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Prize



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The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever — do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm138.8

An amusing sign seen on a church ...

'Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.'

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and the many happy celebrations we had
for his birthdays over the years.*

Editor: Remembering my Dad, Colin with love every day.

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Rev Liz writes

Dear Friends,

Wow - what a wonderful Jubilee we enjoyed in honour of our Queen! Involved as I am in both Capel and Ockley, I enjoyed four full days of celebration. It began with the event on the recreation ground assisting Brigadier Roger with the dedication of the Jubilee bench and tree which was a great honour. It was a lovely atmosphere under the trees, with the hog roast, music from yesteryear, and the lighting of the Jubilee beacon. The next morning, I and my fellow judges travelled all around Capel looking at who might be the winner of the best decorated house. We took notes on 42 houses in total, but the clear winners were the Queen's tea with her corgis at Yew Tree Cottage in first place, followed by Her Majesty standing at the gate of Elm House in second place and a glorious display of red, white and blue at no. 12 The Street in third place. The following were also commended by judges: 90 The Street, 36 The Street, 22 Morden Cottages, New Close Farm, 47 Rickwood Park, 2 Old Barn Drive, 73 Markham Park, 52 Markham Park, 48 Markham Park and 10 Markham Park. Thank you all for putting on such a wonderful display!



Then it was time for me to join Ockley and their village day on the Green. Cricket, dog show, 'Ocklympics,' refreshments, fete stalls, competitions and live music. It was brilliant to see our communities relaxing and enjoying themselves, after the last couple of years during the pandemic. After Ockley, it was back to Capel to see the return of the marvellous 'Capel's Got Talent'. Inspiring, courageous, hilarious, moving, incredible and most definitely talented - these are just some of the words to describe the acts who thoroughly entertained us, all held together by our equally entertaining compere for the evening!

The next morning we had a wedding at St Margaret's Ockley which was a very joyful occasion. The final day, Sunday, was the turn of the parish churches to hold commemorative services with an open air service on Ockley Green followed by Capel's St John the Baptist. Both very well attended which made for an uplifting atmosphere as we sang well known and traditional hymns. Beautiful flowers adorned the churches over these four days accompanied by much joyful bellringing. After which my final duty - a picnic on the recreation ground and the highlight of my four day Jubilee - the Platinum Pudding tasting!! All delicious of course but the winner was a replica of the national platinum pudding - a gorgeous trifle. Again, a wonderful atmosphere, with the ever threatening rain clouds holding off, and great fun and keen competition in the family sports. Well done to our fabulous village Jubilee committee - you must have been exhausted by the end - and well done to our wonderful village communities. Most of all thank you to our wonderful Queen for leading and inspiring us for these 70 years! We give thanks and praise to God for her glorious reign.

As always my love and prayers,

Revd Liz

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The situation in Ukraine

We and the national church continue to watch and pray for Ukraine and are here to offer help and support to any refugee families when they start to arrive in our country, especially if they are resettling near us. We are liaising with Capel Parish Council also, so that we as a community can seek to do the best for our Ukrainian friends.



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE PARISH OF CAPEL AND OCKLEY JULY 2022

Saturday	2nd	Parish tea tent - fundraiser at Capel Military Show	
SUNDAY	3rd	Trinity 3 10.30am Parish Service of Family Communion at Capel 12pm Baptism of Poppy Phillips at St Margaret's Ockley All day Parish tea tent fundraiser at Capel Military Show	
SUNDAY	10th	Trinity 4 9.30am HC at Ockley CW 10.30 Cafe Church at The Crown Capel	
SUNDAY	17th	Trinity 5 9.30am Matins at Ockley 10.30am Family Communion with Baptism of Ivy Sewell at Capel	
Saturday	23rd	Holy Baptism 2pm Baptism of Eliza Bronham at Capel	
SUNDAY	24th	Trinity 6 9.30am Holy Communion BCP Ockley 10.30am Family Communion CW Capel and TRAIDCRAFT after the service 3-5 pm Capel teas	
SUNDAY	31st	Trinity 7 9.30am Matins Ockley 10.30am Family Communion at Capel 12.15pm Baptism of Rose Dowling at Capel. 3-5pm Capel teas	
<u>AUGUST</u>			
SUNDAY	7th	Trinity 8 9.30am Holy Communion CW at Ockley 10.30am Family Communion at Capel 3-5pm Ockley teas	

CW - service is from Common Worship 2005

Guidelines for your safety and comfort in church

At both churches the wearing of masks inside places of worship is encouraged.
Hand sanitiser will be available for use by the entrance door.
Holy Communion is given in both kinds and the consecrated wine will be served in individual glasses whilst we are still at risk from the pandemic.

Services & Events on website: <https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/>

NEWS from the Pews

Our Vicarage Fete and the history surrounding the date it is held on!

The Vicarage Fete is always held on the **Saturday of the St John the Baptist Nativity festival**. St John the Baptist Nativity is celebrated on 24th June each year. Where the 24th June is not a Sunday the feast is transferred to the nearest Sunday in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer transference rules. So, if the 24th June is a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, the Vicarage Fete is on the Saturday before 24th June. If the 24th June is a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday then the Vicarage Fete is the Saturday after the 24th June. This results in the situation where if the 24th June is on a Wednesday, the festival is celebrated on 21st June and the Vicarage Fete is held on 20th June despite the fact that the nearest Saturday is the one following on 27th June.

Therefore, for **2023 the Vicarage Fete will be held on Saturday, 24th June 2023**, and for 2024, when the 24th is on a Monday, the Fete will be held on the **22nd June 2024**. Put the dates in your diaries!



Church Mailing List

Do you know of anyone who would like to be added to the Church mailing list? This would ensure they received the weekly notice sheets and readings, amongst other things.

If so, please get in touch with Debbie von Bergen:-
debbievonbergen@icloud.com

We must have their permission before adding them to the list. Thank you.

Don't forget to recycle your

STAMPS AND OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Don't forget that you can drop off your used printer cartridges in the box in the church porch at Capel.

These are sent to a recycling firm who give a small amount towards our church funds.

Also, don't forget to keep bringing your used stamps to church - again a box is in the porch at Capel.

Thank you

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.'

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This notice will appear each month in InSpire and the contact details for our Safeguarding Officer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Jackie Broadfoot will be published in our weekly pew sheets as well as in the Church Contacts section in each issue of Inspire.

NEWS from the Pews

Holy Matrimony

We celebrate the marriage between

Alexander George Brocas Langlands Pearse
and
Francesca Rosalind Verner
at
St Margaret's Church Ockley
4th June 2022

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of

Pamela Mary Hinks
30th May 2022

Angela Broster
6th June 2022

Pam Hinks

Pam Hinks was a very much loved and respected member of the Capel community, a member of Capel Choral Society, Clerk to the Parish Council and even printed off the Parish magazine for many years using a big old machine! Pam retired to Eastbourne some years ago. Her funeral will be at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday 13th July at 1pm and there will be a live stream available. If anyone wishes to come to the funeral, access the livestream, (or make a donation to Cancer research) please contact her daughter Hilary on the following details, hinksie@outlook.com, 07824 645993.



*** NEXT AT CHURCH ON 24TH JULY AFTER THE 10.30am SERVICE AT CAPEL ***

Don't forget you can order at any time! Catalogues in church or see the online catalogue:

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/traidcraft-catalogue>

We will happily order for you! You can reach us on 01306 711449 or

email: traidcraft@ansford.me.uk
Suzanne & Stuart Cole



Don't forget the churches have a Refreshment tent at the Military Show serving hot drinks and cake!

Do come and support us if you can!

The Pavilion Café

We are open every Wednesday morning from 9 to 12 in the Cricket Pavilion on the green in Ockley.

We serve homemade cakes and savouries and offer a range of teas and fresh coffee. On the last Wednesday of the month we also serve bacon butties which are very popular. We ask for donations and, after expenses, the money goes to charity. We like to donate to our local churches, local amenities and charities and also national ones. We have become very popular over the years and there is plenty of parking and disabled access to the building.



IMPORTANT UPDATE: There are plans to *resume the Post office at the Pavilion in Ockley on a Wednesday morning starting at 11.15am*. Please share this news as it will go if we don't use it! Thank you.

SCULPTING PILOTO LUIS PARDO

By Shawn Williamson sculptor

I discovered a convergence of art and sea folklore occurring through an unexpected stay in Chile, South America, inspiring my work as a sculptor improved by 3 years in the Merchant Navy.

One of the milestones of my original visit to Chile was learning about Piloto Luis Pardo and how he rescued Ernest Shackleton's crew stranded on the Elephant Islands. *SS Endurance* was the vessel used by him for the Antarctica expedition. Recently she was located 4 miles away from where she had originally been trapped in the pack ice. Miraculously she was intact as the pictures streaming internationally showed from her freezing underwater graveyard. Like many, I had not heard of the brave Chilean navy officer. Yet I had read of Ernest Shackleton's voyage of epic discovery in Antarctica starting with his advertisement for a crew laced with the proviso warning, that potential volunteers may not make it back home to Britain. That could well have been the case, but for the actions of the brave Chilean Navy Officer Piloto Luis Pardo and his crew, from the tug *SS Yelcho*. For his brave actions, Piloto Pardo was offered a large reward from the British Government. But the humble officer declined, explaining that he was "just doing his job".



I approached the Anglo-Chilean society in the spirit of collaboration to commemorate brave Piloto Luis Pardo with a bust portrait of him, and they generously provided a bursary. The Portland Stone Company donated a large block of high-quality base bed stone which was couriered to the workshop near Windermere. Harbro masonry supplies donated a steel trolley and Gordon Greaves slate Ltd provided the facilities. Although this carving started in the summer of 2021, I had previously been to Chile. It was at Rydal Hall near Ambleside where the adventure began, where sometimes I carve stone. Here I met an *artist in residence* who invited me to her beautiful Isleta in Chile, South America. Soon I was travelling there, where it is set in an Inland sea in Chiloe.

South Chile 2017

After arriving at Santiago airport after a long haul flight from Madrid Spain, I boarded a LATAM flight bound for Castro in Chile, a journey taking 20 hrs. Not far away is the ferocious Calbuco volcano at Puerto Varas, Los Lagos, Chile which erupted in 2015 causing major damage. Before that, one of the largest recorded earthquakes devastated the area from the sea parallel with Valdivia in 1960 with huge fatalities but the people are resilient and built themselves back.



From Castro with its painted houses on stilts, I journeyed to Chonchi, travelling by taxi to the water's edge in an archipelago known as Quinced, Los Lagos, Chile. A rowing boat arrived coxswained by a Mapuche native to row me over to the Isleta. Later I returned to the main town at Chonchi with its wooden churches created in the ancient traditions without nails. It was here I first learned about Piloto Luis Pardo after reading an old travel magazine in English from a second-hand shop. British and European settlers were once common in Chile, where the first language is Spanish. Chiloe is a large Island network halfway down the length of the country known for its maritime folklore and culture. I became interested in Chiloe, Art and Crafts and soon received some advice from the locals on wood carving. These skills were also used to build churches originally enabled by Jesuit missionaries in partnership with the locals.

Mascaron de proa

I began to create a small ship's figurehead known as 'Mascaron de proa' from a roughly seasoned piece of Chilean Larch. Ship and yacht figureheads are a big Chilean tradition on account of their long-standing seafaring tradition. The famous Chilean poet Pablo Neruda collected 'Mascaron de proa', testimony to the art form phenomenon from Chile's multi-cultural nautical heritage.

Once upon a time, there had been a large sea trade between Cumbria, UK and Chile operating through Chile's network of seaports from Valdivia to Valparaiso and many others along the Pacific coast of Chile. I travelled north in the extreme heat towards Peru, stopping at Arica and Taltal near the Atacama Desert said to be the driest in the world. I visited Bahía Inglesa 'The Bay of the English' where ancient anchors and massive bones of long-dead Whales decorate the streets. Taltal is a town unchanged since the British population had left on mass around 1920. There remains an Edwardian British bandstand surrounded by flowers and a theatre. The gentle paths had been beautifully maintained, set in middle of native wooden architecture. Stood nearby were Edwardian houses with corrugated iron roofs now protected under Chilean heritage rules. These structures were once the residencies of Europeans involved in mining activity or railways from another world, where the last Gin and Tonic was quaffed around 1920.



Sculpting in Cumbria

In 2021 I began my sculpture in stone of Pilot Luis Pardo at Troutbeck Bridge between Windermere and Ambleside. I worked entirely by hand in the old traditional methods by first roughing it out with a mallet and chisel and gradually refining the work through the direct carving method. I copied various pictures of the intrepid hero to achieve his likeness and essence in stone. Portland Stone has been used as a fine medium for sculpture as well as a quality building stone for hundreds of years. The stone helped me render the three-D image of him, with the ever-present smell of the sea emanating from the limestone fossils Portland Bill, reminding me of my days at stone carving college at Weymouth. Portland stone was a perfect choice to convey the sea culture and essence of Pilot Luis Pardo, the saviour of Shackleton's brave crew.

"The completed bust went to London where it was unveiled at the International Maritime Organisation on the Albert Embankment by unveiling by the IMO Secretary-General Mr Kitack Lim, the Ambassador of Chile and Permanent Representative to the IMO H.E. David Gallagher on the 23rd of November 2021". Several other Ambassadors and officials were present.



"The Chilean tour de force was a once in a life time experience but I would love to return."

Shawn Williamson is a sculptor operating from Cumbria England.

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NEWS

From the Diocesan Parish Brief

Bishop Jo offers a few brief reflections from the religious delegation she joined in Kyiv to pray for peace in Ukraine. She's very willing to speak further as opportunities arise. Note that for churches or schools that might wish to set up a station to inspire further praying for peace, she has photos, flags as well as items brought home from bombsites in Erpin, including (under construction) a 5' charred cross, for loan from Church House. (email info@cofeguildford.org.uk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNXc9q3SZvE>



Bishop Andrew signs letter against the Rwanda deportation policy

A letter has been sent to the Times signed by the Archbishops and all the members of the Lords Spiritual regarding the Rwanda deportation policy. The text is below:

'Sir, Whether or not the first deportation flight leaves Britain today for Rwanda, this policy should shame us as a nation. Rwanda is a brave country recovering from catastrophic genocide. The shame is our own, because our Christian heritage should inspire us to treat asylum seekers with compassion, fairness and justice, as we have for centuries. Those to be deported to Rwanda have had no chance to appeal, or reunite with family in Britain. They have had no consideration of their asylum claim, recognition of their medical or other needs, or any attempt to understand their predicament.

Many are desperate people fleeing unspeakable horrors. Many are Iranians, Eritreans and Sudanese citizens, who have an asylum grant rate of at least 88 per cent. These are people Jesus had in mind as he said when we offer hospitality to a stranger, we do it for him. They are the vulnerable that the Old Testament calls us to value. We cannot offer asylum to everyone, but we must not outsource our ethical responsibilities, or discard international law — which protects the right to claim asylum.

We must end the evil trafficking; many churches are involved in fighting this evil. This needs global co-operation across every level of society. To reduce dangerous journeys to the UK we need safe routes: the church will continue to advocate for them. But deportations — and the potential forced return of asylum seekers to their home countries — are not the way. This immoral policy shames Britain.'

For those interested in this subject, Sam Wells is giving a keynote lecture at the London Churches Refugee Fund Annual Speaker Meeting for Refugee Week 2022:

So Many Kinds of Wrong: A Theological Response to the Rwanda Asylum Initiative

St Martin-in-the-Fields

7pm, Monday 20 June

Open to the public; also livestreamed on <https://www.facebook.com/stmartininthefields>

General details here: <https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/whatson-event/so-many-kinds-of-wrong-a-theological-response-to-the-rwanda-asylum-initiative/?whatson-event-date=2022-06-20&whatson-event-time=7:00%20PM>

Up to £3 million to boost diocesan discretionary funds

The Church of England is to make extra funding available to dioceses for grants to help clergy and lay workers struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

Up to £3 million will be distributed to diocesan boards of finance or nominated local discretionary funds. The grants are aimed, in particular, towards helping those with rising energy bills.

It is expected that people from the following groups will be eligible to apply: stipendiary clergy, curates, self-supporting ministers with a provided house, salaried lay workers such as youth and children's workers, and retired clergy carrying out a specific role in support of diocesan ministry.

A Church of England report published last year backed targeted support for clergy facing financial challenges such as those with larger families or with no additional household income other than the stipend.

More clergy from UK Minority Ethnic backgrounds join House of Bishops

Three clergy from UK Minority Ethnic/Global Majority Heritage backgrounds have recently been elected to serve on the House of Bishops. It is part of a drive towards making the leadership of the Church of England more representative.

The Revd Canon Arun Arora, co-chair of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce, the Revd Canon Dr Chigor Chike, Chair of the Anglican Minority Ethnic Network and the Revd Shemil Mathew, Vice Dean of Emmanuel Theological College, have been elected to serve as 'participant observers' at the House of Bishops.

Their election brings the number of people from UKME/GMH backgrounds on the House of Bishops to 11, with eight bishops – one diocesan and seven suffragans - either members or participant observers.

The scheme was backed following the publication of *From Lament to Action*, the report of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce in April last year. It called for UKME/GMH participant observers to attend the House of Bishops until such time as there are six UKME/GMH bishops able to sit as members.

Church of England national funding to increase 30%

The Church of England is planning a significant increase in funding for the next three years. It will go towards supporting parishes and growing new worshipping communities across the country. Ministries to young people and disadvantaged communities will be especially targeted.

The Church Commissioners for England intend to distribute £1.2 billion between 2023 and 2025. That is up 30% from £930 million in the current three-year period. They also plan to maintain this level of funding in the subsequent six years.

In total, this would mean the Church Commissioners plan to distribute £3.6 billion to frontline work between 2023 and 2031. That would make the Church Commissioners and Archbishops' Council among the largest grant givers in the country.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "I am especially pleased that the funding will support our aims to double the number of children and young disciples by 2030 and aid the parish system in doing what the Church does at its best: making the love of God known to every person."

HIGH DAYS AND HOLY DAYS IN JULY

1st July St Theobald, choosing God, not money

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

2nd July St John Francis Regis, patron saint for relief workers

Do you ever admire relief workers? They are hardy folk who regularly appear on our TV screens, actively seeking out the disease-ridden, starving, destitute people of the world, instead of avoiding them, as most of us try and do.

John Francis Regis (1597 – 1640) could be a patron saint of relief workers. It all began back in the early 1600s when he was ordained a Jesuit priest in Toulouse, a town raging with plague. Instead of fleeing for his life, John Regis decided to stay and minister to the plague victims.

Somehow, he survived, and was then sent by his bishop to do mission work in Pamiers and Montpellier. For years John taught and preached Christ's love, and also put it into action: he collected food for the hungry, clothing for the poor, visited prisoners, and even set up some homes for desperate ex-prostitutes.

In mid-September of 1640 John had a premonition of his approaching death. He took a three-day retreat in order to calmly prepare himself for it, and then he went back to work. Over Christmas, while helping the poor, he caught a chill. By 31st December he was dying of pneumonia, but at peace: he had been granted a vision of heaven and could not wait to get there. His was a life well lived – he was 'a good and faithful servant'.

***NEW 14th July Phocus of Sinope – the brave gardener**

Many of us are gardeners, but not many of us are buried in our gardens.

Phocus was a fourth century Christian gardener who ran a little guest house in Sinope, on the Black Sea (now part of modern Turkey). He used the produce from his garden to welcome and feed any visitors who came by, as well as giving anything left over to the poor.

In a time of persecution, the governor of the district sent soldiers to kill him because of his Christianity. But when the soldiers arrived at Phocus's guest house, they did not recognise him. Phocus politely fed them and invited them to stay the night, during which he crept out into his garden to dig his own grave and prepare for death. In the morning, Phocus divulged his true identity, rather to the dismay of the soldiers, who did not want to kill this kindly man. But Phocus assured them that he considered martyrdom the highest honour, and humbly bent his head to their swords. And so, the soldiers killed him and buried him in the grave he had prepared.

The news of Phocus's martyrdom spread far and wide, drawing many pilgrims to his garden. His calm courage and faith in God were widely admired and in time Phocus became the patron of sailors in the Black Sea, and then the whole Eastern Mediterranean.

Phocus's life echoes that of many Christians today, who go calmly about their daily mundane jobs in lands of persecution, and who do not avoid the call to Christian martyrdom, however it may come to them.

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Sea Sunday

Over many years the 2nd Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea. However, we can also experience storms in our own lives.

In Acts 27 we read how Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome, when he was caught in a storm off Crete. After 14 days they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Paul had warned the crew that it wasn't a safe time of year to sail: *"I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives."* But his words were ignored, and the ship sailed into a violent storm.

By the third day they *'finally gave up all hope of being saved'*. How do we face up to storms in our lives? Do we worry and panic? God doesn't necessarily prevent storms from taking place, but we can trust His purpose through them.

Paul urged the sailors to *"keep courage, because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed"*. His confidence rested on an angelic promise: *"Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you."* Only the sovereign God, who created the wind and waves, can promise to save people from a storm. What does this mean for us in our circumstances today?

'Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.' (Amazing Grace: John Newton).

Christian Basics: No 7: What Does the Holy Spirit Do? (Pt 2)

Somebody once defined a football match as *'22 people on the field desperately in need of rest, watched by 50 thousand people in the stands, desperately in need of exercise!* It reminds us that church is not a spectator sport! The Holy Spirit equips us to serve God in the Church and daily life through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

These gifts are variously described as *spiritual gifts* (1 Cor. 12:1) or *grace gifts* (1 Cor. 1:7), the latter word being used in modern Greek for a birthday present! They are love gifts from God that we cannot earn or deserve, that are open to everybody. Note what Paul says, *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good"* (1 Cor. 12:7):

'to each one': the gifts are available to every Christian. Everyone will have a different 'gift-mix', with their own particular contribution to offer.

'the manifestation of the Spirit': the gifts of the Spirit enable an invisible God to be real and visible.

As we exercise the gifts that God has given to us, in our speech or service, people will be able to say, *'God is at work here!'*

'for the common good': the aim of the gifts is to build up the body of Christ and extend the kingdom of God. They are not intended to meet our own needs or reputation, but simply to serve and encourage others.

With the gifts given by God, we are able to fulfil His purposes in His world. Paul urges us to *'eagerly desire'* the gifts that God has for us (1 Cor. 12:31). How true is this for me? Any present that we are given needs unwrapping before we can enjoy it. Are we doing this with our spiritual gifts?

Seagull

A woman went to the beach with her children. Her four-year-old son ran up to her, grabbed her hand, and led her to the shore where a dead seagull lay in the sand. "Mummy, what happened to him?" the little boy asked.

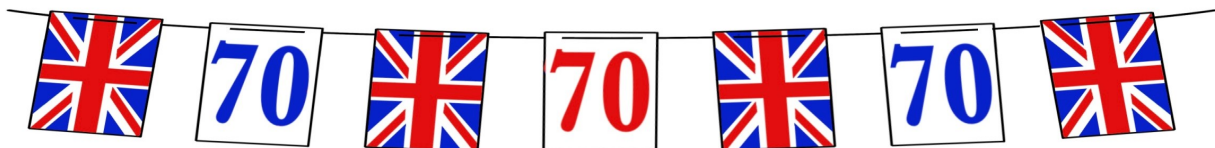
Not wanting to upset him, she said: "He died and went to heaven."

The child thought for a moment and said, "And God threw him back down?"

70 Facts to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Part 2

1. Her Majesty made her first radio broadcast in 1940 when, aged 14, she recorded a message of support for young people affected by the war in Europe, particularly those being evacuated from their homes, on the BBC's Children's Hour. "I can truthfully say to you all that we children at home are full of cheerfulness and courage," she said. "We are trying to do all we can to help our gallant sailors, soldiers and airmen, and we are trying, too, to bear our own share of the danger and sadness of war."
2. The Queen joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (the women's branch of the British Army during the Second World War) in 1945, becoming the first female member of the Royal Family to join the Armed Services as a full-time, active member. As a Subaltern, she learned to drive and maintain vehicles.
3. Her Majesty's first official overseas visit was in 1947 as Princess Elizabeth, when she toured South Africa, Southern Rhodesia (modern-day Zimbabwe) and the British Protectorate of Bechuanaland (Botswana) with King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The Queen celebrated her 21st birthday in South Africa, which was marked by a speech broadcast across the Commonwealth. In the speech the Princess pledged nothing less than her life's work to her subjects, saying, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service."
4. The Queen's first military appointment was as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards. The appointment was made in February 1942 following the death of her great uncle and Godfather, The Duke of Connaught.
5. In 1953 Her Majesty made the first Christmas broadcast from overseas, broadcasting live from New Zealand. In the broadcast, Her Majesty spoke of how welcomed she felt, "I have travelled some thousands of miles through many changing scenes and climates on my voyage here. Despite all that, however, I find myself today completely and most happily at home".
6. The Royal Yacht Britannia was first used by The Queen when she embarked with The Duke of Edinburgh on 1st May 1954 at Tobruk, Libya, for the final stage of their Commonwealth Tour, returning to the Pool of London. The last time The Queen was on board Britannia for an official visit was on 9 August 1997 for a visit to the Isle of Arran.
7. On 26th March 1976, Her Majesty sent her first email during a visit to the Royal Radar Establishment, Malvern, now known as the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment. The email was sent to the US Secretary of Defence to formally open the UK/US collaboration on a military programming language.
8. In 1986 The Queen became the first British Monarch to visit China.
9. Her Majesty was the first British Monarch to address the United States House of Congress, on 16th May 1991.
10. In 1997 The Queen launched Buckingham Palace's first official website, in 2014 she sent her first tweet and in 2019 published her first Instagram post .
11. In 2009 Her Majesty witnessed Swan Upping for the first time. This annual event on the River Thames includes the weighing and measuring of the swans and checks are made on their health and well-being. Since the 12th Century, the Monarch has retained the right to claim ownership of all unmarked mute swans found in a particular section of the River Thames.
12. The Queen introduced the Elizabeth Cross in 2009. It was the first medal to which she had put her name. The award was instituted to give special recognition to the families of those who have died on military operations or as a result of terrorism since 1948. On announcing the Cross, Her Majesty said, "This seems to me a right and proper way of showing our enduring debt to those who are killed while actively protecting what is most dear to us all."
13. Her Majesty made a State Visit to Ireland in 2011, the first time a reigning British Monarch has visited the country since its separation from the United Kingdom. Her Majesty began the speech that she gave at the State Banquet in Irish, saying, "A Uachtaráin agus a chairde" (President and friends).
14. In 2013 The Queen became the first Monarch to be presented with an Honorary BAFTA award in recognition of a lifetime's support of British film and television.
15. Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh celebrated their Platinum Wedding Anniversary in 2017, the first time a reigning Monarch had done so.



16. To mark the Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant was held on 3rd June 2012. 670 boats took part in the parade on the Tideway of the River Thames, making it the largest ever parade of boats, surpassing the previous world record of 327 vessels set in Bremerhaven, Germany, in 2011.
17. The longest overseas tour that The Queen has undertaken began in Bermuda in November 1953 and ended in Gibraltar in May 1954. She was away for 168 days and visited 13 different countries.
18. The greatest number of countries that Her Majesty has visited in one trip is 14. This was during her 1966 trip to the Caribbean.
19. In 1966 The Queen presented England football captain Bobby Moore with the World Cup Trophy. The World Cup Final attracted the largest ever British television audience with 32.3 million viewers.
20. In September 1966 Her Majesty visited the British Aircraft Corporation's facilities in Filton, Bristol, and inspected the progress of the Concorde project. Her Majesty first flew in Concorde in 1977 and went on to use it for several overseas tours before it was retired in 2003.
21. In 1973 The Queen opened Sydney Opera House.
22. Following Her Majesty's 90th birthday celebrations in 2016, it was agreed that an Award would be created in her name to recognise emerging British fashion talent. The inaugural Queen Elizabeth II Award for Design was presented to Richard Quinn during London Fashion Week 2018. Her Majesty sat in the front row of Quinn's show next to Dame Anna Wintour before presenting the award.
23. The Queen has met four Popes on official visits during her reign: Pope John XXIII (1961), Pope John Paul II (1980, 1982 and 2000), Pope Benedict XVI (2010) and Pope Francis I (2014).
24. Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh were married on 20th November 1947 in Westminster Abbey. Her Majesty, then Princess Elizabeth, carried a bouquet of flowers which included a sprig of myrtle taken from a bush grown from the original myrtle in Queen Victoria's wedding bouquet. Her wedding ring was made from a nugget of Welsh gold, which came from the Clogau St David's mine near Dolgellau and the official wedding cake was made by McVitie and Price Ltd, using ingredients given as a wedding gift by Australian Girl Guides.
25. The Queen wore two crowns on her Coronation Day: St Edward's Crown (which was used for the crowning ceremony) and the Imperial State Crown, which was worn for the return procession and subsequent balcony appearances at Buckingham Palace. On the journey to Westminster Abbey, The Queen wore the State Diadem: a circlet of diamonds, which she has gone on to wear for the journey to and from the State Opening of Parliament.
26. There were more than 2,000 journalists and 500 photographers from 92 nations on the Coronation route in 1953. The Coronation Service was broadcast live on the BBC, enabling millions of people to see their Monarch crowned for the first time.
27. Prior to its de-commissioning in 1997, many of Her Majesty's official tours were undertaken on the Royal Yacht Britannia. She was launched by Her Majesty on 16th April 1953 and was commissioned for service in January 1954. During her time in service, Britannia travelled more than a million miles on Royal and official duties, transporting The Queen to over 700 Royal visits.
28. Her Majesty has made a Christmas Broadcast to the Commonwealth every year of her reign except 1969, when a repeat of the film 'Royal Family' was shown and a written message from The Queen issued.
29. The Queen sent a message of congratulations to Apollo 11 astronauts for the first moon landing on the 21st July 1969. The message was micro-filmed and deposited on the moon in a metal container. You are here
30. In 2016 Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh sent a message to British astronaut Tim Peake as he joined the International Space Station. He responded with a video message from space saying, "Thank you again for your well wishes, ma'am. I hope I can bring the country together to celebrate Britain in space and our great tradition of scientific exploration. And before I sign off, I'm not sure that this has ever been said in space before, so I'll be the first: God save The Queen."

The final part of this article will be in the August issue.

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The beginning of Islam

by Tim Lenton

Some 1400 years ago, on 16th July 622, the Islamic calendar began, when Muhammad and his followers migrated from Mecca to Medina to escape religious persecution (an event known as the Hejira) and established the first Muslim community.

The new religion spread quickly: Mohammad's men attacked trading caravans and in 630 an army of 10,000 forced Mecca itself to surrender. Though Islam, like Christianity, also looks back to Abraham, its military method of expansion was in marked contrast to the initial spread of Christianity.

Years in the Islamic (Hijri) calendar are designated either H or AH, which stands for the Latin term Anno Hegirae. It is a lunar calendar tied to the phases of the moon and based on astronomical observation, usually by an authorised person: the new month can only begin after a waxing crescent moon is observed shortly after sunset. For this reason, a month can begin on different days in different countries.

This lunar calendar should not be confused with the solar Hijri calendar used in Iran and Afghanistan. Turkish Muslims use an Islamic calendar which is calculated several years in advance by the Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs.

The current Islamic year, 1443 AH, ends this July. Islamic years are not in sync with the Gregorian calendar because they fall about 11 days short of the solar year. The Hijri calendar cannot therefore be used for seasonal activities like agriculture, and most Muslim countries use the Gregorian calendar for non-religious purposes.

The Hijri calendar was established in 638 by Caliph Umar in Basrah, who complained because documents he received contained no date, which made it hard for him to know which were most recent. He decided the Muslim calendar should start when Muhammad arrived in Medina.

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Last week the Cathedral welcomed 2,800 children to the year 6 leavers services. These uplifting events were a way to mark the end of primary school for all children at the Diocese schools.

A prayer from St. Mary's Church of England Primary School - Chessington

Please don't let go

Dear God

As we prepare to take these important steps from primary school to secondary, please don't let go.

Hold our hands and guide us on the right path, helping us to make positive choices.

As we face new challenges and sometimes stumble, please don't let go.

Pick us up and give us the strength and courage to carry on.

As we say goodbye to old friends and teachers and meet new ones, please don't let go.

Help them to see all that is good in us, showing mutual kindness and respect.

As we enter unfamiliar places, perhaps feeling a little lost and alone, please don't let go.

Walk alongside us, giving us courage and helping us to find our way.

As we are presented with new and sometimes confusing situations, please don't let go.

Open our minds and hearts to new ideas, helping us to grow with empathy and tolerance.

As we are asked to take more risks and decisions on our own, please don't let go.

Give us the strength and knowledge to become more independent.

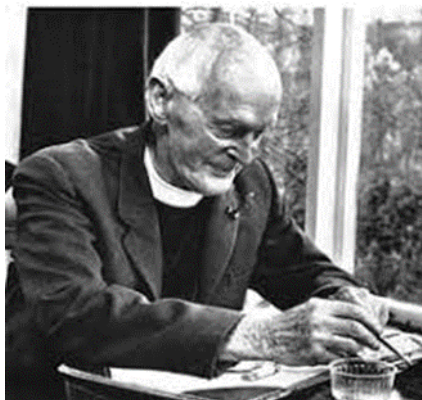
If we know you are holding us tight and always by our side, we won't let go of you.

You will remain in our hearts, helping us to learn and grow, full of kindness and honesty.

Amen

William Keble Martin (1877-1969)

by Stuart Cole



Although he was a priest he is best known as the author of 'The Concise British Flora in Colour' which became the best selling book in 1965 selling well over 100,000 copies when he was 88 years old. His pictures also featured on some Royal Mail stamps issued in 1966. He was the son and grandson of priests and was born at Radley near Oxford in 1877. One of his uncles taught him and his brothers how to collect and rear butterflies, and when his father became Rector of Dartington in Devon he became a keen ornithologist recording the nesting and migration. He attended Marlborough College and Christ Church College Oxford to study Greek Philosophy, Church History and Botany. Initially his interest was in mosses, but later turned his attention to flowers.

Before attending Cuddesdon Theology College he made a living as a tutor, and it was during this time in Ireland that he first had the idea of an illustrated book. He was ordained as a deacon in 1902 and the following year took on a parish at Beeston in Nottinghamshire. He married Violet Chaworth-Musters in 1909 and they moved to Wath-on-Deerne in Yorkshire. Although he was busy in his parish, he still found time to make plant collecting trips and drawings.

During the First World War he was a chaplain in France, and in 1921 he moved to Devon to Haccombe and in 1934 to Great Torrington. By 1923 just under half the drawings were complete (677 of 1480) of what would be 'The Concise British Flora'. Whilst at Haccombe he had a vision of a new church and his brother architect transformed the dream into reality as, St Luke the Evangelist Church at Milber, Newton Abbot. It is now a listed building, despite only being completed in 1963, and has three angled naves converging on the central altar. It is noted for its openness as having no chancel and no screens the congregation are brought right up to the sanctuary. Despite retiring in 1949 at the age of 72, he worked at Clyst St George Church while the vicar was away. Travelling by bus he visited parishioners and officiated at three Sunday services each week.

He collected when he could and relied on friends to send him the less common specimens. These he drew and then painted, often numerous times to improve the layout of the page. He had also to raise funds to publish his book and managed to get Prince Philip agreed to write the foreword. By the time it was published in 1965 it had taken over 60 years. He died at Woodbury in 1969.

Miscellaneous observations on our faith...

Before we can pray, 'Thy kingdom come', we must be willing to pray, 'My kingdom go'. - *Alan Redpath*

Practice is the soul of knowledge. - *Thomas Adams*

Let us beware of feeling that unless we *personally* are up and doing, the Lord is not at work. - *John Blanchard*

Never before have we had so many degrees in the church and yet so little temperature. - *Vance Havner*

All arts proceed from God and ought to be held as divine inventions. - *John Calvin*

To be an atheist requires an infinitely greater measure of faith than to receive all the great truths which atheism would deny. - *Joseph Addison*

Reputation is what men think you are; character is what God *knows* you are. - *Anon*

Charity is the best way to plenty; he gets most that gives most. - *George Swinnock*

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? - *D O Fuller*

Editor: by Lester Amann

Showers of blessing

According to British folklore, if it rains on 15th July, then we can expect 40 days of showery and stormy weather. This myth arose after the buried remains of St Swithun (Swithin) was removed from its original site in a church garden and taken into a Saxon cathedral.

Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester. During his decade in office, he was known for his devotion and passion to build new churches and to restore old ones.

Before he died on 2nd July 863 AD, he didn't want any veneration of his tomb and requested that his body be simply interred in the church grounds. He wanted people to pass by his grave and for it to be touched by the weather.

So far so good. But - a century later, it was decided to move Swithun *inside*, into the refurbished basilica. From that day it rained every day for nearly six weeks - as if this was his displeasure at being moved!

The Bible mentions rain (and water) many times. These include the great flood and Noah's Ark (Genesis 7); Ezra's open-air public assembly in Jerusalem in the pouring rain (Ezra 10:9) and the parable by Jesus about two houses in a rainstorm (Matthew 7:24-27).

Over the centuries, hymn writers have also used water and rain to describe our need for God. They've used such phrases as *I need Youlike refreshing summer rain* and *Father, like rain from the skies send Your word into our lives*. Some hymns include rain as a metaphor for the Holy Spirit to come and refresh, restore and revitalise us; to cleanse us of our sins or to wash away our sorrows.

Here are two verses and the chorus from an old hymn written by Daniel W. Whittle (1840-1901) that reminds us that when overwhelmed with gloom and despair, God can and will pour new hope into our lives.

There shall be showers of blessing, this is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Saviour above.

There shall be showers of blessing, O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing, now as on Jesus we call!

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.



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Reflected Faith Series: the grandeur of God

Do you understand the mysteries of God? Who is He? What is He up to? If Jesus's disciples who were with Him daily for years had trouble understanding Him, what expectation is there that you and I will?

We get glimpses of Him – through new life, through nature, in creativity, music and dance and so on – but none of us truly sees every part of Him. St Paul himself wrote that “now we see through a glass darkly”.

So how do we try to express the grandeur of God? In the Old Testament, Isaiah 6:1, the prophet wrote, ‘In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of His robe filled the temple.’

I love that picture, it makes me think of brides on their wedding day who have a full skirt and train, and the help they need from their bridesmaids just to get in and out of the wedding car let alone anything else they need to do.

Architects and builders over the centuries have used the church building to illustrate aspects of God and to share their faith.

This month

If you are able, visit a large church building or cathedral and spend some time there when there is no service taking place. As you go into the building, quickly stop and just look around you. ‘Feel’ the space surrounding and above you. The distance between you and the ceiling or roof.

Stop for a while in the area where the congregation sit – the nave – taken from the Latin word *navis* meaning ‘ship’. This is because when they were built, largely in the Middle Ages, the people thought a nave looked like the bottom part of a ship turned upside-down. This reminded them also of the story of God saving His creation at the time of the flood by using the Ark. What does this space say to you about the mysteries of God?

You wait for us

You wait for us until we are open to You.
We wait for Your word to make us receptive.
Attune us to Your voice, to Your silence.

Speak and bring Your son to us – Jesus, the word of Your peace.
Your word is near, O Lord our God, Your grace is near.
Come to us then, with mildness and power.

Do not let us be deaf to You, but make us receptive and open
To Jesus Christ Your Son, who will come to look for us and save us
Today and every day, for ever and ever.

By Huub Oosterhuis, (b 1933), is a Jesuit priest in Holland whose ministry has mainly been to the student community of Amsterdam. He has played a major role in the renewal of the Dutch liturgy.

PRAYERS

For anyone going on a long journey over the summer

For a long journey

Be to us, O Lord,
a support in our setting out,
a comfort by the way,
a shadow in the heat,
a covering in the rain and cold,
a conveyance in weariness,
a protection in adversity,
a staff in unsteady ways,
and a port in shipwreck;
that, with you being our Leader,
we may reach the place we seek,
and at length we may return again to
our home in safety.
Amen



HOLIDAY PRAYERS

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take.

Watch over us. protect us from accidents. keep us free from harm to body and soul.

Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired.

Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way.

Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love.

Amen



A Prayer for those awaiting their exam results

As thousands of students across the country await exam results that will determine the next stage in their life's development, the Church of England has issued a prayer to support them through the anxious moments of waiting.

The prayer, written by a gap-year student when receiving her own results was still fresh in her mind, will be issued on social media on Wednesday, the day before this year's A Level results are released.

Jesus,

Keep reminding me of the bigger picture over the next few weeks,

Keep me in your hands when all other hands disappear,

For I am convinced that neither entry requirements nor exam results,

neither anticipation nor doubts, neither success nor failure, nor any expectations,

neither last minute fears nor anxieties, nor anything else in life, will be able to

separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Please, don't let me forget it!

Amen

Editor: David Pickup, a solicitor, considers dangerous things to say.

Those careless words

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ...My brothers and sisters, this should not be. (James 3:9-10)

Wise words from St James. He knew that it is easy to say the wrong thing and do a lot of damage. This happens in the home, at school or work or in church. Perhaps we sometimes think that people are too easily offended. 'Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never harm me.' Oh yes, they can!

Often a joke or what seems a light-hearted comment can do the most damage. Some places seem to attract a type of banter. I remember, with shame, some of the words that were used when I was at school to make fun of others. Comments about a person's private life, appearance, ethnicity, age or disability are most likely to cause offence.

In some circumstances, what is said can amount to bullying or harassment. The Equality Act gives rights to protect people from discrimination and harassment. An employer could be legally responsible for banter that amounts to this, so if jokes or teasing goes on at work the victim could get compensation. Examples of comments which could be harassment or discrimination have included calling a person, 'gay', 'a cheeky monkey' or an 'oldie'. That is not to say every use of words like this is wrong. It is usually the context which is important.

What should the Christian do? We should be fair and not pre-judge people because of their appearance or make assumptions about them. We should gently challenge inappropriate language. We should not be abusive or offensive and be ready to apologise and forgive.

As always this is a very brief piece on a complex subject. Get professional advice.

Day surgery

Wearing my own dressing gown over the hospital regulation smock and with my belongings in a bag by my side, I was waiting my turn for a four-hour operation, to be preceded by a general anaesthetic. If all went well, I would be discharged and allowed home that day.

Time went by. Gazing round the anteroom I spotted a shelf with half a dozen baskets holding files: one file per patient awaiting surgery. On the front of each basket, in large letters, was a label with the name of their surgeon. Every one of those names would have been unfamiliar to me when I was a boy in England, for they were all of Indian, African or mid-European origin. My surgeon was born in Romania, and having found as much as I could about her via Google, I was encouraged to know she was world class in her specialism.

Were these medics British citizens, or highly skilled migrants allowed to settle in the UK temporarily because of their worth to our community? They were expert and caring to a fault.

Now I'm home. It's too early to say if the operation was an unqualified success, but I feel fine and have discarded the pre-signed form which acknowledged the risks involved.

Waking up in my own bed the next day, I was overtaken by a sense of gratitude to God, into whose hands I had committed myself, and to friends who were praying for me. I had also committed myself into the hands of a myriad of other people, my fellow human beings. Many were immigrants or descendants of immigrants, who are now crucial to the National Health Service. Nearly half of the new nurses and midwives registered to work in the UK in the past year have come from abroad. My GP was born in Germany and the consultant who fitted a stent in my heart some years ago came from Pakistan. I'm thankful they are here.

I wonder if any of the youngsters crossing the Channel in flimsy dinghies right now will become NHS consultants one day.

Written by one of Parish Pump's regular contributors

Mendel, the peas, and the beginning of genetics

by Tim Lenton

Two hundred years ago, on 20th July 1822, Gregor Mendel was born. The Austrian/Czech friar and botanist discovered the laws of heredity and created what eventually became the science of genetics.

Born to a relatively poor but devoutly Roman Catholic farming family in what was then Moravia, in the Austrian empire, Johann Mendel (he became Gregor after he joined the Order of St Augustine) became a monk partly to relieve “perpetual anxiety about means of livelihood”, but his faith was clear and frequently expressed.

He was also a meteorologist, mathematician and teacher, but his ground-breaking experiments with pea plants between 1856 and 1863 demonstrated the action of something invisible – now called ‘genes’ – in determining the inherited traits of an organism. Although he announced his results and published them in 1866, the significance of his work was not appreciated by scientists until around 1900, when his experiments were verified – another example of the consensus of scientists failing to recognise the validity of different ideas.

He was elected Abbot in 1868, and after that his life was taken up largely by administrative duties – including a long dispute about payment of religious taxes. He died in January 1884 of chronic nephritis. Czech composer Leoš Janáček played the organ at his funeral.

Mendel’s work was introduced to Britain in the early years of the 20th century by William Bateson, the first Director of the John Innes Centre in Norwich – the first research institute devoted to Mendelian genetics in Britain. He translated Mendel’s paper from German into English, championed his work and coined the word ‘genetics’.

National ‘Don’t Step on a Bee Day’ – 10th July

Bees need your help. And we need their help.

Not only do bees help provide the honey, propolis and beeswax, but they also help to keep us all fed and watered. Without bees, more than a third of everything we eat would disappear from our tables.

The majority of our honey here in the UK is imported (85%), but there are also many beekeepers on our doorstep. So why not visit a near-by farm shop or deli and enjoy the precious produce of local beekeepers for breakfast?

You can also help bees by planting wildflower seeds that will provide a food supply. Download the Great British Bee Count app created by Friends of the Earth which allows you to log the bees you spot out and about. This builds a picture of bee health and activity in the UK.

Finally, build a bee hotel! Bees need somewhere to rest when they venture out on their pollen mission. You can find a step-by-step guide here: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/04/how-to-build-a-bee-hotel/>

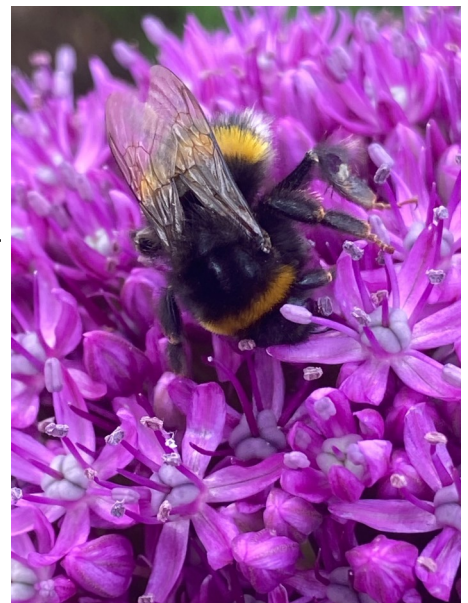
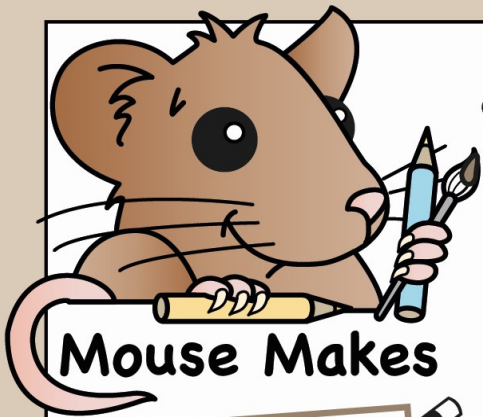


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What did Jesus turn water into?



John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law did Jesus heal?

Matthew 8:14-15

How did Jesus get out to the disciples in the boat?



Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise from the dead?

John 11:38-44

How long had the woman at the synagogue been disabled?

years

What did she do after she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13

Who did Jesus heal when his ear was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus fed thousands of people from a few loaves and fish, ... not once but twice!

READ

Matthew 14:13-21

AND

Matthew 15:32-39

In each story... How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have?

How many people were fed?

How many baskets of broken pieces were left over?

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over

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miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospels.

How many of them do you know?

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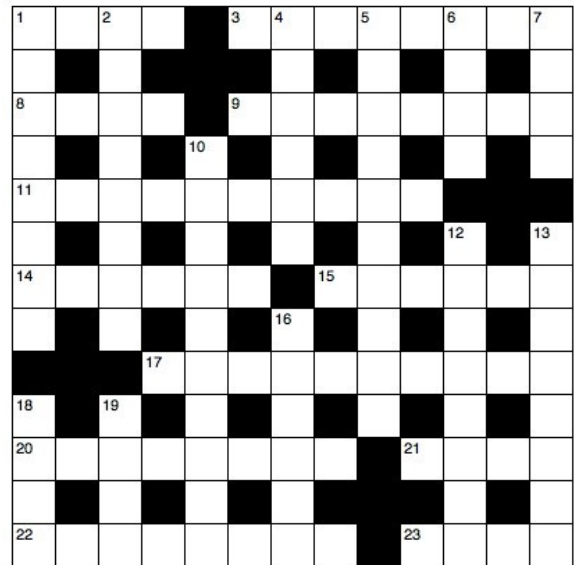
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- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross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



Down

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

Easy Soduko

6			2	5				
	5	1		4		9		3
2		9						
8	1			2	5	3		
3		5				6		9
		7	1	3			8	5
		4				8		7
5		8		6		4	9	
				8	3			6

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Medium Soduko

								3
	3	1		2				8
			5	9		1		
5			6					
1	4				2		9	
				2			7	
	5		7	8				
7			1		9	2		
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Things you do on holiday but never at any other time

Get up at 2am to go to an airport.

Say "are we nearly there yet?" after a drive of 20 minutes.

Climb on a bus without knowing quite where you are going, or where to get off.

Wear a swimming costume while shopping.

Buy postcards.

Lend your key to a neighbour and spend half an hour explaining the knack of locking the front door which entails pulling, turning and pushing at the same time.

Worry about your hanging baskets and runner beans.

Miss your cat/workmates/a decent cup of tea.

Spend an hour looking for window lock keys which you have not seen since last year and why aren't they in THEIR SPECIAL PLACE?

Have a pocketful of foreign coins which you try to spend on your last day.

Go to a quarry museum and try to convince yourself it is interesting as you never knew there was so much to know about slate and that it comes in so many colours (grey mainly).

Get on another bus and hope it is headed back to your hotel, whose name now escapes you.



Advertising terms explained

NEW - Different colour from previous design.

ALL NEW - Parts are not interchangeable with previous design.

EXCLUSIVE - Imported product from goodness knows where.

UNMATCHED - Not quite as good as the competition.

FOOLPROOF OPERATION - No provision for adjustments.

ADVANCED DESIGN - The advertising agency doesn't understand it.

IT'S HERE AT LAST - Rush job. Nobody knew it was coming.

FIELD TESTED - Manufacturer lacks on-site test equipment.

HIGH ACCURACY - Unit on which all parts actually fit.

FUTURISTIC - We have no idea why it looks the way it does.

REDESIGNED - Previous flaws fixed - we hope.

DIRECT SALES ONLY - Factory had a big argument with distributor.

YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT - We finally got one to work.

BREAKTHROUGH - We finally figured out a use for it.

MAINTENANCE FREE - Impossible to fix.

MEETS ALL STANDARDS - Ours, not yours.

SOLID-STATE - Don't drop it on your foot.

HIGH RELIABILITY - We made it work long enough to ship it.

Puzzle Solutions

Easy Sudoku solution

6	8	3	2	5	9	7	4	1
7	5	1	6	4	8	9	2	3
2	4	9	3	1	7	5	6	8
8	1	6	9	2	5	3	7	4
3	2	5	8	7	4	6	1	9
4	9	7	1	3	6	2	8	5
1	6	4	5	9	2	8	3	7
5	3	8	7	6	1	4	9	2
9	7	2	4	8	3	1	5	6

Medium Sudoku solution

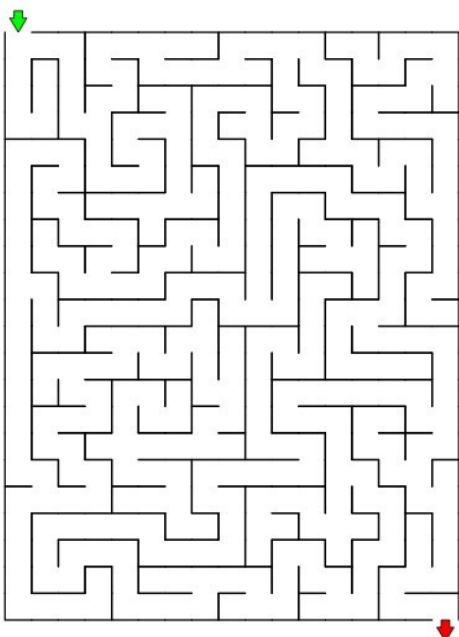
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1	7	4	8	5	3	2	6	9
3	8	6	9	4	2	1	5	7
2	5	9	7	6	8	3	4	1
7	4	8	3	1	5	9	2	6
6	1	3	2	9	4	7	8	5

Crossword Solution

W	I	F	E	T	O	B	A	T	T	L	E						
O	E			R	C			Y			Y						
O	B	A	L	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E						
D	S		D	E	U			E			S						
B	I	T	T	E	R	N	E	S	S								
I	D		D	T	A			G			A						
N	I	A	C	I	N	A	T	T	A	I	N						
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E			E	O				A						N	O		
W	E	A	K	N	E	S	S							D	E	E	R

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

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



Not everyone has a natural gift for rural ministry

**Update on
the 2022
Vicarage
Fete!**



Just a few pictures from this year's Capel Vicarage Fete held on Saturday 25th June.

After a two year break due to Covid, it was lovely to see everyone out and about again!



The Cat's Grin Theatre Co entertaining families with their story telling.



Long queues for ice creams!



We are delighted to say that **£2,374.66** was raised at the Fete and this will be shared by Capel Pre-School, Scott-Broadwood Infant School and The Weald Primary.

Thank you everyone for your support!
Debbie & the Fete team

CAPEL SHOW

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- * 700 Classic Cars & Bikes
- * Auto Jumble
- * Horticultural Summer Show in Marquee
- * Capel Fair - local traders
- * Dog Show
- * Bar & Food Stalls

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