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START to question God?

Back in the spring I wrote about not being afraid to ask questions, arguing that healthy religion should always welcome curiosity, imagination and challenge. Indeed, any religion (or even god) that cannot accept such things is, in my view, not worth following.

Over the summer months in our Sunday readings we have had to ask some awkward questions of the Bible. Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (that we sometimes call the Old Testament) have told stories of fathers rejecting their children and abandoning them to the wilderness; of daughters being treated as property and traded in payment for work; of blatant xenophobia; of mothers and brothers deceiving and cheating each other; of violence and slavery, and more. And all of this among those we celebrate as chosen people through whom God worked for the good of

all humanity. Why did God choose these people? How can we possibly celebrate them? What are these stories even doing in our scriptures in the first place?

One temptation is to gloss over the stories, try to make excuses for the awful behaviour. Even worse is the suggestion that “it’s all God’s plan, so must be OK”, an approach which completely ignores the rest of what Scripture says about God and potentially justifies equally terrible behaviour by others.

So we really had to wrestle with the readings, to ask some hard questions. Which is how I think it should always be. It takes effort to discover the greatest things, time and work to produce that which is most beautiful. The finest pearls are produced by time, grit and the work of nature. We did find something beautiful; that God, in graciousness

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and love, worked and still works through flawed, broken, messy human beings. People chosen *despite* their failings, learning (slowly, falteringly) to have faith and discover the wonderful works of God. We all know our own failings, brokenness, the things we are ashamed of. And God doesn’t seem to mind, just invites us to get involved in all that’s good and beautiful and builds up our common human life.

At Saturday lunchtimes from the end of September and through October we are doing something called START. Six weeks looking at the very basics of the Christian faith – God, the mess, the hope. Including discussion and reflection over a simple (free) lunch, it assumes no prior knowledge, or experience of the church, or faith commitment. It is for anyone interested in what exactly we believe and who doesn’t mind asking the questions. Full details are elsewhere in this issue – all are welcome, faithful, doubtful or just curious.

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From the Editor

We are told in the media that this summer is on course to be the hottest on record; meteorological summer ends on 31 August 2026. At the time of writing, we are told to conserve water because of the nation-wide drought. It is self-evident from the parched grass that we are going through a drought. Hopefully by the time you read this article the drought will be over.

I am not sure how many readers listen to Farming Today on Radio 4. Farmers are going through a particularly difficult time due to the weather including problems with silage, irrigation and harvesting.

The grass in Wells Park is so dry that one can see the pipes that run underneath.

The sad thing amongst all these drought warnings is that a few metres away in a block of flats on Wells Park Road is a leak that has been gushing water for over two weeks. I have called Thames Water on at least three occasions and my neighbour said that she had called them four times. Another neighbour who is a bus driver says he sees similar situations throughout London.

It makes a nonsense of our personal efforts to conserve water by flushing the toilet on every other visit after passing water and turning off the water when brushing one's teeth. I often think that higher management live in a world of their own, where they use words and concepts that seem alien. It is reported that Thames Water paid one of its financial executives a one-million-pound signing-on fee. I wonder how many engineering teams could be employed for a million pounds.

I want to thank all the distributors, contributors and supporters who attended our afternoon tea on 1 August 2026 at St Bartholomew's Church. One other milestone is that September marks my tenth year as editor and my one hundredth edition of this magazine. Thank you for your support.

Geoffrey Cave, Sydenham Life Editor



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In Dublin's Fair City

I recently returned from a trip to Dublin and was keen to share my experience with a wider audience. But I first had to find a connection between Sydenham and Ireland or preferably Dublin, and it didn't take me long to find one. I was wandering down Kildare Street near the Irish parliament and stumbled upon the National Library which was holding an exhibition on the poet WB Yeats. It turns out that the late Annie Horniman, daughter of Frederick Horniman, inheritor of the successful tea business and founder of the Horniman museum, established firm connections with the arts in Dublin, particularly the theatre. She used her inherited resources to finance the Abbey theatre and develop a longstanding friendship with the poet WB Yeats. I should also mention with a word of warning that although I am writing in a church publication, she and Yeats had a keen interest in the occult and were part of the alluringly entitled society called the Golden Dawn. This was a secret society that sought enlightenment not through good works or religious texts but through an esoteric mix of magic and mysticism and created its own secret code of symbols and diagrams. Yeats was particularly keen to evoke the mysticism of Irish folklore through his poetry at a time when Ireland was seeking its own national identity.

Back to Dublin. I had recently read that in terms of GDP per head Ireland is in the top five countries in the world, above Switzerland, placed alongside Monaco and Luxembourg. This is largely explained by the fact that many global companies have chosen to incorporate in Ireland because of its advantageous tax regime, access to Europe and availability of educated personnel. This is the country where I was born and from where my parents had chosen to emigrate in the 1960's. My father was brought up in the docks known as the North Wall where he started work as a cleric at 15 in the same fertiliser company as his father. In those days the main input was guano or sea birds' droppings imported from south America. Amazingly, his tiny, terraced house is still there standing just 100 yards from the steel and glass offices of the renowned international financial centre. Dublin is now a curious blend of formerly grandiose and decaying Georgian architecture and a collection of glass and steel high rise offices including the European headquarters of Google, Microsoft and Meta. It's a curious mixture of British and Irish: the post boxes may be painted green but many still have the royal insignia of Edward VII or George V. You can still shop in Little Tesco's and have a pint of Guinness in a Weatherspoon's where I managed to get a pint of bitter for one and a half euros.

But this development comes at a price. Dublin is now one of the most expensive cities in Europe. There is huge pressure to house the influx of workers that are required to run these businesses. I remarked that several of my cousins who were born in Dublin had now returned to the city after spending their earlier careers overseas especially in the States and Australia. Given that Ireland is part of the EU's free movement of people there is no restriction on EU citizens to live and work in Ireland. In a matter of 60 years the population of Ireland has doubled, now



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approaching 6 million. Curiously Ireland still maintains its Common Travel Area with UK so Irish and UK citizens can in theory travel freely between each country without the need for a passport or visa although the airlines still ask to see your passport! It gets even stranger if you travel into Northern Ireland where all borders have been removed. As I walked around the streets of central Dublin, Grafton, Nassau, Kildare and Dame streets, I was surprised by the variety of languages and the predominance of Spanish. When I visited my cousin's favourite restaurant in Ballsbridge, Roly's (not to be confused with the Foley's bar in 'Mrs Brown'), I was introduced to the Indian manager, and in turn to waitresses from Mexico, Poland and two from Brazil. And of course all spoke with a hint of the Irish brogue.

Given the pricy city hotels, I found a comfortable room with facilities in university accommodation in the south of the city. UCD Belfield has a huge campus stretching out over 130 hectares. It is similar in size to Nottingham's University Park where I had attended as a student. It takes a good half an hour to walk from one end to the other. It even has its own bus station from where you can catch a bus to almost all parts of Dublin. This turned out to be a good choice. I was given a comfortable modern en suite room for under Euros 100 a night, a relative bargain in Dublin. The university term had ended but it was running courses for overseas students, many of whom looked as though they had just left secondary school. They in turn were probably surprised to see an older man wandering on his own through the university village.

The transport system depends heavily on the buses which have been upgraded. The Dart train painted green still runs along the coast and allows you to get from one end of the city to the other in under an hour. It looks as though some of its trains could do with an upgrade. I also noticed that most stations had specific security officers, another sign of a changed city. By London standards Dublin is still a small city. The city centre is easy to walk around. The excellent National museum, National Gallery and library are all free to enter (another sign of the city's prosperity).

In my earlier days travel to the UK was almost

exclusively by ferry across the often bumpy Irish Sea. The ferry no longer runs from Dun Laoghaire but from Dublin port. The preferred mode now is the aeroplane. Dublin airport handles some 36 million passengers a year. Judging by the time it takes to get through security it could do with a larger terminal. Indeed, Ryan Air is now the largest air carrier in Europe. This is an area where Ireland seriously punches above its weight. At various times Ireland has supplied the chief executives of Aer Lingus, British Airways, Quantas and of course Ryan Air.

So, if you are looking for inspiration as to how we might grow our economy, raise average income levels, and develop employment opportunities, Dublin is just over an hour's flight away. If you want to browse its art galleries there is an excellent collection which includes a Caravaggio. The museum has stone tools which it claims

are 13,000 years old when the first signs of human life appeared on the island! And if you want to go for a dip in the sea, there is a magnificent shoreline stretching from Howth head in the north, down to Greystones and Bray in the south.

However enticing it may seem to return and live in Dublin, I somehow still prefer the leafy suburbs and amenities of south London and use Ryan Air when necessary.

Nigel Ralph

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Which hand in marriage?

I believe that loving someone is one thing, living with them is entirely something else.

I am blessed to be married to the kindest gentleman any woman could want for a husband. Whenever I send a wedding gift I always write on the card "May you two be as happy in your marriage as we are in ours." On many an occasion I have been known to say, "I would wish my marriage on anyone."

Yet, like any marriage, it is not perfect – it has its challenges. We each have our own way of doing things; and it is not necessarily that one's way is better than the other's way – just different. However sometimes those differences have been the source of disagreements. For example, we found folding sheets together tricky because to my way he would fold them backwards. The same that the coffee mug handles were oriented the wrong way in the cupboard – he had all the handles oriented to the right and I had the handles oriented to the left. His shirts hanging in the closet, according to him, were facing backwards after I did laundry. Oh, and can't forget about cards being inserted in the envelope the wrong way. On it goes.

And the source of this discord? The answer presented itself in a most peculiar way. We were soon to embark on a new travel adventure when we realized our luggage was not up to the challenge. We decided we needed to make a new purchase, so off we proceeded to the store. Upon our arrival to the shopping mall we made our way to the store's luggage department which was arranged in a semicircle. I immediately veered to the left and my husband veered to the right in the department. As we each reached the far end of the department we turned to comment to the other when we simultaneously realized our other half wasn't at our side, and exclaimed 'What are you doing there?'

As we stood there gazing at each other from across the department a revelation came upon us – all those coffee cups in the cupboard the wrong way, folding the sheets backwards, hanging up the clothes facing reverse, placing cards in the envelope the wrong way and more, the list is endless, were the result of the same underlying cause. The cause of the issue lie in our orientations. Not sexual orientations but our handedness orientation. He being



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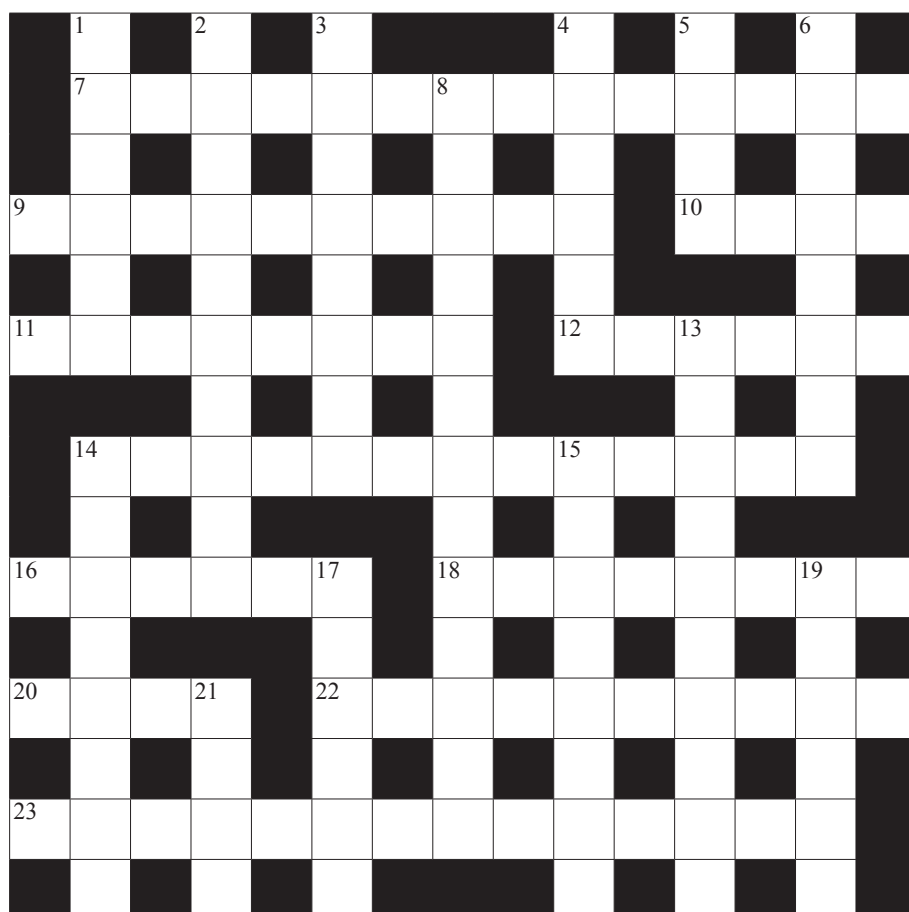
right-handed had a right-bent orientation, and myself on the other hand (no pun intended) a left-handed person, had a left-bent orientation. The realization that no matter how much we were in sync, our orientations were completely opposite – not right or wrong, just opposite.

Since this discovery we have come to learn how to celebrate and laugh at our differences. While the list of differences is endless, the understanding of from where the other person is operating is so valuable. Knowing what is operating beneath the surface has helped our understanding and acceptance of each other and makes living together even more lovely. And so holding hands (my right and his left which allows us to each keep our dominant hand free) we stroll through life together.

We have also come to appreciate an upside to this. There are some things we can automatically count on. For instance, when we stay in a hotel we know my clothes default to the left side of the closet and his to the right side. My toiletries automatically sit on the left side of the sink and my spouse's on the right. I take the chair on the left side of the table and my husband takes the one on the right. I sleep on the left side of the bed and he is on the right. The predictability makes the adjustment so easy.

We have solved several dilemmas and others we have learnt how to accommodate. It used to be one could tell who had dumped the dishwasher based on the cup handle orientation in the cupboard. We solved that problem – now we have handleless coffee mugs.

Geri Falconer-Ferneau



September — Mthr Bea

Across

- 7 Article Guthrie played, but not hollow? (8,6)
 9 Rugby player takes time to gain a little distance (10)
 10 Oddly deserted club in which

Mthr Bea is a member (4)

- 11 Hurry back after cabal abandons a vehicle (8)
 12 Wilderness is what you deserve (6)
 14 Country club can be taken to court without disgrace, and can't continue operating (13)

- 16 Quiet sort cycles in sportswear (6)
 18 Responsible Mrs. Simpson uses imperial length instead of metric (2,6)
 20 Crazy attack returned (4)
 22 Spooner's bad referencer is a composer (10)
 23 Suckers like Henry and Charles? (6,8)

Down

- 1 He finally "Venga bussed" into a european city (6)
 2 Resilient official with no space to climb promotes growth (10)
 3 Saint Thomas mistakenly swallowing 100 pieces of offal (8)
 4 A sin in harmony (6)
 5 In 1049, William disrobed and found a factory (4)
 6 Pert male distressingly stripped on the last Sunday of Lent (4-4)
 8 American junior doctor working a lot (without end) takes a note across borders (13)
 13 Sunken sailor rising in the morning after impressionist drops egg in front of vehicle (10)
 14 Have Paul's letters cultivated a sea change? (8)
 15 Harry knew race could be a tie (8)
 17 A certain type of burger bun uses American ingredients (6)
 19 Fat Nation on the radio (6)
 21 Energy cut in Asian capital gives vitality (4)

The 'Big Gig' at St Bart's School



Back in May, St Bartholomew's School held 'St Bart's Big Gig', a battle of the bands event for pupils. An amazing array of talent was on display including carefully choreographed dances, beautiful and powerful singing voices, skilled instrumentation and even songwriting. A wide range of musical styles were performed and it was brilliant to see pupils challenge themselves and conquer their nerves to perform in front of their peers, parents, staff and governors, as well as judges. Well done to everyone who took part, and to the winners 'The 5 Flames'. Thanks to teacher Mr King and other staff members who made it happen – hopefully it won't be the last Big Gig.

Rev'd Jim

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