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## The Churches in Chigwell and Chigwell Row, open & online

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Churchwardens: Joy Madeiros 07976 803887  
Alison Jordan 01992 610717



Sunday Services: 9:15am – traditional CofE service  
10:45am – service on a big screen with a blend of informality and liturgy, and our children's group, Treasure Seekers, during term time.

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Wednesdays

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Sunday Service: 10:00am

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Thursdays

Holy Communion: 9:15am, on 18<sup>th</sup> June, in lieu of Morning Prayer

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Churchwardens: Daniel Forshaw 07591 857657  
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Sunday Service: 11:15am with Tiga Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Tuesdays



**Morning Prayer** is online as well as meeting in person as above. It is hosted on the [Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row Facebook page](#) at 9:00am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Watch live or later.

The Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row is part of the [Vale of Roding](#) benefice, alongside the parishes of Lambourne with Abridge, and Stapleford Abbots.

**Paula writes...**

## **Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart**



Dear Friends

So, we have said farewell to Charlie and Ann Kosla, and as we give thanks for their five good years of ministry, let's be aware that we will all feel unsettled to some extent as they move on. I will miss their friendship and constant encouragement very much too. And let's pray that they will enjoy a long, happy and healthy retirement together on the Suffolk Coast.

For those of us remaining there is plenty to look forward to as the lovely summer months stretch out before us. There will be plenty of opportunities to gather in our churches; chances to do something different or engage in new activities. And of course, there will be plenty of openings to reflect and strengthen our relationship with the Lord and each other.

We at All Saints' are very much looking forward to welcoming lots of visitors on site for our Summer Fayre on 6<sup>th</sup> June, do come along there will be something for people of all ages; lots of interesting stalls, the legendary All Saints' refreshments, and pony rides. There will be a fun dog show, sponsored by Kathy Woodyer of Little Heath Dog Obedience and Teresa Watts, the Pearly Queen of Clapton, will be making an appearance, and the church will be open for quiet reflection.

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Cindy will be taking members of the Thursday Club out for Lunch at The Woodman, in Ongar.

On 13<sup>th</sup> June, bell ringers from the Southwestern District of the Essex Association of Change Ringers will be holding a 6 Bell Striking competition in the All Saints' Tower, a first in many years. And why not consider taking up bell ringing: 7:00pm for beginners at All Saints', and Thursday evenings for practices at St Mary's.

Fathers' Day is on 21<sup>st</sup> June, and it will be lovely to encourage new and younger members of our congregations to take part in our services, building on Charlie Kosla's legacy of encouraging us to '*Have a go!*' You will recall that he was often heard saying *Have a go at reading in church; Have a go at leading prayers or preaching; have a go at leading a service; have a go at welcoming or serving refreshments.* I intend to build on Charlie's legacy, so please do be praying about *Having a go*, your churches need you!

The Time4God group will be having a summer outing to Pilgrims Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> when we can have a light lunch in the Rendezvous Tea Room there, browse in The Wellspring Bookshop and have a short guided reflective time together, do let me know if you'd like to come: [pilgrimshall.org](http://pilgrimshall.org)

The 25<sup>th</sup> is the Archdeacon of Chelmsford's Visitation Service at Theydon Bois where the Churchwardens from across the Epping Forest and Ongar Deanery will be thanked by him for their work and service in the past year and new Churchwardens will be commissioned for the next 12 months. We have a great group of Churchwardens here in Chigwell and Chigwell Row, their names are listed in the inside cover of this magazine. Do be praying for them all as their responsibilities increase in the vacancy period between the departure of one Team Rector and the appointment of another.

In early July, there are two lovely musical events to look forward to: Music on a Summer Afternoon *Hopefully*, in All Saints' Vicarage Garden on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, this is partly to raise funds to refurbish a handbell set so we can start a handbell ringing group in the Parish, *watch this space for news about that*. And then on the afternoon of 5<sup>th</sup> July, Take Note (the choral sextet) and The Wind Bags (recorder ensemble) will be doing a concert in the coolness of St Mary's Church.

Our bond with the Lambourne with Abridge and Stapleford Abbots Churches is strengthening, so do take the time to see what's on over there, details within, and make plans to join in, *now is the time to strengthen the ties that bind*.

The Alpha course will conclude in July, and the Bishop of Bradwell is coming on 27<sup>th</sup> September to conduct a Confirmation Service during a morning service. The clergy team will be running Confirmation Classes for adults, teenagers and children in July and September, do get in touch if you are interested. Further information about Confirmation in the Church of England here: [bit.ly/4dKBBcG](http://bit.ly/4dKBBcG) And if you are interested in getting baptised, please get in touch too.

I am also planning to run a daytime Alpha course in the Autumn, dates and time to be confirmed. Further information about the Alpha Course here: [alpha.org/what-is-alpha](http://alpha.org/what-is-alpha) or do ask me.

Times are changing and the ministry team is in transition, but the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercy never comes to an end. Let's trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding... and in all our ways He will direct our paths.

With my love and prayers, as ever

*Paula*

Team Vicar

Trust in the LORD  
*with all your heart,*  
and do not lean  
on your own  
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5





# Parish Registers

## *We welcomed in Baptism ...*



Oliver Storer	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	St Mary's
Ruby Turpin	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	St Mary's

## *We celebrated the Wedding of ....*



Tami Young and Desmond Pascal	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	All Saints'
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## *We mourned the loss of ...*



Jean Sheila Baynes	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Burial of Ashes	All Saints' Churchyard
Carole-Ann Castle	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Funeral	St Mary's Church & Churchyard

### **Prayer for June 2026**

Father, here we are in June – a beautiful month and a month when we remember a beautiful follower of Yours, Barnabas. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith and he encouraged Your people to remain true to You in what must have been dangerous times.

Lord, in these dangerous days, when so much seems alien and out of control, how we all need to be encouraged to be steadfast in our faith and in our lives.

How we need to remember that You are our faithful, sovereign Lord; that You never change; that in Jesus You have won the victory over sin and death. If we put our trust in Jesus, we are secure for all eternity.

Thank You for the example of Barnabas. Help us to be encouraged and to encourage others. May we enjoy June in all its beauty, knowing that nothing can separate us from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

**Saturday 6th June**  
**2 to 5pm**

# **SUMMER FAYRE**



**Dog Show**



**Plants**



**Refreshments**



**Crafts/Games**



**Pony rides, BBQ**

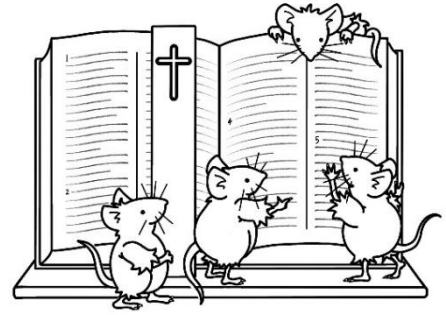
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Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible.

## What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Colossians



This month we return to look at the books of the New Testament. Many today are asking: *'How does Jesus uniquely reveal God to us?'* This question lies at the heart of Paul's letter to the Colossians. The church in Colossae was a fruit of his three years ministry in Ephesus (52-55 AD). Paul went on to write this letter while in a Roman prison around 61 AD.

Paul was dealing with gnostic false teachers who denied that Jesus was fully God and man. They taught that enlightenment could be reached through special knowledge and rigorous self-discipline.

Paul attacked this false teaching by focusing on the supremacy of Christ: *'in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have this fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority'* (2:9-10).

He affirms that Jesus is:

- Lord of all Creation, who sustains everything. As the exact representation of God, He is first-born over all creation (1:15-17) and there is no place for worshipping angels or any other power (2:18).
- Head of the Church (1:18), to whom the Colossians should submit (2:6, 7) and not be seduced by vain speculations (1:16-18).
- Supreme Saviour (3:11), who has defeated all spiritual powers on the cross (2:15), allowing them to share in the power of His resurrection (2:20). All are adopted into His family and so there are no special qualifications needed to experience God's favour (2:8-20).

In chapters 3 and 4 Paul demonstrates the practical implications for the Christian's daily life. We are challenged to abandon the old life

and cultivate our new life in Christ (3:5-4:6). If we maintain Jesus as our Lord, He will prove truly sufficient for all our needs.

Canon Paul Hardingham continues his seven-part series.

## The Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony

*'They're called deadly because they lead to the death of the soul.'*  
(Richard Newhauser).



This month we are looking at *Gluttony*. Which food do we find hardest to resist?

It is reported that 66% of adults in the UK are overweight or obese. Gluttony is indulgence to excess, usually involving food, but can also include drinking, screen time, shopping etc.

Paul warns us about the dangers of gluttony when he refers to those whose minds are set on earthly things: *'their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame.'* (Philippians 3:19). Our struggle with gluttony is often the outward sign of a spiritual hunger for acceptance, love, or self-worth. This desire for satisfaction cannot be satisfied by food alone.

How can we overcome gluttony?

*Glorify God with your body: 'Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?'* (1 Corinthians 6:19). Paul reminds us that our bodies belong to God; as temples of the Holy Spirit, we should use them to glorify God.

While we have freedom in the things we consume, we are also called to honour God in our actions.

*Exercise self-control: 'live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.'* (Galatians 5:16). Paul goes on to list self-control as one of the Fruit of the Spirit (5:23). As we examine ourselves and identify those areas where we lack self-control, we can entrust them to God, asking for the strength of the Holy Spirit to overcome gluttony.

We recognise that true satisfaction is only found in a desire for God alone: *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6).





# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHIGWELL ROW, IG7 4QD ANIMAL SERVICE

Bring your beloved pets (or a photo) for a heartfelt service dedicated to the blessing and celebration of all God's creatures.

Whether they walk, fly, swim, or crawl, all animals are welcome!

**SUNDAY 28TH JUNE  
10:00 AM**

Further info: Rev'd Paula Preston  
07743 534647, revpaulapreston@gmail.com

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**The story behind the HYMN:  
Lord, for the years**

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

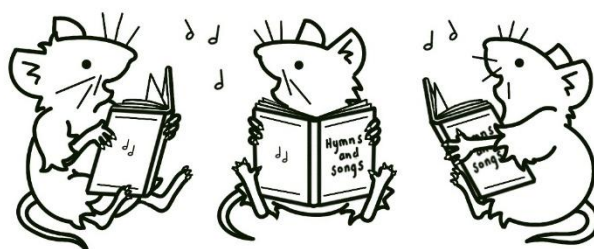
*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.*

*\*Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,  
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;  
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,  
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name. ...*

*by Timothy Dudley Smith*

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Rev'd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be



accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – ‘Lord for the years’ was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a ‘hit’ in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, on his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral. The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen’s Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for Queen Elizabeth herself. She would have celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this April, and her ‘official’ birthday on the second Saturday in June. She did indeed thank God ‘for the years Your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way’...

And so indeed the ‘extra’ verse added for the Queen also held true:

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,  
Christ and his kingdom, one united aim,  
Rulers and peoples, bound in high thanksgiving,  
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*

*The Rev’d Dr Jo White continues her series on aspects of Christianity.*

## **Reflected Faith Series: The Creed (Part 2)**

Last month we considered where the Creed is placed within the service. This month let’s think about what is in the Creed(s).



It's important to know that the earliest known Creed, which is still substantially used today was first found in a letter from around AD 341. This is known today as the Apostles' Creed because it is widely thought to have been originally written by the Apostles themselves.

Every phrase in it can be noted as derived directly from biblical texts and it is the compilation that has taken so much thought and discussion until we arrive at the versions we use in churches today.

Because the Creed succinctly includes everything Christians believe, it unites us all in those truths; whichever Christian denomination you choose to worship within.

So, establishing wording that expresses the faith of all Christians has been the challenge.

Protestants sometimes wonder at the phrase, 'the holy catholic Church' being included, but the word 'catholic' here has the meaning of 'universal' rather than denominational.

We are ALL united in our basic faith.

This is what makes us Christians and distinguishes us from other 'churches', whether they have the name of Jesus in their title or not.

Only Churches which acknowledge and include one of the recognised creeds can join the international organisation of 'Churches Together'.

Essentially, this is a sure way to know that you are at a Christian service.

In more recent years the Church has authorized several Affirmations of Faith which contain the key tenants of faith but are shorter and, if you like, simpler to understand.

## ***This month***

Because the Creed has to be universally accepted within established churches, deviations from the texts are not permitted. However, just for the joy of thinking ... what would you include in a statement of faith if you were drafting it? Which friends would you want to include on your 'committee'?

## **Innovation in lay and ordained ministry training receives £1.16 million boost**

Up to 60 lay ministry apprenticeships in children's, young people and families work in churches are to be created under a three-year pilot scheme.



Put these words of mine in  
your heart and soul ....  
Teach them to your children ....

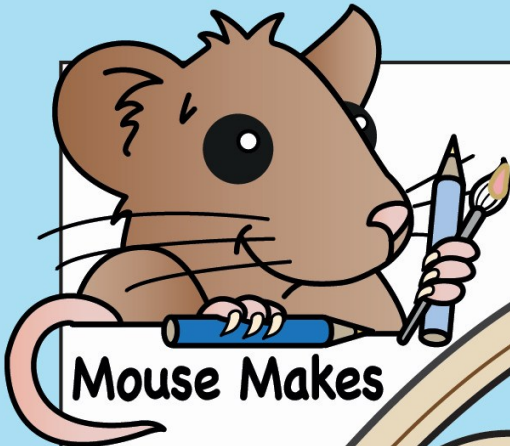
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

Innovation funding of £145,000 has been granted by the Ministry Finance Panel of the Archbishops' Council for a scheme to create between 45 and 60 Youth Ministers.

The programme, headed by Church Army, is jointly funded with the 30k Project, the Church of England campaign that is aiming to recruit 30,000 new children and youth ministers - both voluntary and employed - by 2030.

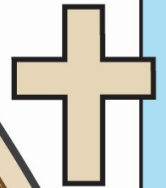
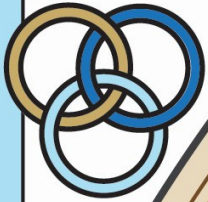
The scheme will collaborate with the dioceses of Blackburn, Chelmsford, Hereford, Rochester and Sheffield. The Missional Youth Church Network, which offers training and mentoring for youth leaders and volunteers, will also participate.




Dr Carolyn Edwards, the 30k Project's Ministry with Children and Young People Officer, said: "We're really excited about this pilot. It means we can create training for people engaging with young people in and for our churches which gives them both a nationally recognised Youth Worker qualification, and formation in Youth Ministry.



"May the grace of the Lord  
**JESUS CHRIST** and the  
 love of **GOD** and the  
 fellowship of the  
**HOLY SPIRIT** be  
 with you all."

2 Corinthians  
 13:14



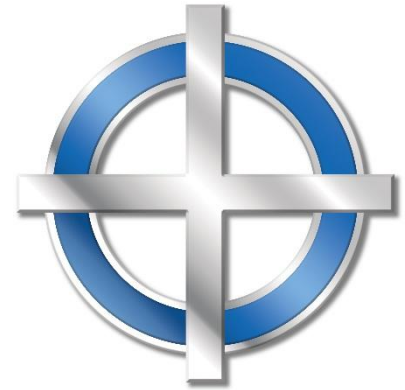
		
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*By the Rt Rev'd Robert Paterson, a former Chair of the Central Readers' Council.*

## **Celebrating 160 years of Reader Ministry**

(also known as Licensed Lay Ministry)



It is 160 years since the Reader Movement began in the Church of England. It was born out of a need to connect the proclamation of the Word with an increasingly secular world, a world in which the Church had lost direct contact with millions.

The founding archbishops and bishops realised that people were becoming biblically illiterate, and that there was a need to bring the Bible back into the home and the workplace. They founded a ministry to bring the voice of God back into the conversation.

What was so important in this episcopal initiative in 1866, as with the founding of the Mothers' Union nine years later and the Church Army 16 years later, is that they were all lay initiatives in mission. All, of course, were encouraged and supported by the ordained, but proud to be overwhelmingly lay.

*That emphasis on lay-ness was not a form of anti-clericalism, but was founded on a concept of teamwork in which lay and ordained would work together, to pray for and bring in God's kingdom.*

Present leaders of the Reader movement use the example of the past to point to the future. We cannot do anything about the past, but we can help to be 'prophets of a future not our own'. In the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero's famous prayer-poem:

*We cannot do everything.*

*And there is a sense of liberation in realising that this enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete but it's a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master-builder and worker.*

*We are workers, not master-builders.*

*We are ministers, not messiahs.*

*We are prophets of a future not our own.*

To be a Reader is to emphasise the fact that your primary ministry is *not* in holy buildings with coloured-glass windows and pointed arches, but in being a disciple, a member of the dispersed people of God, bringing Him into the conversation.

## **4<sup>th</sup> June - Corpus Christi, thanks for Holy Communion**



The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by Thomas Aquinas, focused on the Eucharist or Holy Communion. It celebrates the joy of sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with His presence in the Eucharist, and is usually celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

Today, most Protestant denominations don't acknowledge the festival, because of its association with the doctrine of the Real Presence. However, some Anglican churches do observe it, as the Thanksgiving for Holy Communion.

How do we understand the significance of the Eucharist or Holy Communion? Paul in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32, points us in three directions.

### *A Past Commemoration:*

The Eucharist *looks back* as we remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples (Luke 22:14–20). Jesus broke the bread and took the cup to signify that His atoning sacrifice on the Cross delivers us from the bondage of sin and death. As we remember His broken body and shed blood, it becomes personal: Christ died for

me, suffered for *my* sins that *I* might live. It is truly a *eucharist*, a thanksgiving: *'Do this in remembrance of Me'* (1 Corinthians 11: 24,25).

#### *A Present Communion:*

The Eucharist speaks of the communion we enjoy with a living Christ, because our sins are forgiven. Paul encourages us to *look in* at the state of our hearts: *'Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.'* (28). We should also *look around* acknowledging the communion we have with other believers. Holy Communion expresses our unity together: *'Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.'* (11:17). Paul is expressing his concerns here about the divisions in the Corinthian Church.

#### *A Future Certainty:*

The Eucharist is also a place where we *look forward* to Christ's return: *'For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.'* (26). It declares that the reign of Christ has already begun, as we look forward to Jesus' return. He will unite earth and heaven under His rule and sin, death and Satan will finally be defeated.

So, when we next take Holy Communion, let's reflect on the past, present and future implications of what this meal means for us.

## **Fathers' Day, a time to celebrate male role models**

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

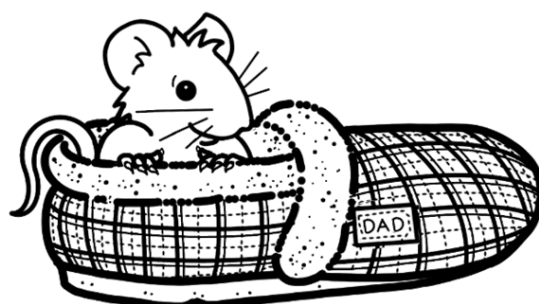


How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, how about a Zoom meeting?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

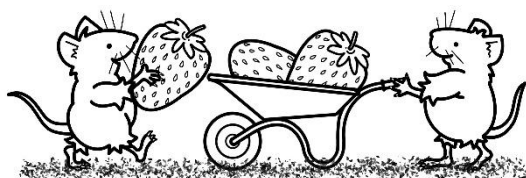
Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.



## Sunday Services & Readings for June

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	Is 40:12-17, 27-31, 2 Cor 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion 10:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 All Age Morning Worship 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 Morning Worship 10:45 Holy Communion 11:15 Morning Worship & Baptism
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
All Saints':	9:15 Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion 10:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 6:12-end Matthew 10:40-end
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Matins 10:00 Morning Worship & Animal Service 10:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 All Age Holy Communion 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship



# Parish Diary

Keep up to date with the Parish Calendar on GCal: [bit.ly/3H5LXS7](https://bit.ly/3H5LXS7)



Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mondays	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	(circulates around the parish)
Tuesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Win's Church
Wednesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
	6:00pm (open 5:30)	Rest & Refresh	All Saints' Church
Thursdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer (except 18 <sup>th</sup> )	All Saints' Church
	9:00am	Women's Group	Limes Centre
	10:30am	'Open House'	St Mary's Church

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	All Saints' Church
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	Alpha	All Saints' Vicarage
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am	Hour of Cleaning	All Saints' Church
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Summer Fayre & Dog Show	All Saints'
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Mary's
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Alpha	All Saints' Vicarage
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	Thursday Club Lunch	The Woodman, Ongar
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>		Change Ring competition	All Saints' Church
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Winifred's Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Time 4 Tea	All Saints' House
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Alpha	All Saints' Vicarage
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Parish Holy Communion	All Saints' Church
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Men's Breakfast	All Saints' House
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	All Saints' Church
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	tba	Time 4 God outing	Pilgrims Hall
	7:30pm	PCC	All Saints' House
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Alpha	All Saints' Vicarage
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Archdeacon's Visitation	St Mary's, Theydon Bois
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Animal Service	All Saints' Church
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Mary's

# *Music for a Summer Afternoon*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 at 3:00pm

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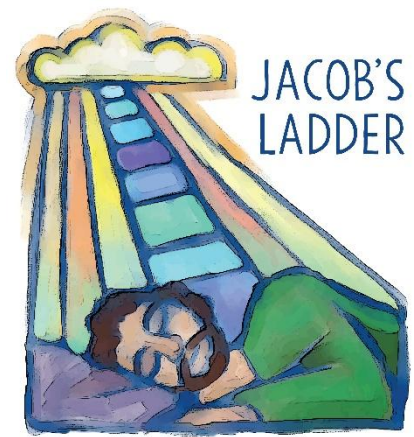
**Admission free, but donations are invited: the proceeds will be split 50/50 between The All Saints' Church Facilities Fund - we need a WC in church, and the Handbells Restoration Fund**

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Lester Amann considers...

## **Jacob: the man who encountered the holiness of God**

Have you ever had a dramatic turning point in your life? Was there an incident, a meeting or something you saw or read which profoundly changed you? The Old Testament character Jacob had a dream, which changed his life.



One night, in the region of Luz, a Canaanite city, Jacob had a dream. He saw a ladder, on which were angels, linking earth with heaven. The dream revealed to him that God is continually connected with this world. When Jacob woke up, he knew he was in a special place. He became a changed man and changed the place name from Luz to Bethel, which means House of God. Many years later Jacob changed his name from Jacob to Israel. Bethel became a holy place.

How might we define a holy place? We could say it's a place where God has touched earth with something of heaven e.g. with a miracle or a vision. Venues such as Lourdes (France), Lindisfarne (England), St Peter's in Rome or Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre are considered Holy Places. The Garden of Gethsemane was a special place for Jesus.

Jacob certainly wasn't faultless or impeccable. His encounter with God didn't completely change the way he behaved, but it gave him a fresh perspective on life and where he fitted into God's plans. Like Jacob we too may encounter God at a particular time and grow slowly with God and His plans for us. God doesn't wait until we are perfect before He can use us. Sometimes we too may need a Holy Place to make or to return to, to help us remember we are in God's hands.

*Dear God, in my busy life, find for me a place where I can be still; a place to meet with You. I am weak and need your strength for each situation. Give me a holy place where I know your arms are embracing me, always safe and secure. Amen.*

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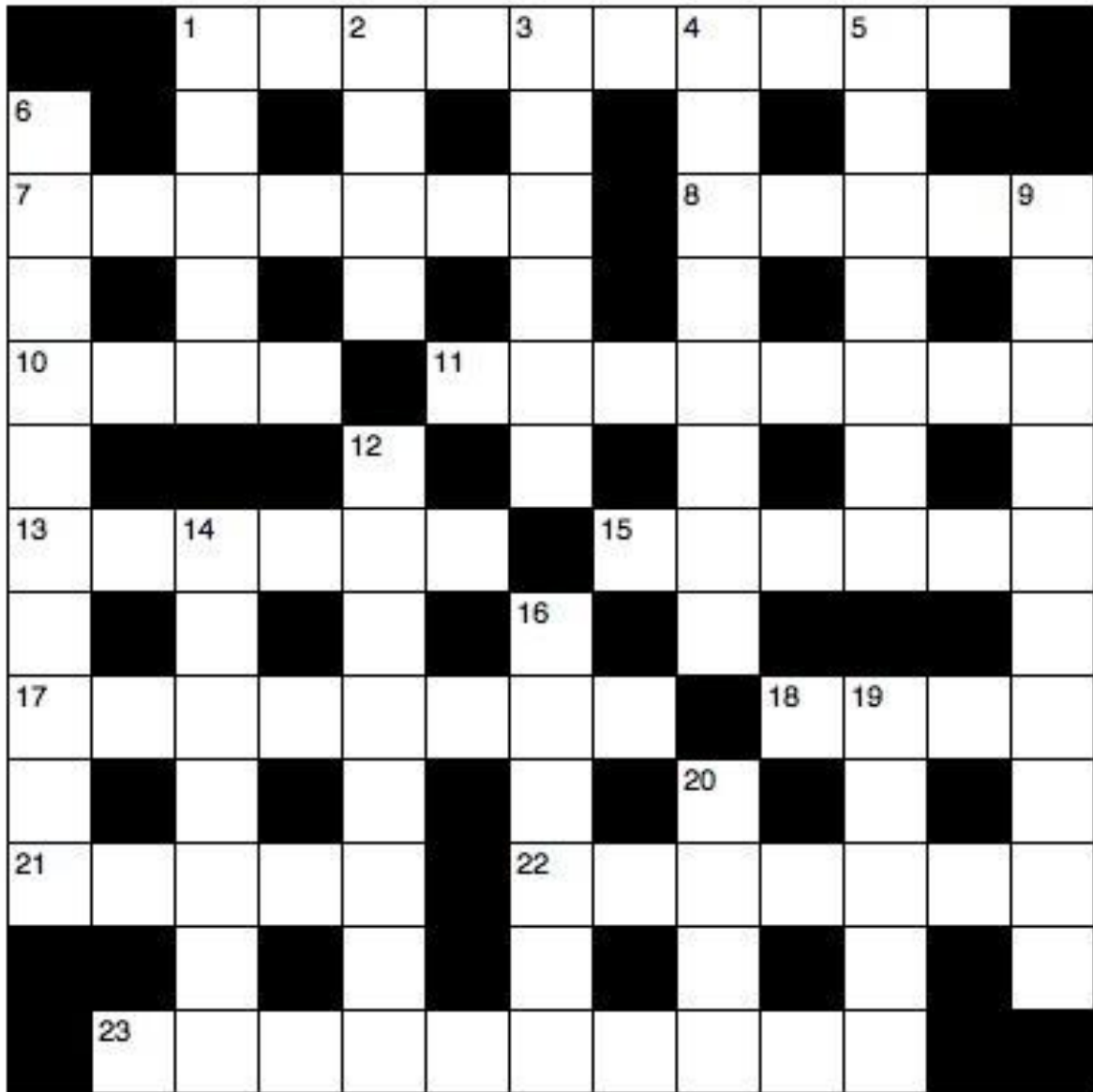
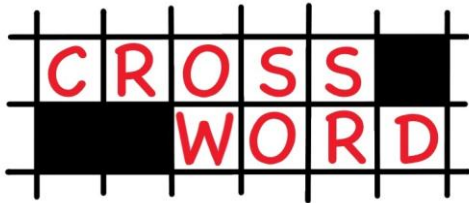
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## ACROSS

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2Corinthians4:8) (4)

- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans13:4) (10)

## DOWN

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail (Acts22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7) (4)

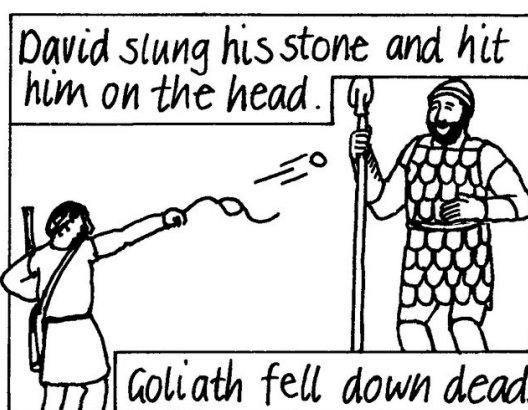
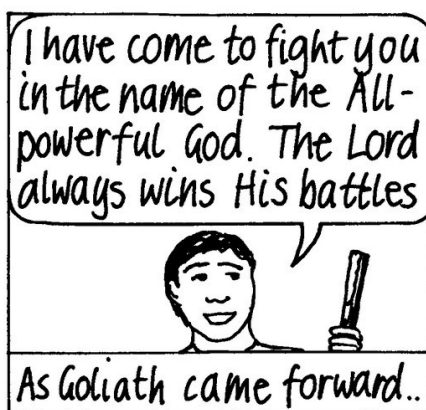
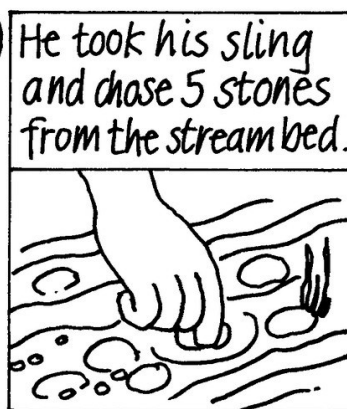
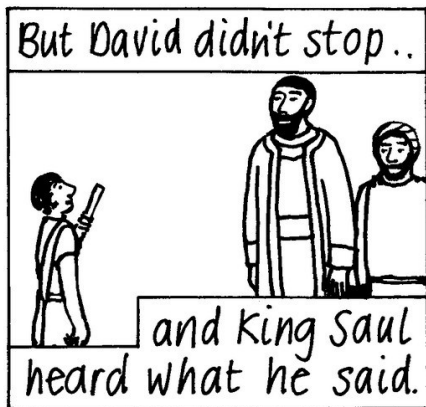
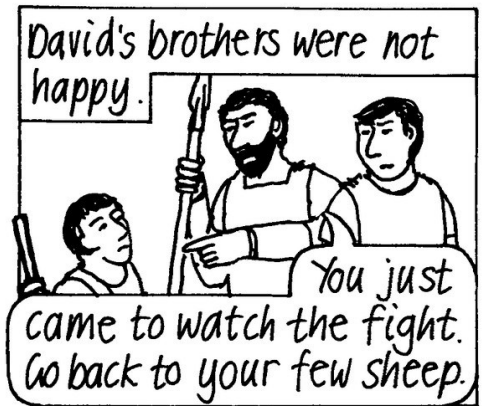


# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies  
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic  
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## WORDSEARCH – Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth – 1<sup>st</sup> June

Mary - the virgin mother of Jesus. Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of His will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her Son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts, just before Pentecost.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in history. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. “All generations shall call me blessed...”

Words to search for:

Mary	virgin	mother	Elizabeth
pregnant	ordinary	world	history
great	event	family	Jerusalem
wedding	Cana	wine	beloved
disciples	dying	cross	keeping
unique	place	centuries	church
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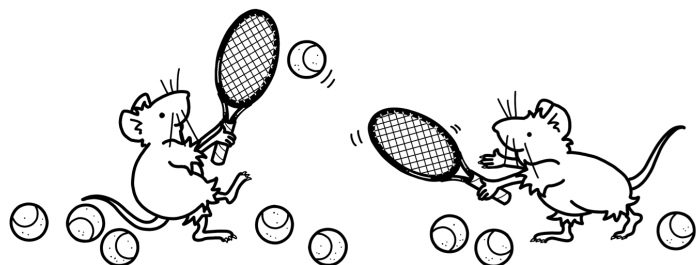
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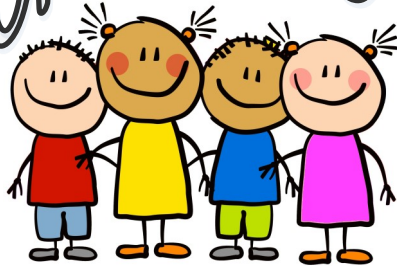
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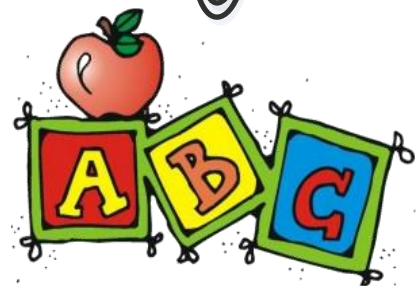
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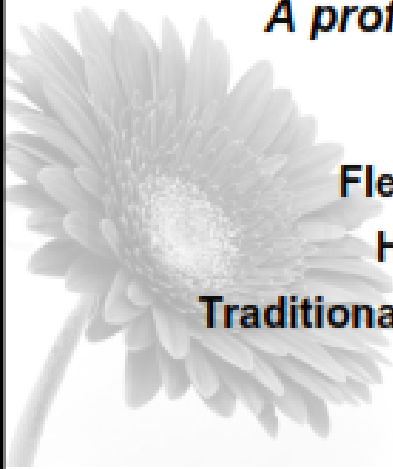
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**Adam:** Good man, but problems with his wife. Also, one reference told of how he and his wife enjoy walking nude in the woods.

**Noah:** Prone to unrealistic building projects.

**Abraham:** Thinks that God is telling him to go somewhere, but he can't say exactly where.

**Joseph:** A big thinker, but a braggart, believes in dream-interpreting, and has a prison record.

**Moses:** A modest and meek man, but poor communicator, even stuttering at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.

**David:** The most promising leader of all, until we discovered the affair he'd had with his neighbour's wife, and there are rumours he even killed her husband.

**Solomon:** Great preacher, very smart, but our parsonage would never hold all those wives.

**Elijah:** Prone to depression - collapses under pressure.

**Elisha:** Reported to have lived with a single widow while at his former church.

**Hosea:** A tender and loving pastor, but our people could never handle his wife's occupation.

**Jeremiah:** Emotionally unstable, alarmist, negative, always lamenting things.

**Isaiah:** On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church. Has trouble with his language.

**Jonah:** Refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore... we hung up.

**Amos:** Too backward and unpolished. With some seminary training he might have promise but has a hang-up against wealthy people. Might fit in better in a poor congregation.

**John:** Says he is a Baptist, but he doesn't dress like one. Has slept outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

**Peter:** Too blue collar. Has a bad temper—even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, and a loose cannon.

**Paul:** Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, harsh and has been known to preach all night. We don't want that.

**Judas:** His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.



Perhaps he's heard that we're losing our churchwarden

# Answers



## Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness.  
7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side.  
11, Impostor. 13, Encamp.  
15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent.  
21, Grass. 22, Olivier.  
23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib.  
3, Entomb. 4, National.  
5, Started. 6, Whispering.  
9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison.  
14, Centaur. 16, Unload.  
19, Evils, 20, Give.



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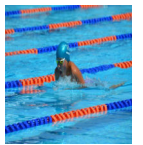
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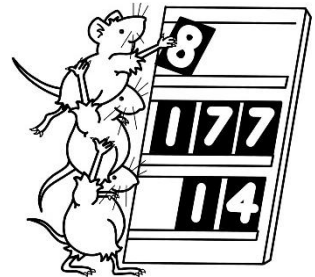
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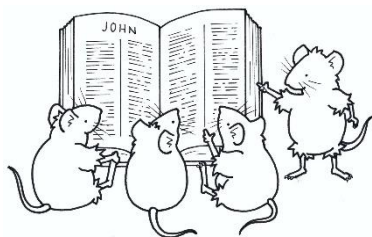
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Hall Bookings	Tricia Johnson 020 8500 5759	All Saints' Office 020 8500 0914	Alison Sheppard 07907 460278
Magazine	Alison Jordan 01992 610717	All Saints' Office 020 8500 0914	Daniel Forshaw 07591 857657
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The Children's Society	Rosemary Sweet 01992 846028		
Tower & Bells	Graham & Maxine	Jill Leftwich 07967 820688	n/a
Treasurer	Philip Gittins 01992 814519	John Barber 020 8500 4085	Daniel Forshaw 07591 857657
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