

An excerpt from my sermon, (13.9.20) when I completely lost my stability and found my own bridge.

We have been called as a church this Covid time to build bridges...bridges of love and acceptance.

To knock down the fences of arrogance, or love of high status, of judging others views or lifestyles.. and to build bridges of love.

Now, I can't speak for any other church or any other parish...just here.

We have built bridges these last six months...

We have built pathways where there were none.

We have built new pathways where the old have been dangerous with loose stones or like mudbaths.

We have provided safe places and ways of access.

We have made digital bridges with our live streaming and recordings.

Many of you worshipping with us on line at the moment have found that bridge and have walked on it and are part of who we are now as a family of God.

We have built bridges into the community and they have met me on the bridge.

We have built bridges with our young families and they came and walked on them and they came and ate with us.

We have used our magazine to build bridges into the community more by changing some content and all the families I met on the bridge will now get a free magazine for a year!

We have built bridges, and yes, thank you for all those who laid down the planks of love with me to build those bridges.

But there are many more yet to be built and they will be, strong, accessible and built on love, hope, joy, peace and acceptance..

There are bridges which already exist of course.

There are bridges between life and death and I and others walk on those too with you.

And the bridge between living together and being married to one another.

I stand on that bridge too.

Then there is the bridge over troubled waters...oooh, that's a hard one

Jesus built a bridge between God and his Father's kingdom and ordinary people came and met him on the bridge and crossed over to his Father's kingdom..

At his death on the Cross, Jesus built that last bridge that let all those who had faith in him, enter into eternal life with God.

So did the early church build those bridges for the Gentiles (for all of us) and not just the Jews.

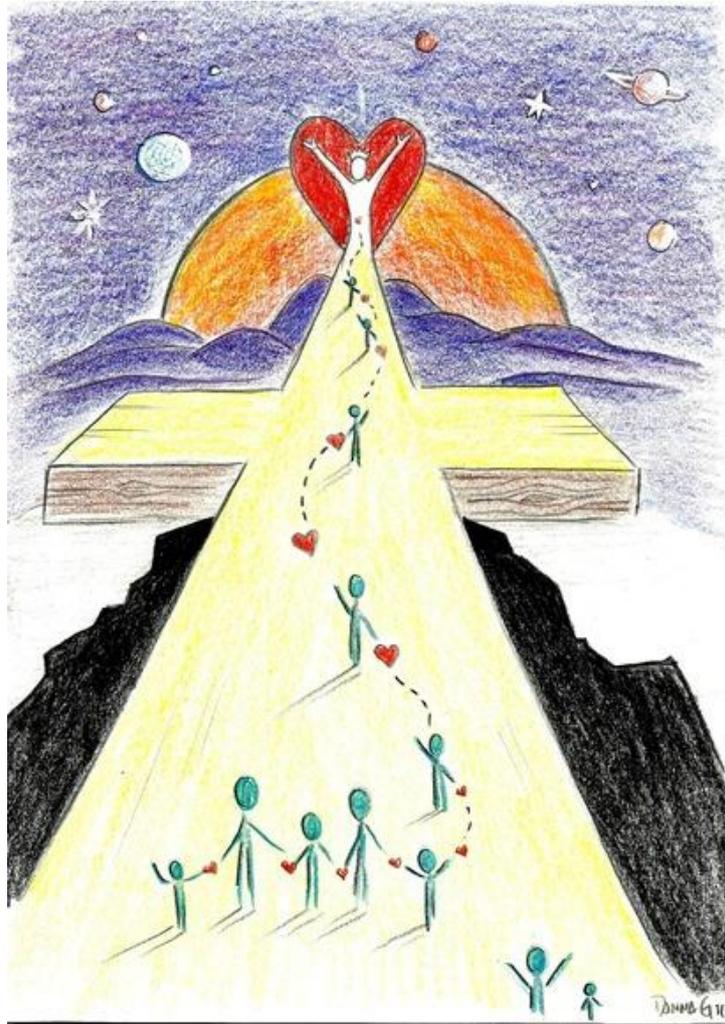
As did the Reformation

As did the charismatic movement with its bridge to the Spirit
and now this today - Covid time bridges.

Love can build a bridge, any bridge, any amount of bridges.

Jesus knew that, he built so many bridges and is calling all of us today, to live, pray,
love, and build bridges to the kingdom of God for every person who wants to journey
where Jesus Christ rules for ever and ever,

Amen



*Note: the two people who are not linked to the chain of love are seeking God.
Are we doing all we can to show people that GOD loves them?*

We must be the bridge that connects all people to God's life and grace and love.