

St Mary's Bedfont



Our Patronal Festival is on Sunday 15th August

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The Vicar writes

Here we are in the holidays – “It’s holidays Jim, but not as we know them” to misquote Mr Spock from Star Trek. Holiday time, yet very different from “normal”. We have some more freedoms, and also more concerns and responsibilities. Perhaps the

best we can do is to make sure we celebrate what we can do and not moan about what we can’t. As Christians there is always hope and always prayerfulness and thankfulness.

I wrote these words a few years ago, but they still seem relevant today.

“The summer marks a traditional time for holidays and recreation. For many people there is a change in the pattern of life and chance to do things a bit differently. A change of place or scenery can help to refresh us and encourage us. There are many ways in which we can be inspired and have our imagination and vision broadened.

The summer brings the opportunity for a visit to somewhere new, or somewhere old. A concert, visit to the art gallery, cinema, museum, a chance to read a book. More time to spend on our hobbies or sports. All of these are chances to relax and be re-created, which is where our word recreation comes from.

Rest and relaxation are important in our lives, most of us are busy with all sorts of things and easily get into a bit of a rut. Summer time can be an opportunity to take stock and look at things a bit differently, or even just to stop and rest for a bit to build up our resources. Jesus needed to get away from it all from time to time and went into the mountains to pray, or to take his disciples away from all the people. God himself rested on the seventh day and this reminds us of the pattern of activity and rest that is important to us.

Perhaps the change of scenery or activity gives us the chance to renew our faith and see what God is doing for us now, or asking from us. His work of creating and sustaining our world goes on and our roles in that may change as he directs.

During the summer might be the time to enjoy a daily reading from the scriptures and to cultivate a new habit of learning more of God and talking with him each day. Our Christianity is not a one day a week thing, but the most important part of our whole being. At work, school, home, on holiday, wherever and whenever – God is with us. He wants the best for us and the best from us. Holidays give us a chance to help that to happen and can refresh us for the rest of our more ordinary lives.

A chance to take stock might also identify things that we’d like to do, or perhaps things that we’d like to give up. Nothing is forever, (except of course God).”

Psalm 126 seems appropriate. This is “the message” translation

1-3 *It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,
when God returned Zion’s exiles.*

*We laughed, we sang,
we couldn’t believe our good fortune.*

*We were the talk of the nations—
“God was wonderful to them!”*

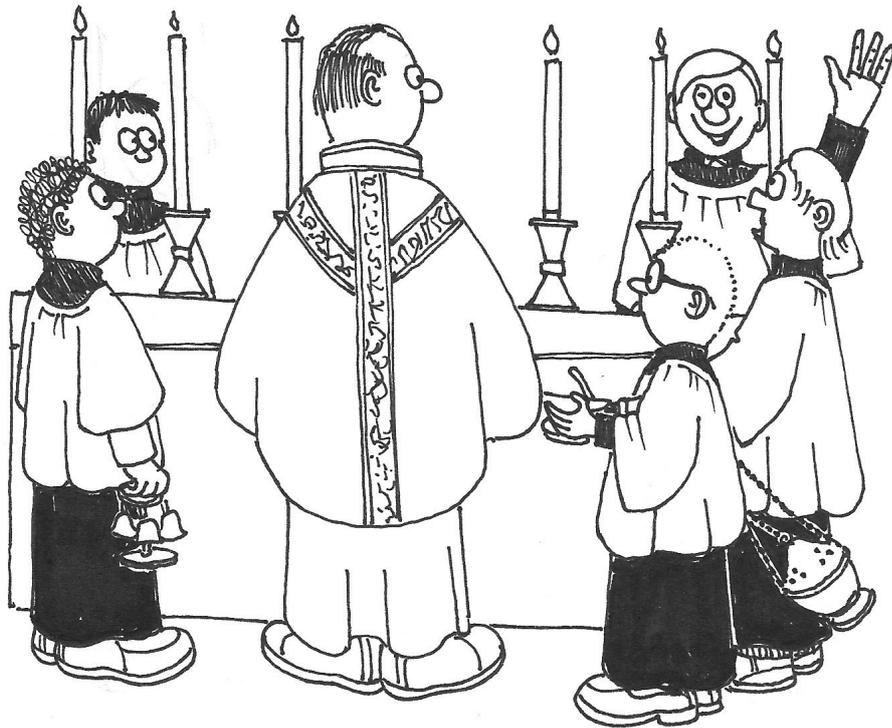
*God was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.*

4-6 *And now, God, do it again—
bring rains to our drought-stricken lives
So those who planted their crops in despair
will shout “Yes!” at the harvest,*

*So those who went off with heavy hearts
will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.*

We have started the return from exile and pray that God will continue to bring us his blessings wherever we are and however we can live.

Philip



RIN

Suddenly, Jim caught sight of his mum

Church Email List. If you would like to be included on the church email list for regular updates, please let Philip know.

HOSPITAL VISITS Philip would be pleased to learn of anyone in hospital or at home who would like a visit (if allowed). Please let him know, as he has no other way of finding out. Thank you.

If you attend **Sunday's Holy Communion service**, please note that the wearing of face coverings in places of worship remains compulsory by law, unless you are exempt. Please sanitise your hands in the porch on entry, maintain 2 metre social distancing and do not mingle unless you are from the same household or support bubble.

If you wish to receive **communion at home**, please contact Philip

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has encouraged churches and individuals to continue to take precautions to **protect the vulnerable from Covid-19**. See: <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/bishop-london-urges-caution-and-pays-tribute-vaccinators-restrictions>

Coffee Morning. We will have a Covid safe coffee morning on **Saturday 7th August**.



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Making Disciples

Is a book by Cris Rogers and a course that we may do in the autumn. There is also a website www.wearemakingdisciples.com It has a questionnaire that helps identify points of strength and weakness and helps us remember that following Jesus involves our head and our heart and our hands.

Personal discipleship is about moving closer to what Jesus wants for us in every area of our lives. Jesus is asked what is the greatest commandment, He responds, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;" and, "Love your neighbour as yourself." [Luke 10:27]. Discipleship and spiritual formation is the surrendering of all things to the love and will of God.

We have broken that down into three areas - loving God with our heads, hearts, and hands.



Head - Know, Think & Understand



Hands - Contribute, Create & Lead



Heart - Love, Appreciate & Belong

Following the relaxation of the Covid rules, the PCC has decided we will once again hold a Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th August, 10.30-12 noon. If the weather is kind to us, we will be outside in the churchyard, otherwise in the church. Everyone welcome, please bring your own cup if you can.



St Mary's Coffee Morning
Saturday 7th August
10.30 – 12.00

It would help if you could please bring your own cup.

Historic Racing Cars – Porsche 911

Part of a series on old racing cars by Robert Ingham, who took the photographs within the past few years.

Ferdinand Porsche was born in 1875 in what is now the Czech Republic. He moved to Vienna and in 1901 designed the world's first petrol-electric hybrid car. In the 1920s he was designing sports cars for Daimler-Benz, culminating in the first Mercedes-Benz SSK.

In the 1930s he sold the design for a rear-engined racing car to Auto Union, and started work on a 'people's car' for the Nazi *Kraft durch Freude* ('Strength Through Joy') organisation, with a rear-mounted air-cooled flat-four engine. No German workers would ever receive a production example, but the design formed the basis of the German equivalent of the American 'Jeep'.



In 1945 French authorities imprisoned Porsche and his son Ferry, but the latter was soon released and set about restarting the family business. He decided to make the sort of car he wanted to drive – a sporty 2-seater powered by a rear-mounted air-cooled flat-four engine, originally of 1,086 cc. This was the model 356, which sold well in Germany and America, particularly with larger engines of up to 1,582 cc. A pair were entered in the 1951 Le Mans 24H, where one won its class, with more success in later years.

The 911 was designed by Ferry's son 'Butzi' to be a larger and more comfortable car to replace the 356, powered by a rear-mounted air-cooled flat-six engine of 1,991 cc. It was introduced in 1964, and over the next few years received various modifications and improvements, often of larger and more powerful engines. One finished 5th at the 1965 Monte Carlo Rally, and it would prove to be a successful rally car, particularly in the hands of Briton Vic Elford, who won the 1968 Monte Carlo Rally, among many others.



It was in circuit racing that the car excelled, despite the rearward weight balance sometimes making handling difficult. 911s won their class at the Le Mans 24H every year from 1966 to 1978, by which time engine size had increased from 1,991 cc to 3 litres. By then there were specific racing variants, models 934 and 935 (for different classes) with turbocharged 3 litre engines. 935s were 1st and 2nd in 1979.

Car 24 is a 911 RSR from 1973, powered by a 2.8 litre engine. This model was also successful at Daytona.

Later variants would sprout more impressive rear wings.



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The Mission to Seafarers

Last Month we celebrated sea Sunday and the mission to Seafarers. Here is a summary of what the Mission does and its impact.



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FILL A SHOEBOX 2021

Save the date: 30th October 2021

All donations for Operation Christmas Child will need to be brought into Church or contact Sue Brewerton by October 17th, this will allow a week to ensure that we have everything we need to fill 100 shoeboxes, yes 100!

Saturday October 30th will be the Fill A Shoebox day at St Mary's Church. All are welcome to come and fill a shoebox, donate your transport cost on line @ £5 and bring the bar code with you to put in the box you pack and then you will be able to follow it on line and see which country it arrives at.

I know of lots of people collecting items when they see a bargain, some are knitting, and some are sewing. If you have skills that can make items for a shoebox please do so, don't forget to bring them into church for them to be stored for the next 3 months, YUP 3 MONTHS is all we have.

I am busy collating 100 drawstring bags for a Tic Tac Toe game, marking the lines and putting buttons in the bag. Not expensive but if anyone has spare bright buttons, I am happy to use them, 5 x 2 different colour buttons in each bag.

Other bargain items I have seen are wrapped bar of soap in Tesco for 15p, toothbrush for about 40p as well. Home Bargains have 4 x flannels for 89p, a pack of 12 pencils 49p. The Pound shop still has 4 x colouring pencils, 4 x activity books and lots of other items including toy cars etc. My find of the past month was in Sue Ryders charity shop flat refillable water bottles @ £2 a bag of 6 definitely a bargain. Keep your eyes open you never know what you will find.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Stay safe

Sue Brewerton

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Sermon Notes

27th June

- Grief – David and all Israel mourn the death of Saul and Jonathan
 - Generosity and Gratitude – reflect God’s generosity to us and the giving of Jesus for us, he was rich and became poor for our sakes
 - His example of death and resurrection, down and up again
 - Grace - His compassion and using people's faith
 - Their “uncleanness” was made clean by his love and power
- Music: Hillsong – Awake my soul (*There is a sound I love to hear/ It's the sound of the Saviour's robe/As He walks into the room where people pray*)

4th July

- King David prospered because God was with him: they spoke together and God was with David even with his faults
- Paul had all the qualifications, spiritual experiences and sufferings and he still needed God’s grace
 - God’s power is made perfect in weakness
 - “We do not live on explanations, but promises.” (Wiersbe)
- What labels, expectations and faith do we have both for ourselves and for others? (Jesus in Nazareth)
Books: Transforming Grace by Michael B Thompson
Be Encouraged (2 Corinthians) by Warren Wiersbe

11th July

- God the father chose us, adopted us and accepts us
- God the son redeemed us, revealed God’s will to us and has made us an inheritance
 - God the spirit has sealed us and is our down-payment and engagement ring
- so that we are blessed and can be a blessing to God, others and ourselves
Book: Be Rich (Ephesians) – Warren Wiersbe

18th July

- God makes promises to David, and asks for obedience
 - Jesus has brought us peace and reconciliation
- God has put us in his nation, his family and we are being built into his temple
 - He calls us to be a people of grace and peace and reconciliation
- Jesus knows that we need rest, as we copy his ministry of teaching and healing, and as we touch the fringe of his cloak we are being made whole and we are being built into his temple

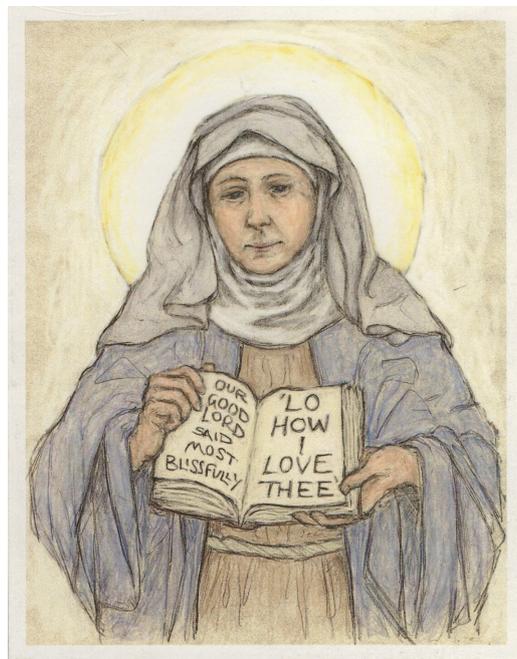


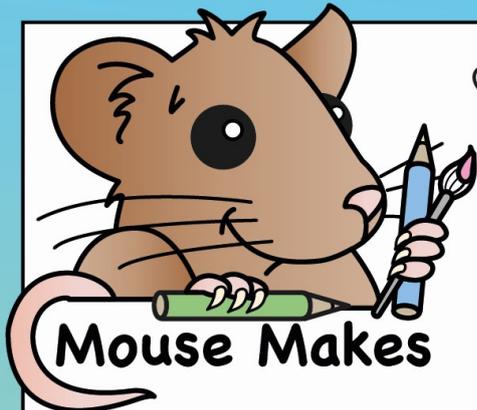
The view from the Garden Bench

How are you coping with Covid confusion and pingdemics? I was watching a programme recently about Julian of Norwich and found that there were a lot of parallels with today. She lived when the plague happened. It seems likely that she lost her family through it. She herself was very sick but she began to recover and had visions from the Lord and became an anchorite.

She recognised that the visions were hugely important and so wanted to share them with others. This is where we see what a remarkable lady she was. She learned to read and write so that she could write down her visions! The saying that she is famous for is 'All will be well, and all manner of things will be well'. This was not what the church was saying at that time. It was preaching hell and damnation with very little sense of God as a God of love. She was being very revolutionary. Perhaps the advantage of being a woman at that time was that the Church didn't take much notice of what she was saying.

The book she wrote was called "Revelations of Divine Love". It was radical and the story of how the book was preserved by nuns is a remarkable one. I think it was the first English book to be written by a woman too. What she discovered through her visions was that even in the midst of disaster God loves and forgives us. His love for us is what makes us special. It's not about us and who we are or what we do, it is about Him. He loves us with an everlasting love. Because we are loved we can say with Julian of Norwich, all will be well, and all manner of things will be well. Never mind Covid, struggles and disappointments we remain precious to God. How amazing is that?





IN THE BEGINNING ...



What did God create in the beginning?

___ V ___
and ___ H



What was the first thing God said on the first day?

"Let there be ___ G ___"



What did God separate on the second day to create heaven?

___ T ___

How many great lights did God create in the heavens?

What grew on the dry land?

___ N ___ and
___ E ___



READ
Genesis
1:-31

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C R E A T U R E S

What did God create to fly above the earth?

___ D ___

What did God make after all the creatures?

___ A ___

Find the answers to the questions in the word search then find all these words too:



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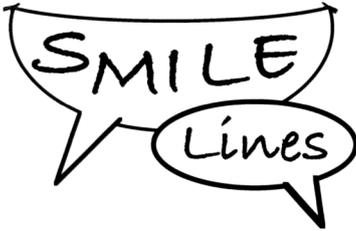
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Children's Kitchen Terms

BOIL: The point a parent reaches upon hearing "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.

CASSEROLE: Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

DESSERT: The reason for eating a meal.

EVAPORATE: Magic trick performed by children when it comes time to clear the table.

FRUIT: Something that is never to be confused with dessert.

REFRIGERATOR: A very expensive and inefficient room air conditioner when not being used as an art gallery.

TABLE LEG: Percussion instrument.

Laugh

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat and you could tell she thought the cat understood every word. I came back home and told my dog. We got a big laugh out of that.

Talk

Did you hear about the self-help group for compulsive talkers? It's called On & On Anon.

Flies

A woman went into the kitchen to find her husband swatting flies. "I killed three female and two male ones," he said triumphantly. She asked him how on earth he knew that.

"Easy. Two were on my beer can, and three were on the phone."



Yet another of the vicar's money-raising wheezes, I see



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

The church's floodlighting was instituted in 1999, being paid for by a grant from the Millennium Floodlighting Trust allied to a number of generous donations from local residents and businesses.

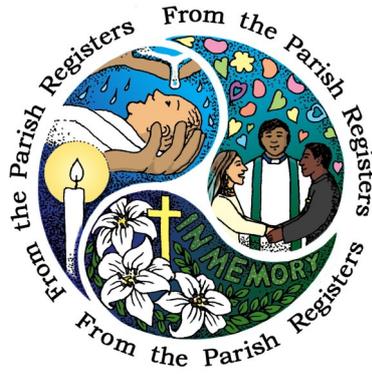
Floodlighting Saint Mary's is an excellent way to remember departed relatives and friends, or to celebrate birthdays, marriages, anniversaries, indeed anything special to you. Your details will be published on the church notice board and in our Parish Magazine, unless requested otherwise.

June 30th In celebration of the lives of the late Victor Combly and Irene Combly
at rest together

Heating and Flooring Project

The underfloor heating in St Mary's was installed in the 1960s and failed in stages from about 2000. The church was cold and the fabric of the building starting to suffer from damp. It cost additional money for electric heating and wasted energy.

Although the work has been completed, you can still sponsor a flagstone to help us raise a total of £267,000 to replace the floor and the under-floor heating and thus protect the fabric of the church for future generations. Anyone who joined in with this scheme before 20th January 2018 had their names inserted into a time capsule buried into the floor during the work. A book recording all sponsorships is being created and will eventually be placed on view within the church. You can get more details and donate to us [at JustGiving here](#). Alternatively, you can download a [sponsorship form](#), from the Church website and return it to the address on there.



Funerals

We pray that the departed may have rest, light and peace in Christ

19th July Winston Wellington, 90, Crematorium

Weddings

We wish this couple happiness in their life together

5th July Ellie Shakespeare & Ben Selfe

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