

Christ Church Freemantle  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July; Fifth Sunday after Trinity

**The world in which we now live**

How much things have changed since March this year. So many people have been affected by this dreadful pandemic that one wonders, when we are told to look forward to reverting to 'normality', what exactly 'normality' will look like? Much different, I think.

This virus, which has caused much sadness, distress and disruption, has also widened the avenues of kindness, consideration and helpfulness between families, friends and neighbours. Offers of help and assistance for those sheltered or lonely flood in from all quarters.

The word 'hug' is now, thankfully, hugely familiar and its use will be very welcome. (My personal contention is that a hug costs nothing but means so much!)

So much has changed in our daily lives, visiting, socialising and also worshipping in that lovely Christ Church, that magnificent community hub, which I have known and been associated with for over a three quarters of a century. I sit there admiring that beautiful building and thinking of the many generations who have sat there before me, their life and times.



Let us hope and pray that it won't be long before Christ Church will revert to its historic use and purpose.

*Cliff Bull*