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Romans 15:13

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Rev Liz writes

Dear Friends,

We are at church enjoying what is known as the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide during which the tone of joy created on Easter Day is sustained through to the Feast of Pentecost at the end of this month. So May is very much a month of celebration which is very appropriate for the Coronation of King Charles III.

We will be holding special **Services of Commemoration** at both Ockley and Capel, on Sunday, the day after Coronation Day. In Ockley the service will take place outside in the Coronation Marquee on Ockley Green at 9.30am preceded by coffee and croissants from 9am! Later that day the village will celebrate with various fun events and '**Ocklympics on the Green**'.



Then it will be a quick dash for me to Capel for our Service of Commemoration in church, where we will be joined by Brigadier (Ret'd) Roger Hood, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. Brig. Roger is looking forward to being with us on this occasion and we are especially keen for children and their families to join us too as we would love them to take part in a special 'royal parade' within the service. Please do encourage any youngsters, and if they would be either happy to make a crown, and/or dress up in an appropriate costume that would be wonderful! Brig. Roger will be there in his special uniform too! Following the service there is to be a chocolate treasure hunt in the church grounds!

As many of you hopefully are aware, before all of this, there is to be a special screening of the Coronation Service on the day itself (Saturday) in the Village Hall, preceded of course by **Capel's Got Talent** on Friday evening. Yours truly and her Pastoral Assistant will be performing.... comedy of course!! Do check the rest of this magazine for all the various events happening over the Coronation weekend at our so aptly named wonderful pub, The Crown. Bank Holiday Monday then is an opportunity for us to help out as encouraged by His Majesty and there will be a working party to tidy the school front garden and a litter pick. Details elsewhere in this edition.

Finally, of course we are looking forward to welcoming you into St John the Baptist for a **wonderful Flower Festival** - obviously a Coronation theme! From what I am hearing, it sounds as if it will be marvellous and several village groups are taking part. Refreshments will be served throughout but again do check the church events page for timings.

Please do join us if you can - we are so excited about all the lovely events which will be rounded off at the end of this month as we celebrate the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on those celebrating Pentecost all those centuries ago in Jerusalem, which enabled the Church to truly take form. I will finish my letter with a prayer for King Charles as he is crowned King.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All blessings,

Liz

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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - MAY 2023
at St John the Baptist, Capel & St Margaret's, Ockley

Please note: **CW** - service is from Common Worship 2005

MAY

Saturday	6th 2 - 6pm	Coronation Flower Festival Flower Festival in Capel Church - refreshments available
Sunday	7th 9 - 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 2 - 6pm	King's Coronation weekend Coffee and croissant before the service... Service of Commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III to be held in the Coronation Marquee on Ockley Green Service of Commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III at St John the Baptist Capel. With childrens' 'royal' parade followed by a chocolate treasure hunt. Flower Festival in Capel Church - refreshments available
Monday	8th 2-6pm	Coronation Bank Holiday Flower Festival in Capel Church - refreshments available
Sunday	14th 9.30am 10.30am 3 - 5pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion CW at Ockley Cafe Church at The Crown Public House Capel Teas at Capel
Sunday	21st 9.30am 10.30am	Seventh Sunday of Easter Matins at Ockley Family Communion at Capel
Sunday	28th 10.30 am	Pentecost Parish Communion at Capel
Monday	29th 3 - 5pm	May Bank Holiday Teas at Capel

JUNE

Sunday	4th 9.30am 10.30am 3 - 5pm	Trinity Sunday Service of Morning Worship at Ockley with Holy Baptism Family Communion at Capel Teas at Ockley St Margaret's Church
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We are very much hoping that our special services of Commemoration will be attended by many in our communities and that children in particular will take part by wearing the crowns they may have made at school, home or otherwise are invited to dress fittingly for the occasion!!

Don't forget you can find details of all events & services on our website!
<https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/>

NEWS from the Pews

The Pavilion Café

We are open every Wednesday morning from 9am to 12 o'clock 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.



News coming soon about the proposed **Memorial Garden** to go in the churchyard at St John the Baptist, Capel.

There will be a display in church

From the Parish Registers

We remember with love and mourn the loss of our dear friend

Wendy Birch
19th April 2023

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

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 **Dineke van den Bogerd**:

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

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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.

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

Café Church May 2023



“The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.” So says Jesus in Mark 14 v7. He was, of course, speaking after a woman, identified as “Mary” in John’s gospel, had just anointed him with “very expensive perfume” and had been admonished by those who witnessed the event for wasting something that could have been sold, *“for more than a year’s wages.”* It’s a scene that provokes so many questions. What was it about Jesus that caused this woman to make such an extravagant gesture of devotion? She must have been wealthy to have had the perfume in the first place so why “waste” it on an itinerant preacher whose only possessions seemed to be the clothes he stood in? If Jesus was worthy of such an act, what made his other followers think that he wasn’t? Did Mary see something that they didn’t? And in what way are we like either Mary or those that chastised her? As ever, scripture holds a mirror to our lives and asks if we’re truly happy with the reflection!

We live in a world, sadly, where organisations like The Disaster Emergency Committee have an all too important role to play in the lives of millions of people far worse off than anything we can expect to suffer in Capel. The month of May will see the annual Christian Aid Week fundraising appeal. Christian Aid works both as an emergency service, providing feet on the ground whenever a major disaster strikes as well as providing long-term poverty relief programmes in the poorest parts of the world. St. John’s will, of course, be supporting the vital work that the charity does and Café Church this month falls at the beginning of Christian Aid Week on Sunday 14th May. We’ll be meeting in The Crown (yes, that’s right, the pub!) at 10.30am that morning for a fund-raising breakfast, some lively music from the band, plenty of laughter, probably a poem or two and we’ll be thinking about the Christian Aid slogan, **“We believe in life before death”**. It’s all very informal, very welcoming and very inclusive so do come along and join us.

Bob

Bob Cranham



Café Church meets at St. John’s, Capel
on **Sunday 14th May at 10.30 am**

Expect free coffee and croissants, a warm welcome, a band, some debate, a little poetry, a lot of laughter and plenty more.

Ringling for the King

This time last year we were busily preparing to ring for the once in a lifetime event of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and here we are now getting ready to ring for our first coronation, of King Charles III. At the time of writing plans are still vague as to timings but we would expect to be joining in a national Ring for the King at an allotted time before the ceremony and will no doubt have a few quarter peals to ring at the local churches to commemorate the event.

All ringing events are submitted to Bell board, an online record of ringing performances, and published in the Ringing World, a weekly magazine of news and events. Quarter peals are the most common form of commemoration as they require a degree of skill to achieve but only take about 45 minutes to complete whereas a full peal would take nearly 3 hours of continuous ringing and needs a lot more stamina.

The Ring for the King campaign to recruit new ringers is still attracting enquiries and has been a huge success nationally with some great coverage in news stories. In fact some areas have been inundated with learners but these are mainly in towns and cities. The shortage of ringers in rural areas continues and means that often there are not enough ringers for the number of bells and that we are needed to ring at more than one church for Sunday Services to make up the numbers.



The Sunday a week after the Coronation, 14th May, will be **Bell Sunday**. This is the first of what is hoped to be an annual event to recognise the contribution of bells and bellringers to the life of the Church and may comprise a number of bell related items such as readings and hymns but could also include interactive displays and demonstrations. St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bellringers due to his experimentation in the forging of bells in the tenth century and so Bell Sunday has been chosen to be on the Sunday closest to his feast day.

Most bellringers consider ringing to be an enjoyable hobby. It is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years and is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right. Learning to ring church bells is a structured process that takes a number of one-to-one sessions to be competent at 'handling' a bell. You don't have to be a churchgoer, there is no compulsion to stay for services. While almost anyone is capable of leaning to ring it is not easy and requires a lot of dedication to master. Are you up to the challenge? You too could be taking part in this unique pastime. If you would like to find out more, please come along and see for yourself.

Practice nights at St. Margaret's, Ockley, are usually on Wednesdays from 7.45 to 9.15, but please check first.

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



Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953

By Chris Cooper

In the year of our Lord 1952, I was at school in Addiscombe, near Croydon, when King George VIth passed away. The Headmaster, one Clifton Everest, called us all together and advised us that there were to be no more lessons that day, so school was dismissed. This was about lunchtime, so taking advantage, I spent a few hours on the platforms of East Croydon station watching both and electric and steam trains come and go!

It was sometime after the Royal funeral that it was announced on the radio by the BBC, that the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II would be in June 1953. There was great anticipation in our house and at the age of twelve and a half, I was required to help father put up the flags outside. These had been left over from the Victory celebrations at the end of WW2. The flags and other items were stored in the loft next to the bedrooms on the first floor, accessed by a door off the stairs. As a young boy, this dark hole used to frighten me, due to my father's tales! We eventually found the bunting and flags after a fight with a Victorian washstand and then extracted for examination! The results were not encouraging, as moths had attacked the cloth and eaten the better part of Wales!

In the April of the Coronation year, my Grandmother of great age had to sell her bungalow at Herne Bay and came to reside with us in Beddington. The preparations for the Royal event went forward with much effort, and my grandmother decided to get one of the new television sets now being offered for sale.

It must be remembered that there was no TV during the war, and very little before. Thus there were only two television sets in the whole of our road, the exception being Mr Hurst who was in the industry and made his own TV with a six inch screen! The result was that my parents limited a number of our neighbours to watch the event in our large front room and I was tasked to collect sixteen chairs from various sources, which included some garden seats!

With everybody assembled, the whole ceremony was broadcast in black and white, no colour in those days and everyone enjoyed the great occasion! There were many cups of tea to make and sandwiches to serve for the assembled company. Once the broadcast was over, neighbours departed, leaving me to do the washing up!

A street party had been planned but the weather was so foul that it had to be cancelled. A week or so later, our school pageant took place and I had to carry the 'orb' on a crimson cushion in the procession!

Unfortunately, that is all I can remember of Coronation 1953 and am very much looking forward to a second Coronation in 2023.

God save the King!



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear friends,

Welcome to the May 2023 issue of InSpire. On the middle pages (18 & 19) there are details of both **Capel and Ockley's celebrations for King Charles' Coronation** on Saturday 6th May. The times have now been released for the Flower Festival at St John's and these are published on the inside cover and on page 5 for the **Services & Events**. Lots of local organisations are taking part and I'm sure it will be breathtaking! I'm sure we will be greeted by a vision of colour and the most abundant fragrance! An assault on the senses ... but a good one!

On page 12, Canon Paul Hardingham asks '**How we can pray for King Charles and Camilla the Queen Consort**' in the run up to the Coronation. On page 8, Sue Dixon writes our regular '**News from the Belfry**' and informs us of how bell ringing will be a factor in Coronation celebrations and the launch of **Bell Sunday**. Find out how much you know about **King Charles** on page 15 where there are 10 Facts about him published! Then there is a topical wordsearch linked to the coronation and King Charles on the puzzle page (30).

As a Parish, we have had some lovely celebrations for Easter and Passiontide this year and there are some photos in this issue of the crafts on display (so much local talent), our new Paschal candle and the 'cast' of the Palm Sunday re-enactment. Teas have started up again and there are plenty of opportunities over the Coronation weekend to enjoy refreshments in church! Our son James brought his Labrador pup recently (now 7 months old) and she came with us for her first Church tea!

There is an article on page 20 entitled '**Speak Out**' by the Ven John Barton. He encourages us to speak out for what we feel is right and says '*we need to highlight disinformation and speak out when other people are demeaned, even if that makes us unpopular*'. He cites the amazing words of Pastor Martin Niemöller who died in a concentration camp, his punishment for 'speaking out'. On May 28th we will celebrate the **Day of Pentecost, Whit Sunday**. Find out more on page 13. On page 20, you can find more High Days and Holy Days in May, one of which is **2nd May Athanasius, the theologian who gave us the Nicene Creed**.

I just want to finish by including one of the verses of the wonderful hymn, 'My Song is Love Unknown' which we sang recently. I took a photo of the verse at the time from the Hymn Book because it really speaks to me directly and I'm certain it does to many of you too. I love the wording '*This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could gladly spend*'. There's not much more I can say as the words say it all!

Wishing you every blessing in May and enjoy all the celebrations you have planned! *God bless the King & Queen!*



Seems everyone enjoys a Capel church tea!

With my best wishes,

Suzanne

A Excerpt from 'My Song is Love Unknown' a Hymn for Passiontide

Here might I stay and sing:
No story so divine'
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (c. 1624 - 1683)

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his new series on the spiritual disciplines that help us to grow and deepen our faith. It will run throughout this year.

The Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer



An important spiritual discipline is *prayer*, where we can both listen and talk to God. However, it's not always easy, and as Pentecost tells us, we have the Holy Spirit to help us to pray.

'In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.' (Romans 8: 26,27)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness

We often don't know how to pray for a person or situation. The Holy Spirit is alongside to help: *'He bears the burden with us'*. He enables us to connect with God and assures us that He loves to hear our prayers: *'And by Him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'* (Romans 8:15).

The Spirit helps us in our ignorance

When we don't know what to ask in prayer, the Spirit prays for us with a perfect understanding of God's will. The Spirit pleads on our behalf in *'wordless groans'*, which go beyond mere words. We are never alone when we pray, since the Spirit takes our words and brings them to the Father.

The Spirit helps us in our requests

The Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God. He translates the prayers we can't articulate or the requests we get wrong, so that they come to God in accordance with His will. In prayer we attune ourselves to the Spirit with our words or groans. Reading the Bible alongside our prayer is helpful, so that we can pray in agreement with God's Word.

When we pray, let's confidently ask: *'Come Holy Spirit.'*

© Parish Pump

One in five people find common noises "intolerable"

Do some common noises really bother you? If you hate everyday sounds like chewing, sniffing and even moderate breathing, then you may be among the one in every five people in Britain who suffer from misophonia.

In the first study of its kind, researchers from King's College London and University of Oxford have discovered that 18.4 per cent of the general UK population say certain noises can leave them feeling 'trapped' and 'upset'.

Misophonia is a psychological condition in which common sounds made in normal life trigger more than the occasional irritation. Instead, they can trigger a fight or flight response, sparking real anger and even panic.

Clinical psychologists say that while most people dislike the sound of loud chewing, slurping, snoring and loud breathing, people with misophonia frequently react badly to even normal breathing, footsteps and swallowing.



The Coronation of King Charles III

by Canon Paul Hardingham

On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? Paul says: *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).



For God's presence - to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about *'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England - the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'*

For God's wisdom - as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: *'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.'* (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love - to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose - to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: *'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'*

A Prayer for the new King

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Palm Sunday re-enactment with members of our choir and congregation

Did you know 10 Facts about King Charles III?

1. He was born at 9.14pm on 14th November 1948, to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, at Buckingham Palace in London.
2. He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.
3. He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree. From 1967 to 1970 he studied history at Cambridge University.
4. He can speak Welsh. He spent two months learning the language in 1969, as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales. He still speaks it today.
5. He is a qualified pilot and diver. While serving in the military in the 1970s, he trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became a confident diver.
6. He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author, and a music lover, who played the cello at Cambridge. He has done some TV: making a guest appearance on Coronation Street, and presenting the BBC weather forecast.
7. As Prince of Wales, he founded nearly 20 charities. Together, they raise £140million each year for good causes. He is passionate about the environment, speaking out against plastic pollution as early as 1970. He has planted many trees during royal engagements.
8. Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history. He became King on 8th September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, in Balmoral.
9. As head of the Commonwealth, King Charles III is monarch of each of the 14 Commonwealth realms: Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. As King, he's also the only person in the UK who can travel abroad in the Commonwealth without a passport and drive without a licence.
10. King Charles III has two children, Princes William and Harry, and five grandchildren. Prince William is next in line to become King and was named the Prince of Wales in 2022.



NEWS

Bishop protests about election law changes

A senior Church of England bishop has raised serious concerns about new election laws that he believes could adversely impact “the poorest and the most marginalised.”

The Bishop of St Albans, Alan Smith, has spoken out against new regulations that mean voters will have to bring photo ID with them when they come to the polling stations. The new rules come into force at local elections in May.

Bishop Smith, who convenes the CofE bishops sitting in the UK’s House of Lords, said: “All the evidence suggests that this is likely adversely to affect the poorest and the most marginalised.

“If you’re struggling to make ends meet, and you’re working long hours, to have to go and get another form of identity if you haven’t got one readily at hand...it’s much more likely to mean that people may say, ‘It’s just too difficult.’

“We already have a problem getting people out to the ballot boxes, so why make it more difficult?”

The controversial new rules were introduced in response to allegations of voter fraud, but figures released by the Electoral Commission show low levels of proven fraud across all types of elections.

Bishop Smith said: “We’re asking 47 million people to have to go through extra hoops for what is a pretty minor problem.”

In response to the change in election law, the bishop is encouraging all churches to publicise the change so that people are not caught out at the polling stations.

He said: “I would encourage people, if it’s possible, to put up a poster, raise it with people – we want to encourage people to engage in the democratic process.

“That’s what healthy democracies do – we want to actively try and get as many citizens as possible thinking about how society can best serve and care for people, but particularly look out for the people who are struggling for various reasons.”

New foundation launched to help churches and dioceses tackle housing crisis

The C of E has launched a new foundation to give practical advice and guidance to churches and dioceses hoping to help tackle the housing crisis in their communities.

The Church Housing Foundation will promote collaboration between churches and dioceses and experts in a range of areas from community engagement around housing need to planning and legal issues.

Leaders, housing professionals, and those involved in or wanting to start local projects will be able to contribute to the Foundation and make use of the connections and resources offered.

The Foundation is being led by the Church of England’s Lead Bishop for Housing, the Bishop of Chelmsford, Guli Francis-Dehqani. It takes forward key recommendations from *Coming Home*, the landmark report published by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York’s Commission on Housing, Church and Community.

Bishop of Durham responds to immigration proposals

The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, who speaks for the Church of England on refugees, has recently issued the following response to the Home Secretary's statement on the Illegal Migration Bill.

He said: "No one wants to see people risking their lives to reach safety, but we must ask is this Bill the right response - one that is built on compassion, justice and moral leadership?"

"It's likely to push thousands of people, including children, into a prolonged legal limbo and imprisonment, and does nothing to support timely and effective consideration of asylum requests.

"It would label all those crossing the Channel illegal entrants and therefore people to whom we do not owe a responsibility and would criminalise the act of claiming asylum - without acknowledging that many are highly vulnerable people escaping persecution and war, who have been left with no safe routes.

"Providing safe and legal routes is part of the solution and not one only to be explored after Channel crossings have ended.

"The Home Secretary acknowledges the growing global refugee crisis, which we can't solve on our own, but it is disappointing that the Government has decided to not take on a greater role in leading the world to equitably support those forced to flee their home.

"The consequences of this will be felt by vulnerable migrants, and by poorer countries in the global south already supporting the vast majority of the world's refugees.

"We must not abdicate our legal and moral responsibility to some of the world's most vulnerable by simply treating asylum seekers as a group not to be welcomed or integrated, but detained and returned. We must do and be better."

From the Parish Brief issued by The Diocese of Guildford by Revd Sarah Hutton

Saturday 22 April marked 30 years since the murder of Stephen Lawrence at the hands of a knife. On Sunday April 23rd, there was another opportunity for churches observe 'Racial Justice Sunday', which is normally on the 12th February. The events that followed and the resultant Macpherson Report should have been a turning point in this country's history of racial justice.

Very fittingly, last month Guildford Cathedral hosted the **National Monument Against Violence and Aggression: The Knife Angel**. People from all over Guildford, who would never otherwise have visited the cathedral, did so to come and see this 27 foot high statue made up of 100,000 knives handed into police stations in knife amnesties. The wings of the angel were inscribed with victims' names which included Dan, whose mum Julie had been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. The numerous people visiting this monument, which had become a sacred place, pondered what the message of this angel might be. Might it be that familiar angelic exhortation, 'Do not be afraid'?

As part of this project Neville Lawrence, Stephen's father came to share his story at Christ's College, Guildford. One teenager, who struggles with the way he is treated because of the colour of his skin, commented that what he had learnt was the need to forgive.

As Stephen Lawrence's death is remembered, this is an opportunity for churches to reflect on racial justice, our role and responsibilities and to pray for this aspect of the Kingdom of God.

A Blessing

God has told us what is good,
Made known what is required of all of us.
So, God of immeasurable love and imagination,
Empower and embolden us,
to do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly.
Amen

High Days & Holy Days in May

***New 25th May: The Venerable Bede – great historian**

The Venerable Bede was an outstanding scholar who accomplished several 'firsts'. He was the first historian to date events from the birth of Christ. He was the first person to write scholarly works in the English language. And, of course, his world-famous, magisterial *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, completed in 731, is still in print today.

Bede was born in about 673, and sent as a child to Wearmouth monastery, and then later transferred to the monastery at Jarrow. His was a quiet life: he probably never travelled further than Lindisfarne to the north, and York to the south. In about 692 Bede was ordained deacon, and then, in about 703, he was priested.

Bede once described his own life: "I have devoted my energies to a study of the Scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church: study, teaching and writing have always been my delight." It sounds unremarkable, but Bede's fruitfulness has been extravagant: his writings have informed and influenced millions of people over 14 centuries.

As a theologian, Bede translated the Gospel of John into Old English, completing it on the very day that he died. He also wrote commentaries on various books of the Bible.

But Bede's outstanding gift was as an historian. His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is one of the most important sources that we have for understanding early English history. Bede was scrupulous in his use of sources, clearly identifying them. He also was careful to distinguish between fact, hearsay and legend. He had a healthy scepticism, and certainly did not believe that everything he was told was necessarily true.

His *Ecclesiastical History* tells the history of Britain up to the year 729. It starts with the story of the Celtic peoples, who converted to Christianity in the first three centuries after the death of Christ. Bede then moves on to the invasion of Britain by the pagan Anglo-Saxons, in the 5th and 6th centuries. They themselves were in turn converted by Celtic missionaries from the north and the west, and by Roman missionaries coming up from the south and the east.

Bede himself lived during the time of the Anglo-Saxon church, of which he was a wise observer of its various problems. He urged that episcopal visitations, confirmations, and Holy Communions should be held more frequently – for the good of the Church.

Did you attend the recent Lent course '**Living in Love & Faith**'?
Would you be prepared to write a summary of the course and what insights you gained from attending it? This would be your personal perspective on it.

I only managed to get to two sessions myself so cannot really write a proper review!

It was such a good course, it would be sad if we couldn't feed back to those who were unable to attend.

Email: editor@capelandockleychurch.org.uk Thank you!

28th May: Day of Pentecost, Whit Sunday

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of First Fruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples, but He knew they could not do the work themselves. They would need His help.

And so, they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues, to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

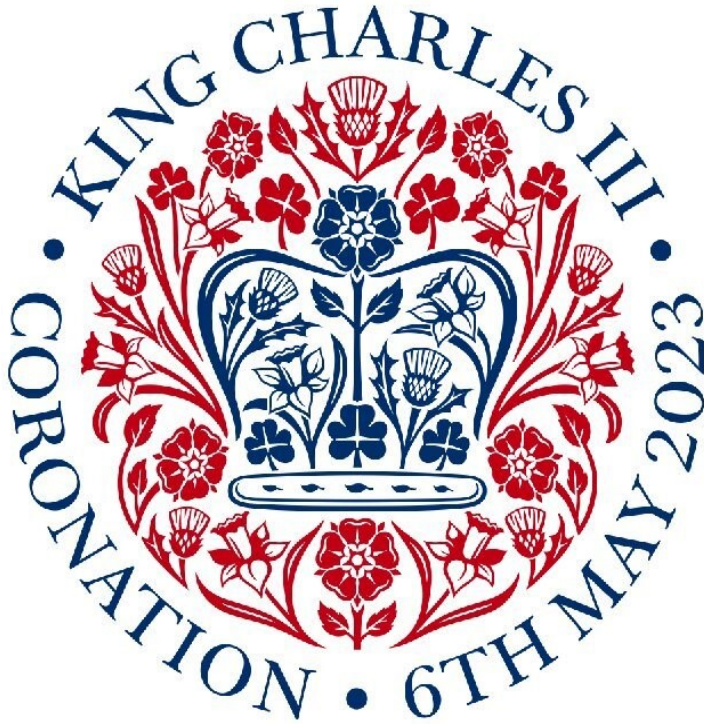
That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus. The Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning, proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.



Ockley Celebrates H.M. The King's Coronation Sunday May 7th



Preliminary Running Order:

Open Air Church Service
Breakfast
Dog Show
Stalls
Tea Tent
Children's Coronation Mug
A Royal Visit
Mini Ocklympics
Cricket Match
BBQ

We are still in the early planning stages so no timings are available, please check the following social media & website for more details closer to the day.

Facebook - The Ockley Society OR Ockley Village
Website - www.ockley.org.uk

Do you have an idea or something you would like to bring to the day?
Please contact Alan Hardy below.

We are looking for sponsors (£50 - £100) to help fund this event and keep it free for villagers to enjoy.

Please contact Alan Hardy on 01306 628059 or amh@amhi.co.uk if you can help.

Capel's Coronation Weekend 4th—8th May 2023

Capel will be celebrating the **Coronation of King Charles III** in May with a number of activities for all. We are currently planning the following and want to give you some advance notice in order to plan your diaries. Further details will be announced in the Parish Magazine in April and will be on posters nearer the time.



Thursday 4th May

12.00 Capel Lunches in the Crown with Coronation Chicken

Friday 5th May

The ever popular **Capel's Got Talent** in the Capel Village Memorial Hall. Doors open at 7.00 for start at 7.30. This will be a ticketed event with proceeds going to the Scott Broadwood School. £10 for adults, children under 12 free, £25 for a family ticket for two adults and two children over 12. There will be a cash bar. Tickets from capelboxoffice.co.uk. Numbers will be limited so book early. If you would like to participate please contact : capelsgottalent@gmail.com

Saturday 6th May - Coronation Day

The Coronation will be shown live on the big screen in Capel Village Memorial Hall for all to enjoy together. Time to be announced. Burgers, Bangers and Bubbly will be available. This is a free event however we will need to know numbers attending. To book a free space contact David on 07976-424256 or david.silliman@yahoo.com

Flower Festival 6th - 8th May The commencement of a weekend-long **Flower Festival in St John the Baptist, Capel** presented by some of the Capel groups. All are welcome to come and enjoy the displays. For further details see the inner front of this magazine for opening times.

Bell ringing to be timed with national bell ringing.

Afternoon teas at the Crown, followed by an evening of jollity including patriotic singing, food and drink.

Sunday 7th May

Special church service in the Church at 11.00am, including the involvement of children, followed by a chocolate Treasure Hunt in the Church grounds.

Afternoon teas at the Church.

Monday 8th May

The Big Help Out Day Plans are underway to improve the garden in front of Scott Broadwood School and a village litter pick. Volunteers are needed.

We sincerely hope you, your family and friends will be joining in the activities. Further details and times will be announced.

David Silliman



Speak out

By the Ven John Barton

As a little boy growing up during World War II, I spent night after night in a bomb shelter. Why were those wicked Germans strafing us? Why was everything rationed (especially sweets)? After the war I began to understand that many other countries had suffered too, and unspeakable atrocities had been inflicted on Jews and other defenceless minorities. In my own lifetime, history had shown what happens when a failure to recognise the unique worth of all other human beings turns civilised people into monsters.

It was hard to accept that Germans were an enlightened, cultured people whose history, like ours, was steeped in the Christian faith. Yet as I grew older, I came to the conclusion that if they could succumb to an evil ideology, despite the values which must have been instilled in them as children, so could we, and it would be arrogant and blinkered to imagine we were immune from the influence of inhuman propaganda.

We need to highlight disinformation and speak out when other people are demeaned, even if that makes us unpopular. Keeping silent when others are being oppressed is not an option. The German Pastor Martin Niemöller issued this warning:

*First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist.
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me.*



Niemöller was a one-time supporter of Hitler, but changed when Nazis imposed their racial ideology on churches. He was incarcerated in concentration camps from 1938 to 1945. That's the price he paid for speaking out.



Bob Dylan's *Blowin' in the Wind*

by Tim Lenton

Sixty years ago, on 27th May 1963, the folk/blues album *The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan* was released. It included the hit song *Blowin' in the Wind* and marked the start of an amazing singing-songwriting career.

It was in fact Bob Dylan's second album, but the first to contain all his own songs. He came to prominence in the protest movement of the 60s, latching on to the prevailing atmosphere with a catalogue of songs that were not only perceptive but revealed an entirely different kind of talent, from the manner of his delivery to the poetic invention of his lyrics.

Dylan's birth name was Robert Allen Zimmerman, and he was born in Minnesota, descended from Jewish immigrants from the area of Ukraine and Lithuania. He started using guitar and harmonica in folk fashion, but he soon 'went electric', to the consternation of the purists but to the delight of everyone who enjoyed his originality, range and sense of humour.

His career stalled for a short while when he was involved in a motorcycle accident in the mid-60s, but he came back strongly and unexpectedly with the wonderful country-tinged album, *John Wesley Harding*. In the late 1970s he became a Christian and issued several overtly Christian albums, starting with *Slow Train Coming*, but he eventually reverted to a more open style, though he never renounced his faith: it seems evident in his recordings up to the present day.

Although now in his 80s, he has never stopped performing or writing, usually to the highest standards. His more recent albums, such as *Time out of Mind* and *Rough and Rowdy Ways* (his 39th studio album, issued in 2020), show just as much invention and creativity as ever.

Remembering David Livingstone – missionary and explorer

It was 150 years ago, on 1st May 1873, that David Livingstone, the Scottish missionary and explorer, died. He was best known for his search for the sources of the Nile, and for going missing (and being found by the American journalist Henry Morton Stanley) in the wilds of Africa.

Livingstone was born in Blantyre, near Glasgow, and died of malaria and dysentery in what is now Chipundu, Zambia. He was the first European to cross the African continent from west to east and to discover the Zambesi River, the Victoria Falls and many major lakes.

His mother and father were both strict Christians, and the family was poor: he was one of seven children brought up on the top floor of a tenement. But he felt called to be a medical missionary in China; so he spent two years studying to become a doctor and was accepted by the London Missionary Society.

But the political situation in China prevented his going there, and a meeting with Robert Moffat, a well-known Scottish missionary in southern Africa, persuaded Livingstone that he should go to Africa instead. He arrived in Cape Town in 1841.

He felt that Christianity, commerce and civilisation were destined to open up Africa, and he was strongly against slavery, often clashing with the Boers and Portuguese because of their treatment of the Africans.

He was awarded a gold medal and money by the British Royal Geographical Society for the first European sighting of Lake Ngami, now a birdlife conservation area in Botswana. He also found fame through the publication in 1857 of his *Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa*, which sold more than 70,000 copies, bringing a vastly improved lifestyle for his wife Mary (Moffat's talented daughter), who had put up with his repeated absences.

High Days & Holy Days in May

2nd May: Athanasius, the theologian who gave us the Nicene Creed

This is the name behind the Athanasian Creed. Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, studied in the Christian school there and entered the ministry. He was 29 years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325.

Although Athanasius could not take part in the Council's debates because he was a deacon and not a bishop, Alexander consulted him on the meaning of biblical texts and theological distinctions. With Emperor Constantine sitting as President, 300 bishops argued about the Person of Christ. How is He the Son of God? Is He God or man or both together? Did He exist before He was born? If we worship Him, does that mean that we are worshipping two Gods?

The young Athanasius saw that some bishops wanted to impose the teaching of Arius on the Church. Arius was a popular preacher in Alexandria who taught that Christ was not eternal but was a 'Saviour' created by the Father. Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

When Bishop Alexander died in 328, Athanasius succeeded him as Bishop by popular demand. For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of 17 years in flight and hiding. It was his uncompromising stand for Nicene theology that gave rise to the familiar saying, Athanasius contra mundum, 'Athanasius against the world.'

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism. Of his many writings the most significant was his great study on the person and work of Christ; *On the Incarnation of the Word of God*, written before he was 30 years old. The whole Church of Christ is always in need of bishops, leaders and theologians in the mould of Athanasius.

10th May: Comgall, the saint for those in education

Here is a great saint for all teachers, head teachers and principals of educational institutions, and indeed anyone whose vocation is to train and equip others. For Comgall (c 516 – c 601) was founder and first abbot of Bangor, which became the largest monastery in Ireland. And large means LARGE – for including several daughter houses, the total population is reckoned to have been 3,000.

If you have ever run an educational institution of 3,000 pupils (!), you will know it takes a special kind of person to cope with that, and Comgall seems to have been perfect for the job. A biographer at the time called him 'the outstanding father of the monks in Ireland, known for his insistence on study and strict discipline.'

Comgall's rule had what it took to succeed. It was 'strict, holy and constant', both 'graced with the hope of salvation and made perfect in love', according to the 7th century writer Antiphoner of Bangor. Above all, followers were to love Christ, and reject the love of money.

Comgall also had a gift for friendship, for on the death of a close friend, he wrote in grief: 'My soul-friend has died and I am headless; you too are headless, for a man without a soul-friend is a body without a head.'

Like heads and principals today, Comgall knew a lot of important people. He had trained Columbanus and knew Columba, whom he visited on Iona. They even preached the Gospel together in Inverness, to the pagan chieftain Brude.

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Editor: The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series.

Reflecting faith – The Lectern

Have you ever considered the furniture that we have in our churches?

Close your eyes and think what your own sitting room looks like and the furniture you have chosen to go in there. Most of us will have chairs, a sofa, one or more tables of different sizes, a fireplace and a television. Which way are the chairs facing? What's the focal point?

Churches are no different in that they have most fixtures and fittings in common, and in set places.

In an Anglican church the focal item is the altar at the centre, with the lectern – from where the Bible is read out loud during services - on the right side as you look at it, and a pulpit on the left-hand side.

In a Methodist church the pulpit is often behind, but built higher than the altar, and probably with a mobile lectern to be placed as chosen.

This demonstrates a key difference between the two denominations. The former holds the bread and wine in greater importance whilst the latter gives that status to the preaching and the Word of God.

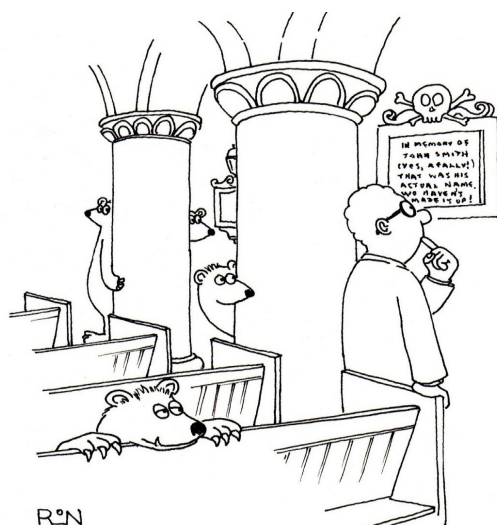
Such variations reveal the way in which we 'reflect our faith' through our buildings.

The word 'lectern' derives from 'to collect, gather', and again, 'to speak', so together it means 'to gather words, to pick out words.'

The words in church which we read from the lectern have been certainly carefully chosen and then written down. There have been centuries, indeed millennia, of time, thought, prayer and energy going into preparing the Bibles that we read today!

It is a privilege to be asked to read from the Bible during a service, as that will form the basis for the sermon, the hymns and indeed the whole theme for that day or even that week.

This month: Have a look at the lectern in your place of worship or the place where the Bible readings are read from. What material is it made from? What shape is it? Does it have any distinctive features? Then consider how that passage or those passages are continued and expanded through the different elements of the service.



*Dennis spent a long time in church
looking for his forbears*



Anzac Day was on 25 April, and commemorates the Gallipoli Campaign of 1915/6. Britain (using mainly New Zealand and Australian troops), French and Russia attempted to weaken the Turkish forces by taking control of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles Straits. The plan was to allow Constantinople to be bombarded, cut it off from the eastern part of the Turkish empire, defeat Turkey resulting in a safe Suez Canal and a supply route through the Black Sea to Russia's warm ports.

In January 1916 the campaign was abandoned with a quarter of a million casualties on each side and was a victory for the Turks. The Ari Burnu Memorial at Gallipoli commemorates those casualties with the words:

Those heroes who shed their blood and lost their lives! You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and Mehments to us where they lie side by side here in this country to of ours. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.

Atatürk, 1934

Atatürk, was a Turkish field marshal, revolutionary statesman, author, and the founding father of the Republic of Turkey, serving as its first president from 1923 until his death in 1938. Reading the words again I wonder if we would be so magnanimous.

Written by Stuart Cole

"Look to this day! Look to this day! For it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the varieties and realities of your existence: the bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendour of beauty."

Sanskrit

"A small house will hold as much happiness as a big one".

Author unknown

"A fallen souffle is just a risen omelette. It depends on now you look at it, that's all - from above or below".

Rabbie Lionel Blue

PRAYERS, PROSE & POEMS

Coronation Prayer 2023

Almighty God,

On the occasion of the crowning of King Charles III, we, the people, pray for him.

We thank you for him and for the calling on his life and we recognise the weight of responsibility that puts upon him. We know that he will need your help, Lord. We know that he will face many challenges, as did his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

We ask, that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation.

We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values.

May your name be honoured and glorified throughout this land, Lord, as we pray, ***God save the King!***

By Daphne Kitching



A Blessing

God has told us what is good,
Made known what is required of all of us.
So, God of immeasurable love and
imagination,
Empower and embolden us,
to do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly.
Amen

Pentecost prayer

from The Church of England

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.
Generous God,
we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever
you call us.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness,
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have
given us.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and
departed,
in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river
Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

Junior InSpire

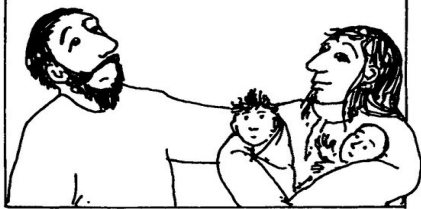
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis ch. 25:19-33, 27:1-42

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('Grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...

Esau is older but Jacob will be more important.



The boys grew up...

Esau liked to go out to hunt, but Jacob stayed at home.



When Isaac was old and blind he told Esau



I want to give you my special blessing; first catch me some food.

But Rebekah went to find Jacob



You could have that blessing

But Esau is hairy and I am not.



Use goat skin to cover your arms and wear Esau's clothes

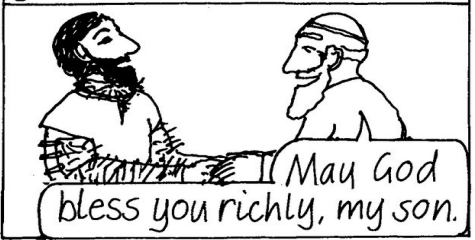


Here is your food, Father



Are you really Esau? Come nearer.

Jacob was tricked by the goat skin and Esau's clothes.



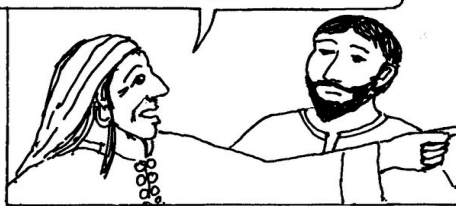
May God bless you richly, my son.

Then Esau returned



I'm sorry, I already blessed your brother

You must run away or Esau will kill you. Go to my brother Laban's home.



Jacob!



Don't forget There's a special
Coronation church service on Sunday 7th
May with a **CHOCOLATE TREASURE HUNT**
in the church grounds afterwards! And
there's the chance to dress up and take part
in a procession (more details in Rev Liz's
letter on page 4. **SEE YOU THERE!**



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75 years since the independence of Israel

by Tim Lenton

Just 75 years ago, on 14th-15th May 1948, Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end, and the Arab-Israeli War began with the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq.

The war had been preceded by considerable unrest, with Zionist gangs committing atrocities and Arabs retaliating in kind; this fomented a totally different atmosphere from what had been normal many years before, with Jews and Arabs living peacefully side by side.

Six months before the declaration of independence, the United Nations had voted to partition Israel between Jews and Arabs: this was accepted, albeit reluctantly, by most Jews but largely rejected by Arab leaders, and led to a civil war. Neighbouring Arab states had warned that they would intervene "to restore law and order".

That 'intervention' finally ended in July 1949, with the signing of an armistice agreement with Syria. As a result, Israel retained its independence and increased its land area by more than 50%, compared to the UN partition plan. Militant Palestinians reacted by infiltrating Israel, using suicide attacks and other bombings.

Since 1948 the State of Israel has fought eight recognised wars with neighbouring Arab States, as well as two major uprisings by Palestinians (the First and Second Intifada), as well as many other minor armed engagements. Although many lives have been lost, there has been no change to the borders of Israel.

The West Bank area is now regarded as Palestine, and there have been various proposals to settle the status of disputed areas, with no resolution yet in sight.

Blessing

It was the five-year-old boy's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child's out-stretched palm, and laid his hand on the child's head in a gentle blessing instead. The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice; "He's put it *on my head!*"



A beautiful craft display in church for Easter including a dove on the cross.

So much skill! Thank you to our dedicated band of crafters who keep our church full of handmade and unique decorations.



Book Reviews

From Parish Pump



The Best of Friends - Choose Wisely, Care Well

By Phil Knox, IVP, £10.99

Friendship is one of the best things ever created.

It is unparalleled as a building block of society, a universal theme in great literature and film, and has a huge impact on our mental health, wellbeing, and happiness. But many of us are lonely or feel suffocated by the pressures of life and quantity of relationships we have to maintain. Now, more than ever, we need better, deeper friendships. We need the best of friends.

Full of practical advice, humour and wisdom, Phil Knox shows us how to choose our friends wisely and maintain lasting and meaningful relationships.

Flipped - Life in the upside down Kingdom

By Malcolm Duncan, SPCK, £7.99

Flipped is the official theme book for Spring Harvest 2023.

Christians are called to model a way of life that challenges the status quo and infuses the world with hope and possibility. We are to be people who see possibility where others see failure, beauty where others see ugliness and freedom where others see chains.

This is the Upside Down Kingdom, where the forgotten are noticed, the silenced are given back their voice and love is stronger than hate.

By exploring the teaching of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, Malcolm Duncan in *Flipped* traces the key components of this new community, this life-giving way of

living. He explores the five key discourses in Matthew and invites us to a radical new way of living and being centred around the reign and the rule of King Jesus.

The message is one that our churches need to hear - that God's Kingdom is unshakeable, local churches are its vanguard and Christians are its citizens.

Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden: Design tips for a calm green space

By Various authors, Bible Society, £6.50

In September 2021, Bible Society entered a garden based on Psalm 23 into the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden was designed by Sarah Eberle, who had previously won 17 gold medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows.

If that wasn't enough, the Psalm 23 Garden won another gold medal as well as awards for Best Sanctuary Garden and Best Construction Award!

Therefore, the garden contains vibrant greenery and a peaceful water feature. This book contains full-colour photographs of features of the garden, and tips and advice on creating your own beautiful garden.

The You God Planned - Don't Let Anything or Anyone Hold You Back

By Steve Goss, SPCK, £7.99 (Second Edition)

Once we have become Christians, how do we become the people God is calling us to be? How do we know what God is calling us to be anyway? Are the goals we have for our lives in line with His goals? How on earth do we stop other people getting in the way of our growth to fruitfulness? And how do we avoid getting in their way?

The You God Planned answers these questions and shows how we can play our part in the Church, the Bride of Christ, as she prepares herself for His return.

This Crown of Comfort: God's seven calls to women in distress

By Eva Leaf, BRF, £9.99

God loves women. He deeply cares for those of us who are broken and hurt. And just as He helped His beloved Jerusalem find healing in her brokenness, He does the same for us. For He cried out seven double imperatives to her in the book of Isaiah, seven steps to restore her to wholeness, and He cries out the same to us. But He doesn't begin by scolding us; instead, He comforts. His first double imperative is, 'Comfort, comfort,' despite what has happened in our lives.

Eva Leaf shares stories from her own life and from the lives of other women of how God met them in their brokenness.

Coronation Wordsearch

Facts about King Charles

He was born at 9.14pm on 14th November 1948 at Buckingham Palace.

He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.

He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree.

He can speak Welsh.

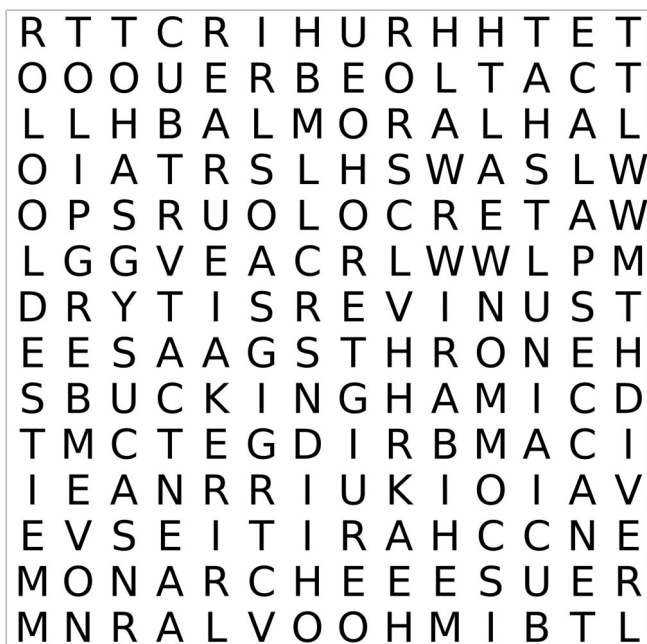
He is a qualified pilot and diver.

He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author and played the cello at Cambridge.

As Prince of Wales, he founded about 20 charities which raise about £140million each year for good causes.

Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history.

He became King on 8th September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, in Balmoral. As King, he is also now head of the Commonwealth.



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Church Teas 2023



TEAS AT St John the Baptist, Capel & St Margaret's, Ockley

CORONATION WEEKEND

Sat 6th/Sun 7th/Mon 8th May **Flower Festival at St John's, Capel - Refreshments available**

Sunday 7th May Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 14th May Teas at Capel 3-5pm

LATE MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sunday 28th May Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Monday 29th May Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 4th June Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 11th June Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 25th June Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 2nd July Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 16th July Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 30th July Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 6th August Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 13th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm



LATE SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sunday 27th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Monday 28th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 3rd September Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 17th September Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 1st October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 15th October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 29th October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 26th November Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 10th December Teas at Capel 3-5pm

<https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/>

This will be the last month the 2023 Teas list is produced in InSpire.

*Copies of the list with dates are available in church and online
(follow link above).*

Gilbert White

Gilbert White was born at Selborne, Hampshire, in 1720, the son of a barrister and the grandson of the vicar of Selborne. He was the eldest of eight siblings and they lived briefly at Compton in Surrey, before moving into 'The Wakes' in 1728 where he lived for the rest of his life. He was educated in Basingstoke and at Oriel College, Oxford and gained his Master of Arts in 1746 and was ordained in 1749. He was a curate in several parishes in Hampshire and Wiltshire and in 1784 became the curate of Selborne for the fourth and last time. He was ineligible to become the Rector of Selborne as that was in the gift of Magdalen College and he had gone to Oriel.



He is often considered to be the first modern naturalist, and unusually studied live species rather than dead artefacts in their own habitats and over many years and based his observations and comments on evidence. For forty years he recorded, measured, analysed and recorded the cycle of events in the life of animals, birds and plants. White's observation led him to develop the idea of a food chain (he describes the earthworm, "a small and despicable link in the chain of nature", which, if lost "would make a lamentable chasm"), differentiated between different species in visually identical birds by way of song, was amongst the first to identify bird territories and the effects on their population. In Sussex at the same time William Markwick similarly recorded the cycle and dates.

Much of the data that the two men collected found its way into Gilbert White's book "The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne" which was published in 1789. It is a compilation of 44 letters to the zoologist Thomas Pennant and 66 letters to a barrister and naturalist Daines Barrington. There are also 26 letters not addressed to anyone dealing with the antiquities and history of Selborne. Since first being published the book has never been out of print and is one of the most published books in the English language. He had the ability to describe nature in a way that makes it readable. For the year of the French revolution in 1789, Selborne's weather was little changed to that of today – *"To January 13, hard frost. To the end of the month, mild, with showers. To the end of February, frequent rain, with snow showers and heavy gales of wind. To 13th March, hard frost, with snow. To April, heavy rain, with frost and snow and sleet. To the end of April, dark, cold weather, with frequent rains. To June 9, warm spring weather, with brisk winds and frequent showers. From June 4 to the end of July, warm, with much rain. To August 29, hot, dry, sultry weather. To September 11, mild, with frequent showers. To the end of September, fine autumnal weather, with occasional showers. To November 17, heavy rain, with violent gales of wind. To December 18, mild, dry weather, with a few showers. To the end of the year, rain and wind."*

White died in 1793 and was buried in the graveyard of St Mary's Church, Selborne.

Picture: © Gilbert White House

For more information on visiting Gilbert White's house: <https://gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk>

Laughter
is God's
blessing.

- Joseph Prince

Sermon Quotes

Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"

Married

How many women can one man marry? A little boy who attended his first wedding worked that one out pretty quick: the answer is 16. It is easy, if you think about it. Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer. Comes to 16.

Christians helping to clean up after the earthquake in Turkey

More than 50,000 people were killed, and tens of thousands injured, when the massive earthquake in Turkey and Syria struck on 6th February, causing thousands of homes and buildings to collapse across a vast area.

Only a week later, on 13th February, the Christian aid agency Samaritan's Purse opened an Emergency Field Hospital in Turkey, accepting dozens of patients within hours of opening.

That mobile hospital soon included two emergency operating rooms, four intensive care unit beds, a pharmacy, and 52 beds. It has a staff of about 100, including doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel.

Samaritan's Purse has also distributed thousands of tents, as well as mattresses, food boxes, solar lanterns, and hygiene kits (including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, and more) in partnership with First Hope Association.

Through these local Christian partners, teams are also in the process of installing 120 mobile hygiene containers, each complete with three showers, three toilets, and sinks. Arriving on large trucks and lifted onto level ground by cranes, these facilities will be maintained for up to a year through our partnerships in Turkey.

If you would like to help the on-going relief effort, please go to: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

CAP to launch 'new money resource'

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is soon to launch what it calls a "fully refreshed and re-energised money coaching course."

The course aims to help people learn to manage their finances, and will include new teaching, a new online budgeting tool for use on a smartphone, and greater flexibility in how to use the content. The course is designed so that churches can deliver the right content for the needs of their local community.

CAP says: "The need for financial education in the UK is significant. Three in 10 UK adults don't have a written budget, and one third consider themselves to have low knowledge about financial matters and managing money. So, your efforts for your community really matter."

Since 2007, CAP has provided the CAP Money Course as a way for churches to empower people with the knowledge, skills, tools, and confidence to improve their financial capability. It says: "In that time we've seen churches help thousands of people find the freedom that comes with greater control of their money."

More details at: <https://capuk.org>



Our beautiful new Paschal Candle and flowers on Easter Sunday 2023.



Puzzle Solutions

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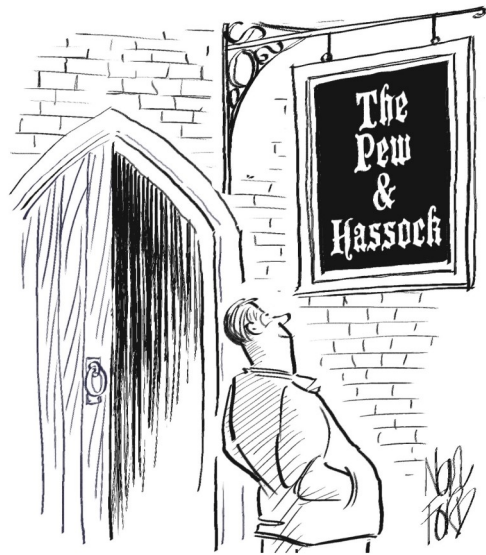
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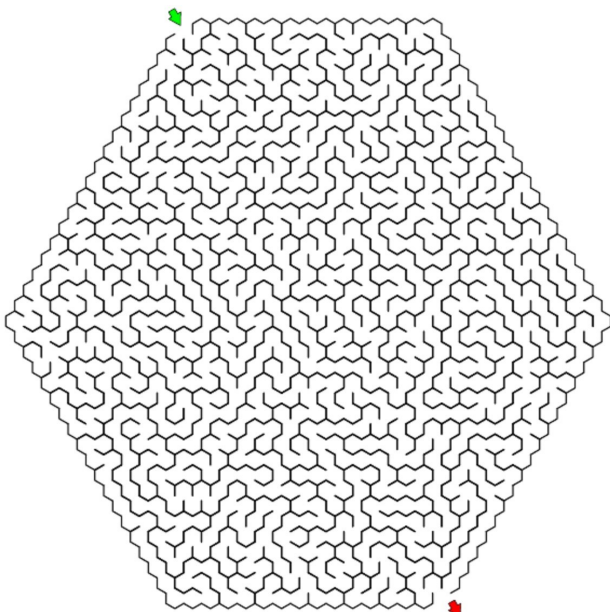
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Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services



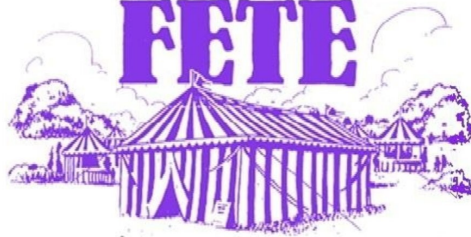
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THE COLDHARBOUR VILLAGE FETE



Saturday 20th May

2.00 pm at the

Coldharbour Memorial Ground

Live Music, Punch & Judy, Tug-o-War,
Magic Show, Raffle, Face Painting, Gifts,
Books, Produce, Tombola, Coconut Shy,
Teas, Beer, Pimms, BBQ,

Fun Dog Show

Kids' Coronation Fancy Dress Competition



Lots of Fun for Everyone

THAT'S SHOW BUSINESS!



The Ladybirds Choir presents a selection of songs from the world of entertainment.

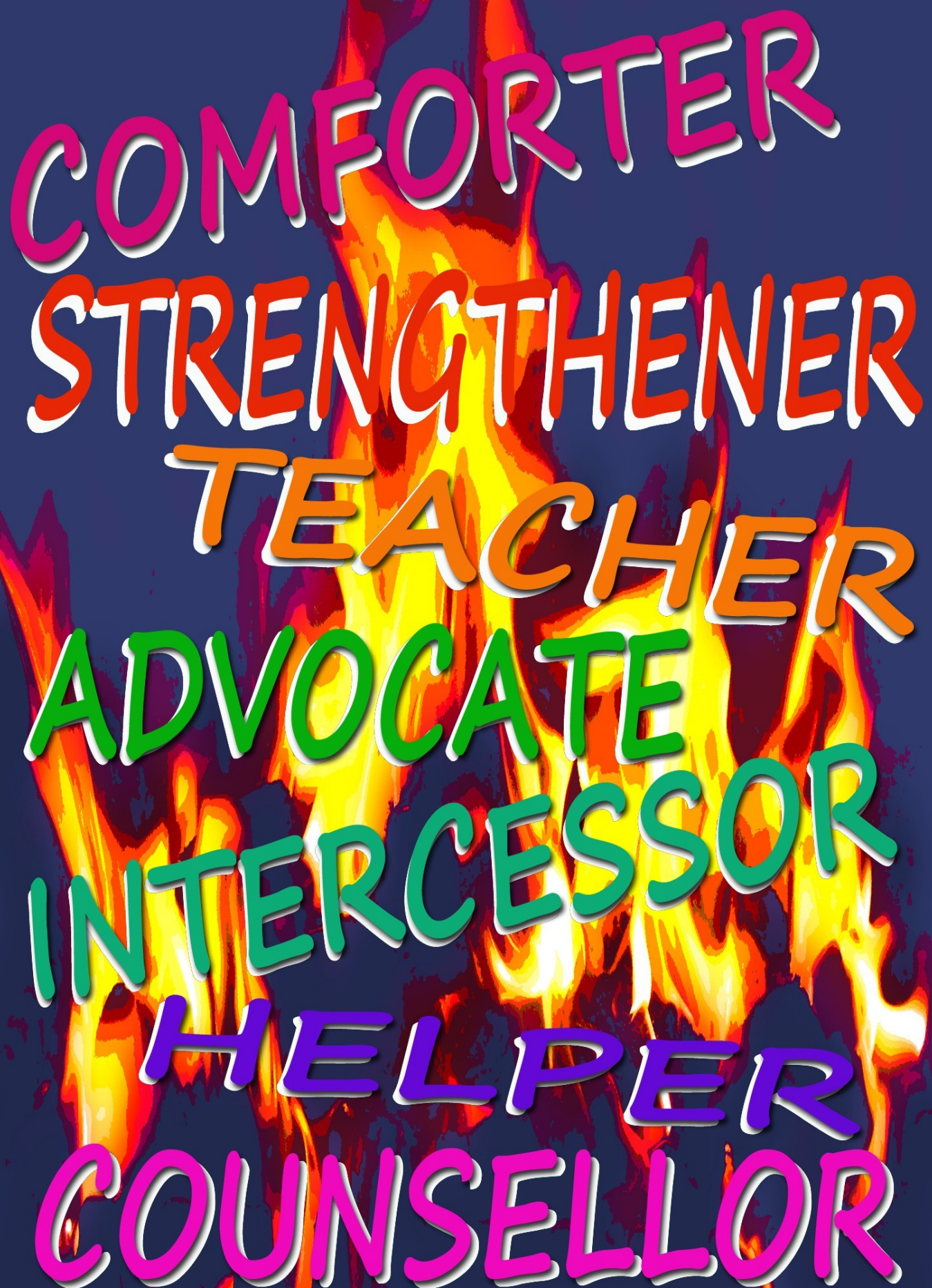
Saturday 10 June at 4pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Dorking

This year the choir is delighted to be raising funds for The Meeting Room, a charity which supports homeless, socially isolated and vulnerable people in the Mole Valley and Epsom areas.

It runs daytime drop-in centres in Leatherhead, Ashted and Epsom which offer a hot meal and friendship to those with a wide variety of needs caused by, for example, homelessness, physical or mental health difficulties and issues with alcohol or drugs. Highly skilled and experienced staff can provide advice in many areas such as finance or health issues. As well as the drop-in centres The Meeting Room runs a comprehensive programme of activities including day trips and residential outings to build confidence and self-esteem.

Please do join the Ladybirds Choir at 4.00 pm (not our usual start time!!) on Saturday 10 June at the United Reformed Church Hall in Dorking and enjoy tea and cake after the concert.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 and are available on the door or in advance from Sue Scarrott on 01306 877256 cash or cheques please.



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