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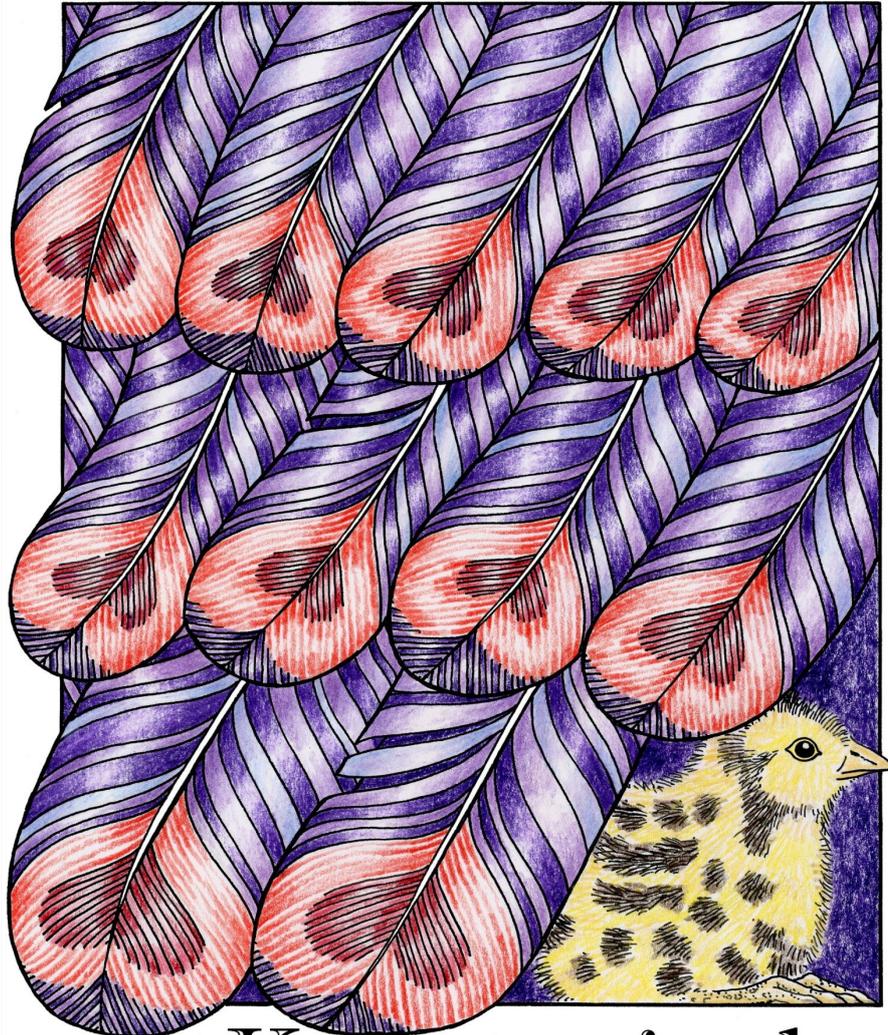
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ALL SAINT CHURCH
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shelter of your wings Ps 17:8

Keep me in the

REGULAR SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

EVERY SUNDAY 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

1ST, 3RD, 4TH & 5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 am Family Parade Service (CW)

6.30 pm Holy Communion

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

6.30 pm Evensong

EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

CHILDRENS SUNDAY CLUB

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH* 9.45 am Children 4-11Yrs.

Note Service Schedules are currently reduced to one on Sunday and one on Thursday both at 10am. due to the Corona Virus restrictions. Changes to Services will be announced via the Public Facebook Page "All Saints Belvedere." Numbers will be restricted to Covid19 Safety Levels a maximum of 40 single (or family Bubble Groups)

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Subscription material from "the Sign" included in this edition

Voice from the Vicarage—Rev Simon F Archer

Dear Friends,

It feels like it's been a long haul. I have felt it more than ever the last few weeks. Christmas felt particularly tough, not seeing family, no Christmas Fayre, no Carol services or Nativity plays to go to. It almost seems as if Christmas was just missed this year. It has blended into January and that has often been wet and gloomy which hasn't helped the mood if I'm completely honest.

But there have been glimmers of light.

I have heard from a few members of the community who have expressed an interest in coming to church when it reopens its doors. A number of our congregation have surprised me with acts of generosity, fundraising and generally just being awesome. I get regular calls from people asking how my family and I are doing which is so kind and really helps to lift my spirits. I even see the green shoots of plans for the future of the mission of All Saints. You have such great ideas and vision and I'm really looking forward to the months and years ahead.

We are approaching Lent and we will be running another Lent course this year. Unlike Advent I hope to run two sessions, one in the evening as before and another during the day. They will be run on Zoom again and I'm going to take a look at the Methodist Church materials as we did for Advent. They are new and reasonably challenging which I think is good. If anyone needs any help with using Zoom then do let me know. I would like as many to join as possible and I pay for the full subscription so we are not limited in the number who can join or how long we can meet for. We always try to keep to around an hour so it's not too burdensome!

Finally, I wanted to talk about money. Sounds like a rubbish thing to end the monthly letter but I wanted to say something positive. Thank you. Thank you for all of you who have set up direct debits, for those who have increased their giving, for everyone who has donated to appeals for the church and other charities and for everything you do to support All Saints. It's your church and your mission so in many ways you are supporting yourselves. I know we often ask for donations in the services and, it has been pointed out, there are quite a few requests in the Parish Magazine. Remember, it's always your choice to give, nobody makes you. I truly believe that when we give joyfully it truly enriches our lives. But giving begrudgingly has quite the opposite effect. If it makes it difficult for you to pay your bills, don't give, if it means less food on your table, don't give. Giving to the church should never create hardship. On the other side, if you can afford to give more, give more regularly and can do so with joy, then please do think and pray about it. I would like to see All Saints reach the stage where it is paying all its bills including the full parish share to the Diocese over the next couple of years, and to have spare for some really important works of mission and for the church to be able to support other charities. I think we can do it, certainly as we grow as a worshipping community.

Finally, as I look forward to a week off, I was wondering what I should read. I usually read some of the books from the Bible that get less exposure in the Lectionary. I've decided I would some poetry, so Song of Songs (Song of Solomon) is on my reading list. I thought I would leave you with one of my favourite passages.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.

I warn you, it's a conversation between two lovers so that might explain why we don't get it in our readings on a Sunday! But it is truly beautiful and you should give it a read.

Editorial

A new month and ongoing coping with the virus.

This time last year, the virus was happening in China, but warning signs of cases spreading were already evident in the ski lodges of the Alps and suddenly we were in that over used word

“Unprecedented” crisis.

A pandemic which changes our lives for worse in many cases, but also brought out so many opportunities for communities, including faith communities to reach out into their communities in ways completely new and innovative.

We had always known

that communities of faith, not just Christians had much to offer and inter-faith work in our own borough has been going on for years, in the background, but 2020 brought it into focus as our Borough of Bexley needed to seek community support for new ways of addressing local needs, many of which had always been there, but had been highlighted by the pandemic in needing new resources and volunteers to step up to the plate.

The people of Belvedere, and the whole community were amazing in supporting so much and offering

help, often stepping outside their own comfort zones to be of service to the community. People who might have been working, were suddenly, able to devote their time and energies in so many ways caring for others unselfishly and willingly. If we had become jaded about human nature, we were able to restore our faith in it. It has been fantastic and a spirit of community is alive and flourishing, which can only blossom and develop which to my mind is the *“New Normal”*, and is a blessing to all. Thanks be to God. edf

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against
poverty

CAP

Formed in 2015 The Erith And Thamesmead (CAP) Debt Centre provides advocacy advice and information for the prevention or relief of poverty. It is a local charity at Belvedere Baptist Church ,50 Nuxley Road and will be a regular feature for donations to support this work all year around as the need is all year around. . They are providing a vital service which is much needed by many in these very difficult times before during the Pandemic and after it.

To summarise, Christians Against Poverty aim for the relief of financial hardship through the provision of support and access to free financial advice and assistance to people with debt-related problems living in the postcode areas (DA6, DA7, DA8, , DA16, DA17, DA18, SE2, SE28 and parts of DA1, DA5 and SE18) who, through lack of means, would otherwise be unable to obtain such support and advice.

Any financial help we can give therefore will be very much appreciated and enable this valuable assistance to continue for members of our community. Donations can be made online <https://capuk.org/get-involved/donate> or in cash via Belvedere Baptist Church or All Saints Church in an envelope marked **“For CAP Erith and Thamesmead”**.

FOCUS ON | GAMING FOR GOD



GAMING FOR GOD

The Rev Simon Archer, Vicar of All Saints, Belvedere, has found that his love of online gaming has taken him to a whole new level of online ministry.

Online Gaming is when people experience playing a computer game together through the internet - they might be a group of local friends or not know each other at all.

It is estimated that there are around 20 million people in the UK who play online video games, and that there are now more than 2.5 billion active gamers around the world.

"I've always loved computer games. I started with Pong, those two little white rectangles bouncing a small square at each other! It progressed to a Spectrum 48k in the early 80's, Sega, Nintendo, PC, and then a string of Xboxes."

A couple of months into the first lockdown and Simon was looking for something to do with some of the spare time he had in the evenings with fewer meetings to attend. A cancelled holiday due to the crisis also landed the family with a little money. While his wife updated her camera, Simon bought a gaming PC.

"There was still a lot to learn about cameras, software,

microphones, and many other skills needed but I thought it would make for a good hobby and a real challenge. I am a geek and gadgets and computers are my thing, so why not?"

Fast forward a few months and he is now the "Vicar of Facebook Gaming" aka "Vicarious BIG", with a few hundred followers and viewers each time he goes live.

"There was always something in the back of my mind that this could be a genuine ministry. About 80% of my followers are men between 25-45. I knew I could reach a disconnected group who were very much connected online.

"In the few months I have been doing this I have teamed up with pastors, ministers and Christians from all over the world. We've chatted whilst playing games and talked about our faith watched by people of many faiths and no faith. I have played with other friends, viewers and followers. I've made many new friends and the community is growing every single day."

Simon began to include a feature where people can type 'Iprayer' into the chat and his 'bot' replies to let them know that he will be praying for them. He then prays for them after the stream:

"I don't preach, but people ask deep questions and I reply honestly and reference scripture if it's appropriate.

I don't have parishioners, but I offer support and care when I can."

Simon says that his availability online has given people the opportunity to reach out.

"While in another community forum on Facebook, I received the news that one of the members had had a heart attack. I was asked whether I would pray for him, which I did.

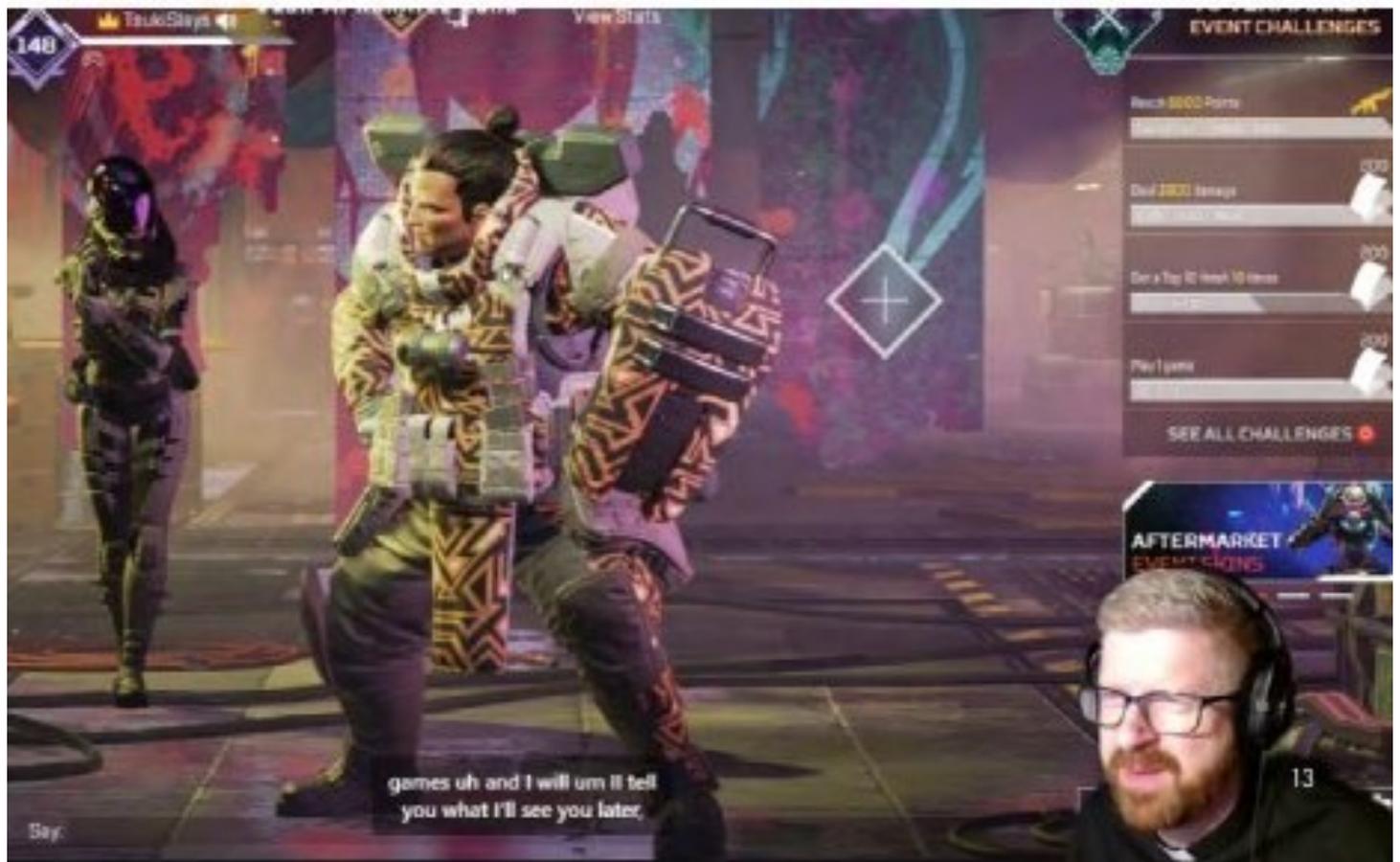
"Not long after, the person who had been ill was in my chat, and he let me know he was on the road to recovery and thanked me. It's not the only example but it is a good one of how my availability has offered some a means to reach out."

So, could this become a full-blown ministry for Simon?

"This remains a hobby, but it is certainly a ministry. I do it in my own time, but I enjoy it and it enriches my life. It will never likely grow my church, but it is another chip out of the barriers people have put up between themselves and the Church.

"Am I called by God to a ministry of playing and streaming video games? Yes, I think I am."

You can find Simon's gaming stream online here: www.facebook.com/gaming/VicariousBIG or on twitter: www.twitter.com/VicariousBIG



Christian Aid Activities in 2021

Letter from Peggy Amoako to Pamela Nowell

LONDON Supporters Conference 2021: Tuesday 23 Feb & Friday 26 Feb 2021 - CHANGEMAKERS CONFERENCE via ZOOM

Dear Pamela

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for standing together with us last year during very challenging times through your generous gifts, actions and prayers. Together you raised £4m for CAW2020 in addition to about £1.3m for the coronavirus appeal.

It is that time of the year again, and in previous years, you would have been invited to ICH, Waterloo for a pre-launch of CAW2021. This year along with the rest of the world, the Supporters Conference has migrated online and we will be holding a week-long of workshops via ZOOM from Monday 22 February to Friday 26 February 2021 at different times, focusing on various topics under our banner of encouraging you all to be Changemakers and continue to support us by giving, acting and praying to/for Climate Justice. Kindly join us online and register via Eventbrite.

London Region workshops

The London Supporter gatherings are on Tuesday, 23 February at 7.30 pm and Friday 26 February at 10am lasting about 1.5 hours.

I urge you to sign-up for both the **'Gather round the table for a chat in London' on Tuesday at 7.30pm** where you will be able to network with other Christian Aid Group (CAG) Organisers and Church Reps in London and be inspired to get creative for CAW2021 and also **'From London to Kitui, Kenya – the climate crisis up close and personal!' on Friday at 10am**, to follow the trail of how giving in London by churches and the community changes people's lives in counties such as Kitui.

Other Fundraising Workshops

There is such a variety of topics to choose from and I have highlighted a few below that might be of particular interest as you plan your fundraising activities for CAW2021.

Date	Time	Workshop	Length
Tuesday 23	4.00pm	Virtual Fundraising	1hr
Wednesday 24	10am	'Sorry I've no cash on me'	1hr
Wednesday 24	2.00pm	Promoting your event	1hr

Summary of the Sessions & Times

8.45am	– Start the day with prayer
10.00am	– Morning sessions
12:00 noon	– Lunchtime sessions
2:00pm	- Early Afternoon sessions
4.00pm	- Late Afternoon sessions
7.30pm	- Evening sessions

There are 50 workshops available over the period and individual sign-ups are via Eventbrite. Please find attached the Virtual Supporters Conference 2021 Timetable for a quick overview.

Extend your reach for CAW2021

Usually organising CAW involves other church supporters who are all part of your community of fundraisers such as collectors, treasurers, event organisers and/or clergy of the various churches that you belong to. Kindly spread the word to them all through your various channels. We'd love many of you to join with us.

Christian Aid is on a mission to eradicate extreme poverty and you and All Saints Church Belvedere are important partners with us. Together we're building a world free from poverty, and based on dignity, equality, justice and love. Be part of our global movement for change. Be a Changemaker this Christian Aid Week (CAW).

Best Wishes

Peggy Amoako
Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer (South London)

pamoako@christian-aid.org



Changemakers Conference 2021

Join us between 22-26 February for our virtual supporter conference and find out how you can be a changemaker.

Sign up to workshops and hear from fellow supporters, staff, and our partners in Kenya who are working with communities like Florence's (pictured) to create lasting change.

Real people, real change.
Register online today.

caid.org.uk/supporterconference2021
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People from the Past



Rev William “Richard “Dickie” Barnes was born in Mutford Sussex on 9 Aug 1915. His father Rev Arthur Richard Barnes was 34 and his mother Gertrude Maria Barns (nee Bayer) was also 34. He had one brother Arthur Morley Barnes (1916-1983) and one sister Ivy Maria Barnes (1916-1994). His father was serving his curacy at St Andrews, Mutford, having trained for ordination at Cambridge University, His parents were married in Sheffield in July 1909, where his mother originated from. Dickie died at 2/6 Scout View, Mythelroyd, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. His ashes were interred in St Michaels Church, where he had previously served as vicar. In the 1939 National Census he is shown as living with his father at St Stephens Vicarage, St Stephens, Road, Canterbury Kent, where his father was now the Rector.

He listed his occupation as Ordinand, Church of England, Student of Theological College, BA Cambridge (Presumably the same college as his father).

Military it appear that Dickie interrupted his studies due to the World War going on at the time as he was commissioned in 1944 as a 2Lt in the Suffolk Regiment. Nothing further is known of this service.

Rector 1952-67 • Mythelroyd, St Michaels, which is part of Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire. *St Michaels Church was badly flooded in 2018 during the extensive flooding which took place that year across the region.*

Vicar: 1967- 1981 • All Saints, Belvedere, Kent, England

Dickies Mother Gertrude died in 11 Sep 1961 in Tonbridge Wells, Kent. His father Arthur died on 8 Dec 1971 in Canterbury, Kent. Dickie’s sister Ivy died on 21 Feb 1994 in Handsworth, Birmingham. Dickie’s brother Arthur died on 21 Feb 1993 at the Homestead, Seal, Kent. Survived by his wife Valerie and son Simon.

Retirement: In 1987, Dickie retired due to ill health and returned and settled in Mythelroyd, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, **Death** he died on 6 Aug 87 at his home of 4/6 Scout View, Mythelroyd, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. **Cremation** 12 Aug 1987 • Ashes interred at St Michaels Church, Mythelroyd, Hebden Bridge. **Probate** Estate £84,315.00 16 Feb 1988 • London.

Dickie the Man

Dickie served our Parish, during living memory. I have heard him described as “A Showman”, “A Dramatist”, “A Story Teller” “Being great with children and young people”, particularly during family services and visits to the Uniformed Organisations” “Approachable and Welcoming”, “A great preacher”, “Kind, generous with a good sense of humour, always ready to share a joke and to join in with activities. Often being able to play roles comfortably, which poked fun at himself”.

Joan Newel shared one story of John, while working in the Vicarage moved a wardrobe and a valuable ornament stored on top fell and was broken. When he told Dickie what had happened, his response was “*It doesn’t matter, as you were not hurt is all that matters*”.

His story telling was amazing, he gave vivid descriptions to children and young people, featuring dragons and other unlikely beasts in situations, acted out with aplomb and humour, appealing to families, adults and children alike.

His kindness and generosity was widely known. . He took in one unfortunate homeless mother and children who became and enabled them to thrive and live in peace and security until they were able to become independent.

All Saints Church Fundraising Appeal

The costs (averaged out over a month) are £108 per day increasing to £133 in winter (including utilities) to run the church. Average daily income is £92 (with gift aid) so a daily shortfall of £16 with full income streams. These are not normal times and that income shortfall will have stretched out to around £41 per day.

Some income is still derived from Regular Giving by members of the parish, which is gift aided, but this reduced income is not sufficient to pay the ongoing bills. Our building is old and requires ongoing maintenance and utility bills, in common with everyone continually increase, albeit offset during the summer months by the warmth meaning heating isn't required. But given the age of the building, now we are in the winter the building needs minimal heating to be on to prevent the fabric of the building going down hill through changes in temperature which cause damp in a large building with a high vaulted roof without any way to insulate.

Some very generous people have made donations which has managed to keep us going, but we are still running at a loss, of £41 per day, which cannot be sustained for ever, and the likelihood of our streams of income being restored to previous levels in the short to medium term are unlikely. So while we know that many people reading this are also struggling financially, we ask those who consider All Saints to be part of their life, whether you attend or not, could you give a little? As a large business slogan goes "Every Penny Helps".

If you feel that you can help, there are ways of giving: where any sum donated will be used to sustain the ministry, mission and outreach of All Saints, if you are able to gift aid, that would also help as it adds an additional 25 percent from HMRC to your donation.

Our Bank Details are;

Lloyds Bank PLC

Account name - PCC all Saints Belvedere

Account No— 56749468 Sort Code 30-90-76

We have a giving option on our facebook Public and Group pages. Via "Give a Little"

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/e136828c-27b7-4a38-8eab->

Our preferred method of payment as there is no cost to the donor or to the Church is via a **Bank Credit Transfer (BCT)** which can be done simply through online banking or by telephone to your bank branch

If you would prefer to pay by cheque, Cheques should be made out to All Saints Church, PCC and put in an envelope addressed to Mrs Sarah Bowes, Treasure, All Saints Church, Nuxley Road, DA7 7JE. If you would like to gift Aid it, included a Slip of Paper, with your name and address and saying that you are a UK Tax Payer and signed and dated. Envelopes can be posted or put through the vicarage letterbox. If you would like a receipt or acknowledgement of your donation, please indicate as such on the note with your cheque.

All donations will be used for the Mission and Ministry of All Saints Church, Belvedere. Thank you in advance.



"The Giveaway" - a poem about St. Brigid

(from *The Love Letters of Phyllis McGinley*, New York, Viking Press, 1957)

Saint Bridget was a problem child.
Although a lass demure and mild,
And one who strove to please her dad,
Saint Bridget drove the family mad.
For here's the fault in Bridget lay:
She *would* give everything away.

To any soul whose luck was out
She'd give her bowl of stir-about;
She'd give her shawl, divide her purse
With one or all. And what was worse,
When she ran out of things to give
She'd borrow from a relative.

Her father's gold, her grandsire's dinner,
She'd hand to cold and hungry sinner;
Give wine, give meat, no matter whose;
Take from her feet the very shoes,
And when her shoes had gone to others,
Fetch forth her sister's and her
mothers.

She could not quit. She had to share;
Gave bit by bit - The silverware,
The barnyard geese, The parlour rug,
Her little niece's christening mug,
Even her bed to those in want,
And then the mattress of her aunt.

An easy touch for poor and lowly,
She gave so much and grew so holy
That when she died of years and fame,
The countryside put on her name,
And still the Isles of Erin fidget
With generous girls named Bride or
Bridget.

Well, one must love her. Nonetheless,
In thinking of her giving-ness,
There's no denial she must have been
A sort of trial, unto her kin.

The moral, too, seems rather quaint.
Who had the patience of a saint,
From evidence presented here?
Saint Bridget? Or her near and dear?

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

Brigid was raised by Druids in Ireland and as a child heard St. Patrick preach.

She never forgot that and it was St. Patrick who heard her final vows upon entering into the convent.

She founded a double monastery in Kildare, an art school and many convents all over Ireland.

Her extraordinary spirituality, charity and compassion for those distressed were legendary.



SHEPPARD

St. Brigid of Ireland

A Simple Activity

Having read the poem, grab a few simple props and see if you could be inspired to make up a little play inspired by this!!

The Feast of St Brigid is on 1st February every year. I have a Niece named Brigid who lives in Ireland. Part of distant family. I am not suggesting that she is a Saint, but living with that as her Christian name might have been a trial for her when young. Expectations of Sainly behaviour and living up to it Oh Dear. **This picture contributed by Muriel Neal see copyright at the header.**

CHARITY BOWL FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021

CHARITY BOWL



In January and February we will be collecting donations for Diabetes UK.

They are the leading funder of Diabetes research to understand the causes and bring life – changing breakthroughs of prevention, care, and treatment.

Indeed a cure is now becoming more and more urgent as Diabetes is the UK's biggest and growing health crisis.

Diabetes UK have active support groups all over the country and we are fortunate to have a local branch in this area at

Diabetes UK Bexley Support Group

United Reform Church

Bexleyheath Kent DA6 7DJ

07775 305 110

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Diabetes.co.uk/posts/>

<https://www.diabetes.co.uk/>

Get support from 328,007 people on the Diabetes Forum <https://www.diabetes.co.uk/forum/>

Thank You, Chris Martin

Update to Churches from Bexley Winter Shelter 10th Jan 2021

Good News - Praise the Lord for answers to prayer.

The trustees of the Bexley Winter Shelter applied to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government – administered by the Homeless Link Grant team - for a grant to run our night shelter. This would be to cover accommodation in B & B / Hotels, employ a part-time case worker, provide food and protective clothing etc.

The good news is that we have been successful and have been granted a large sum of money that will enable us to do just this. So let's all please thank the Lord for his blessing on this situation and project.

We have already secured some B & B accommodation, employed the part-time case worker and have recruited volunteer cooks and kitchens to prepared an evening main meal. This will not be a face-to-face dining room situation, but will be delivered to the guests.

A small ad-hoc working party has been formed, including a very well qualified safe guarding adviser to progress a start on the 18th January. So please pray that this will run smoothly –

that we can find/locate rough sleepers ·

that a satisfactory assessment can be made and places therefore offered

that guests will understand and put into practice all the safeguards that are so very important at this time and will not drift into inappropriate social mixing or any antisocial behaviour that could jeopardise their place

for our case worker as it will be a hard learning curve for her and we are relying on her for much

It is prayer that we most need.

Thank you for your continued support and concern.

Melvyn French <https://www.bexleywintershelter.org.uk/>



I have been thinking about the latest lockdown and wondering about audience participation when they watch shows on TV (Other entertainment devices are available) and wondered if our Readership would consider participating in the creation of this magazine. So, here is a challenge for all readers:

Some examples:

- Submitting pictures of activities in Lockdown, that you would never have done it is wasn't for lockdown?
- Submitting a short article on any subject. Perhaps 100 words on "a day in lockdown", or alternatively "the three things I want to do or achieve after lockdown"
- Submitting a short article about some aspect of your life before lockdown, which you have had to adapt for lockdown situations and you might continue after the virus?
- Submitting a short article about your favourite prayer of passage of scripture, favourite Psalm or Hymn, describing how or why they are your favourite and how you use them or apply them in your life?
- Submitting pictures of your creative stuff done during lockdown and how that has supported your through the stresses and strains of isolation from your normal family, friends, work etc?
- I have seen some examples on other parish magazines about competitions organized online and shared via zoom or facebook or microsoft teams of Gingerbread house baking, competitions, online quizzes, people sharing their workouts, and on brilliant daily thing of twitter where a mother and her young Downs daughter sharing "Sign Language". The choices of what people get up to is endless, but I would love you to share yours here.

I can't guarantee to publish every contribution immediately, but just getting people to participate would be a start. edf

THREE WAYS OF SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

ASK

Practical Support
Shopping Transport etc

Act

Spiritual Support
PRAYER & WORSHIP

Supplication

Moral support by phone,
email or online

Kindness



News from Partner Organisations

Bexley Community Housing Association (BECHA)

Description BECHA is a small, independent housing association who provide Social Housing to residents in the London Borough of Bexley.

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BECHA is an uncomplicated organisation with a clear mission – to deliver excellent services, and to contribute to the ability of our residents to sustain their tenancies and indeed, to thrive. We do this by ensuring our core services are really good, and we then respond to the various needs of our residents where appropriate. We measure our activity against one simple objective: will this enable our resident(s) to continue to live safely and independently in their home? Occasionally we must balance the needs of our resident(s) against the needs of the wider neighbourhood. Always, we must balance cost. However, as a social landlord we recognise that we have a responsibility towards our residents and towards the wider neighbourhood and we are involved in a number of community safety initiatives. Our properties, which are let to people in housing need, are all in Bexley and we charge social rents. Bexley Community Housing Association (BECHA) now owns 140 homes in Bexley and manages a further 63 almshouses in Gravesend, on behalf of a local charity. The properties we manage in Gravesend are almshouses and, as a smaller organisation, we are able to provide a more individual service which we know is valued by the resident



Evergreen Care

Bexley

WHO WE ARE

Our history so far

Evergreen Care Bexley became a registered charity in 2013, and is based on a Christian model of care being provided by Evergreen Care Trust in Stamford. We knew that we could replicate the success of their organisation and how they had positioned themselves in the community and adapt it to our demographic in the Borough of Bexley.

Evergreen Care Bexley's founders, Pete and Diane, have almost 60 years experience between them caring for the elderly. Seeing the desperate needs that are, sadly, very often not being met, they believe there is a better way to treat people as they grow older and become more vulnerable.

In 2013, Pete and Diane held a conference to gain support and awareness from the Church community for the idea of launching their own Evergreen. They were astounded when 111 people representing 35 churches in Bexley turned up to hear their message.

Since its launch, Evergreen Care Bexley has provided support to over 2000 clients. They currently have 65 staff and 170 volunteers, looking after 600+ vulnerable older people in Bexley. They became a London Living Wage Employer in March 2017, something quite unique in the care industry as they believe in looking after their staff as well as their clients.

Evergreen Care Bexley proudly won Best Charity in the Bexley Business Excellence Awards 2018 and Best Community Care Organisation at the Bexley Caring At Its Best Awards 2018 and 2019. They have also won the Best Supportive Communities award at the 2018 Faith in the Community Awards, in conjunction with the Bexley Interfaith Forum and Bexley Council.

Evergreen Care Bexley's success to date is largely down to its willingness to work in and with the community. From volunteer support to Business partnerships via the Lighthouse Project, Evergreen continues

to change the lives of older people, one life at a time. We have come together with a common purpose in response to the needs of older vulnerable people living in our community. It represents a commitment to the resolution of the dilemmas of ageing, with God-inspired solutions that respond to local pressing and changing needs.

Together we will make a difference.

Our mission

Through Christian love, we seek to support people to achieve the highest quality of life and self worth. Leading with innovation, treating with compassion and valuing each person, we enrich lives, improve the health and wellbeing of communities, and respect and care for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people, bringing peace of mind to those we serve. Our mission calls us to care for the sick and disadvantaged as expressed in

Matthew 25:35-40

Our vision

We commit ourselves to the Christian principles on which we were founded and seek to fulfill the need for quality services and excellence in care. Motivated by our values, Evergreen will reach out to the community and transform society through the biblical model of sharing and lead the way in standards of care.

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The Church of England is committed to diversity as one of its major goals.

The Archbishops' Council which sets the strategic goals for the Church of England includes disability as one of the key areas in which it wants to increase the welcome and participation of disabled people.

Many disabled people cite the attitudes, environment and barriers to participation as being the most disabling factors in their lives. Yes, they may live with an impairment but it can be the society they live in, or the organisation they work for, that disables them. A person with a mobility impairment may be liberated by having a wheelchair but completely disabled by lack of access to a meeting by the stairs that are its only access.

The Church of England wants to be an enabling rather than a disabling church. Increasingly, it is asking the question, how can we enable disabled people to be at the heart of our communities, explore their vocation and realise their gifts? We have to admit that in the past the Church has often made mistakes in this area and overlooked the calling and gifts of disabled people, but we are determined to do better in the future.

Accessibility is not just about buildings, of course. It is also about the attitudes of the church congregation, how people in the community see the church's message and the priority given to disabled people. It can be about physical access too and for this reason the Disability Task Group, has designed a new audit tool for local churches to use. "**A Place to Belong**" is a guide to how to improve access for disabilities within local churches and is available for download for Parochial Church Councils and Incumbents alike:

A Place to belong Guide download link

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-07/A%20place%20to%20belong%20Guide.pdf>

A Place to Belong. Audit Template

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-07/A%20place%20to%20belong%20Template%20for%20audits.doc>

The main group in the Church of England which focuses on disability is the Committee for the Ministry of and among Deaf and Disabled People (CMDDP). It is composed of people from all kinds of backgrounds, some disabled and some not, who discuss the issues that face us today. It has two subgroups, The Disability Task Group (DTG) which is facilitated by the National Disability Advisor, Roy McCloughry and the Deaf Ministry Task Group (DMTG) which is facilitated by the National Deaf Advisor, Gill Behenna. You can use the form on the CofE website contact Roy or Gill.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/welcoming-disabled-people>

Do your days rush by at a hectic pace?

Have you ever stopped to think that your mobile phone and emails have not given you more time? Just more things to do in the same amount of time.

We leave our messages in one place while we take our bodies elsewhere. Instead of doing one thing after another, we shoot out a variety of tasks, and then swoop down on them later, needing to deal with them all at once.

In a four-minute clip from a street scene from an old Orson Welles film and a similar clip from a more recent film, you will see an amazing difference. In the early film, the camera records ‘real time’ – people get out of their cars, walk across streets, wait for lights, speak to other people, enter a bank. In the more recent film, a similar sequence was reduced to a half a dozen quick cuts. Transition time was eliminated.

Modern life teaches us that ‘down time’ is wasted. Time is money. So mobile phones, emails, etc, enable us to ‘waste’ less time. The tempo of cultural life picks up, the heartbeat of daily life races, and our own body rhythms respond with adrenaline, cramped muscles and heart attacks.

To take time out for daily prayer, for a quiet walk that is not to the next meeting, for daydreaming or for Bible study becomes a cross-cultural act. Following Christ, waiting on Him, is a countercultural act.

One lovely biblical phrase is ‘in the fullness of time, it came to pass’. This suggests four things: that time crests like a wave; that there is a right moment for things to happen; that it’s not ours to plan that moment, but to recognise it; and that we are not the primary agents of what happens in the world.

So, feel free to accept God’s offer of rest when you are weary; receive each moment of your life as a gift from God’s hand; pray to discern what each new encounter you make requires of you, and freely entrust everything else to God’s care.

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Poems by Cliff Wedgebury

(Ernest Shackleton died 98 years ago this year)

"Each Dawn Seems So New"

In the darkening twilight, he saw a star,
Hover gem-like above the bay.
The time had come to raise the sails,
And quietly slip away.

On that lonely voyage we all must take,
When the sands of time run through,
And spirits call us from a distant shore,
To a compass bearing true.

Where guardian Angels lift us up,
And gently guide our course,
So this brave man was lifted up,
To return to the rivers source.

In country lanes a boy would dream,
Of seascapes far away,
And so at forty seven years,
His shipmates stood to pray.

They built a cross and a cairn of rocks,
On a windswept hill up high,
Above the bay of Grytviken,
Where flocks of Skua's fly.

He died in nineteen twenty two,
With whaler-men he'll rest.
Sweet providence had brought him here,
'neath the peaks he loved the best.

The Doctor said, "You've done too much!"
The brave man said, "That's true!"
"But why give up the things we love?
When each dawn seems so new!"

"tale"

we slowly paint a blank canvas
to leave an image behind us
eventually gone
with just the slightest echo
of our parting song
for life is a mystery

Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton CVO OBE FRGS FRSGS was an Anglo-Irish Antarctic explorer who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic. He was one of the principal figures of the period known as the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. Wikipedia

Born: 15 February 1874, Kilkea, Ireland **Died:** 5 January 1922, South Georgia Island, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

full of uncertainty
sometimes laughter
occasional tears
as the course we sail
often steers
to unexpected rocks
rip-tides and gale
will we succeed
will we fail?

breath easy friends
only one destination beckoning
in each unique tale

"alzheimer's ward"

you don't know my name
or remember my face

can't quite make out
the name of this place

men and women sit on chairs
as food is served to vacant stares

you talk of scenes from bygone days
dialogue from half remembered plays

i guide your hand to scoop baked beans
and know what this frail trembling means

my fingers feel your skin so cold
your face confused, somber and old

i see a tear and hear a moan
you whisper imploringly

please take me home

"Belvedere lock-down"

Stay calm,

Nothing is normal anymore.

But when the vaccine hits,

Maybe we can waltz around,

A polished floor?

Mingle along Nuxley Road,

Like we did before?

Gradually open this lockdown door.

Let it swing gradually apart.

But in the meantime, Pray for loved ones

lost,

Remembering the bereavement,

And that raw ache of being apart.

Cliff Wedgebury is a Native of Belvedere, who is a noted, Published, Performing Artist, Broadcaster Poet, Musician and raconteur. His poems particularly of living and growing up in Belvedere, of his family and life experiences finds a wider audience outside the Village. He has an active facebook presence <https://www.facebook.com/cliffwedgburypoe/> and a web page <https://cliffwedgbury.bandcamp.com/> He says "I was christened at All Saint's Church in 1946 and for many years have been writing nostalgic poems about my home village"

The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers the growing problem of fake news.

Truth at risk of being auctioned to the highest bidder – Archbishop

Truth is becoming a commodity, up for auction to the highest bidder, says Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell in a recent article published in Radio Times.

Lamenting the decline of truth in public life, the Archbishop explains “The echo chambers of social media and the fake news that often goes with it have led us to mistrust and cynicism.

“In other parts of the world, even news channels seem to be mouthpieces of certain political parties or vested interests.”

Commenting on the US Presidential election, Archbishop Cottrell says “Look at how divided and mistrustful of each other the people of that nation have become. Most alarming of all, there seems to be no common understanding of what is true or who can be trusted. Truth itself seems to have become a commodity, bought by the highest bidder.”

The Archbishop’s words echo those of former President Barack Obama, who told the BBC that the US was more sharply divided now than when Donald Trump won election four years ago.

Using the term ‘truth decay’ to describe a rise in conspiracy theories and disinformation in the US, Barack Obama said, "I think at some point it's going to require a combination of regulation and standards within industries to get us back to the point where we at least recognise a common set of facts before we start arguing about what we should do about those facts."

The Archbishop of York, who took up the post last July, is warning that the divisions in the US could come to the UK. He believes that the BBC and other UK ‘public service broadcasting’ channels like Channel 4 have a vital role in holding the country together.

He says “I know that there are many across the country who feel that during this terrible pandemic year, others have been favoured at their expense. The vision of the united but diverse nation that we see on TV programmes such as ‘Gogglebox’ is not always what we see around us.”

The Archbishop is worried that the rise and spending power of US broadcasting giants Netflix and Amazon places “our British way of doing broadcasting under threat. A voracious, unchecked market may just sweep it away. Even some of our own politicians don’t always see this.”

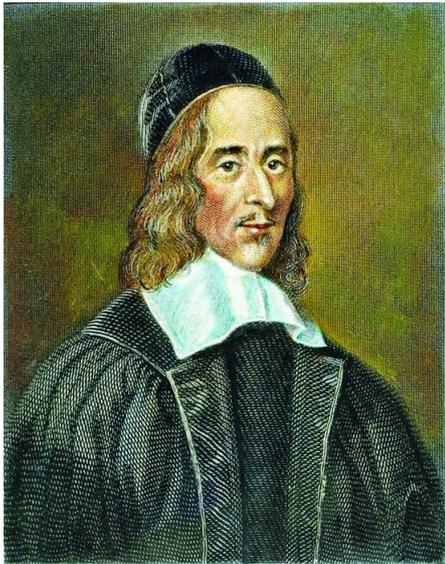
He adds: “Along with the NHS, and even the Church of England, the BBC and other public service broadcasters are a precious part of our cultural ecology. They help us to see ourselves clearly. They can be trusted.”

Meanwhile, a project running in the CofE’s St Albans diocese has brought together journalists, scientists, representatives of Big Tech and authors with people from a range of faiths to consider how the rising tide of disinformation and fake news can be stemmed.

Grove Books has published ‘Responding to Post Truth’, showing how churches and Christians could fight back against fake news and disinformation. You can order a copy at: <https://grovebooks.co.uk/products/e-197-responding->

Saints or Commemorations for February

27th February George Herbert Priest, Poet, Hymn Writer

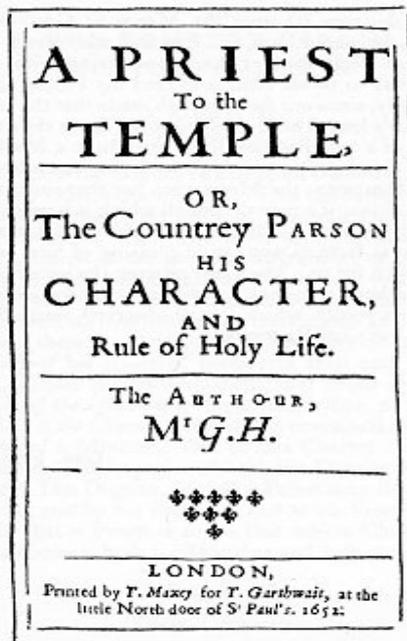


27th Feb: **George Herbert, vicar and poet**

On this day the Church Calendar celebrates George Herbert. For those who are muttering ‘never heard of him’, just think of the hymn ‘Let all the world/ In every corner sing’, which he wrote, along with several other hymns which are still popular, even if they are well over 300 years old. In the course of his short life he was a graduate of Cambridge University, a favoured politician of King James, a distinguished poet of the so-called ‘metaphysical’ school, and a much-loved parish priest at Bemerton, in Wiltshire.

He was born in Wales but grew up in a wealthy family in England. As a student he felt called to ordination, but when he had graduated, he was drawn instead into the government of the time. As a protégé of King James (yes, the one of the ‘King James Bible’) he could have pursued a career in government, but that youthful call persisted and after a while he turned instead to the ministry of the Church of England. It was an era when many clergy were absentee incumbents, paying someone else to do the parish work while they lived elsewhere, but Herbert set himself to be a true parish priest, noted for his pastoral care and practical support of his parishioners. The whole of his ministry was fulfilled in that one parish, until he died at 39 from what we would now call tuberculosis.

It is of course his hymns for which he is chiefly remembered today, though his Collected Poems are also regarded as jewels of English poetry.



This book, long out of print can be accessed in full text version

Via Project Canterbury

www.anglicanhistory.org/herbert/parson

From the introduction

“Being desirous (thorow the Mercy of GOD) to please Him, for whom I am, and live, and who giveth mee my Desires and Performances; and considering with my self, That the way to please him, is to feed my Flocke diligently and faithfully, since our Saviour hath made that the argument of a Pastour's love, I have resolved to set down the Form and Character of a true Pastour, that I may have a Mark to aim at: which also I will set as high as I can.”

<http://anglicanhistory.org/herbert/parson.html>



I saw this cartoon on the internet and it got me thinking?

What do people think that a Christian should look like?

At least the guy who stands out is reading scripture.

The people illustrated here could all be Christians, but what type of Christian, and why should appearance be something which defines a Christian? Surely being a follower of Jesus Christ doesn't mean you need to be white, neatly dress and sneering at someone else?

If God created us in his image, surely that includes people from all backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures. We describe ourselves sometimes "The People of God" but surely that include those who look different from us, speak different from us, are different from us. All reflect the diversity of God's creation.

Each member of the human race is created in a specific way, unique and with their identity formed by where they were born, the way they were formed and raised and educated and speak, even their language is specific to their origins. If we look at someone we might detect from how they dress that they might be perhaps An Anglican or Catholic or Orthodox Priest, a Rabbi, a Pastor, as Imam or even a Hindu or Sikh Religious leader or a Buddhist Monk our perceptions of them are formed by our own lived experience, but surely each one reflects the image of God in their own way, through their faith community. As we all who proclaim ourselves as Christians should reflect that through our actions and acceptance of others—from the evidence of this cartoon, some of us might have a lot to learn. edf

Truth Encounter

(Luke 4:1-14, John 17:17, James 4:7)

Led by the Spirit
And tempted by the devil
He wandered in the wilderness,
Hungry
And focussed on God,
And the truth and power of His Word.

Truth and power enough
To resist His enemy and ours.
To go on - armed with the Spirit -
To give His life,
To give us life.

A lesson in tactics then:

Know the truth,
Submit to God,
Resist the devil
And our wildernesses will blossom.
We will bear fruit,
Fruit to be known by
As His.

By Daphne Kitching

A prayer for the pandemic

Dear Father God,
You promise to hear us when we come to you in prayer, thank you! We so need Your listening ear at this time – and your help, Lord. Winter always brings challenges, but this winter is exceptional as the effects of the pandemic continue. When we are afraid, or lonely, or grieving, or in despair, help us to trust You and to know that You are with us in the middle of it all, sustaining us. You are not social-distancing, You are very, very close, full of love and compassion. We pray for our National Health Service and ask for Your special strength and protection for all staff. Thank you for the skills You have given to scientists all over the world. Thank you for the hope which the vaccines bring. Most of all thank You for the hope which Jesus brings. This earthly life is a whisper in the light of eternity and Jesus is the key to that eternal life. Thank You, Father, for meeting all our needs in Jesus.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Water of Life

She came to the well around midday,
To avoid all the gossip she came alone,

She met a Man there who told her all things
Five husbands she had and not one her own.

He asked for a drink and they started to talk,
A Samaritan woman there with a Jew
Breaking all barriers to meet her need
He told her how she could be made new.

The water of life that He would give
Would mean that she never would thirst again
This transforming draught He offers to all
Once tasted you never will be the same.

At Cana He turned the water to wine
A miracle no-one but He could do
Just as the water was wondrously changed
If you drink from this Fount it can happen to you.

Psalm 34:8

‘O taste and see that the LORD is good ‘

By Megan Carter

A February Rose

My love, she likes a red, red rose
Of deep magenta hue,
A gift for Valentine that shows
That someone’s love is true.
But think on this, my bonnie lass,
As you admire the bloom –
That flower’s been forced on under glass
You ought to wait till June!

By Nigel Beeton

In this Lenten Time renew us

Jesus, in the wilds You tarried
Forty days and forty nights
By the Tempter often harried
You the victor in each fight!
In this Lenten time renew us
Make us perfect in Your sight!
Bread alone cannot sustain us
But each word from God above
Worldly goods can nothing gain us
If we lack our Father’s love
In this Lenten time renew us
Come upon us like a dove!

God our judge should not be tempted
He alone is fully just

His laws can’t be circumvented
Satan’s world will turn to dust!
In this Lenten time renew us
Teach us where to place our trust!

All Earth’s kingdoms are but trifles
If our Lord we can’t adore
Worldly wealth our worship stifles
And, in truth, it makes us poor

In this Lenten time renew us
Guide us to Your Heav’nly shore!
God Almighty, everlasting
Perfect all that you create

Be with us in feast or fasting
Cleanse our hearts from greed and hate
In this Lenten time renew us
That our joy may ne’er abate!

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A Prayer for Light

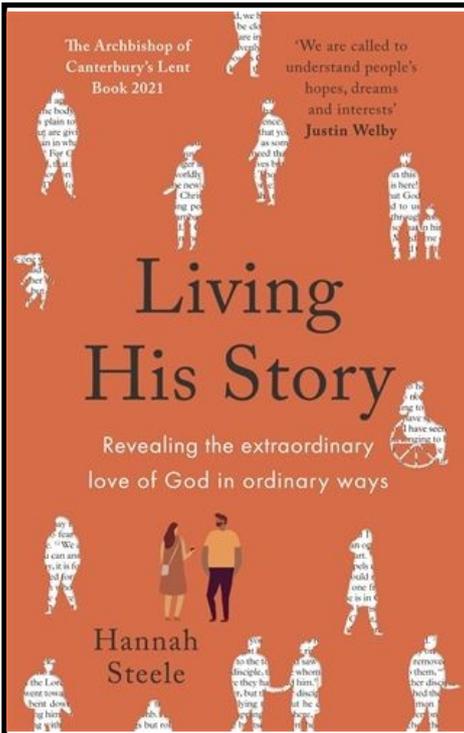
Fountain of light, source of light,
Hear our prayer.
Drive away from us the shadow of sin.
Seek us, kindly light.

You, who created us in holiness,
Who condemned our sin,
Who redeemed us from our sin,
Sustain us by your power.

Pour your gentle light into our dull minds,
Filling our heads with holy thoughts.
Pour your glorious light into our cold breasts,
Kindling holy love within our hearts.

From horror, lust and fear,
Guard us while we sleep.
And if we cannot sleep,
Let our eyes behold your heavenly host.

By Alcuin of York, c. 735 – 804, was later abbot of Tours.



Living His Story – revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways

The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2021

By Hannah Steele, SPCK, £7.99

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, Living His Story, explores evangelism as a way of sharing God’s love with people. How can we convey the love of God to our neighbours in a post-Christian world that has largely forgotten the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Hannah Steele uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. With warmth and encouragement, she shows us how we can live Jesus’ story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts.

Living His Story is a Lent devotional that will change the way you think about evangelism, show how ideally suited it is for the world we live in and fill you with confidence in sharing God’s love with the people around you.

Set out in six sessions to take you through Lent, the book can be used as a single study for individuals or small groups to prepare for Easter. It will help you find space to see evangelism from a new practical perspective.



A London Sparrow – the inspiring and true story of Gladys Aylward

By Phyllis Thompson, 10Publishing, £9.99

A down-to-earth London girl, without many prospects, Gladys Aylward became a Christian when she was just 18. When she felt God’s call on her to go to China as a missionary, she overcame great obstacles in order to obey, and made the perilous solitary journey from London to China to join other missionaries out there.

Gladys may have been little and ill-educated, but she was determined and committed, and in time became a formidable force for the gospel amongst her beloved Chinese people. Her courage was extraordinary, leading her to even going into a Chinese prison in order to stop a riot.

But she will be forever remembered for her ‘incredible journey’ during the Second World War, when the Japanese had invaded China. She led hundreds of Chinese children to safety on foot through the war zone, risking her life in order to save

theirs.

Throughout it all, Gladys had a simple, transparent faith in God and knew she rather die with ‘her people’ than desert them.

About the Author:

Phyllis Thompson was a seasoned biographer, having written many Christian biographies over the years, focusing especially on the work of OMF in China.



Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at ‘Christ in the Wilderness – Scorpions’. It now hangs in a private collection. You can see it at: <https://www.wikiart.org/en/stanley-spencer/christ-in-the-wilderness-the-scorpion>

Forty days and forty nights

On the 17th of this month, we enter the season of Lent: those 40 days when we follow Jesus into the wilderness and prepare ourselves to celebrate His Easter victory. In the last century an artist called Stanley Spencer planned to create a series of 40 paintings, each depicting a day in the wilderness. In the end he completed nine, one of which is this month’s painting from 1939: ‘Christ in the Wilderness – Scorpions.’ It is currently held in a private collection.

Stanley Spencer lived and worked in the village of Cookham in Berkshire. The village and the local countryside were the setting for many of his paintings, and the village’s inhabitants his models. Through their everyday life he was trying to glimpse and convey the transcendent. ‘Angels and dirt’ he called it: the divine seen in the ordinary. So, in a painting of Christ carrying His cross, Jesus has the face of the local grocer.

Another villager modelled for this Jesus in the wilderness: a strong, hefty, broad figure. This is a great contrast to the Christ of stained-glass windows who often seems too good to be part of our world. Here is real life: a large man filling the canvas with his head, his hands and his feet. This figure of Jesus comes as a shock: a very human model, ordinary with nothing handsome or special about him, apart from his tunic which seems to sprawl and undulate like the hills around. Here is a Jesus born into this world and one with this world.

There are two focal points in the painting – the neat, little scorpion and the massive, unkempt head contemplating each other. One is life in all its hefty reality; the other a tiny creature able to squeeze that life out by one swift flick of its tail.

Jesus is shown in the wilderness pondering the life and ministry called of Him by God – a life and ministry that will take Him from the countryside into the towns and villages and take Him also to the death of Good Friday. Will He find the strength and renewal to embrace that ministry during His time in the desert? During Lent as we follow Jesus, we seek to live for God. That may mean dying to all that separates us from God.

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The Diocese of Rochester has a Youth Council made up of young people from around the Diocese, aged between 11 and 18. If you have any young people who might be interested then please let either Cheryl or Sarah know in the Diocesan Office, 01634 560024.

They would be expected to attend the Diocese 1WON events that are held around the Diocese which are held about four times a year plus a Youth Council Residential which is held normally during March time. They meet about four times a year in each Archdeaconry and they also attend Diocesan Synod.

Next Youth Council Residential -2021 **is to be confirmed.**

<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/under18s/diocesan-youth-council/>



Bexley Youth Council (BYC) is a voluntary organisation made up of young people for young people. From consultations with young people and the Council, we give young people of Bexley a voice. We aim to:

- Promote equal opportunities and diversity throughout the community
- Design services and make sure they meet the needs of the young community
- Combat discrimination Provide training and guidance to members and relay this into helping the community

For more information about this service please visit -

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk>

Search Youth Council

This hymn I remember well from my young life, Sung often in Catholic and Anglo Catholic Churches for many years on Palm Sunday and on the Feast of Christ the King. *edf*

Hail Redeemer, King divine!

Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Angels, saints and nations sing : refrain

"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;

Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,

King of love on Calvary!"

King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Crimson streams, O King of grace,
drenched thy thorn-crowned head and
face;
floods of love's redeeming tide
tore thy hands, thy feet, and side.

Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

Sing with joy in ev'ry home :

"Christ our King, thy kingdom come!

To the King of ages, then,

honour, glory, love : **Amen!"**

Praised be Jesus Christ Our King, or Hail Redeemer, King Divine is sometimes suggested for use in the Divine Office for the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14, Palm Sunday, and also for the feast of Christ the King. The text was written by Fr. Patrick Brennan, C.S.S.R. (1931-1982) and the music was composed by W.H. Grattan Flood in 1927.

"When the Brothers at our chapel sing this with such gusto, it is impossible not to feel inspired to action and loyalty to Christ the King. I also love the the stanza that begs, "King most holy, King of Truth: guard the lowly, guide the youth." It makes for a great hymn to start off the school year! Attrib <http://www.traditionalcatholicliving.com/hail-redeemer-king-divine/>

For more information view; <https://hymnology.hymnsam.co.uk/h/hail-redeemer,-king-divine>

1 Hail, Re - deem - er, King Di - vine! Priest and Lamb, the
2 King, Whose Name cre - a - tion thrills, Rule our minds, our
3 King most ho - ly, King of Truth, Guide the low - ly,
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Prince of eve - er - last - ing peace! An - gels, Saints and
With Thy prais - es King of Kings! An - gels, Saints and
Be to us E - ter - nal Light. An - gels, Saints and
Tore Thy Hands, Thy feet, Thy side. Sing all tongues, let

Na - tions sing; "Praised be Je - sus Christ, our King;
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none be dumb; "Sac - red Heart, Thy King - dom come!"

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Editor: *Lent is a time for taking stock of oneself spiritually. It is a time for 'walking in the wilderness' in preparation for Easter. With this in mind, we offer:*

The devil wrestles with God, and the field of battle is the human heart. - Fyodor Dostoevski

The fundamental deception of Satan is the lie that obedience can never bring happiness. - RC Sproul

A man who loves his wife will love her letters and her photographs because they speak to him of her. So, if we love the Lord Jesus, we shall love the Bible because it speaks to us of Him. - John R W Stott

Repentance is ultimate honesty. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Repentance is the process by which we see ourselves, day by day, as we really are: sinful, needy, dependent people. - Charles Colson

To get the world right, start with yourself. - Anon

Repentance unravels sin and makes sin not to be. - Thomas Watson

The best prayers have often more groans than words. - John Bunyan

Endurance is the ability to stand up under adversity; perseverance is the ability to progress in spite of it. - Jerry Bridges

It is but right that our hearts should be on God, when the heart of God is so much on us. - Richard Baxter

Christ's deeds and examples are commandments of what we should do. - John Wycliffe

Jesus walking on earth is far more important than man walking on the moon. - Anon

Jesus Christ: no other man has ever humbled himself so greatly; and no man has ever been more exalted as a result. - Anon

Those who go against the grain of God's laws shouldn't complain when they get splinters. -



Christian Aid - Who We Are

We are a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart!

With continued lockdown measures across the UK and coronavirus infection rates rising, remaining hopeful can be difficult. We want to encourage you with stories of those we have helped through our coronavirus appeal, as well as thank you for standing with your global neighbours.

Pictured above is Mark Daga, from Christian Aid Nigeria, at a hygiene kit distribution event. Through the gifts of our generous supporters we've now been able to provide hygiene kits in three communities in Benue State.

I also want to tell you about Shima's story. Shima is a barber and has polio which has caused severe shrinking of his muscles, making it difficult for him to get around.

Before the coronavirus lockdown in Nigeria, Shima was able to afford his daily needs through the money he makes from his salon business. But during and after the lockdown, his income reduced drastically, and things got really difficult for him.

'I cut people's hair for a living.' he says. 'As a result of Covid-19, I was out of customers. The biggest challenge I faced was that I was out of business and I could not afford to eat or afford soap to wash. I thank Christian Aid for these gifts.' Shima has been gifted with the essentials he needs!

Your support has brought hope to the most vulnerable people – thank you!

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13.

What We Do!

We work with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.



Will you support our Lent and Easter Appeal?

Your donations will help families facing poverty and injustice around the world.

In a village on the coast of Bangladesh, cyclones are now more frequent, making it more challenging for families like Shikha's to earn a living.

Through training and start-up funding to become a crab farmer, Shikha started earning more than before.

This Easter, you can help others do the same. and even if a cyclone damages a crab farm, your support could help her rebuild, restock, and bounce back.

There are many ways you can donate to Christian Aid and every penny you give will help us realise our vision – an end to poverty.

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Prayer

Sacrifice

Fasting

Reconciliation

Lent

Penance

Almsgiving

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24: 12)

Holy Days_ Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday: Who's for pancakes?

by Rev David Winter

Why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as we call it today? And what is Shrove Tuesday? And why do thousands of people feel it rewarding to race along a street somewhere tossing pancakes from their frying pans as they go?

Well, the answer to the first question is that it is the day before Lent begins and for well over a thousand years that has meant it was the last chance to enjoy meat, fat and other tasty dishes until Easter Day. The 'Lent Fast' was widely and strictly observed. The food in the larder wouldn't keep for six weeks so it had to be eaten. With all these rich foods no wonder the French call it 'Fatty Tuesday' – Mardi Gras.

So, what have pancake races got to do with all this solemnity? 'Shrove' is an old word for 'forgiven' and in those days to prepare for the rigours of Lent people would want to confess and seek forgiveness – not quite what you want at a party. The answer is quite simply enjoying yourself while you can! So, on Shrove Tuesday this year let's have some fun and make it last as long as possible.

The most convincing (and amusing) of the explanations of pancake races is of outwitting the Sexton who rang the curfew bell that marked the start of Lent. He was reluctant to do it while the race was unfinished. So, the revelry caused by dropped pancakes, postponed the inevitable.

Since the Reformation it has not been so rigorously observed in Britain, but still people will resolve to 'give up something for Lent'. Six weeks is about right as a duration and Sunday has always been exempt but make the most of those pancakes. They may well not reappear until April 12th!



Ash Wednesday: My memory of the Passover in Jerusalem

by David Winter

Ash Wednesday introduces the Christian preparation for Easter, which normally coincides with Passover, the major Jewish celebration of the year. It's near Easter because Jesus was crucified at Passover, having just shared this very meal with His disciples.

Passover celebrates and recalls the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. Led by Moses they crossed the Red Sea and 40 days later entered the 'Promised Land.' They shared the Passover meal at their last night in Egypt and have kept it all for nearly the past three thousand years or so that have followed.

Many years ago, when I was in Jerusalem to produce a radio programme, I was invited to join a Jewish family for their Passover meal. It was a great occasion, very like our Christmas, a family event with deep religious significance for those who seek it.

At the meal in Jerusalem, we ate modest lentils and unleavened bread – Matzos as we now call it. We also drank plenty of wine but not from the cup at the end of the table. That is 'Elijah's cup', only to be drunk from when the prophet comes to announce the arrival of the Messiah. At the last supper Jesus instructed His disciples to drink from that cup after supper, which may have shocked them at the time. The Messiah had come!



Zentangles
Just tangles
But they're not JUST tangles
To me they are blessings
Breaths of calm
Mindful moments
Prayers

I have to concentrate
Get away from stress
Put anxiety aside
To draw. Slowly
Without judgement
Without goal setting
Letting go of everything
Except drawing

It's less about doing
Than about being
This gives me peace
Brings me to a still place
A thin place
A holy place

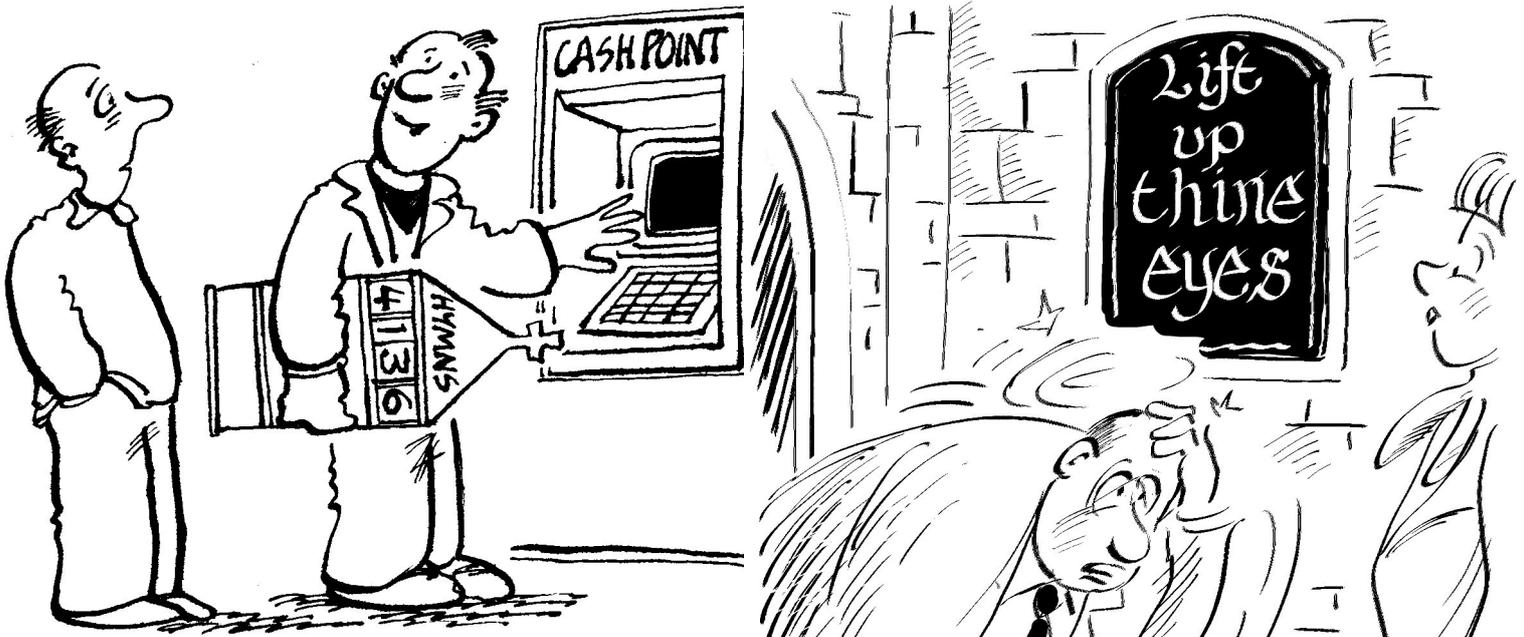
A place away from pain
Fear. Grief. Tears
Away from pandemics
Politics. Disability. Illness

These moments
Of drawing
These tangles
Are everything
Mental health improving
My greatest blessing

Emma Major

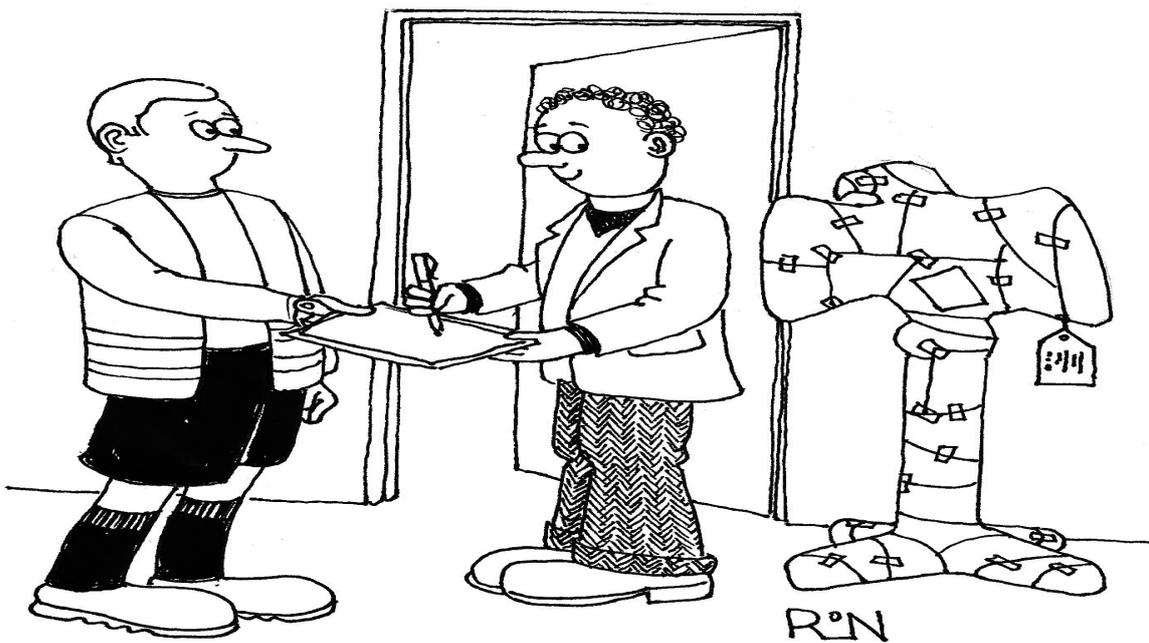
Blogging my Calling as a Minister with Motherhood, Blind Wheelchair Driving, Mental Health and More

Emma is a Licensed Lay Minister in Oxford Diocese. She lives with a number of disabilities which impact her life, her family and her ministry. But she perseveres with everything. Covid19 Lockdown and Sheltering has produced an outflow of blogs and Social Media Posts on a wide spectrum of Christianity, living with her various disabilities and how to find joy in God's love and mercy and interaction in her life. I found these poems on her blog, which can be found at <http://llmcalling.blogspot.com> or as [@Emmauk74](https://twitter.com/Emmauk74) on twitter.



...between you and me, it's the only way I can remember my PIN num!

"Don't worry, I'm not getting Covid - I didn't realise the sign meant a low door..."



A parcel for Justin! Now lockdown at home would be more bearable.

All Saints Weekly Coffee Morning and Charity Sale and Willow Club

This is held in the Church Hall, every Friday between 0930 to 1130 am. All are welcome. Meet us in a relaxed friendly atmosphere and enjoy pleasant company, coffee, tea and a range of cakes or toast are available. A reasonable donation is requested. The Charity sale of used clothing and bric a brac, including books, DVDs CD's all donated and in good condition. In season, there may be fresh vegetables grown in parishioners gardens available.

On the last Friday of each month, except for December The **Willow Lunch Club** for those alone or needy meets at 1 pm. 2 course meal available with refreshments for a recommended donation of £2.50;

Food allergies are catered for as are **vegetarian** and **vegan** diets.



Dates Ahead for the Diary

Limited streamed Sunday and mid-week services will continue for the short to medium term repeated weekly.

A schedule for Online streamed worship via facebook will be published on the Church Public Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/pg/AllSaintsBelvedere/events/?ref=page_internal

A full list of services is on the last page of this magazine.

Other Events: Prayer Walks, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and special events will also be announced on the above page or the All Saints Belvedere Group page

A decision the reopening of the Church Hall will be made once the Risk Assessment is completed and Lock down restrictions permit it.

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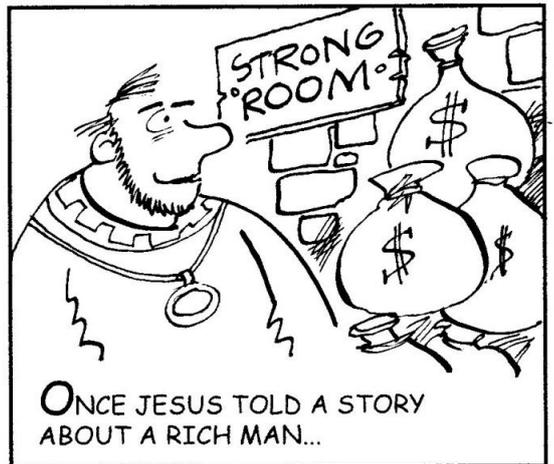
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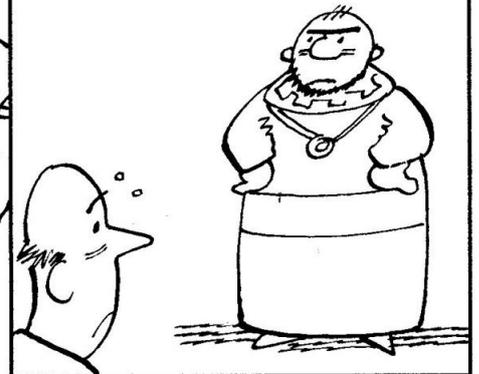
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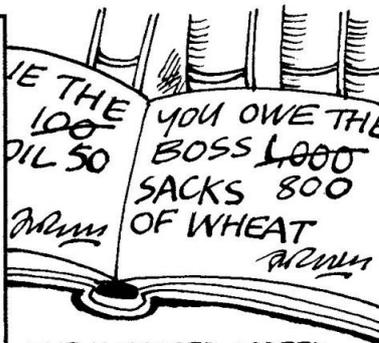


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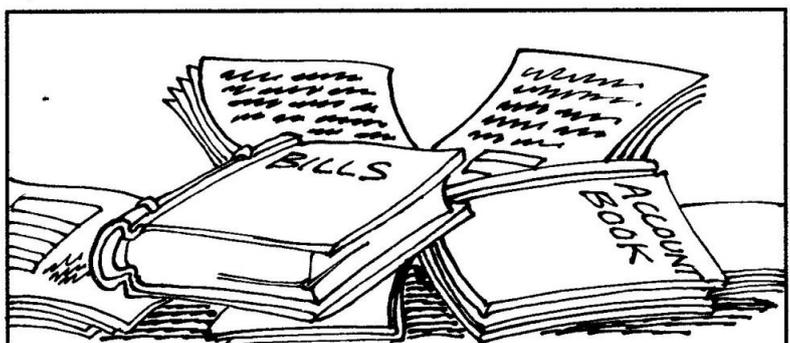
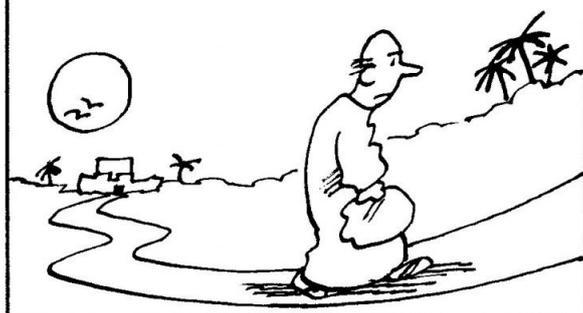


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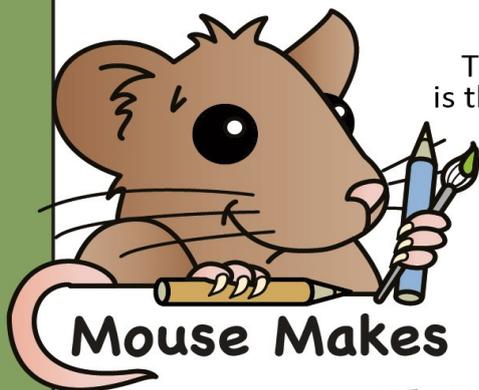


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WHAT AM I?

The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next

E					H
• What two things did God create first? Genesis 1:1					

		S			
• What was the Earth without? Genesis 1:2					
• What came before morning? Gen 1:5					

					G
• Who is the creator? Genesis 1:1					
• What was separated from light? Gen 1:4					

S	• Which day did God finish work? Gen 2:2				
• Who was created God's image? Gen1:27					

			H		
• Who moved over the water? Gen 1:2					
I					S

By the **seventh** day God finished the work He had been doing. God *blessed* the seventh day and made it *holy*. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments the **forth commandment** said to *remember* the seventh Sabbath day, to *keep it holy* and set apart for God.

FIND THE CREATION PAIRS
from Genesis 1 and 2

EARTH	MORNING
LIGHT	FRUIT
DAYS	SEA
TREES	NIGHT
LAND	FISH
EVENING	YEARS
ADAM	HEAVENS
DAY	DARK
BIRDS	WATER
SKY	EVE

DID YOU KNOW?
The first word of the Old Testament in Hebrew is **bereshith** which means "in the beginning". The Greeks translated this word as **GENESIS** which means *creation, origin and generation*

C R E A T U R E H G O D P
 D G A L R E F R U I T E L
 L O R I E S L B M O S E A
 A O T G E T Y D A R K P N
 N D H H E A V E N I G H T
 D A Y T R R S P I R I T W
 A S E E D S K Y B I R D O

Can you find these words in the word search?
 GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT
 FLY • DEEP • EARTH
 DARK • DAY • LIGHT
 NIGHT • STARS • SKY
 SEA • LAND • BIRD
 CREATURE • HUMAN
 TREE • PLANT • SEEDS
 FRUIT • GOOD • TWO

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Roses: The main pruning starts this month but don't do it if the stems are frosted, you have until the end of March to get the job finished. Start with the cluster flowered varieties or floribunda as they used to be called. The Hybrid Teas come next and finish with the miniature and patio roses. Cut out any crossed stems giving air to the centre of the bush and cut out any thin branches. If you are brave enough and your bushes haven't had a robust prune for some years cut the stems down to about 8 to 10 inches from the ground. Make an outward slanting cut about 2cm above an outward facing bud. Do the same with the HTs but just lightly re-shape the patio and miniature bushes. Always cut out dead branches as you see them during the season. Clear the ground around your bushes of any dropped leaves then either burn these together with the pruning's or place them in the council brown bin. Do not put them on your compost heap as the temperature will not be high enough to kill any diseases that may be present.

Apply a winter wash solution to the pruned bushes and surrounding ground using a mild solution of Jeyes Fluid. If you didn't get round to mulching in the Autumn you can do your rose bushes now.

Climbing roses can be pruned back into shape and newer stems trained and tied into place. Rambling roses usually flower only once in the season so when they are finished and start to sprout long trailing stems cut these back at the main branch, or train then to cover a new section of fencing. Cut off all dead flower heads and trim the bush back into shape.

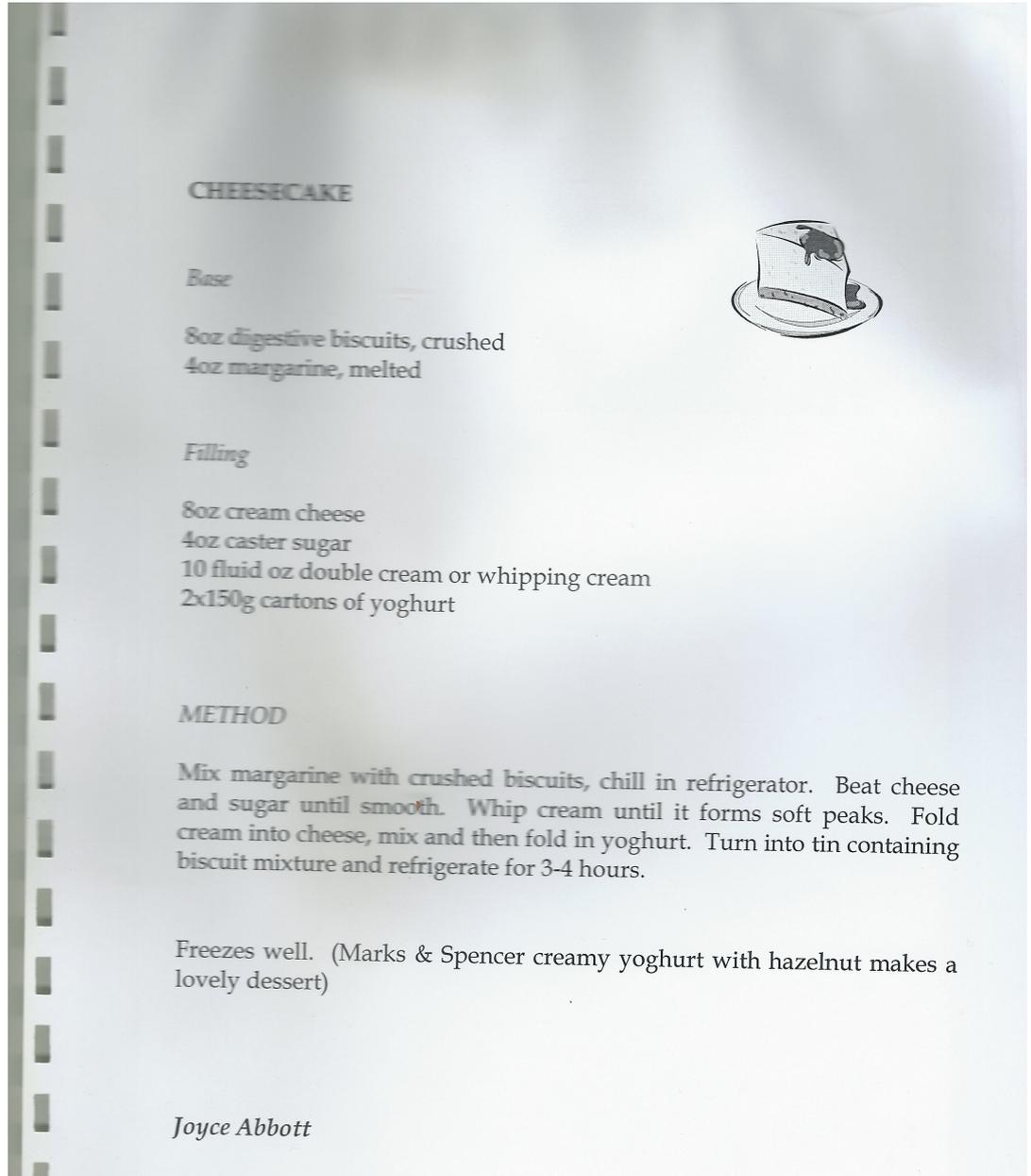
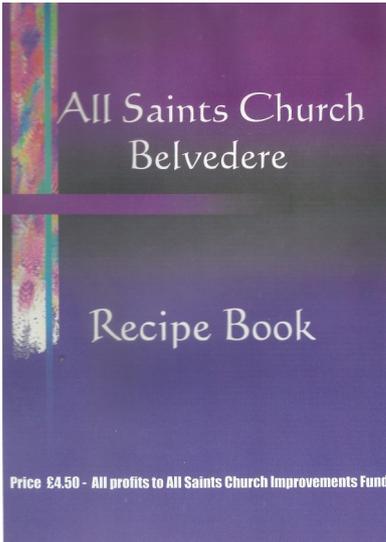
It's normally a good idea to visit your local **garden centre** at this time of year but although they are open and have organised their social distancing well you may feel that other than a quick dash to the supermarket at 8 am is more than you dare risk so just bear in mind the tip for next year. You could well be lucky and find some good plants on the sale bench. Potted roses are quite often on sale now as the garden centres are clearing the decks for new spring plants. Bargains can also be found amongst the clematis.

Last year I left my **wallflowers** in the ground instead of pulling them up when they had finished flowering as many people do. As the seed pods dried over the summer I tapped them and then cut them off to make the plant look tidier. On tidying up in the garden last week I noticed all last years plants are flowering again and I have lots of young wallflower plants growing around their parent. I will thin them out a little and plant the spare plants in other parts of the garden, hopefully come next autumn I will have a grand show of Wallflowers

all for free.

Summer Flowering shrubs such as Buddleia, Ceanothus, Potentillas and hardy Fuchsias can be pruned now and into next month if we are free of snow and ice. Give your plants a feed after pruning, using a general garden fertiliser such as Growmore or Chicken Pellets and mulch around the plants with some multi purpose compost. If you have spread fertiliser you don't need to use my favourite mix of multi purpose and horse manure, that would be over feeding and could damage your plants. You can also take **cuttings** of Fuchsias, Geraniums and Chrysanthemums, cutting a stem about 4 ins long just above a nodule, remove excess leaves from the stem leaving just 3 or 4 on top. Dip the end of the stem into the hormone rooting gel and then you can either plant into small individual pots or the Geraniums and Chrysanthemums do well in a 7inch terracotta pot placed at intervals around the edge of the pot, about 5 cuttings should give them room to grow their roots. Using tap water do not over water but keep the soil just moist. They can then be stored in your greenhouse or on a window sill, don't forget to keep an eye on them and hopefully you will have free plants for you and your friends in the summer. *Janet Newton*





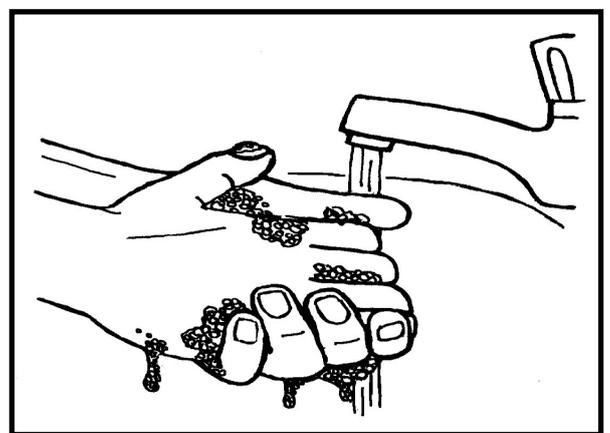
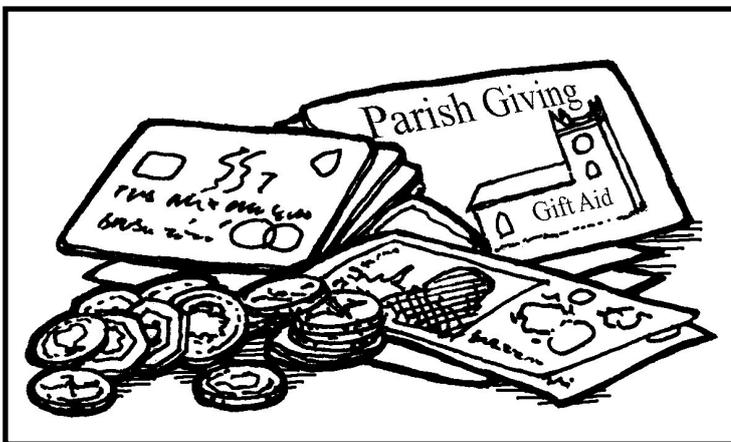
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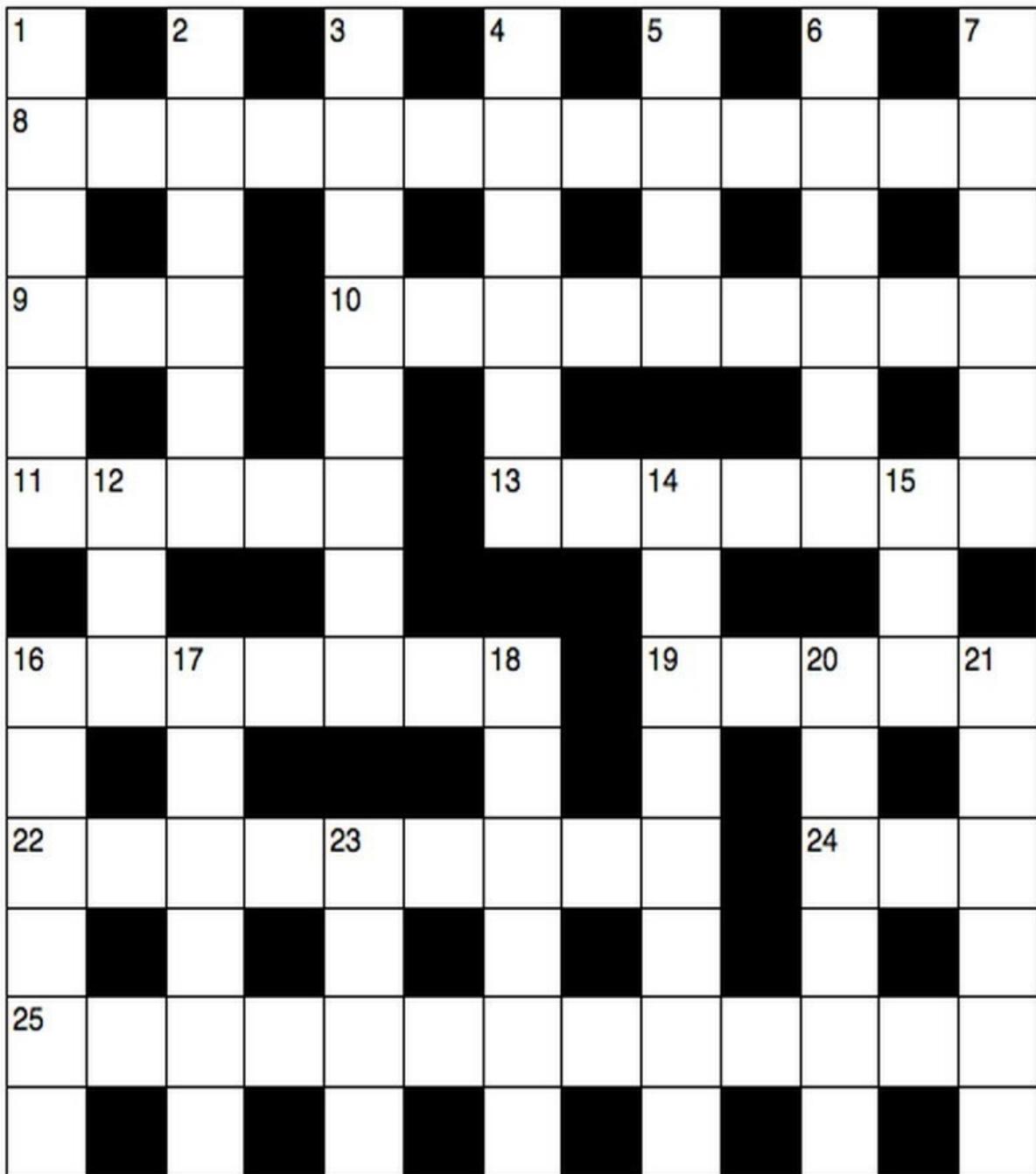
**From the Registers - Advice of the current month's
Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals & Burial of Ashes
Month : Jan 2021**

Baptisms	Funerals	Marriages (unless otherwise stated)	Burial of Ashes
	8 th January 2021 Rose Mary HEAD Died 8 th December 2020		
	19 th January 2021 Victor Robert HARRIS Died 11 th November 2020		
	26 th January 2021 Leonard George Charles STUBBERFIELD Died 28 th December 2020		
	28 th January 2021 John NEWELL Died 24 th December 2020		
	<i>*indicates service in church before Cremation or Burial</i>		



Handling Cash - In the pandemic avoid Cash giving where possible, if you handle cash, wear protective gloves and frequently wash hands

Crossword Grid and Clues



Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)

- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel

- 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Regular Clubs and Organisations

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Contact: Graham Williamson: 01322 403765

7:30pm: Heron Hill Dogs

Tuesdays:

7pm 'Fit N Fearless': Kettlebell Exercise Group^{[L][SEP]}

Contact: Tara: 07763 276422 or tara@fitnfearlessexercise.co.uk

Wednesdays

10am Art & Crafts Group: Beginners + all levels: All Saints' Church Hall^{[L][SEP]}

Contact: Janice on 01322 536379

1.30pm Nuxley Women's Institute (3rd Wed of month) 5:30pm Karate Club

Thursdays

10am TAI CHI: Open Class: All Saints' Church Hall

11:30am TAI CHI (Advanced students): All Saints' Church Hall

Contact: Evelyn Roberts: 0208 304 7882^{[L][SEP]}

5:00pm RAINBOWS: Ages 5-7yrs: All Saints' Church Hall Contact:

Megan Heald: 01322 445551^{[L][SEP]}

6:15pm BROWNIES: Ages 7-10 yrs: All Saints' Church Hall Contact:

Michelle Conroy: 07710270002^{[L][SEP]}

7:00pm CUBS: Ages 8-10 yrs: Hoddesdon Road Scout Hall

Contact: Graham Williamson: 01322 403765^{[L][SEP]}

7:45pm TABLE TENNIS CLUB: All Saints' Church Hall

Contact: Ernie Feasey: allsaintsTT@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings

Every Friday

9:30am to 11:30am

Served in the Church Hall

Stalls include: Nearly new clothes,
bric a brac, books, CD's, DVD's 7
Videos.

Donations & Profits go to Charity.



Fridays

7pm CHOIR Practice: Age 6 1/2 yrs +: All Saints' Church

Contact: Sue Moore: 020 8859 6997

7pm GUIDES: Ages 10+ yrs: All Saints' Church Hall

Contact: Megan Heald: 01322 445551

7pm SCOUTS: Ages 10 1/2+ yrs: Hoddesdon Road Scout Hall

Contact: Graham Williamson: 01322 403765

THE WILLOW CLUB

Do you know anyone
feeling lonely or is
bereaved?

A lunch club is held on the last Friday of
the month at All Saints' Church Hall
between 12:30pm and 2:30pm.
Cost is an entirely voluntary donation of
£2.50p

Saturdays

10am 'Fit N Fearless': Kettlebell Exercise Group

Contact: Tara: 07763 276422 or tara@fitnfearlessexercise.co.uk

Next Willow Club is Fri
(tbc)

Sundays

9:45am SUNDAY CLUB: Age 4 to 11yrs: First and third Sunday: Meet in Church than go to All Saints' Church Hall after the "Collect" Contact: Tasha Archer 01322 432169

Please note that some of these listed activities are suspended. The Choir is meeting again.

Mews from the Pews Reflections from Marmite aka @AllSaintsCat



. Hello from the most adorable, regal and stunningly handsome cat in Belvedere. Dad says I'm not allowed to say Upper Belvedere or worse "Nuxley Village" for fear of starting World War 3 or something. He says some strange things.

I want to talk this week about something really, really important to me.

Boxes.

I love boxes. They are comfy and comforting. They have interesting smells and make great spots to go for a snooze. One of the best things about the lockdowns is the number of deliveries we've been having, most of which come in lovely boxes. And I don't want big boxes, I like the ridiculously small ones that I shouldn't possibly fit into. Dad has threatened to tape one closed and send me to Timbuktu wherever that is. I'm pretty sure he made the place up, it sounds weird! Although I have been watching him carefully just in case he sneaks up with a roll of sellotape and an address label.

I think everyone should have a happy place. Somewhere where they go to find a bit of peace, some comfort and security. Mine is boxes, what's yours?

Bite you soon,  Marmite.

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & READING			
February 2021			
Day/Date	Time	Sunday Name/Feast/Service Type	Readings
Thursday 3rd		Gilbert of Semperingham founder of the Gilbertine Order 1169	
	10 am	BCP Holy Communion	Hebrews 12, 18-19; 21-24 Mark 6: 7-13
Sunday 7th		2nd Sunday before Lent	
	10 am	Holy Communion	Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 Col 1:15-20 John 1:1-14
Thursday 11th	10 am	BCP Holy Communion	Gen 2:18-end Mark 7:24-30
Sunday 14th		Sunday Next Before Lent	
	10 am	Holy Communion	2 Kings 2;1-12 2 Cor 4; 3-6 Mark 9; 2-9
Wed 17th		Ash Wednesday	
	8 pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah 58: 1-12 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
Thursday 18th	10 am	BCP Holy Communion	Deu 30;15-emd Luke 9:22-26
Sunday 21st		1st Sunday of Lent	
	10 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 9:8-7 1 Peter 3:18-27 Mark 1;9-15
Thursday 25th	10 am	BCP Holy Communion	Isaiah 56;6-9 Matthew 7;7-12
Sunday 28th		2nd Sunday of Lent	
	10 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 1;1-7, 15-16 Romans 4; 13-25 Mark 8; 31-36#
		The schedule of services may be cancelled or amended if government restrictions are imposed which mean closure of the church or reduction of services	