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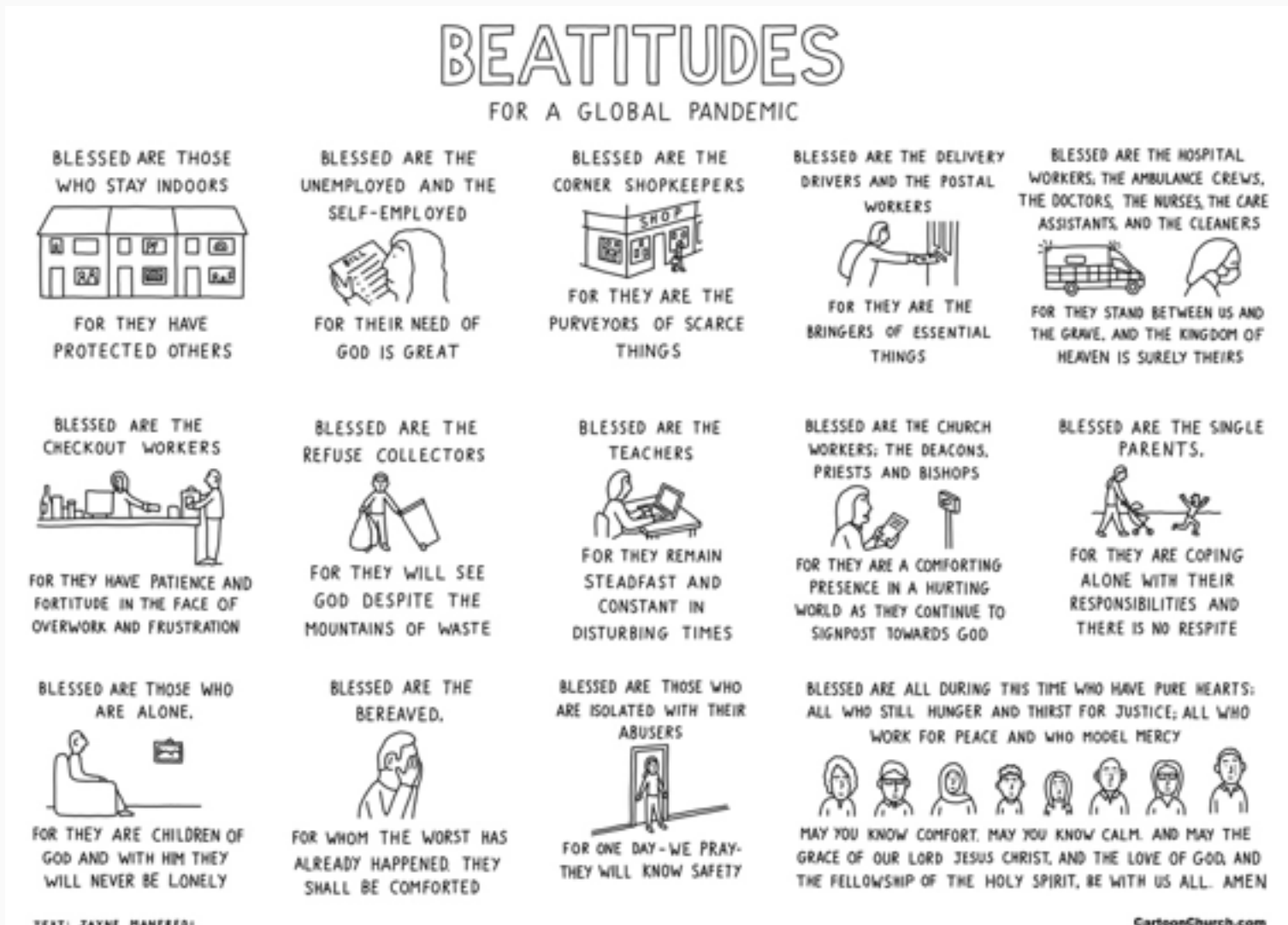
News from St Ann's

Lockdown continues - but so does the Church!



Blessed are those....

Dave Walker has produced a cartoon which speaks directly to our lockdown life.



Hello from lockdown in Ancoats

Last Sunday Susan and Paul Soanes could not both fit into the screen for the Zoom service - so Paul made a cutout of himself for the background (and note the new beard!). This Sunday it will be the other way round. Here is Paul's image of lockdown life with them both together!



This Sunday's 'Zoom' worship

Before we had special buildings the Christian Church existed in networks of households across cities and beyond. Suddenly, we seem to have gone back - continuing worship together using Zoom. For all of us this is a very difficult time. We are living through something new and unwelcome - but it has been a real highlight to see and hear one another on Sunday mornings.

This Sunday we will do the same again at our usual 10.45 am time.

To join in please download the Zoom app on your phone, laptop or desktop PC. Follow this link: <https://zoom.us/j/91330724854>. The meeting ID is 913 3072 4854

You can also call in by 'phone. If you would like to do this please contact William Jeavons on manager@stannsmanchester.com for help to do that. You will need to contact William by Saturday evening to get this information.

All our services include a Collect - a special prayer which acts to focus our thinking and praying. The Collect for Sunday seems to speak directly, not only to the bible reading we shall use, but to our present situation:

*Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.*

How is St Ann's managing?

Like every other organisation right now we are having to feel our way forward. In terms of keeping together we want to encourage everyone to be in touch as much as possible for mutual support. Financially, the Church Council has taken a large hit. The church building is closed and all events have been cancelled. Paul our Verger has taken the government's furlough scheme and the normal work of the church's musicians has been put on hold. We are aiming to give further details next week.

Congratulations Jennifer!

Best wishes and love are due to Jennifer Frew. She celebrated her 80th last Wednesday.

Daily Prayer

Nigel and Sydwell are using Zoom to share Morning and Evening Prayer together. If you want to join in please email Sydwell on curate@stannsmanchester.com.

Keep in touch

You can contact Nigel on 0161 235 5206 or by email on rector@stannsmanchester.com. Sydwell is on 07404 265463 and at curate@stannsmanchester.com. The clergy would love you to give them a call. William is on manager@stannsmanchester.com.

Please pray

For all our NHS staff, patients and people isolated at home. The needs of older people in care homes has become a great concern. We are aware of the immense stresses some of the city centre businesses are under - so please pray for them that they may come out of the crisis still able to offer good employment.

How to support us

The link to our on-line collection page is [here](#). Your contribution will allow us to continue supporting the church and its work.

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