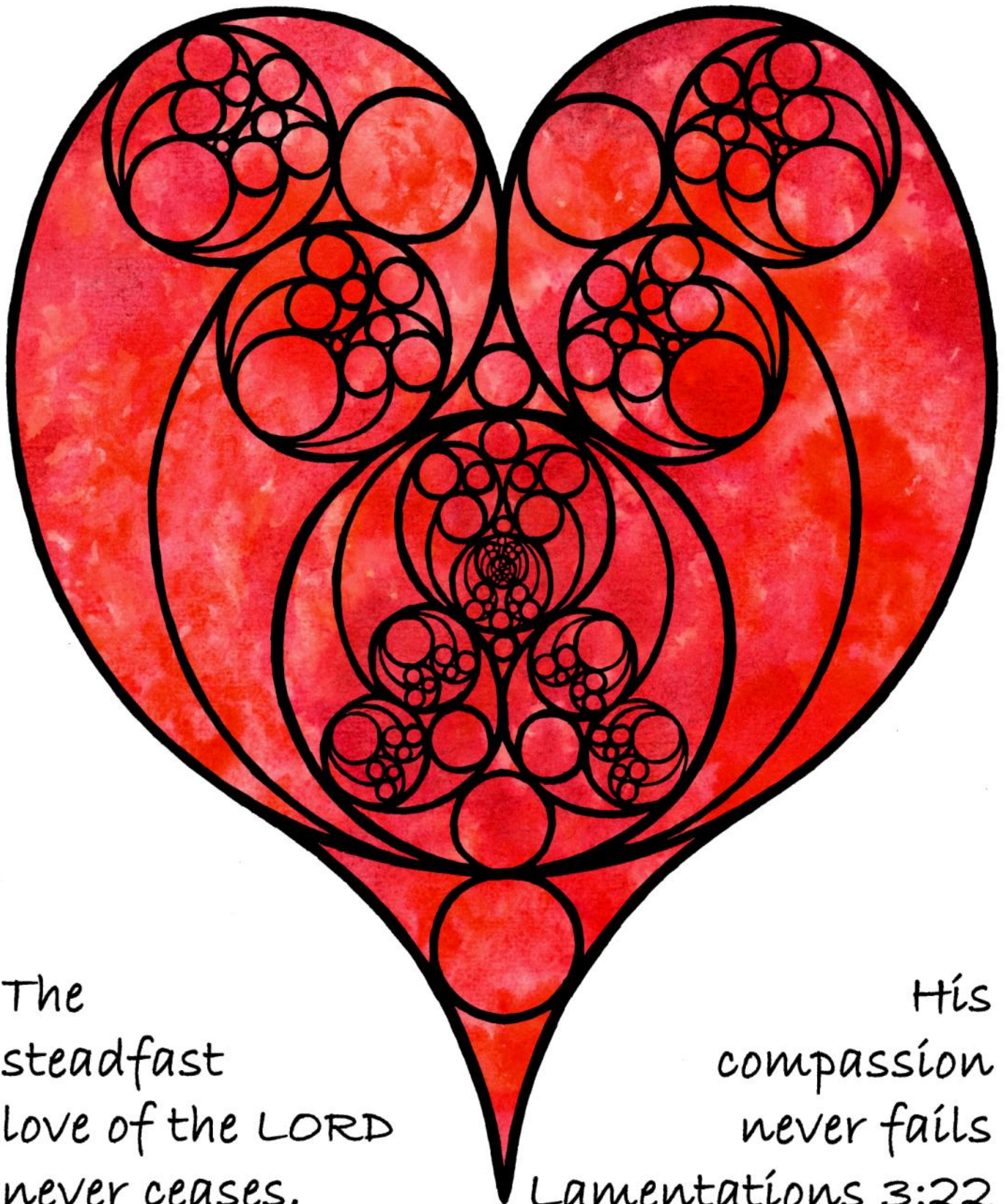


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Happy 1st Birthday to InSpire!



The
steadfast
love of the LORD
never ceases,

His
compassion
never fails
Lamentations 3:22

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Left: Picture of a Hawfinch. See article on how they have been in our churchyard recently and are an unusual and exciting find in Capel!

Full article on page 20.

Dear all,

This month, I am delighted to be able to tell you formally that we are now according to the new pastoral scheme for the parishes of Ewhurst, Forest Green, Okewood, Ockley and Capel, a united parish with St Margaret's Ockley under the auspices of the Surrey Weald Team of churches. From now on we are to be known as the parish of Capel and Ockley. The Church Commissioners received no objections to the scheme so were able to 'make it' on the 27th December 2017 and it came into effect on the 1st January 2018! This is great news. So what happens now you may ask? Well, you will see in our calendar of services and events that we are now obliged to bring forward what would have been the APCM in this parish in April so that it becomes a Special Parochial Church Meeting. That meeting will be first of two to be held in church on Sunday 11th February at 11.45am in which the main business is to as usual review the past year in church activities and those of the PCC plus an opportunity to review the annual accounts for the parish. That meeting will close the parish of Capel as it stands and will be immediately followed by another Special Parochial Church Meeting which will establish the new united parish of Capel and Ockley! So then we will be up and running!

You will also notice in the calendar that service times have changed slightly. For Capel the weekly Family Communion Service will now begin at 10.30am. The 8 o'clock Book of Common Prayer service will now be held every two weeks instead of weekly. For any who may worry about this latter change, sadly numbers have fallen to well below an attendance of 10 regulars; in fact we are doing well if we can count 6! The service at St Margaret's Ockley will change to 9am instead of 9.30 and will continue to offer Matins and Holy Communion on alternate Sundays. When we have a fifth Sunday in the month which I believe happens 4 times a year then we shall worship together at one church and one service. If you are now totally confused remember this; as I told one of our regular 8 o'clockers the other day, if you want Holy Communion just follow me!

So lots of change and adjustment as we settle down together as united parishes but change that will greatly benefit each church and village. We are certainly as congregations approaching our working together with great excitement and anticipation so lots to look forward to!

We are also pleased to offer a bit of an alternative to traditional church in the shape of something called Sunday Sessions which will be an informal gathering where we can relax and discuss pertinent issues for ourselves and our world, along with some mellow music and thoughtful words in the form of poetry and prayer in our Capel Parish Hall on the 18th February at 6pm. Please do read more about it elsewhere in the magazine this month. Also, don't forget our Curry and Comedy evening on the 8th of this month, but if you would like to come, hurry if you haven't yet booked a ticket – we need numbers by the 4th of this month!

So, next month I shall be able to give you a review of the church's activities over this past 10 months at least and a taster of lots of good things to come. Till then, let us remember that in all of these things, in all of our lives, **God is with us. Alleluia!**

With all love and prayers

Rev'd Liz



THE ARCHDEACON HAD NO IDEA WHERE
COLIN'S NEW CURATE CAME FROM



The Pavilion Café at Ockley



Coffee Fellowship

In September, we celebrated 5 years since opening and we are delighted that the café is as popular as ever! Although the core team has changed over the years, we still have a very dedicated group who spend time baking cakes, biscuits, buns and savouries. For this reason we are very grateful for the generous support of all who come to the café, whether it's every week or just every now and then.

This year we have donated to Macmillan, The Children's Trust at Tadworth, Ockley and Forest Green Village Halls, the Wasp Bus, Christian Aid, Embrace the Middle East and our parish churches.

So do keep coming, bring your friends and don't forget that we serve bacon butties on the last Wednesday of every month.

The Kindred Spirits Women's Ministry

PLEASE NOTE!



NEW SERVICE TIMES!

Would you please note that with effect from

Sunday 4th February 2018

Capel's 10.00 am services
will now begin at 10.30 am

and

Ockley's 9.30 am services
will now begin at 9.00 am

"LENT – A – CLEAN 2018" –

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH @ 9am – 12

Don't Give up – Take up!

Apart from the regular weekly sessions, the Church needs a really good cleaning at least once a year and what better way to embrace Lent than by "taking up" something extra.

So come along on Saturday 17th March from 9am – 12 and lend a hand - just in time for Easter - see you there.

Ps – if you have any cleaning equipment - eg dusters / rags / polishers – please bring along.

Thank you – Andrew Forsyth

The Children's Society Houseboxes due in!

If you have a box that needs emptying and counting, please speak to Suzanne to arrange to exchange it!

Alternatively, they can be left in church, with Rev Liz or at Suzanne's home address (please speak/email her if you do not know her address). I do not particularly want to publicise the address in here if there are likely to be several boxes of money left on my back door step!

Thank you to everyone that helps raise money for the Children's Society and if you would like to have a housebox to collect at home, please let Suzanne know. Thank you.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
see page 6 for Events & Services

Mental Health Peer Support Group

New Peer Support Group for anyone facing depression or similar mental health concerns in Guildford, every Wednesday evening, 7.30 – 9pm, at The Spike Community Centre, Warren Road (next to St Luke's Surgery and St Luke's Square), Guildford, GU1 3JH. Hosted by PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, it offers a friendly and confidential space to share and be heard. No need to book. Just come along. More info at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups Starts on Wed 7 Feb and weekly thereafter.

From the Registers

We mourn the loss of

Nancy Maud Crook
25th December 2017

Reginald William Quilter
31st December 2017



Please join the
Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK for a

Quiz Night

At Oddfellows Hall
270 High St, Dorking RH4 1QT

Saturday 24th March 2018

7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start

Fish and Chip Supper. Vegetarian option on request

Tickets £12

Bring your own drinks

For tickets call 01306 881364 or 01306 882759
or email dfcancerresearchuk@btinternet.com

New Larger print Sheets for Sunday services at Capel



Due to the generosity of St John's Guild, Redemptorist who supply our Sunday readings sheet, are now supplying us with 5 Larger print versions for those who are visually impaired.

This is at no cost to us presently, unless we wish to order more than the allocated 5 copies? This will definitely help some of our own parishioners to enjoy being able to follow the Collect and Readings each Sunday.

For further information on the good work that the Guild carries out, you can go online:-
<http://www.stjohnsguild.org/>

Kindred Spirits Women's Ministry warmly invite you to



Women's Breakfasts 2018

Saturday 2nd June

Saturday 4th August

Saturday 3rd November

All starting at 8.45am in the Cricket Pavilion, Ockley.

There will be a joint breakfast with the men's group in March, date to be confirmed

CHURCH SERVICES FOR CAPEL & OCKLEY AND EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 4th

8.00 am

9.00 am

10.30 am

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Holy Communion BCP (Capel)

Matins at St Margaret's Ockley

Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society (Capel)

THURSDAY 8th

7.30 pm

CURRY AND COMEDY

Capel Village Hall – ticketed event in aid of Compassion UK

SUNDAY 11th

9.00am

10.30 am

11.45 am

12.30pm

Sunday next before Lent

Holy Communion CW (Ockley)

Family Communion (Capel)

Special Parochial Church Meeting 1 for St John the Baptist Capel**Special Parochial Church Meeting 2 to establish the united parish of Capel and Ockley with the election of Churchwardens and members of PCC.**

WEDNESDAY 14th

6.00pm

Ash Wednesday

Service at St Peter's, Newdigate

SUNDAY 18th

8.00 am

9.00 am

10.30 am

6.00 pm

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion BCP (Capel)

Matins at St Margaret's Ockley

Family Communion (Capel)

Sunday Sessions (Capel Parish Hall)

MONDAY 19th

7.00 pm

Lent Course 1

Church of St Mary Magdalene South Holmwood

TUESDAY 20th

3.15pm onwards

Messy Church

Capel Village Memorial Hall



SUNDAY 25th

9.00 am

10.30 am

Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion CW (Ockley)

Family Communion (Capel)

MONDAY 26th

7.00 pm

Lent Course 2

Church of St Mary Magdalene South Holmwood

MARCH

SUNDAY 28th

8.00 am

9.00 am

10.30 am

Third Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion BCP (Capel)

Matins at St Margaret's Ockley

Café Church (Capel)

CW – from the Book of Common Worship BCP – from The Book of Common Prayer 1662.

Most Wednesdays at 9.45am in church we pray the Church of England's Daily Office at Capel. All are welcome to join us as we intercede for the church, the world and all those in need who have asked for our prayers....

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

~ 1 Corinthians 13:13

Dear Readers,

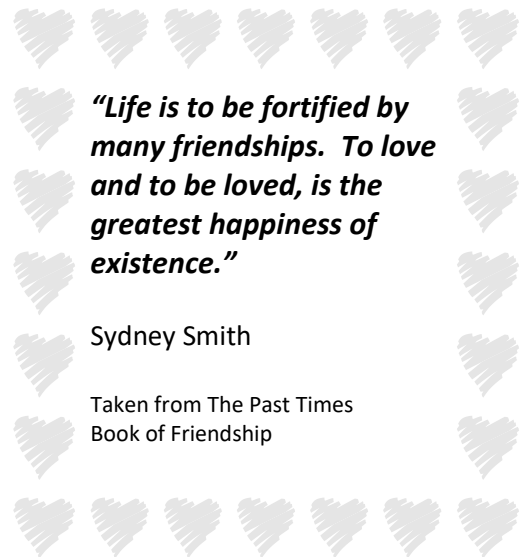
Happy Anniversary to you all! This issue marks the first anniversary of **InSpire** becoming a regular part of our church community. I hope you are all still enjoying it! I'm sure that as we go forward as a United Parish with St Margaret's, Ockley, it will contain more information from our friends in Ockley. This is an exciting development for both churches, but an increased workload for Rev Liz. As we celebrate Valentine's Day this month and celebrate 'love for one another' in all its different guises, it seems only right to celebrate our unification with St Margaret's. As God created the sanctity of marriage, so we see a 'marriage' of our two churches and all that entails. Two beautiful, ancient buildings to worship in and to look after, two communities that border one another but can celebrate both their similarities of location but also the differences that make each village, church or any community unique. We come together with two congregations made up of different people—but our strength surely is that we ALL share the love of Christ. It is this shared love that will carry us forward. There will be times of disagreement on various things I'm sure, as there is even amongst one congregation, but we must always keep Christ at the centre of all we do and strive to do in his name. It is a time of great hope as we move forward and I'm sure there are exciting times ahead.



"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves." ~ Romans 12:9-10

Amongst all the cards, flowers, chocolates and commercialism on Valentine's Day, I hope that we can all find time to celebrate the love in our lives. Many of us are lucky enough to enjoy happy marriages, happy childhoods with wonderful parents, siblings and of course friends. Friends can come into your life at any time and some of the ones you make later in life can be just as important as those you've known since childhood. I count myself very blessed to have a marriage that gets better as the years go by (yes really Stuart!), a wonderful childhood to look back on with many happy memories with a caring and loving Mum and Dad, a sister who shares those memories and new ones with me and many dear friends. Despite this, I think one of life's most valuable lessons is that you find your closest friends can be counted on one hand; those that you know are there unconditionally for you, in good times and in bad. When you're at your very worst with whatever life has thrown at you, having the love of those close to you, makes everything alright. There is a quote saying that 'anyone can love a happy friend' but it takes someone special to love you and be there for you when you're in the depths of despair. Having experienced deep and raw grief with the loss of my father 2 years ago, I particularly love the saying that "grief is the price we pay for love". How very true. Our love and joy at times spent with these special people in our lives, become painful in the depths of grief. But as time moves on, slowly you can begin to remember the happy times that made that bond so strong and worthy of your grief. So on 14th February, Valentine's Day, I shall remember all those who I love and who are loved by me—some still with me, some gone before me now, and I very much hope that you can do the same. I send you all not only my best wishes this month but my 'love' too! The love I share with you is that which binds us all in Christ, both as a United Parish but as individuals too, who are loved first and foremost by our Father in heaven.

With my best wishes,
Suzanne



"Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and to be loved, is the greatest happiness of existence."

Sydney Smith

Taken from The Past Times
Book of Friendship

Dear Readers,

You will have read elsewhere in this issue of InSpire about the wonderful news that our merger with St Margaret's in Ockley is to go ahead. I along with the rest of the PCC welcome them and look forward to visiting their lovely church.

So, I thought it was a good time to introduce Helen Burt to you who will be taking over as treasurer at St Margaret's with the retirement of Gordon Lee-Steere who has done sterling work helping to guide their finances through both the dissolution of their old parish and the inception of the new Capel and Ockley parish. Helen has been Gordon's assistant for sometime, and being a qualified accountant and owning dogs means that she and I have a lot in common already.

To begin with we have agreed that the two churches will keep their finances separate. Joint costs will be shared and Helen and I will produce accounts for each PCC meeting as we do now. These accounts will be aggregated for the diocese and the Annual meeting.

Please feel free to ask any questions about the merger, both Helen and I will do our best to answer.

Debbie von Bergen



"Looks like they've introduced contactless payments for their collections."

Sponsorship of InSpire

Following Debbie's suggestion of people sponsoring a month of InSpire, we are pleased to report that the following months are now accounted for due to generous sponsorship:-

March
May
June
July
September
October

If you would like to sponsor another month, maybe to commemorate a loved one's birthday or a special anniversary, please do let Rev Liz, Suzanne or Debbie know? It can remain anonymous if you prefer. Alternatively, if you would like a special mention in your sponsorship month, please do let us know.

The approximate cost of the current format is £50.00 per month. If you have any queries about sponsorship please call either Rev Liz on 01306 711260, Suzanne Cole, Editor on 01306 711449 or Debbie von Bergen, our Treasurer on 07774 784008.



We pray for our United Parish of Capel and Ockley and give thanks to God for our unification and all the opportunities this will bring. We pray that we will learn the joy of worshipping together and

working together in the name of Christ. We pray for Liz our Vicar as this change takes effect and she has to take more services and her workload increases. Be with her Lord and give her the strength to meet the challenges ahead. We ask God to guide us to support her wherever and however we can. We pray for the forthcoming EPCM on 11th February and we give thanks for the willingness of people to stand on our PCC's and to take on roles of responsibility.

We pray for all who are unwell in our Parishes, particularly any who are known to us or that ask for our prayers. Please be with them in their times of pain and anxiety.

We remember those who have died recently including Nancy Crook and Ray Quilter and anyone who is known to you. We also remember those whose anniversary falls at this time and ask for your comfort Lord on those who mourn.



We pray for our forthcoming Curry & Comedy Night in aid of Compassion UK. We give thanks for the opportunity to bring such an event to our village and our community and to highlight the work of Compassion UK. We pray for all the children that the charity are helping around the world.

We remember The Children's Society as we celebrate our Christingle service on Sunday 4th. We give thanks for the young people who will join us for the service and we ask that the message of hope for children in the UK who are helped by the charity is passed on to all who attend. We give thanks for everyone collecting for the Society in their candle pots that they bring to the service and we thank God for their generosity to others less fortunate. We pray that we may continue to support the Society as a Church, as we have done so for over 30 years.



A Prayer for Christingle

Loving Lord,
We thank you for the light in our lives,
for those who give us love and hope.



We thank you for The Children's Society as it brings light to children and young people who feel unloved or without hope. Help us always to be a light shining in the darkness so that we can share the love of God with those around us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world,

Amen.

As we celebrate 'Love' on St Valentine's Day a prayer about God's love

Your love
flows like a stream
into the ocean of your Grace.

Your love
encircles this world,
displays your faithfulness.

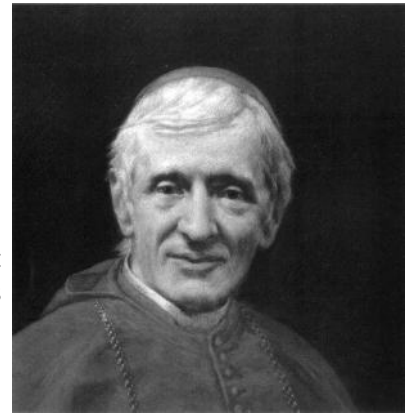
Your love
is patient and kind,
brings wholeness and true peace.

Your love
is all we desire
to heal our brokenness.

As all things pass
and fade away
love remains
eternally

John Henry Newman was born in 1801 and grew up in the Bloomsbury area of London. His father was a banker, and his mother was of French Huguenot descent. He was converted to evangelical Calvinist at the age of 15 and held that the Pope was the antichrist. After leaving school he obtained a BA in Classics from Trinity College Oxford, and became a fellow there in 1823. The following year he was ordained Deacon in Oxford, and held a number of positions in and around Oxford for the next few years. During this time he took part in a number of debates with dons and began to think of the Church as "a Divine appointment, and as a substantive body, independent of the State, and endowed with rights, prerogatives and powers of its own". In 1828 Newman was still nominally associated with the evangelical wing of the Church, although it is obvious from his associations and writings that he was leaning elsewhere. Two years later Newman had resigned from membership of the Bible Society and the Church Missionary Society, and it is probably these two events that started his move away from the evangelical wing of the Church.

John Henry Newman 1801-1890



In 1832, Newman toured Southern Europe with Hurrell Froude. During this time Newman fell dangerously ill with fever and became convinced that God was calling him back for work in England. It was on the journey home that he wrote the poem *Lead, Kindly Light* which was later set as a hymn. It became popular during the First World War probably due to it never mentioning God, the doubts that it expresses, and its ambiguity.

**Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,
lead thou me on;
the night is dark, and I am far from home;
lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene; one step enough for me.**

Following his time in Rome, Newman became drawn to the high church tradition of Anglicanism having heard a sermon given by John Keble. This resulted in the start of the Oxford Movement where a group of Anglicans wished to return to many of the Catholic beliefs and rituals. He published "Tracts for the Times" until 1841, and eventually left to the Roman Catholic Church in 1845 with some of his followers. He became a Roman Catholic priest in 1846, and served in Birmingham from 1848 and, as he could not be appointed to a position at Oxford, became Rector at University College, Dublin.

At that time there was much antagonism towards the Roman Church and Newman not only published a number of articles, but also held public lectures regarding Catholicism .

In 1868 he published his poem *Dream of Gerontius* describing the journey of the soul to purgatory. This poem contains two other popular hymns, "Praise to the Holiest in the height" is sung by the Fifth Choir of Angels and "Firmly I believe and truly" sung by Gerontius soon after death. The *Dream of Gerontius* was later set by Edgar Elgar in 1900.

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

Newman remained at Birmingham for the rest of his life. He continued to publish religious pamphlets and also republished much of his work as an Anglican. Despite him arguing against Papal infallibility, he was made a Cardinal in 1879 by Pope Leo XIII. Newman died at Birmingham in 1890.

Editor: Nell Goddard of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity considers what real friendship can mean.

Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. Proverbs 27:5-6

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

I remember it really clearly: stood in the kitchen of my student house, clutching a cup of tea, and being told – in no uncertain terms – that I needed to be kinder with my words. The deliverer of this stark truth was someone I had met only once before, but who had been invited for dinner by one of my housemates.

In that moment, I knew three things.

- Firstly, I was cross. What right did this person have to offer up opinions and rebuke me when they'd only just met me?
- Secondly, they were right: I frequently used words as weapons rather than gifts, and they weren't the first person to call me out on it. But – strangely enough – they were the first person I listened to.
- Thirdly, we were going to be friends. This realisation surprised me, but I knew it with a deep certainty. And I was right – three years later, they're one of my closest friends.

This story is a worked example of these proverbs, and an illustration of how friendship isn't meant to be consistently comfortable and cosy. True friendship does not shrink from correcting the friend – after all, iron cannot sharpen iron unless forceful contact is made.

These proverbs assume that a friend persists and does not shy away from constructive criticism. Such criticism is done in a way which is open and direct, remaining caring and completely concerned with the best interests of the addressee. Does this ring true for your friendships? Or does it present you with a challenge?

Friendship is a key part of life and so, for the Christian, a key part of discipleship. Through friendship, God teaches us about others, about community, and about Himself. After all, He is the God who calls us friend.

So, what does it mean to be a friend? Each friendship will take a different form, depending on the people engaging in it. Colleagues, family, fellow parents, study partners... wherever we are, whatever we're doing, friends will most likely play a part.

Friendships are significant, presenting us with opportunities for both evangelism and discipleship, as well as for learning more about God, and they are a part of life where we can see God working powerfully – in us and through us, every day.

Source: Parish Pump

Editor : A couple of little quotes about Friends ...

"Fate chooses your relations, you choose your friends" Jacques Delille

***"The Weary miles pass swiftly, taken in a joyous stride.
And all the world seems brighter, when a friend walks by our side"*** Author unknown

InSpire for our Younger Readers

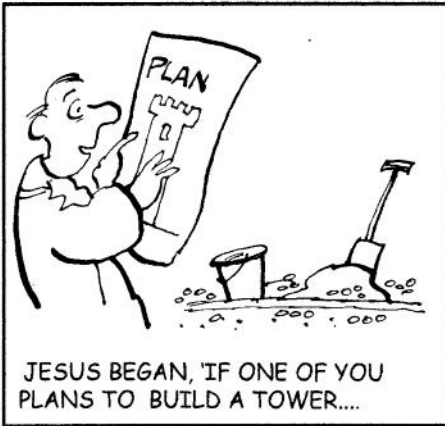
The tale of the Tower Builder



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS EXPLAINED HOW IT WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE EASY TO FOLLOW HIM.



JESUS BEGAN, 'IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....'

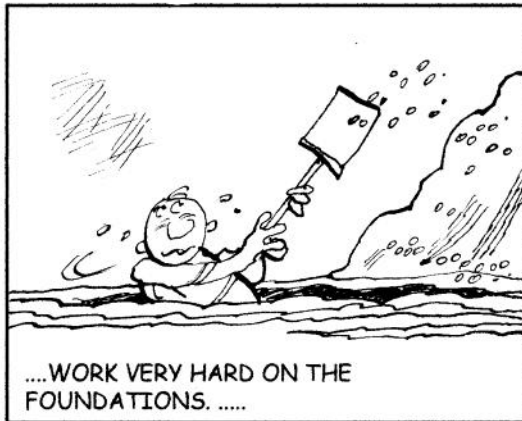
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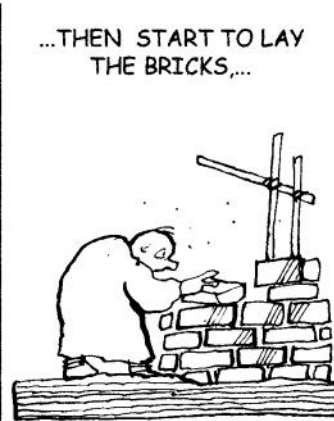
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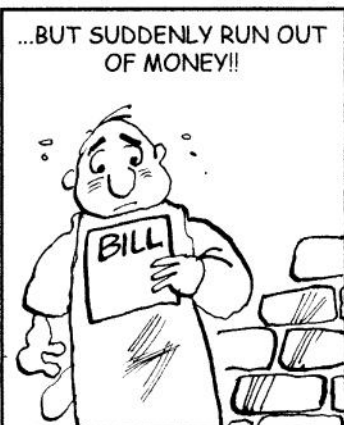
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....WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS.



...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,...



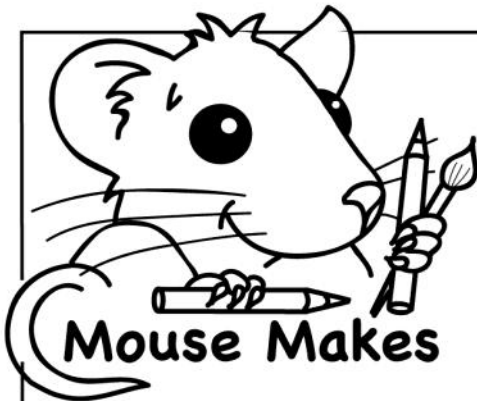
...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!



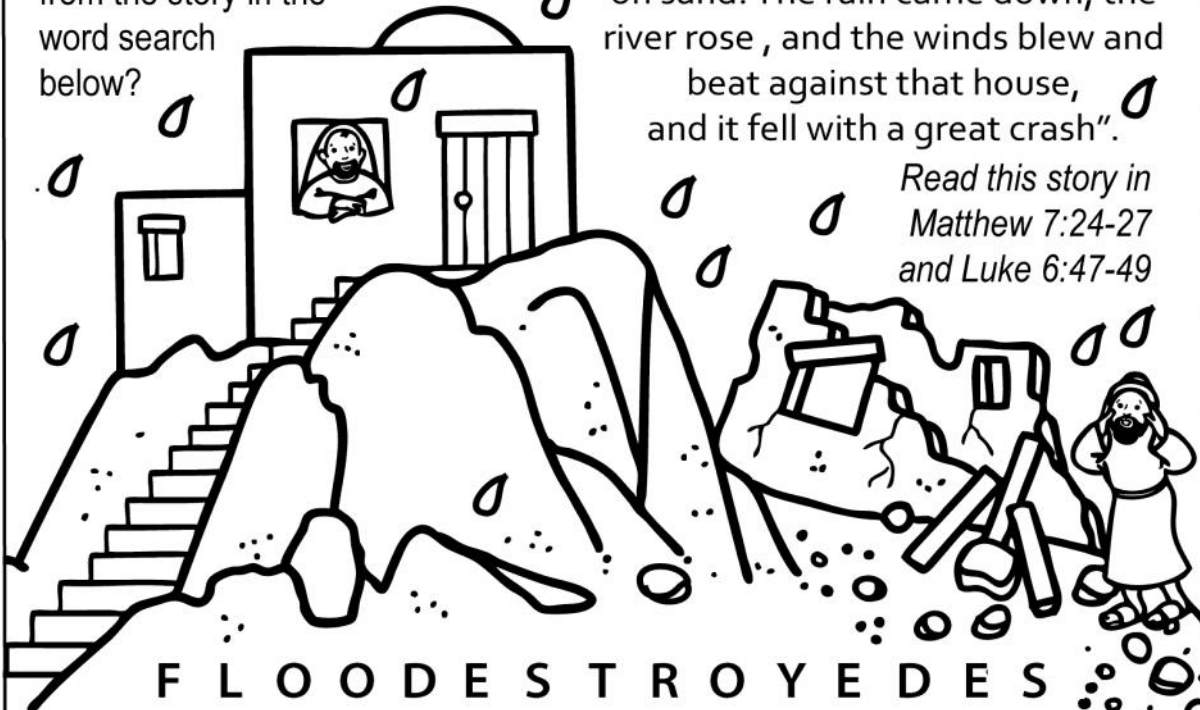
WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.; IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.



Jesus taught his disciples...
 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain came down, the river rose and the winds blew and beat against the house it did not fall. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the river rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash".

*Read this story in
 Matthew 7:24-27
 and Luke 6:47-49*

Can you find the words from the story in the word search below?



F L O O D E S T R O Y E D E S
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Editor: We offer here another 'take' on Valentine's day....

14 Saint Valentine's Day

Saint Valentine's Day, many believe, was named after one or more Christian martyrs and was established by Pope Gelasius 1 in 496 AD. Valentine of Rome was martyred about 269, and this day usually 'belongs' to him.

The first recorded association of Valentine Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, 'For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.' This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. Valentine Day is referred to by Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601).

To-morrow is St Valentine's day
All in the morning betime
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine.



The modern mention of Valentine's Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784):

The rose is red, the violet's blue
The honey's sweet, and so are you.
Thou are my love and I am thine
I drew thee to my Valentine.

14 Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance' (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)

'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.' (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

Thursday 8th February 2018!

- * An excellent night of fun and fundraising! *
- * Raffle Prizes needed please *

The evening gives us a great opportunity as a church to both support the wonderful work that Compassion does throughout the world and to welcome our local community to a fun-filled, family-friendly event that gives a real insight into faith in action. Please talk to Bob or Judy for more details or call 01306 711349. If you would like to help on the evening, please speak to Bob.



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Love

'Love is when a little old woman and a little old man are still friends, even after they've been married forever.' Tommy - age 6

Insanity

Doctor: 'Has there been any insanity in your family?'

Woman: 'I'm afraid so. My husband sometimes thinks he's the boss.'

Lights

Halfway through a romantic dinner, my husband smiled and said, 'You look so beautiful under these lights.' I was falling in love all over again when he added, 'We really should get some of these lights.'

Listen

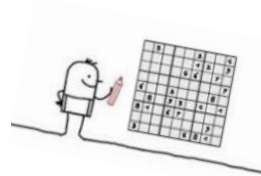
My wife says I never listen, or something like that...

Work

First friend: 'Who are you working for these days?'

Second friend: 'Same people. The wife and four kids.'





CROSSWORD

Across

1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)

4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)

7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)

8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)

9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)

13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

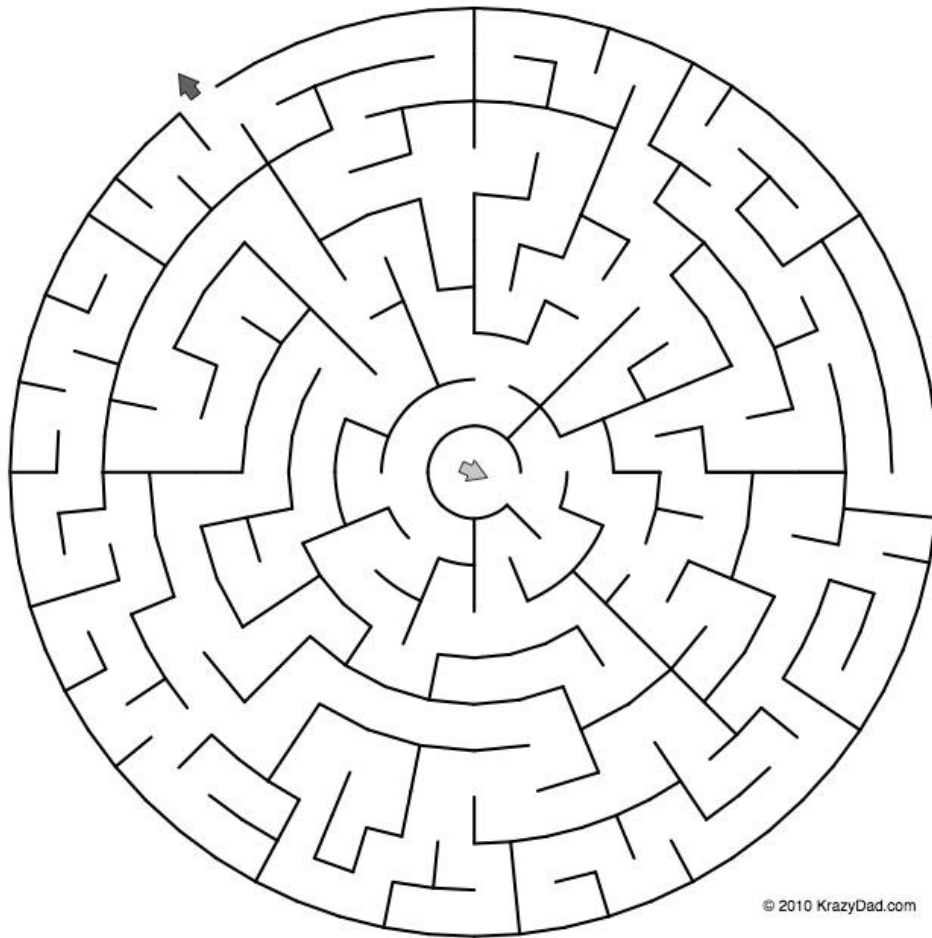
26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

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- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)



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All puzzle solutions can be found on the back page.

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February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate: and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through his death for us on the cross, and his resurrection, his love can now transform anyone's life. Romances can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

Valentine

Rose

Romance

Love

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Restaurant

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Kiss

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Temple

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Hug

Girlfriend

Fiancé

Worship

Angels

Baby

Mary

Candlemas

Presentation



These birds first appeared mid-October with flocks flying over the village daily, all heading west. During mid-December a few settled around the village and began feeding on blackthorn stones in the fields and also the yew berry stones that were in the Pub garden and church. The general theory is there has been a crop failure in Eastern Europe and this is why they have arrived here in such large numbers. They would normally feed on beech and hornbeam mast primarily.

There has been a large turnover in numbers with a max count of 46 on

the nature reserve last Sunday and to date I have ringed 28 birds about double the previous Surrey Ringing Totals.

I would estimate around 250 birdwatchers have enjoyed these birds since the new year.

It is worth noting Hawfinches can produce 150lb per square inch of pressure easily enough to crush cherry and blackthorn stones !



Wes Attridge

Our thanks to Wes Attridge for sending this information and photographs to Rev Liz.

Some more information on Hawfinches from the RSPB Website



Scientific name: **Coccothraustes coccothraustes**

Bird family: Finches

UK conservation status: Red

Protected by The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981



Measurements:

Length: 18cm
Wingspan: 29-33cm
Weight: 48-62g

Population:

UK breeding: 500-1,000 pairs
UK wintering: 10-15,000 birds

Don't read the Bible, listen to it

Fancy listening to the Bible? Try the new audio Bible app from SPCK, called the NRSV Audio Bible for Everyone, costing 99p. The basic app provides the text and audio of the NRSV, while the option to upgrade offers a version that includes commentaries and guides from the For Everyone series by Tom Wright and John Goldingay. Visit www.SPCKapps.com.

Historic churches and chapels are set to benefit from 'rescue funds'

The National Churches Trust, the UK's church buildings support charity, has given 93 churches on the Historic England 'At Risk Register' a total amount of £680,000.

Churches receiving grants include St Botolph, Boston Stump, in Boston, a Grade I listed church towering over the fens as a landmark to sailors and pilots; St James' in Burton Lazars, also Grade 1 listed, containing the grave of the Zborowski family, whose racing cars were the inspiration for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; and St Mary de Castro, Leicester, also Grade I listed, and where King Richard III worshipped.

Huw Edwards, broadcaster and journalist and Vice President of The National Churches Trust says: 'At the heart of communities in cities, towns and villages, churches are a treasure trove of architecture, history and faith. I'm delighted that the future of these churches and chapels in England, Scotland and Wales is being safeguarded thanks to the National Churches Trust. 'The grants range from major repair funding boosts to help with maintenance and development projects.

The oldest Bible comes back to the UK

The world's oldest surviving complete Latin Bible returns to the UK this autumn. It left these shores for Rome 1302 years ago, when monks in the northeast of England sent it as a gift to Pope Gregory II.

The Codex Amiatinus was one of only three produced at the twin monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow. (One has since got lost, and the other survives in fragments.) It was kept safe for centuries at the Abbey of the Saviour in Monte Amiata, in Tuscany. Then in the 18th century it was sent to the Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, in Florence.

It is the Laurenziana which has now agreed to send it back to the UK, alongside the Lindisfarne Gospels, for its exhibition 'Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms', which begins in October.

The Bible is 12 inches thick, and weighs 35kg. It contains both Old and New Testaments, and was written on 1030 leaves made from the skins of at least 515 sheep. It has been called one of the greatest treasures of Anglo-Saxon times.

The easy way to discover your local churches

Have you visited the website A Church Near You? It is great for searching for churches or services in your area. All you have to do is type in a postcode or a specific feature such as a choir, or disabled access. A Church Near You receives more than 13 million page-views throughout the year. Try it at: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

I would very much like to feature some articles on the history of our two churches—would anyone like to produce something to this effect for a future issue? If you would be interested in doing this, please let me know.

Thank you. The Editor

Editor: The Rev Paul Hardingham considers this month's unlikely link of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day ...

During this month Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, share the same date! It seems an odd mix, yet there is an obvious link: *love*! Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, is about learning how to love God more, as we give Him space in our lives. It's also an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' experience in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13).

Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit (1), where He was tempted by Satan, but demonstrated the path of real love. Jesus is tempted to turn stones into bread. Love gets to the heart of human need, not just satisfying physical desires. Satan tempts Jesus to worship him. However, worshipping God is the beginning of love and results in sacrificial service to meet the needs of others. Finally, He is tempted to put God to the test, by jumping off the Temple. Only real love can change hearts by practical love and care.

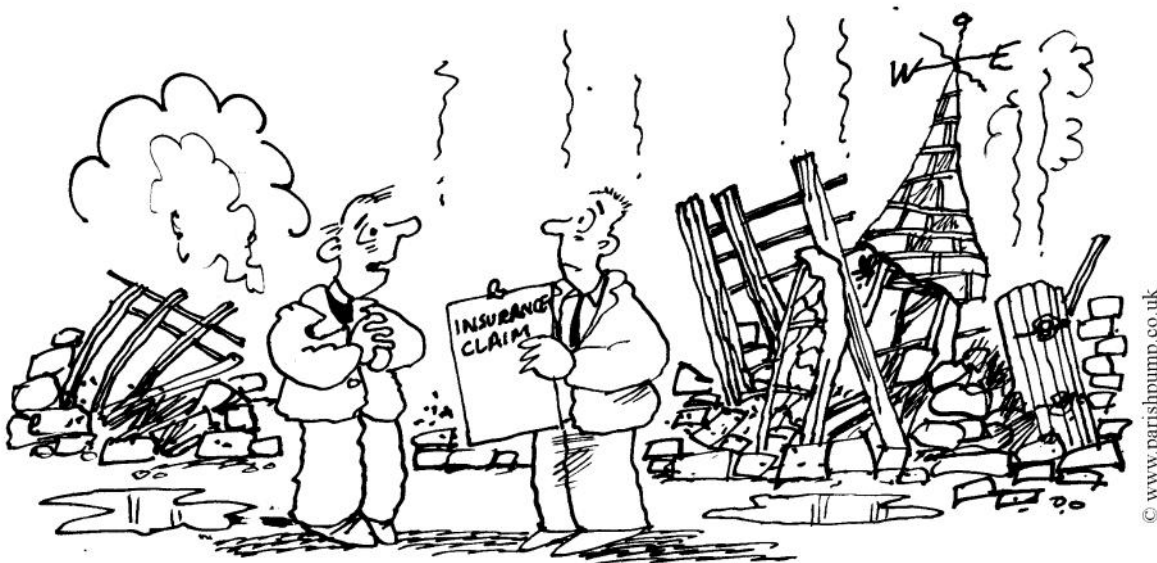
Lent teaches us how to live out the love of God in practice, as we follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

Valentine was Christ's follower, committed to sharing God's love with others. We know little about him, except that he was a priest who lived in the 3rd Century AD and was martyred on February 14th. Emperor Claudius felt that soldiers in the Roman Army were distracted from their duty by their wives, and so attempted to outlaw marriage. It is believed that Valentine married couples in secret. He also helped Christians in Rome during times of persecution. He demonstrated the importance of showing real love in action.

In trying to understand the meaning of her revelations from God, Julian of Norwich found:

'What, do you wish to know your Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well, love was his meaning.'

Source: Parish Pump

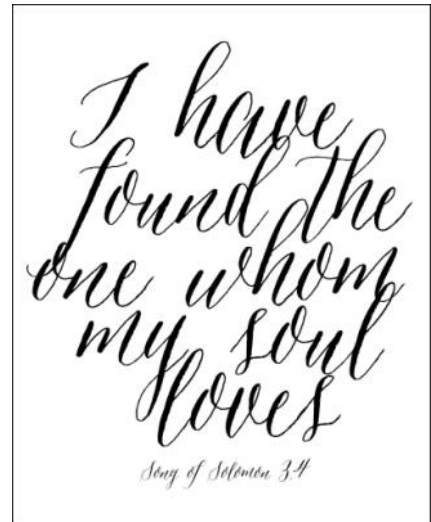


...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...

God obviously approves of romance – after all, putting Adam and Eve alone together in the Garden of Eden was His idea. And romance – love between a man and a woman - has been around ever since.

The history of the Israelites began with three great romances: Abraham and Sarah. Isaac and Rebekah. Jacob and Rachel. The on-going history of Israel was deeply affected by later romances: Esther and King Xerxes, David's love affair with Bathsheba, and Solomon's marriage to hundreds of foreign wives. There is even an entire book in the Old Testament devoted to the love of a man and woman: the Song of Solomon!

When we reach the New Testament, we find real love between Joseph and Mary (even when Joseph thought Mary had been faithless, he did not want to harm her). St Paul, though himself a bachelor, nevertheless spent a lot of time urging Christians to love and be kind and faithful and considerate to their spouses. He even wrote 1 Corinthians 13 – the great love chapter that is read at millions of weddings worldwide 2000 years later.



Down the centuries ever since, romantic love has been critical in shaping history (Anthony and Cleopatra), in shaping cultural ideals (King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table). Some of our favourite stories are built on romance. (Puccini's *Tosca*, Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*).

Romance remains as prominent now as it ever was, added to which we have films, television and drama all flying the romantic flag. Think of *Titanic*, *Mama Mia*, *Love, Actually*, to name but a few. Wherever we look, whatever we do, romance continues to permeate every aspect of life.

The old adage that 'love makes the world go round' is irrefutable – and it also seems to make the galaxies go round, too. (Think of the Star Wars films).

Certainly, romance is alive and well – last year in Britain we spent about one billion pounds on Valentine's Day, sending each other cards, flowers, presents, and going out to restaurants.

And what of the future? Well, just as the Bible begins with a love story, so it ends with one. And *you are involved!* For actually the greatest Love Story of all time is that between God and His people.

Christ is described in Revelation as our heavenly Bridegroom, and the Church is His beloved Bride. He has given us the most expensive present of all – Himself. And, just as in all the best romances, the story will end with the bride and groom together at last, so at the End of Time, Christ will return for His Bride.

Source: Parish Pump



Know your spouse

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other. He addressed Tom. 'For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?'

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's self-raising, isn't it?' The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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