

# InSpire

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*Stephen Christie*

*Together with his wife Gill and family  
we wish him a  
very Happy Birthday  
this month!*

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# Rev Liz writes

*Dear all,*

So once again we are fortunate to have fine weather for our vicarage fete tomorrow. As I write there is a wonderful array of gazeboes kindly lent and installed by many kind and very helpful people adorning our back garden. Lovely that we need them this year to keep the heat off us instead of the rain! I would like to thank everyone who has involved themselves with the fete, the organising team, the helpers who man the various stalls – a record number this year; those who prepare and serve the delicious teas and of course a huge thank you to those who have donated very generous raffle prizes. Hopefully we will raise lots of money for our schools. It is amazing how everyone together each playing their part creates something wonderful.

I have also very much enjoyed playing a very small part in the Ockley Dramatic Society's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations this last month. Something I've never done before I have to say! I was persuaded to as they say in theatrical circles I believe; tread the boards, in what was fairly obviously a comic play. I was given a 'cameo' role (more theatrical speak) as one third of a singing trio called The Spangle Sisters. I played the drummer who was the mother of the other two members. Thankfully I only had 14 lines learn – yes I counted them – unlike the many lines other cast members had to learn. I did have to know when to say them though! How I admire the other actors for their ability to learn them all. It was very good fun anyway being part of the production and actually very relaxing because it was something very different to what I normally do! It's a constant surprise what you find you end up doing as a vicar!!



When it was Mrs Wilson's turn to do the flower arrangements, she always kept the vicar's hay fever in mind

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Well, generally it has felt this last month and looking forward throughout the summer that there is much to give thanks for and celebrate in both Capel and Ockley. Although in church speak we have entered what we call 'Ordinary Time' – a long period of time which is known as Trinity, it seems to be that now there is never an ordinary time in church life or in our communities. In fact this is as it should be because the real meaning of Ordinary Time is the rubric tells us to be a time to celebrate and reflect upon the reign of Christ in earth and heaven. So I hope you will join me in giving thanks for all the good things we encounter in our lives even though at times certain things come to an end and we find some days to be special but very poignant. Remember though that Christ came to bring us all through the storms as well as the brighter days in our lives for which we give thanks.

With my love and prayers

**Liz**

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*Concern*

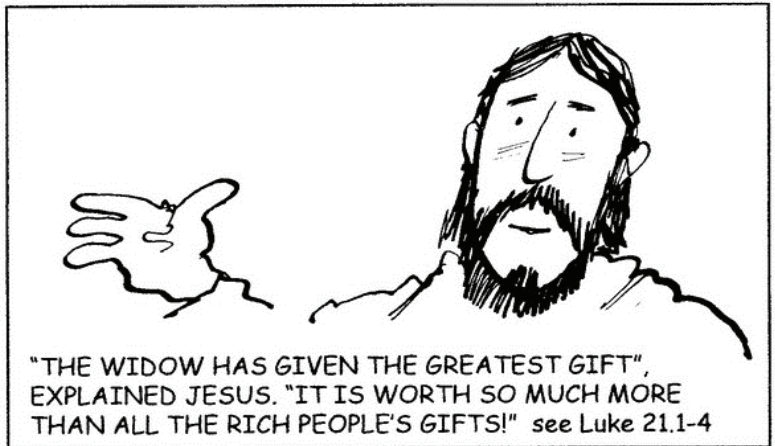
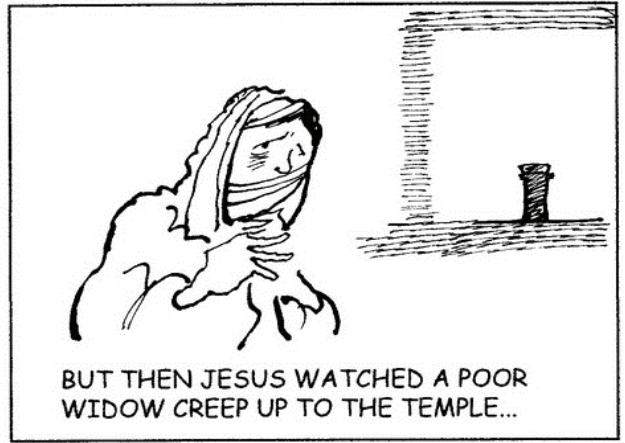
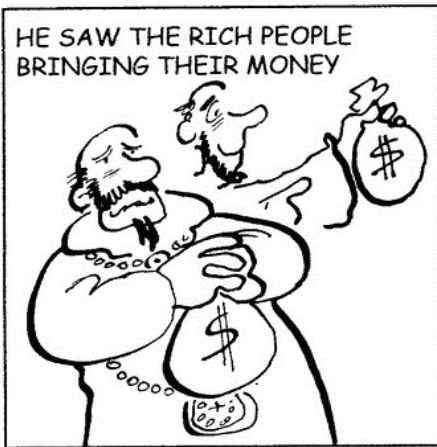
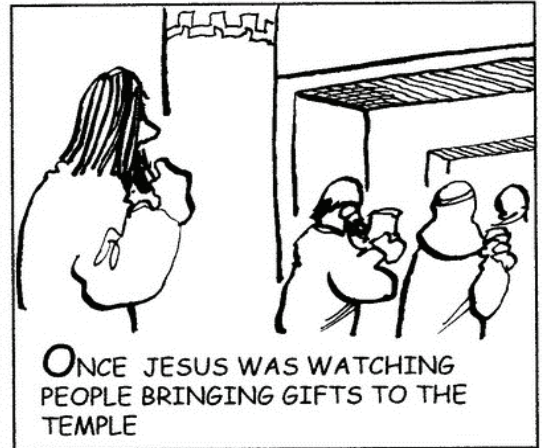
If you are over 55 and live in the Mole Valley area, you can use Age Concern's free computer courses based in either Dorking or Leatherhead. The course runs once a week for 6-8 weeks. Topics covered will include: browsing on the internet, basic keyboard and mouse skills, using an iPad/Tablet, setting up and using your own email or skype accounts and how to shop on the internet as well.



Those who already own a laptop or an iPad/Tablet are encouraged to bring that to learn on. Computers can be provided as well – it's up to you! Before coming to the course, you must register your interest by telephoning [07442 017169](tel:07442017169) / [01306 899104](tel:01306899104) or by email: [info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk](mailto:info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk)

# Junior InSpire

## The Widow's little coins





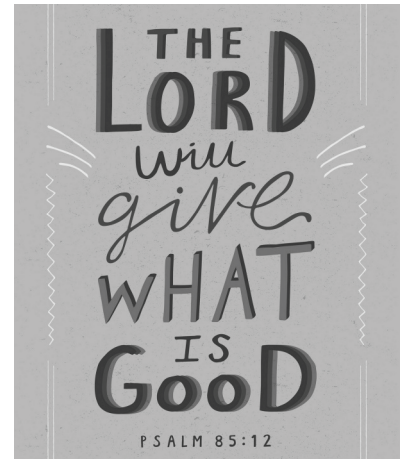


# CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

## for the Parish of Capel & Ockley

### JULY

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Trinity 5</u></b> <b><i>Please note no 8 o clock BCP today</i></b>	
	9.00 am	Matins at St Margaret's Ockley	
	10.30 am	Café Church (Capel)	
	3.00 pm	Capel Teas in church	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b><u>Trinity 6</u></b>	
	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Joint service of Holy Communion at St Margaret's Ockley</b> <b>* Please note no 10.30am today at Capel *</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>		
	9.30am	Parish half hour of prayer at St Margaret's Ockley	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b><u>Trinity 7</u></b>	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP (Capel)	
	9.00 am	Matins at St Margaret's Ockley	
	10.30 am	Family Communion (Capel)	
	3.00 pm	Capel Teas in church	
	6.00 pm	Sunday Session (Capel Parish Hall)	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b><u>Trinity 8</u></b>	
	9.00 am	Holy Communion with Baptism (Ockley)	
	10.30 am	Family Communion with Baptism (Capel)	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>		
	9.30 am	Parish Half hour of Prayer at St John the Baptist Capel	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b><u>Trinity 9</u></b>	
	10.30 am	Joint Service of Family Communion at St John's Capel	
	3.00 pm	Capel Teas in church	



### August

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Trinity 10</u></b>	
	9.00 am	Matins at St Margaret's Ockley	
	10.30 am	Café Church	





We would all like to wish Rev Liz &  
Doug

a very

**Happy 40th Wedding  
Anniversary  
on  
8th July 2018**

and we wish them  
many more years of happiness.  
We thank them for all they do for  
us all.

**CONGRATULATIONS LIZ & DOUG!**  
*Happy are the people to whom such  
blessings fall: happy are the people  
whose God is the Lord.*

### **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!

### **St Margaret's Bible Study Group**

Held every fortnight on a Thursday at 2.00 pm  
at Gill Christie's house  
'Elderslie', Stane Street, Ockley  
Surrey RH5 5TD

01306 711917 for more details.

From the Registers

**We welcome into the family of the  
church**

*Lilly Boyle*  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**We celebrate the marriage of**  
*Christopher Michael Harris*  
*and*  
*Catherine Lois Dreghorn*  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**We mourn the loss of**  
*John Richard Stuart*  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

*Paul David Hebbard*  
7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

*Dino Adriano*  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **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**

# ECO CHURCH

AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

... is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales that want to demonstrate that they care for God's Earth. The PCC of Capel and Ockley has committed your church, St John the Baptist, to the scheme. Points are awarded in five categories for bronze, silver or gold certificates. If you are interested all is explained clearly on the eco church website:

[www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)

## Eco Church Award Points



At our launch on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 St John scored as shown in the 5 categories, meaning we are just 4 points short of bronze in the lifestyle category. As we are bronze (or higher!) in all four other categories we should be awarded a bronze certificate soon. When we started to think about ECO church last December and talked about it in a small group we soon realised that we were not as pale green as we initially thought. A lot is already happening in our church.

Just a few examples:

- we have recycling bins in church and in the churchyard
- we never use throw-away cups, glasses or cutlery
- nest boxes for swifts were installed many moons ago
- we think, pray and sing a lot about God's creation in services
- many of the congregation take part in the annual village litter pick
- we always offer vegetarian options at any church functions

Yet there is scope for a lot more and we will keep you informed via all possible channels of our progress.

[www.capel-church.org.uk](http://www.capel-church.org.uk) has a page on **ECO church**. You can also come and look at the display in church or pick up a leaflet. Recently we (St John) twinned our toilet with one in Pakistan as part of our programme and we are liaising with Scott-Broadwood school on having regular wildlife surveys in the churchyard starting this autumn. As from October we will be on a green tariff for gas too.

If this sparks your interest, please talk to Phil, Judy, Donna or Dineke or write to us at

[ecoteam@capelchurch.org.uk](mailto:ecoteam@capelchurch.org.uk)



*Dear Readers,*

With so much to report including the exciting new 'Eco Church' initiative, I think it wise to keep my letter suitably short! We had a wonderful time at the fete and enjoyed our usual mix of fun and games and some new stalls to enjoy including Usborne books, jewellery, Body Shop and Susie West art. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success! We raised just over £2,000 and have just to take the expenses off that total - the main ones being the BBQ meats and the printing of the raffle tickets. We now have a whole year off before we do it all again ....!!

Very sadly, we have made the decision this week to not go any further with our Photographic competition due to lack of interest. This was to be a new and exciting venture we felt, but sadly we have had less than a dozen entries thus far. We really wanted to produce a high quality calendar to celebrate everything that was good about our villages of Ockley and Capel and the communities therein, and we hoped to have so many entries that we could choose twelve wonderful pictures and have something to rival the BBC Countryfile calendar! Sadly it is not to be this year. We hope to try again and take a slightly different approach in producing a calendar for 2020. Any ideas or comments would be welcomed by myself, Rev Liz, Debbie, Joy and Jessie.

Best wishes

*Suzanne*



*Judith's suspicion was confirmed - it was a wine gum*

### Letter from our Treasurer

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in the Vicarage fete last weekend. Although the final figures aren't in yet, we took over £2,000 on the day which we are delighted about. None of it would be possible without everyone's support either helping or visiting, so a huge thank you, I know our local schools are always most appreciative of all your efforts. If anyone would like a detailed breakdown of the figures, do feel free to contact me.

We also had a lovely trip to Guildford Cathedral this month in the company of their resident architect John Bailey - who is now Capel's architect as well! John gave us a wonderful tour of the cathedral which you will read about elsewhere in this magazine and we were treated to a delicious tea and managed to raise £127.50 towards the 'wall fund'. John has said that he would be happy to do another tour later in the year, so please let me know if you would like to come.

Lastly, we have decided to update the hymn books in both churches so that we will all be using the same ones. We thought it would be a nice way to remember family and loved ones by sponsoring a hymn book for £10 which will then have a book plate placed in it stating who it is for. If you would like to remember someone in this way or sponsor one for yourself, please do let me know.

Debbie von Bergen

## JULY Parish Prayer Diary

PARISH  
PRAYER DIARY

JULY 2018

*'But in your hearts, revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..' 1 Peter 3:15*

**Continue to pray every day this week for people in hospices**

**WORLD LEADERS cont..**

**SUNDAY 1st**

*Almighty God, bless Elizabeth our Queen. May she be an example to future monarchs as she follows Your word and carries out her role with dignity, devotion and grace.*

**Pray every day this week for medical practitioners in your local surgery**

**COMMUNICATION****MONDAY 2nd**

*Loving Father, teach us to speak the truth in love, in our homes, our church, with our friends and in our relationships.*

**TUESDAY 3rd**

*Father God, help us to realise that others have a right to express themselves. Help us to make room for their ideas and their opinions even when they differ from ours.*

**WEDNESDAY 4th**

*Loving Father, St Francis of Assisi prayed; 'seek first to understand then to be understood.' Help us to listen, to be humble and to be respectful in our communications with others.*

**THURSDAY 5th**

*God of Wisdom, help us to guard our tongues and choose our words wisely. May we speak only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.*

**FRIDAY 6th**

*Merciful Father, protect people, especially young people from the bullying and hurt that comes anonymously through social media. We pray that You will show these people that they are known and loved by You.*

**SATURDAY 7th**

*Lord, we pray for healthy communication in families. May there be words of encouragement, support, kindness and forgiveness and may there be a loving response.*

**SUNDAY 8th**

*Holy Spirit, You blessed the first disciples with the power to spread God's love throughout the world. Give us a new power to proclaim Your word through channels of clear communication. Make us willing to receive that word in our daily lives.*

**Pray every day this week for medical practitioners in your local hospital**

**VILLAGE LIFE****MONDAY 9th**

*God of Power, we pray for the safety of all, pedestrians, cyclists, bikers and motorists who use the roads around our parishes in the coming week. May they acknowledge and respect the beauty and peace of our country setting.*

**TUESDAY 10th**

*God of Creation, we thank You for the beauty of the natural world in and around our villages. We pray for productivity and a fruitful harvest in gardens and fields.*

**WEDNESDAY 11th**

*Father God, we pray for all the village activities that bring people together in village halls and other local venues. We pray for the success of the fetes, the Flower Shows, the Garden Parties, lunches, suppers, teas and coffee mornings.*

**THURSDAY 12th**

*Lord, thank You for all who give their time helping others, following Your example. We especially think of those who visit the lonely or sick and drivers who take neighbours to surgery or hospital.*

**FRIDAY 13th**

*Loving Father, we thank You for the individuality of each of our villages and pray for all the activities and learning opportunities that are organised within them; sports clubs, exercise classes, film evenings, art classes, sewing groups, book clubs, children's groups and talks.*

**SATURDAY 14th**

*Father God, we pray for all involved in the local theatre groups and thank You for the entertainment of the plays, comedy nights and pantomimes that are performed.*

**SUNDAY 15th**

*Loving Father, thank You for the continuing social life of our villages. May there always be inspiration, compassion, concern and joy in each and every activity on offer.*

**Pray every day this week for patients in your local hospital**

**THE NAMES OF GOD USED IN THE BIBLE****MONDAY 16th**

**God our Provider;** we give thanks for all that God has provided for us and will continue to provide in the future.

**TUESDAY 17th**

**God our Saviour;** save us from temptations and help us to disarm the powers that distract us from You.

**WEDNESDAY 18th**

**God our Lord;** be Lord of our lives we pray so that we turn to You in times of trouble and not rely on our own abilities.

**THURSDAY 19th**

**God our Creator;** we praise and thank You for all Your creation in earth and sea and sky.

**FRIDAY 20**

**God 'I Am';** we praise You for Your unchanging nature. Your wisdom spans the ages and Your promises give meaning and direction to our lives.

**SATURDAY 21st**

**God our Comforter;** thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit, our comfort in times of trouble and stress. We pray for those who seek God's comforting presence in their lives.

**SUNDAY 22nd**

**God our Father;** You are a Father who loves His son and who loves us as Your sons and daughters. We thank You for Your love for us which passes all understanding.

**Pray every day this week for residents of your local care home**

**IN CHRIST I AM SECURE**

**MONDAY 23rd**

*'I am hidden with Christ in God'* Col 3:3

Thank You Lord Jesus that my life is safe with You. May the result of our service and conduct be pleasing to You so that our salvation is sure.

**TUESDAY 24th**

*'I am a citizen of heaven'* Phil 3:20 Lord, teach us not to put our faith in the treasures and pleasures of this earth but to set our minds on knowing Christ and to remember that we are citizens of heaven.

**WEDNESDAY 25th**

*'I cannot be separated from the love of God.'* Rom 8:13

In times of hardship, may we remember the wonderful promise that God will always be with us and will always love us.

**THURSDAY 26th**

*'I have been anointed by God. He has set His seal of ownership on me.'* 2 Cor 1:21-22

Dear God, may we never be ashamed or reticent to let others know that we are Yours.

**FRIDAY 27th**

*'I am born of God and the evil one cannot harm me.'* 1 John 5:18 Thank You Father for freedom from slavery to Satan. Keep us safe from further attacks as we remain faithful to Your word.

**SATURDAY 28th**

*'I am assured that all things work together for good.'* Rom 8:28 Father, strengthen our trust in You day by day. May we have a new perspective as we claim our security in heaven and know that You are with us always.

**SUNDAY 29th**

*'..the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid but gives us power, love and self-discipline.'* 2 Tim 1:7

Dear God, may we follow Your teachings every day so that our lives will more fully exhibit these characteristics.

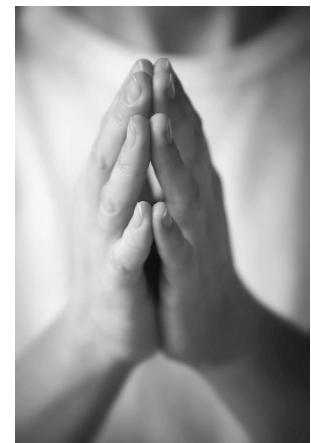
**Pray every day this week for widows and widowers**

**PSALMS****MONDAY 30th**

*'I trust in you Lord... My times are in your hands..'* Ps. 31:14, 15 Precious Saviour, teach us to trust Your timing. Set us free from the fear of missing out. Thank You that our destiny is safe in Your hands.

**TUESDAY 31st**

*'Be still and know that I am God.'* Ps. 46:10 Father, may we become more aware of Your presence in the stillness of this moment. Grant us glimpses of Your presence in the places we go, the people we meet and the routine things we do.



*Faith*

**It makes things possible,  
not easy.**

Be strong and courageous!  
Do not be afraid or discouraged,  
for the LORD your God will be with  
you wherever you go.

*Joshua 1:9*



# Annual Parish Vicarage Fete 2018

A huge thanks to everyone who made this year's fete happen! We raised just over £2,000 which is a wonderful amount! There are expenses to be taken off, but we still have the pleasure of giving each of our local schools a good amount.

We owe a huge thanks to Bob for stepping in as MC at the last minute! He did a wonderful job of pulling it all together and doing roving reporting from around the fete! And quite a bit of the time he was sporting a lovely pair of Mickey Mouse ears which our very own Betty had made for the children to buy! Where would we be without the likes of Betty? Our pigs in the pig racing would not have worn any saddles and we wouldn't have had any Mickey or Minnie mouse ears for anyone to buy! But Betty came up trumps and made both the ears and the saddles for us! Thanks must go too to Marion for again supplying us with the PA system. It's no good having an excellent MC if you can't hear him!

Our thanks to our willing band of helpers on the Friday afternoon for so ably putting up the gazebos and shelters that we were able to offer to all our stallholders to keep them in the shade. George and Catherine from the Guiding association both lent us a shelter and helped put shelters up and Will Cole and Doug Pusey who did a grand job of erecting several tents and gazebos! Their cubs and scout experiences of putting up shelters and tents proved invaluable! On the Saturday itself, we had a wonderful team of Andy Carr, Stuart, James & William Cole, David Silliman, and Alan Smallwood very ably moving furniture for us and with Norman's help putting it all away again afterwards!

We were entertained by the country dancers of Scott-Broadwood and their teachers and headteacher Susan Muat who then stayed at the fete for the afternoon! We were very pleased to have them with us and it reminds us all why we are fundraising and most importantly WHO we are fundraising for. The extra money we can give them helps buy things that the schools would otherwise be unable to buy, be it resources or an experience such as a day out. Our thanks to the schools and pre-school for helping provide the Cakes and Jolly Jars stall. Also, a huge thanks to Beccy Clevett for doing facepainting for the duration of the fete. She donates her time, for which we are very grateful as facepainting is always a very popular activity.

We were delighted this year to have several 'outside' stallholders join us with some lovely quality items to sell. Appropriately, they all had links with the schools which is an added bonus! We hope that some (or all) feel able to join us again next year! Many people visiting and new stallholders, comment on what a lovely atmosphere the Vicarage fete has and I think it is because it is in an intimate setting of someone's garden and has a 'cosy' feel to it, like a garden party. Long may we continue to make it feel like that to the people we are inviting to join us?

Our thanks also to all the donors of Raffle prizes - we had a wonderful display of goods to offer and the raffle is one of our biggest incomes on this occasion.

Finally, our thanks to Liz and Doug for again opening up their home and garden for the whole community to come together and enjoy this annual event. Everyone can now relax and take a break from the fete for a few months anyway .....!

Well done everyone and apologies for anyone that I have omitted to name personally!

Suzanne & the other members of the Fete Committee



Once again I write to thank you, the Churches of Dorking and in the villages, for your amazing support for the work of the Dorking Area Foodbank. Thank you for the food collected and delivered to us, for the money donated, for volunteering and most essentially, thank you for praying for us.

We have been open now for nearly 3 years and are commonly asked how the foodbank is doing. It is a difficult question to answer as we, like many others, would prefer that we were not necessary. But putting politics aside, if a warehouse well

stocked with food and local people regularly accessing the service constitute 'success', then we are doing well enough. Year on year we supply more emergency food, feed more children and provide more meals - all through the generosity of people like yourselves.

We continue to be concerned about holiday hunger of children when school is closed for the holidays and so no school meal is available. For the last 2 years we have been working closely with the Children's centre on Goodwyn's Estate and run a Pop Up Foodbank in the week before the holidays to provide additional help to their families at Christmas, Easter and during the long summer holidays. In addition to this, to help families across the area, we have this year introduced 'Holiday Boost Bags' and have so far supplied them to 90 families through 7 of our referral agencies. These bags are an additional bag of food to supplement the supplies of any family who may struggle to feed their children during school holidays when a school meal is not available. The bags go out through our partner agencies in the week before a holiday so that families receive a boost in food at the right time.

- *If you have families in your congregations or otherwise connected to your church who you feel would benefit from a bag of food before school holidays and half terms, please do contact me on: **volunteers.daf@gmail.com** and I will contact you when the next supply are due to go out in July this year.*

We have said goodbye to our Warehouse Manager, Judith, this month who set up and has been running our warehouse since we opened. She has done an amazing job and we are so grateful for the hours she has volunteered to get our systems in place so that we can store and distribute our food. Lindsay has taken over from her and is already getting to grips with the many different aspects of the work.

*If you need to contact the warehouse about food deliveries, please email Lindsay on : **warehouse.daf@gmail.com***

It remains the case that the best way to access the foodbank is through the red voucher system. With a red voucher, clients receive a better allocation of food and have access to our additional food supplies on a 'take now' table and also to the community fridge which is stocked for the foodbank when we are open. Red vouchers are held by 40 different referral agencies across the area.

- *Should you wish to become a referral agency for the foodbank and hold red vouchers to give out, please contact Susie on: **referralagencies@dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk***

Please pray;

- We have one or two key volunteering vacancies to fill - that God would raise up the right people to join the team to fill them.
- For Lindsay, as she takes on the role of warehouse manager - it is a big job!
- For those in our community who are suffering from poor mental or physical health, feel left out and lonely, despairing and without hope.

Many thanks again to you all,

Ali Studley

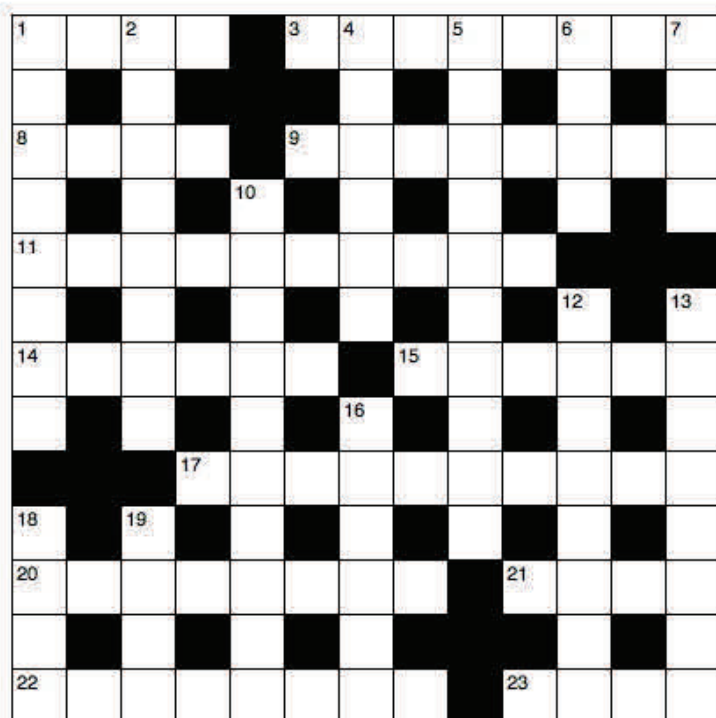
### Crossword Clues and Answers for July 18

#### ACROSS

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)  
 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)  
 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)  
 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)  
 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)  
 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)  
 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)  
 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)  
 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)  
 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)  
 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)  
 23 'As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

#### DOWN

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)  
 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)  
 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)  
 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)  
 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)  
 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)  
 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)  
 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)  
 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)  
 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)  
 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)  
 19 Rear(anag.)(4)



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# Puzzles Pages

## Wordsearch Clues & Solutions for July 2018

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint of repentant sinners, and so represents all of us. We honour her on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary is thought to have been the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon (Luke 7:37. She certainly followed Jesus to the bitter end – from Galilee to Jerusalem. Mary was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint his body on the Sunday morning.

Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Mary Magdalene's feast has been kept in the West since the 8th century. England has 187 ancient churches dedicated to her, as well as a College in both Oxford and Cambridge.

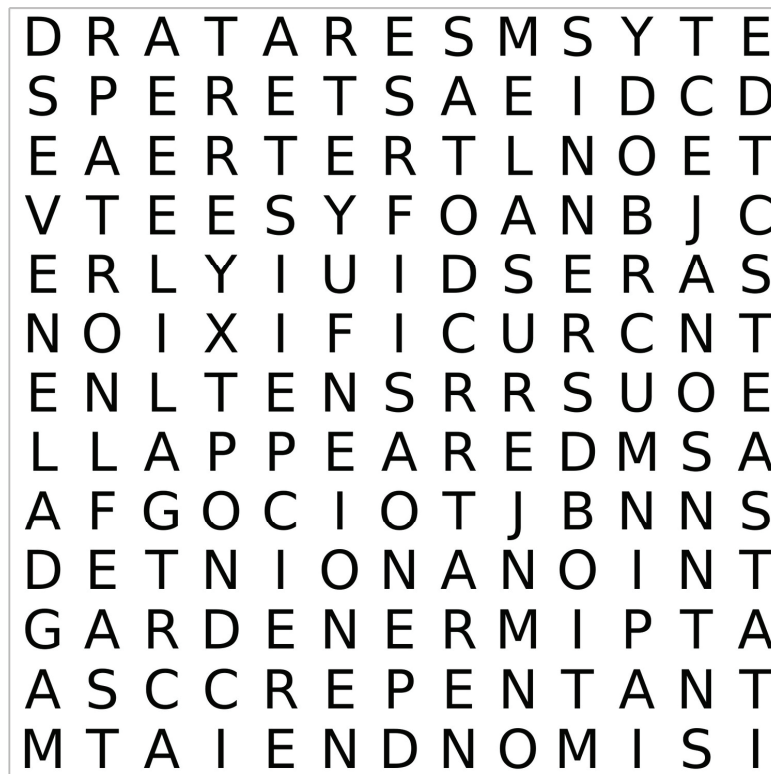
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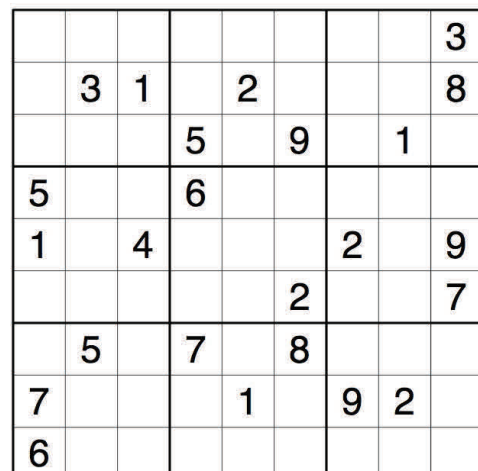
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Feast



And for those who prefer numbers to words ... a medium level SUDOKU!



# NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

## Learning to Ring

We have new ringers from Forest Green learning at the moment. They started a few weeks ago by being shown the Backstroke as this is the easier than the Handstroke.

With the bell already rung up the teacher stands in the centre looking out and the learner stands in the normal position in front of the rope. He is given the tail end to hold with both hands and told to keep his hands pointing down until the rope pulls his hands upwards. The teacher pulls the sally and as the bell turns full circle the tail end starts to rise until at the top of its swing the learner's hands are above his head and the rope is taut. He should then pull down in a straight vertical line until the thumbs are pointing downwards, as if throwing the rope down a hole just in front of his feet.

Once this is mastered, the handstroke is introduced. The learner puts both hands on the sally while holding the tail end in his left hand. The sally is pulled down straight, this time letting go, at about waist height and immediately putting the right hand on the tail end as well, just above the left, ready for the tail to be pulled up for the backstroke, as above. The tricky part comes at the next handstroke; to catch the sally as it goes up, early enough to check it if necessary and then pull it hard enough to keep the bell's momentum stable.

This sounds quite simple but can take several weeks to accomplish. Bell ringing is fairly unique in that the equipment is not available to practice at home, and it is a team effort. We try to give learners as much one to one tuition on a silenced bell as possible as they will only get a few minutes at a time, between other ringing on a normal practice night. Once they are able to handle the rope well enough to ring with the rest of the band the next step is to strike the bell at the correct time to keep place in rounds.

Bellringing is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years. It is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right. If you would like to find out more, please come along. Practice nights are at St. Margaret's in Ockley, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7.45 to 9.15, and at St John's in Capel on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks.

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email [ockleybellringers@btinternet.com](mailto:ockleybellringers@btinternet.com)



### You know you are living in 2018 when....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of five.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
6. You stay in touch with various family and friends only if they are on Facebook.
7. You arrive home and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
8. Every TV advert has a Facebook link at the bottom of the screen.
9. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic.
10. In the morning you go online before getting your coffee.

*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.*



**2014-18**  
The Great War Centenary

## Diary of a Momentous Year: July 1918 - WHEN FRIENDS COME TO HELP

It is called 'World War 1' and certainly no previous conflict had spread its ugly fingers so widely. Of course, we tend to think of the Western Front. Our default image of the War is of men in trenches, of mud and blood and soldiers with drawn bayonets going 'over the top'. In fact, the War was being fought on many Fronts: the Eastern Front (Germany/Russia, about to end with the new Russian regime); the Ottoman Front, in the Middle East; the Italian Front (Italy and France against the 'Central Powers'). Then there was the Ocean Front (U-boats against Allied shipping), the only one where the Germans were winning.



Not surprisingly, in view of all that, the War became one of resources, human, military and economic; and by 1918 the Allies had a great advantage. Hard-pressed armies were being continuously refreshed by the arrival of well-trained and committed troops from many quarters, notably Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and decisively the United States. These soldiers, and many from other countries in the British Empire, were now being equipped with newly designed, modern equipment. At last the Allies outnumbered the Germans in tanks and aircraft – and the new planes were faster, better equipped and armed.

### THE GREAT WAR

1914 - 1918

All of this was, of course, evident to the German High Command, and persuaded them to launch in July 1918 what one historian, Gary Sheffield, has described as perhaps the defining battle of the War, the second Battle of the Marne. It was a desperate attempt to inflict a heavy defeat on the Allies – not in the vain hope of winning the War, but of getting a better bargaining position in the peace negotiations that everyone expected. Launched on July 15<sup>th</sup>, it succeeded in driving the Allies back across the Marne. But they had been prepared for it, and three days later launched a massive counter-attack. Two French divisions captured 15,000 men and 500 tanks in a single morning, and then went on to drive the Germans back across the Marne. From now on the Allies knew they could win the War, and the Germans finally accepted that they could not.

Article source: Parish Pump

#### July 1948 The NHS begins ..... 70 years of the National Health Service

The National Health Service began operating 70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948, when Sylvia Beckingham, 13, was admitted to hospital in Manchester to be treated for a liver condition.

It was the climax of a hugely ambitious plan by Labour Health Secretary Aneurin Bevan to bring good health care free to all at the point of delivery. The health service would be available to everyone and financed entirely from taxation, which meant that people paid into it according to their means.

It was based on a report by William Beveridge in 1942. The problem with it remains the huge increase in costs resulting from, among other things, advances in medical science, drugs and machinery. As Andy McSmith wrote in *The Independent* ten years ago: "It seems no amount of money will satisfy the infinite demand for better NHS care."

Within a few years prescription charges were introduced, as well as a charge for dental treatment. The current prescription charge is £8.80 per item, and dental charges are huge. Saving the NHS seems to be a national preoccupation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Christian Medical Fellowship is campaigning to emphasise the vital and radical need for Christians within it.



## Photographic Competition Cancelled!

It is with great regret that the Committee launching the Photographic Competition for a brand new Parish Calendar have decided to cancel the competition.

Sadly, there simply wasn't enough interest to make the enterprise viable currently. We hope to try again another year.

Any thoughts or comments that you may have for a future venture, please do pass on to one of us ... Thank you!

Suzanne, Debbie, Jessie, Joy, Rev Liz and Margaret Zandona

## Bishop: Fixed Odds Betting Terminals proposal 'simply does not go far enough'

*The above article featured in the News page of our June issue but since publication there has been further developments.*

The Minister for Sport and Civil Society, Tracey Crouch, announced at the end of May that following representations from groups, including the Church of England, maximum stakes on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) are to be reduced from £100 to £2 to reduce the risk of gambling-related harm. The Government say that this is now the right balance between a sector that can grow and contribute to the economy and one that is socially responsible and doing all it should to protect consumers and communities.

However, it is likely that this reduction will be delayed by up to two years to allow the sector to adjust to the new rules. The gambling sector has said that the reduction will result in a significant drop in the profitability of betting shops, closures, job losses, and a loss of UK tax revenue.

Lord  
I shall be  
very busy  
this day

I may  
forget Thee  
but do not  
Thou  
forget me.

By Sir Jacob Astley



*...I don't care what your Sat-Nav's telling you - I'm telling you you are definitely **not** on the M6, nine miles south of Derby!!*

# NEWS

## Salvation Army helps victims of modern slavery

The Salvation Army marks an anniversary this month. It was in July 2011 that it was appointed to be lead agency in England and Wales for coordinating and managing the delivery of specialist support services to the adult victims of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking.

The Salvation Army's engagement with Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery goes back to the 19th century. Members were then involved with the journalist WT Stead and campaigner Josephine Butler in bringing the trafficking of young girls in London to the attention of British society in the 1885 "Maiden Tribute of Modern Babylon" affair, which led Parliament to introduce the age of consent at 16.

## Church of England brings prayers to millions with Alexa

The Church of England is launching an Alexa skill, enabling users to ask the Church of England for prayers, explanations of the Christian faith and where to find their nearest church for local events and services based on their location. Daily prayer resources are central to the skill, offering a prayer for the day, as well as morning, evening and night-time prayers and a grace before meals all recorded for Alexa devices.

The skill is also integrated with **A Church Near You**, our national church finder that gets 13 million page views a year, to find the nearest services and events, and seeks to increase users' knowledge of the Christian faith by answering questions such as: what is the Bible? Who is God? What is a Christian?

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, who is **featured in a video to promote the Alexa skill**, said: "We're thrilled to be launching the Alexa skill today, to enable regular churchgoers and those exploring faith to connect with God in another way at a time that's right for them. A quarter of UK households now own a smart device and, after transforming the Church of England's and Archbishops' national websites last year, this fast-growing area was identified as a priority for development.

"More broadly, this work is part of our wider Renewal and Reform programme, which seeks to ensure the Church of England is a growing Church for all people and in all places."

Adrian Harris, Head of Digital at the Church of England, said: "Platforms such as Alexa give the Church the ability to connect people with God and to weave faith into daily lives, whether for daily prayers or exploring Christianity. We also see this as a fantastic opportunity to encourage people into their local church, which is why the link to A Church Near You is so important, particularly at key moments in the Christian year such as Easter and Christmas.

"We're prioritising Alexa at this stage to reach as many people as quickly as possible, but plan to launch on Google and Apple devices in due course. The recent **Church of England Digital Labs** event highlighted the importance of voice as a major area of focus and the insights from this day were really useful."

Thomas Allain Chapman, Publishing Manager at the Church of England, said: "The Alexa skill means prayers that Church House Publishing has previously made available in books, apps and e-books will now be available in audio to a new audience in many homes."

This is phase one of the AI project, built jointly by the Church's Digital and Church House Publishing teams, with future development planned to ensure users can find more answers to faith questions.

Users must activate the Church of England skill by saying "Alexa, open the Church of England". A full list of commands is available on our **dedicated Alexa page**.

One million people go to a Church of England church and more than four million attend at Christmas. The integration with A Church Near You will mean even more users are able to find a local place to worship at key events.

This skill is one of the first significant faith-based skills available for smart speaker users in the UK.

## SNAPSHOT OF A PARISH VISIT TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

The jolly band it gathered there,  
Excitement crackled in the air,  
On steps we met old friend and new  
With promise of both bowel and view.  
No man had ever lived with stock  
Upon that pristine piece of rock.

Keen, and on great knowledge drew,  
John Bailey, as he brought us through  
Glass etched angels to a space,  
The interior of the hallowed place,  
And told of an historic call  
To build a new cathedral tall.

Names and dates were batted round,  
But none had pen to note the sound.  
The facts drift on and unaware  
A call to report our visit there,  
Would be on its way by email soon,  
To us who stayed that afternoon.

The plan for space and light won through,  
And work began with much to do,  
Then "Halt" came the cry around the globe  
As mankind assumed a warrior's robe.  
"With greater foe we must contend,  
Before we rest and build again."

Some still live who knew the day  
Of "Buy a brick" - Hip, hip, hooray  
We have enough that we can raise  
Our own Cathedral to be always.  
But marble stone in short supply,  
So on French rock does Transept lie.

From East to West the building grew  
But none forgot the fallen "few".  
The drape above the altar cloth,  
May oft attract both dust and moth,  
But hangs it must to show the cost  
To those whose precious lives were lost.

Now behind the scenes we go,  
To synod room and down below.  
Whate'er the time, whate'er the day  
It is the Dean who holds the sway.  
In panelled room and tunneled rock  
With care we tread to avoid a knock.

After tea refreshed, renewed,  
We climb and climb to catch the view.  
The ringing chamber comes up first  
As spiral steps have done their worst.  
With space aplenty for a stroll  
We pause, then onward to our goal.

Still up and up again we climb  
To see the bells whose deafening chime  
Will call all in diocese to prayer  
But not while we are present there.  
A smaller space, but one well made  
With bells in centre carefully stayed.

Then up and up the stalwart few  
Must climb to share the Angel's view.  
Here he glints and turns in breeze  
Catching the eye of all with ease.  
We gaze and gaze and look far down  
Towards our green and pleasant town.

Then down we go and feel once more,  
The solid stone and solid floor.  
Those who stayed for evensong  
Heard bass and alto choral song,  
Echo what we had seen and felt,  
Throughout our stay at this event.

And yes, the underlying song,  
That we had heard all this day long,  
Of men who toiled, their dream lives on,  
In huge walls and  
glorious song  
Within the heart of  
this church story  
That great cry "To  
God be the Glory."

**Poem by Gill  
Christie  
Photo by David  
Silliman** (turn to  
back cover for a  
colour version of  
the Angel in all  
her glory!)





## Hymm Writers - Catherine Winkworth



Catherine Winkworth wrote over 60 hymns, but is now remembered as a translator particularly from their original German of nearly 400 others. She was also at the forefront of women's education. Whilst she was born in London in 1827, she was brought up and lived most of her life in Manchester (her father had a silk mill in Macclesfield) and Cheshire before finally moving to Clifton, Bristol. At the age of 18 she spent a year in Dresden and this led to a life of translation from German to English.

Anyone that attended the Good Friday recital of St John Passion at Capel would have heard some of her translations. She published two books of translations from German hymns to English, known as the *Lyra Germanica*, as well as a number of books on Christian life in Germany focussing on

women. Whilst the translations are often not the first made, they are in most cases the most popular and have outlived their predecessors.

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,

One of the most popular is of *Nun danket alle Gott* written by Martin Rinkart in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. There are at least ten other translations of Rinkart's original text from *Ecclesiasticus*, but hers remains the most popular. Rinkart wrote it originally for use by chaplains during the thirty year's war who were instructed to preach on the subject of peace based upon this passage. It has since become a mainstay of national festivals or special occasions of thanksgiving in both Germany and the English speaking world.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Another popular translation is *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* from Joachim Neander's 17<sup>th</sup> century original. Again Neander hymns have been translated by many and Catherine published a number of her own translations.

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The great Easter hymn, *Christ the Lord is risen again*, was originally written by Michael Weisse in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. He was one of the early followers of Martin Luther being a priest and monk when he first became aware of Luther, and converted to become a Bohemian Brethren.

Catherine was involved in furthering the cause of women, particularly in devotional orders, but was also active in educational work such as the Clifton Association for the Higher Education of Women, the Clifton High School for Girls, a member of Cheltenham Ladies' College and governor of the Red Maids' School in Westbury-on-Trym.

She died whilst on a visit to Geneva, in Savoy, at the age of 51 and was buried in Monnetier, in Upper Savoy. There is a monument to her memory in Bristol Cathedral and she is remembered as a hymn writer with John Mason Neale on 7 August by the Episcopal Church and on 1 July by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Written by Stuart Cole

# St James the Least of All

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

And so once again we start the annual round of parish treats. While the bell-ringers prefer public houses, and the choirboys want fast food outlets, the Ladies' Guild are centred on lavatories. The itinerary is unchangeable: Coach drive to coffee stop and lavatory. Coach drive to luncheon stop and lavatory. Coach drive to some arbitrary attraction – provided it has a tea shop and lavatory. Coach trip home with a lavatory (stop en route).



A sub-committee will have been hard at work for the previous six months deciding where to visit. The most disastrous course of action is to present the group with a choice; if two options are provided, they will attract almost equal numbers in favour, thus ensuring that half of the group will rejoice in saying throughout the day that the other option would have been preferable. When it comes to decision-making, Stalin had a lot going for him.

My predecessor in this parish left me a terrible legacy; he always accompanied the Guild on their day out, thus obliging me to do the same. I do, however, travel equipped with armaments. "The Times" crossword rules out any possibility of conversation for at least the first two hours. Three years ago, Mrs Phillips had the audacity to look over my shoulder and give me 12 across; she will not make that mistake again. A brief nap after these intellectual exertions, assuring those around me that I am meditating on the theme for next Sunday's sermon, ensures a morning almost free from having to comment on the weather, other members of the party, or why I so rarely drop in on the Pram Service.

The ideal destination is one where I have a clerical colleague, so while the ladies wander about, shop and analyse why I still wear the same suit I arrived in 30 years ago, we have an agreeable afternoon assassinating the characters of bishops and archdeacons and bemoaning the standards of a new generation of curates. After our different therapies, we all re-assemble at the coach for the return journey.

Naturally, there is the traditional wait for those who have forgotten where the coach park is. As far as I am concerned, a deficit of less than 10% should be entirely acceptable. I can think of several husbands who may be rather thankful that their wives may not be back as soon as they had feared.

Our ladies return, invigorated with the thought of all the bits of information about other members in the party that can be discreetly shared over the telephone, while I am exhausted from 12 hours of attempting to be polite. Meanwhile the sub-committee gets a date in the diary for planning next year's lavatorial sequence.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## BOOK REVIEW

**On My Knees – rebuilding our confidence in prayer** By Chris Band, Monarch, £8.99

Life has a tendency to knock our confidence in prayer. In the face of persistent difficulties, our prayer-fuelled hopes can be overwhelmed by such despair that we end up "on our knees" not so much in prayer, as in defeat. In this honest and engaging book, Chris Band discusses the issues that we may have about prayer but were perhaps afraid to ask: Is prayer wasted effort? Is God less involved in the world than we might wish? Is His will going to be done anyway, whether or not we pray? We discover that our prayers, far from being squandered by God, are powerfully and consistently used by him – both to build his relationship with us and to build his Kingdom through us. This encouraging and practical book will inspire and lead each of us afresh, to be on our knees, in prayer.



## Free glass of wine or soft drink

### Belief in God: Is it Rational?

A talk by Revd Dr Martin L Gilpin  
in Newdigate Village Hall  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm

- ◆ The talk is free (*approx. 1 hour*) and will be fully illustrated with slides
  - ◆ No scientific knowledge necessary
  - ◆ Religion will only be lightly touched upon
- ◆ Teenagers with an interest in the science/religion debate are especially welcome
  - ◆ Will discuss current scientific thinking on the following:
    - ◆ The origin of the universe
    - ◆ The origin of life on earth
    - ◆ What are the limits of science?
    - ◆ There will be time for questions

#### Not covered by insurance

A recent letter that appeared in The Independent newspaper: 'Following the recent major flooding, I find myself out of pocket, due to what I am informed is an "act of God." To avoid future financial embarrassment, please could you recommend an atheist insurance company?'



#### Say a prayer

Young Brian and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When Brian received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Brian! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always pray before eating at home.'

'That's at our house,' Brian protested. "This is grandma's house, and she can cook!"

#### Out of the mouths of babes...

A woman invited some people from church to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you've heard Mummy say before,' the hostess answered.

So the daughter bowed her head and said, 'Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to



## All in the month of JULY

It was:

**200 years ago**, on 30<sup>th</sup> July, that Emily Bronte, the British writer, was born. She was best known for her novel, *Wuthering Heights*.

**175 years ago**, on 19<sup>th</sup> July that the British steamship SS Great Britain, was launched. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, it was the longest passenger ship in the world at the time. It is now a museum ship and visitor attraction in Bristol Harbour.

**100 years ago**, from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August that the WW1 Second Battle of the Marne took place. It was the last major German offensive on the Western Front. Allied victory.

**90 years ago**, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1928 that all women aged 21 and over were granted the right to vote in the UK, when the Representation of the People Act (Equal Franchise) came into effect. This Act made men and women's voting rights equal.

**80 years ago**, on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1938 that 35 million gas masks were issued in Britain, in anticipation of the Second World War.

**75 years ago**, on 24<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August that WW2 Operation Gomorrah saw the Allies carry out a massive eight-day-round-the-clock bombing of the city of Hamburg.

**70 years ago**, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 that Britain's National Health Service began operating.

**65 years ago**, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1953 that the Korean War ended. A peace treaty was signed and the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel became the official boundary between communist North Korea and anti-communist South Korea. (Tensions continued unabated.)

**50 years ago**, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1968 that Britain, the USA, the Soviet Union and 58 other nations signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It came into effect in March 1970.

**40 years ago**, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1978 that the birth of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Joy Brown, took place in Oldham, UK.

**30 years ago**, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1988 that the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster took place. An explosion and fire on the North Sea oil rig Piper Alpha killed 167 people. It was the world's worst offshore oil disaster.

**20 years ago**, on 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 1998 that the Drumcree conflict in Northern Ireland took place when Protestants rioted after security forces prevented the annual Orange Order march through Portadown from taking place. There were around 550 attacks on security forces and Catholic civilians.

**15 years ago**, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2003 that a team from the BBC reported that the Loch Ness Monster did not exist. They had combed every inch of the loch using 600 sonar beams guided by satellite navigation and found nothing. The search operation was covered in their documentary *The Search for the Loch Ness Monster*.

**10 years ago**, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 that the Grand Pier fire in Weston-super-Mare took place. The pavilion was completely destroyed, but then rebuilt and reopened in October 2010.

## In praise of Emily Bronte

Novelist Emily Brontë, author of *Wuthering Heights*, was born 200 years ago, on 30th July, 1818, in a small country town in Yorkshire, moving shortly afterwards with her family to nearby Haworth, where she remained until her death at the age of 30.

Her mother and two oldest sisters died when she was still a child, and she became close to her youngest sister, Anne, with whom she created a fantasy world called Gondal.

Her father was a curate who emphasised personal commitment to Christ, and Emily was also influenced by her mother's sister, Elizabeth Branwell, who was a Wesleyan. *Wuthering Heights*, although unusual at the time for its passion and violence, has a great deal of Christian content.

It was first published in London in 1847, as the first two volumes of a three-volume set that included her sister Anne's *Agnes Grey*. The authors were given as Ellis and Acton Bell; Emily's real name did not appear until 1850.

Emily, who tended to be solitary and reclusive, never knew the extent of fame she achieved with her only novel, as she died a year after its publication. She also received praise for poetry she published earlier with her sisters under the names of Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell.

### The Church of England is facing a serious shortage – of church organists

Be very, very nice to your church organist, and don't upset them, because they are becoming somewhat of an endangered species in the Church of England.

In fact, so many churches now have organs, but no organists, that nearly one in three churches have introduced recorded organ music for their congregations to sing along to.

A recent survey found something very ominous: that less than four per cent of churches have organists aged 30 years old or under. Almost half of all churches who do have organists report that they are older than 70.

But recorded organ music is hardly ideal – it tends not to leave enough time between lines, and so rushes the singing along. Also, there is a weaker sense of togetherness and community, if you are singing along to a machine, rather than a person well known to you.

The survey was done by the diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich's music development director.

Source: Parish Pump



"It's a devil to start on these damp November Sunday mornings – luckily we have a sidesman who works for the AA"

*I'm sure we'd all like to take this opportunity to thank our Organists both Anthea at Capel and Andrew at Ockley for all their hard work and all they do to enhance our worship every week. THANK YOU BOTH!*

***As saints' days do not change from year to year, some of these will have featured before in InSpire. However, there is a new one this year on 6th July for Thomas More, Reformation martyr. For the first half of each year (Advent to Whitsuntide) our focus is on what God has done for man, particularly through sending us Jesus Christ. But in the second half of the year (from Whitsuntide back to Advent) we focus on Man's response to God - through faith and deeds.***

***And here the smaller festivals can really come into their own – as we recall the lives of different saints down the centuries. Each of them has set us an example by their spirituality and courage. Certainly mission and social concern are nothing new among Christians, as our saints this month show...***

**1<sup>st</sup> July            St Theobald - choosing God, not money**

If you are thinking of turning your back on wealth and privilege, in order to do something you feel God is calling you to do, St Theobald (1017 – 1066) may be the saint for you. He was born into an aristocratic family at Provins in France. But he became a hermit with a fellow ex-soldier in the Pettingen Forest in Luxembourg. They later moved to Salanigo in Italy. Theobald's holy life attracted so many followers that he was canonised by Pope Alexander II in 1073.

**6<sup>th</sup> July            Thomas More, Reformation martyr**

These days, lawyers and politicians are held in the lowest esteem by the public, along with tabloid journalists and estate agents. St Thomas More was both a lawyer and politician, who is today much admired for holding steadfastly to his faith-based principles. He lived in dangerous times, when anyone, even queens, who displeased King Henry VIII could find themselves in a condemned cell in The Tower of London.

Sir Thomas More held the office of Lord High Chancellor and at one time was the king's most trusted adviser. But when King Henry took personal control of the Church in England in order to divorce his first wife, More courageously opposed him.

Thomas More was a social philosopher and the author of 'Utopia'. This book described an imaginary republic governed by an educated elite who employed reason rather than self-interest for the general good of everyone. He was himself one of the pre-eminent scholars of his age. As a Christian theologian he supported orthodox doctrine, vigorously opposed heresy and argued strongly against the new Protestant ideas taking hold in Europe. Although holding the highest political and legal office he was far from being a pragmatic politician and opportunist lawyer. In every matter he was a man who held firmly to what he believed was right in God's eyes.

When Thomas More fell from favour with the king, as a result of his unflinching views, he was falsely accused of taking bribes. When this charge failed, his enemies accused him of supporting a celebrated seer of the times who was strongly critical of the king. This too failed. He was then required to swear to the Oath of Supremacy, acknowledging Henry's position as head of the Church of England. This he could not do in conscience. He was put on trial and condemned to be hung, drawn and quartered for his treason, a punishment later changed to beheading. He died in 1535 and on the scaffold his final words were 'I die the King's good servant, but God's first.' He has been officially declared a martyr saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

**22<sup>nd</sup> July            St Mary Magdalene - patron of repentant sinners**

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life.

Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. She became His follower to the bitter end. She followed Him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint His body on the Sunday morning. Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid: it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Mary Magdalene has sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon (Luke 7:37). Over the centuries many artists have painted this scene. Mary Magdalene's feast has been kept in the West since the 8th century. England has 187 ancient churches dedicated to her, as well as a College in both Oxford and Cambridge.



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**Crossword Solution**

**ACROSS:** 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

**DOWN:** 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

**Sudoku Solution**

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**Wordsearch Solution**

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v	p	u	a	w	b	a	e	q	e	s	e
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**Scared?**

As a sergeant in a parachute regiment, I took part in several night-time exercises. Once, I was seated next to a lieutenant fresh from jump school. He was quiet and looked a bit pale, so I struck up a conversation. "Scared, lieutenant?" I asked.

He replied, 'No, just a bit apprehensive.'

I asked, 'What's the difference?'

He sheepishly replied, 'That means I'm scared, but with a university education.'

**Inner peace**

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
 If you can relax without wine,  
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
 .....then you are probably the family dog.

## The History of Guildford Cathedral

Guildford Cathedral is a modern Cathedral with a truly remarkable story.

Building work on the Cathedral started in 1936, to a design by Sir Edward Maufe. But work was stopped by the Second World War and its devastating aftermath. Despite enormous setbacks, regular services were held in the Crypt Chapel (the current Choir practice room) from 1947.

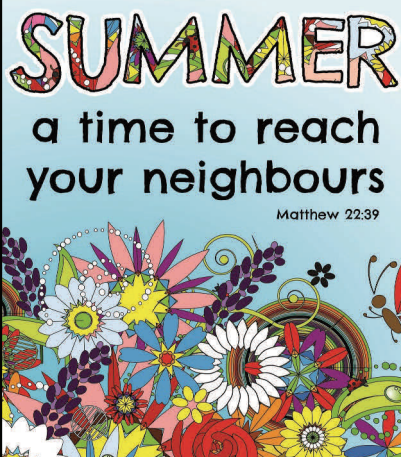
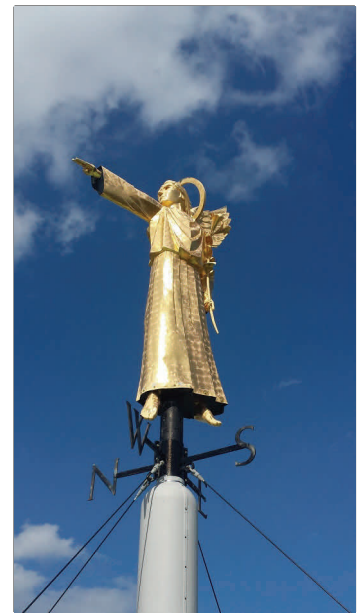
When building restrictions were lifted and materials were available again, there was a renewed sense of determination in the local community to complete the Cathedral. But there were very limited funds.

Eventually, through the Buy a Brick fundraising campaign, work re-started again in 1954. More than 200,000 ordinary people became brick-givers. Their generosity helped ensure the completion of what they thought of as "their Cathedral". It was an extraordinary act of public support, a demonstration of modern community spirit.

With a resilient and make do and mend approach, the inside of the Cathedral was furnished. Again, much of this was done with the assistance of local people. For example hand making the 1500 kneelers, which remain in place today.

The Cathedral - The People's Cathedral - was consecrated on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1961 by Bishop George Reindorp in the presence of HM The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the Archbishop of Canterbury and a packed congregation from all parts of the diocese.

*The above is a synopsis of the History of the Cathedral but it is well worth doing a tour if you get the chance for an in-depth history!*



## Matthew 22:37-39

### New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

<sup>38</sup> This is *the* first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And *the* second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

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