

WEEKEND GREETINGS FROM EMMANUEL ROAD, JUNE, 2020

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As ever, I send this email to you hoping that you have managed to get through another week of lockdown in reasonable enough shape.

This week, in addition to speaking to some of you by telephone, I also hope to see some of you at Sunday's 10am *Service of Mindful Meditation* and I reproduce below the details of the Zoom meeting kindly organised for this purpose by Brendan and Andrew.

Just a reminder that you'll need to print up (or be able to see) the order of service (link below) and you might also like to have a tea light ready so that you can light silently at a particular point mid-way through the service. All will be explained on Sunday morning. The service will last about 45 minutes (so don't forget to make sure that your seat is genuinely comfortable!) and it will be followed by a time of conversation.

Order of Service for the Mindful Meditation

If you'd like to join this service please contact the church secretary, Brendan Boyle, via the contact link of the church webpage:

<https://www.cambridgeunitarian.org/contact/>

If you can't make the live-streamed event don't forget that an mp3 of the service is always available at the following link:

MP3 of the Evening Service of Mindful Meditation

Lastly, as all of you will be painfully aware, on May 25, yet another black man, George Floyd, was murdered by a white police officer in the USA. This shameful and shocking event has triggered the most significant set of protests seen in the USA since the 1960s and these have, in turn, disturbingly revealed more than ever President Trump's racism and dictatorial tendencies and intentions.

Not surprisingly, George Floyd's murder also triggered many other protests around the world supporting the *Black Lives Matter* movement, including a number here in the UK. As I hope you are all acutely aware, our own culture remains itself deeply infected by racism and, amidst the many national disgraces connected with the official responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, [the continued refusal/failure to tackle the disproportionate number of deaths of black, Asian and minority ethnic people from coronavirus](#) -along with the failure to

properly to protect NHS staff and those working/living in care homes is one of the greatest. It is clear that here in the UK, just as is the case in the USA, that Black, Asian and minority ethnic lives simply do not matter as much as white lives.

Given this, the *Stand Up To Racism* group here in Cambridge organised a responsible, socially distanced, live-streamed, demonstration on Wednesday 4th June that was held in front of King's College and I, along with a number of other people from a variety of religious and political communities in Cambridge, was invited to contribute a few words. If you click on the following link you can watch the whole demonstration and read and/or listen to what I said myself.

Short speech written for the *Cambridge Stand Up To Racism* Black Lives Matter! Justice for George Floyd!" event in Cambridge City on Wednesday 4th June

With love and best wishes as always,

Andrew