer people are now wearing them all the time while outside, though many keep them under the chin at the ready. We hardly notice them any more.

Ramadan has been and gone. During lockdown, as well as the five Islamic daily calls to prayer from the minarets, there was a spoken message every Friday, which we assume was the sermon, as worshippers could not go to the mosques. There were also instructions during Ramadan that people were not to meet with others to break their daily fast when the gun went off to indicate sunset. The good news came just before Bayram (the Turkish version of Eid), that the mosques would reopen for the special service at sunrise, though people were required to perform their ablutions at home first, bring their own prayer mat, wear a face mask, and greet each other with words and not embraces. This, as you can imagine, was perfect timing for very welcome news.

So, most things are almost back to normal. Schools usually finish about now anyway so they will resume after the summer break, when the foreign university students will also return. Leisure services are starting slowly to resume, but the absence of tourists this year will have a serious effect on the economy. Places of worship can open with appropriate social distancing etc., but St Andrews is still awaiting instructions from the Bishop.

The next important step will be the opening of the border between north and south. The government wants to wait until the south has had 3 weeks with no new cases, but they are under pressure from those who work across the border to allow limited crossings.

That, I hope, will be followed by the resumption of flights to the UK.

In the meantime, love to you all.

Ruth Symons



9th Airedale Scout Group

Volunteer Needed

The 9th Airedale Scout Group need a new group Treasurer. The role involves keeping the books for the 6 scouting sections and the Executive committee, noting the subscription payments received from parents and paying out expenses to leaders for costs incurred on activities and camps.

Our current Treasurer has been in the role for 7 years and has a simple and straight forward system set up, with plenty of notes for whoever takes over! A spreadsheet is used to keep track of the funds and there is also electronic access to the group bank account, allowing subscriptions to be paid online by parents and also the reimbursement of leader's costs.

There is no need to be an accountant or have any kind of financial training. Support will be available including help from the current treasurer who will still be available to answer any questions or queries.

A full job description and role is available by searching for 'scout group treasurer' on the Scout website (www.scouts.org.uk)

If you able to help your local scout group in this way, please contact:
Graham Hoyle, Exec Chair, Tel: 07545 453126 Email: gdh@ntlworld.com

Scout Group Bulb Sale

Due to popular demand the 9th Airedale Scout Group are once again selling bulbs for Spring 2021, in order to support their young peoples' activities.

If church activities commence before the deadline of 26th July, paper copies of the order forms will be found in the document stand in the Narthex and at the top of the link stairs.

Order forms are also available by either downloading from the Scout Group Website: (9thairedale.btck.co.uk) or by emailing Graham Hoyle (gdh@ntlworld.com) to receive a copy.

The closing date for receipt of orders is Sunday 26th July and cannot be extended beyond this date - so please act promptly to avoid disappointment.

The high quality bulbs produce some spectacular flowers and will give a welcome splash of colour to complement and enhance any garden.

Graham Hoyle Exec Chair.

Is There Anything You Want?

Early in my ministry, I was taken to task after a service by a member of the congregation. (Not for the first time. Or the last).

I had been speaking on the words of Jesus: the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. I presume I said something about the way there are always those who expect to have things done for them, but are not prepared to do things for others. Jesus encourages his disciples to be willing to be a servant. His own great example was the washing of the disciples feet.

So far so good. But I do remember saying that for some it is easier to help another than to have someone help them. It isn't easy to sit back, do nothing, and let someone else do all the work for you. (Peter rather reflected that reaction when he objected to Jesus doing the foot washing. He would have found it easier to do it himself).

This has come back to me during the current lockdown. I am very grateful to friends who are shopping for me, as I haven't been into a shop for over nine weeks. I don't like shopping at the best of times, as it happens. I can cope with Morrisons and I know where M & S is in town, though I have to steel myself to go and I do my best to get out as soon as possible.

Recently, I think I detected just the slightest wish to go into a shop myself. I think I can keep that urge under control, but it would still be easier for me to do my own shopping, rather than be dependent on others. I keep thinking of ways to show appreciation, and , when offering notes in payment, not expecting change. I would rather be doing the shopping for others than be receiving it myself.

I knew a wonderful couple, who in retirement lived a fairly simple life themselves and spent their time doing things for other people. At one difficult time in my life, they brought a cake every week and I suspect there were others on their itinerary. But when the wife was ill, no one had to know. 'I don't want people coming to see me,' she said. It was very sad. She had self sacrificially helped others, but found it difficult to let others help her.

That was all I was trying to say at that service long ago. May all God's people be servants. But also willing to be served themselves.

Some day I may even look forward to a trip to Morrisons. Meanwhile, I appreciate the help I get. *Peter Reasbeck*

Also from Peter:

"Our cleaner is working from home. We have Zoom calls and she tells us what to do!"

Peter read this in the Sunday Times and admits to having laughed out loud. So did we. Ed.

Volunteering

Twenty years of volunteering - now retired and feeling lazy.

Save the Children, school assemblies and fund raising events, Stroke Association, helping at clubs and home visits to lovely Stroke survivors. Disabled swimming club at Holt Park, helping with changing and in the Pool. Church coffee mornings and Church Stewarding, Ladies Group Committee leader and secretary, U3A Scrabble group.

I have good mostly happy memories but recall some quite difficult moments. You are the volunteer, not the official leader. You must know your place. Don't overstep the mark or you will be "told". You will be resented by some clients.

However, the world does need volunteers more than ever now. So all you new volunteers - keep carrying on.

It is strange now being on the receiving end - but lovely too. Perhaps I will find a niche again.

Margaret Shingler

Also from Margaret

Two Haiku poems for Lockdown.

A Haiku poem has 3 lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables.

Lovely walk with a friend
So much nicer than alone
Lockdown not for long.

Sending hope and love
Across the miles, distance hurts
Waiting longingly.

Jean Elizabeth (Betty) Norton

We have received a letter from Elizabeth Cranmer, daughter of Betty, to say that her mother had died on May 17th. She had been a member at Woodside Methodist Church since 1955 and would be known to people at both the Grove and Central. It had been her wish that Rev. George Bailey should conduct her funeral and he was joined by Rev. Mark Godfrey for a short service conducted at the entrance to the Woodside Church, prior to Committal at Rawdon Crematorium.

Gill Jewell

150 Years Ago

In April 1746, George II's army, under his son the Duke of Cumberland, which had been pursuing Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite soldiers, now faced them at Culloden. The battle lasted only 45 minutes; the Jacobites were scattered in retreat and Bonnie Prince Charlie had fled. All this was done without the benefit of good maps for the Royalists. It had become clear that maps of Britain to this date were, at best, emblems of power and landownership but with large blank areas and inaccuracies (some of the greatest inaccuracies being miles out).

"Map of a Nation" is a fascinating book by Rachel Hewitt, in which she sets out as a biography, "how, why, and where Britain's mapping agency came into being". Many of us have enjoyed going on walks in the countryside with a trusty Ordnance Survey map as guide and comfort. This book shows just how dedicated were those who developed the "mechanics" and the geometrical accuracy needed to map the whole of the country. It proved to be a hugely expensive undertaking, with much vocal resistance to spending yet more money on the next stage or on correcting errors. Men such as William Roy, William Mudge, Thomas Colby and (from Halifax) Jesse Ramsden displayed huge commitment and many years work and inventiveness to the end product.

So, why 150 years? Well, it was in 1870 that Ordnance Survey published the final piece of their mapping jigsaw - a one inch to one mile of South West Northumberland. It had taken over 120 years to achieve this accurate end product.

Special mention is made in the book of the difficulties encountered in making the earliest surveys, especially in Scotland. All was done on foot once they had set up camp and regardless of the weather. One example is an early attempt to use "astronomical measurements" - the stars. The hero of that attempt was Nevil Maskelyne. One of the best known mountains in Scotland, partly because of its name, is Schiehallion. At 3,554ft it is almost a perfect cone and it was felt it would provide a perfect location for a survey and to establish the true (rather than estimated) height of the mountain. Maskelyne was not enthusiastic to begin with, especially when, after 2 weeks in his bothy near the summit, he still had not seen a star. But he found friendship with local people who took him meals to his bothy, where he lived for 4 months. At the end of his stay he threw a huge party for his new friends!

Lasting examples of the Ordnance Survey's work are the white columns on hill tops around the country - trig points. There are over 5,000 of them!

Gordon Mellor

MHA Charity Walk



Brian Whitham and Graham Davies, old friends from the Grove Cub Scout group and members of Aireborough Rotary, have been helping to raise money for MHA and the Live at Home in Horsforth by walking the equivalent of two marathons. They answered the call from Sue Oliver the MHA co-ordinator in this area to take up the challenge after she spoke to the Rotary club about MHA last year.

Sue had already started the sponsored walk on her own when she met Graham out walking and mentioned what she was doing. Graham asked her if she needed anyone else to do it and she was delighted for them to take on the walk: 2.6 miles every day for 26 days, come rain or shine. They started walking on May 28th and finished on June 22nd. They have actually averaged over 3 miles a day and so far raised over £1300 between the three of them, exceeding the original target of £500.

If anyone still wishes to sponsor them they can by dropping off a cheque or cash at the Live at Home MHA office at Central Church on Town Street.

Brian Whitham



Caring for Life

SUPPORTERS DAY 2020

SATURDAY 11TH JULY at 11am

**Join us for a
Virtual Thanksgiving Service**

This will be available to view from Saturday 11th July onwards
on www.caringforlife.co.uk

Live stream from 11am and available to view afterwards.

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

There are many hymns with a similar theme to this one, but here the verses relate to the Trinity, and so it is particularly relevant around Trinity Sunday. Hymns and Psalms placed it within a section headed 'God's Patience and Guidance', yet it is a Lent hymn in Singing the Faith, and a General hymn in many other hymn books. It has also been used as a marriage hymn in the past.

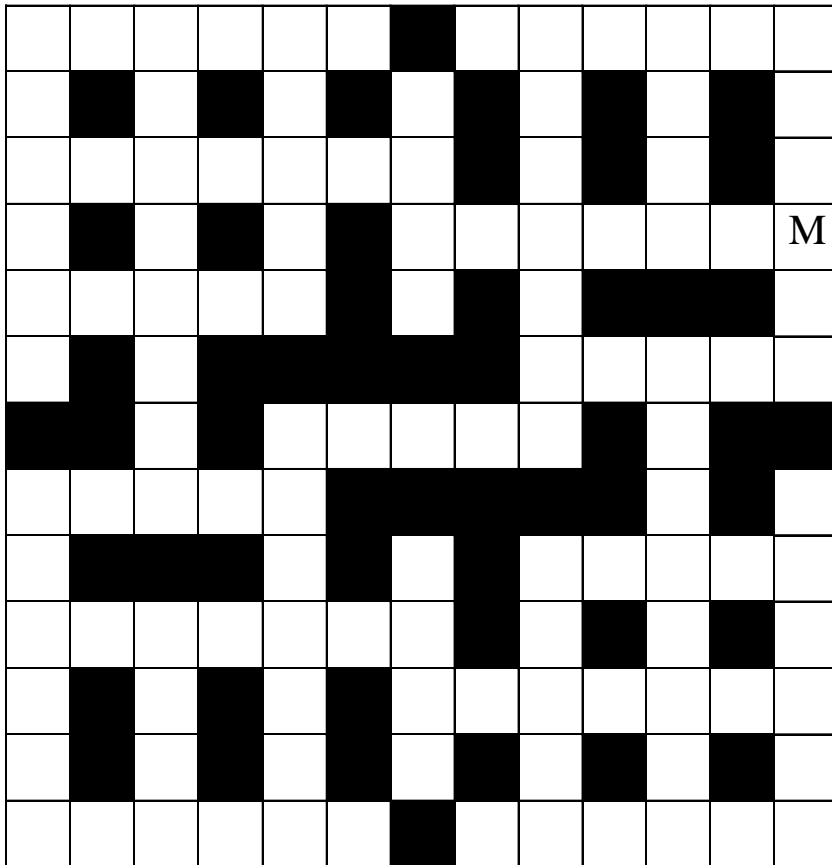
- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
through the desert thou didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

The hymn is quite old, and it is therefore in the public domain, without any copyright restrictions. It was written by James Edmeston (1791–1867), an architect who wrote hymns, though some words have been changed. The usual tune is MANNHEIM, which obviously suggests German origins; it was in fact adapted by Lowell Mason from a chorale by Friedrich Filitz. The Companion to Hymns and Psalms says the tune is 'uninspiring', and tells us that it was described as 'abominable' by Erik Routley (Minister, composer and well known musicologist). There is a good alternative in some hymn books, yet MANNHEIM still remains the usual tune.

Puzzle Page (Solutions in the next Vine)

1. Clueless Crossword

Fill in the blanks with the words supplied. One letter is provided. You may find more than one correct solution.



4 letters: NATHAN
ASPS PILATE
ESPY PRAYER
RANI SAINTS
VERT THOMAS
TARSUS

5 letters
AMENS 7 letters
ELEGY ANTIPAS
JONAH PIETISM
SHEBA PURITAN
SYRIA REBEKAH
TENTH REVERES
TIPSY THERESA

6 letters 8 letters
ARARAT ENTENTES
JORDAN LUTHERAN

2. Conundrums

Can you sort out the ten jumbled names/titles from the gospels?

- 1 IS SPLICED
- 2 SEE DUD SAC
- 3 NAIL ETHAN
- 4 DAMAGE LEN
- 5 A SIDE BATH
- 6 CAMERA PUN
- 7 MAIN ASTRA
- 8 COURT NINE
- 9 GAIN ATLAS
- 10 SINE PHASE

3. Add a letter

Rearrange the four letters and insert another letter to make up a five-letter name from the New Testament. For example, with the addition of J, SAME would produce JAMES.

SAME	JAMES
TREE	
SUES	
HERD	
NAAN	
DIAL	

Tony Orton

LOCKDOWN

Keep **L**oving one another

Find **O**pportunities to help

Enjoy **C**ommunity spirit

Show **K**indness

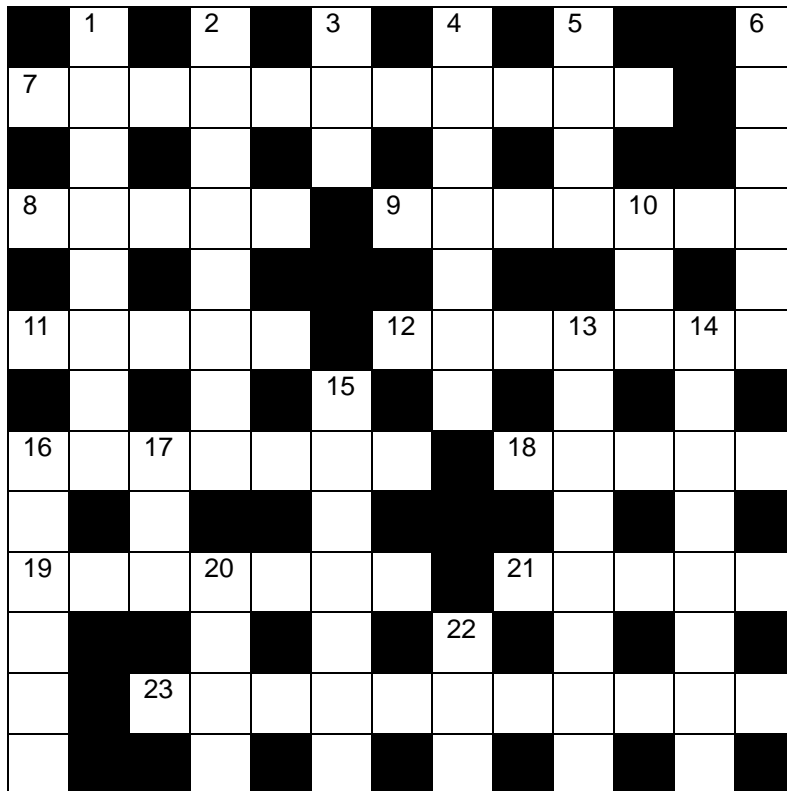
Offer to **D**o the shopping for others

Stay **O**ptimistic

If you can, **W**alk in the sunshine

Join in the **N**HS clapping

Small Crossword 3



Across

- 7 This prayer is uplifting (11)
- 8 Enhance and embellish (5)
- 9 Old name for church dignitary (7)
- 11 Shepherd king (5)
- 12 A son killed by 11 across (7)
- 16 Slow compositions (7)
- 18 A young human (5)
- 19 Clothing (7)
- 21 Godliness (5)
- 23 One in a book of sorrows (11)

Down

- 1 Female servant (8)
- 2 Longing (8)

Down

- 3 Two halves united (3)
- 4 Attribute (7)
- 5 Enthusiasm, passion (4)
- 6 'Time like an ever flowing -----'(4)
- 10 The whole lot (3)
- 13 Non-believers (8)
- 14 An offering to God (8)
- 15 Endlessly (7)
- 16 The mountain where Noah's ark came to rest perhaps? (6)
- 17 A type of viper (3)
- 20 '.... in a manger, no crib' (4)
- 22 Seventh Greek letter (3)

Tony Orton

Solution to last month's Wordsearch L-R: Jacob, Jairus, Jehoshaphat, Jephthah, Jeremiah, Jeroboam, Jethro, Jezreel, Joanna, John, Jonathan, Josiah, Judah; Up-Down: Japheth, Jesus, Jezebel, Joseph, Judas, Jude, Julius; Down L to Up R: James, Jesse, Joel; Up L to Down R: Jehu, Joab, Job, Jonah, Joshua; a longer list than was suggested!

Lockdown – in reverse

As I've observed before, I've been glad that so many have been able to stay safe over the last few weeks - granted many have the option of retirement - but I have not been in lockdown as such - my life outside of work is non-existent without church (and cat shows) but work has felt like the 'frontline' sometimes.

Don't get me wrong I don't work in our incredible Health Service, but because as part of my work, I can help people make wills, I count as a Key Worker. Doing wills using social distancing or posting them out with written instructions on how to get them safely witnessed with neighbours has been regular and also some home visits, with appropriate measures taken for those.

Moments when one feels one can make a difference stand out. Such as a client in reception (with social distancing protocols followed) to sign his will. A gentleman having to stay with his wife at their daughter's home during lockdown as he can't manage with her dementia in those circumstances. His will puts things in place in accordance with his wishes, should anything happen to him.

Then the same week..a phone call from the niece of client. I did her will & LPAs last year and already knew she'd died - arranging what paperwork I need – the funeral was tomorrow and she wished to call in afterwards. Secondly, an incoming call from a care home - Court of Protection matter - final order still due from the Court - client now moved to end of life, bedridden. We managed to arrange to cancel order of specialist recline/lift chair that the care home had wanted. Full refund then came.

Needed a few minutes to maintain my composure and say a prayer at this point....

On the Friday morning, as I am able to see my work email from other devices, I looked on my mobile just after I'd woken to find that a client who I was aware was going to die, had done – not the best start to a morning.

Then the inevitable phone call from the care home to tell me that the client who is the subject of my Court of Protection application - with her friends applying to become her Deputies - had died. I was told that the funeral directors would be calling, which they did. Then came the proposal that I should register the death and given that her friend is not a blood relative and stands in no different legal category to me, that made sense - even if I wasn't expecting that. So I agreed and the funeral director said he would inform the relevant parties.

Thankfully the papers which the client's friend provided for me included an old photocopy of her marriage certificate (with her maiden name) and her decree nisi. The latter meant that I could log into my Ancestry account and find out what registration district she was born in - for registering the death.

The phone call from the Registrar, working from home - was delayed because her laptop died and needed to be plugged in or similar. Whilst I was speaking to her on the office landline, an estate agent contact called on my mobile - and my quip referring to a colleague teasing me that "I must have been wicked in a previous life - there being no peace for the wicked..." resulted in laughter from those on the other end of both phone calls! Estate agent briefly given some information - with the kind sanction of the Registrar, before she and I continued the duty of the registration. I then had to make a separate call to pay for the death certificates.

On another file, having prepared the papers to apply for Probate on a small estate for the client to sign, I had written to the bank which held a substantial amount of money asking for the correct form to close the accounts. I was amazed when my colleague in Accounts emailed me to say that just over £181,000 had come into the Client Bank Account – with the client's name quoted! Usually the threshold for requiring a grant of probate with this particular bank group is £100,000 for a firm of solicitors, so I can only assume that they have changed their rules due to the pandemic to make it more straightforward for solicitors dealing with deceased's clients matters.

One frustration is the chaos being caused with Probate Applications, submitted before the lockdown - which are now taking more than twice as long as usual.

However, otherwise I am plugging away, taking instruction by telephone for wills, emailing or writing as appropriate and doing my best to help. *Helena Watkins*

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the **September issue will be prepared by **Gill** and you should send items to her - no later than **5pm on Wednesday 26th August**. Please include details up to **4th October**.**

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