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If you have anything you would like to share with the readers of InSpire, please do let the Editor know. It can be anything, no matter how small! Maybe you have some photos you've taken recently you could share with us or some important news?

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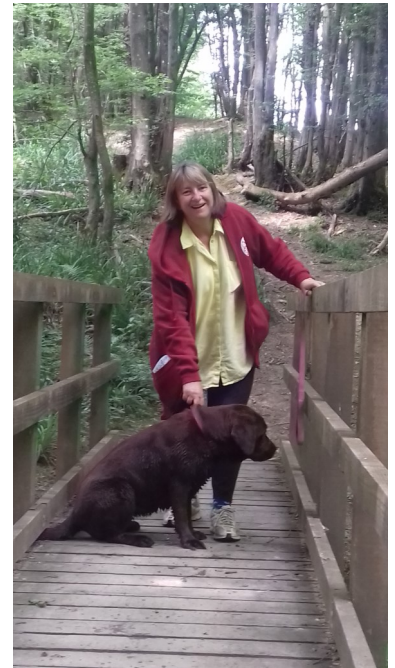
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Dear all,

Dear all

Here we are at the end of the summer and Autumn beckons. I hope you have survived the heatwave this month but I have to confess we completely avoided it being in North Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly where temperatures were much lower. However I can hold my head up as you may recall our family were in Disneyland Paris in 42 degrees last year; so hot that Mickey Mouse went home early! So we have done our time!! It was great to get away but lovely to come home to Capel and to be with you all again.

Whilst I have been on leave there has been much activity in both churches. The heating project is progressing well in St Margaret's and despite having to close the church last month for health and safety reasons we look forward to resuming worship there this month, looking forward to a warm Autumn! Meanwhile at Capel, the new lighting system has been installed and will be completed this month. I had a peep round the door recently whilst the new lights were on and they looked amazing. New pendants light up the North Aisle, our 'entertaining' area; and the very discreet lighting illuminates up into the rafters highlighting so many hidden features making our beautiful interior look even more beautiful! If you are a regular visitor on a Sunday you will of course see for yourself the lights in action by mid September but we hope to be able to demonstrate the new lighting at an open afternoon in October. We hope to be able to offer some teas that afternoon as well, table service socially distanced of course. It will be the afternoon of our Harvest Festival and this year will be held on October 11th. More details to follow next month but do put the date in your diaries!



Outside our stonemason and sculptor Shawn Williamson has been working hard as he has begun restoring the North Wall of the Churchyard at Capel. It's looking very good and Shawn will be here for some time so do go and see how he's getting on. I'm sure our hearts and minds will be very much with our children and young people as well as their teachers and other staff who return to school this month for the first time as a whole school community. Here at Scott Broadwood we welcome our new Head Teacher Mrs Alex Colclough who joins us from St John's School, North Holmwood. Our school goes from strength to strength and we look forward to Alex's leadership as we start a new academic year. As school resumes we are sadly unable to offer our monthly Messy Church at present due to Covid restrictions but please do let me know if you have a child or children who would like to be part of a childrens'/young peoples' group led by us at church. Next year our Diocese is focusing on ministry to children and youth and we would like to build on Messy Church and what you tell us you need for your families. We are here to help you in encouraging the spiritual side of your children's development. If recent events have brought up questions of faith for you as an adult which you would like to explore I am always very happy to meet for a chat over a cuppa! Just don't offer me cake as I am still trying to lose weight!! Baptisms and weddings are able to take place albeit with certain restrictions so again do contact me for an update or a chat for a future date.

We continue to pray as a church for all who are a part of our communities and parish in Capel and Ockley villages and of course in the wider Surrey Weald Team. We are very blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world and hope and pray that we can continue to keep safe and well.

So, may God bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you. And be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

With my love and prayers

Revd Liz

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

The following are an outline what we hope may take place on 11th October. More details to follow!

11th October - Harvest Cafe Church at The Crown at

10.30am (planning this to be a joint service with Ockley)

We are very much hoping too to be able to invite our uniformed groups to join us as usual, but need to check whether we have enough space to socially distance at the pub garden.

Also **Harvest lunch at the pub afterwards** - we will need to pre-order and purchase individually of course.

Then in the afternoon we plan to give **guided tours and a demonstration of the new lighting system** in church as well as **servng teas outside of church** (weather permitting). If not, inside church socially distanced and table service only in both scenarios. There may well be a treasure hunt for the children in the churchyard too!



"But did they plough the fields and scatter at a safe distance?"

FROM THE REGISTERS

We mourn the loss of

Joyce Evelyn Buckland

13th July 2020

May she rest in peace and
rise in glory

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

'The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.'

If you have any concerns contact our Safeguarding Officer Leigh Smith 07732825908 leighdesouza@yahoo.com or Revd Liz Richardson 01306 711260 liz@hostmyserver.co.uk

This notice will appear each month in InSpire and the contact details for our Safeguarding Offier and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Ms Jane Huttly will be published in our weekly pew sheets as well as in the Church Contacts on page 2 of each issue of Inspire.

SUNDAY 6TH TRINITY 13

- 9.30 am Morning Worship at St Margaret's Ockley
10.30 am Service of Holy Communion St John the Baptist Capel

SUNDAY 13TH TRINITY 14

- 9.30 am Service of Holy Communion at St Margaret's Ockley
10.30 am Cafe Church at The Crown Public House Capel - in the garden

SUNDAY 20TH TRINITY 15

- 9.30 am Morning Worship at St Margaret's Ockley
10.30 am Service of Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Capel

SUNDAY 27TH TRINITY 16

- 9.30 am Service of Holy Communion at St Margaret's Ockley
10.30 am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist Capel

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 4TH TRINITY 17

- 9.30 am Morning Worship at St Margaret's Ockley
10.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Capel

Please note that the format of the services may change from week to week.

There are a few restrictions:-

1. Only 2 people to sit in each pew that is open (or one household and if room a single person). Every other pew will be cordoned off.
2. Hand sanitiser which will be by the door to be used when you enter and leave.
3. *We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.*
4. For the moment no refreshments will be served but do feel free to bring your own water bottles.
5. It is asked that you don't spend too long in the church building after the service as it has to be cleaned and sanitised.
6. At Capel the toilet will be open and disinfectant available for you to wipe all surfaces after it has been used.
7. Unfortunately we cannot sing hymns but there will be music from our organist and Bob with his guitar.
8. The services will be on a sheet given to you when you enter church along with the weekly sheet - do take these home with you.
9. No collection will be taken but donations including cash can be left on the plate, OR for those who have a smart phone, an alternative way to give is to download the Givt app and use that to donate instead of cash. *Any queries on Givt - please speak to Dineke , Debbie or Helen.*

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the Laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



The Pharisees said to Jesus



Why are your disciples harvesting on the Sabbath? That is against the rules!

But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*



And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*



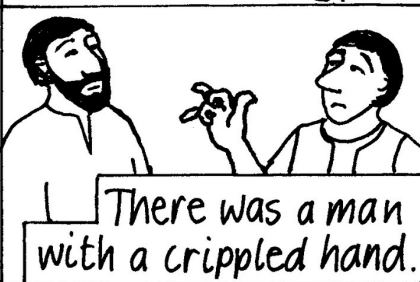
Don't you understand when God says 'Keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



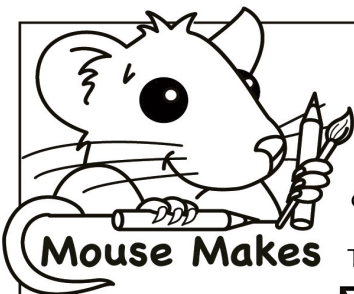
Hold out your hand.



.. and it was healed!

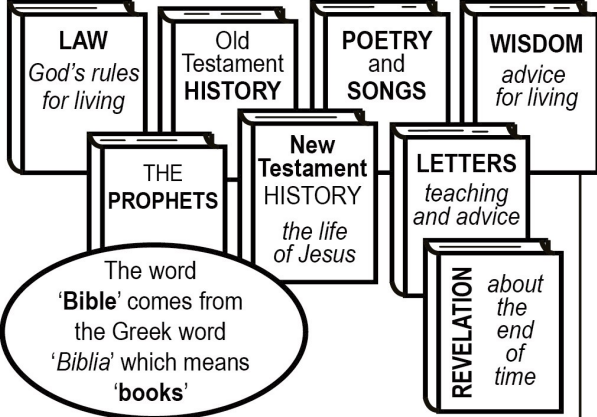
The Pharisees left and made plans.





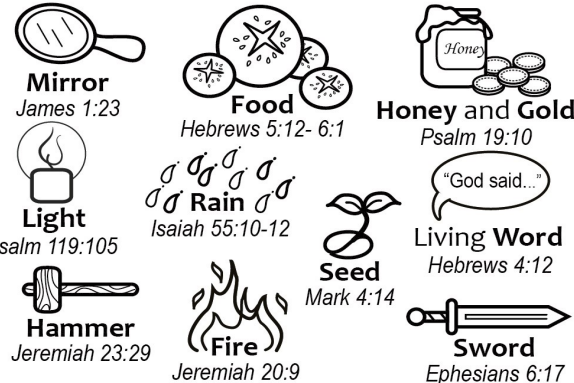
The **Bible** is a collection of **books** that took over 2,000 years to write!
 The books were written by many different people, all helped and inspired by God.
 The Bible has books about:

There are **66** books in the Bible.
 How many can you name?



The word **'Bible'** comes from the Greek word **'Biblia'** which means **'books'**

God speaks to us today as we read the Bible.
 The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live, it also describes itself as:

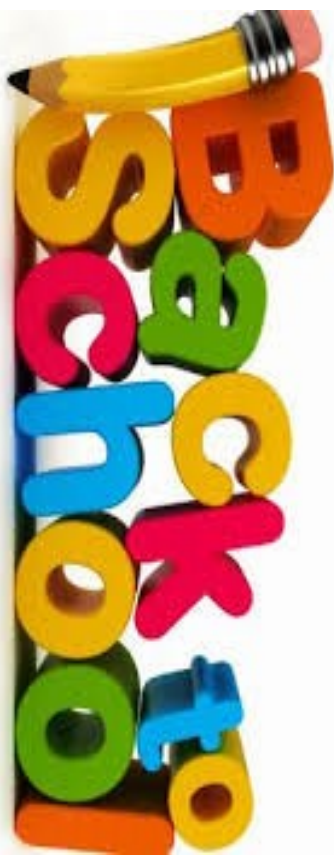


...but most of all The Bible teaches us about **God** and how we can be friends with Him.

BIBLE WORDS

The Bible words in **BOLD** type on this page are also hidden in the word search, can you find them?

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 F I R E O N B
 P O E T R Y L
 F O O D Y O E



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Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our school.
 Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together,
 So that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful everyday.

Amen

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Word Search
Solution on page 35



'God is Love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' 1 John 4:16

MENTAL HEALTH (cont from August)
'But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand.' Psalm 10:14

TUESDAY 1st

Father God, we pray for those who are currently coping with depression. Where hearts and minds ache for peace, may a place of rest be found with You.

WEDNESDAY 2nd

Dear God, grant patience, courage and understanding to the families and friends of those who are unable to control their anger, who are abusive or violent. May victims find help from those who know what challenges they face and comfort from Your loving word.

THURSDAY 3rd

Almighty God, we pray for nurses, doctors, therapists, practitioners and carers who work to help, comfort and counsel those who are bound up by their mental health conditions. Pour out Your healing peace.

FRIDAY 4th

Forgiving Father, when we have judged those with mental health conditions, we have judged because we do not understand. Forgive us for any distress we have caused and help us to be loving to all.

SATURDAY 5th

Father God, may mental illness be identified as the disease it is. We pray for compassionate and enlightened treatment and services to reduce ignorance and stigma.

SUNDAY 6th

Lord God, send hope and Your message of love to those who feel unwanted and unloved, for those who can love others but not themselves and for those who feel that the world would be better off without them.

BACK TO SCHOOL

'We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.' Romans 12:6

MONDAY 7th

Dear God, we pray for all children and students who have returned to their places of learning this term after a long time away. Keep them safe from infections and may they know that You are with them in the halls and classrooms.

TUESDAY 8th

Loving Father, we pray for the safety of the teachers and all the staff. Restore their spirit at the start of this new and difficult term. Renew their passion for education and nurture their compassion for the students in their care.

WEDNESDAY 9th

Heavenly Father, direct the hearts and minds of children as they grow. We pray for protection over the children in this increasingly unsafe world. Protect them from harm and wickedness.

THURSDAY 10th

Father, we pray for students who may be nervous about starting a new school, university or college. Take from them all fear of the unknown. We pray that You will be beside them as they make new friendships and meet new teachers.

FRIDAY 11th

Almighty God, may all adults in education have joyfilled hearts to create a community throughout the year that faithfully follows Your word. May they protect, understand and nurture any vulnerable students in their care.

SATURDAY 12th

Lord, we pray for all schools, universities and colleges to be places where Your love reigns and where there is no disrespect for any child or adult. We pray that students treat each other with kindness and respect whatever their background.

SUNDAY 13th

Father, we pray for Your blessings on all schools, nursery schools and mother and toddler groups in our local area. We pray that they will be well supported in the communities and be places of safety for the children who attend.

HARVEST/NUTRITION

'Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them.' Luke 9:16

MONDAY 14th

God of the Heavens and the Earth, You call us to share in the care of Your creation. Hear our prayer for all who make their living on the land especially during this time of uncertainty. We give thanks for the work of their hands and for the generosity of Your provision.

TUESDAY 15th

Dear Lord, we pray for those who have too little to eat. We pray for those whose diet is poor and for the farmer whose crops have failed or whose animals are sick. Thank You for the work of charities and relief agencies giving help to those in need.

Loving Father, forgive us for food wasted, for work unappreciated, for self-centred blindness to the needs of others and for deafness to the cries of the hungry or malnourished. Forgive us and in Your mercy, renew us.

THURSDAY 17th

Father, thank You for meeting our physical and spiritual needs. Forgive us for taking food for granted and bless our food to fuel our bodies forward into Your will for our lives. We pray that we will be energised and be able to work for the glory of Your Kingdom.

FRIDAY 18th

Father, we give You thanks for the progress that has already been made against hunger and malnutrition in our world. We know there is still a long way to go so we pray for leaders of governments to make global nutrition programmes a priority and to provide global leadership in ending hunger.

SATURDAY 19th

God of Compassion, we pray for all children who are suffering from poor nutrition. We know this affects their mental and physical health. We thank You for food banks, government schemes and charities that recognise this need and pray they are successful in reaching all who are in need.

SUNDAY 20th

Lord, we pray for those working in food distribution, transportation and retail, for without them our shops and supermarket shelves would be empty. We thank You for their work during this pandemic and for the deliveries made to vulnerable people sheltering at home.

WORSHIP

From Monday 21st to Sunday 27th; A different format this week;

This week, let your prayers be constant and loud. Pray with a passion; pray, not just to ask, but to expect; pray to change the world, to advance the kingdom; pray strong prevailing prayers.

Take yourself into a part of the house where you can talk aloud and bother God. What do you feel passionate about? Where do you want God to intervene?

- *Are there members of your family or friends you want to bring to Christ?*
- *Is there an item on the news which really worries you?*
- *Is a close friend, neighbour or loved one ill?*
- *Is there a place in the world that really needs your prayers?*

Put into your prayer space a Bible, your prayers written on pieces of paper or post-it notes, a map of the world, photos, pictures, a glass of water or anything else that you will need for full concentration on intercession! Visit your space as many times in the day as you can and dare to pray

specific, measurable prayers....and thank God for His answers as if they have already happened with faith and expectancy.

Visit 24.7prayer.com for more ideas

‘So I say to you; ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.’ Luke 11:9-10

CHURCH LEADERS

‘Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you..’ Hebrews 13:17

MONDAY 28th

Father, thank You for our church leaders who bring us Your word and guide us in Christian living. As they have invested their knowledge in us, may we too invest our lives through evangelism, service and Christian education.

TUESDAY 29th

Dear Lord, we pray that church leaders remember their original call from God so that they are not distracted by situations around them taking them away from their faith. We pray for them to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit and to be open to the word of God in their worship.

WEDNESDAY 30th

Loving Father, we pray for our church leaders so that they are lifted up and encouraged. We pray for God-centred relationships with others around them so that they may never feel alone.

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,
 Creator of the World, we pray
 That you, with steadfast love, would keep
 Your watch around us while we sleep.
 Tonight we pray especially for (*names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus*) and the people of (*country or place which is affected by Coronavirus*).
 Give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.
 Amen.

Don't forget the Diocesan Calendar of prayer each month ...

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/calendar-of-prayer>



Don't forget we have A STOCK of some Traidcraft items ... see table below! If you would like to purchase any of these items, do contact us.

CURRENT STOCK AVAILABLE TO BUY

Stem Ginger Cookies	£ 2.10	Divine Milk Chocolate 35g	£ 1.10
Double Chocolate Chunk Cookies	£ 2.10	Divine 70% Dark Chocolate 35g	£ 1.10
Chewy Fruit & Oat Cookies	£ 2.10	Bio-D Hypoallergenic Sanitising Hand Wash Geranium (500ml)	£ 4.20
Chocolate Chip Biscuits	£ 0.70	Bio-D Hypoallergenic Sanitising Hand Wash Lime and Aloe Vera (500ml)	£ 4.20
Fruit & Lemon Biscuits	£ 0.70	Fruity Golden Granola 350g	£ 3.90
Shortbread	Sold out	Dark Chocolate Chunk & Raspberry Shortbread Rounds	£ 3.95
Organic Dark Chocolate with Mint Cream	£ 2.65	Organic Milk Chocolate 100g	£ 2.65
Kilombero White Rice from Malawi 1Kg	£ 3.75	Fair Trade Organic Penne Pasta from Bolivia 500g	£ 2.70

We have left a few Traidcraft brochures in each Church. We are happy to deliver locally and will deliver following current Covid guidance regarding hygiene and social distancing. Payment for orders can be cheques, cash or online bank transfer—whatever is most convenient for you!

Suzanne & Stuart Cole

If you would like to place an order:-

email: traidcraft@ansford.me.uk
or phone 01306 711449

Thank you!

If anyone is needing Sanitising Hand Wash, we can highly recommend the Bio-D one we have from Traidcraft. A small amount goes a long way! We've been using ours for weeks now and still have plenty left! And 10% of the profits will go to our churches each year!



Some of our current stock!





Dear Readers,

Welcome to the September issue! I hope that everyone is enjoying the return of some normality. The first week in September sees our schools returning full-time. I'm sure that we all wish both the children and the staff well as they endeavour to get used to school in a new way. It still seems unbelievable that in such a short space of time, our lives have been turned upside down.

There is a lot to read in this issue. We welcome Rev Liz and Doug back from their holidays and anyone else that has managed to get a way for a change of scene. It is lovely to be able to publish '**Services**' again and also to give brief details of the **Harvest festivities** planned for October (see page 4). There will be more details in the next issue and in the weekly sheets in the weeks to come. There is news from around the UK via Parish Pump and The Church Times pages. On one of the CT pages there is an article '**Place of witness worth stopping for**' where Ted Harrison reflects on an empty rural church, where he found rest for the spirit, together with topical articles on the violence in Belarus and Migrants in Calais as seen from a volunteer's perspective. Well worth a read!

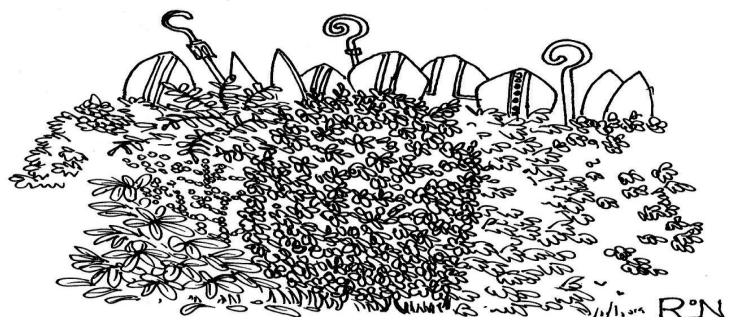
Finally, I'm pleased to say that our own Parishioner Chris Cooper's article on his involvement with the Bluebell railway is now available to read on pages 12 and 13 entitled '**The Impossible Dream**'. My thanks to Chris for writing this article to share with us all. It is a fascinating read, taking us from the beginnings of the Bluebell railway to today. Some amazing facts to discover too ... such as a weekly bill in the high season of £3,300 per week for coal!

On page 14, there are some interesting and thought-provoking articles from Parish Pump on **Mental Health and Covid-19** and the anticipated '**Tidal wave of poverty**' where Church leaders are being urged to be ready to respond to the lasting impact of the pandemic on the country's poorest people. This surely will affect people all around the UK.

This month sees our 30th Wedding anniversary on 29th and we should have been overseas in Canada enjoying a special trip to celebrate. Sadly, Covid-19 has put an end to that dream for now but we aim to try again in 2022. We are not alone in having travel plans changed or cancelled and I think it is going to stay that way for the foreseeable future. We also moved to Capel at the same time in 1990 and began restoring our house in Vicarage Lane. Thirty years later, it is in a completely different state to the house we moved into and we have been very happy here whilst making all the changes. But it's not the bricks and mortar that make the happiness, it's the people and friends who have touched our lives in the thirty years we have been here. Sadly in that time some have died, but we are all the better for knowing them. And many are left and we thank you for your support and friendship over that time ... it's YOU who make Capel the place it is and enrich our lives here.

With best wishes,

Suzanne



*The bishops had formed a
'support bubble' all on their own.*

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

By Chris Cooper

Page 12

Editor's note: *Apologies to Chris Cooper for not being able to feature this article before, but I'm glad to share with you this very interesting article by one of our Parishioners, Chris Cooper. What a remarkable tale about the Bluebell Railway that so many of us know and love! Thank you Chris—both for having the vision with other like-minded people and for writing about it for us.*

In 1955 I was at school in Wallington, and read in the newspapers that British Railways were going to cut up all the steam locomotives, and replace them with modern traction. To me, and others, that was a crying shame, after all we were growing up with these great beasts, and it seemed a pity that the next generation would not experience their power.



I had the idea of a miniature railway around Beddington Park from the bridge over the River Wandle to the park gates near Hackbridge! I wrote to the local council about the idea, but I did not realise that it would be reported in the local paper! My parents had a fit! I was told not to be so stupid, and to get on with my homework!

I did not give up the idea of preserving one or two full size steam engines to run somewhere so that the next generation could see them working. There were others who had read the report and had a similar idea to mine.

The newspapers reported on the closure of the Lewes to East Grinstead railway and the efforts of the local residents to keep it open. The line had closed in 1955 at the time of a rail strike so it went almost unnoticed; except that one of the locals, a Miss Bessemer had found that the closure was illegal.

British Rail was forced to re-instate the four trains a day as specified by the Act of Parliament which allowed the building of the line in 1876. These trains ran at two hour intervals during the middle of the day and did not stop at Kingscote or Balcombe, which was the busiest of them all.

The Act of Parliament was repealed thus allowing British Railways to close the line. The local residents had lost this argument and on 16th March 1958 I found myself on the last train from East Grinstead to Lewes. The train was made up of nine coaches and I had to travel in the last one due to the huge crowd. It was during the journey that I met others who also wished to preserve part of the Lewes to East Grinstead line, but nobody knew quite how!

A year later, a public meeting was called at Haywards Heath to discuss the re-opening of the line and I wanted to go but my parents forbade it, saying I should not get involved with such 'crackpot ideas'!

A second meeting was called at the same venue later in the summer and I went this time with a friend from Grants of Croydon, the department store. At that meeting, the name was changed from the Lewes and East Grinstead Preservation Society to the now well-known Bluebell Railway Preservation Society. We settled on the portion between Sheffield Park to Horsted Keynes, just under five miles.

This was the first time in the history of railways that a volunteer society would run a heritage line; we were told by the professionals that it would not work and by others that we were stupid!

Against all this ridicule, we gallant two hundred members were allowed to use the Sheffield Park station booking office for 5/-, yes – 5 shillings for a week's rent, which enabled us to repair the run down station, dig a pit and build a small shed.

Agreement was reached with British Railways for a lease for five years of £2,250 per annum with an option to purchase at any time. We were not allowed into the station at Horsted Keynes as it was still in use by Southern and their electric trains. A new halt was built just outside and named 'Bluebell Halt'. The railway now had two locomotives 'Stepney' and 'Bluebell' with two coaches painted in blue!



'Stepney' locomotive ©Bluebell Railway

The railway official opening was on 7th August 1960 and I was on duty in the car park that day. It was reckoned that we had 2,000 visitors of which about 900 travelled on a number of round trips!

The following weekend we waited to see if visitors would return. They did so in large numbers and have done so ever since. The Bluebell has gone from strength to strength and is now eleven miles long, has returned to East Grinstead and built a new museum, carriage sheds and locomotive works.

When we started all those years ago, the Rev'd Bishop Geoffrey Ward, the Bishop of Lewes gave us his blessing. We are a non-profit organisation made up almost entirely of volunteers, and I believe that if it were not for God's will we would not be where we are now.

So on 7th August 2020, I will have been with the Bluebell for 60 years and to think that we went home after the first meeting in 1959 with £89 in the bank!

The Blue Railway today

The best laid plans of mice and men ...! 2020 was going to be a big celebration year for the railway and then came along Covid-19 and everything had to stop.

The railway has been under lockdown since March with no trains and no restoration being possible. As we rely on fares and catering receipts, we have asked our members for support. I am pleased to say that an appeal for £25,000 has been met with a reply of over £320,000 so far. This keeps the wolf from the door.

With the end of Lockdown in sight, an opening date of 7th August 2020 was proposed, that being the anniversary of the original opening in 1960. The re-opening of the railway following Lockdown did go ahead, but the three days of gala events that were planned have been postponed until August 2021. You can find more details on it on the Bluebell railway website and their newsletter: <https://www.bluebell-railway.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/The-Bluebell-Times-Issue-11.pdf>

SOME FACTS:-

- ◆ 35 Locomotives (32 steam including new build)
- ◆ Approx 92 carriages
- ◆ 83 Wagons/vans
- ◆ Approx 60 full-time members
- ◆ 750 volunteers
- ◆ 10,500 BRPS members
- ◆ Approx £4 million annual turnover
- ◆ Coal bill of £3,300 per week in the main season
- ◆ The Bluebell is now the largest landowner in Sussex outside of Gatwick Airport and has the longest tunnel in the UK at 750 yards for a heritage line.

Horsted Keynes station
© Bluebell Railway



***"I've done the best I can
For lack of some more learned man!"
A. A. Milne***



Mental health and Covid-19

It is important to be as kind and patient as possible with other people this autumn. Covid-19 has turned many millions of lives upside-down, and the resulting distress, anxiety, fear, grief and economic meltdown means that now widespread mental illness is inevitable. So says the new president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Dr Adrian James warns of 'multiple layers' to the fallout from the pandemic, both for people with pre-existing mental health conditions and also for those who have never suffered before. NHS front-line staff will need support, while those who have had a serious case of Covid-19 may suffer anything from post-traumatic stress disorder to a full-blown psychosis.

Dr James says: "There will be very significant mental illness consequences of Covid, and we need to be ready."

Meanwhile, up to one in five Britons may have contemplated self-harming during lockdown, according to some separate research by University College London.

Editor: The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, reports on a recent warning from the Trussell Trust.

Churches warned to prepare for 'tidal wave of poverty'

Church leaders are being urged to be ready to respond to the lasting impact of the pandemic on the country's poorest people. The effect on urban, suburban and rural communities is likely to be severe with many thousands of jobs being lost and livelihoods threatened. The poorest in society may find themselves hardest hit.

Churches are being encouraged to respond to the devastating impact of the pandemic and to build on the numerous social projects already in place.

The Trussell Trust that supports around 1200 UK foodbanks is warning of a 'tidal wave of poverty' poised to engulf the country.

Chief Executive Emma Revie has called on church leaders to talk to their congregations about justice and compassion and to work to address the root causes of poverty.

Speaking at a Bible Society webinar she encouraged church leaders "increasingly to talk to their congregations about God's concern for justice and compassion to characterise the structures of our society: the way our benefit system works, the way our economy functions, people's employment conditions and wage levels.

Emma Revie said that the Trussell Trust was "very clear that food banks are not a solution to poverty" and the charity wanted "to see people experiencing fulness of life and not being trapped by poverty."

She praised the vital role played by churches in running foodbanks and encouraged congregations "That when we pray for our foodbanks, that we would also allow ourselves room to lament the injustices that make them necessary in the first place and seek wisdom about how we might be part of bringing about change.

"Because if we don't concern ourselves with these things, the tidal wave of poverty is going to be too high and too powerful for us to respond to and we will see many more people being swept into destitution in the UK."

At the webinar 'Mission during lockdown and beyond,' the Bible Society published research showing that church leaders are expecting increased demand for food banks, poverty relief, mental health work, bereavement support, relationship counselling, as well as courses such as Alpha that introduce people to the Christian faith.

The insights resonate with responses to the impact of the pandemic from other church leaders. The Bishop of Tonbridge, Simon Burton-Jones, warned a Church of England webinar that the pandemic would cause growth in the 'precariat', the numbers of people on zero-hours contracts or juggling several jobs to survive.

'Big Conversation' launched on clergy care and wellbeing

Churches and clergy across the country are to join in a nationwide discussion, the 'Big Conversation', aimed at improving the care and wellbeing of ministers.

It follows the recent welcome of the *Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing at General Synod*. Now General Synod has asked that the whole church reflect on the questions it poses over the next two years. Hence, the 'Big Conversation'.

The Covenant commits all parts of the Church, as well as individual clergy, to sharing responsibility for the welfare of ministers and their households.

Recommendations include promoting awareness of stress and the dangers of burnout as part of training for ordained ministry. Also, there will be new resources for licensing and induction services that highlight the care and wellbeing of clergy. The Group also recommended more pastoral supervision for clergy through coaching or mentoring.

The Revd Canon Simon Butler, who headed the Working Group, said: "The care and wellbeing of the clergy is crucial to the health of the Church at worship, in mission, and in pastoral care."

Churches and young people in lockdown

Recent research by the Allchurches Trust has found that lockdown had one good result: it was "a major driver for churches to embrace digital opportunities and engage with families online."

The research found that in recent months, more than half of churches (55 per cent) have been able to engage children and young people through regular online worship; 46 per cent have run family focused online activities for children and parents; and 31 per cent have run online activities and challenges for young people. Similar numbers have reached out by phone and e-mail.

A spokesman for the Trust said: "What's heartening are the many examples of churches that have quickly adapted to launch online activities ... when physical youth work was not an option." The churches have been "creative in meeting the needs of the families and young people they work with" and "reaching others they may not previously have been able to engage."

Around £1.4 million pounds has now been given to more than 140 projects across the UK and Ireland since Allchurches Trust's *Growing Lives* programme launched in May 2019. It is aimed at enabling churches and Christian charities to help young people reach their potential. More at: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk>

Capel Christmas Fair Saturday 14th November 2020 - CANCELLED

It is with great sadness that Debbie and I have decided to cancel the first Capel Christmas Fair 2020 in aid of our Parish churches in Capel & Ockley and the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

It was due to take place on Saturday 14th November in Capel and we have now advised our stallholders and charities.

We are aiming for **Saturday 13th November 2021** in both Capel's Memorial & Parish halls as before and have re-invited the same stalls and food providers. We very much hope that Covid-19 will be more under control by then and we can proceed.

Suzanne Cole & Debbie von Bergen



Celebrating 400th anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower*

If we find it difficult to cross the Atlantic just now, it was even worse 400 years this month. On 6th September 1620, 102 determined Puritans climbed on board the *Mayflower* and set sail from Plymouth. They had 30 crew to steer them across 3000 miles of open, perilous ocean.

Those Puritans, or 'Pilgrim fathers', could never have dreamed that their journey would become one of the most influential in world history. Their courage and purpose for the voyage would help shape the very history and culture of the USA.



The Pilgrim fathers themselves were in search of religious freedom and a new life. Years before they had rejected the Church of England, due to its Roman Catholic past, and in 1608 they had moved to Holland, where they could worship freely. But life was very hard there, and so the New World beckoned to them.

They had originally intended to use two ships, but the *Speedwell* sprang a leak shortly after sailing, and so they crowded as many as possible into the *Mayflower*. After a long and difficult 10 weeks at sea, they reached America, but could not reach their intended destination, Virginia, because of heavy seas. They finally landed in Provincetown Harbor, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on 11th November.

That presented the next great challenge: the bitter, harsh winter of Massachusetts. Half of the Pilgrims perished that first winter, of hunger and cold. Without the help of the local Indigenous peoples to teach them food-gathering and other survival skills, all of the colony would probably have perished.

After months of hard work, by the 'Fall' of 1621 the tiny colony had its first harvest. They celebrated this great achievement with their new Indigenous friends. It became Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims had been convinced that God wanted them to go to the New World. They wrote: "We verily believe and trust the Lord is with us, and that He will graciously prosper our endeavours according to the simplicity of our hearts therein."

The *Mayflower* was one of the earliest pilgrim vessels, and so became a cultural icon in the history of the United States. This year, until coronavirus put a stop to things, many celebrations in the USA, England and the Netherlands had been planned.

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/>

William Mullins of West Street in Dorking was one of the Pilgrims and there is a blue plaque erected on West Street, Dorking in his memory. More details of him and his family can be found on the Mayflower 400 website.

William Mullins

Born: 1572, Dorking

Died: 1621, Plymouth

William Mullins made one of the largest investments in the Pilgrims joint stock company and unusually became a passenger. Mullins was accompanied by his wife (Alice), daughter (Priscilla - 17) and son (Joseph - 15). His 2 older children - Sarah and William remained in Dorking. William, Alice and Joseph all died in the first winter of 1620/1621. Priscilla married the *Mayflower's* cooper John Allen in 1622 and together had 10 children.

The website is well worth visiting including this page on passengers:

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/education/mayflower-passengers-list-an-interactive-guide/>

There are many other fascinating stories and details on the website too!

Louis Pasteur – ‘father’ of microbiology

A tiny invisible thing that brings disease and death where have we heard that before?! But Louis Pasteur, who died 125 years ago this month, on 28th September 1895, was not interested in a virus from China, but in tiny living organisms that brought disease and death in other ways.

Pasteur made some outstanding breakthroughs. He discovered the principles of vaccination, and then created the first vaccines for anthrax and rabies. His medical discoveries provided support for the germ theory of disease and nullified the theory of spontaneous generation.

But Louis Pasteur is best known for his invention of the technique of treating milk and wine to stop bacterial contamination, a process that was named after him: pasteurisation. In doing so, he saved the French beer, wine and silk industries.

All in all, this gifted French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist well deserves his title as the ‘father of microbiology,’ and to be seen as one of the three main founders of bacteriology.

Editor: Ten years ago this month Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was canonised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. These lines are from his great work ‘The Dream of Gerontius’, and have become a very well-loved hymn...

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came...

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways....

By John Henry Newman

***NEW 4th Sept St Birinus – apostle of Wessex. Died 650**

Did you ever feel that God was calling you to do something big for Him, even though you were not quite sure of the details? If so, Birinus is the saint for you.

He was a French Benedictine monk who in 634 was made a bishop at Genoa, and sent by Pope Honorius 1 to extend the evangelisation of England. (Augustine had arrived in Canterbury about 35 years before.)

Birinus landed at Hamwic, near Southampton. His original plan was to evangelise Wessex and then penetrate up into the Midlands, where no preacher had ever yet reached. But Birinus soon found the West Saxons so pagan that he decided to concentrate just on them.

Birinus had little to help him become the apostle to Wessex. So, he simply used what he did have: his own two feet and his voice. He wandered around preaching at every opportunity, trusting in God to help him. And He did: Birinus became known and respected, and soon a big breakthrough occurred: for political reasons the King of Wessex, Cynegils, wanted to convert to Christianity, and he asked Birinus to help him.

So Birinus instructed and baptised King Cynegils, who was then able to marry the Christian king of Northumbria's daughter, Cyneburg, and in due course Birinus baptised their family as well.

In return, Cynegils gave Birinus the town of Dorchester (upon Thames) to be his diocesan see. It was a perfect location: a Romano-British town right on a road and a river, in the midst of a populated area.

During his 15 years as Bishop of Dorchester, Birinus baptised many people and built churches all over the area, with the king's blessing.

Before he died in 650, Birinus dedicated a church at Winchester. It was a glimpse of the future: for Winchester's growing importance made it inevitable that in time it would also become the ecclesiastical centre of the kingdom.

Editor: As we marked VJ Day recently, this makes interesting reading.

2nd September: The New Guinea Martyrs of 1942

The Anglican Church in Australia still honours the New Guinea Martyrs of 1942. These brave men and women, 10 Australians and two Papuans, refused to leave their missionary work on the island as the Japanese military forces advanced. As one tribute to them put it: *'They knowing full well the risk, elected to stay with their flock.'*

The missionaries were serving the people of Papua New Guinea as Christian priests, teachers, workers and medical nurses. All twelve were unarmed as they were going about their normal missionary work. They were probably killed for no reason at all, other than to pre-empt any possibility that they might be a danger to the Japanese in the future. Or perhaps they were killed out of some vague Japanese hatred of Australian Christians, who were poles apart from the then fanatical Emperor-worship that enveloped the whole military strategy of Japan.

The martyrs were:

In Gona, on the NE coast of Papua: May Hayman (medical sister), and Mavis Parkinson (teacher): both bayoneted to death.

In villages inland from Gona: Vivian Redlich (priest), Margery Brenchley (medical sister), Lillar Lashmar (teacher), Henry Holland, (priest), John Duffill (carpenter): all beheaded. Also, Lucian Tapiedi, an indigenous Papuan: axed to death. (A statue of Tapiedi now stands as a memorial above the West Door of Westminster Abbey.)

Outer islands: John Barge (priest), Bernard Moore (priest), boat sunk.

In open sea: Henry Mathews (priest), Leslie Gariadi (Papuan assistant): boat sunk and men machine-gunned in water.

Today the Church also remembers the more than 300 church workers of all churches who were killed in 1942, during the Japanese occupation of Papua New Guinea.

Korea is known for its thriving Christian Church. But it was not always so – in fact no Korean had been baptised there as late as 1784. Christianity arrived in Korea through Christian books sent from China, and the Koreans responded warmly as soon as they heard the Good News. A Chinese priest who visited in 1794 found 4,000 Christians. This despite hard times: the Chinese priest was killed in 1801, and the Koreans were left without a priest for 30 years. Then Pope Pius VII sent a bishop, Laurence Imbert, who arrived in disguise in 1837, who worked with two other priests of the same Paris Missionary Society. Christianity was strictly forbidden by this time, and so the missionaries worked in complete secrecy, rising at 2.30 am and ministering at unusual times in conditions of extreme poverty.

And the Korean Church grew! Soon there were 9,000 Christians, who could not remain secret forever. Violent persecution broke out, and the three French priests allowed themselves to be taken, in order to avert massacre and apostasy. They were beheaded at Seoul on 21 September 1839. 78 Korean Christians died in the same persecution, among them Agatha Kim and John Ri. The first Korean priest to be martyred was Andrew Kim, in 1846. These shining Christians of the Korean Church were beatified in 1925 and canonised in 1984.

29th September: Enter all the angels, led by Michael

By Canon David Winter

What is an angel? Easy, people think: a shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a very special message from him.

Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. After all, the three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was long past child-bearing age had none of those outward embellishments. Nevertheless, Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.

The Bible is full of angels, from the early chapters of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, and often they had a key role in crucial events. It seems, from just two instances, that Michael was their leader, an 'archangel'. In many stained glass windows he's seen with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host who fought and defeated Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist. An angel, Gabriel, appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. An angel appeared 'in a dream' to Joseph, the village carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to go ahead and marry his fiancée, Mary, and later - also in a dream - warned him not to go back to Bethlehem. A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5).

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be sufficient to show that the word covers an enormous diversity of experience. So the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of those who practice hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels for who they were, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, quite simply, are God's agents or emissaries, messengers and ministers of His will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could even say that *anyone*, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So, when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer the heart of the matter than we think!

Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: “I’m reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. “I’m flying my kite,” he replied.

The man replied: “What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can’t see a thing.”

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, “but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!”

When it comes to God, you don’t need to take anyone else’s word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings that though you can’t see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!

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Don't allow the modern culture to rule your life

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. (Psalm 111:10)

“Remember,” said W.C. Fields, “a dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream.” This quotation, reproduced on T-shirts and in management books, appeals to our sense of nonconformist individuality. The reality, though, is that most of us want to belong and win approval. We fear the consequences of challenging toxic organisational cultures, disagreeing with accepted workplace wisdom, or showing any weakness. To go against the flow, to be distinctive in God-honouring ways, takes courage.

The psalmist emphasises that ‘the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom’. This godly fear is not to be placed alongside our fears of the opinions of our colleagues, important though they are, but takes precedence over them. Paul puts it starkly: ‘If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ’ (Galatians 1:10).

The biblical wisdom is not merely intellectual capacity, but is linked with discipline and discernment, shrewdness and skill. It’s also profoundly countercultural, as Jesus’ own teaching illustrates: in order to live we are called to die; the first shall be last; giving away leads to being entrusted with much (Luke 6:38).

In our relationships, Jesus calls us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44). Moreover, God’s wisdom, which looks foolish and weak in the world’s eyes, is seen supremely in the cross, where it is shown that ‘the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength’ (1 Corinthians 1:25).

The phrase ‘fear of the LORD’ uses the covenantal name of God, implying a committed relationship of reverence and awe. If we allow the culture of our workplaces and the time pressures we experience to squeeze the fear of God out of our ‘wisdom’, we risk becoming ‘practical atheists’, where our responses to situations are barely distinguishable from those of our non-believing colleagues.

Miscellaneous observations on our Christian walk...

God doesn't want our success; He wants us. He doesn't demand our achievements; He demands our obedience. - *Charles Colson*

I believe in loyalty to the local church. I don't believe in that view of the invisible Church that makes you invisible at church! - *Vance Havner*

When we are truly abandoned to God, He works through us all the time. - *Oswald Chambers*

Prayer is not about doing lots and lots of things, but clearing the space for God to be there.
- *Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury*

Modern prophets write as though God existed by kind permission of man, but the prophets of old wrote as though man existed by kind permission of God. - *Anon*

It would be even worse to think of those who get what they pray for as sort of court favourites, people who have influence with the throne. The refused prayer of Christ in Gethsemane is answer enough to that.
- *CS Lewis*

I know the Bible is inspired because it finds me at a greater depth of my being than any other book.
- *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

Our worship rings hollow if in our daily lives we despoil the world around us (the proof of God's provision) and neglect our sisters and brothers who bear the image of the Creator. - *The Rev Andrew Dotchin*

A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming. - *Martin Luther*

Paul was thankful for others – brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow servants, ministry partners. In his correspondence Paul didn't just leave it at generalised expressions of gratitude – he often took time to identify specific individuals for whom he was grateful and to let them know how much he appreciated their contribution to his life. Do we do that? - *Nancy Leigh DeMoss*

Things to make you smile

As Party Conference season begins and the US Presidential election draws closer

Are politicians the oldest profession?

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," admitted the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," the politician pointed out in triumph, "somebody had to have created the chaos in the first place!"

Decide

Politician to aide: "About their charge that I'm indecisive – do you think I should answer it, or let it go, or answer it in part, or what?"

Old

Old politicians never die. They just run once too often.

Public office

If you want to find out what's wrong with a man, elect him to public office.

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Place of witness worth stopping for

Ted Harrison reflects on an empty rural church, where he found rest for the spirit

APART from one sneaky, two-minute visit to my local church, when I spotted that the churchwarden had opened up to check the building, I hadn't been inside a church for 125 days. That was until the other day, when, to my delight, I came across an ancient country church in the heart of Wales, tried the big iron handle on the old studded door, and found, to my surprise and delight, that the door opened. I had never been to that particular church before, but going inside was like meeting an old friend — one of those friends one doesn't often see, but the moment you are together you pick up the friendship exactly where you left it.

Everything inside the church was so comfortingly typical and familiar. It was a plain, 13th-century structure, with straight-backed Victorian pews, whitewashed walls, unpretentious pulpit, unfussy sanctuary — indeed, few embellishments of any kind, bar a couple of modest memorials to long-dead squires. There were prayer books in a neat row on a shelf at the back of the church; numbers were still on the hymn board from the last service; and a visitors' book, with just one entry since mid-March (and that was dated the day before) — a veritable time capsule of rural Anglicanism. It was a place where 800 years of the prayers and stories of a community were absorbed into the walls.



Some people, I am sure, would have looked around and seen nothing but a sad reminder of the continuing and relentless decline in churchgoing and rural life. The church was in a glorious position that had been first been consecrated as a sacred Christian place when a hermit settled there in the Dark Ages. In the churchyard was a holy well, now almost completely hidden by brambles. And there were several great yew trees, which may well have been growing before the church was built.

What was missing was a community for the church to serve. There must once have been a village, but, today, the church stands in complete isolation. It can be reached only down a narrow, winding, no-through lane. There is no passing traffic. My wife and I found it because we were looking for it.

I am sure that it would have still had a small, ageing, dedicated congregation who, pre-Covid, would drive there for Sunday worship. There was, I am sure, no longer a vicar — just, I guess, an over-worked priest-in-charge who would rush in to take occasional services before rushing off to his or her next appointment. What a change from the days when the church had its own incumbent who lived in the grand Georgian house a mile away across the fields.

A DISTANT planner in a diocesan office would be forgiven for wondering what purpose the church served. It is, no doubt, high up on a bishop's list for closure. Tastefully converted, it would make a wonderful rural retreat for a wealthy Londoner, and, by selling it, the diocese could raise thousands of pounds. With central funds' having taken a nasty hit from the fall-off in income because of coronavirus, the money would come in very handy.

And yet I know that the church serves a purpose that cannot appear on a balance sheet. I had never been there before, but my wife had visited it, pre-pandemic, with a friend. On that occasion, the church was not empty. Situated on a cross-country footpath as it is, there were walkers inside who had called in on their way past. From the evidence of the visitors' book, it would appear that, in normal times, the church is seen by a steady stream of hikers. It stands as a witness to the eternal nature of God in a frantic world.

It has seen wars, famines, and plagues, but remained constant. It was there during the years of the Black Death. It stood firm during the Civil War. It has seen religious fashions swing from Catholicism to Puritanism and back again. It has been at the heart of celebrations and mourning. It has survived upheavals and disruptions of all kinds. It will long outlive any memories of the Covid-19 lockdown.

We are currently going through a general period of decline in formal religious practice. This, coupled with the depopulation of the countryside, means that the old purpose of churches such as this one is changing. They are no longer parish churches for the families, farms, and workers living around, but places for outsiders to discover — often by chance. They are resting places for walkers. Places for them to shelter, pause, and, in the silence, reflect. A kind of spiritual service station on the journey through life.

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Churches leaders call to end Belarus violence

by Jonathan Luxmoore

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Church leaders seek dialogue in Belarus amid strife over election result

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Workers at Belaruskaly, a large producer of potash fertilisers in Belarus, join an opposition rally in the centre of Soligorsk, on Wednesday Church leaders in Belarus have appealed for peace and dialogue, as mass protests and strikes continued against the rule of President Alexander Lukashenko after disputed elections on 9 August (News, 14 August).

“The past week has been a time of national upheaval for all of us, as confusion and division reached our common home,” the Belarusian Orthodox Church’s governing synod said. “We categorically condemn violence, torture, humiliation, groundless detention, extremism in all its forms and manifestations, lies, and treachery — if we do not come together to stop this confrontation today, it will have irreversible destructive consequences for our country.”

The appeal was issued on Monday as President Lukashenko, who has been in power since 1994, was heckled as he gave an address at a tractor plant in Minsk, and European Union leaders prepared to discuss sanctions later in the week.

The synod urged “provocateurs and instigators” to avoid “destabilising the country and dividing the people”, but also called on the Belarusian government to “stop the violence”, and ensure that “those involved in atrocity and cruelty” were brought to justice.

The country’s minority Roman Catholic Church also urged citizens to make Belarus a place of “love, truth, justice, and peace”.

“Blood has been shed, leaving many physical and moral victims, including peaceful and innocent people of all ages,” the RC Bishops’ Conference said, in a message read in churches on Sunday. “We condemn every act of violence committed by brother against brother. We therefore call again for an end to unnecessary aggression, and for dialogue for humanity and society.”

Up to 200,000 people joined a Sunday demonstration in the capital, a week after Belarus’s official commission awarded President Lukashenko his sixth election win, with 80.1 per cent of votes in contrast with the 10.12 per cent of his nearest challenger, Svetlana Tikhonovskaya, a 37-year-old teacher, who fled to neighbouring Lithuania after the ballot.

It was the largest in a wave of post-election protests, which had left at least two dead, hundreds injured, and more than 7000 detained by this week. On Tuesday, however, President Lukashenko accused opposition activists of attempting “to seize power”, and awarded medals to security officials involved in the crackdown.

The Patriarchal Exarch of the Belarusian Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Pavel Ponomarev of Minsk & Slutsk, ordered peace prayers at all churches and monasteries “for those holding power in the country and those who live in it”, while the Church’s media office said that Orthodox clergy and laity had assisted the detained and injured. A church spokesman, Sergij Lepin, told Radio Liberty that Metropolitan Pavel had “asked forgiveness” for sending President Lukashenko “premature congratulations”, after viewing coverage of the mass detentions, although the media office denied claims that the congratulatory message had been withdrawn.

Speaking to journalists before visiting injured protesters and onlookers at a Minsk hospital on Monday, the Metropolitan urged “those coming to Belarus with impudent aims” to return home, and said that he hoped to discuss a “peaceful resolution” with government representatives.

Media reports, however, said that Metropolitan Pavel faced growing opposition from Orthodox clergy, some of whom have joined peace marches, and that he could be forced from office if President Lukashenko resigned.

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Churches leaders call to end Belarus violence continued

Orthodox Christians nominally make up around half of Belarus's population of 9.4 million, according to 2017 data; Roman Catholics constitute 12 per cent, alongside smaller Protestant communities. On Tuesday, the Archbishop of Minsk & Mahilyow, Mgr Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz, president of the RC Bishops' Conference in Belarus, urged the Interior Minister, Yuri Kuraev, to allow priests to visit detainees, but said that he had received no official response to an offer to convene an "emergency round table" of the government and opposition.

"The beating of peaceful demonstrators who want to know the truth, their cruel treatment and inhumane detention, is a grave sin on the conscience of those who give criminal orders and commit violence," Archbishop Kondrusiewicz told state officials in a weekend message.

In its appeal on Monday, the Belarusian synod said that the Orthodox Church would remain "outside politics", and called on citizens to ensure that the country remained "peaceful, independent and prosperous".

The Pope urged "respect for justice and rights" during Sunday prayers in Rome, and said that he was "following attentively the post-electoral situation".

The head of Ukraine's newly created independent Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Epifaniy Dumenko, however, urged Orthodox Belarusians to protect their "democratic and independent future" by seeking their own self-governing Church.

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Make me a Channel of your peace

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A volunteer with refugees in northern France finds that faith may still motivate the form of service

IN A year without public celebrations of Easter, Eid Mubarak included an invitation to tea. The venue was a derelict warehouse in Dunkirk, and the hosts were Kurdish refugees aged from 15 to 60 — survivors of persecution who were desperate to risk the journey to a land that they could see some day, and where they hoped to find family, or at least a place of refuge.

They were surrounded by wind-blown rubbish, a supermarket trolley raised on a pulley to keep out mice, and some broken and some inhabited tents. Two men sang a hymn while another prayed on a perfectly kept rug. Outside, volunteers had set up a charging point for the phones that kept the refugees in touch with remaining family members, and distributed food. The hope, as more agencies returned, was to provide underwear and shoes; for, when the pandemic struck and other agencies pulled out, all the energy went into food provision. As one refugee said, it was hard to concentrate on Covid-19 rather than death by hunger.

Shortly afterwards, the warehouses were demolished; then, on the eve of a visit by the British Home Secretary, the camp was "cleared", and its occupants were bused to distant parts. With some families living here, this was not the most brutal of the evictions: that was reserved for the young men living in woods around Calais. Raids there started at 5 a.m. one day, when they were forced on to buses, with no social distancing, and their tents and possessions confiscated, and were dispersed to distant parts. A few managed to remain, but were denied access to food, water, or shelter.

The "Jungle" was "cleared" some years ago, and the unaccompanied children were abandoned in actions that shame us. Refugees are still drawn to the coast, seeking reunion with anyone, however distantly related, and willing to risk the icy night attempt on the Channel. Every one of those 1800 or so people "cleared" from the camps this month has a story. The times of terror are not far below the surface



Illegal camp resident's warehouse dwelling.

of memory here, and, sometimes, the physical scars and mutilations of the journey and its captivities are on view. The eyes of the young, full of hurt and hope, are searing, however much we place protective barriers around the soul so that it is not overwhelmed.

IT IS not illegal to be a refugee, to seek somewhere safe; and they deserve support. The provision of safe and legal routes to another country is urgently needed: a task for politicians of good will. While both countries sell arms that permit the contributory conflicts and oppressions, France has taken in far more refugees than the UK. Most refugees seek to register in the under-prioritised systems of either country, and to contribute; and yet they find themselves trapped, unwanted.

As the climate crisis deepens, more will come. Until the pandemic, the French authorities provided some basic facilities, and then permitted voluntary work to continue. Not all the military police were brutal, and many Calaisiennes showed tolerance.

There is solidarity among refugees, even when there is no common language, faith, or culture; and there is courtesy towards humanitarian workers. Even when fear, frustration, and the effects of ravaged mental health are uppermost, the human spirit surprises with its generosity. And, in spite of new arrivals, the squalid conditions, and the inevitable damage to their physical and mental health, Covid-19 has, so far, not spread.

The stories are well-known to those who choose to inform themselves: the need to flee; the dangers of the Sahara and Mediterranean; extortion and torture in Libya; hostility and exploitation in Europe; all that drives people here. We hear, too, of the faith that holds lives together, amid the horrors.

IN TERMS of Covid-19, what draws people to volunteer, other than a sense of duty and solidarity, and shame for their nation? It is hardly cheap: all pay their own way, and most self-isolate beforehand, and afterwards as well. The hours are long, and, for some, the experience was emotionally overwhelming.

The volunteers were mostly younger British citizens, who used the time of unemployment, gaps in study, or furloughing, to work in northern France. There was a speaker of Kurdish and Arabic; a church organist and scuba-diver instructor who offered first aid; another first-aider furloughed from mine-clearance in Cambodia; a dentist newly recovered from Covid-19; a businesswoman; and some remarkable undergraduates. Behind them were thousands who supported their work with money, prayer, and publicity.

The reasons for volunteering were, for a few, a practical expression of faith. This motivation gained bemused acceptance by those who respected the faith encountered among refugees, but had otherwise viewed it as an activity for the elderly, or something presented brazenly as instruction, not exploration. The Church of the future will need to engage respectfully with the spiritual wisdom of outsiders.

THE experience of Covid-19 requires us to resist a return to those aspects of the former status quo which are immoral or unfeasible. Political will is needed to tackle the refugee crisis: our laws were designed for the period after the Second World War, and then refined during the Cold War, when the numbers arriving were small. As the world heats up, more will be uprooted, and treating them with brutality does not work. We have exported our border controls — from the UK to northern France, from Europe to Libya — and ducked responsibility for what happens.

The pandemic shows that a virus crosses borders in days. With governments astray in a world that puts business before people, taking our crises seriously might show that people of faith have, after all, the will and courage to serve, speak out, and be part of the future.

The author (who has asked to remain anonymous) volunteered with the charity Care4Calais.

A volunteer with refugees in northern France finds that faith may still motivate the form of service

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Darkness is coming, not twilight,
nor the eclipse
but a place in the soul grows silent,
over Europe, overseas.
In places where most live in fear,
our brothers' tales stay unheard.

When he came
across the desert of bones
that will not flesh again;

when he was a slave, like Joseph,
scarred by lost labour,
imprisoned with no stars;

he longed for the land of promise.

He crossed a poisoned sea
in a hungry sunset,
packed in a boat that foundered.

Fishermen drew up skulls, socket-dark
facing the promised land.

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Of course, Vicar, you are most welcome to some harvest milk.
Would you like 4% fat, 3.5% fat, 1% fat, pre-treated, post-treated,
homogenised, whole, skimmed, semi-skimmed or flavoured...?



New titles just published

21 August 2020

Dementia, conversations on consciousness and morality, and the writings of St Paul are featured in books recently published

Dementia: A very short introduction by Kathleen Taylor (OUP, £8.99 (£8.09); 978-0-19-882578-4).

“Offers a clear guide to dementia, covering its history and its definition, different types and their symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, and the underlying science; explains why we still have no cure for dementia, and looks at current research which could soon change that; discusses both the human costs of brain disorders, and also their costs to society; looks at risk factors, and how to lower our chances of succumbing to dementia”

Making Sense: Conversations on consciousness, morality and the future of humanity by Sam Harris (Bantam Press, £20 (£18); 978-1-78-763379-7).

“Sam Harris has been exploring some of the greatest questions concerning the human mind, society, and the events that shape our world. Harris's search for deeper understanding of how we think has led him to engage and exchange with some of our most brilliant and controversial contemporary minds to unpack and clarify ideas of consciousness, free will, extremism, and ethical living. For Harris, honest conversation, no matter how difficult or contentious, represents the only path to moral and intellectual progress. Featuring eleven conversations from the hit podcast, these electric exchanges fuse wisdom with rigorous interrogation to shine a light on what it means to make sense of our world today.”

The New Cambridge Companion to St Paul, edited by Bruce W. Longenecker (CUP, £22.99 (£20.69); 978-1-108-43828-5).

“The New Cambridge Companion to St Paul provides an invaluable entryway into the study of Paul and his letters. Composed of sixteen essays by an international team of scholars, it explores some of the key issues in the current study of his dynamic and demanding theological discourse. The volume first examines Paul's life and the first-century context in which he and his communities lived. Contributors then analyze particular writings by comparing and contrasting at least two selected letters, while thematic essays examine topics of particular importance, including how Paul read scripture, his relation to Judaism and monotheism, why his message may have been attractive to first-century audiences, how his message was elaborated in various ways in the first four centuries, and how his theological discourse might relate to contemporary theological discourse and ideological analysis today.”

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Happy Birthday, Glastonbury Festival

Editor: I'm sure many of our readers will have been to Glastonbury and I know that Phil Partridge volunteers there every summer so he can enjoy the music! Happy Birthday Glastonbury! **Page 28**

Glastonbury Festival. The name conjures up images of world-famous bands and singers making loud music before enthusiastic crowds who are up to their knees in mud.

The statistics for the famous Pyramid stage are impressive: standing 25 metres tall, it has 292 audio speakers and 8.5 km of cables for video and audio. It has 354 microphones and 3743 lightbulbs. The festival uses about 27 megawatts of power, enough to power the city of Bath.

It all began 50 years ago this month, on 19th September 1970, when a farmer, Michael Eavis, opened his farm, Worthy Farm near Pilton in Somerset, for a festival. He called it the Pilton Pop, Blues & Folk Festival and about 1,500 people turned up. It was a success, soon had changed its name, and by 1981 it had become an annual event.

Glastonbury was born out of the hippie ethic and free festival movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s. It is now the world's largest greenfield festival, attracting about 135,000 each year.



Here are some highlights:

By 1985 the festival had grown too large for Worthy Farm, but neighbouring Cockmill Farm was purchased.

1989 saw impromptu, unofficial sound systems spring up around the festival site. They would play loud, electronic acid house music 'round the clock.

1994 saw Channel 4's *4 Goes to Glastonbury* bring televised coverage of the festival.

1996 saw the release of *Glastonbury the Movie*.

In 1997 major sponsorship arrived from *The Guardian* and the BBC, but also heavy rain which turned the entire site into a muddy bog.

1998 brought more severe floods and storms, but that year attendance broke the 100,000 mark.

1999 was a hot dry year, much to the relief of organisers and festival goers.

2000 saw an estimated 250,000 people attend the festival (only 100,000 tickets were sold) due to gate-crashers.

In 2003 the issue of 150,000 tickets sold out within one day.

By 2005, the enclosed area of the festival was over 900 acres. 150,000 people attended more than 385 live performances, but heavy thunderstorms saw several stages struck by lightning, and flash floods of four feet deep.

2007 brought so much torrential rain that everything was covered in mud. When cars took more than nine hours to exit the saturated fields, violence erupted.

2008 saw biodegradable tent pegs and biotractors running on waste vegetable oil.

In 2010 Michael Eavis joined headline artist Stevie Wonder to sing 'Happy Birthday', for the festival's 40th year. The weather was kind: three days of abundant sunshine made it the first rain-free festival since 2002, and the hottest since the festival began. The 2015 festival made good use of the hundreds of pairs of wellington boots discarded by festival goers – they were donated to the migrant camp at Calais.

In 2017 the BBC renewed its exclusive national rights to broadcast the event until 2022.

Then this Spring, in March 2020, the 50th anniversary of the festival had to be cancelled due to coronavirus. The next Glastonbury Festival is planned for June 2021.

A local business in Capel makes speakers for Glastonbury Festival amongst other things. You might like to check out this article on their website: <https://www.funktion-one.com/news/memories-of-glastonburys-first-permanent-pyramid-stage/>

It is more important to know where you are going than to get there quickly. Do not mistake activity for achievement. - *Mabel Newcomer*

Two quick ways to disaster are to take nobody's advice and to take everybody's advice. - *Anon*

I can always tell when I am going to give birth to an idea. My writer's cramps start coming two minutes apart. - *Anon*

Waiting is not a waste of time so don't waste waiting. - *Anon*

I've worked myself up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty. - *Groucho Marx*

Television has been the single greatest shaper of emptiness. - *Ravi Zacharias*

Being around negative people can make you sick. - *John Gray*

My advice, if you insist on slimming, is to eat just as much as you like but just don't swallow it. - *Harry Secombe*

Looking at modern art is like trying to follow the plot in a bowl of alphabet soup. - *Anon*

There is such a bizarre assault on freedom of speech right now, and it comes mostly from the secular world. Even as someone who saw this coming, it's gotten so crazy that I'm still a little surprised myself." Dave Ruben, agnostic and popular YouTube personality.

Character is not made in a crisis – it is only exhibited. - *Robert Freeman*

Editor: Have you ever wondered what the modern press would make of biblical events?

If biblical headlines were written by today's media



On Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOUR STRIKE
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION
Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST INTO
FRENZY
400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive
Couple

On feeding the 5,000:

PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH
Disciples Mystified Over Behaviour

On healing the 10 lepers:

LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED
"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:

MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE
Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK
Reading of Will now to be Delayed

COVID-19 Privacy Notice

Online List of Clergy, Staff and Visitors to Church buildings

This notice explains how information about you will be used temporarily by the Capel and Ockley PCC during the Covid-19 pandemic crisis so we can take your booking and at the same time put in place a list of clergy, staff and visitors to the church building/s, as requested by the Government in support of NHS Test and Trace.

1. Who we are

Capel and Ockley PCC are the data controller (contact details in section 7. below). This means we decide how your personal data is used and why.

2. The information we collect about you and why we need it

We collect your data when visiting St John the Baptist, Capel or St Margaret's, Ockley for the purpose of supporting NHS Test and Trace, as requested by the Government.

Although we may have your contact details already the Covid-19 pandemic has created a unique situation and additional reasons for us to collect the name and contact telephone number of all clergy, staff and visitors who use/visit our church building/s in order to support NHS Test and Trace.

This is specifically in relation to contact tracing, which is the process of identifying, assessing, and managing people who have been exposed to a disease to prevent onward transmission and the investigation of local outbreaks.

In summary, Test and Trace:

provides testing for anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus to find out if they have the virus;
gets in touch with anyone who has had a positive test result to help them share information about any close recent contacts they have had; and
alerts those contacts, where necessary, and notifies them they need to self-isolate to help stop the spread of the virus.

This is voluntary, and you can opt out of letting us share your details with NHS Test and Trace. We will still accept your booking.

3. Lawful basis

We will use your information lawfully, as explained below:

Consent – We need your consent in order to collect your name and contact details to process your booking, and to share this with NHS Test and Trace if requested. You will give us your consent by providing your details by completing the on-line booking.

Explicit consent – We need your explicit consent to collect your data on the basis that you may have revealed a religious belief by using/visiting our church building/s. You will give us your explicit consent by completing the on-line booking and opting in/indicating “Yes” where requested, or “No” if you do not want us to share your data with Test and Trace.

You can withdraw your consent at any time after giving your details by letting us know you no longer want us to keep or share your personal data for the purpose of Test and Trace, however, once we have given your details to Test and Trace we will no longer be able to prevent processing. To contact us, please see our contact details at 7. below. We will continue to process your booking data, unless told otherwise.

4. Sharing your data

Personal data that is collected will be used only to share with NHS Test and Trace if requested. It will not be used for other purposes outside of those specified in this Privacy Notice.

5. Data Retention

We will keep your name and contact details for 3 weeks and will dispose of it after this period.

6. Your Legal Rights

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR or DPA 2018, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data: -

The right to be informed about any data we hold about you;

The right to request a copy of your personal data which we hold about you;

The right to withdraw your consent at any time, while the church body still has your data;

The right to request that we correct any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;

The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for us to retain such data;

The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;

The right to obtain and reuse your personal data to move, copy or transfer it from one IT system to another. [*only applicable for data held online*]

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vicar@capelandockleychurch.org.uk

If you do not feel that your complaint has been dealt with appropriately, please contact Maureen Chaffe at processmatters2@gmail.com.

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office. You can contact the Information Commissioners Office on 0303 123 1113 or online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/your-personal-information-concerns/> or <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

The above information will be available as posters in our churches and on our Parish website.

Wordsearch Clues

The Church gives thanks for angels in September: the 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection. Revelation is teaming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.



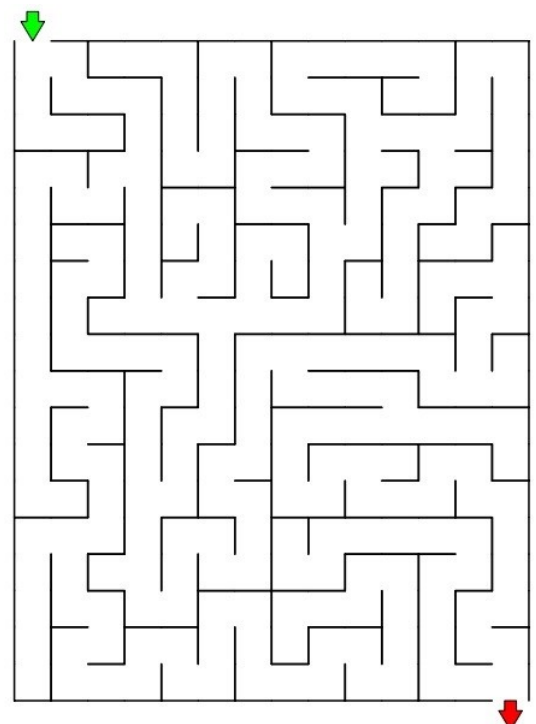
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Garden
Eden
Lot
Gideon

Balaam
Mouths
Lions
Daniel
Archangel



INFORMATION: COVID-19 SELF ISOLATION

Coronavirus Parish Angels are here to help

**If you have a NEW persistent cough, high fever or are short of breath,
you are advised to self-isolate.**

**Call a number below, and if that is busy call another.
For the Capel & Coldharbour area CALL**

**0739 596 3129
0739 596 3147
0739 596 3156**

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**0739 490 8229
0739 590 9548
0739 596 3146**

HOW THIS WORKS:

Give your name, phone number, address and your request. If you want us to collect a prescription, add your date of birth. We will pass your request on to a local helper who will arrange delivery to your doorstep - whilst retaining a social distance.

Capel Parish Council working with local communities and churches

HELP is at the end of a phone.

The Parish Website ... keeping you informed during the Coronavirus pandemic and at all times

Our church website has proved to be a lifeline during the Coronavirus pandemic and I'm sure will continue to provide a wonderful service for those unable to make it to church. The Weekly news sheets have been sent out via email to those who wish to receive it and will also continue to be uploaded to the website, as will the online services.

<https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/weekly-news-sheets/>

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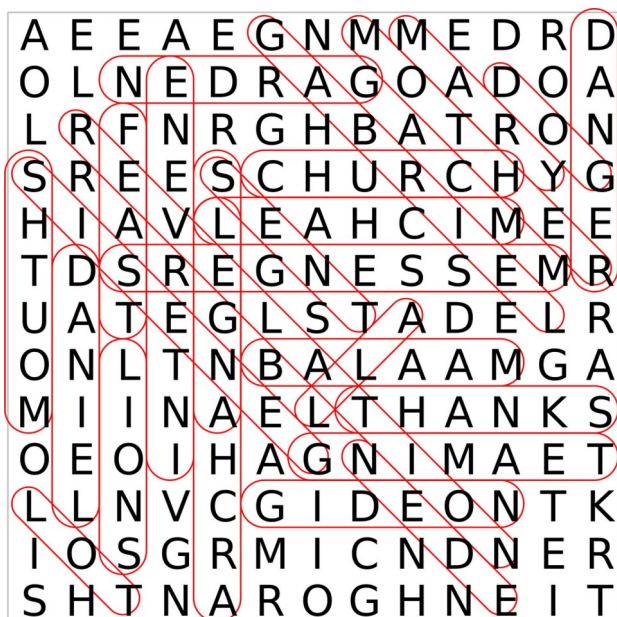
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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

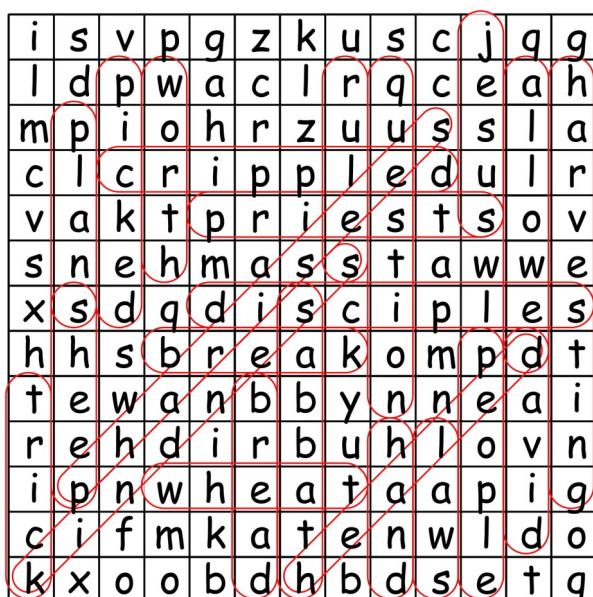
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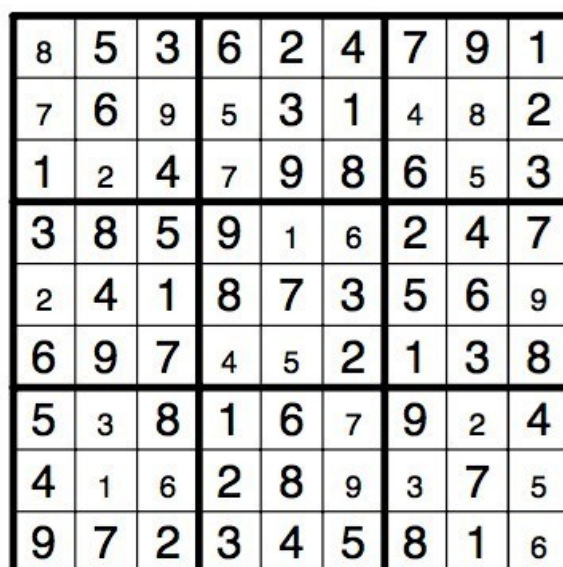
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Medium Sudoku solution



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