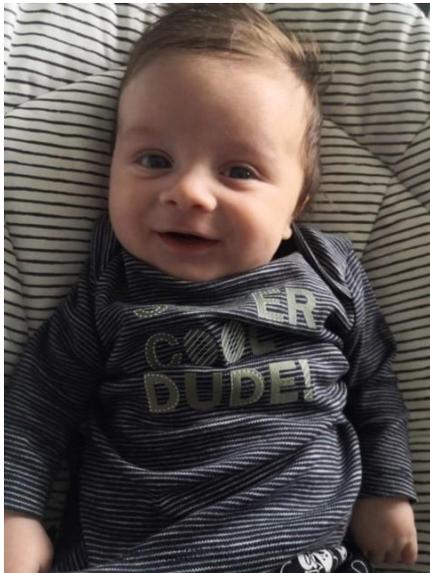


THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity 4 Sunday 5th July 2020

Notes from the parish pump

Archie



Rupert



Emma Elizabeth



I am starting my notes this week with the photos of three little ones of our congregation.

Peter and Suzanne's grandson, Archie, born to parents Emma and Michael.

The arrival of Rupert, to parents Simon and Clair, and brother for Robyn.

This week I received with joy the news from Greg and Michelle Miller that Emma Elizabeth had arrived safe and well.

Our love, congratulations and best wishes to all parents.

It is such a shame that the lockdown has stopped them coming to church for us to welcome them to our church family.

I am sure all of us share the joy of little ones in church, even grumpy old farmers like me-----they are our future and I feel we will have lots to teach them, but as Louis Armstrong sang in What a wonderful World, "They'll learn much more than we'll ever know".

I am sure each generation feels we had the best of times growing up, and us oldies wouldn't like to be growing up now, but we cannot change or live twice can we.

Blessings From The Bothy,

Alan & Carolyn

Thoughts for this week - Follow on from Diana's notes last week

Change, in my experience as a counsellor, is quite difficult to achieve.

We get fixed on a pattern of behaviour that is hard to break.

To bring about any degree of change we need to look honestly at ourselves and recognise the repeated patterns where we have made the same mistakes again and again.

This is where our present period of lockdown can have really positive aspects. We can only change ourselves, no one else can, but this can be the beginning of a new way of life for ourselves and eventually (have patience) for others. The world can be your oyster!!

We can look inwards and be honest about what we would like to change and achieve, then take tiny footsteps towards that goal. We have time and opportunity to experiment. So often we set the goal too high for our present capabilities and we have to stop and think are they achievable? This is again where the power of prayer can help "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Diana D.

More from Diana next week.

Readings

Matthew 11, 16-19, 23 to end

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The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father;
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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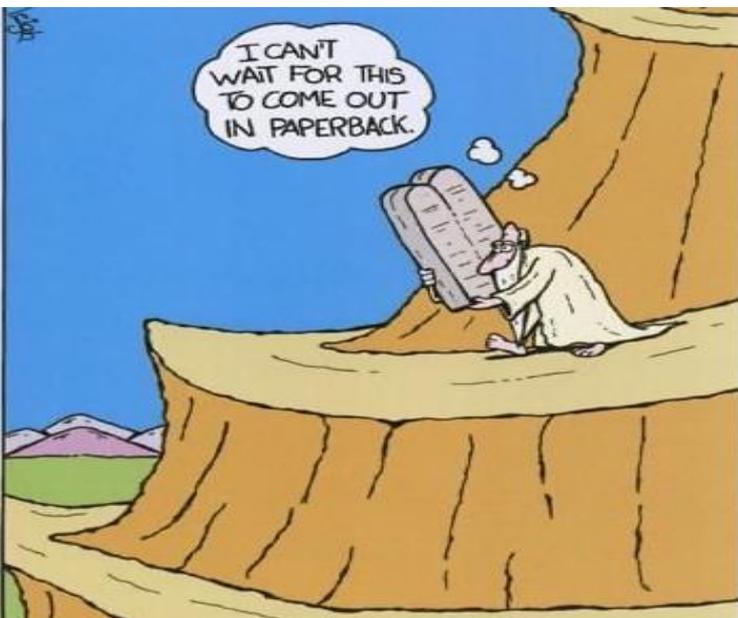
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Hope to see you soon.