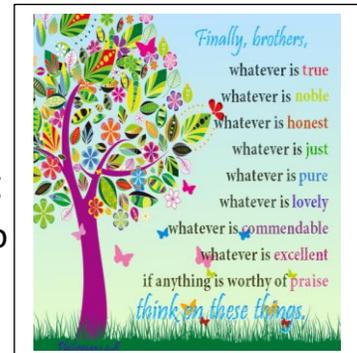


Hello everyone! Join me today in thinking of my grandson Gregory who you've known and loved and been kind to for so many years turns 12 today! How did that happen? Golly, if he's 12 now, I must be.....( not telling, but it's old)

Today's Scoops will be on the short side, as I'm also preparing your sermon and liturgy for Sunday. We'll start on the sunny side!

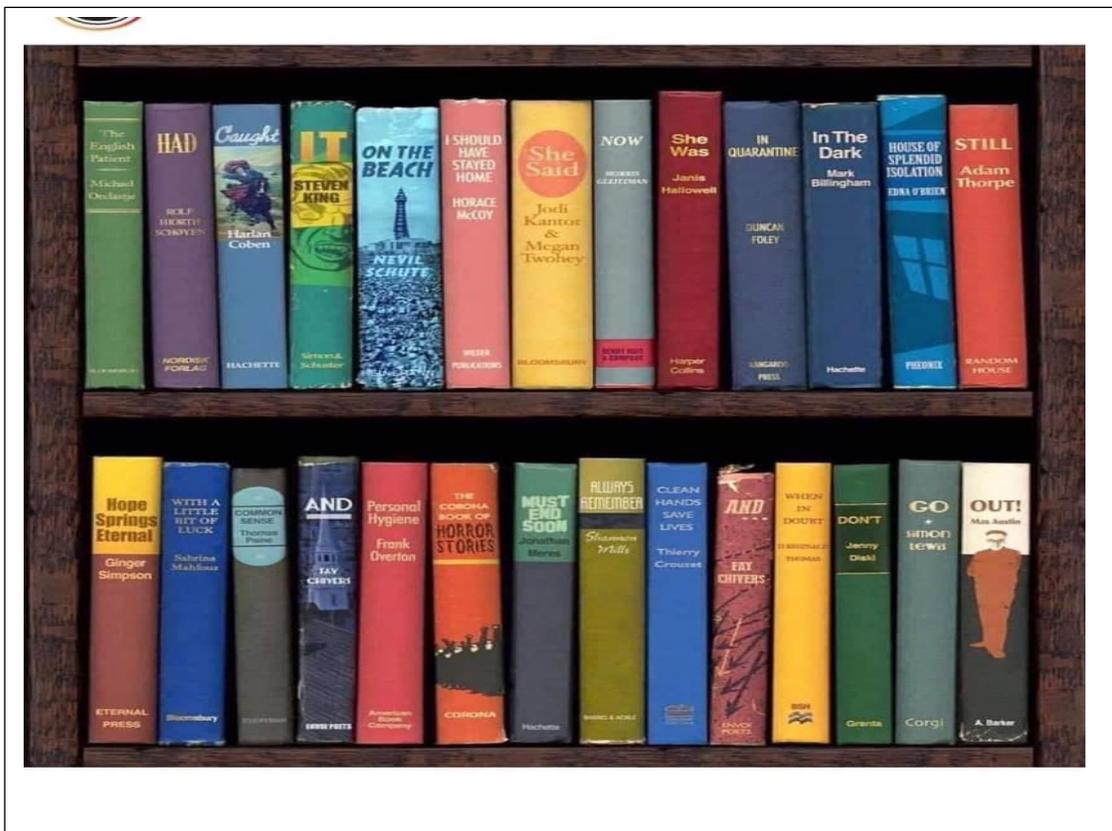
Cathy Taylor sent in an absolutely hysterical clip featuring former President Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy watching a juggler. This is one of the simplest, most witty, and charming clips I've ever seen. I have great trouble attaching clips that will open for you, so I'm just suggesting that you go **Youtube.com** and insert **Michael Davis-Ford's Theater**



It's about six minutes long, all pure entertainment.

Juggling. Enjoy. Thanks to all who responded with how much they like "I Think You're Wonderful Too" yesterday

Rob Knighton sent in the following bookcase picture. You'll need your glasses but if you read each book title it will tell you all you need to know about covid-19 My best translation follows:



The titles read: The English patient had caught it on the beach. "I should have stayed home" she said. Now she was in quarantine in the dark in the house of splendid isolation. Hope springs eternal with a little bit of ( ) and personal hygiene. Horror stories must end soon .....(can't see a few...and it finishes with) don't go out! Fill in the blanks for me, if you can see them, and I'll pass along.

**Scripture for Today:** Please read Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

This familiar Scripture has much relevance to us in this time of pandemic. It is a teaching about love and about neighbours. We are seeing wonderful examples of people being kind to one another these days...banging pots and pans and making parades to thank medical people, giving gifts to food banks, creating posters and hearts and lovely stories about kindness. And pretty well everyone involved seems just wonderful. There is however an underbelly to this celebration of our kindness to one another. We are often kind mostly to those whom we "like" or who seem "good". Of course we should be good to them, but NOT at the exclusion of those whom we don't "like" or who seem "not so good". and mostly singing the praises of people we see as being much like "us". To date there has been little done to help the homeless who "can't" stay home. Drug addicts are not seen to be deserving of safe space. Little to provide safety to prisoners in double or triple bunk cells with no possibility of social isolation. And we have seen how years of funding cuts, lack of inspections, poor wages, and the devaluation of seniors lives has contributed to the carnage of covid 19 in care facilities.

It seems that loving our "neighbours" means very different things to different people.

A theologian and author by the name of Frederick Buechner says much better than I could ever say about this important teaching of Jesus. **"When Jesus said to love your neighbour, a lawyer who was present asked Him to clarify what He meant by neighbour. He wanted a legal definition he could refer to in case the question of loving one ever happened to come up. He presumably wanted something in the order of: "A neighbour (hereinafter referred to as the party of**

the first part) is to be construed as meaning a person of Jewish descent whose legal residence is within a radius of no more than three statute miles from one's own legal residence unless there is another person of Jewish descent (hereinafter to be referred to as the party of the second part) closer to the party of the first part than one is oneself, in which case the party of the second part is to be construed as neighbour to the party of the first part and one is oneself relieved of all responsibility of any sort or kind whatsoever. Instead, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan the point of which seems to be that your neighbour is to be construed as meaning anybody who needs you. The lawyer's response is left unrecorded.”<sup>1</sup> To which I reply “yup” otherwise known as “Amen”

**Prayers for the Day:**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you the homeless, the destitute, the sick the aged, and all who have none to care for them. Heal those who are broken in body or spirit and turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this for the love you're your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. ( BAS – occasional prayer 22)

Now into the keeping of God I put all doings of today. All disappointments, hindrances, forgotten things, negligences. All gladness and beauty, love, delight, achievement. All that people have done for me. All that I have done for them, my work and my prayers. And I commit all the people whom I love, to His shepherding, His healing and restoring, His calling and making; through Jesus Christ our Lord. - Margaret Cropper - 1911

**Joke for the Day:** Wife In Passenger Seat : Darling, remember how we used to drive sitting so close to each other that cars behind didn't know if there two heads or one? What ever happened to that closeness we had?  
Husband behind the wheel: Well, who moved?

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<sup>1</sup> Listening to Your Life, Frederick Buechner, Harper Collins Publishers 1992