

## The Real Easter Egg



2020 is the tenth anniversary of **The Real Easter Egg**. *The Meaningful Chocolate Company* which makes it, is based on a farm in Cheshire.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, *The Real Easter Egg* is the only one which has an Easter **story book** in the box, is made of **Fairtrade** chocolate and supports **charitable projects**.  
A triple whammy!

As well as chocolate you get a 24 page Easter book. The drawings are beautiful.

You can buy the eggs online. They are also available at Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and Asda—but only in their larger stores. Raymond has written to Asda to ask that they stock the egg this Easter. You might like to write to your nearest supermarket in advance of Easter to encourage them to get the eggs in. As soon as you see them in a shop, let us know so we can advertise where to buy them.

## Kuwait—Open Doors Top 50 Watch List.



**Most Christians in Kuwait** are migrant workers. Conversion from Islam to another faith is not recognised.

**Evangelism** is strictly forbidden.

**Kuwaiti believers from Muslim backgrounds** face pressure from their families and communities to deny their faith. They are not permitted a Christian marriage or funeral.

They risk discrimination, harassment, police monitoring and intimidation – though, thankfully, reports of Christians being killed, imprisoned or harmed for their faith are rare.

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**Bad News: Bishop Lee slipped on black ice** last week and broke his leg very badly. He had to endure a five hour operation. + Lee was going to go to American as part of his sabbatical starting in February. He was also about to set off on a cycling trip round Britain in support of the diocese's missional objectives. He will be out of action for many weeks. +Lee worked incredibly hard during the vacancy between +Mike and +Viv, so this comes as a serious disappointment. Feel free to send a card to :  
**Rt Revd Lee Rayfield, Mark House, Field Rise, Swindon SN1 4HP**



## “WHAT A TURN OUT!

### LETTER FROM OPEN DOORS



*MPS learning more about persecuted Christians*

Dear Raymond ,

An enormous thank you to all of you for praying, inviting your MP, and making such a success of the **2020 World Watch List** launch in Parliament last week.

MPs received nearly 4000 emails and an estimated 45,000 postcards inviting them to the launch. This led to 123 MPs ...along with 6 Lords - our biggest turnout ever.

The Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, Rehman Chishti MP, shared his commitment to seeing the current government do more to support the growing number of persecuted Christians around the world.

Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, tweeted that the list will 'inspire the UK to do more to use our global network ...to champion freedom of religion and belief'.

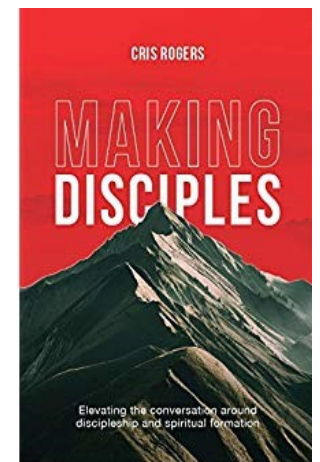
## The St John's Lent Course. (Plus)

### Did you pick up your “Making Disciples” Trifold leaflet?

Please don't leave without it. If you have got the message that it is about Head, Hand and Heart, you are half way there. The leaflet will help you understand it all more fully. We want you to be part of it to learn with your head, care with your heart and act with your hands.

**Mark Sansome and the Discipleship sub-team** are currently working hard to prepare for the course starting in the beginning of March.

**Over the length of the course** you will find out how to become a more rounded follower of Jesus, loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.



**Prayers: Bishop Lee** who has broken his leg very badly indeed. (P2) **Christian converts in Kuwait** whose communities reject them (P 2) **Our MPs** as they support *Open Doors* and persecuted Christians (p3). We thank God for **St Francis school** who have added well over £1,000 to our *Jar of Grace* appeal this year. Pray that **parents at this church school** who have not found a faith of their own may discover one while their child is at school there. For **Sue Branch** in hospital and **Ted** at home; for **Andy Hall** who has been struggling with his health since his operation; **Rod and Sharon's daughter in law Carly** taken suddenly into hospital.

Mon 27th	9.30am 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30 pm	Pram Club Chris & Lesley's Homegroup in the Quiet Room Homegroup at Bill & Deana's 17 Rother Close PCC— Quiet room
Tues 28th	8pm 8pm	Carol & Paul's Homegroup at 20 Furlong Close David Rudland's Homegroup at Purton
Wed 29th	1-3pm	Craft Club in Church Room
Fri 31st	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Café

**Calling all ladies** for an evening out at the Manor Farm pub on **Thursday 20th Feb, 7:30pm**. Lesley Mead is hoping to share a relaxed and fun evening over dinner with anyone interested in having a night off!! Please email [lesleymead24@icloud.com](mailto:lesleymead24@icloud.com) so that she will know how many to book for. # 🍷 # 🍷 # 🍷 # 🍷 # no washing up!

Please pray for our church family	
<b>Mon 27th</b>	Susana Calle Martin
<b>Tue 28th</b>	Cynthia Carrey
<b>Wed 29th</b>	Donald & Daphne Carter
<b>Thurs 30th</b>	Joan Connor
<b>Fri 31st</b>	Laurane Cooper
<b>Sat 1st</b>	Wendy & Mike Crosby
<b>Sun 2nd</b>	Rachel Crosby

**A Big Thank You .....** to all the counters who turned up to count the *Jars of Grace* on Tuesday and saw coins in their sleep. It is not too late to bring yours back.



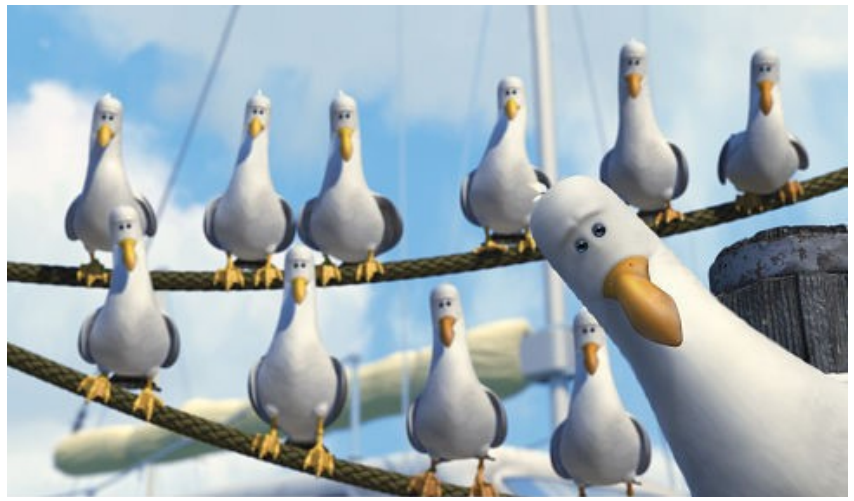
Services Next Week			
2nd Feb	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams



# Sunday

## 26th January

### 3rd after Epiphany



## A Word From a Bird

(But what is it?)

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	1 Chronicles 29: 10-19 Luke 12: 13-21
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	1 Chronicles 29: 10-19 Luke 12: 13-21