

InSpire

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**Commemorating St John the Baptist
24th June 2018**

Preparing the way for the Messiah

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Debbie & Hugh von Bergen***

To celebrate their grandchild Piper Jacob's first birthday! I'm sure we all join them in wishing Piper a wonderful birthday and a lot of fun celebrating with the family!

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY PIPER!

Rev Liz writes

Dear all,

I am able to compose this letter on my iPad as I have been enjoying a few days off this week on the Isle of Wight! As usual I am right up against the magazine deadline but thankfully because of modern technology it can be met! These few days prearranged have coincided with several pastoral and ministry issues which have needed my attention by email and again modern technology has allowed me to still take time out and not have to cancel holiday time. Sometimes circumstances dictate I have to be available to certain things. Fortunately this situation doesn't happen all the time in case you're wondering whether I really ever do get proper time away! So I was enjoying Radio 4s Thought for the Day earlier and the subject was all about time. The broadcaster was Bishop Phillip North who incidentally will be a speaker at our Clergy Conference this year but more of that another time.... He introduced his thought by telling of an example of a little girl who when asked what she would like to disappear from her life answered 'my mothers mobile phone'. The mum was spending so much time texting and speaking on her phone that the child felt her mum didn't have enough time for her. Children always have such a knack of getting to the source of an issue don't they?! I'm sure though we are all very aware how much mobiles and emails although fantastic for speed have a down side too as life feels ever faster and workload increases because of advances in technology. Time is a commodity and precious. We need to use it wisely and as Bishop North advised put the time to be spent with God and loved ones in first.



"It'll be interesting to see if anyone has the nerve to claim them."

Well this month we are inviting you to spend a little of your time with us firstly at Café Church where we will be launching a new initiative as Capel and Ockley work towards becoming Eco church. This is an exciting development where we assess what we do as church towards ecological sustainability. For example we have chosen to use renewable energy, eco friendly products and the fact that our church has nesting boxes for Swifts ensures us bonus points! There is an award scheme and we are hoping to earn a bronze award fairly soon and continue working towards silver and maybe even gold! Eco church is something all the community can be involved in along with our schools with such ideas as making bug hotels and other exciting things. So watch for other news on Eco Church! Traditional time can be spent in our lovely vicarage garden later this month at the annual Vicarage Fete. I have to say technology has been very useful in advertising this as well as the more traditional routes. This years theme for the children is Disney and all proceeds as ever to our local schools. This year Racing Pigs return so do come and help us choose some names for them! Another treat to look forward to is John Dales animals with this year the promise of an Eagle Owl.

So use your time wisely and maybe switch off technology for a bit, spend some time with us and hope to see you at one of our many different services – Matins, traditional family communion, Café Church, Messy Church even(!) or the fabulous Sunday Session. Switch the tech back on though to check out our website! www.capel-church.co.uk

With love and prayers ,
Revd Liz

Be with you

The vicar at a local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: 'There's something wrong with this microphone.'

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: 'And also with you.'



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Ex.19:3-9,20:1-21,24:7,12-18,32:1-25,34:1-9

God rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to Sinai mountain. There He offered them a contract....

Keep My rules, and you will be My people and I will be your God and protect you.

We promise to do what You tell us and worship only You.

Moses climbed the mountain. God gave him two stone slabs with the contract on them.

Then God and Moses talked ... for 40 days and nights

Meanwhile...

Aaron, that Moses isn't coming back. We can't worship something we can't see.

Make us something we can worship

So Aaron made a gold bull and the people went wild.

God told Moses....

Your people are already worshipping a statue.

Moses was so angry he smashed the contract slabs

It's not my fault, they made me do it.

God, please, please forgive Your people.

So God forgave His people and gave Moses two more contract slabs.

Bible Bites wordsearch



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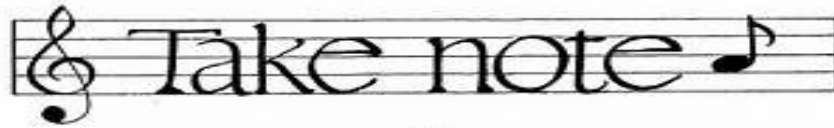
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Church services and events for the Parish of Capel and Ockley**JUNE**

SATURDAY	2nd 9.30	Parish half hour of prayer St John the Baptist Capel	
SUNDAY	3rd 8.00 9.00 10.30	<u>Trinity 1</u> Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Café Church (Capel) with an Eco Church theme	
SUNDAY	10th 9.00 10.30 3pm	<u>Trinity 2</u> Holy Communion CW (Ockley) Family Communion (Capel) Capel Teas in church	
SATURDAY	16th 9.30am 1.30pm	Parish half hour of prayer at St Margaret's Ockley Wedding of Christopher Harris and Catherine Dreghorn	
SUNDAY	17th 8.00 9.00 10.30 6pm	<u>Trinity 3</u> Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion (Capel) Sunday Session (Capel Parish Hall)	
TUESDAY	19th	Messy Church 3.15 onwards Capel Village Memorial Hall	
			
SATURDAY	23rd 12-3pm	Annual Vicarage Fete The Vicarage, 54 The Street Capel RH5 5LE	
SUNDAY	24th 9.00 10.30 3pm	<u>Trinity 4 - The Birth of John the Baptist</u> Holy Communion CW (Ockley) Family Communion with Holy Baptism (Capel) Capel Teas in church (St John)	
<u>JULY</u>			
SUNDAY	1st 9.00 10.30	<u>Trinity 5</u> Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Café Church (Capel)	



Exciting Opportunity for everyone ...

Guildford Cathedral Tour!

John Bailey our new church architect (who is also the architect at Guildford Cathedral!) has very kindly offered to do a guided tour of the cathedral for up to 40 people at **2.30pm on 14 June**.

The tickets will be on a first come first served basis and are open to everyone, they do not need to be a church goer to take advantage of this behind the scenes tour, which will include a look at the roof (for those with a head for heights). We are asking for donations of £10 and above to cover the costs and any proceeds will go towards the wall fund. If you are interested, please contact Debbie von Bergen . You can either email Debbie on **debbievonbergen@icloud.com** Or call her on 07774 784008.



**GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL**

Please let Debbie know :-

- the number of tickets required,
- names, email address and a contact phone number.

We are expecting this to be very popular so if you are interested, please do apply quickly!

HOUSE GROUP

Dik will be leading the group and we will probably be studying St John's Gospel. We would love to see you there! Any questions, please speak to Dik Hoogmoed. Thank you.

- June 4th: 8.00pm at Marion Maciuk's
For further details contact Dik Hoogmoed on 01306 710087



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.

T.L.C. Teas @ Ockley Village Hall

TLC meets monthly for a friendly afternoon chat, scrumptious teas and lots of Tender Loving Care.

***Normally held on the THIRD Monday
of every month from 3.00—4.30 pm
in Ockley Village Hall***

Our aim is to provide a happy and relaxed atmosphere for those who just want to meet together.

For further details contact: **Judie on 01306 888456 or email: thoroldfuters@aol.com**



The Pavilion Café at Ockley

This community cafe is held at the cricket pavilion in Ockley and opens each Wednesday from 9.00 am—12 noon.

Do pop in for delicious homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and a range of teas!

We hope to see you there!

Christian Aid week

13th—20th May 2018



Our thanks to Sue & Phil for organising this annual door to door collection. **A total of £851.24 was raised!** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the collection too. A wonderful result! Thank you!

Letter from our Treasurer

You will see from the article on page 7, that we have an exciting opportunity to visit Guildford Cathedral. The visit will take place on 14th June at 2.30pm and has been arranged by our new architect. It's an opportunity not to be missed, with behind the scenes viewing of the crypt and the roof (for those with a head for heights), all in the company of a very knowledgeable guide. Not only that but I understand there will be tea and cake afterwards – what more could you ask for! Do ask your friends and family if they would like to come too, this visit is not restricted to members of our congregation and we can have up to 40 in the party.

We are asking for donations of £10 or more to cover the cost and give a little bit towards the fund for rebuilding the perimeter wall. Please give me a ring on 07774 784008 or email me debbievonbergen@icloud.com I look forward to hearing from you.
Debbie von Bergen

St Margaret's Bible Study Group

Held every fortnight on a Thursday at 2.00 pm at Gill Christie's house 'Elderslie'.

The Editor does not have the full address so please would you call Gill on 01306 711917 for more details.

Kindred Spirits Women's Ministry warmly invite you to



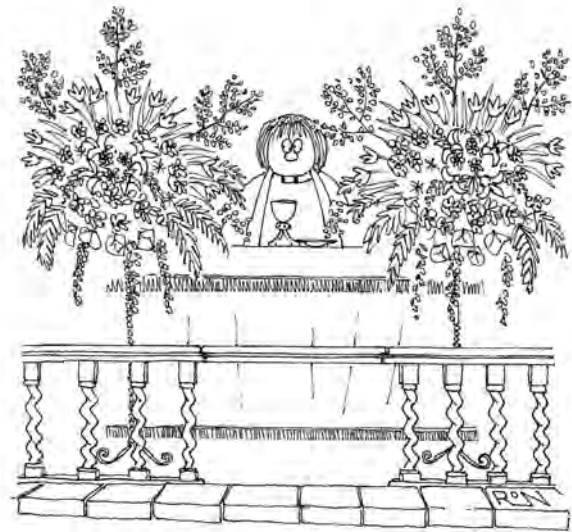
Women's Breakfasts 2018

Saturday 2nd June - speaker Rev Barbara Steadman-Allen
Saturday 4th August
Saturday 3rd November

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

Dear Readers,

Welcome to June's issue of InSpire, kindly sponsored by our Treasurer Debbie and her husband in celebration of their Grandchild's first birthday! Whilst they will no doubt be celebrating Piper's special first birthday, we are also celebrating our Annual Parish Fete (formerly known as the Vicarage Fete) in aid of our local schools. We are still looking for any volunteers that could help us at all on the day, so please don't be shy—do come forward if you are able to help, even if only for a limited time? Plans are coming together well and we hope to be able to offer a fun-filled day for this happy annual community event. We have some outside stalls to offer more shopping to adults that attend including Susie West Art, Body Shop at Home, Usborne Books and Nail Envy. Several of them have also generously offered Raffle prizes too.



The flower ladies pulled out all the stops

With our own new church magazine InSpire launching last year, it seems we now also have an exciting new Free magazine for the Diocese of Guildford entitled '**Living Church**'. You can pick up your free copy in church and I would recommend it if you do have a chance to get a copy. Further details about the magazine can be found on page 13 of this issue of InSpire. They are appealing for contributors too—writers, photographers, cartoonists or proof readers. But can I also implore you if you're tempted to also consider doing any of these roles with InSpire? I would be hugely grateful for any contributions you may have. If you have an idea you'd like to share or like me to investigate, please do let me know?

We are also trying to promote our new **Photographic Competition** too as we don't have as many entries currently as we would like and we really do want to be able to pick from some wonderful photos to produce a professional looking calendar that we can all be proud of. If you have any ideas about how and where we might promote this initiative, please do speak to either Debbie von Bergen or myself? We are hoping that all the Ockley and Capel events coming up over the summer attract lots of keen photographers who would like to submit entries to the new Parish Calendar competition.

As we enter 'wedding season', I'm sure that we would all like to join together as a Parish and wish the couples who getting married in our churches shortly the blessing of a long and happy marriage. I'm sure that most of us enjoyed the recent Royal Wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and what a joyful occasion it was with an enthusiastic address and the uplifting singing from the Gospel choir. I hope and pray that God will bless their marriage and it was so wonderful to see such happiness that they shared with us all. I'm sure that they are going to be a wonderful team, each of them enhanced by the other - just as a successful marriage should be!

With my best wishes

Suzanne

P.s. Included for the first time is the monthly Parish Prayer Calendar.

*"A good marriage must be created.
In the marriage, the little things are the big things.
It is never being too old to hold hands.
It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once each day,
It is never going to sleep angry.
It is having a mutual sense of values and objectives.
It is standing together and facing the world.
It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.
It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.
It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each person can grow.
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.
It is not only marrying the right person
It is being the right partner."*

This extract from 'The Art of Marriage' is one of my favourites.

June Parish Prayer Diary

PARISH PRAYER DIARY

JUNE 2018

...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

Continue to pray every day this week
for people in your village

FAMILIES

FRIDAY 1st

Almighty God, be with our families from the oldest to the youngest weaving Your love into our work, our rest and our play.

SATURDAY 2nd

We pray for the speaker and all attending the Women's breakfast this morning in Ockley.

Father, shine Your light on our families. Give them strength to overcome difficulties and protect them from any problems they may encounter in the future.

SUNDAY 3rd

Loving Father, we know You have plans for us and for our families. We pray that You will reveal Your purpose to each and every one of us and guide us in all that we do.

Pray every day this week for the

Royal Family

LEARNING

MONDAY 4th

Dear God, we pray for all students returning to places of education after the half-term. Some will be continuing with or starting exams. Father, calm their nerves, focus their minds and take away any doubts, fears or worries.

TUESDAY 5th

God of Wisdom, thank You for knowledge gained and for learning experiences. May all students sense Your peace in knowing that they have applied themselves to the best of their ability to the challenges they face in their learning journey.

WEDNESDAY 6th

Merciful Father, grant all students the strength to handle the pressure, the confidence to feel secure in their knowledge and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all.

THURSDAY 7th

God of Truth, enable teachers to teach with wisdom, truth and vision as they help to shape the future lives of their students.

FRIDAY 8th

God of Love, may teachers teach with compassion, praising their pupils for work well done and encouraging them when they find the work too hard.

SATURDAY 9th

God of Power, we pray for Your blessings on all the schools, nurseries and colleges in our local towns and villages. We pray for the staff and for the pupils and for opportunities for churches to work with them.

SUNDAY 10th

God of Hope, we thank You for our schools, for dedicated staff and for volunteers that have a heart for seeing children and young people thrive in our community.

**Pray every day this week for
prisons, inmates and staff
UNITY/COMMUNITY**

MONDAY 11th

Loving Father, teach us to live together in love and peace. Fill us with a joy to be in contact with our neighbours and to help the lonely, the sick or the afraid.

TUESDAY 12th

Lord, thank You for the relationships within our community, for friendships and for families. Strengthen all our relationships with love, self-sacrifice, honesty and patient understanding.

WEDNESDAY 13th

Servant God, thank You for all who serve us in our community; in shops, pubs, garages, schools, nurseries, health care, churches, businesses, local government and law enforcement.

THURSDAY 14th

Father God, we pray for unity in our villages and towns. Show us the way of forgiveness and open our eyes to those who are rejected, powerless, oppressed or overlooked.

FRIDAY 15th

Loving Father, we pray for our church community that we may be united in our love for You. Strengthen our faith through our life groups, prayer groups and where Christians meet.

SATURDAY 16th

Father God, help us to create an awareness in our community of our need for You. May we be salt and light to others so that they may thirst and hunger for Your presence in their lives.

SUNDAY 17th

Loving Father, we lift to You all the fundraising, mission and outreach

May it receive Your blessing so that our churches thrive in this secular world.

Pray every day this week for people you would like to see become a Christian

CHURCH LEADERS

MONDAY 18th

Dear Lord, we thank You for the pastoral volunteers in our church family who work hard in Your service. Give them wisdom, strength, endurance and love for those they meet as well as a deep love for You our God.

TUESDAY 19th

Merciful Father, we thank You for our church leaders. We pray for encouragement in their faith and ministry and that God will always guard them from anything that lessens their dedication.

WEDNESDAY 20th

Lord our Provider, we pray for the new leader of Ewhurst. Okewood and Forest Green churches. We pray that her ministry will be inspiring, bold, encouraging and Christ centred.

THURSDAY 21st

Dear Lord, thank You for all our lay readers who bravely lead us in worship. We thank You for their dedication to You and to our churches and we pray that they continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit as they teach Your word.

FRIDAY 22nd

Loving Father, we pray for the families of church leaders. Grant them grace, wisdom, understanding and loving support in difficult times.

SATURDAY 23rd

Saviour God, we pray for the leaders of youth groups and ministries bringing the Gospel of Christ to young people. May they clearly demonstrate their love of Christ in actions, attitudes and speech so that young people come to know our Lord and His saving grace.

SUNDAY 24th

Father, we pray for anyone considering ministry. May they be guided by You with wisdom and a servant spirit.

Pray every day this week for people who are in hospices

WORLD LEADERS

MONDAY 25th

Father, we lift up to You the leaders of our country. We pray that they will rule with wisdom and integrity. We pray they will carry out their responsibilities with honesty and for the benefit of the nation.

TUESDAY 26th

Dear Lord, clothe world leaders with righteousness and justice. May selfish ambitions be laid aside and Your plans and purposes fulfilled.

WEDNESDAY 27th

Loving Father, may Your ways be known in our country and Your name be lifted up in Parliament and government offices. We pray that Politicians will guide our country into ways of justice, peace and truth.

THURSDAY 28th

Almighty God, we pray for the United Nations and the policies for sustainable development and civil liberties. We pray that no leader will abuse their power or seek to manipulate the world's resources for their own personal advantage.

FRIDAY 29th

Dear Lord, we bring before You the growing fear and increasing unrest in some nations of the world. We pray that Your love, grace and mercy will fill the hearts of the leaders to help those who are suffering.

SATURDAY 30th

Precious Saviour, You know the longings of people's hearts, in Your goodness, watch over those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.



**Volunteers needed please
to make this year's Fete a success!**

Annual Parish Vicarage Fete 2018

This year's theme is 'Disney'!

**Come and join us for an afternoon
of fun and fundraising!**

- All proceeds split between our local schools *

All the usual attractions and refreshments including:-

*** BBQ * Capel church teas * Ice Cream van ***

*** Entertainment from our local school children to enjoy! ***

*** Grand Raffle!***

Stalls including:- Pocket money stall for children * Pig racing *

Secondhand books * Plants * Farm animals * Face Painting *

Nail Painting and Glitter Tattoos for children with Nail Envy *

* Messy Church crafts activity * Jolly Jars * Cake stall * Bottle Tombola *

Susie West artist * Body Shop at Home * Usborne Books *

In the meantime ... we need your help ...

Can you donate or source any Raffle prizes?

Help with a garden working party at The Vicarage, Capel?

Contributions to any of our stalls such as unwanted books or cakes and
bakes for the Cake stall?

If you can help in any way, please speak to Debbie von Bergen
on 07774 784008 or Suzanne Cole on 01306 711449 Thank you!

About - Living Church

Vision

The vision of Living Church Magazine is to share inspirational stories from the Diocese and beyond, touching the lives of readers with stories centred on people and faith, in the framework of [Transforming Church, Transforming Lives](#) and the broad societal themes which underpin it. By doing this, as well as addressing the issues of the day from a breadth of perspectives, the magazine aims to help encourage more involvement in church life and to provoke and inspire readers towards a stronger faith and discipleship journey - as well as providing interesting content on a range of issues to entertain and educate readers.

Living Church helps to keep informed about issues near and far to their own experience of life and church, helping to build a sense of the diocesan family.

The magazine will covers all aspects of the Christian Faith, and the work of God in people's lives, aiming to be accessible and balanced. Content is pitched to an intelligent lay audience, without assuming prior knowledge of church or local area. Writers strive to be engaging, challenging and insightful.

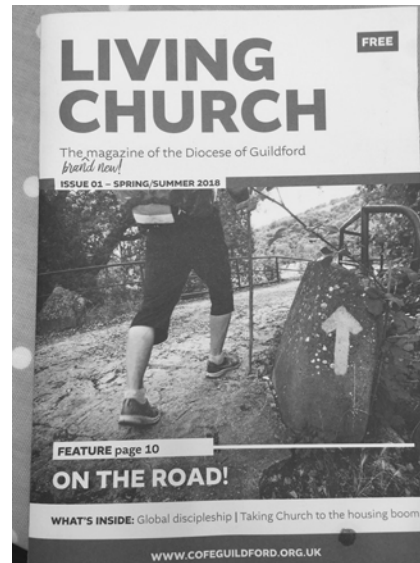
Distribution

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THINK YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR ALL-NEW DIOCESAN MAGAZINE?

- ◆ Are you a writer?
- ◆ Photographer?
- ◆ Cartoonist?
- ◆ Do you have a good eye for proof reading?

If so contact the editor on:-
livingchurch@cofeguildford.org.uk



Editor: Canon David Winter is saddened by the widespread 'negativity' around...

'People nowadays'

'Everyone seems to be against *something*', someone said to me the other day, and I had to agree. 'What I can't stand is . . .' can be followed by almost anything, from babies screaming in the coffee shop to people who will say 'Take care!', junk mail, careless parkers or even someone's accent or hair style on television. Identifying ourselves by what we are *against* is an ancient but ultimately soul-destroying attitude. Older people like me have our own version of it: 'People nowadays . . .' followed by our particular dislike about modern ways. 'People' are us, actually, and I dare say our little foibles equally irritate some younger citizens.

The answer, someone suggested to me, is to replace 'What I can't stand is . . .' with 'What cheers me up is . . .' I worked out my own list, including children laughing, a dog's devotion, 'Hiya David' from a neighbour, a favourite hymn in church, and the supermarket check-out person who has just beeped their five hundredth item of the day but still smiles and says hello as though she means it. Come to think of it, I quite like the dismissal, 'Take care!' I need to.

ALL PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 23

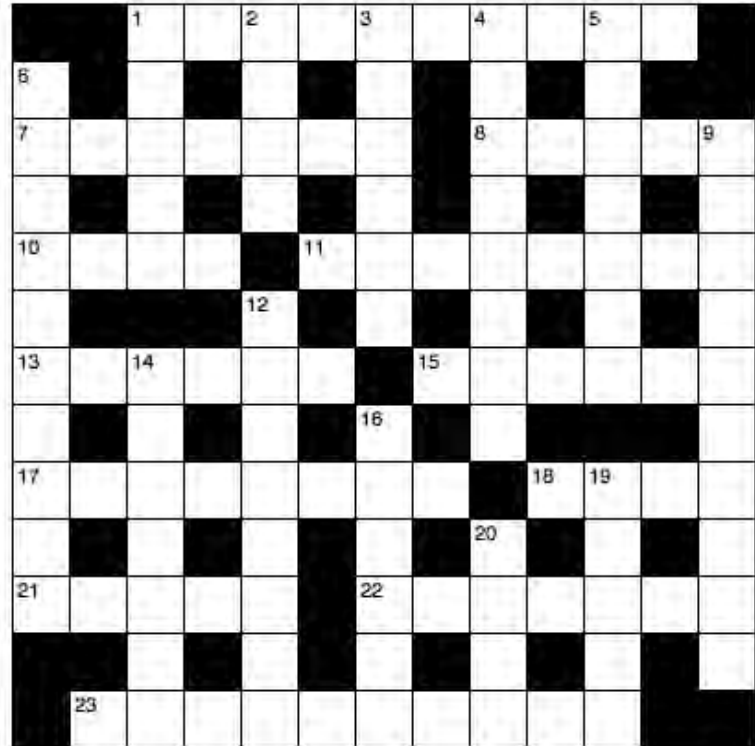
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail (Acts22:19)(8)
 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation19:7)(4)



Puzzles Pages

Sudoku

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Wordsearch

Visiting Ringers

It is often said that a ringer may walk into any ringing tower in the world and will most likely be invited to ring. The locals are usually glad to welcome visitors and will encourage them to take part. Often the visitors are ringers from the same district, who come on a practice night, to extend their own ringing or to help the local band.



When learning to ring you are encouraged to visit other towers.

This helps to develop bell control skills because no two towers are the same, and you get to meet other ringers who may have different approaches to teaching. More experienced ringers get the opportunity to ring a wider variety of methods than may be possible at their home tower. Our local ringing associations both hold monthly district practices to support this.

Last month we started a new, monthly method practice and invited members from local towers to join us. We all enjoyed the challenge of ringing something different to our normal fare.

There are sometimes visits from groups on an outing from a different area. We had a visiting group at the beginning of May, on the hot Bank Holiday weekend. They rang at Charlwood initially, then walked to Newdigate to ring there, have lunch at the pub and then walk to Capel for another ring. The final stage was to walk to Ockley to ring and then have some tea before heading home to East Sussex. They commented that the walking in between towers proved a bit of a stretch!

We also welcome non-ringers if they are interested in seeing the bells in action and they usually get to have a go too, under supervision. In the past we have been visited by Young Farmers, Scouts and Cubs as well as groups of friends. We are always happy to show the bells to any visitors. If you would like to find out more please contact me or come along to see us. Practice nights alternate between St. Margaret's in Ockley and St John's in Capel on Wednesday evenings from 7.45 to 9.15 pm.

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com

Bishops' comments on curates

If you've ever been exasperated with a priest, spare a thought for bishops, who have to work with hundreds of them. Here are some assessments of clergy, made by bishops whose patience was perhaps wearing thin....



'Mr Smith believes his last parish made him a scapegoat, as did his three previous parishes.'

'Mr Brown would be out of his depth in a church car park puddle.'

'Miss Green has delusions of adequacy.'

'Mr White, having reached rock bottom, has started to dig.'

'His last parish would follow him anywhere – if only out of morbid curiosity.'

Editor: 1918 was the final year of the Great War. This year, Canon David Winter is looking back on highlights of those critical 12 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields.

An interesting piece from the archives of the *Church Times* a few weeks ago vividly illustrates the way the war on the western front changed in 1918. For years the Church Army, like the Salvation Army, had run what they called 'huts', close behind the trenches, where soldiers could find on their free time a meal and hot drinks, comfortable seats and company, offering emotional and spiritual support.



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The Great War Centenary



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

These 'huts' were very popular with the troops, and for years most of them remained in place, indicating how static the whole conflict was. But in one month, April 1918, the Church Army lost 57 of them, as German advances overtook their positions. In most cases the land was recaptured, but the huts needed rebuilding. The war had changed. It was no longer a static battle of soldiers with rifles and bayonets charging batteries of machine guns, but an increasingly fluid conflict involving tanks and aircraft.

Although at first the Allied generals were slow to recognise it, the new style of war suited them best. Over the years they had built a formidable war machine, involving thousands of tanks and tens of thousands of aircraft, with tactics to match. Not only that, but the arrival of the Americans in large numbers, added to the vast number of troops from the Empire (now the Commonwealth) meant that casualties could be replaced in the Allied ranks. The Germans and their Austro-Hungarian allies had no such source of fresh manpower, turning instead to younger and older men to fill the depleted ranks.

The German generals were aware of the situation, and desperate to make inroads before it was too late, in the hope of achieving a relatively 'neutral' peace agreement in due course. On June 9th the German General Ludendorff launched a major offensive in Flanders. Like so many, it gained several miles, but cost many lives and eventually petered out.

Father of all, remember your mercy, and look with your healing love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the First World War, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

There would be several more such attempts, some of which threatened to succeed, but in fact the eventual outcome was becoming clear. The German people were disillusioned with the Kaiser. Their troops were exhausted. The civilian population were restless. There would be, as we shall see, battles to come, but there would barely be time to rebuild those huts.

Article source: Parish Pump

Prayer source: <https://europe.anglican.org/downloads/clergy/ww1-resources.doc>

NEW Parish Calendar for 2019

Photographic Competition

open to everyone!

Prize for the best photo of village life!

The 12 best photos will be chosen to feature in the new

‘Capel and Ockley Parish 2019 Calendar’

Entries may show any aspect of village life from our beautiful flora and fauna to village festivals and events, in fact anything that celebrates our lovely villages.

Entries should be either emailed to the Parish Office:

ockleyparish@tiscali.co.uk

Alternatively, copies can be handed in to Ockley Parish office,
OR Carters or Patels in Capel.

All entries must have your name, address, phone number and the name of the month you think the photo would be appropriate for attached to them.

Closing dates: 28 July 2018*

However—should you wish to submit a photo of either village summer show, (Ockley Flower Show 11th August / Capel Classic Car and Horticultural 18th August) there will be a special extended deadline of 31 August 2018



Two local photos taken by the Editor in 2017

NEWS

The Church of England brings cashless transactions to its congregations The Church of England has recently made contactless, virtual terminal, and SMS mobile payments available throughout England, in a bid to make transactions faster and easier for the Church's congregations. In an increasingly cashless era, churches will now be able to offer cashless payment options for events including weddings, christenings, church fetes and concerts, as well as for making one-off donations and the booking of churches and halls. Over 16,000 churches, cathedrals, and religious sites will now have access to portable card readers through the Church of England's Parish Buying portal through a partnership with SumUp and iZettle. The readers will be used to take contactless payments, Apple Pay and Google Pay, as well as chip & PIN capable. The pay-as-you-go pricing is well suited to the needs of religious institutions, charging only a small transaction fee when the reader is used. The decision follows a trial which began in summer 2017 in cathedrals and parish churches.

Using iZettle, church-goers now have the choice to pay and make contributions in whatever way suits them best - whether it is by cash, card, mobile or wearable technology - which will benefit both the church and its visitors.

Bishop: Fixed Odds Betting Terminals proposal 'simply does not go far enough' The Bishop of St Albans, a leading campaigner for measures to limit the harm done by Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs), has recently responded to recommendations from the Gambling Commission.

The Rt Revd Alan Smith supports reducing the maximum stake on the machines to £2, from the current level of £100. The Commission has recommended limiting the stake to at least £30, but has left it up to the Government to decide the final figure. Bishop Alan said: "Any stake on Fixed-Odds Betting Terminals higher than £2 simply does not go far enough to protect the interests of the most vulnerable, their families, and communities. When Ministers choose the stake for these machines, they must put the interests of those affected by them ahead of concerns about tax take or the powerful gambling lobby. "We desperately need a scheme of gambling regulation that is ordered, sensible, and has care for the vulnerable at its core. I hope the Ministers will be courageous and use the review to do the right thing and reduce the maximum stake to £2."

Generation Y still hope to walk down the aisle Millennials still value marriage with almost three quarters of those who are unmarried (72%) intending to tie the knot, according to new research by the Church of England.

While official figures recently showed a decline in the marriage rate, a study commissioned by the Church of England's Life Events team suggests that 18-to-35-year-olds still dream of having their big day. Among those who were single, almost six in 10 (59%) said that they would like to marry at some point. Just over one in 10 (12%) of respondents said they were engaged and planning their upcoming nuptials. Significantly, the survey also suggests that millennials attach a special importance to church weddings, with more young people preferring to marry in a church or chapel (47%) than a register office/town hall (34%). Those who would consider a church wedding were asked why it appealed to them from a list of options. Almost a third said that it felt like a 'proper' wedding (31%). Marrying before God or receiving a blessing, was also in the top 10 (the seventh most chosen option). Millennials were also strongly drawn to 'traditional/conventional' wedding venues (72%).

The research shows that for those considering marriage, almost one in six (17%) said that faith or religion had influenced their wedding ideas.

High Days & Holy Days in June

4 Petroc – the founder of Padstow

If you are going to Cornwall this summer in search of peace and quiet, Petroc is the saint for you. Especially if you find Padstow a bit too crowded for your liking! He would have sympathised.

This 6th century abbot is Cornwall's most famous saint. Petroc set sail from South Wales, landed at Haylemouth, and founded a monastery at Lanwethinoc – now called Padstow, after him (Petroc's Stow).

Padstow must have been popular even in those days, because about 30 years later Petroc, in search of some peace and quiet, moved on to build another monastery at Little Petherick (Nanceventon). Here he must have decided to try some 6th century equivalent of 'Fresh Expressions', because he engaged with his local community by building a mill and a chapel.

In time, Petroc began feeling crowded again. So he tramped off to the remote wilds of Bodmin Moor, where he lived as a hermit – until some 12 monks turned up to join him. Firmly, Petroc kept them all housed in a monastery on a hilltop, while he enjoyed his private space in a cell by the river.

But even here Petroc was not alone. One day a terrified stag came rushing through the woods, pursued by the hunt. Petroc flung open the door of his cell, and the panting animal took refuge. When the huntsmen arrived on the scene, they did not dare to argue with the famous holy man, and went their way. The stag's gratitude made him tame, and Petroc would come to be portrayed with a stag as his special emblem.

Petroc was buried in the monastery in Padstow but in c.1000 his shrine and relics, including his staff and bell, were translated to Bodmin. Here they have stayed ever since, except for a short, unplanned trip to Brittany in 1177, when they were stolen and carted off by a naughty Canon of the Church. Henry II intervened, and everything but a rib of Petroc was eventually returned.

With particular interest as our own Patron Saint of our church in Chapel

24 John the Baptist – preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman.

He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by

an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and his Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request.

When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

Book Review

**Faith in the Making - *Praying it, talking it and living it*
By Lyndall Bywater, BRF, £7.99**

Lyndall Bywater's new book on biblical heroes pulsates with energy and the best kind of conviction: warm, wise, self-aware and compassionate.

Rooted in her own story, with all its challenges and joys, as well as some crushing disappointments, 'Faith in the Making' explores 'a kind of Christianity which is less about rules and values and more about the possibilities for changing the world.' Through 14 heroes, ranging from Abel and Enoch through Noah, Moses and Abraham, to Joseph, Daniel and the Shunammite Woman, Lyndall explores her belief that 'this shattered world of our needs people who can see beyond the chards of despair and defeat to a different reality.'

She says in her introduction: 'I wanted to know what the world would be like if I jumped off the end of my own greatest efforts and catapulted myself into gravity-defying dreams of the impossible.' Much later, writing about Moses, she adds: 'Whether it's the beautiful or the ugly that causes you to leap off the end of your own possible into God's impossible, it's still faith and you're still a hero.'

17 Fathers' Day – time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, is there a 'spare' father somewhere in your church or your circle of friends whose children cannot be with him, and who would welcome some special treat on the day?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

Today, Father's Day is a great time to celebrate any sort of male role models, like uncles or grandfathers, as well as dads. Certainly Father's Day has become a day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably. Perhaps most telling of all, though, is how children continue to see their fathers: in America, for example, more 'collect calls' to home are recorded on Father's Day than on any other day of the year!

Book Review

Inside Fatherhood - *Today's fathers tell their stories*

By David Atkinson, with reflections by Mark Chester, BRF £6.99

What does fatherhood look like today? As we prepare to celebrate Father's Day later this June, ten fathers tell their moving, real-life stories: from stepdad to absent dad, through widowed, adoptive and midlife dad, to losing-it and stay-at-home dad, they sit in their kitchens and bare their souls to writer David Atkinson, himself the father of two young daughters.

It's easy to believe that today's dads are in crisis, weighed down by economic pressures, shifting family dynamics, mental stress and emotional strain. But for all the challenges of modern fatherhood, Mark Chester believes we are living in 'a golden age of fatherhood'.

'Fathers are expected, and given permission, to get involved with the lives of their kids more than ever. It's a great opportunity for men to seize that moment and be a bigger part of their lives. But,' he adds, 'they face an identity crisis. Men were traditionally both the breadwinner and the light relief at the end of the day but, as that role has changed, they must seize the opportunity to change their identity as fathers within society.'

St James the Least of All

Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On church tourists and outrageous lies

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear of the dawn call by the police because your church had been broken into, although the theft of tambourines, books of choruses and banners proclaiming "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam" are likely to have a limited market. But you are fortunate that those are the only unexpected call-outs you receive.



Those of us with ancient churches are resigned to receiving telephone calls from people living in remote corners of the globe who happen to be on holiday in England and want to trace long-lost relatives who were married or buried in our parishes. They invariably seem amazed when they find you are not personally familiar with someone who died 400 years ago, what family still exists, where they live and what interesting anecdotes you know about their ancestors - preferably something criminal. Any attempts to put them off will be deflected by being told that they fly home tomorrow and since they are booked at a show in London that evening, could they come round early afternoon?

Once inside the church, they will expect a conducted tour. I have a competition with myself to see how outrageous I can make our history, yet still be believed. One family now thinks that the conical tomb in the churchyard is the last visible tip of the spire of the famous cathedral which once stood on this spot but sank into the ground when cursed by a bride who was jilted at its altar.

A second couple now know that a locked safe contains a set of pagan gods which were worshipped by an obscure sect in the parish during the time of the Tudor monarchs. They were removed by the incumbent of the day and locked away. Only the Rector is allowed a key and is only permitted to look inside at the contents on the day he leaves office, as the sight is too terrible.

Yet another are convinced that several dozen mediaeval gold chalices are buried in the rectory garden, where they were hidden from Cromwell's soldiers and their exact location has been forgotten (I told that story when I was looking for volunteers to dig over the rose beds).

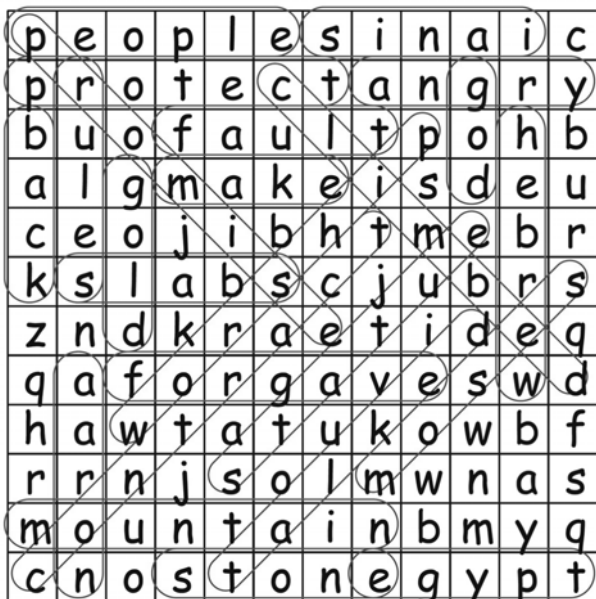
Should they get as far as the vestry to inspect the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, you know that the afternoon is lost. It can occasionally hasten their departure by casually telling them to ignore the mice which will be running round the floor - although hardened visitors are likely to set up their tripods to catch them on film.

The ultimate deterrent is to suggest they stay to Evensong which I am about to say. That is guaranteed to remind them that they have an urgent appointment back at their hotel.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Junior Inspire's Bible Bites Wordsearch



Crossword Solution



CROSSWORD SOLUTION:

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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Sudoku Solution



"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

God in the Arts

Editor: For 2018, the Rev Michael Burgess is exploring symbols of the Christian faith as found in works of art.

'He gave us eyes to see them': St Erasmus' mitre

2nd June is the feast day of St Erasmus or Elmo – not a well-known saint, but a bishop who suffered terribly under Diocletian's persecution and died in 303.

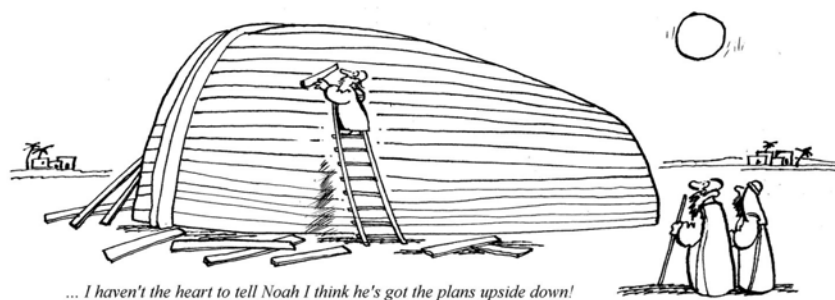
His symbol is a windlass, used to wind up a ship's anchor, and his name lives on in St Elmo's fire, the electricity around the masthead during a storm at sea. As a bishop, the saint was usually depicted not only with his own symbol, but also with the signs of his episcopal position: the mitre and the staff or crosier.

The mitre began life as a modest headdress. In the Middle Ages it developed into a high conical cap as a reminder of the flame of fire that alighted on each apostle's head at Pentecost. The staff is the shepherd's crook, guiding the sheep and guarding them from predators. When the bishop visits our church for a confirmation or institution or special occasion, he or she will wear the mitre as a living link to the Church of the past; and hold a staff as a sign of pastoral care in the present.



In 1524 Matthias Grünewald painted St Erasmus with St Maurice: the two patron saints of the abbey at Halle. One is a shepherd, the other a soldier; one represents Europe, the other Africa. The bishop draws our attention with his windlass, but also with his jewelled mitre and gold crosier. Yet beneath the opulent vestments is a human being – someone touched by God's Spirit and commissioned to care for the sheep.

Both mitre and staff point us to Jesus as the model, baptised with the Holy Spirit and shepherding the faithful. Libby Lane at her consecration as bishop in 2015 reflected those truths in her choice of the hymn, 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day.' It is our prayer for all who shepherd the flock of the Church as bishops and pastors.



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