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We Love
because
he first
loved
us

God loves you very much
... don't be afraid!
Calm yourself; be strong—
yes strong!

Daniel 10:19

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The joy of the Lord is your strength

Nehemiah 8:10

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Remember as we celebrate Valentine's Day on 14th February:
'Love one another'

"We love others best when we love God"

Happy Valentine's Day

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Rev Liz writes

Dear all,

Well hello from 'panto-land' - three performances down and three to go. So far, so good; it seems everyone who has seen Ali Baba and the forty thieves has thoroughly enjoyed it and so too are we performers I think! I have really enjoyed how the Ockley Dramatic Society production encourages people of all ages and abilities to tread the boards and especially the children who really make the pantomime special by their acting and dancing. It has been great fun.

As I write this letter I am looking forward to Candlemas next Sunday which brings to a close the season of Christmas and Epiphany. Epiphany means revelation and all the themes of our services in January are all about revelation from God about whom Jesus was and is. St Margaret's decided to keep their Christmas tree and other festive decorations up for the whole of January in church at Ockley – something which maybe has not been done before. This is perfectly in order as many churches all over the world do the same as technically Christmas doesn't end until the beginning of this month. I can hear some of you scream in horror at the thought!! This morning our service was of both congregations at St Margaret's and looking at the tree I thought actually how lovely it is and how fitting that we are still reminded at the end of January, that Christmas has really only just come and gone, and the fact that the church still holds the Christmas tree somehow symbolises that Christ was born and that he is still with us, even though most of us have put the Christmas decs away. (Ours are still waiting in a pile I am afraid...)



The church heating fund could only stretch to buying a copy of 'Boiler Repairs For Dummies'

Well, things move fast in the church year, and as we celebrate Christingle at the beginning of this month and hopefully raise a good amount of money for the work of the Children's Society, we will enjoy a short period of time before we start preparing for Lent. There are all sorts of services on offer as usual this month from Book of Common Prayer Matins and Holy Communion, to Café Church, a very informal way of doing church, to Family Communion from the contemporary Common Worship to Messy Church, and of course the Sunday Session which is a very relaxed lovely hour or so of live guitar and instrumental music held in Bob and Judy Cranham's home, with words to encourage and challenge along with space to reflect and respond. You will see details of all these in our regular church services and events page. We also have another concert arranged this month in Capel church, classical guitar played by Andrew Scott (of Spanish Pop up Restaurant fame) and our own professional jazz guitarist Bob Cranham. It should be a great evening so please do join us! Watch this space as Bob has other concert ideas in the pipeline for us too!

We have also said farewell to some very special people in the last few weeks. Someone very special to us in our church at Capel and around the Surrey Weald Team and Ockley, Forest Green and Okewood areas was Reverend Canon Chris Drummond. Many of you will know Chris and his wife Gwyneth who have been very much part of church and local community for many years. Chris died just before Christmas after some weeks in hospital. He was 92. We had a wonderful Service of Thanksgiving for him just recently, where many gathered to sing many rousing hymns and remember Chris and to hear recollections of his long ministerial career in all sorts of places, including Nigeria, and to hear wonderful family memories. We shall miss him so much in so many ways but we feel blessed as a community to have had his presence among us so long and we are glad to be able to cherish Gwyneth in our

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Rev Liz writes continued

midst. We also said farewell to Tony Goddard. He was married to Rosemary and farmed in Weare Street, Capel. He was a well-known and much loved member of our community and church, having been our choir leader and organist for many years. He used to play in many other churches too. He was extremely musical and one of the highlights of his memorial service was singing with the choir a Christmas carol which he had composed. It was in many ways a wonderful start to our Christmas services in December. He will be much missed too and our hearts go out to Rosemary and the family. There have been others too, not perhaps so well known in both church and community, but equally special and well known to God and those who loved and cared for them. It always seems especially hard when loved ones die at Christmas time, particularly when that death is unexpected, but it is always such a privilege to visit families and to help prepare a fitting tribute and service for them in honour of all they were and contributed to others in their lifetime.

Many of us have questions about life and whether there is any truth in the Christian faith or any other faith for that matter. I am pleased to say well in advance that there will be a great opportunity to ask all the questions you have ever wanted to about such matters in an Alpha course which St Peters at Newdigate are organising. Alpha provides the space to listen to a talk, explore and put your point of view across, all in an atmosphere of convivial hospitality where we will all enjoy a meal together each week. The course doesn't begin till April so there's plenty of time to think about participating. I will be there in any case and of course in the meantime you are always welcome to chat with me anytime about anything!

Till then dear friends..

With my love and prayers

Rev'd Liz

Christingle Service - Sunday 3rd February

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our annual **Christingle service on Sunday 3rd February 2019, 10.30 am at St John the Baptist, Capel**. It is a wonderful family celebration with the church lit with the Christingle candles. We hope you can join us there! **All** proceeds from the collection at this service go to The Children's Society.

You can support young people by donating to the #Christingle50 campaign, or by attending a local Christingle Service. For more information, visit www.christingle.org.



FEBRUARY

SATURDAY	2ND 9.30 am	PARISH PRAYER Half hour of prayer at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	3RD 8.00 am 9.30 am 10.30 am	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST – CANDLEMAS Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley PARISH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE (Capel)
FRIDAY 8TH	12 noon	Funeral of William Robert Laws at St Margaret's Ockley
SUNDAY	10TH 9.30 am 10.30 am	4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT Holy Communion at St Margaret's (Ockley) Café Church (Capel)
SATURDAY	16TH 9.30 am	PARISH PRAYER Half hour of prayer at St Margaret's Ockley
SUNDAY	17TH 8.00 am 9.30 am 10.30 am	3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion with Baptism (Capel)
SATURDAY	23RD 7.30pm	AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL AND JAZZ GUITAR Andrew Scott and Bob Cranham – more info 01306 713349
SUNDAY	24TH 9.30 am 6.00 pm	2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT Joint Parish Communion at St John the Baptist Capel SUNDAY SESSION at The Cottage, 97 The Street, Capel
TUESDAY	26TH	MESSY CHURCH - 3.15 pm onwards in the Village Hall, Capel
<u>MARCH</u>		
FRIDAY	1ST	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at St Peter's Newdigate This year prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia
SATURDAY	2ND 9.30 am	PARISH PRAYER Half hour of prayer at St John the Baptist Capel
SUNDAY	3RD 8.00 am 9.30 am 10.30 am	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion (Capel)
WEDNESDAY	6TH 6.00 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT BEGINS) Surrey Weald Team service of Holy Communion Preparation for Lent on this special day as all are welcome to receive the imposition of ashes at the start of the forty days.

Thinking of Makesh Patel & Family

We are all very shocked at the news this week that Makesh Patel and his family have suffered another violent attack. This is the second such attack on Capel News in a couple of months. They are such an important part of our village community that we would like to send our love and support to him and his family at this very difficult time and we remember them in our prayers.

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!

Children's Society Houseboxes due in please!

If you have a Children's Society box at home or work, now is the time to return them to me for their annual count up! I'd be very grateful if you could contact me to arrange to exchange the box to count the contents and I will then return it to you in due course! Thank you to all boxholders for your continued support.

Suzanne Cole 01306 711449 or
slc@ansford.me.uk



MORE New hymn books available for Sponsorship!

We have increased our hymn books in both churches to take account of the full church services we have had recently so if anyone would like to sponsor one there are plenty available!



Please contact Debbie von Bergen for a form.
debbievonbergen@icloud.com
07774 784008

FROM THE REGISTERS

We mourn the loss of
*Canon Christopher John Vaughan
Drummond*
20th December 2018

Malcolm Francis Butcher
24th December 2018

Dr John Christopher Linnell
(formerly of Deerleap, Weare Street)
28th December 2018

Shaun Kevin Riches
2nd January 2019

William Robert Laws
8th January 2019

Advance Notice of ALPHA COURSE Starting soon in Newdigate Church!

(All Wednesday evenings in Newdigate Church, except Saturday daytime 11 May in Newdigate Church) and themes are:-

Wednesday 17 April	Who is Jesus?
Wednesday 24 April	Why did Jesus die?
Wednesday 1 May	How can I have faith?
Wednesday 8 May	How do I read the Bible?
<u>Saturday 11 May</u>	Holy Spirit Day
Wednesday 15 May	How does God guide us?
Wednesday 22 May	How can I resist evil?
Wednesday 29 May	How do I make the most of the rest of my life? (with guest testimony)

Rev Andrew Coe

Find out more about what Alpha courses offer on page 18

CAPEL & OCKLEY CHURCH RUNNERS! A few of us from Capel & Ockley Churches are starting an informal running group. The initial plan is to meet and join in with the Park Run at Denbies on Saturday mornings at 9.00 am. If you are not familiar with Park Run you can find out more here: www.parkrun.org It is free to join, you register online [very quick & easy - go to register & our Home Run is the **Mole Valley Park Run**], print up your bar code and turn up at Denbies 8:45am on a **Saturday for a 9am start** and do a lovely 5km run (circa 3.1 miles) around the vineyard . There are normally 200-300 people who take part. Anyone can join in, it is completely inclusive all ages, speeds, experience. It is great fun and a good way to start the weekend. If you need help getting there let us know and I am sure we can work something out.

In addition to this we plan to have 3— 4 other runs each year – starting from the Churches and other places – details to be planned. I will set up a WhatsApp Group and we will use email to stay in touch. A few of us (James, Dean, Sophia, Vittoria and myself) are already meeting at the Park Runs at Denbies on Saturday mornings. We hope to see you there!

Tom Chambre

Any queries, please contact 0771 890 2345 or tom@chambrepm.com

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
Phone: 01306 711917 for more details.



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 emailthoroldfuters@aol.com**

NEW FOR 2019!

Ockley Mothers and Toddlers Group
are starting a **"Mum to Mum"** market
during the usual weekly sessions
on

**Thursday mornings from 9th January 2019 at
Ockley Village Hall 9.30am-11.30am.**

Good quality clothes and toys available
for exchange or a small donation to
the Group's funds.

Belated notice ... Debbie
banked the coffee jar
contents in the autumn
and they totalled
£130.04 which is a
fantastic amount!

Dear Readers,

It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that I write to you this month. There is an overriding sadness at the loss of two of our most celebrated and loved parishioners - **Tony Goddard and Canon Christopher (Chris) Drummond**, who have both died within a month of one another. However, I was so touched at both services of Thanksgiving for their lives and the feeling of great joy that we all felt for having known them. Their lives were certainly worthy of great celebration and gratitude for all they achieved as individuals in both their lives and for the many gifts they imparted to our parish life.

Tony's service was very poignant with three of our Capel vicars present! It was lovely to see Rev Liz leading the service with Rev Bob Whittle who many of us knew and Rev John Baxter present in the congregation too. I felt very fortunate to have known all three and haven't they all served us with great humility and dedication. On to Chris' thanksgiving service and although he was never actually our Parish Priest, we had the benefit of him living amongst us and leading us in the teaching of Christ for over twenty years. Many of us remember him and Gwyneth coming in an interregnum and then settling in our village of Capel. How lucky are we that they chose to be our neighbours and friends as well as God's humble servants in our midst. I count myself very lucky to have known Chris and Tony. God shone through them in different ways and used their gifts to great effect! Tony's musicianship and dedication as organist and choir master for years and Chris' many sermons and bible study groups which allowed him to pass on his extraordinary theological knowledge to us all. And much more than that, they were a friend to us all. We are all the better for having known them.

"Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts and we are never quite the same".

There are exciting events coming soon in our Parish and in our Weald team. The Evening of Classical & Jazz Guitar on Saturday 23rd February promises to be another special evening. Rev Andrew Coe has published dates for a forthcoming Alpha Course in Newdigate which is exciting! It will begin in April and details of the dates are published in this issue.

Also of course, I am looking forward to our Annual Christingle service on Sunday 3rd February. As the representative of our church group for The Children's Society, it is always exciting to see it all come together with the Christingles lit and the collection taken for the society. This year sees Christingle celebrate '50' years - more information in this issue! So DO come along and help us raise money for this worthwhile charity which we have supported at St John the Baptist for over 30 years and is helping children all over the UK. It's also a WONDERFUL service of HOPE and LIGHT! Just right for these dark wintry days! I hope to see you there!

In the meantime as we celebrate St Valentine's Day on 14th February - I wish the love of God to be with you each and every day.

Best wishes,

Suzanne

Please note:- There is a special article on The Church Missionary Society in this issue as Chris Drummond had worked for CMS and it was the chosen charity at his recent Thanksgiving Service.

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That old tea urn had served the church well

NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

English-Style Ringing By Sue Dixon

English Bell Ringing has its origins during the reign of Henry VIII when churches began to restore bells that had been lost or destroyed during the dissolution of the monasteries. Before this, bells were chimed randomly, as still happens on the continent: with no effective control over the timing of the swing of the bell, heavier bells swing slower than lighter ones resulting in a fairly random sort of sound.



A new mechanism was introduced in England in the sixteenth century which mounted bells on wheels allowing them to rotate through an entire 360 degrees to produce each sound. This revolutionary change meant that bells weighing several hundred-weight could be controlled very precisely with minimal physical effort so that smaller bells could be held up for a fraction of a second to accommodate the slower rate of swing of heavier bells.

This heralded the start of change ringing; the ringing of bells in pre-defined patterns of changes called Methods. Many methods composed then are still rung today.

Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people. Being able to count is all the maths needed and you can become a very good ringer knowing nothing about music. Anyone who would like to come along and have a go, under supervision, or just to watch, would be most welcome. Practice nights are at St. Margaret's in Ockley, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.45 to 9.15, and at St John's in Capel on the 2nd, 4th and 5th weeks.

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



"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota, rota... do I see a hand...?"

Prayers & Reflections

Dear Lord,

We pray for our local communities in Capel & Ockley, our surrounding villages and for our nation as a whole as we currently find ourselves in a period of great uncertainty and unrest. Bless those who lead us in difficult times with wisdom and understanding. And we pray for patience and tolerance in our nation as we go through these turbulent times. Let us not forget your teaching to 'love thy neighbour'.

We pray for our fellow Christians throughout your world, thinking particularly of all those for whom worshipping will lead them into dangers and difficulty. Be near them and give them courage and strength in their witness. Make them aware at all times that you are with them. We pray for the children that many of us support throughout the world with Compassion UK. We ask your blessing on them Lord, together with their families, communities and church workers that play a significant role in their young lives. We rejoice in all who answer to your call and we pray for each other asking that we may be true to the Gospel. We ask you to uphold all our church ministers and leaders as they guide us in your way.

We bring before you in the quietness of our minds those people for whom we have special concern. We bring before you: Briony, Peter & Mary Ede, Eileen Steeden, Julia Horrox, Terry Tucker and Pat Wombwell. We pray for the lonely and the oppressed – those who mourn or struggle for meaning in their lives. We remember those with mental health problems and those who are struggling to make ends meet. Lord—help them to find their rest and support in you. We also give thanks and pray for those who look after those in need, including those in the medical profession and those who are full-time carers.

We remember those who have gone before us and those who have died recently: Terry Wheelwright, Cindy Hewlett, William (Bill) Law, Shaun Riches, Dr John Linnell, Christopher Drummond, Tony Goddard and Malcolm (Butch) Butcher. We ask for your blessing and comfort on those they leave behind, especially our friends Rosemary and Gwyneth. We thank you for the many riches they brought to our lives and those of others. For the joy of the music that Tony blessed us with for many years, together with his wit, humour and friendship. For the wisdom and humility

of our dear friend Chris Drummond. We thank you for bringing him and Gwyneth to us and making them live amongst us as your humble servants and our friends. We were truly blessed to hear your word from Chris for many years.

Finally, we pray for ourselves as you send us out to witness to your love in the coming month. Let us always strive to be true to your gospel. We thank you for all that is good in our lives and pray for your guidance and comfort in any of our worries.



May the Father's hand
keep you from stumbling,
the footprints of Jesus
give you confidence to follow,
and the fire of the Spirit
keep you warm and safe
in your walk with God this day.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, Amen

A reflection ...

*Thank God every morning
when you get up that you have something
to do that day which must be done,
whether you like it or not.*

Charles Kingsley (1819 - 1875)



Bishops call for a change of tone on Brexit debate The Church of England bishops who recently met in London made the following statement:

‘The bishops of the Church of England pray for national unity – and courage, integrity and clarity for our politicians. We call on the country to consider the nature of our public conversation. It is time to bring grace and generosity back to our national life.

‘At the heart of the Christian message is Jesus’ command to love our neighbour. This includes those with whom we agree and disagree – at home, in Europe, and further afield. We urge everyone – our political leaders and all of us – to bring magnanimity, respect and reconciliation to our national debate.

‘There is now an urgent need for the United Kingdom to recover a shared vision and identity to help us find a way through the immediate challenges.

‘Regardless of what happens next with Brexit, the Church of England, alongside many other churches and other agencies striving for the common good, will be at the heart of local communities; educating one million children, providing 33,000 social action projects and running 16,000 churches across the country. Above all else, we will continue to support the most vulnerable and share Christ’s love with all.’

Editor: The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the tensions that Brexit has caused.

Love Despite Brexit?

‘*Should I stay or should I go?*’ (The Clash). Since the Referendum in June 2016, we have seen families, our nation and Parliament divided by different opinions over Europe. But ‘*at the heart of the Christian message is Jesus’ command to love our neighbour. This includes those with whom we agree and disagree: at home, in Europe and further afield.*’ (CofE Bishops, December 2018).

As we celebrate St Valentine’s Day this month, how can we conduct this debate in a loving way? The Apostle Peter reminds us: ‘*Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.*’ (1 Peter 2:17).

Respect everyone: However much we may disagree with another people’s perspective, we should respect them as people. This applies even if they don’t respect our views!

Love the church: Among the family of believers there should be an even greater respect for each other! The way we treat each other not only reveals the depth of our love; it will also cause people to glorify God and want to be part of the family.

Fear God: We must demonstrate our allegiance to God by putting Him first and following His leading. Of course, this doesn’t stop Christians from having different opinions to each other.

Honour those in authority: We are called to honour those who are in authority over us ‘*for the Lord’s sake*’ (13). Even when we disagree with their decisions and actions, we should keep our respect and not speak ill of them.

Peter is calling us to live with the freedom to make up our own mind on Europe, while listening to what others say (16). ‘*A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.*’ (Martin Luther).

Both the above articles from Parish Pump

FEBRUARY

All in the month of February

It was:

200 years ago, on 14th Feb 1819 that Christopher Sholes, American inventor was born. He developed one of the first typewriters and invented the QWERTY keyboard.

150 years ago, on 14th Feb 1869 that Charles Thomson Rees Wilson, Scottish physicist was born. Winner of the 1927 Nobel Prize in Physics for inventing the cloud chamber.

100 years ago, on 26th Feb 1919 that the Grand Canyon National Park was established in Arizona.

90 years ago, on 11th Feb 1929 that Italy and the Vatican signed the Lateran Treaty, which recognised the Vatican City's independence and sovereignty.

80 years ago, on 14th Feb 1939 that the German battleship Bismarck was launched. It was sunk by the British in May 1941 during a WW2 battle in the North Atlantic.

70 years ago, on 14th Feb 1949 that Israel's parliament (the Knesset) convened for the first time.

60 years ago, on 3rd Feb 1959 was 'the day music died'. American rock-and-roll performers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper were killed in a plane crash in Iowa.

50 years ago, on 3rd Feb 1969 that Yasser Arafat was appointed leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

40 years ago, on 1st Feb 1979 that Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Iran after more than 14 years in exile. In November, following a referendum, Iran became an Islamic Republic with Khomeini the Supreme Leader.

30 years ago, on 14th Feb 1989 that Iranian Ayatollah Khomeini issued a 'fatwa' calling for the death of the British writer Salman Rushdie, whose novel *The Satanic Verses* was condemned as blasphemous against Muslims.

20 years ago, on 9th Feb 1999 that Bryan Mosley, British actor, died. Best known for his role as Alf Roberts in the TV soap *Coronation Street*.

10 years ago, on 10th Feb 2009 that two satellites collided in orbit for the first time. A defunct Russian Cosmos-2251 military communications satellite and an operational US Iridium 33 communications satellite were both destroyed, creating thousands of fragments of space debris.

Be my Valentine

Young man: Do you love me?

Young lady: Yes.

Young man: But can you live on my income?

Young lady: Certainly. Though – what will you live on?

Laughter
is God's
blessing.

- Joseph Prince

SermonQuotes

1 February – Brigid of Ireland: compassion and love Brigid, you could say, was the female Patrick of Ireland.

Historical facts about this first abbess of Kildare (d.c. 525) may be scarce, but her 'Lives', written from the 7th century, tell many anecdotes and miracles which over the centuries have become deeply rooted in Irish folklore. Brigid came from a village near Kildare, of parents of humble origin, and is said to have been baptised by Patrick and became a nun at an early age. She is credited with founding the monastery of Kildare, a powerful influence for Christianity in Ireland.

The miracles attributed to Brigid show her to have been a woman of great compassion and generosity. There are stories of how she could multiply food, especially butter, for the poor. Other stories tell of her changing her bath-water to beer, in order to satisfy the thirst of unexpected visitors. Even her cows gave milk three times the same day, to enable visiting bishops to have enough to drink.

Brigid's cult grew rapidly in Ireland, where it became second only to that of Patrick. In England, there were at least nineteen ancient church dedications in her honour (the most famous is St Bride's Fleet Street). There is also St Bride's Bay, Dyfed, which underlines the strong connection between Irish and Welsh Christianity. St Brigid is patron of poets, blacksmiths, and healers. She is usually depicted with a cow lying at her feet, which recalls her phase as a nun-cowgirl.

3 February – Anskar: the busy evangelist Anskar (801-865) should be the patron saint of any Christian who loves doing mission... and who discovers that evangelists meet the most amazing people, and that their lives are full of surprises....

It was the 9th century, and Anskar had grown up in a noble family in Amiens. He decided to forsake it all in order to become a monk. It may have sounded dull to his non-Christian acquaintances, but it opened a life of international adventure and a lasting achievement that has affected millions down the centuries.

Anskar began by going to Picardie and becoming a monk. Soon he felt called to Corvey (Westphalia) where he began apostolic work – or in modern parlance, evangelism and church planting. But that was just the start. For here Anskar met the king of Denmark (as one does). King Harold was in temporary exile, and during his stay in Westphalia, had become a Christian. When the time came, he persuaded Anskar to return to Denmark with him, and under his royal patronage to evangelise Denmark. The trip was a success, and then in 832 Anskar was made Bishop of Hamburg.

When the Vikings sacked Hamburg in 845, another unexpected opportunity came Anskar's way. The Pope made him archbishop of both Hamburg and Bremen, with some responsibility over Denmark, Norway and Sweden. It was an enormous job, but Anskar was up to it. He seems to have worked around the clock – establishing schools, giving great sums to the poor, and preaching the Gospel at every opportunity. Somehow, he even found time to tackle the Viking slave-trade, and somewhat diminish this cruel practice.

But Anskar's most lasting success was as a Christian missionary to Denmark, whose patron he became. It is said that he dressed austerely, ate only simple food, and added short personal prayers to each psalm in his psalter, thus contributing to a form of devotion that soon became widespread. He died and was buried at Bremen.

Junior InSpire

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

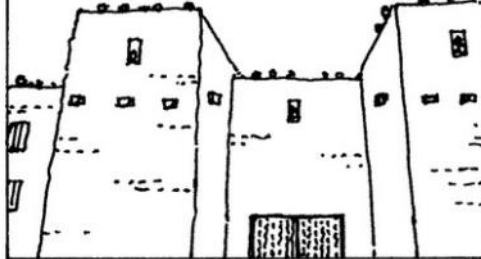
It can be read in the Bible in Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan. They camped near the town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

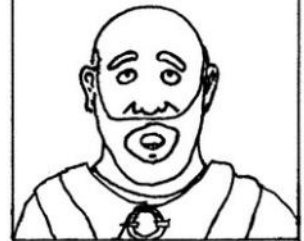
The people in Jericho locked the town gates.



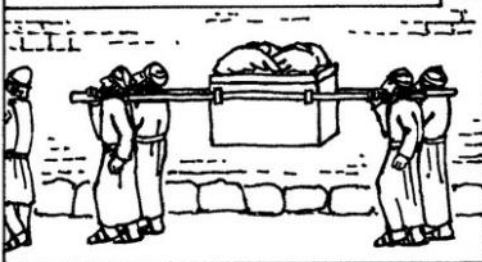
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua what to do.



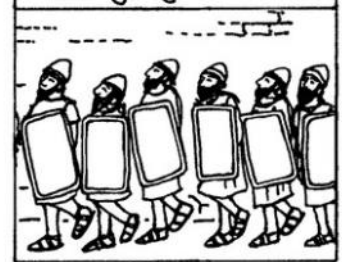
On the first day, the priests carried the sacred chest,



they blew trumpets, and walked round Jericho once.



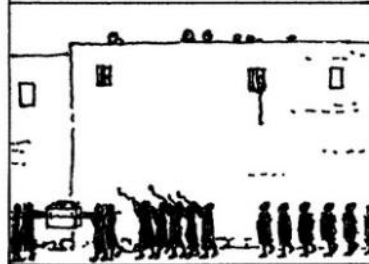
The army followed not saying a word.



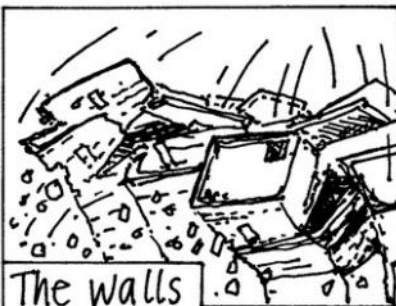
They did this for 6 days.



On the 7th day they walked round 7 times.



The army gave a victory shout!



The walls of Jericho collapsed.

The army rushed into the town and captured it.



Jericho was destroyed.

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Word Search



locked	gates	safe
walls	victory	God
captured	Jericho	priests
destroyed	collapsed	trumpets
Jordan	camped	shout
army	Israelites	town
fight	chest	walked
once	Joshua	rushed

Prayers for February

God guides us and shows the right way to live our lives, and so we pray to God together:

We pray for all the leaders in the world: that they may be moved not to think of their own power and wealth but to rule wisely and do what is right for all their people. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may shine like the star, leading people to Jesus, and spread God's message of justice, peace and love. Lord, in your mercy...

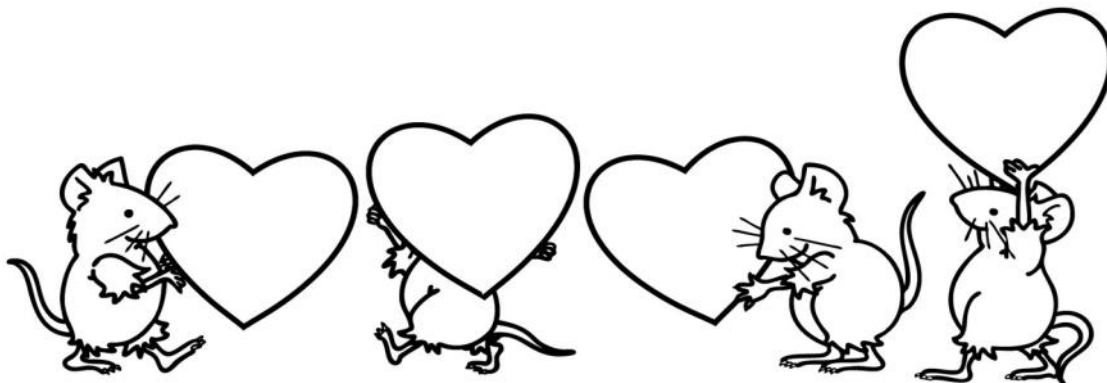
We pray for those people around the world who are undertaking long journeys, or who are in need of guidance: that they may find their way to a place of safety, welcome and peace. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, our family and friends: that we may always be open to following God in our lives, in both our actions and our words. Lord, in your mercy...

AMEN

Colouring in Activity ...

GOD IS LOVE!



'Can we fix it, yes we can'

Being a bit more aware, and making wise choices, helps the environment - which is after all, the only one we have to rely on.

Three 'triplets':

Buying

Buy British - supports our economy, reduces 'carbon miles' on what you use

Buy Local - even better than buy British

Buy Seasonal - eliminates resources to store / transport stuff out-of-season

For example Denbies not Chilean wine. And what can you grow in your garden / on an allotment?

Generally

Reduce - do you need something in the first place, or that much of it? For example wasted food

Re-use - if you (or someone else) can re-use something, it saves producing more

Recycle - for better sustainability, less landfill. Recyclers prefer to handle dry, clean items.

Myths

'There is no climate change' - really? ... glaciers melting, el Niño effect, record temperatures/fires...

'We are too late to do anything' - late, not **too** late. Doing nothing is a poor choice.

'We can't achieve anything as individuals' - but as millions, billions of people, yes we can.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) say:

"We are the first generation to know we are destroying our planet, and the last one that can do anything about it."

The clock is running out – we have to act on climate before it's too late.

"This is far more than just being about losing the wonders of nature, desperately sad though that is. This is actually now jeopardizing the future of people. Nature is not a 'nice to have' – it is our life-support system."

For more tips and info go to: <https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/eco-church/>
OR email the team on: ecoteam@capelandockleychurch.org.uk

Can Faith Institutions Save our Planet?

"As Christians we are called to be stewards of God's wonderful creation. The challenges facing this creation are numerous and well reported, but there are plenty of small steps that we can take to help care for our planet. Often this starts with ourselves, as individuals and churches." says Bishop Andrew.

Join Bishop Andrew and Shaukat Warraich (CEO of Faith Associates) for a discussion about how we can tackle and raise awareness of environmental issues from a faith perspective.
H.G. Wells Conference Centre, Woking, GU21 6HJ Tue 12 February 18:30 –21:00 pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/can-faith-institutions-save-our-planet-tickets-53534072853>

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL as spaces are limited.

Why do they do that?

Aiming to take away the mystery of some of the things which happen in Church

Editor: The Rev Dr Jo White writes a series entitled 'Why do they do that?'. It will look at things that happen in churches which don't need to remain mysterious...this series began in January and will run until December. We will aim to share as many as we can with you!

Signs & Symbols: Why do we cross ourselves?

Do you 'cross' yourself? Do you literally make the sign of the cross over or upon your body?

People do this in different ways: some with certain fingers joined together, some touch their right shoulder before the left, some do small contained crosses on their head, lips and chest whilst others do an exaggerated sign extending as low as they can reach and almost wrapping their arms around themselves.

Keep your eyes open one time and look at your fellow congregation members as the priest extends his or her arm to bless them and you'll see many different responses. From keeping their heads bowed, crossing themselves at the same time, to standing quite informally and just watching.

For me it's not really 'how' you do it but rather '*What's it all about?*' If you 'Google' that question you'll get lots of great theologically sound and sometimes deep suggestions.

Let me offer you my personal take on it that has grown to become daily the first thing, last thing and most important prayer of each of my days.

It's an acknowledgement of God's love for me individually and us collectively and how through this we are forgiven and set free to live life to the full – with courage and strength.

As I start at the highest point and descend it reminds me that Jesus, God's own Son came down to earth for love of me and all of us.

As I cover the width of my body I feel His love wrapped around me, surrounding me, encouraging me, strengthening me, enveloping me and all that will take place in my life and the world today. Not a magic protection layer but a recognition of His presence wherever and whatever takes place.

May you be blessed – In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Source: Parish Pump

MINDFULNESS COURSE

Mindfulness simply means paying attention to our experience in the present moment, on purpose and with an attitude of kindly acceptance. This course, based on Mindfulness based stress reduction, will explore Mindfulness within a Christian perspective, explaining the concept and exploring how it can be used in our daily lives, our prayer life, with or without meditation, a time of stillness.

All are welcome regardless of faith or none.
 Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF
 Thursdays from 24 January 19:00 –21:00
 Register your interest -Suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk



- ◆ Would you like an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view?
- ◆ Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.
- ◆ Alpha is inclusive to all – everyone is welcome!
- ◆ Alpha courses are run all around the globe, in cafes, churches, colleges, homes – you name it!
- ◆ The three key things they have in common are food, a talk and good conversation.
- ◆ There's nothing you can't say (seriously) and it's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own thoughts and perspective on life in an honest, friendly and open environment.

If you would like to explore further contact:-

Liz Richardson 01306 711260 or Andrew Coe 01306 631469 for more information.

Course begins Wednesday evening 17th April

See News from the Pews page 6 for weekly topics

The Society was founded in Aldersgate Street in the City of London on 12 April 1799. Most of the founders were members of the Clapham Sect, a group of activist evangelical Christians. They included Henry Thornton MP and William Wilberforce MP. The founders of CMS were committed to three great enterprises: abolition of the slave trade, social reform at home and world evangelisation.

Wilberforce was asked to be the first president of the Society but he declined due to his workload but took on the office of vice president. Thornton became the first treasurer. The Rev Josiah Pratt, curate of St John, Bedford Row (London) soon emerged in a proto-chief executive role.



A sketch of the founding meeting of the Church Mission Society on 12 April 1799

The spiritual background to the emergence of CMS was the great outpouring of energy in Western Europe now called The Great Awakening. John Wesley, an Anglican priest and failed missionary, became a key player in the UK version of the story. Not all those influenced by the revival left the Anglican Church to become Methodists. One such was John Venn, the saintly rector of Clapham.

Members of the second and third generation following the revival saw many opportunities to consolidate its effects. Alongside the main Clapham agenda they sponsored Sunday Schools for evangelism and education, founded Bible Societies and much more.

The Reformation and the abolition of monasteries and religious orders left the Church of England without vehicles for mission, especially for outreach to the non-Christian world. This new membership society agreed to be loyal to the leadership of bishops and an Anglican pattern of liturgy, but not dominated by clergy and emphasised the role of laymen and women. Much of what we call the Anglican Communion today traces its origins to CMS work. However CMS today is not confined just to Anglicanism, both in terms of people it sends out in mission or ally agencies and projects around the world.

It was expected that Church of England clergy would quickly come forward to be missionaries. When this didn't materialise CMS turned towards mainland Europe and the earliest missionaries were German Lutherans. For over a century CMS enjoyed rich work relations with the Churches and seminaries of Western Europe. Sadly this was gradually eroded as the European superpowers vied with each other in the race for colonial expansion. Even so we can say the 20th-century quest for Christian unity began through the experience of mission.

Initially the Society had no designated offices. In 1813 it rented premises in Salisbury Square in the City of London and by the end of the 19th century a row of houses had become a large headquarters with a complex administration and numerous staff. In 1966 it moved to premises in Waterloo Road. In 2007 it moved to east Oxford to premises fitted to serving 21st century mission as part of a network of mission hubs all over the world.

The overseas mission work of CMS began in Sierra Leone in 1804 but spread rapidly to India, Canada, New Zealand and the area around the Mediterranean. Its main areas of work in Africa have been in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Congo, Rwanda and Sudan; in Asia, CMS's involvement has principally been in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, China and Japan; and in the Middle East, it has worked in Palestine, Jordan, Iran and Egypt.

The chaplain on the First Fleet to Australia was sent at the urging of Wilberforce. The second was sent by CMS and is regarded as the Apostle to New Zealand where CMS Britain worked directly (1809–1914). Other work included Canada (1822–1930), with smaller missions in Abyssinia (1830–1842), Asia Minor (Smyrna) (1830–1877), Greece (1830–1875), Madagascar (1863–1874), Malta (1815–1843), Mauritius (1856–1929), Seychelles (1871–1894), South Africa (1840–1843), Turkey (1819–1821), Turkish Arabia (Baghdad, 1883–1919 and Mosul, 1900–1919), and the West Indies (1819–1861).

We believe every Christian – and ultimately every person – is called to join in God's mission and has the potential to bring challenge, change, hope and freedom to the world.

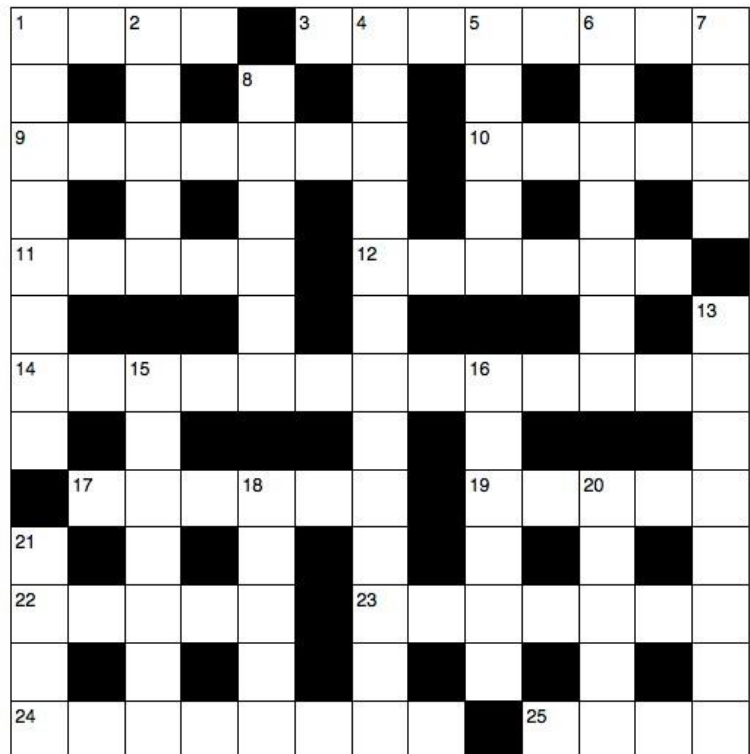
Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
 14 Not born again (13)
 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

Down

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

Candlemas, 2 February, comes exactly 40 days after Christmas. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. (Luke 2: 22-40) So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day.

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'Reasons to Believe' conference with Amy Orr-Ewing and team: Saturday 15 June 10am-1pm

I wish you every blessing as we work together in this new year to follow Jesus more closely and make Him known. The golden thread running through 2019 will be the first goal of *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives*, namely developing an 'appropriate plan' for 'making prayerful, confident disciples in daily life'. We begin the year with a focus on prayer, followed by confidence and concluding with discipleship in daily life.

Looking ahead to our emphasis in the summer on building confidence in our faith, I am delighted that Amy Orr-Ewing and her team from the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics have agreed to partner the Diocese in staging a major half-day conference for clergy and congregations to be held on the morning of Saturday 15 June.

I look forward to opening what I believe will be an inspiring and faith-building event. Amy is a brilliant and internationally recognised communicator in this field. Speaking alongside her colleagues, Simon Edwards and Lara Buchanan, Amy will equip us to talk confidently to others outside the church by setting out the rational basis of our faith - why we can be confident that God is real, Jesus is risen and the Bible can be trusted – and helping us to answer tough questions, for instance on 'God and science', other religions and why a loving God 'allows' suffering in the world.

You can book free places now at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/reasonstobelieve. The conference will take place from 10am to 1pm at St Paul's Howell Hill, SM2 7HS and be followed by an optional networking lunch with Amy and her team, which offers an opportunity to explore how the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics might be able to partner your parish in mission.

The conference is still some way off but I suspect that the available places will go quickly. Please join us if you can and encourage others in your congregation and networks to come too. We look forward to seeing you.

May the Lord bless you and yours,

Bishop Andrew
The Diocese of Guildford, Church of England

Good take A minister in a little church announced: 'Before we pass the collection plate, I would like to request that the person who stole the chickens from Brother Martin's hen house please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. The Lord doesn't want money from a thief!' The collection plate was passed around, and for the first time in months everybody gave.

Taxing An exasperated woman, being questioned by a HM Revenue inspector about her tax deductions, was heard to say: 'I wish the government were half as fussy about how it spends money as it is about how I spend it!'

With Valentine's Day and Love in mind:

Two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one. – *E F J von Munch-Bellinghausen*

The Christian is supposed to love his neighbour, and since his wife is his nearest neighbour, she should be his deepest love. – *Martin Luther*

One of the best legacies a father can leave his children is to love their mother. – *C Neil Strait*

CROSSWORD solution

ACROSS: 1, Wage. 3, Cleansed. 9, Plateau. 10, Ready. 11, Did so. 12, Hollow. 14, Unregenerated. 17, Offers. 19, Islam. 22, Is not. 23, Overran. 24, Barracks. 25, Legs.

DOWN: 1, Wiped out. 2, Guard. 4, Laughing-stock. 5, April. 6, Seaport. 7, Days. 8, Belong. 13, Oddments. 15, Refiner. 16, Raided. 18, Extra. 20, Large. 21, Limb.

Wordsearch solution



Medium Sudoku solution

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In Celebration of our dear friend Canon Christopher Drummond



◇ Tutor of Ridley Hall, Cambridge (1956-59);

◇ Chaplain of Clare College, Cambridge, and Charles Simeon Chaplain to the University (1959-26)

◇ Lecturer of Immanuel College of Theology, Ibadan, Nigeria (1963-67)

◇ Vice-Principal (1967-69); Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Walthamstow (1969-74)

◇ Curate-in-Charge of Stantonbury (1974-75)

◇ Team Rector in the Stantonbury Team Ministry (1975-84);

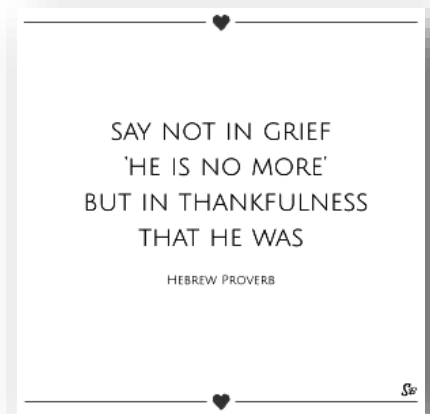
◇ Priest-in-Charge of Ducklington (1984-88)

◇ Oxford Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (1984-88)

- ◇ Hon. Canon of St James's Cathedral, Ibadan, since 1987
- ◇ Home Secretary of the General Synod's Board for Mission and Unity (1988-91)
- ◇ Priest-in-Charge of Colton (1991-94)

Latter years ... a much loved friend and neighbour of our community in Capel.

We hope to do a more detailed article on Chris in a future issue.



Your contributions would be most welcome and any copy for this publication should be sent to Suzanne Cole
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