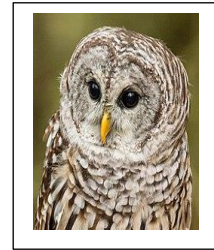


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You've gotta love owls. Strange expressions,

Neck swivels, so many types of eyes and markings...

But I love them most because HOOT always makes my brain think "Who gives a who fives a hoot?" (something from childhood I guess), and that leads me to an answer... to the Who who cares. The Who we trust. The Who's we trust. Let's begin, though with who we can't trust.

CBC radio had a good comment this morning from a caller who pointed out that there is a great deal of misinformation and disinformation floating about. The difference. Misinformation is stuff that isn't true but the people spreading think it is, or it might be. Disinformation is stuff that the person spreading it knows to be false, and the intention is to cause panic, disorder, anxiety, stress and ultimately rebellion. Oh my.

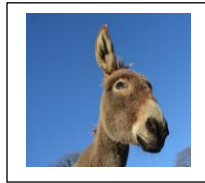
Two examples. If my sister Chris sends me an email about an avocado a day being able to ward off COVID-19, and she's tried it and isn't sick, so therefore I should try it and then I'll be safe. That's just misinformation, it is intended for my good, and would likely be harmless even if I did it. If someone other than the Chief Medical Officer or Infectious Disease Specialist tells me to take a malaria drug, that is disinformation; it is simply unproven, untested and very harmful for some people, causing even death. That's disinformation whether well intended or not.

And then there is disinformation which is intentional and designed to harm people. Like the video circulating of the army moving into Quebec with lots of tanks and heavy equipment purporting to show that the military are about to take over every hill and hamlet. And conspiracy theorists are all over that! The people should rise up and resist and fight in the streets if necessary. Disinformation.

What it really showed was troops returning equipment from a cancelled training exercise out of province. Back to the armoury. No need for panic whatsoever.

So obviously we need to check out for ourselves what we read, what we hear, and what we pass along. And if we still don't know if it's true, we can ask people we do trust what they think. By phone. By e-mail. And in the meantime, ask God to calm your heart and give you wisdom. Then be must be responsible and do what we are being told, and now ordered, to do. Stay home. Keep social distance (6 feet at least) away from any other person's space when we do have to go out to the pharmacy or for groceries. And try to make those occasions as infrequent as possible. If you have signs of cough, sniffles, or sneezies call me, and I will arrange that what you need is picked up and delivered to your door in a box. No contact of course. And you should wipe or wash well whatever is brought. Even if you are sure what you have is NOT Covid-19, act like it is and stay home anyway. That's sounds like a bit of a lecture, with my apologies, but it's important. On to some fun!

This was sent in by Bev Bullen.



I've changed the words a bit as I

accidentally deleted her email, but I remember the gist of it. Some farm hands heard some pitiful neighing coming from a distant field. They went and found that a pretty ancient horse had fallen into a hidden dry well. The poor horse was not in water but was bumping the side walls frantically and clearly very distressed. After trying some slings and other ideas, the farmers had to give up. They decided to fill the well and end the poor mares suffering. They grabbed some shovels and started tossing dirt in. After about five minutes, the horse stopped its neighing. They peered in and saw to their astonishment that the horse was standing on top of the dirt they'd just heaped down. So by turns they would toss a big shovel onto the horses back, she'd shake it off and step on it..Over and over and over, until finally they watched with tears of joy as the mare stepped over the top of the hole and wandered back out into good pasture. The moral of the story? Of course, when situations dump all kinds of problems on you, shake them off as best you can and climb on top of them til you see the light of day and new beginnings. Thanks, Bev!

Scripture for the Day: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6.... That is the answer to who do you trust? Trust in the Lord. Acknowledging Him in all our ways is how we show out trust... by acting in love toward our families, our neighbours, our communities and indeed ourselves and by offering thanksgiving and praise to God who will never forsake us, deceive us, or withhold His loving kindness.

Hallelujah for the Day: Mary Mitchell is home!! Self-isolating but so glad to back from Portugal. Thanks to everyone for their prayers. Now here’s your homework. What’s your hallelujah today? I’d love you to send me one, with consent to share or a note to keep private.

Latest News from Archbishop +Anne:

A teleconference was held for almost two hours last night with +Anne moderating and all of the deanery incumbents reporting what they are doing, and Wardens and Treasurers adding their voices where desired (my elbow actually hurt from holding my phone up to my ear...and, true confessions, I do admit to playing one game of Hearts on screen while listening...wow I probably shouldn’t have told you that...shshshshhshshshshshshhh!)

We know that the Churches will not be open for Holy Week and Easter. I’ll be scratching my head and praying so that we can have a way to celebrate in our homes on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Resurrection Day. Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle will be posting lots of resources for churches to consider and is asking for ideas from all of us. Payroll will be met at least until April 30th for all priests, deacons, administration staff, cleaners, organists and anyone else who is on payroll from the Diocese. To make that happen, we **MUST** forward past and present stipend and apportionment to the very best of our abilities and resources. To be sure, we know that church financial resources are down in this time, so we are all asked to make whatever offerings we can in light of the fact that so many incomes are now gone, or severely limited. We want to help those in need, not put pressure or burdens upon them. Yet those who can are asked to give generously and to put offerings into the door slot at the St Thomas’s, or to give them to Wardens or Treasurers at Lake of Bays churches to be counted and delivered to the bank (using whatever system is usually used in each church, mail or personal delivery as it may be). The Diocese is currently owed almost \$225,000 in past due stipends and apportionment. No panic. It will all work out, “all

manner of things shall be very well, indeed". The Church will stand and indeed flourish in these times when all God's people are creatively acting in love and BEING the Gospel in their communities.

Please Pray Today:

Give help, O Lord, to all who this day are missing family and friends, to all who are feeling at their wit's ends being isolated, to all those working so hard to keep their children's minds active and learning and free from anxiety, to those who are always being told to stay home but don't have a home to stay in, to those needing financial help now, to any who are wondering if their sniffles are the first sign of Covid-19, to those who actually have the disease, and to each and every person placing themselves in danger to carry out acts of healing in our hospitals and clinics, to those who serve as peace officers, paramedics, drivers and workers who must still work to keep our homes lit and warm and safe.

Give help, O Lord, to all whom we have forgotten. And give us the courage, grace, and practical ideas we need to be your hands and feet and deliverers and where possible wallets to those whom You bring to us for help. Help us all to trust in You, to toss our cares to Jesus, to acknowledge You as the source of all goodness, and to give You praise for your never-failing love and merciful kindness. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

A Song for Today:

Sent by Caroline Sokoloski

Go to U Tube and enter "He Saw it All" by the Booth Brothers.

I love the last line so much..."If you don't trust me, ask the blind man, he saw it all!"

Love and Blessings from

Judie+

