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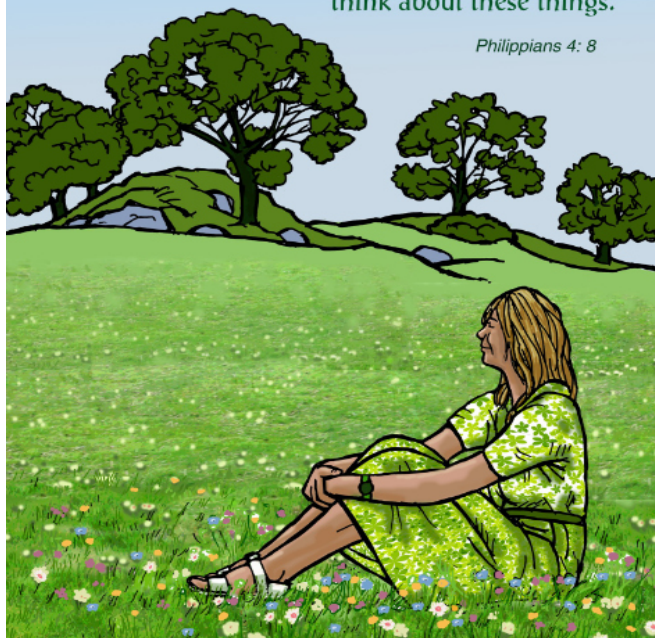
Messenger



Loving God, loving neighbours; sharing Jesus with you.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true,
whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Philippians 4: 8



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A time of real blessing, peace and relaxation



Well it has been 12 months now since Paul ,Jo and family moved to Lee Abbey and we have been in an interregnum. What have we learned about ourselves and each other during this time? We were told by Paul not to just maintain things within the parish but to be Missional and hopefully we have been. It has been a busy time for all worship centres whether new heating system, jubilee events, making sure all services are covered, pastoral visits etc and we have seen small signs of growth in our congregations

July and August is a time for a slow down from the usual rush , a time to put things aside for a short while as we take time to reflect, enjoy hopefully good weather, take a holiday or rest at home.

We all need to take time to rest and that need for a regular rest is built in as we are all made in the image of God. In the first 3 days of Creation God formed the world, then He filled it with light, sun, moon, stars and seasons, trees, plants, creatures of land, sea and air and God saw that it was good. However, having finished His Creativity He rested on the seventh day.

In Psalm 121 it says that God cares for us, watching over us but neither sleeping or slumbering so even when He is resting God cares and provides for us. He knows our need for rest and it became so important that He made it a commandment.

Jesus took the disciples away to rest after they had completed the work given them and in Mark 6 and in Luke we read how Jesus slept during a storm. In Psalm 127 it says God gives sleep to his loved ones therefore rest and sleep are God Given gifts.

This shows us that God is in control.

So when we are enjoying a rest from the routine over the Summer, help us to rejuvenate our minds, bodies and souls and catch up on things.

Hopefully over the Summer, whatever we are doing, may it be a time of real blessing, peace and relaxation Help us not just rest on one day of the week but rest within Jesus every day as Matthew says

‘Come to me, all who are weary and I will give you rest’

Enjoy the Summer and who knows we might have a new Incumbent by the end of it.

Jo Venn

To all my Church Friends

A very big thank you
for all the cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls
and prayers, which I received after my
surgery.

I'm pleased to say that I am
recovering well and hope to see you all
soon again soon.

Love from

Ann Milius

**Please note: no Afternoon
Fellowship in July and August .
We will start again in
September.**

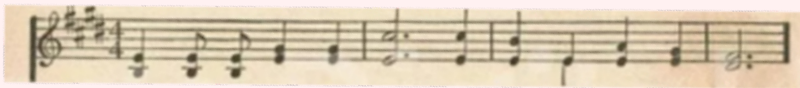
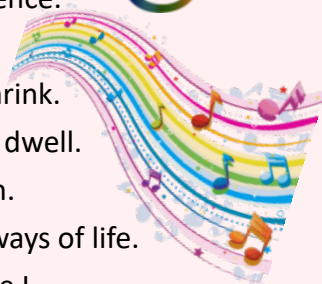
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roll and wrapping paper holders
for **Emmanuel School** .

Used postage stamps for **Derian
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groceries for **Porch Project**.

All gratefully received

Hymns for professionals

- Dentist:** Crown Him with many crowns.
Contractor: The church's one foundation
Obstetrician: Come, labour on.
Golfer: There is a green hill far away.
Politician: Standing on the promises.
Librarian: Let all mortal flesh keep silence.
Barrister: In the hour of trial.
Dry Cleaner: O for a faith that will not shrink.
Census taker: All people that on earth do dwell.
Tax officer: We give thee but thine own.
Traffic patrol: Where cross the crowded ways of life.
Credit card user: A charge to keep have I.



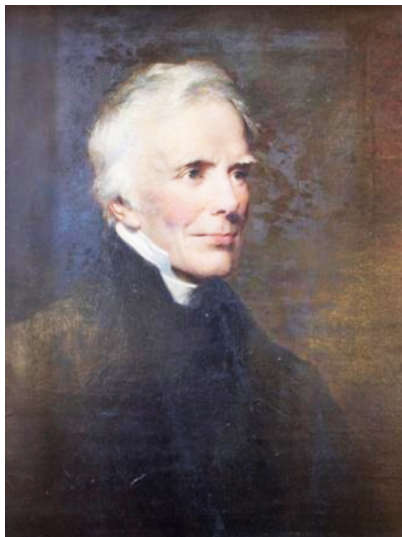
14th July

John Keble, priest, Tractarian and poet

John Keble is remembered for the spirituality of his hymns, and for being one of the leaders in the conservative Tractarian Movement of the 1830s, which aimed to defend the Church's Catholic heritage from the power of Parliament. Keble College Oxford was dedicated in his memory.

Keble was born into a clergy family in 1792, and his brilliance at Oxford led to him being elected a Fellow of Oriel College when only 19. In 1815, aged 23, he was ordained deacon and worked at Oriel as a tutor. But Keble yearned for parish life and so left Oxford in 1823 to be curate in his father's church in Gloucestershire. His new life gave him time to write hymns, some of which are still known today, such as *New Every Morning* and *Blest are the Pure in Heart*. But then in 1831 his poetry and hymns gained him election as Professor of Poetry back at Oxford.

The 1830s were a troubled time for the Church of England. Many conservative clergy were concerned by the reforms being carried out between Church and State by the Whig government. In 1833 Keble used his Assize Sermon to clearly protest against the Church of England being made subordinate to Parliament, as it was no longer exclusively Anglican. His views were very popular in the clerical circles of deeply conservative Oxford.



But although Keble went on to write nine of the 90 Tracts for the Times, and engaged in some debate, he did not enjoy controversy or the limelight. He was at heart a scholarly parish priest, and so in 1836 he left Oxford again, for 30 years of parish life in Hursley, where he sought to revive sacramental confession in the Church.

As in the words of one of his hymns, his prayer was always above all:

*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love, Fit us for
perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day, To live
more nearly as we pray.*

Keble died in 1866, and four years later, Keble College was founded at Oxford, in his memory.

**If your supermarket has been
lowering prices every day how
come nothing is free yet?**

St. Mary's Church, Hawkshaw

24th July 2026,

2pm – 8pm



Parish of
Holcombe &
Hawkshaw

Pray for the Parish

Refreshments available.

All ages welcome, so come and spend some time praying for the parish and any other thoughts on your mind.

Helpful scriptures and information will be available to guide you.

Children's colouring sheets will be available.

Brenda Vitler

It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of Brenda Vitler on 12th June who lived in Hewlett Court until recently and used to come across to our services on a Sunday and to Drop In on a Monday. Brenda moved here from Salford to be near her daughters Kris and 'our Lyn' who she spoke about often. Brenda loved the Reflective Garden and she could be seen walking round there most days either by herself or one of her daughters. She was always jolly and full of fun and her smile would light up a room.





A number of ladies from the Parish went to the Summer Renew meeting for ladies at St Mary's Church Rawtenstall on Monday 8th June. As always there was a warm welcome of Coffee and home made biscuits followed by time to renew acquaintances and make new ones.. There was a time of worship which had the theme of God being your anchor in the storms of life . 3 people Viv Rachel and Jayne related how God had helped them weather various storms in life and there was some fun activity of a singing competition too.

The worship singing was led by a Christian band called Out of the Valley who are available for hire.

An uplifting time was had by all and we had a goodie bag to take home with us. Look out for the next occasion date to be confirmed

Jo



For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

Archdeacon's Visitation Wednesday 8th July Christ Church, Walshaw at 7.30pm

At the service Warden's are admitted to office for one year.

**Peter Hardcastle and
Stephen Newhouse
will be attending this service.
Everyone is invited to attend.**

Visitation services take place each summer following the election of churchwardens at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Held at various locations across the diocese, these services formally admit elected parish churchwardens to their office, with sidespersons and PCC members also making declarations of support.

These services are an important part of the Church calendar, carrying special legal significance. A churchwarden is not considered to be in office until they have been officially admitted by an archdeacon. Historically, when churchwardens were admitted, they would report on the moral standing of the clergy, the condition of the parish and church buildings, and the administration of divine service.

Today, visitation services focus on prayer, encouragement, and support, providing an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the vital ministry of churchwardens. Visitation services also offer a chance to meet fellow churchwardens, Area Deans, and your Archdeacon.

Special memories of ECC

My name is Yvonne Nieuwoudt, the youngest daughter of John and Barbara Atkin. My family and I have worshipped at Emmanuel Church Centre since 1991, five years before the present chapel was added to Canon Lewis Hall. Rev. Frank Bowyer was Rector then, and some of my earliest memories are of helping my mum set up the Hall for Sunday services.



a Young Leader with 19th Ramsbottom Brownies, I returned each week to help younger girls develop confidence and new skills.

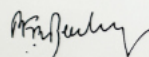
Much of my early involvement at ECC centred on Canon Lewis Hall. Under the firm guidance of Mrs. Rushton, the Reader who kept everything running, I took part in the yearly Nativity plays she organised. The Hall was also central to my time in Holcombe Girl Guides, where we held sleepovers and learned practical skills. Later, as

In 1997, Rev. Colin Honour prepared me for confirmation, and soon after I became a Server at ECC. When I left home in 2000 to begin nurse training at the University of Sheffield, based at Rotherham Hospital, I still considered

Rowan Douglas by Divine Providence *Lord Archbishop of Canterbury* Primate of all England and Metropolitan by Authority of Parliament lawfully empowered for the Purposes herein written To Our Beloved in Christ **Deon John Nieuwoudt of 8 Thames Street at Dunedin in New Zealand** a single man and **Yvonne Elisabeth Atkin** of the same address aforesaid a single woman **Health**

Whereas it is alleged that you purpose to contract a true pure and lawful Marriage and earnestly desire the same to be solemnized with all the speed that may be We do therefore of Our especial grace In order that such your desire may more readily have effect and for other causes Us hereunto moving Give and grant by these presents Our **Licence and Faculty** (so far as in Us lies and the law doth allow) for you the Parties contracting for any Clerk in Holy Orders thereto lawfully authorised and for all Christian People willing to be present to celebrate and solemnize such Marriage between you in the **Emmanuel Church Centre at Wolcombe Brook Ramsbottom in the County of Greater Manchester** between the hours of eight in the forenoon and six in the afternoon upon any day within three calendar months from the date hereof Provided there be no lawful impediment thereto

Given under the Seal of Our Office of Faculties at Westminster this twenty-fourth day of June in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and eleven and in the ninth year of Our Translation


Registrar

ECC my home church. My attendance became less frequent, but whenever I returned — usually at Easter or Christmas — I was welcomed as though I had never been away.

When my brother Robert died in 2006, we had hoped to hold his funeral at ECC. Circumstances meant it took place at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, but we held his wake at ECC, supported by the church family.

In 2009, I travelled to New Zealand to work and explore, and during that time I met Deon, who was from South Africa. We were living in shared accommodation and quickly got to know each other. Eight months later we were engaged and planning a wedding in the UK. I wanted to be married at the church that had shaped so much of my life, but ECC isn't

licensed for weddings.

The process that followed was detailed and not straightforward. Rev. Paul Sumsion guided us through what was required, including applying for a Special Marriage Licence,

necessary both because ECC isn't licensed and because we were living abroad. We completed marriage preparation classes in NZ and provided evidence of this. Deon also had to apply for a Special Visitor Visa for entry to the UK for a specific purpose and time period. On arrival, we presented the visa to Paul and completed the Affidavit and Commission before him.

A week before the wedding, we received the Special Marriage Licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury, permitting "all Christian People willing to be present to celebrate and solemnize such Marriage between you in the Emmanuel Church Centre...".

On Saturday 2nd July 2011, the congregation of ECC came together to witness our marriage. Rev. Paul Sumsion presided over the service, and Rev. Colin Honour conducted the Marriage Service. **To date, we remain the only couple to have been married at ECC.**

After the success of the



which launched our Jubilee Year in January,
we are having a similar service on

6th September at 2pm
all are welcome.



We will be singing all or some of our favourite hymns and songs as we had too many for the last service. If you want to sing a particular favourite let Sheila or Jo know. I am sure that it will be a great time of fellowship faith and fun and who knows it may even be nice enough for us to spill out into the reflective garden.

More Jubilee Activities

Well I was told not to do O level Art when I was at school, as I was useless at Art. What a shame that I wasn't taught by Lynn Kirkley all those years ago. She was so encouraging and did everything step by step giving you the confidence to go forward.

The watercolour classes were so popular we held one in the morning and one in the afternoon and accommodated 19 people altogether.

A wide variety of people came and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

We learned to mix colours and learned various techniques painting flowers from the reflective garden including marguerites and geraniums and we were all pleased with the results of our labours. These will go on display at the garden party on 11th July along with our pottery. Nobody can say that the activities that have been on offer have not been rich and varied. Look out for what else is in store.



Do like old fashioned games?

You would have loved our Beetle Drive on 23rd June. Despite the hot weather we had eight games of Beetle in a cool Canon Lewis Hall and had cold or hot drinks and Annette's gorgeous cakes. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the winner was Diane, who won a bottle of Pinot Grigio and Pauline won a large stress dice as the booby prize.



**Next games afternoon is a
Whist Drive on
15th September
and Brian is running this 2pm at
the Centre.**



Put it in your diary

The Strummers are back!

By popular request the Strummers are coming back for an evening of singing and dancing as part of our Jubilee Celebrations at ECC.

Put Saturday 31st October in your diary . This will start at 7 pm and will be an Autumn celebration as part of our closing Jubilee Weekend as there will be a joint service at 11am on the 1st November followed by a shared lunch after the service.

Tickets for the strummers will be £5 which includes a glass of fizz.



The proceeds will go to Bury Hospice.

There will be the usual raffle during the evening.

Put these events in your diary now but tickets will be on sale at a later date.

When England won the FIFA World Cup

Sixty years ago, on 30th July 1966, the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

Hurst is also the only surviving member of the England team that started the 1966 final, held at Wembley, where England played all their matches. Others were spread around the country.

The 1966 World Cup was unique in that it was the only one in history that had no matches played on a Sunday, because of the Sunday observance laws in force at the time. Professional football was in fact not played on a Sunday in England until 1973-74, and then to a much lesser extent than it is now.

The 1966 tournament was also significant in other ways – not least for the famous commentary snippet from Ken Wolstenholme, still quoted today. This occurred when it seemed the crowd might be invading the pitch as Hurst advanced on the German goal. “They think it’s all over!” said KW. Pause, then as

Hurst’s shot hit the back of the net, “It is now!”

Many matches in the tournament were marred by violent play and contentious sendings-off. Vicious tackles on

Pelé, the world’s leading player, put him out of the tournament, and one angry player in another match had to be escorted off the field by police. As a result, the yellow and red cards familiar to us today were introduced, as was the use of substitutes. Inconsistent refereeing was also tackled through training and clearer interpretation of the laws of the game.

Before the tournament started, the Jules Rimet trophy was stolen from an exhibition. A dog named Pickles discovered it wrapped in newspaper under a bush in a South London garden.



Sanctuary

I recently visited Beverley Minister for their exhibition about Sanctuary., (<https://beverleyminster.org.uk/sanctuary/sanctuary-project/>) Bishop John of York chose a place where Beverley now stands to establish a monastery. He retired to it to find sanctuary. His reputation influenced King Athelston to give Beverley the 'right of sanctuary' which attracted fugitives from a wide area. The minster continues to be a place of sanctuary for the present generation. At the Minster you can see the Saxon Fridstool(chair of peace).It is one of only 2 that survive in England and is a symbol of the unbroken history of the site of Beverley Minster as the place of a Christian Community.

Beverley Minster chose the theme of sanctuary as it was unique in having the influence of a Saxon Saint and King in having the right of sanctuary. The British Library houses the original Beverley Sanctuary Book(1478-1540)which list all those who claimed sanctuary. 493 people came to Beverley from all over the Country as Beverley was designated a town with the 'right of sanctuary'

The Sanctuary story resonates with the contemporary issue of refugees seeking sanctuary. The project works with organisations



formed to help refugees and people seeking asylum. It has a close relationship with Open Doirs, a local centre providing sanctuary and practical support to destitute asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers.

The right to claim sanctuary was abolished in the early 17th Century but the principle behind it continues to inspire the Minster community today as it seeks to engage with the needs of those on the margins of society.

Such needs are very different from those of bygone days and carry no moral stigma, however there are all sorts of people today for whom the sanctuary of home is no more than a distant hope.

There have been occasions when our Church Centres and the Reflective Garden have been and continue to be a Sanctuary for those in need, physically or spiritually. We may not be Beverley Minster but we can still open our doors to those in need

Jo

Missing Breakfast

Surveys have found that, probably because of the popularity of intermittent fasting, these days 13% of adults never eat breakfast.

For some of us, missing breakfast is not a problem. But be aware that no food means low blood sugars, which can lead to lower energy levels and even impaired cognitive function, or brain fog. That is because the brain depends on a constant source of carbohydrates to function at its best.

Skipping breakfast may help you lose a bit of weight, but it can also disrupt your metabolism and gut microbiome. And you can be tempted to snack on bad stuff later on in the day.



So, what is a good breakfast? Steer clear of fatty, sugary foods. Wholegrain foods, nuts, seeds, and low-fat live yoghurt are easy on stomachs – and ensure a supply of energy over several hours.

Ode to Spell Checkers

I have a spelling checker
I disk covered four my PC.
It plane lee marks four my revue
Miss steaks aye can knot see.

Eye ran this poem threw it.
Your sure real glad two no.
Its very polished in its weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a blessing.
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,
And aides me when aye rime.



Each frays comes posed up on my screen
Eye trussed too bee a joule.
The checker pours o'er every word
To cheque sum spelling rule.

Bee fore wee rote with checkers
Hour spelling was inn deck line,
Butt now when wee dew have a laps,
Wee are not maid too wine.

And now bee cause my spelling
Is checked with such grate flare,
There are know faults in awl this peace,
Of nun eye am a wear.

To rite with care is quite a feet
Of witch won should be proud,
And wee mussed dew the best wee can,
Sew flaws are knot aloud.

That's why eye brake in two averse
Cuz Eye dew want too please.
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye
This soft wear four pea seas.



Grove Booklets

Archbishop of Canterbury calls to 'make strangers neighbours' amid rising hostility

Responding to the recent King's Speech, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, has spoken about the importance of hope at a time of rising hate crime, intimidation and hostility.



"The work of integration has never been more urgent. We have witnessed a deeply concerning deterioration in intercommunity relations. I therefore welcome the commitment in the Gracious Speech to do more to protect the Jewish communities following the recent appalling attacks and in doing so I wish to assure both Jewish and Muslim communities of my support as they face the unacceptable rise in hate crime, intimidation and hostility.

"The Church of England has long held that the right of all people to practise their faith without fear must be protected.

"We have also seen religious identity misused to intimidate and divide. Let us be clear: the commandment of Jesus Christ is to love your neighbour as yourself, to love without exception and to seek the flourishing of all.

"We must address the pressures facing people and communities today while ensuring that systems for new arrivals are fair. We must undertake the harder task of bringing communities together - of making strangers neighbours - and ensuring that all who reside here have both the opportunity and the responsibility to contribute to our shared life."

Is danger lurking in your fridge?

When you look in your fridge, what do you see? Milk, butter, vegetables and last night's leftovers?

So far, so good. But what about the things that you don't see? A recent survey of people's fridges found that more than half of them were harbouring dangerous bacteria such as E. coli, salmonella and listeria. So, it seems that unless we take care of our fridges, they can become playgrounds for germs.

Veggie drawers with bits of slimy carrots or liquefying greens have been found to harbour more bacteria per square centimetre than a toilet seat. Plates of raw meat can be a bacterial timebomb. Even door seals and fridge handles can be a germ hotspot.

The key thing is to regularly wipe shelves

and drawer down with a mild disinfectant, remove stale food, and to keep the temperature of the fridge at five degrees.

Don't overcrowd your fridge (which can block air circulation) and don't engage in the classic 'fridge food linger,' staring into the fridge while deciding what you want to eat. The longer that door is open, the more the warm air rushes in.

Your fridge is the hardest working appliance in your kitchen, but it needs your help.



God in the Sciences

A Scientist Reflects: Suffering and the Image of God

Since the cost-of-living crisis in 2021/22, Food Banks have become a necessity for many desperate families. When they are given food, people reveal a variety of emotions: from relief, happiness and hope, through to quiet sadness, resignation, and desperation. Most often they display a mixture of several of these feelings at the same time.

I believe that our cries for answers at times like this, and our deep longing for things to be better, kinder, more just, less painful and chaotic, are a sign that we are made in the image of God. The Bible describes God creating men and women, instructing them to rule over the earth, and giving them the freedom to choose what they will do. The world God made was described as “very good”, but human wrongdoing caused a rift between people and God, and also between us and the rest of Creation.

From a scientist’s perspective, it seems that the potential for accidents, disease and death – for both animals and humans – may have been part of God’s very good creation, and there was a real threat of famine, albeit far rarer than in our current mismanaged version of creation? How would we have managed life in what Genesis describes as an un-subdued world if our relationship with God hadn’t broken down, and evil hadn’t been unleashed? Maybe painful experiences would have been experienced as challenges that brought us closer to each other and to God, rather than bringing us the experience of suffering (which I would define more particularly as involving distress, isolation and fear)? Of course, these are theoretical questions that no one can answer, but perhaps they are worth exploring.



God has already responded to suffering at a root level by taking it on Himself. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of sin and death. We do not yet see the final results of those decisive actions – the end of suffering for all those who trust Him – but we can already feel their impact. For example, many people have experienced the wonderful effect, either in their own lives or by receiving kindness from others, which is described by these words: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26).

Some of the people who receive food are, in the words of one community leader, “really desperate”, but yet they still trust God to meet their needs. My hope is that the worldwide Church will, with God’s help, be part of the answer to their prayers – demonstrating our true status as people made in the image of God.

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Children & Families Update

activities to be child-led wherever possible. At the heart of this is a desire to share the love of



PIC*COLLAGE

The last few months have been incredibly busy and encouraging across our children and families ministry and it has been wonderful to see so many opportunities to connect with children, young people and families both in our churches and schools.

Sunday Club and Sunday Cellar

Sunday Club and Sunday Cellar continue to meet most weeks at St Mary's and it is always a joy to see the children engaging so enthusiastically with the activities and discussions. Recently, I attended some training through the Diocese and was encouraged to discover that our Sunday groups already operate in a way that closely reflects the approach the Church of England is encouraging churches to adopt.

A key emphasis of this approach is creating space for play, exploration and curiosity. Rather than focusing on delivering a set agenda, we are encouraged to follow the children's interests and questions, allowing

Jesus in ways that are meaningful and accessible to children, enabling them to explore faith at their own pace and on their own level.

I am incredibly grateful for our fantastic team of volunteers who wholeheartedly embrace this philosophy and share a passion for helping children and young people come to know Jesus for themselves. Their enthusiasm, creativity and commitment make these groups such welcoming and nurturing spaces.

Schools

Our work in schools continues to be a significant part of the ministry. I continue to provide weekly Class Worship sessions in our link schools and lead Collective Worship each week at Emmanuel. During the last half-term, we took full advantage of the drier weather and moved many of our sessions outdoors onto the playground. The school value we were exploring was Trust and each week the children took part in activities designed to help them think about what it means to trust others and,

ultimately, to trust God. Being outdoors brought a new energy to these sessions and allowed for some fantastic reflections.

I also continue to be incredibly grateful to our Open the Book team who faithfully deliver weekly sessions at Holcombe Brook Primary School. These assemblies are always very warmly received by both staff and pupils and provide another valuable opportunity to share Bible stories and Christian values with the children in an engaging and accessible way.

Capernwray

One of the highlights of recent months was attending the Capernwray Community Day. A group of children and families joined us for what was a fantastic afternoon. There was plenty to enjoy including popcorn, candy floss, bouncy castles and a variety of activities around the site. It was particularly special for Kim and McKinley to reconnect with some of the children they had met during their outreach visit earlier in the year, highlighting the ongoing relationships that continue to grow through these opportunities.

Church Poster In France:

When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "The Call of God." However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

Future

As we look ahead, preparations are well underway for our Young Life Summer Carnival which will take place on Saturday 27th June. This event is open to primary school-aged children and, weather permitting, will be held outdoors behind St Mary's Church. We have a packed programme planned including a giant bouncy slide, a samba workshop, face painting, circus skills, opportunities to help build an eco-greenhouse for ECC and much more besides. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of children for an afternoon of fun.

If you would like any more information about the Summer Carnival or any of our other activities, please do get in touch.

Please continue to follow our social media pages to stay up to date with everything that is happening across our children and families ministry.

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With thanks and blessings,

Liz Webber

Children & Families Lead



The boys on the substitutes' bench knew
their only chance of a sing was if one of
the first team was injured

Reflected Faith

Series:

Intercessions

In the **Book of Common Prayer**, the Creed and the sermon appear in a different order, but in both traditions intercessions follow. In Common Worship, they come straight after the Creed.

By this point, we may feel we have already prayed a great deal, so what makes intercessions different?

Intercessions focus entirely on the needs of others. They are public prayers, not centred on 'me' but on the wider world. They gather the concerns of the Church, the world, our community, those in need, and those who have died, along with those who mourn and as a whole congregation we bring them before God.

They are not, repeat not, a time to slip in a couple of adverts for next week's summer fair and a prayer for enough volunteers to come forward – please see Mrs Jones after the service - or to tell the congregation of someone's ill health or funeral arrangements!

These prayers usually follow that order, though sometimes in reverse. Either way, there is a clear pattern that helps the congregation engage. We may begin broadly with the world and move towards the local and personal, or start close to home and widen our view.

For example, with a theme such as farming, intercessions might include churches in rural communities worldwide, countries dependent on food production, government ministers responsible for agriculture and fisheries, local farmers and food workers, and those in need or



recently bereaved within the community.

Style matters as much as content. These are the prayers of the people, so they should use language that feels natural and accessible. Often, simplicity works best.

This month

Listen carefully to the intercessions when you attend a service. Do they follow a clear, engaging pattern? Is the language accessible? Which prayers stay with you through the week? Who leads them, and from where?

Flight path

Windsor Castle, outside of London, is directly in the flight path of Heathrow International Airport. While a group of American tourists was standing outside the castle admiring the elegant structure, a plane flew overhead at a relatively low altitude, making a tremendous noise. One particularly annoyed tourist demanded: "Why did they build the castle so close to the airport?"



Remembering Enid Blyton

It was on 11th August 1897, that Enid Blyton was born in East Dulwich, South London. This enormously popular British children's writer 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 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.



Enid Blyton

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.



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!



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

For Reflection



As I write, I am part-way into a visit by my sister-in-law from Australia, and it started me thinking about the significance of family.

God created human beings for relationship, reflecting the relationship between the three Persons of the Trinity. Family is fundamental to life itself, and provides the framework for our existence. Every individual is the result of the coming together of a father and mother, and God ordained family life as the ideal pattern for human society, providing mutual love, support and nurture.

When Jesus came to earth, he was born into a human family, which provided the loving environment in which he grew to adulthood. He no doubt experienced the complexities and contradictions of family life, with all its joys and sorrows.

Family life can be equally the greatest source of both pleasure and pain, happiness and hurt. Those of us who have been blessed with a stable and life-enhancing experience of family life indeed have much to be grateful for. Sadly, however, we are well aware that for many the experience is less positive, and indeed sometimes damaging, or even destructive. In our fallen world, and each with our own personal imperfections, family life holds many challenges. Relationships are sometimes strained and can easily break down. Grace, compromise and forgiveness are often needed to smooth over the cracks. And we must thank God for the people – professional or otherwise – who work to bring reconciliation or fill the gaps when relationships go wrong.

And it is also important to remember that we are all part of a much bigger family. We are “children of God”, all sharing the same loving heavenly Father, brothers and sisters in Christ. While our human families may sometimes fail us, our heavenly Father remains faithful, and we can find the love and encouragement we need from the people He puts into our lives – our friends and our church family.

Perhaps we can ask God to help us in not taking for granted the love and companionship of both our natural and spiritual families, to sustain us through those rocky times in our relationships, and to enable us to be “family” for those around us.

Linda Jackson

July Services

5th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 ; Matthew 11: 16 -19, 25-30

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Richard Moffat</i>	11.00am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Rev. Robert Airey</i>	10.45am All Age Worship with Holy Communion <i>Rev Vic Fletcher & Richard Byrom</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

9th July - 2.00pm - Holy Communion

Emmanuel Church Centre - Rev. Robert Airey

12th July - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 25: 19-34, Matthew 13, 1-9, 18-23

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Michael Burton</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Robert Airey & Michael Burton</i>	10.45am Morning Worship with Groups <i>Tim Webber & Ethel Houghton</i>
3pm Campfire Church		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

19th July - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28: 10-19a; Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36-43

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Richard Moffat</i>	11.00am Morning Worship <i>Rev Robert Airey</i>	10.45am All Age Worship with Holy Communion <i>Rev Vic Fletcher & Dick Gorst</i>
	6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG 1662 <i>Rev Robert Airey & Michael Burton</i>	6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

July Services

23rd July - 2.00pm - Home Communion
 Emmanuel Church Centre - Rev Vic Fletcher

26th July - The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
 Romans 8: 26 - end ; Matthew: 13: 31-33, 44-52

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Rev Vic Fletcher</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Robert Airey & Rev Richard Moffat &</i>	10.45am Morning Worship with groups <i>Richard Byrom & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

August Services

2nd August - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
 Genesis 32: 22-31; Matthew 14: 13-21

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev. Richard Maffat</i>	11.00am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Michael Burton</i>	10.45am Holy Communion No Groups <i>Ethel Houghton & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

Passage and Prayer

The idea is to take a few moments out during each day to meet with God.

Keep these pages for the two month and refer to them each day.

Read a passage of Scripture and spend a little while thinking on what God might be saying to you through it. Then pray for whatever is on your heart and mind, and perhaps include the things happening around the parish.

Each month, a new sheet will be included in the magazine.

Passage & Prayer 6th – 12th July

Prayer for this week:

That we can glimpse you within creation is a beautiful thought but also tells us that you desire to be seen, to be found and known. Open our eyes as we walk through this world, feel the wind and sunshine, see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes. Help us to see you Lord.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 1: 1 – 2: 4.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 13: 1 – 9; 18 – 23.

Passage & Prayer 3rd – 9th August

Prayer for this week:

I have no plans for today, no destination in mind, no stops planned along the way. I am stepping out in faith with You as my guide. I shall walk where you lead, follow where you tread, rest where you lay me down, drink the water that You will supply, and arriving, know that I am refreshed.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 5.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 14: 22 – 33.

Passage & Prayer 13th – 19th July

Prayer for this week:

Guide us, gracious Lord, as we make our way through this week, your feet revealing safe paths to follow, your calming voice giving confidence to continue, through unfamiliar, challenging and often beautiful places.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 2: 5 – end.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43.

Passage & Prayer 10th – 16th August

Prayer for this week:

So, fill us with your love that it might cascade into the ordinariness of our working lives, and others experience the warmth of its flow, spreading from hearts and words and deeds; an unbroken stream bringing refreshment to all that it touches.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 6:1 - 7: 1

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 15: (10-20) 21 – 28.

Passage & Prayer 20th – 26th July

Prayer for this week:

Creator of all, sustainer of all and saviour of all, Your glory and majesty are beyond our understanding, Your power too awesome to behold. And yet, your love enfolds us as a gentle breeze. Saviour of all, sustainer of all, creator of all, we bless your holy name.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 3.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 13: 31 – 33; 44 – 52.

Passage & Prayer 27th July – 2nd August

Prayer for this week:

Your light is the only light I need as I travel through life's mystery. Your word the only voice I hear, that still small voice that leads me to the place where I should be. Your presence is the only company I need, as I walk this narrow road. Your fellowship the warmth I crave to help me on my way.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 4.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 14: 13 – 21.

Passage & Prayer 17th – 23rd August

Prayer for this week:

We are, all of us, wonderfully made. Young or old, weak or strong, we are able to both receive and give love, to be blessed and be a blessing, to be singers of the angels' song and point to the one who gives us life. We are, all of us, wonderfully made. Thank you, Creator God, who loves each one.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 7: 2 – end.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 16: 13 – 20.

Passage & Prayer 24th – 30th August

Prayer for this week:

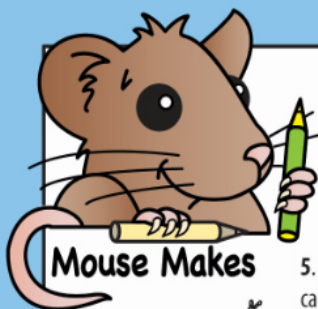
Where your love resides there is wholeness, where your peace lives there is harmony, where your Spirit inhabits there is freedom. God of gentle whisper, fragrant breeze, sweet perfume, infuse our lives with all that is good and pure and holy, and we'll be a living sacrifice wherever you might need us.

Readings for this week:

2 Corinthians 8: 1 – 15.

Sunday Reading:

Matthew 16: 21 – 28.



Mouse Makes

1. What bird makes
it's nest on high?
Job 39:27



2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4



3. The hair of which animal
was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14

4. What insect
can we learn from?
Proverbs 6:6



7. Which animal
was Jesus
compared to?
John 1:29



6. What animal would
go through the eye
of a needle easier
than a rich person?
Luke 18:25

B I B L E

8. What bird did Noah release
from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7



9 across.
In what creature's mouth
was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27



C R E A T U R E S



9 down.
What lives
in holes?
Matthew 8:20

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10. What insect
would God send
to destroy
the enemy?
Deut 7:20



11. What animals
eat crumbs from
under the table?
Matthew 15:27



15

12. Which bird
did the
Holy Spirit
appear as?
Luke 3:22



13. Which animal
did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7



14. What bird did God provide
for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13



15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4



16. Which animal is the
"mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30

August Services

9th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 10: 5-15 ; Matthew 14: 22-33

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Rev Richard Moffat Dick Gorst</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Robert Airey</i>	10.45am Morning Worship with Groups <i>Richard Byrom & Dick Gorst</i>
NO Campfire Church		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

**No Thursday - Holy Communion
in August**

16th August - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 45:1-15; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21 - 28

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Richard Moffat & Michael Burton</i>	11.00am Morning Worship <i>Michael Burton</i>	10.45am Holy Communion NO groups <i>Rev Vic Fletcher & Richard Byrom</i>
	NO CHORAL EVENSONG	6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

23rd August - The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 1:8 - 2: 10 ; Matthew 16: 13-20

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Michael Burton & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Richard Moffat</i>	10.45am Morning Worship with groups <i>Ethel Houghton & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

August Services

30th August - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 3: 1-15; Matthew 16: 21-28

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Taizé Service <i>Barbara Atkin & Linda Jackson</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer (1662) <i>Rev Robert Airey</i>	10.45am Morning Worship NO groups <i>Tim Webber & Dick Gorst</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

September Services

6th September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 12: 1-14 ; Matthew 18: 15-20

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Robert Airey</i> <i>Ethel Houghton</i>	11.00am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Michael Burton</i>	10.45am All Age Worship with Holy Communion <i>Rev Vic Fletcher & Ethel Houghton</i>
		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

10th September - 2.00pm - Holy Communion
Emmanuel Church Centre - Rev. Robert Airey

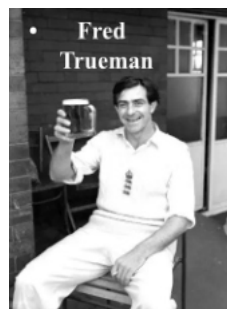
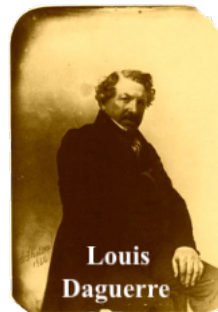
13th September- Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 14: 19-31; Matthew 18: 21-35

Emmanuel Church Centre	Emmanuel, Holcombe	St. Mary, Hawkshaw
9.30am Morning Worship Common Worship <i>Jo Venn & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Common Worship <i>Rev Richard Moffat</i>	10.45am Morning Worship with Groups <i>Richard Byrom & Rev Vic Fletcher</i>
3pm Campfire Church		6.30pm Evening Worship 3 Hawkshaw Lane

All in the month of JULY

It was:

- 250 years ago, on 4th July 1776 that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.
- 250 years ago, from 12th July 1776 to 4th October 1780, that the British explorer Captain James Cook made his third and final voyage. He travelled to New Zealand and Hawaii, where he was killed in a violent exchange with the local people.
- 175 years ago, on 3rd July 1851 that Charles Bannerman, British-born Australian cricketer, was born. He scored the first-ever run in Test cricket, and also scored the first century in Test cricket.
- Also 175 years ago, on 10th July 1851 that Louis Daguerre, French photographer and artist who invented the daguerreotype photography process was born. Regarded as one of the fathers of photography.
- Also 175 years ago, on 24th July 1851 that the Window Tax was abolished in England and Wales. The tax was introduced in 1696 and was based on the number of windows in a house. It led to many windows being bricked up. It was replaced by a tax on inhabited buildings.
- 125 years ago, on 9th July 1901 that Dame Barbara Cartland, romantic novelist, was born. She wrote 723 novels, including 23 in a single year, and sold more than one billion copies of her books.
- 100 years ago, on 15th July 1926 that Leopoldo Galtieri was born. As president/military ruler of Argentina, he ordered Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands.
- 90 years ago, on 24th July 1936 that the speaking clock telephone service was launched in the UK.
- 50 years ago, on 4th July 1976 that Operation Entebbe took place. Israeli commandos staged a counter-terrorist hostage-rescue mission at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, following the hijacking of an Air France plane on 27th June.
- Also 50 years ago, on 20th July 1976 that NASA's Viking 1 lander successfully landed on Mars, and sent back the first photographs from the surface of Mars.
- 30 years ago, on 1st July 1996 that candidates taking the British driving test also had to pass a written exam for the first time.
- 20 years ago, on 1st July 2006 that Fred Trueman, cricket player and broadcaster died. Seen as one of the greatest bowlers in cricketing history.
- Also 20 years ago, on 15th July 2006 that Twitter, the online micro-blogging service, was launched.
- Also 20 years ago, on 20th July 2006 that Tesla Motors unveiled its first model, the Tesla Roadster. It went on sale in February 2008.



How do new pilots learn to fly?

They just wing it.

How do you throw a birthday party on Mars?

You planet.

What do you call a droid that likes taking the scenic route?

R2-Detour.



What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A stick!

What's the best seat on a flight to a tropical vacation?

An isle.

What did one wall say to the other wall?

"I'll meet you at the corner."

What's an alligator in a vest called?

An investigator.

Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself?

It was two-tired.

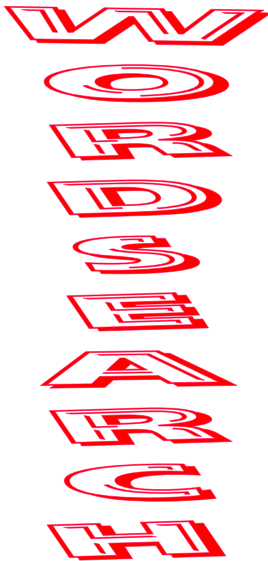
Here are some tips for a cooler house

If the summer heat is getting to you, you might consider the following:

- Close your curtains and blinds during the day. Block out the sunlight. That may be hard to do in a country where we don't see the sun as often as we'd like, but sadly that sunlight pouring through your windows will not only brighten but also heat up your house.
- At night, aim to create a breeze that flows through your house. This is easy to do - simply open windows on opposite walls or at opposite sides of your home. Let the air circulate as much as possible.
- Try to reduce heat from your appliances. Your stove, television, dishwasher, hairdryer, fridge and freezer all generate some heat. Can you do without any of these during the daytime?
- Aim for cool flooring. Try and use wood flooring and ceramic or porcelain tiles in that is why we like them in the winter.



- Consider using breathable fabrics over your sofa and chairs. Sitting on natural fabrics such as cotton or linen throws is cooler than sitting on man-made fabrics.
- If all else fails, try an electric fan, placed on the floor in front of a bowl of ice water, and aimed at the opposite wall of your room. But they are expensive to run, and do not cool the air. They merely increase the velocity of it, so that it feels cooler.



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It was 250 years ago, on 4th July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington.

An original draft of the Declaration was made by Thomas Jefferson, and was amended by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. It runs for only 1,320 words. The Declaration included the phrase: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

July	Thomas	Creator
Fourth	Jefferson	Inalienable
Declaration	Benjamin	Rights
Independence	Franklin	Life
Second	John	Liberty
Continental	Adams	Pursuit
Congress	Truths	Happiness
Washington	Created	
Draft	Equal	

Sudoku

Easy

Medium

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Come reign in me

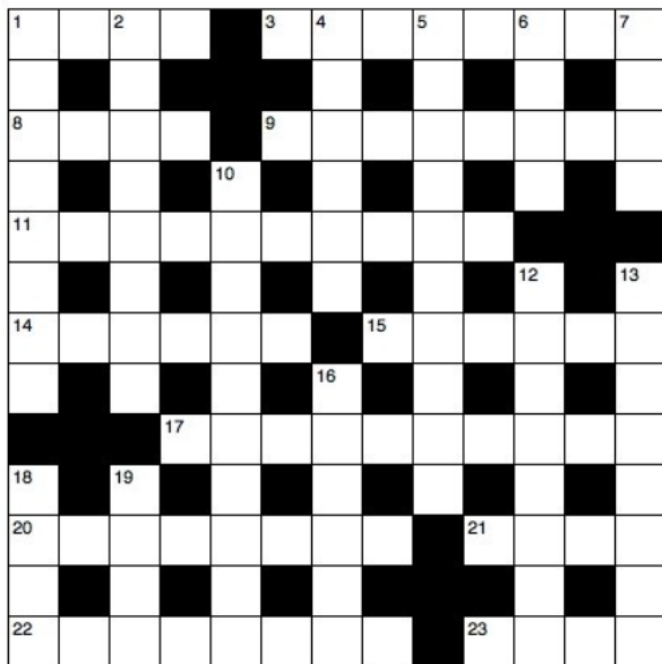
Oh God, who made the world so fair,
And formed the earth, the sky,
the sea;
Who gave us ears, and eyes, and minds,
To hear, to see, to know all love is thee.

Oh God, who in the Lord Jesus,
Gave us a light to light our way;
Let our life's lamp be lit by Him
Whose strength will see us safely through each day.

Oh God, whose Spirit gave us birth,
And holds all life secure, e'en mine;
Take all I am, and all I have,
Bless and redeem them for they both are Thine.

Oh God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one;
Blessed be thy name, come reign in me,
And in me let thy will be done.

By Sam Doubtfire



21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A.

Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22) (10)

12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear (James 2:21) (8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34) (4)

19 Rear (anag.) (4)

Across

1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)

3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)

8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)

11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)

14 In Cain (anag.) (6)

15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to — ' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)

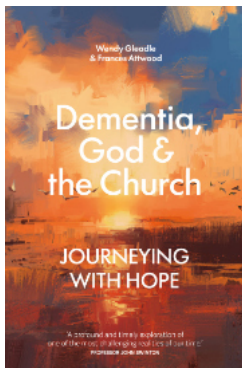
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Dementia, God and the Church: Journeying with hope

By Wendy Gleadle and Frances Attwood, BRF, £12.99

Dementia is one of today's most feared health conditions, and Christians with the condition may also worry about losing their faith and their connection to God. However, there is still hope: those living with dementia can still find meaning in their life and their faith.



Written by two practitioners in this field, *Dementia, God and the Church* aims to show how person-centred approaches to dementia can provide hope. Wendy Gleadle first examines the difficulties of maintaining religious beliefs as cognition declines, and the implications of this if faith is equally emotional as cognitive. She explores other forms of spiritual awareness, such as relationships, the arts and creativity.

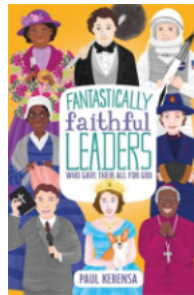
Frances Attwood asks how churches can better support those living with dementia, through examining what they and their families and carers find helpful and want most. Throughout, space is given to first-hand stories of those with dementia, those working with them and those caring for them.

Fantastically Faithful Leaders Who Gave Their All for God

By Paul Kerensa, SPCK, £8.99

Here is a page-turning biography series for children 7 and up, to meet Christians whose courage and leadership changed the world.

Award-winning comedy writer and author Paul Kerensa brings to life eight extraordinary people from history who answered God's call to lead - and changed the world in the process.



They include:

- **Sojourner Truth:** a former slave who spoke out against slavery and for women's rights.
- **Lord Shaftesbury:** a social reformer who campaigned to prevent children from being sent out to work.
- **Evangeline Booth:** the first female leader of the Salvation Army.
- **Madam C. J. Walker:** an African American business woman who was the first female self-made millionaire in the USA.
- **Billy Graham:** an evangelist who preached the gospel all over the world and led millions to Jesus.
- **John Glenn Jr:** who rocketed into history as the first astronaut to orbit Earth
- **Elizabeth II:** a queen who faithfully served God and her people.
- **Demond Tutu:** an Archbishop who helped bring an end to apartheid in South Africa.

Whether used as a family read-aloud, for independent reading, a classroom resource, or a Sunday school supplement, this book gives children real-life role models who show what ordinary people can achieve when they trust an extraordinary God.

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Sudoku solutions

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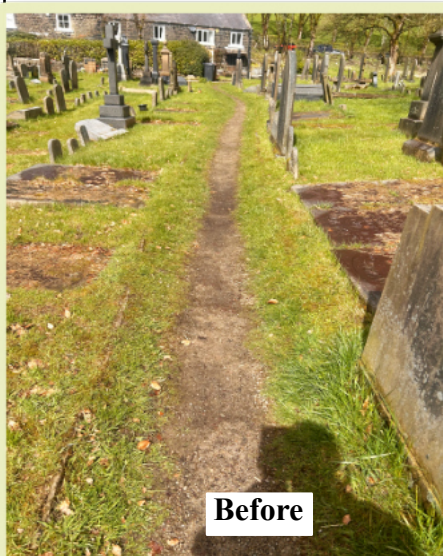
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Grateful thanks to George Bristow and Margaret Cockcroft for the many weeks they have dedicated to restoring the path through the Graveyard in Holcombe.

The path had become badly overgrown and they worked so hard to remove weeds, grass and earth, to fully restore the path and edges.



Church Bulletin Notices

Some church bulletin notices have a charm all their own, when you know that they MEANT to say....

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practise.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last Saturday in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Please place your donation in the envelope, along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Remembering Dolly – the cloned sheep

Thirty years ago, on 5th July 1996, Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. She was the first cloned mammal.

Dolly had three mothers: one provided the egg, another the DNA, and a third carried the cloned embryo to term. Her existence was announced the following February, resulting in much media attention and no little controversy. There was a special report in Time magazine, and TV showed a commercial featuring Scottish scientists playing with sheep.

Dolly was widely featured as the scientific breakthrough of the year. Even though she was not the first animal cloned, she was the first cloned from an adult cell. The process was extremely inefficient, with Dolly the only lamb surviving to adulthood from 277 attempts in 1996.

Several animals had been cloned before Dolly, including frogs in 1952 and 1958. Even mammals had been cloned – sheep in 1984 and cows in 1987 – but the key difference with Dolly was that she was cloned from a reprogrammed adult somatic cell, instead of embryonic cells.

Dolly lived for six and a half years. She was euthanized in 2003 after developing a progressive lung disease not uncommon in sheep, particularly those spending their lives



indoors, like Dolly. Sheep of a similar breed usually live for ten to twelve years, but scientists did not think her life was shortened because she was a clone.

Her body was preserved and is on display at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

Cloning, particularly cloning of mammals, has led to concerns among some Christians that the bounds of the natural order are being overstepped. If the process were extended to humans (monkeys were cloned in 2018 and 2024 in China for medical research), there have been fears that this would be too much like “playing God”.

Labels

As part of the admission procedure in the hospital where I work, I ask the patients if they are allergic to anything. If they are, I print it on an allergy band placed on the patient's wrists.

Once when I asked an elderly woman if she had any allergies, she said she couldn't eat bananas. Imagine my surprise when several hours later a very irate son came out to the nurses' station demanding, “Who's responsible for labelling my mother 'bananas'?”



John Prichard's 80th birthday party.

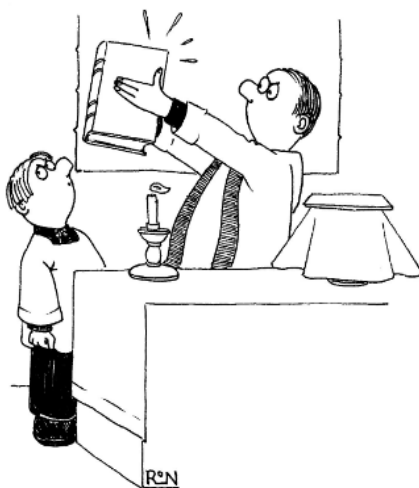
Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to ... no not Bangor, but John Prichard's 80th birthday party. We had a lovely service with all John's favourite hymns including his school hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save and a wonderful sermon based on Matthew 10 given by Ethel. Sheila played Panus Angelicus as a piece of reflection just before Barbara led us in thoughtful intercessions and we had Handel's Water Music before and after the service. We had coffee and then time for whoever wanted to which was most of us, to visit the Reflective Garden which is looking lovely at the moment.

We were then joined by friends and family including others from the parish for a sit down meal of Gammon with Dorothy's famous Orange Sauce New Potatoes Salad and coleslaw. Well Annette excelled herself with the most wonderful array of desserts she had been cooking for weeks. Thank heavens for our church freezers!! Cheese and biscuits were followed by cake and bubbly and finished off with Coffee and mints.



A great time was had by all and hopefully not least by John.

Instead of presents there was a collection for Bury Blind society and £227 was donated. A great time of fun food and fellowship was had by all.



Fortunately it was a perfect mosquito, without spot or blemish

The 16th century Bible that may have saved the Welsh language

The Spanish Armada may have indirectly helped save the Welsh language.

For at the time when the Spanish were threatening England, Queen Elizabeth I decided to commission a Welsh Bible, to help to secure the Church of England's diocese in Wales.

She chose to ask William Morgan, Bishop of Llandaff in 1595 and then of St Asaph in 1601. He spent ten years at the task, and in the end one thousand copies were printed, and then distributed to every church in Wales.

Nowadays Bishop William Morgan's 16th-century Welsh-language Bible, Y Beibl Cyssegr-lan, can be found in a farmhouse at Ty Mawr Wybrnant, near Penmachno, in north Wales. The copy at Ty Mawr attracts hundreds of pilgrims and visitors every year, and has now been featured in a BBC series Hidden Treasures of the National Trust.

Fflur Medi Owen, programming and partnership officer for the National Trust, says that the translation of the Welsh Bible was pivotal for the preservation of the Welsh language. Not only that, but the timing of the translation was significant, because the



language had become “very dialect-heavy”.

“I do think we would have been able to understand each other, but things were falling out of shape,” says Ms Owen. “The green light to commission the Bible into Welsh by William Morgan came at a time that meant the language could be given a form and structure.”

She goes on: “Welsh is an old, old Brittonic language — it’s like an umbilical cord. Had it not been for William Morgan, our Welsh language would have gone like Manx and Cornish.”

It is not the number of books you read, nor the variety of sermons you hear, nor the amount of religious conversation in which you mix, but it is the frequency and earnestness with which you meditate on these things till the truth in them becomes your own and part of your being, that ensure your growth. *F W Robertson.*

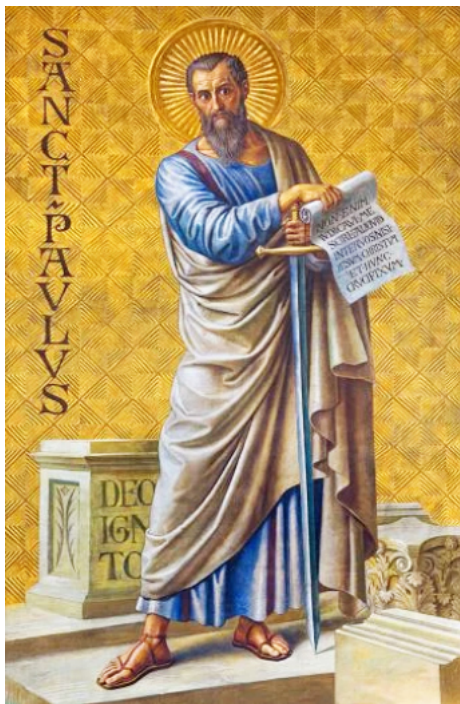
Every prayer is an inverted promise...If God teaches us to pray for any good thing, we may gather by implication the assurance that He means to give it. *C H Spurgeon*

What's the Big Idea? - an Introduction to the Books of the Bible: 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians is the earliest of Paul's letters, written when he was in Corinth during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1–18) in 49–51 AD. Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia, as well as being a flourishing centre for trade and philosophy. After founding the church (Acts 17:1–9) Paul was forced to leave, when he was falsely accused of speaking against Caesar. As the new Christians were left with little spiritual support, Paul wrote this letter to encourage them.

Paul addresses a number of issues throughout this letter. As they weren't expecting persecution, Paul reminds them that this is normal Christian experience (3:3–4). He also challenges those in the church who were living off wealthier Christians rather than earning their own living (4:9–12; 5:14).

However, the most prominent theme in letter is the second coming of Jesus. It is mentioned in every chapter of the book (1:10; 2:19–20; 3:13; 4:13–18; 5:1–11, 23–24). The Thessalonian were unclear about the timing of the day of the Lord (5:1–2). Some church members had died (4:13), and people weren't sure what would happen to them at Christ's return (3:10; 4:13). However, Paul assures



them that when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord with the living (4:15–17). Therefore, believers don't need to fear God's wrath, but rather are assured of inheriting his salvation.

Living in the light of Christ's return calls for holy and blameless lives (3:11–4:8; 5:23). 'May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (5:23).

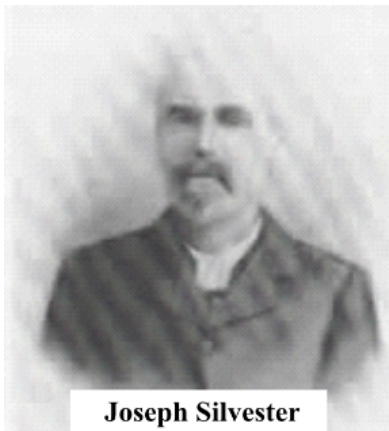
Things you do on holiday but never at any other time

- Lend your key to a neighbour and spend half an hour explaining the knack of locking the front door which entails pulling, turning, and pushing at the same time.
- Spend an hour looking for window lock keys which you have not seen since last year and why aren't they in THEIR SPECIAL PLACE?
- Get up at 3am to drive to an airport.
- Climb on a bus without knowing quite where you are going, or where to get off.
- Wear a swimming costume while shopping.
- Miss having a proper cup of tea.



Hawkshaw's Christian Heritage

Last month we heard of the first Vicar Joseph Sylvester



Joseph Sylvester

Sylvester has been described as 'a popular and dynamic man'. His obituary tells us that he did not take an active part in public or political affairs, but devoted his energies to his church and parishioners. It describes him as 'a man of considerable ability as a preacher and a strong Evangelical Churchman'. He laid a good foundation. When I first came to Hawkshaw one of two old members of the church remembered him. Liza Greenhalgh remembered him teaching the children Christian choruses. Joseph Sylvester died in 1910 at the age of only fifty-four, having served the parish faithfully for nearly twenty years.

Edwardian Era

Living in Hawkshaw in the Edwardian era had much to commend it. Life was routine and secure although some may have considered it claustrophobic. People did not lock their doors and the children played safely on the main road. The village was largely self-contained with a large Co-op' with Reading Room above accessed by the outside stairs which still exist on the gable of the present village shop. The Co-op had a long counter: many commodities – sugar, raisins, currants, flour - came in sacks

and were weighed out into blue or cream bags.

There was a (much missed) Post Office and at least five other shops including a butcher, a baker, a newsagent, a draper and a clogger (the last of whom, Jim Haslam, had a wooden hut on what is now Stanmore Close – it subsequently became a fish-and-chip shop and burned down). There was, at some stage, a barber, a lending library (2d per book), a Police Station (on Mandeville Terrace - a later occupant was PC Bootle), and a Conservative Club which offered billiards, dances and whist drives.

There were two pubs in the village (and two former pubs – at Boardman's and the Old Oak) and three churches. On the forecourt of the Wagon and Horses there was a petrol pump, subsequently moved to in front of 251.

Almost all the children went to the village school. Almost all the adults who lived in Hawkshaw worked in Hawkshaw.

The structure of village society was hierarchical and conservative, in the church as in the mills. The three mill owners were philanthropic: Whowells provided tennis courts and a bowling green, and Riggs' a tennis court. When Whowells built Mandeville Terrace the houses were well-built and commodious (although the cottagers on the main road must have been up in arms about losing their view). The village football team won the Bury Amateur League in 1914. For many

years the Holcombe Hunt, whose records go back to 1617, met at the Wagon and Horses on New Year's Day. The Taylor brothers opened Tunnel Garage at the Walves, running buses between Bradshaw and

Holcombe Brook, and charabanc trips to local events and the seaside. Houses were lit by gas mantles, oil lamps and candles. The main road and Two Brooks Lane had gas lighting, lit by the lamplighter with his long lighter.



You are invited to
St. Mary, Hawkshaw

“Sizzling Seniors” Thursday

2nd July

10am - 12noon

Usually every first
Thursday of the month.,

None in August

Contact: Jane Fletcher for details
or if you need transport.

The Soup Company

A simple meal of bread and soup
in good company!

12.30pm to 2pm

Why not come along and share
good company and heart warming
soup and gorgeous puddings .

**Thursday
9th July**

Canon Lewis Hall,
Longsight Road, BL8 4DB

Note: at 2pm there is a
Holy Communion Service
None in August

 Friends	 Games	 Fun	 Belong
Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9	THE CELLAR St Mary's Youth Club Not during School holidays		School years 7 - 9

**Canon Lewis Hall
Playgroup**
(Formerly “Travellers”)
Adult and Toddler Group
Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3pm
Not during School Holidays
Canon Lewis Hall.

Drop IN

10am until 12 noon
every Monday,

at Canon Lewis Hall,
Longsight Road, BL8 4DB
welcomes anyone and everyone,
who wants a “bit of company, a
cup of coffee and a chat”.

Quiet Morning

**None in
July or August**
Emmanuel Church Centre



**Sunday 12th
July @ 3pm**

Campfire Carols is a relaxed, family-friendly outdoor Christmas gathering at Emmanuel Church Central. Join us around the fire for festive hot chocolate, Christmas games, joyful carol singing, the nativity story, and plenty of cosy seasonal fun together.

Everyone is welcome

Emmanuel Church Centre,
Holcombe Brook, BL8 4DB



Parish of
Holcombe &
Hawkshaw



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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Tuesday 7th July
Park Farm
2.00pm for our
Summer Afternoon Tea
and Cakes and a sociable
time.

Tuesday 11th August,
(please note the change
of date)

We welcome Linda Barlow
and Ali to talk about the
MU scheme for holidays
"Away From It All" or AFIA
for short.

All are welcome to come
and hear about this work
of the MU in our Diocese.

Greenmount Village Community

D-CaFF



A lovely place to meet... For people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends.

10th July

**Stephen Hogan with
his hat and guitar!**

14th August

Helen Mitchell
Afternoon of music
Look forward to seeing
you all!

1pm-3pm at
Canon Lewis Hall,
Longsight Road .
BL8 4EQ

Any help is welcome.

Working Party

Emmanuel Church Centre
Garden

Wednesday
8th July & 12th August
1.30pm to 4pm

Your help would be much appreciated.

Any help is welcome.

Working Party

Emmanuel Church Holcombe

Wednesday

22nd July

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Your help would be much appreciated.

The Seven Deadly Sins: Sloth

'Through laziness, the rafters sag; because of idle hands, the house leaks.' (Ecclesiastes 10:18).

This month we are looking at Sloth, the last of the Seven Deadly Sins. This is more than just laziness! The Latin root of the word is 'acedia' ('without care'), meaning it represents spiritual apathy, distraction or indifference in our lives. Sloth can have a significant effect on our spiritual lives, as it enables other sins to gain a foothold eg lust, anger or envy. Another consequence is that we can fail to respond to God's calling in our lives and his gifts go unused. There is no satisfaction in sloth, as real joy comes when we are ready to step out of our comfort zones for God.

How do we overcome sloth in our lives? Paul writes, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord' (Colossians 3:23). We can ask ourselves some key questions:

Am I living with unconfessed sin? Can I identify sins or habits that are getting in the way of my spiritual intimacy with God?



Have I neglected the spiritual disciplines? In what ways have I neglected spending quality time with God in prayer, reading his Word or being still in his presence?

What fills my mind daily? What are the distractions that occupy my time and thinking eg social media, technology, people or habits? How can I let go of these things to give space for listening to God?

The Holy Spirit can convict us of those things that we need to confess and let go. Are we ready to switch off our screens, seek to help others in need and give time to God?

'Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.'
(Romans 12:11)



Do you have problems getting to church?

Do you need a lift?

Want to reduce car usage?

Can you offer a lift?

Contact:

stephen@holcombehawkshaw.org

On war between parishes

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

So, now you have enjoyed your first Summer Fete. Don't say I didn't warn you. It may be small consolation but remember that they only happen once a year - although in your case, you still have another 30 to endure before retirement.

I negotiated our own last week. As usual, the band from our neighbouring parish of St Eusebius played. There has been much bad blood in the past between our two villages. The trouble started on the day that St James the Least of All never told St Eusebius that the Vikings were coming up the river. We may have long since buried the hatchet, but both sides remember where they put it.

Tension between the two communities down the centuries has moved on from occasional slaughter to something a little more refined. Just as I began my opening speech to crown the Rose Queen, the band struck up with the National Anthem. When the hog roast started, they played "smoke gets in your eyes" and when it came to the necessary music for the maypole dancing, they all disappeared into the beer tent.

With great Christian charity, we shall bide our time. In September we have the annual football match between the two churches' Servers. Last year, in addition to winning the match, the St James' boys sent three of their side off with concussion. Naturally, I visited them in hospital.

Miss Prendergast, as always, played Gypsy Rose Lee. If the tall, dark, dear lady tells me one more time that I am about to find romance with a tall dark lady, while she flutters her eyelashes at me, I swear I shall throttle her with



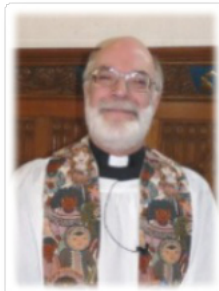
a bell rope. Besides, I already have a beautiful dark lady in my life - and my Labrador is devoted to me.

The only real hiccough came when I bought 12 packets of fudge from Mrs Masheder to present to our choirboys. Yet again, she had misread salt for sugar in the recipe. After I presented the packets at Mattins the following day, a formal complaint was rapidly made by a parent to the police that the Rector was attempting to poison their son. But as I explained to the officer, if I had intended to poison anyone, I would have done it far more discreetly - and infinitely more efficiently.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 24

God chose Saul to be the King of Israel,
but Saul chose to disobey Him. God said
that the next king would not be Saul's son.

Saul didn't know
that God had
chosen David to
be the next king.



David was very successful
as a fighter and very
popular.



David had to go on the run and
hide.



One day, Saul
and his army
were in En-Gedi.
Saul needed to
pee, so he went
into a sheep
fold built next
to a cave...

David and his men were hiding at the
back of the cave!



David crept over and
cut a piece off Saul's
robe.



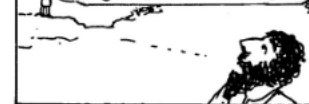
Then David felt bad.



David waited until Saul
was far enough away
then he shouted to him.



Your majesty, I could have
killed you today, but I
knew it was wrong. I want
to prove to you I'm not
trying to harm you.



David, you are better than
me. I would have killed you
but you were kind.



Now I know you will be
the next king, but please
look after my family.

David promised, and
Saul and his army
went home.



Garden Party & Afternoon Tea

11th JULY

Emmanuel Church Centre
Tea Served Inside

Time: 2 – 4pm

• Games • Enjoy Pottery Trail •
Unveiling of Jubilee Plaque