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Dear Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. Last week Eastertide ended. We walked with Jesus Christ through his journey of love: His suffering, his brutal death, his rising, and then his ascension back to his Father. And then we celebrated Pentecost: Christ's wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, and the birth of our church 2000 years ago.

So, as we journey forward, we say "Come Holy Spirit come!" "Blow into our lives, into our church, into our neighbourhood. Guide us. Open our hearts to your calling to a spirit-filled life. And that leads us to our recent Annual Parochial Church meeting, that gave us a chance to pause and thank for many wonderful things that have happened during the last year. Allow me to share with you again a shortened version of the reflections that covers the period since I started as new Vicar of Holy Trinity in early September 2023:

I didn't come with a plan, but want us to be led by God, and journey forward together. My focus has been on discerning and responding to these key questions: 1) What is God doing – where are signs of his "life" – and how can we join in? 2) What is not healthy and needs pruning? 3) What challenges do people face and how can we help? 4) What immediate things need doing without changing the core?



I asked all of us to open our eyes, ears and senses, and pay good attention to what God is saying and doing. Like Moses and so many others after him, we want to be summoned by God and follow him on a journey of renewal and refreshment – and as we journey in full awareness of the particular challenges we are facing in our specific context in Barkingside, the big question for us is: What is our response? In all this, our specific background and tradition is important – this is why I have been asking members of our church family the following: What brings you joy and life and feeds you? Where and when do you encounter God? What makes you anxious? What pain and hurt do you carry? What are your dreams and vision going forward? Where would you like to serve? Who would you like to empower? And who is on your heart to share about Jesus Christ?

Wherever our journey leads, it is on my heart that 1) we are in intimate relationship with God and love worshipping him; 2) we are a Family full of love and support for one another – empowering one another in our specific gifting, and seeking to imitate Christ's humility and compassion in everything we do; 3) we are working for the Common Good and practice radical hospitality to those around us.

When I started in September, I focused much of my energy on watching and learning, observing and discerning, and most importantly, getting to know members of our church, and more slowly, our wider neighbourhood. Since then amazing things have happened, and I have felt a strong blessing over our journey. Particular highlights were two socials bringing us together as a Church Family: The 2023 Christmas Party with such wonderful joy and dancing; and the Coronation Party together with Lichen Court in the Garden of the Vicarage.

We are blessed by two significant mission activities: First, the wonderful Tuesday Drop-In (Tricia & Maxine and a wonderful team) – our thriving model of Christ's Kingdom in our neighbourhood, where people come and enjoy friendship, games, crafts and knitting, eating and praying, and there is even a toddler's play area. Second, our Family & Children ministry that is gaining momentum and leading to amazing Family Church events led by Christine & Kate and an amazing team [for many other things that have happened, please see the APCM report].

There have been some challenges on the way, including in my private life, especially with my mother's illness and recent death. And yes, there are still lots of things that I have not got round doing simply due to sheer business, including i) establishing a regular pattern of pastoral visits; ii) surveying our congregation in regards to their heart and vision; iii) forming a Leadership team; iv) injecting new blood into our ministries; and v) connecting with our neighbourhood.

Overall, however, I am extremely positive and feel very grateful for the last nine months: I have been amazed about the blessings poured out, and I have a clear sense that we are on a very exciting journey of renewal. And it is so good that my wife Kate recently joined us as Assistant Curate: A wonderful blessing to all of us.

As always, thanks so much for all your incredible support and love, for who you are, and for what you do! I am very excited to see what God will do as we journey forward.

Grace and mercy,

Fr. Chris

Christian Aid spends £8m from British people to help Ukraine

The international development agency, Christian Aid, will spend £8m on vital supplies over the next six months to help the Ukrainian people.

The money comes from donations to DEC, the Disasters Emergency Committee, that has raised more than £300m for Ukraine. That's around £3 on average donated by every person in the UK.

Through its local partners, Christian Aid has already provided medical supplies, first aid kits, baby incubators as well as food and shelter for refugees in Ukraine and Hungary.

Starving in the shadow of Ukraine

The huge outpouring of support for Ukraine is now eclipsing other crises around the world, which in turn is threatening millions with starvation.

So warns a number of charities and other humanitarian organisations. The UN reports that the situation in Somalia, where 4.5million people are at risk of starvation owing to the worst drought in a decade, is deteriorating quickly. Somalia urgently needs some £1.1billion in aid, of which only three per cent has been secured.

As one spokesman at the UN explains, "The outlook for Somalia was already grim prior to the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis, but we were then overshadowed by the crisis in Tigray, Yemen, and then Afghanistan. Now, Ukraine seems to suck all the oxygen that is in the room."

The international director of Tearfund, Veena O'Sullivan, said: "While the eyes of the world have been fixed on Ukraine, other horrors have been taking place."

These range from a "hunger crisis of massive proportions" in the Horn of Africa, which includes Somalia, and the ongoing violence and famine in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, as well as humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria.

The director of CAFOD, Christine Allen, said: "It is right that we support a response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, in whatever way we can, but this cannot be at the expense of vital funds meant for tackling the root causes of global poverty."

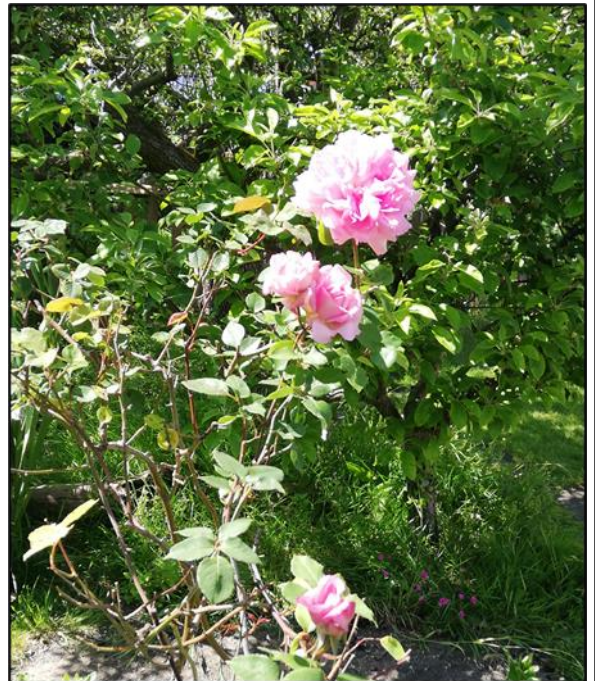
Meanwhile, church leaders in Africa have warned that the war is already affecting their food security, as 40 per cent of Ukraine's wheat and maize is exported to the Middle East and Africa. The poorest are the most affected, as market prices rise.

The Day of the Aphids - a gardener's quandary

You don't have to be an enthusiastic gardener to get the urge to plant something once Spring is in the air. Television programmes advise on preparation of soil, potting, potting on, thinning out, cutting back etc. Shop profuse with packets of seeds showing perfectly grown flowers and vegetables. The implication is that it is all so easy and, I suppose, it is.

If you are fortunate and have a greenhouse or a well-lit shed to start off the growth of your plants, you buy or make up suitable compost to put in pots to plant your seeds. In my case it's probably beans, Runners or French, and you carefully nurture each seed for days with enough warmth and water until, almost magically, the green shoot appears. The seedlings are monitored and, yes, they are coming along nicely.

Outside in the actual garden it is a different matter of course, no sheltered temperature, no protection from wind but with Nature's help they will survive. My bean plants are looking good, reaching up out of the pots, green and tender. It is a satisfying thing to do, you are pretty well in control of the situation. But at some point they will have to be planted out in the vegetable patch, climbing poles or strings provided. The controlled temperature gone they are on their own striving to produce an ideal supplement for a nice Sunday roast.



Somehow word has got round to the Aphids, this is their time. They are perfectly equipped to suck the juice from each frail, non-resisting, bean plant. Initially slugs were the main predators but hopefully you have grown your plants to a height that keeps them mainly safe from the worst of the slug and snail brigade. Slug pellets, that used to be so useful in holding back these foes are now banned, frowned upon. Perhaps the French are right, eat the snails instead!

But, on the side lines so to speak, Ants are marshalling Aphids to their feeding ground, the young bean plants. The Ants will guard and protect the Aphids, 'milk' them for their sweet honeydew. The marvels of Nature!

We do the same sort of thing with cattle etc, how can we begrudge ants? But I do. I run my fingers up the Aphid covered stems or along the densely covered leaves and, to put not finer point on it, wipe them out, obliterate them, that is most of them.

It is carnage in the garden plot? Slightly disheartened by the Aphid attack, the diminution of my young plants, they have not as yet even produced a potential bean pod in the shape of a flower, I look up there, looking at me is a beautiful pink rose, in fact three of them. I cannot resist approaching them to sniffing their lovely scent. The rose, named Lady Caroline Testout, is surely the sweetest scented rose of all.

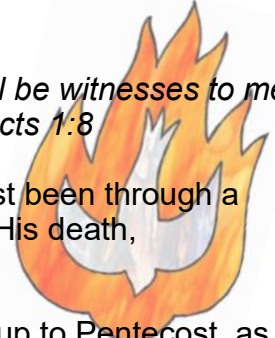
No doubt we will still get a few crops of French Beans for our dinners and the Ants will also be successful farmers despite all my efforts to hold their Aphid cattle at bay. After all when darkness falls the garden is beyond my feeble reach. **BG**



28th May Fire of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.



The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

4th June - Without the Trinity, there is no Christianity

The Trinity is easier to say than to explain. Christians believe in one God, made up of three equal Persons. It is fundamental to the Nicene Creed, which sets out the definitive doctrine of the Trinity for more than two billion Christians worldwide, including all Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Reformed Christians.

The theologian Ian Paul, writing on the Book of Revelation, points out that chapter five has a wonderful depiction of the Trinity in action. He writes: "...another figure appears in the drama, the lion who looks like a lamb. ... Here is the one who fulfils the hopes of God's people Israel, as the promised anointed Davidic king who was to come. Here is one who is fierce and powerful enough to conquer their enemies, and tear them apart."

"And yet when John sees Him, He is like a weak and vulnerable lamb who has been slaughtered, just as the Passover lamb eaten by the people, the suffering servant who was 'wounded for our transgressions' and the lamb offered as an atoning sacrifice. He is the one who *was* slain, but *now* stands, and shares the throne with God, and with Him sends the Spirit to enact His will on earth. Here we have the most explicit (and perhaps the most complex) Trinitarian statement in the whole New Testament."

From the Revd Dr Ian Paul's blog at: <https://www.psephizo.com/revelation/what-does-rev-4-5-tell-us-about-the-trinity/> (dated May 17, 2017)

Christian Aid Concert - Redbridge Wind Orchestra

A large audience and a superb performance both contributed to a magnificent total of over £500.00. Our thanks to everyone who made the evening possible, and also to the audience who were so generous

Kaye has not yet counted the Christian Aid Envelopes from the Holy Trinity Collections, but we trust that this will also swell the giving to this vital cause. Well Done Everyone !

Prayer for June 2023

Dear Father,

As we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer.

This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, *child of encouragement*. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Lord, help each of us to be a *Barnabas* to someone today, to encourage and lift up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith.

Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful.

In Jesus' name. Amen *By Daphne Kitching*

Plant: During our minister's very lengthy sermon, a large plant suddenly fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the floor.

He smiled sheepishly. "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep!"

DIY: Our churchwarden has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any DIY job that needs doing around the church. For example, in the church shed are still pieces of the church lawn mower that she once tried to fix. So, our vicar wasn't surprised the day he found her in the vestry, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "This thing won't cooperate," she complained.

The vicar thought for a moment: "Why don't you drag it out to the shed and show it what you did to the lawn mower?"

Scripture translations completed for 10% of the world's population in 2021

Bible Societies across the world completed Scripture translations in 90 languages last year used by 794 million people – just over 10 per cent of the world's population.

Despite a second year of disruption caused by Covid, 48 language groups – a total of 11 million people – received first Scripture translations, meaning that they were not previously available in those languages.

New or revised translations were completed in languages used by 783 million people. These provide Scripture access to language communities whose needs are no longer met by previous translations.

Meanwhile, work is progressing on the translation of Scriptures in countries including Burkina Faso, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gabon, Mali, Nigeria, The Gambia and Togo.

Thanks to the efforts of Bible Societies and other Bible translation agencies, at the start of 2022 the full Bible is available in 719 languages, spoken by 5.8 billion people. Around 70 per cent of these were translated by Bible Societies.

Yet, more than half of the world's languages, used by 219 million people, still have NO Scripture translations at all. And 1.5 billion people do not have the full Bible in their heart language. Bible Society hopes to complete 1,200 Scripture translations by 2038. Of those, 880 will be first translations, and another 320 are new or revised translations.

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This year, our prayers, are again needed for people, wherever they live in the world, whether they are experiencing the tragedy and trauma from conflict, violence or natural disasters or struggling with the everyday stresses of modern day life.

Mothers' Union is providing support so people can overcome inequality and together we continue to build communities where everyone thrives all around the world.

This summer, our focus is turning Hope into Action, giving us the chance to pray together with hopeful hearts and bring healing to those in need. When someone finds themselves unexpectedly in hospital, when a parent goes to prison, when a baby is born prematurely, you can help Mothers' Union be there to support them.

From hygiene kits to warm hats, a safe place to talk and parenting guidance, with your support this summer, we can strengthen our communities worldwide, and transform lives.

Here in the UK, the cost of living crisis is adding tremendous strain for families already going through incredibly difficult times. Mothers' Union helps parents and children facing adversity have a much needed break away together. A time where they can enjoy being with one another and put aside the stresses and strains of everyday life.

Parents Claire and Andy have two sons. Claire told us: "Alex (15 years old) had brain surgery in 2020, which left him with epilepsy, and Toby (14) was donated a kidney just before Christmas by my husband." The family's life revolves around hospital appointments, blood tests, ordering catheters, queuing in pharmacies, and "anything not related to health had taken a back seat."

Mothers' Union members arranged a week's break away from it all for the family on the beautiful Welsh coast. "I cannot articulate the benefit we have gained from this trip," says Claire. "We were broken and felt repaired. Your kindness and generosity reminded us that we are not alone, but that we are blessed. Sometimes it is hard to stay positive and my faith has been truly tested but we are galvanised again

This Summer of Hope, you can help more families have the support they need to take a break, have adventures and make memories that will last a lifetime.

For someone in the confinement of prison, your prayers can also spark hope, which can turn into positive action and create transformational change. Many young male offenders who have children want to be better dads but lack confidence, skills or encouragement. That's where your support to help us train Mothers' Union members like Jackie Brocklebank can make a life-changing difference.

"I trained as a Mothers' Union parenting facilitator in 2007," says Jackie, "and I was inspired by one of the tutors who worked in prison." Today, Jackie runs 'Being Dad' course in West Midlands' prisons. Here, each young man learns not only how to be a better dad in the future, but also in the present while they're serving their sentence.

"I have applied some of the parenting strategies to my day-to-day relationships."

"I firmly believe we do this work not expecting any rewards. Our actions may bear fruit but God is in charge," says Jackie. You can hear the difference in one young man's words as he reflects, "I felt anxious at first about being honest, but that changed when I did."

This Summer of Hope, may you and your loved ones feel God's blessing as you support each other and those in your community to make positive change and bring hope and healing where it's so desperately needed.

Can you support our life-changing work with a donation today?

Make your gift online at mothersunion.org/donate or to your branch treasurer, Tricia McCarthy. You can also help raise much-needed funds by coming to our **Summer of Hope event on Tuesday 11th July**, and inviting your friends, family and neighbours along. There are prayers, ideas and resources available to help you turn Hope into Action at mothersunion.org/summer-hope-23.

May God bless you and grant you and your loved ones a Summer full of Hope,

Sheran Harper

Worldwide President, Mothers' Union



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Lord, help us to love our neighbours that this may be a summer of hope for those struggling with life's demands:

To help create change for good, Lord, prompt us to pray.

Where resources are lacking,

Lord, move us to generosity.

Lead us to take the steps we need to enable hope to grow into reality.

Amen

‘Love Matters’:

Archbishops' Commission on Families & Households publishes its final report

In a recently published report (‘Love Matters’), the Archbishops' Commission on Families & Households has made a series of recommendations about how families and households can best flourish.

It calls on institutions – from the Church of England to the Government – to put ‘family’ at the centre of their thinking; and individuals – whether married, single, or in a couple – to commit to relationships of all kinds that lead to the flourishing of one another.

‘Love Matters’ says that the quality of family relationships matters more than the form a family takes. It argues that although for many the concept of family has evolved, the essential values underpinning flourishing family life remain the same.

Drawing on a rich body of primary data collected through extensive research, the Commission outlines five ambitions to support and strengthen family life.

It urges that society must:

Value families in all their diversity, meeting their basic needs by putting their wellbeing at the heart of Government policy-making and our community life, including religious communities.

Support relationships throughout life, ensuring that everyone is able to develop and maintain loving and caring relationships, manage conflict well and promote the flourishing of individuals and families.

Honour singleness and single person households, recognising that loving relationships matter to everyone.

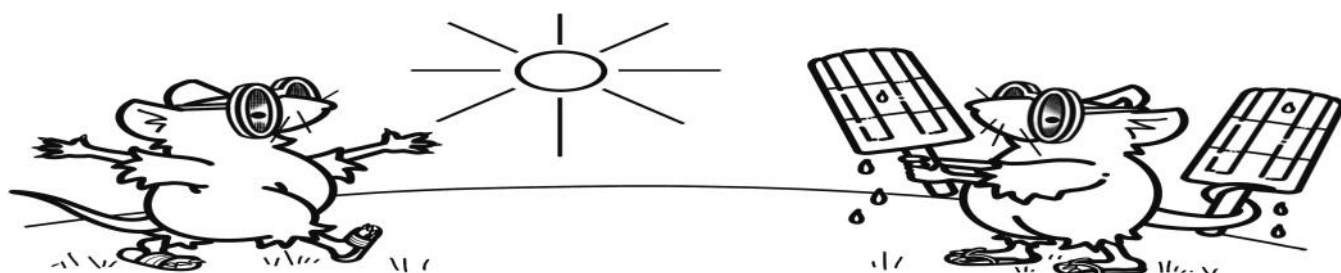
Empower children and young people, developing their relational skills and knowledge, recognising their value and agency, and protecting them from harm and giving them the best start in life.

Build a kinder, fairer, more forgiving society, removing discrimination, division and deep inequality for the sake of every family and household.

Established in March 2021 by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Families & Households Commission was asked to explore what families and households of all shapes and sizes need in order to flourish. The report lays out a number of -recommendations to the Church of England and the Government about how this can be achieved.

Welcoming the report, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby said: “‘Love Matters’ encourages us to prioritise the hopes, needs and aspirations of families – in all their diversity. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to share the overflowing love of God...

As this report demonstrates, there is much to celebrate but there is a great deal still to do if we are to ensure the flourishing of every family and household.”



Visiting the (recovering) sick

Nowadays people are generally not in hospital for long. Even a major operation only earns you a few days' stay in one of their beds. With almost embarrassing enthusiasm they get you out of bed, walk you up and down the ward and duly announce that you're 'well enough to go home'.

Visiting the recovering sick is a simple art. They want to be told how well they look, how bravely they've endured their treatment, and how good it is to see them about to return to the normal business of life. They'd like to be brought up to date on the local news and gossip, of course. Often, they value a little prayer of thanksgiving for recovery. Gratitude is never inappropriate!

A spell in hospital reminds us how 'shut off' patients tend to be, even in the very best institutions. Those who have recently experienced it are well placed to remind the rest of us that friends and fellow church members in hospital are not transferred to another planet. They may not expect frequent visits from those who are not close friends or family, but it's often quite easy to pick up the phone and speak to them on the ward - just the sort of contact we would have with them at home.

The same kind of simple contact can work very well when they are eventually back home - a brief call simply enquiring if everything's OK, with perhaps the offer of practical help with shopping, for instance, or a lift to the GP surgery. Thus, the nearly-well become the completely whole!

21st June Summer Solstice,

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. *Sol* + *stice* come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here are some Christian alternatives that honour the Creator rather than the created.

A Canticle for Brother Sun

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures,
Especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who makes the day and enlightens us through
You.

He is lovely and radiant and grand;
And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

St Francis of Assisi

God in All *A prayer of St Patrick*

He inspires all,
 He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
 He supports all.
He lights the light of the sun.
 He furnishes the light of the night.
He has made springs in dry land.
 He is the God of heaven and earth,

of sea and rivers,
of sun, moon and stars,
of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven,
and in heaven,
and under heaven.

The Bible in 50 words

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peaked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.
- anon

'Yes, I'm an atheist churchgoer'

Does everyone who attends your church actually believe in God? It may seem an odd question, but Dr Peter Brierley has some unexpected statistics.

An English vicar had a regular church attender who came to church on average twice a month, and who volunteered to keep the church hall tidy. He also frequently helped out by doing practical repairs or improvements. But – he didn't believe in God, in Jesus or the Bible!

In another church, while the PCC was discussing worship, the lady church treasurer suddenly said, "Yes, that's all very well, but what about those of us who don't believe?!"

An American university survey undertaken in 2022 by the Public Research Institute found that 29% of people who said they were atheists "sometimes" went to church. Another survey by *Christian Today* found that 1% of atheists went to church regularly, even weekly!

The obvious question to these findings is "Why does someone who clearly doesn't believe in God go to a church set aside for the worship of God?"

An article published in Backyard Church on 3rd April 2023 suggested three reasons:

- 1) Some go to keep their spouse happy, usually the wife dragging the husband along.
- 2) Some go for the sake of their children, to increase family bonding.
- 3) Some go because they want to feel part of a community, and church communities are usually very friendly, welcoming and open.

In the 2021 Census, while 37% of English people said they had No Religion (which is not the same as being an atheist), just 14,000 (0.02% of the population) wrote in the word 'Atheist' in answer to 'other religion'.

Sadly, no survey in Britain seems to have ever asked atheists if they go to church!

In a 2011 study, 12% of the UK population said they were spiritual AND religious and 34% said they were spiritual but NOT religious. Clearly this is a debatable topic!

An estimated 15.7 million Ukrainians need humanitarian assistance

Christian Aid is warning that since the Russian forces invaded Ukraine, "An estimated 15.7 million Ukrainians need humanitarian assistance. This includes 7.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in private homes with host communities and in collective centres."

Millions of Ukrainians are living in damaged homes or in buildings which are inappropriate for their needs. Winter temperatures can plummet to as low as -20C in parts of the country.

Christian Aid is working with partners to provide hope and to ensure people survive and rebuild. Its partner organisations provide shelter, distribute lorryloads of food, and give out life-saving medical equipment, hygiene kits, baby incubators, lifesaving drugs, thermal blankets, and trauma kits. They also offer a shelter for refugees, where women and children are prioritised so that they don't need to sleep at overcrowded railway stations.

Christian Aid says: **"Every prayer, every gift, every action brings hope to the people of Ukraine. By joining us, you can give hope to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine."**

If you can help, go to: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>.



The brilliant Pascal

Four hundred years ago, on 19th June 1623, Blaise Pascal was born in central France. This brilliant mathematician, physicist, theologian and philosopher invented one of the first mechanical calculators – among many other things.

Pascal, whose mother died when he was three and who was brought up by his father, was prominent from a young age in different scientific fields – he laid the foundation for the modern theory of probabilities, created Pascal's principle of pressure, invented the hydraulic press and the syringe, and devised a primitive roulette wheel while searching for a perpetual motion machine.

He created his calculator – the Pascaline – to assist his father, then the local administrator at Rouen, in his tax assessments. It operated by counting integers and thus was in a sense the first digital calculator.

At the age of 31 he had a mystical experience that he called a “night of fire”, which changed his life. After that he became involved closely with the Catholic Church (as was his similarly brilliant sister, Jacqueline) and wrote extensively on theological matters, insisting that men must be brought to God through Christ alone. His scientific training lent his Christian writing a strength of argument, and he produced many memorable quotes, such as the words he put in Jesus' mouth: “Be comforted; you would not be looking for me if you had not found me.”

Pascal was never a well man, possibly suffering from coeliac disease, and died in great pain in 1662, probably from a combination of stomach and brain cancer. One of his last major achievements was introducing the first bus service to Paris, using a carriage with many seats on a fixed route at a fixed price. Whereas most buses are late, this service was before its time and closed in 1675.

Bible Society to sponsor a garden at RHS Tatton Park

Bible Society says it is “excited” to be sponsoring a garden based on Psalm 27 at the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park in July. Psalm 27 is a profound meditation on loss, fear and faith.

Inspired by designer Ollie Pike's reflections on burial grounds – “scenes of sadness, but also of hope and spiritual refreshment” — the Psalm 27 Garden will aim to lead visitors on a journey through pain to peace.

Ollie Pike first heard the psalm when attending a funeral. “Its hopeful message was very comforting at a time of sadness,” he said.

“The psalm speaks to me of protection and to be hopeful. It gives a feeling of comfort in difficult moments and to have faith that things will improve.”

The garden follows Bible Society's sponsorship of Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2021. The Psalm 23 Garden won a gold medal, Best Sanctuary Garden and Best Construction.

Bible Society hopes to use this garden to “introduce people to biblical wisdom, and to help them see that the Bible can speak to them today.”



Father's Day

by Lester Amann

On 18th June it will be Father's Day. This is an occasion to remember the role our dads are playing now or have played in our lives. Hopefully, we have good memories and recall times of loving care they showed to us.

Fans of the popular *Star Wars* films were surprised when Darth Vader said to Luke Skywalker "I am your father." This unexpected disclosure paved the way for future surprises in the episodes that followed.

Many times, Jesus surprised His hearers with parables that had unexpected twists and turns. No doubt He astonished the disciples when He first called God 'Father' and went on to instruct them to pray saying "Our Father in heaven...". No one had called God 'Father' before!

Shortly before His arrest, trial and crucifixion, Jesus talked to His disciples about God the Father. He said: "In my Father's house are many rooms." This prompted Philip to ask: "Show us the Father, that is all we need." Jesus replied: "Whoever has seen Me *has* seen the Father."

Jesus knew this concept would be hard to grasp and so had to frequently speak about God as His Father. For three years the disciples had listened to profound teaching and witnessed miracles. They knew Jesus was different, but as His ministry drew to a close they were learning more about the special relationship that God had with Jesus.

Unfortunately, some people do not know their fathers, or they have been absent for long periods or may be neglectful, deceitful, or abusive. Sadly, some children and adults would rather not remember their fathers, having suffered some trauma or family breakdown.

It is good to know that God is not like this. Jesus came to reveal God as our Heavenly Father, who is loving, compassionate, merciful, forgiving, and caring. God is the model father who knows what is good for us and wants the best for us.

So, Father's Day can be a reminder that we are God's children, and that we can possess the blessings He has kept for us. In the story of our lives God has revealed Himself in a surprising way. He says to each one of us 'I am your Father'. Now that is something to celebrate!



15th June - Who was Evelyn Underhill?

Evelyn Underhill was an English Anglo-Catholic writer, poet and novelist. She is known for her numerous writings on religion and spiritual practice. Underhill was born in Wolverhampton in 1875, and during her lifetime published 39 books and more than 350 articles and reviews.

During the First World War Underhill worked at the Admiralty in the naval intelligence (Africa) department. In 1921 she became an Anglican and later changed her views about conflicts and in 1939 she became a Christian pacifist.

From 1924 she became widely respected as the creator of Anglican retreat houses in the UK. Her first was at **Pleshey**, a small village in Essex. These were havens of peace and prayer where many drew closer to God; sought His will for their lives and found renewed strength on their return home. Underhill also believed that retreat attendees should be warm, comfortable and well-fed as their physical well-being was just as important as their spiritual needs.

In her 50s, her writings became more focused on the Holy Spirit, and she became a prominent figure as a lay spiritual director, guest speaker, radio lecturer and a proponent of contemplative prayer. Underhill died in Hampstead, North London, on 15th June 1941, aged 65 years.

75 years since the arrival of Windrush

by Tim Lenton.

It was 75 years ago, on 21st June 1948, that the passenger ship *HMT Empire Windrush* docked in London, bringing the first large group of immigrants from the West Indies to the UK.

It was a result of the British Government's invitation to people from Commonwealth countries to settle in Britain and help rebuild the country after the devastation of the Second World War. The promise was one of prosperity and full employment, and the *Windrush* – ironically built and launched in Germany in 1930 – carried more than 1000 people, though the figure is often given as 492. In fact, there were probably 492 men from Jamaica, but also men and women from other islands, plus Polish men and women.

Most of the Caribbeans remained to settle permanently, despite mixed reactions. The first of what became known as the Windrush generation were housed temporarily in the Brixton area, where Windrush Square – an open space in front of the Brixton Tate Library – marks their arrival.

The Windrush generation generally defines everyone who emigrated to Britain from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971, at which point all Commonwealth citizens living in the UK were given the right to remain.

In 2018 a scandal emerged involving ineptitude by the Home Office which had resulted in people from this generation being wrongly detained, denied legal rights and threatened with deportation. It was calculated that more than 80 had been wrongly deported.

These people had been living and working in the UK for decades but had never been provided with the official paperwork, and the Home Office had kept no record of those granted leave to remain. The UK Government apologised, and the Home Secretary at the time, Amber Rudd, described her department's performance as "appalling".

Finding the right Key by Lester Amann

Ever since early times it has always been necessary for something to be locked up. Keys, in all kinds of shapes and sizes, have been needed to protect valuable commodities from thieves. Also, when people had to be punished or protected from others, they were confined in prisons with suitable locks and keys.

Apparently, the oldest discovered keys, made of wood, were found in ancient Nineveh – the city visited by the prophet Jonah. They are some 6,000 years old. Later, the Romans invented more sophisticated locks and keys made of metal.

At the time of Jesus, the Jews needed access to the Kingdom of Heaven, and He came to open it up to them. Jesus spoke to the disciple Peter and said He was going to give him the 'keys' of the Kingdom. (Matthew 16:18-19) Peter would unlock priceless Gospel truths.

These keys were given to a trusted servant to open the doors of faith to all who wanted to hear.

Later, Paul described Jesus as an important key. The apostle was concerned that people in Colossae were in danger of following false doctrines and philosophies. Paul knew that all understanding and perception about God was found in Jesus. Only Jesus had the key to all concealed spiritual treasures. Paul wanted people to know Jesus, who would open the door to all they needed to know about their relationship with Him and their purpose in the world.

Sometimes we can lose a key. May we never lose hold of Jesus who is *our* key to life today and for evermore!

He (Jesus) is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God's wisdom and knowledge. (Col 2.3)

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Worried that your life is changing beyond recall?

A wise farmer rotates his crops. No one thing should always be grown in the same place. In fact, change and diversity are the key to long-term health. It is the same for us: for us to be at our most productive, we must not be surprised if God suddenly rests us from 'growing corn,' and gives us something else to do instead. Often it is something we would never have imagined!

Life is lived in seasons: in each of our lives, there is a time to do this, a time to do that. Too many of us lose our sense of self-worth and direction because we don't understand when we're leaving one season and entering another in life. We struggle and want to hang on to what we had.

But sometimes God wants to give us something *new*, to make us productive at every stage of our life. God will never put you in a place too small to grow. You may be asked to grow in ways that seem uncomfortable at first, but He is out to develop you fully, in every aspect of your being – not just the ones at which you are already good!

Everything I need to know... I learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're very old Someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics. Just get on with the job needing to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
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What makes June so special

The Revd Dr Roger Roberts, pastor of International Baptist Church Brussels, considers light...
June is the month of light – the month of the summer solstice, when millions of people in northernmost Europe stay out late to enjoy the sight of the midnight sun. To have light and glory where there is usually darkness is something we celebrate, we welcome.

In John 9 Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." He wasn't comparing Himself to the summer solstice, but preaching at a Jewish occasion which celebrated light every bit as much. It was the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:14), which was a celebration not only of God's provision of water, but also of the light of God's presence with the Israelites in the wilderness.

During the Feast of Tabernacles there was a joyful celebration. The priests would light four huge lamps in the Court of Women. The flames would reach as high as the temple walls and would provide a light that could be seen all throughout Jerusalem. Men of deep piety would dance throughout the night for the entire week of celebrating. A choir, accompanied by an orchestra of instruments, would sing psalms like Psalm 27, which declare "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

At the height of this grand celebration, the Lord Jesus had the temerity to stand and say that HE was the light that was foreshadowed by the light for the Israelites in the wilderness. The Jewish leaders were furious, and tried to stone Him to death. Jesus did not fight back, He simply illustrated His claim to be the Light of the World by immediately giving sight to a man born blind. (John 9).

In the 20 centuries since then, the Word of God, when it is proclaimed, has drawn people out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus. The Word is, as the psalmist said, "a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). David said, "In your light we see light" (Psalm 36:9b). Today, by the light of the Word of God, we can see Jesus as He is: truly the Light of the World.



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29th June - Feast of SS Peter & Paul, the two most famous apostles

The two most famous apostles are remembered this month, for they share a feast day.

St Peter, 'the Rock'

St Peter (d. c. 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and he is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the Gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with Gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly doorkeeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.

St Paul, apostle to the Gentiles

Like Peter, Paul (d. c. 65) also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to

defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ.

It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of his temporary blindness, baptised, and retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus.

From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem.

After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.

The belief that Peter and Paul died on the same day was caused by their sharing the same feast day.

Paul was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection.

It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others. In art, Paul is depicted as small in stature, bald and bandy-legged, with a long face, long nose and eyebrows meeting over deep-set eyes. His usual emblems are a sword and a book. In England he was never as popular as St Peter, and ancient English churches dedicated to him alone number only 43.

The history of the relics of Peter and Paul is not very clear. Tradition says that Peter was buried at the Vatican and Paul on the Ostian Way under his basilica. Certainly, both apostles were venerated from very early times both in the Liturgy and in private prayers, as testified by Greek and Latin graffiti in the catacombs of the early 3rd century.

Archbishop of Sudan forced to flee

According to recent reports from Sudan, the Archbishop of the Province of Sudan, Ezekiel Kondo, was forced to evacuate from the Anglican Cathedral in Khartoum when the fighting began.

The archbishop and 42 people, including his family members, had to walk to safety amid the fighting in the city.

Sudan Cathedral is linked to the Diocese of Salisbury, where churches across the diocese have been praying for reconciliation and peace in Sudan.

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My dear Nephew Darren

Beware the church microphone



Despite my assurances that it was unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan us your sound equipment, so we could experience the advantages of using radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does *not* necessarily want to do so.

I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary "Here beginneth..." to "Testing, Testing" before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the verger dash outside to check if yet another medieval gargoyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew "I thought I read that rather well" did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of their lives reverently carving the Lady Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have looked more at home in an aeroplane cockpit.

However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came about an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a horse and rider going by. The horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, having ripped off a great deal of old fencing.

Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel's flower-filled front garden, where they spent a comfortable night slicing his velvet turf with their sharp cleats, and chomping everything in sight.

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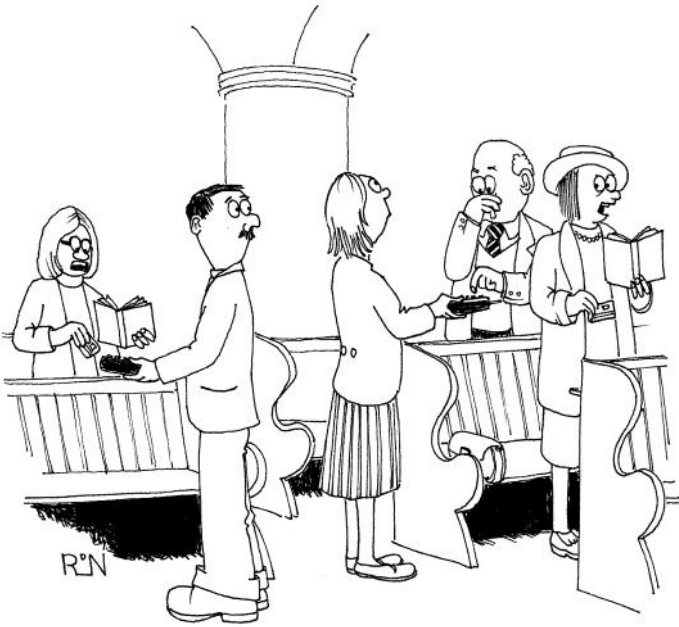
UK foodbanks busier than ever

More food parcels were given out in the UK this past year than ever before. During December 2022, an emergency food parcel was handed out the equivalent of every eight seconds.

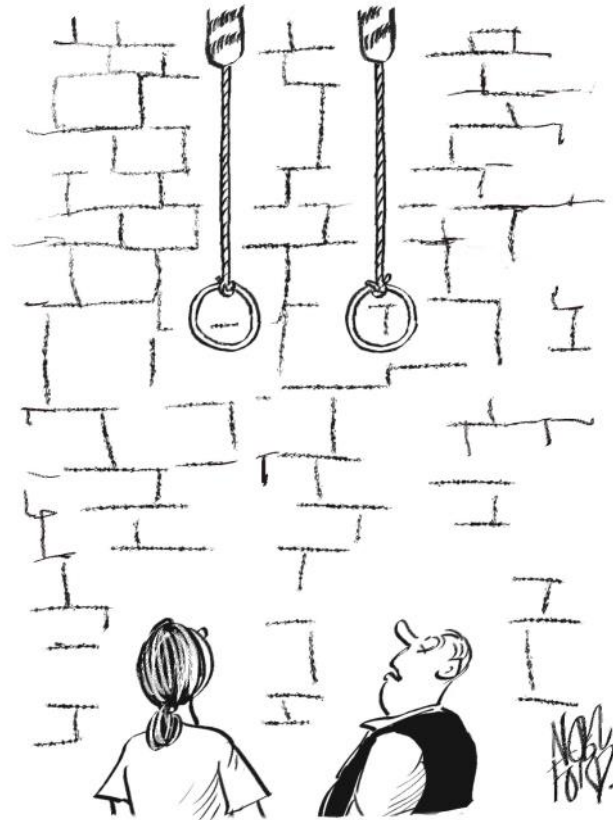
These are the most recent figures from the Trussell Trust, which supports more than 1300 foodbanks in the UK. In all, the charity says it gave out nearly three million food parcels between April 2022 and April 2023. More than one million of these were for children.

These three million parcels from the charity's foodbanks represent a 37-per-cent increase in England on 2021. And more than 760,000 people used a foodbank for the first time, which is up more than one third in 2021-22. Soaring inflation and energy costs have driven the increase in demand. The charity reports an unprecedented rise in the number of employed people using their foodbanks, because they are "no longer able to balance a low income against rising living costs."

The problem now, says the trust, is that food donation levels are not keeping up with the need. "This is putting us under a lot of strain."



Mr Mackenzie kept forgetting his PIN



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

and if anyone knows the whereabouts of the lost property box please could they inform the church office.

Regulars at St Cliff's will be heartened to hear that our treasurer has agreed to fund the purchase of Trebor Extra Strong Mints for use by the prayer ministry team.

It would appear that the recent increase of those 'going down' whilst being prayed for at the end of our Sunday morning services can now be wholly attributed to an unfortunate case of halitosis from which one of their number had been suffering and not the move of God that we optimistically supposed.

Following pressure from the local Methodist church the town wide monthly ecumenical praise and worship service will no longer be called 'The Happy Hour'.



Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody had claimed the monkey



...I think I must have missed that module when I was at theological college!

APCM—Held on Sunday 21st May 2023.

Results of Elections

Churchwarden. Chris Stoneham

Deanery Synod Representatives. Tricia McCarthy, Stephen Gilson, Grace Mann (filling casual vacancy). *Maxine Paul is also a Deanery Synod Rep. as already on the Diocesan Synod.*

PCC Laity. *New to the Council.* Mark Gentry and Mike Priestman. Christine Edwards; David Horton; Kaye Larbi; Harry Moth; Hyacinth Osborne; Lorraine Roman.

Laura Priestman will be seconded onto PCC, and will remain as Treasurer for 1 more year.

Electoral Roll. 2 members removed this year and 2 gained. Roll comprises 102 members.

How more protein could help prevent your midlife spread

Eating more protein can help prevent your midlife spread, partly by suppressing your appetite. A recent study has found that people eat 210 calories *more* per day than when they are on a low-protein diet.

Yet most of us aren't eating enough protein. A study from the University of Sheffield found less than half of over-65s studied met the official UK reference nutrient intake (RNI) of 0.8 grams of protein per kilogram (2.2lb) of their body weight per day – or about 50g a day for a 10st person.

Adding an egg, smoked salmon, authentic Greek yogurt, nuts, or half a can of beans on two slices of wholewheat toast and a 250ml glass of milk, can all help.

The great thing about protein is that it is so filling you might not need to snack. But if you are still peckish, avoid biscuits, chocolate and crisps, and instead choose nuts and seeds, cooked chicken, a bowl of Greek yogurt or a small piece of cheese.

Christian Aid Concert - Saturday 20th May

For some, May heralds the start of BBQ season, shorts weather and a four-week lawn mower hiatus. If you're a close associate of Kaye Larbi or Jan Cheal, however, May means only one thing: Christian Aid Week. And, unless you've been mysteriously absent every year, you'll know all too well by now that Holy Trinity's standout fundraising event is the annual Christian Aid concert – put on by Miles Harwood and the New Redbridge Wind Orchestra.

This year, audiences were treated to a musical tour to accommodate the widest of interests, from a jubilant royal march (originally commissioned for the Platinum jubilee), to a compilation of The Seekers' best bits and Billie Eilish's James Bond theme tune. It ended - as NRWO's concerts always do - with a toe-tapping rendition of *Putting On The Ritz*.

At half time, huge slabs of cake came out and the hall filled up with Victoria Sponge-wielding players and audience members. As usual, all tickets were priced at £10 - including refreshments. Our thanks to all those who served teas, cut slices of gateaux and poured fizzy Vimto to all who ordered.

Shortly before the second half resumed, the raffle was called – with very happy winners taking home bottles of port, white wine, and boxes of chocolates. Those lucky few who had more than one number picked from the hat chivalrously declined to accept more than one prize, thus averting any calls of 'fix!' and ensuring that everyone had a good chance of taking home something decent.

Overall, the concert raised £500 - all of which will be going towards projects in developing countries that help others to help themselves. **Miranda Larbi**

“June is busting out all over”

So go the lines of the song written by Roger & Hammerstein for the musical *Carousel*, and how true this is for us at the moment. What a joy to see the spring growth and the trees and flowers in blossom and to remember all the hard work put in by the gardening fraternity to get things looking this way.

May was a month of celebrations, either the Coronation or Eurovision, depending on your choice, and what hard work these events created. We marveled at the pomp and splendour of the Coronation and how in spite of horrible weather there were smiles all round enjoying the occasion.

Then Liverpool pulled out all the stops hosting the Eurovision contest, and welcoming the world to their shores. Again, smiles all round whether we agreed with the results or not.

Another song from *Carousel* was “You’ll never walk alone” and this iconic anthem was sung at the end of the Eurovision contest by everyone, and as they say not a dry eye in the house.

I recently heard from a very old friend that her husband had suddenly passed away and she was naturally in a state of shock. Sadly all her family live many miles away and she felt quite unable to deal with things. Luckily she’s got great friends and neighbours who stepped up. Interestingly the first of her neighbors to offer support were a Bangladeshi family who kindly asked if there was anything they could do.

So we are never alone, but sometimes you have to ask, and a few little prayers help too.

Barbara Youngs

Celebrating Fatherhood *By Canon Paul Hardingham*

‘What is a Christian? The richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child and having God as his Father.’ (J I Packer, Knowing God)

The month we celebrate fathers on Father’s Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn’t have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God’s fatherhood and what it means for us.

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: *‘heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’ (Matthew 3:16,17).* What can we learn about Jesus’ relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father’s presence

When Jesus was baptized, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It’s the Spirit who enables us to call God *‘daddy’* (abba, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father’s love

The Father described His Son as *‘beloved’*, who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father’s pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is *‘well pleased’* with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents.

Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

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PARISH DIARY

Every Tuesday 9am - 1pm 'Tuesday Morning Drop In'
Parish Hall (continuing weekly).

4 June **Sunday** **TRINITY SUNDAY + Environment Sunday**

14—17 June **"9 to 5" at Kenneth More Theatre.** See Stephen / Laura for Tickets.

18 June **Sunday** **Father's Day. Family Church @ 3:30-5pm**

24 June **Saturday 5:30pm "Musical Mergings" New Essex Choral Society**

3 July **Mon - PCC Meeting 7.30pm**

6 July **Thurs - Coach Trip to Lavenham & Melford Hall** See Chris for details