

CORONAVIRUS CRISIS: HOW THE FUTURE COULD UNFOLD

Digital Palm Sunday for church flock

THE Church of England yesterday began one of the most important weeks in the Christian calendar with a virtual Palm Sunday service led by the Bishop of Manchester.

Churches across Britain are continuing to broadcast services digitally in the lead-up to Easter, with more than 1,000 live-streams taking place.

The Palm Sunday service was the third to be broadcast on national Church of England channels since the

suspension of public worship in churches.

A national service broadcast by the Archbishop of Canterbury last week, which also

SERVICE
Bishop Rt Rev David Walker

featured on BBC Radio 4 and local radio stations, attracted around five million listeners and viewers.

The Bishop of Manchester, Rt Rev David Walker, marked the start of Holy Week and Easter with a sermon from his home in Salford.

He spoke of comfort drawn from events like virtual church services and Clap For Carers, adding: "In this time of social, or more accurately physical, distancing, the ways in which we can come together matter even more."

At York Minster, worship and prayers for Holy Week and Easter will be entirely digital for the first time in its history.

POLITICS

PROF TIM BALE
Prof of politics at Queen Mary University of London

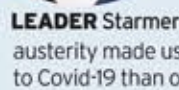
The Tories are currently riding high in the polls - but it's more a reflection of our desire to pull together as a nation than anything else.

Once new Labour leader Keir Starmer is in place and we eventually begin to wonder whether the Government might have handled the coronavirus crisis better than it did, then things could

change surprisingly rapidly - especially if it turns out that a decade of unnecessary and counter-productive

austerity made us more vulnerable to Covid-19 than other countries.

It's also going to be trickier than many Tories imagine to roll back the more supportive and higher spending state they have suddenly created. Indeed, trying too hard to do that could well cost them the next general election.



LEADER Starmer



STILL AFLOAT Cruises will be back

TRAVEL
SHARRON LIVINGSTON
TheTravelMagazine.net

As soon as the veil of danger draped over us by Covid-19 begins to lift, so will our intrepid spirit.

Travel companies will entice with dreamy pictures and bargain prices and assurances of hygiene, sustainability and eco-credentials.

The thuggery of unkempt tourism will be a thing of the past as we look to preserve our environment.

Cruise companies will find ways to entice us back with assurances of safety, luxury and rock-bottom prices. So will hotels.

The likelihood is that airlines will offer less choice in the short term. Prices will be low and they will reduce their carbon footprint.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SOPHIA GASTON Director of the British Foreign Policy Group

Since the EU Referendum, Britain has been struggling to define its role in an increasingly volatile world - with a rising China and the Western alliance under strain, Covid-19 has only deepened these challenges.

China's mishandling of the early stages of the pandemic has seen its relations with the United States fall to new low. The European Union also

failed to encourage its member states to work together, hoarding its own supplies as Italy fell into crisis.

Across the West, nations have turned inwards rather than looking for ways to cooperate. The big challenge will be to once again make the case for openness and connectivity. If the UK is to achieve its vision for "a truly Global Britain", we will need to lead from the front.



UNSUNG Supermarket worker

WORK
REHANA AZAM
National Secretary, GMB Union

The people who have stepped up to keep us safe, fed and watered have been our nation's unsung heroes.

I don't think any of us will look at supermarket workers and couriers the same way again.

We won't take for granted how food gets to our shelves. And I can't fathom a world where we'd return to treating care workers as unskilled, minimum wage labour.

Our carers are looking after the most vulnerable and putting themselves and their families at risk for less than a tenner an hour and £94 a week if they get sick.

The flaws in our welfare system and in the lack of money in our public services have been laid bare.

You can't put that genie back in the bottle.



CHANGE Kids have learned at home

EDUCATION
DR STEPHEN CURRAN
Education expert

I don't think things will be the same ever again in education.

On one hand, parents will have learnt how difficult teaching really is and appreciate the role of the teacher, who acts "in loco parentis", and how teachers make a huge contribution to a child's development.

But because they have home-schooled their own children for a whole term, from now on parents will also scrutinise what teachers are doing more than ever.

They won't just accept that the teacher knows best. They will have understood what works and what doesn't work as a learning objective.

None of this is a bad thing, as it will make the educational system in the UK more accountable and parents will also value it more.

Recovery positions

Experts look at world after coronavirus



ENVIRONMENT

ANGELA TERRY
Environmental Scientist

People will understand the importance of supporting their local farmers and suppliers.

We are learning that when you rely too much on imported food it is harder to stock up when supply lines are compromised. By supporting local farmers and getting milk delivered, we help protect our countryside.

We are learning that many of us can work from home - we don't need to constantly drive or fly and can be just as effective through video conferencing and co-working platforms.

This saves money and pollutes less. As life slows, we are learning to reconnect with nature, and appreciate how crucial climate action is.

Animals are becoming more bold as humans stay indoors. More moles, stoats and weasels have been spotted. We must remember how beautiful our environment is when we aren't trampling all over it.



WORRYING Shoppers are leaving high streets

RETAIL
CLARE BAILEY
Retail Champion

Smaller businesses in our high streets have been required to close for the immediate future.

It is a worrying time for business owners but government support should help.

People are already planning for recovery, and a post-crisis surge, when people flood back to pubs, restaurants and shops.

Businesses need to start maximising the opportunity to turn footfall into sales.

The enforced digital transformation will help smaller businesses in the longer term.

Perhaps a positive outcome will be people falling back in love with their high street - hopefully leading to a greater sense of community and a focus on shopping locally.

Our shopping habits will likely have changed fundamentally. We will still enjoy the social element of visiting shops but people will feel more comfortable shopping online, so retailers will almost be forced to offer a seamless online-physical experience.

The proportion of sales transacted online is predicted to grow as a result of Covid-19.

BY KEIR MUDIE
THE current lockdown is set to last for weeks, if not months, but people are already thinking about what happens after.

We asked ten experts how the current crisis might change the world we live in - for better or worse.

COMMUNITIES

HARUN KHAN
Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain

Already most of us are learning to give up our usual activities for the greater good.

We see the sacrifices made by others, many of whom will have paid the ultimate price with their lives.

There are individuals from all walks of life - young and old, immigrant and non-immigrant, Leaver and Remainer - pitching in for the same purpose: to help those in need.

Post-Covid Britain will look past the things that previously divided us. Instead, we will recognise and appreciate our collective sacrifice, unite in this shared experience, and treasure belonging to a society which gives so much for the sake of others.

ECONOMY

DAVID BLANCHFLOWER
Professor of Economics

For economy watchers like me it is hard to understand what is really going on as everything is so fast moving.

It is a struggle to work out how high the unemployment rate, for example, will go. The best guess we have now, based on half a million signing on for Universal Credit in nine days, is well over 10% and maybe even go over 20.

The Government has put lots of measures in place to help but they likely won't be enough.

Shops, gyms, golf courses and sports have closed down and it is unclear how many will reopen. Many more people are going to work from home and commute less and maybe this is the end of the mall and big high street store with many of us switching to online shopping.

Many of the changes will be permanent.

HEALTH

DONNA KINNAR
Royal College of Nursing Chief Executive

People who give their working lives to the health of others are often shown great appreciation but the public support in recent weeks has been something else.

Politicians and decision-makers have been fulsome with their praise for nurses too and it's my job to hold them to it for years to come.

England's NHS had 100,000 unfilled jobs and beds being cut before this pandemic began.

The staff who keep the lights on deserve a better deal on the other side of this.

That goes for their pay, education and training and the tools to do the job. One part of this pandemic's legacy must be for politicians never again to run services on a shoestring.



FLAMBOYANT Lord Bath

'Eccentric' owner of Longleat is dead at 87

BY ADAM ASPINALL

THE flamboyant Marquess of Bath, Alexander Thynn, has died, aged 87, after being admitted to hospital with Covid-19.

Relatives praised the care given to Lord Bath, owner of Longleat Safari Park, at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.

In a statement they said: "The family would like to express their great appreciation for the dedicated team of doctors, nurses and other staff."

TRIBUTE

The Marquess, who had a string of lovers he called "wifelets", owned thousands of acres in Wiltshire and Somerset.

In 1969, he married Anna Gyarmathy. They had two children, Lady Lenka Abigail Thynn and Ceawlin Thynn.

Lord Bath, known for his colourful clothing, was a prolific amateur painter, and was worth an estimated £157million.

He will be succeeded by Cealwin, whose wife Emma will be the first ever black marchioness.

Animal Park was filmed at Longleat and hosts Ben Fogle and Kate Humble paid tribute to Lord Bath.

Fogle was "devastated" by the death of the "eccentric and colourful" lord. Humble said she was "very sad".

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