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Welcome

to the August 2022 edition of *Connected*.

This month Revd. Christine Gillespie writes the Dear Friends text about humour, and the need to treat people with respect.

We also hear from Evie Watson, with news from Kandy, Sri Lanka, and the Child Action Lanka charity.

Jill Clarke reports on the recent Mothers' Union meeting that welcomed back Revd. Glenda who brought gifts of stretchy men! That's right – stretchy men!

I report on a splendid

Saturday afternoon spent eating strawberries at St Francis. And as usual I just made up the rest

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**My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty, the cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.
I think I might never put my glasses back on.**

Cover image: Jackie and Janet on the book and jigsaw stall at the St Francis Strawberry Fair and Tea

#TheParishThisMonth



I know just how he feels...

Mrs Clarke playing with her MU Stretchy Man. Report on page 14



"I take the pictures!"

A picture of the editor at a recent fashion show.
Image courtesy of Mary Hopkins

St Francis Strawberry Fair



Monica and Martin
share a joke



Pictures from the St Francis Strawberry Fair. It was a lovely occasion on a warm and sunny day.



"You could stick these in your drawers!"
Thanks Janine!

Dear Friends

I wonder what makes you laugh.

I have noticed that over the years the generally acceptable topics for humour have changed. Where-as, when I was a child, many jokes were made about particular groups of people, mother-in-laws, or Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotsmen (never women), for example. Now

Samaritan he gives the hero role to someone from a despised race (Luke 10: 29-37). When he told a tale of a lost coin he compared the woman's joy on finding it to God's joy when we are restored to his kingdom (Luke 15: 8-10). He challenged the negative stereotype of the tax collector in a story that said

they engaged in a conversation in which Jesus clearly listened to her and responded to her point of view (Mark 7: 24-30).

I suspect that one reason comedians have changed the content of their jokes is that the public have shown they no longer wish to listen to the old style humour. Perhaps if we want



A small gift of money. Image by Jordan Rowland

that kind of stereotypical joke is largely considered to be inappropriate.

Unfortunately in real life we have failed to make similar progress and it isn't hard to find examples of very disrespectful comments made about individuals and groups of people. Sadly I expect that we are not the only society in history to speak disparagingly about folk. However, when I read the Gospel accounts I find that Jesus modelled a better way.

In his story of the Good

it was his prayers which were answered (Luke 18: 14). You will find other examples if you read the Gospels.

What Jesus taught in words he also practised in actions. When a poor widow gave a tiny gift of money to the Temple, Jesus drew attention to her deep generosity (Mark 12: 41-44). When the blind man, Bartimaeus asked him for mercy Jesus first asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' (Mark 10:51). When a Syrophoenician woman asked Jesus to help her daughter

to live in a society where real people are treated with greater respect we may help change to come about not only by what we say and do, but also by deciding which media channels to listen to and which to side-line.

Revd. Christine Gillespie



Letter from Sri Lanka

Hello!

As many of you may know, at the beginning of the year I spent 3 months living and volunteering in Kandy, Sri Lanka. During this time I had the privilege to work at Child Action Lanka (CAL). CAL is a charity whose goal is to provide education, health and nutrition to families from

am very grateful to do so and provide some insight into the experiences I have had and try to show a little of the incredible work done across Sri Lanka.

The Kandy centre has a crèche (from very young up to age 3) and a pre-school (ages 3-5). It also runs after-school classes where children from

The day started around 8.30, with breakfast. This was usually rice with a little curry or what is called milk rice, a more solid rice pudding made with coconut milk. Then the children would have Circle Time which consisted of, attempted, quiet time and lots of singing and often dancing. Each child has their favourite songs



Evie and children. Image by Evie

communities most vulnerable across 7 districts of Sri Lanka. Each district and centre has its own challenges and aims needed specifically for that community; I was based in Kandy, here the main problem being tackled is homelessness. The centre provided a safe space for the children and also enabled them to get support, something many of them do not get anywhere else.

This charity organisation is so worthy of being shared, I

grades 1-13 come and are provided fun activities, such as sewing classes and traditional Kandian dance classes (which I did give a try much to the senior girls' amusement!), as well as extra classes in Maths, Tamil, Sinhala and English.

The majority of my time was spent with the pre-schoolers; each day brought its own excitement and challenges but here is a basic run down of the pre-schoolers day to day routine:

and sometimes they would sing alone and be very proud to show off their knowledge of that song! After Circle Time there would be an activity planned, often colouring in, but sometimes a more detailed craft. There was a large range in the abilities of the pre-school, partly due to age and partly due to development issues, predominantly occurring due to a lack of support from an early age.

There were many opportunities for me to

plan and run crafts with the children, meaning I could bring some different ideas into their activities. However, even if I was not involved in the planning, during this time it was always hands on, so a lot of working one on one with the children and supporting them in figuring it out. For me this was the most rewarding time and gave me the most purpose being here;

There would always be playtime outside (if there were no monkeys descending on us!) This was the perfect place for the kids to run around and let out there seemingly never-ending energy, and I often found myself being a human climbing frame, now one of my favourite things to be! After a good play they would change their clothes, and if younger, would have a

the west is very basic, but for these children it is a safe space where they can peacefully rest. I learnt that at home it is not always easy for them to feel safe enough to sleep meaning at the centre most of them always sleep for a couple of hours. During this time the after-school children arrive and have their lunch before heading to the upstairs of the centre for their



There is always time for a hand hold. Image by Evie

it allowed me to give special attention to each child (something many of them don't receive daily). It allowed them to feel loved and special, and allowed us to form bonds and trust.

Something that I found to be moving was how this occurred even with the language barrier, and at the end of my time I collected all of the children's names and noted down that little something that made each of them special or a special moment we shared.

little clean. Then it was time for lunch. Rice was usually the basis for this, with curry and sometimes dried fish or egg. The children are taught how to wash their hands before eating and to clean their plates and eating area before packing away, but this didn't stop the food from going everywhere, so a sweeping brush was always needed after lunch!

Then it would be nap time. The children sleep on mats with small pillows on the floor of the pre-school. This for us here in

classes.

Although I wasn't able to join in the Sinhala and Tamil classes (for obvious reasons...) I did get to have many lovely conversations with the older children. Hearing about some of their own life experiences was incredible; this meant that classes, such as the sewing class, were some of my favourite times as it allowed me to be able to get to know them in a casual pressure free environment. I would like to say that quickly we

became friends, and I was able to get better understandings of the individual struggles. Sometimes this was hard, hearing something traumatic being spoken about casually. It also allowed them to practise their English, but they also taught me a few Sinhala words (some just to figure out if I was being insulted or complimented!) After classes everyone got a snack and then

means these children must have previously lived a bad life before this one. They believe the Karma shouldn't be interfered with, that the struggles they go through are justified and should be left to occur. The people at CAL disagree with this mentality, but it has caused them many challenges; people turning away from working for them or refusing to provide

by referencing the current crisis in Sri Lanka. Many of you may know about this, but the country is in financial turmoil, caused by a corrupt government which, as usual, affects the poorest the worst. I know that CAL are pushing through the best that they can, but obviously there is not much hope at the moment. I also know that each year there are money troubles and I worry



Time for a nap. Image by Evie

slowly would leave.

CAL provides all of these children meals, clothes, as well as mental and physical support. The teachers themselves are not specifically trained but learn as they work. CAL works very hard to help them deal with situations, and I noticed that they really know the children and know certain signs and what they indicate.

Within the belief system of many Buddhists within Sri Lanka, their idea of Karma

spaces for the centre to be run. Therefore, these teachers have sacrificed a lot, and face ridicule from some fellow Sri Lankans, in order to help these children grow with love and care. Sadly, there isn't the same ability we have, through UK safeguarding, to ensure the children's safety all the time, but it was comforting to see the protection the children have during their time at the centre, and how they can all just be kids.

I would just like to finish this

to think about the further effect this is having. I didn't write this for this purpose, but I would like to include a link to their website where they have a donation page.

childactionlanka.org

Evie Watson †

The Hand of Christ

The hand of Christ rests gently
on my head,
Love's blessings flow from God's
eternal heart
Into my veins.
The Spirit's breath pulsates within
my soul
And in the life that Christ
has won for all
On Calvary's hill
I step out gladly into God's Creation,
There to praise the holy Name of God,
In triune-majesty forever reigning.

O God most high,
Most Holy Father, blessed Son,
and gracious Spirit, Three-in-One.
We bow before the eternal throne
and, in the strength of love received,
we give Your love in blessing
to your world.

By Sam Doubtfire

Fancy a Strawberry?

St Francis opened its doors on Saturday, 16th July, with strawberry teas to raise money for church funds.

It was a glorious afternoon and the church almost full of folks enjoying the various stalls. There were crafts, books, jigsaws, and a tombola and raffle. I won a Mr Man 'Miss Splendid' on the tombola! Who knew such a thing existed? I donated her to the raffle. It's what she would have wanted...

Catering was provided by the hard-working team of Graham, Jo, Maggie, Pat and David. There was a choice of strawberry dishes – with scone & cream, ice cream or meringue nests. Sadly, the bacon butty a la fraise was not available this time. Perhaps next time.

Throughout the afternoon we were entertained by Rosemary playing tunes from Mary Poppins. It was simply divine to be amongst friends, enjoying cracking strawberries and cream, on a warm sunny afternoon.

Finally, to the raffle! I won again - bath bombs! Janine suggested that they would go well in my drawers. But I couldn't attempt that because I was cycling home.

£374 was raised – a great result. Many thanks to all who helped put the event together.

John Clarke †



"We don't give change, Mr Clarke"



The Usual Suspects



Eileen and Leita waiting for ice cream!

Prayer for August

Dear Heavenly Father,

In this month of August, thank you for your presence. Whether we're at home or on holiday, in one place or travelling, working or resting, happy or sad, young, middle-aged or elderly, you are with us.

As we journey through the different stages of this life on earth, help us to know that wonderful assurance of your presence, by putting our trust in Jesus now.

No matter what ups and downs come our way, we will never be alone. You are with us, sharing it all day by day - and leading us home.

Thank you, Lord of all our journeys, In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Tai chi and yoga! Who would have expected us to be doing that at our monthly MU meeting? In July we welcomed back Reverend Glenda Webb to Brayton, and she told us about some of her activities since she left Brayton Parish at the end of her curacy. During the first Covid lockdown Glenda applied, and was eagerly accepted, to work as hospital chaplain with Hull hospitals. She saw both patients and staff. One way she engaged with staff was to give them a stretchy person.

Glenda explained to each hospital staff member that the stretchy person is just like you - stretched in all directions, but it and you will come back, and you are not alone - you have God.

Glenda has been on some 'capacitar' courses. Capacitar is a Spanish word meaning enable and is a type of yoga started in South America and involves activities helpful for those suffering from trauma such as earthquakes, becoming refugees etc. Glenda then demonstrated, and asked us to copy, various tai chi movements. We were encouraged to stand and rock back and forth on our toes. Rocking forward on our left side was for ourselves and on the right side was for others. We also did some meditation exercises whilst feeling each of our fingers in turn. By the end of the activities we all felt relaxed. Glenda had given us a very different and good session.

There is no MU meeting in August, but we return with two meetings in September. On Thursday 8th September (2pm in the Parish Hall) Hilary Castle will be our speaker, and on Saturday



Welcome back Glenda! Image by Jill

10th September there is the Mothers Union coffee morning in the Parish Hall and donations of cakes will be most welcome. We are also invited to Selby Abbey MU meeting on Thursday 1st September when there will be a talk on 'selective mutism in children' (an anxiety disorder where a child is unable to speak in certain settings).

Following Rev Roger Quick's talk about St Georges Crypt, Leeds, in May it has been decided that Brayton MU will support this charity for homeless and/or vulnerable people with

donations of toiletries, men's underwear, pink towels etc for the next 12 months. Donations can be brought to any meeting.

Jill Clarke ✝

On behalf of Brayton Mothers Union

God in the Arts

We Behold the Glory

TQ – Tingle Quotient – is the name given to those things that can produce a tingle down the spine or a frisson of excitement. It could be a piece of music or the sight of an evening sunset at sea or a newborn babe. We look, we hear, and what we look at or hear evokes a sense of wonder and amazement that has an almost physical effect on us. Something sublime unfolds before us producing delight and awe: a hint of glory that leads us to wonder and even to worship.

The monk who lived in cell no 6 at the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence must have felt that when he entered his room and saw for the first time the fresco of the Transfiguration that Fra Angelico had painted. I am sure the sight would have stopped him in his tracks, just as Peter, James and John were stopped in their tracks as they beheld their Lord transfigured before them on the mount.

From 1436 Fra Angelico painted a whole series of frescoes for the convent from the High Altar to the Chapter House to the cells of the monks. Here in cell no 6 there is a restrained simplicity and directness about the Transfiguration. One of the three disciples looks out towards us, while the other two are caught up in wonder and awe as they look on Jesus with the faces of Moses and Elijah on either side.

Here Fra Angelico is not seeking to impress a wealthy patron: he is providing a focus for devotion and prayer for the monks of his community. The scene speaks to us of that sense



The Transfiguration by Fra Angelico

of awe and reverence. On 6th August we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. The Gospel accounts relate that special moment of revelation to the inner group of disciples. The glory shown to them evoked a sense of wonder and marvel, but also a sense of loss. For the glory proved elusive and just out of human reach. The moment of revelation passed, and the disciples had to go down the mount again to meet the crying needs of the world, all but forgotten when they were with their Lord on the mountain top.

The monk in his cell would ponder the glory of Fra Angelico's fresco, knowing that he would be called from his cell to take up his monastic duties.

But the painting would go with him to sustain and nurture his life. It is the same with us: we have moments of glory. But they pass, and we must return to our daily lives. As we look on this month's painting, we sense that glory and wonder which can sustain us through life. As Thomas Jones says in his poem on this episode:

Like a pearl we hold
Close to our hearts
what we have heard and seen.

Revd. Michael Burgess †

God in the Sciences

Keeping Calm in the Storm

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these 'coincidences' in Jesus' ministry, and they weren't about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn't this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers "Where is your faith?" It's not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God's character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don't get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God's help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic.

'Peace' in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between



Storm by Marcus Woodbridge

unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.

Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A Being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God's intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He's got things in hand. I will always need help from others

to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I've seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Time (and my closest friends) will tell!

Dr Ruth Bancewicz †

Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Don't Panic!

During a recent Churches Together meeting a rubbish bin in the kitchen caught fire.

The different faiths responded as follows:

- The Methodists gathered in the corner and prayed.
- The Baptists cried, "Where is the water?"
- The Quakers quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.
- The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring the fire evil.
- The Roman Catholics passed the plate to cover the damage.
- The Jews painted symbols on the door hoping the fire would pass over.
- The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!"
- The Fundamentalists proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"
- The Christian Scientists concluded that, actually, there was no fire.

- The Anglicans appointed a chairperson who was to recruit a committee to investigate the matter and submit a written report to the PCC once an appropriate risk assessment had been signed off.

Finally, the meeting secretary tutted a little, rolled her eyes, grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out. Sorted.

John Clarke †



Enid Blyton

When my children were little they loved *The Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton. Many evenings I fell asleep reading *The Folk of the Faraway Tree* to them!

It was 125 years ago, on 11th August 1897, that Enid Blyton was born in East Dulwich, South London. As well as *The Faraway Tree*, she also created Noddy, the Famous Five, and the Secret Seven. She is among the world's bestselling writers, selling more than 600 million copies of her books.

Enid was the daughter of a nature-loving clothing wholesaler, to whom she was very close. He once sat up with her when she was expected to die of whooping cough, determined that she would survive. Her mother was less solicitous. Enid was bright, popular at school and a talented musician, but decided against it as a profession, going into teaching instead.

She married twice – first to Hugh Pollock, an editor at a publishing firm who helped her to become established as a writer. They moved to Buckinghamshire and had two daughters, but then divorced in 1942. The following year she married surgeon Kenneth Waters, and they moved in the

1950s to Manor Farm in Dorset, which inspired much of her later work.

Blyton's mystery and adventure stories have clearly defined good and bad characters and are easy to read. They have been criticised for being too simplistic, and more recently for some of the now outdated social attitudes and language. But they remain popular worldwide for their sense of joy and wonder at life.

Several of her books are based on biblical stories, but she had a general rather than personal belief in God. She was brought up as a Baptist, and her children were baptised in the Church of England: towards the end of her life, she became interested in Roman Catholicism. She put much energy into charity work, encouraging children to do the same. She died in 1968.

John Clarke †

From the Parish Registers

Weddings

We offer our congratulations to:

24th June

Tiffany Asherwood & Lukasz Golebiak

Church Floodlights

St Wilfrid's Church was, or will be, illuminated on:

28th May

In Loving Memory of Colin Harvey

10th June

In Loving Memory of Helen Dean Dragunas

16th June

In Loving Birthday Memories of Eric Postles

31st July

In Loving Memory of Roy Ainger

If you would like the church illuminated to celebrate a birth, baptism, birthday, marriage, anniversary, or the life of a loved one please contact Pat Griffiths on 01757 705793

Funerals

We offer our love and sympathy to the relatives of:

20th July

Margaret Parker (87) at St Wilfrid's

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian family:

5th June

James Smallman

Jacob Willis Still

19th June

Evie Rose Newnham

3rd July

Freya Alexandra Reeson

Freya Isobella Williams

17th July

Marnie Faith Franks Lund

Mia Louise Hesling

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So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. Thank the Lord! But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen

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Service Roster

You are more than welcome to join us in any of the Services in August below

St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 2nd

10:30am Holy Communion at Fernbank

Wednesday 3rd

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th Trinity 8

10:30am Joint Parish Communion with St Francis

Monday 8th

10:30am Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's Court

Wednesday 10th

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th Trinity 9

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Joint Parish Communion at St Francis

Wednesday 17th

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st Trinity 10

10:30am Joint Parish Celtic Communion with St Francis

5pm Alive@5 in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Wednesday 24th

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th Trinity 11

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Joint Parish Communion at St Francis

5pm Inspire in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Wednesday 31st

9:30am Holy Communion

Thursday 4th

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th Trinity 8

10:30am Joint Parish Communion at St Wilfrid's

Thursday 11th

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th Trinity 9

10:30am Joint Parish Communion with St Wilfrid's

Thursday 18th

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st Trinity 10

10:30am Joint Parish Celtic Communion at St Wilfrid's

Thursday 25th

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th Trinity 11

10:30am Joint Parish Communion with St Wilfrid's

Methodists

Brayton

Sunday 7th

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 14th

10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 21st

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th

10:45am At Portholme, Selby

Burn

Sunday 7th

10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 14th

10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 21st

10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 28th

10:30am At Hambleton Methodist Church

Thorpe Willoughby

Sunday 14th

10:30am Holy Communion



The Directory

Wellbeing

Gentle Movement

Every Monday
2:00pm–3:45pm
St Francis' Church

Sitting down exercises for all ages; free but donations accepted for Church funds. We are a warm friendly group, so why not come and join us; or come for company, coffee and cake! More information from me on 07821 257923. **Jean**

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 27th August
9:30am–12noon
St Wilfrid's Churchyard

Come and help maintain the flower borders, cut back the brambles, and empty the rubbish bins! You might even get to climb a ladder! Sense of humour essential.
John

Soup and a Song

Friday 26th August
10:30am–1pm
St Francis Church

Memory letting you down? Caring for someone with memory problems? Are you lonely/know someone who is? Do you enjoy a good sing-song? Why not join our happy group for an hour of song & fun, then share a meal of soup, butties and cake. For more information contact me on 07921255988. **Rosemary**

One Lump or Two?

Community Lunch

Wednesday 7th September
12noon-1:30pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

The staff take holiday in July and August, so the next lunch will be on 7th September. Have a great summer! **Pat**

Coffee Corner

Saturday 6th August
10:00am-11:15am
St Francis Church

Coffee, company, cakes & chat... we'd love you to join us! **Pat**

Craft Group Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th August
10:00am-11:30am
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Come along to the Craft Group Coffee Morning - coffee, hand crafted gifts and cards, raffle, and cakes. And of course good company! See you there! **Linda**

Coffeemates

Wednesday 31st August
10:00am - 12noon
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Why not come along for coffee, tea, and homemade cakes, and great company! **Lynn**

Coffee for All

Tuesdays
10:00am–11:30am
St Francis Church

Come along for coffee, tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome.
Pauline

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th August
10:00am–11:30am
Brayton Methodist Chapel

Our next coffee morning is in aid of **Friends of Selby Hospital**. Thanks to all who support these charity Coffee mornings. More information from me on 01757 228925 **Lorraine**

Crafty Folks

St Wilfrid's Craft Group

Tuesday 9th & 30th August
1:30pm–4:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

If anyone wants to join us they are welcome to come along with their latest project, join in the chatter and enjoy a cuppa from 1:30pm.

Linda

St Francis Crafters

Every Wednesday
2:00pm-4:00pm
St Francis Church

We meet every Wednesday to knit, sew, crochet, craft and natter. Everyone is welcome! Or come along if you just want to chat! Contact me for more information on 01757 703892.

Margaret

Open Church

Wednesday 3rd & 17th August
2:00pm-4:00pm
St Wilfrid's Church

St Wilfrid's will be open for sketching, painting, stitching, writing, taking photographs or just soaking up the atmosphere.

Martin & Karl

Women Matters

Mothers' Union

Thursday 8th September
2:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

No meeting in August because we are off on our holi-bobs but we will see you in September with a talk from Hilary Castle.

Lynn

Thorpe WI

Thursday 11th August
7:30pm
St Francis Church

At our next meeting we will have a talk about something or another. Probably. And we will definitely be having some tea and cake this month

Brayton WI

Monday 8th August
2:00pm
Marion's Garden

We are holding a members Afternoon Tea in Marion's garden - here's hoping for fine weather! **Jean**

Sunday Evening Services

Alive@5

Sunday 21st August
5:00pm–6:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

Cake, chat, Bible stories, God chat, songs and craft, for all the family. Have you ever found church a bit stuffy? Well, why not come and enjoy church with a difference in this very chilled, short, fun time for families!

families@stwilfridsparish.com **Pete**

Inspire!

Sunday 28th August
5:00pm–6:00pm
St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

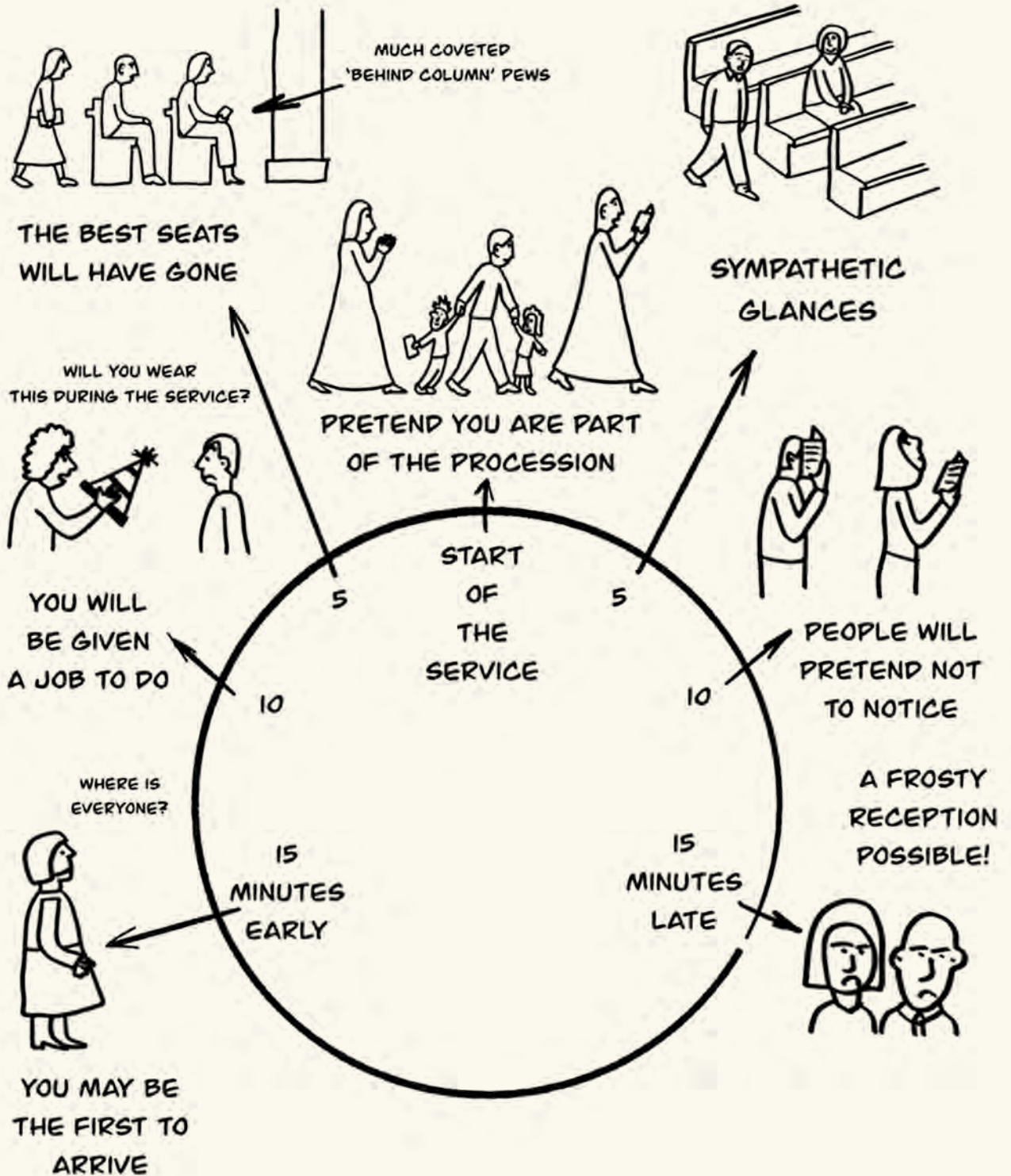
After our July break, we are back! Contemporary informal Christian fellowship and relaxed café style worship. It would be lovely to see you there! **Pete**

Drama

Drama Workshop

We take a break until September. Enjoy the summer! **Martin**

HOW TO ARRIVE AT CHURCH



With massive apologies to those who prepare the church, and the welcomers, and the clergy, and the warden. And the treasurer, obviously.

When We Were Very Young

I have explored Tony Williams' photographs this month, and I discovered three sets of images: the first being two pictures of a steamroller next to Brayton Green. The second involves Vyv Griffiths

rotavating the Rector's garden with lots of help from onlookers. A finally Vyv again, up a ladder whilst David does the hard work, whilst Margaret and Pat attend the southern garden borders.



John Fowler Road Roller outside of Dawsons Butchers in Brayton



I expect they parked up buy a pork pie or some-such



Put your back into it Vyv!



Pat helpfully indicates an area that Vyv missed...



"We need more hose David!". Vyv up a ladder again.



Pat and Margaret showing how Churchyard Tidying should be done. Not like the mob that do it now

Journeys...

*Bible Study and Reflection
for Disciples on the Way*

Beginning this October, an opportunity for those who would like to explore the Bible with others in a very relaxed setting.

Fortnightly, alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 7.30pm at the Brayton Rectory.

You're welcome to come every time or dip in and out.

Please contact me for more information.

Looking forward to sharing the journey with you!

Rev Pete Watson

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