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and St Gabriel's, Adswood
in the
Parish of St George, Stockport.
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Dear Readers,

FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA – to extend the warmest of welcomes to our Assistant Curate Chris Moore and his family who arrive on 1st July. Chris springs into action on his first Sunday with us, 6th July, when there will be a United Parish Communion at 10.15 at St George's followed by Evensong at St Gabriel's at 6.30 at which Chris will be preaching for the first time in our parish. We offer our very sincere wishes to Chris and family for a speedy 'settling in' at their new home and lasting happiness there.

If you read the enclosed Cheshire Diocesan News, and I hope you always do, you will note that space is given to the ongoing respective successes of past curate, Andrew Lythall and wife Jenny. Both are making serious contributions to the benefit of the diocese and I wish them well. Nothing succeeds like success!

In this enlarged issue of Grapevine (remember you won't get a separate one in August) we pay tribute to the late Leslie Radcliffe with an update of an item written about him for this magazine some years ago by Rosie Stead. We take this opportunity to remind you of the special service being held at St George's on Saturday, 6th September, to celebrate his life. A recent letter from our past incumbent, Rev John Roff (1990-2000), mentions Leslie being "A faithful member of the magazine committee, arriving on his trike in later years, and contributing to the meeting press-wise and with no nonsense, pithy and always educational."

Tribute is also paid to Jim Clare, a well-known character in Adswood, whose funeral was held recently at St Mary's in the Marketplace and whose Rector, the Rev. Roger Scoones, has been kind enough to let us have a copy of the address that he delivered on that occasion. Thank you, Roger, and also for your kind assistance to the team during our recent long interregnum.

I am pleased to learn that a Parish Secretary has been appointed. Although only part-time, she will attend the church office (in the vestry) from 10-noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and so provide an essential link in our lines of communication. The lady concerned is Catherine (Cat for short) Hayden and she can be contacted via the normal office phone line (0161 480 2453) or by email on office@stgeorgestockport.org.uk. We are asked that **all** enquiries and requests should be made in her work time only, please., while an email can always be left at any time for her to answer when she is next back in the office.

I hope that those of you taking a holiday at home or abroad (if you've received your passport!!) will return to the fray refurbished and refreshed. Even if you stay at home, it can be a time to take stock of things, count your blessings and plan for the future. Oh – and do pop in to see that lonely person living nearby who probably doesn't have much of an option in most things we tend to take for granted.

God Bless. Sincerely yours,

Mark Lane. Editor

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Who's Who in the Parish of St George, Stockport

Vicar of St George's	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382	Brownie Guides	for ages 7-10 years: meet in the Parish Room, Thursday evenings. 6.30 - 8pm. Rachel Lockett 775 2755, Evonne Lomas 292 8216 or 07956 674241	Open Door	in church every Wednesday from 7 - 7.45pm for anyone who would like company or a chat Michael Coupe 612 0222
Assistant Curate	Rev. Chris Moore 480 2453			Pastoral Visiting Team	meets every month and visits the sick and housebound across the parish Michael Coupe 612 0222
Assistant Priest	Rev. Sandra Woodhead 01663 765708	Chancel Guild	meets on 2nd Tuesday in the month from 9.30 - 12 noon, and cares for the chancel Edna Tootell 483 5753	Praise & Play	meet every Monday 9 to 11am in church. Story time at 10am. For 0-4's and their carers Janet Neilson 483 9025 Pat Wilke 376 2494
Parish Office	480 2453				
Magazine	Mark Lane 439 2282				
St George's		Choir	sing for services at 10.15am and 6.30pm, practise in the vestry on Thursday evening John Horton 339 5031		
Pastoral Worker	Audrey Manzano 494 7054			Press Officer	Mark Lane 439 2282
Readers	Michael Coupe (emeritus) 612 0222 Peter Hall 456 9382	Church Cleaners	meet on first Tuesday from 9.30am to 12noon Dorothy Walton 483 3088	Rainbow Guides	for ages 5-7: meet in the Junior Hall, Fridays 6.15 to 7.30pm Trisha Brown 07403 353 175 Susan Kirkland 0785 4101918
Director of Music	John Horton 339 5031	Church Flowers	Isobel Garlick 440 9272 Marjorie Lees 483 3676		
Church wardens	Steven Kelly 439 9458 Sue Burt 483 9589	Church Gardeners	meet on Tuesdays from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Scouts	for ages 10½ -14. Meet in Trinity Methodist on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm Bill Frith 439 3232
Deputy Church Wardens	John Hayden 483 2367 Andrew Regan 440 0408	Cub Scouts	for ages 8-10½: meet in Trinity Methodist Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm. Bill Frith 439 3232	Singing Group	sings at All-Age Service about once a month Everyone welcome to join Debbie Heaton 483 4643
Treasurer	Stephen Jones 439 6690	Coffee Mornings	in the Parish Room from 10.30am on Wednesdays Dorothy Thompson 474 7058	Sunday Clubs	meet during the Family Eucharist at 10.15am Sue Burt: 483 6446, Debbie Heaton: 483 4643
Secretary	Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	Fellowship of Marriage, Women's Fellowship	meet on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 2pm in the Parish Room Edna Tootell 483 5753	Sunday Creche	The Creche is in the Lady Chapel
Bookings for Parish Rooms	Parish Office (above) or Andrew Garlick 440 9272	Guardians of St George	keep the church open during the week	Family Eucharist	The Children's Corner is at the back of church
St George's Primary School Head teacher	For ages 5-11 years Mark Quinn 480 8657	Guides	for ages 10-14: meet Thursdays in the Parish Rooms 7.30-9pm Jane Brocklehurst 07801 843810 Heather Worth 477 2388	Website	submissions, updates and corrections Andrew Regan 440 0408 andrew@andrewregan.org.uk www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk
Verger	Ian Staley 456 3093				
Deputy Verger	Vacant				
St George's Play Group	meets in the Meeting Room Monday - Friday, 9 - 11.30am and 12.30 - 3pm for ages 3 years and upwards Joanne Shannon 07591541389	Guild of St Raphael	meets once a month to pray for the sick Olga Jones 439 6690		
		Linen Guild	maintains the church linen Tril Sutherland 480 5397	Churchwardens	Frances Farrar Shirley Bailey c/o 456 8749
Regular Church Groups and Activities		Magazine Editorial Group	meets monthly to plan the subsequent issue Mark Lane 439 2282	Secretary	John Sutcliffe 286 2301
Beaver Scouts	for ages 6-7: meet in Trinity Methodist Fridays 6-7pm. Bill Frith 439 3232	Medical Missions Committee	raises funds to help support the Church Mission Society Christine Berry 01625 874546 Kathleen Heawood 01663 762402	Treasurer	Pat Margetts 483 0270
Bell ringers	meet in the Tower on Sundays at 9.45am and Mondays from 7.45pm. Anne Mayes 485 6477			Bookings	Shirley Bailey 456 8749
Bible Reading Fellowship	Notes are ordered on request Ian Staley 456 3093	Mothers' Union	meet in the Parish Room, 2nd Monday of the month, 7.30pm Christine Berry 01625 874546	Regular Groups and Activities	
Bible Study Group	meets in church in Lent on Wednesdays 11.15am. Contact the clergy			Praise and Play	meet every Friday 9.30-11am in church. Story time 10am. For 0-4's and their carers Marie Flint 483 2321



Elaine writes:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven
above*

*Then thank the Lord, O
thank the Lord for all his
love.*

When leading an assembly some years ago I asked the children there to name one

thing that they were good at. Instantly, I was surrounded by a plethora of hands, eager to share with me their abilities. "I'm good at riding my bike," said one. "I'm good at playing football." "I'm good at riding my scooter." "I'm good at loving people"; there was no shortage of eager hands belonging to eager children who were willing to tell me about something that they were good at.

Why is it, when I ask the same question to adults, I am greeted, not with eager faces, and excited voices, but with people who have a studied determination to examine the carpet, to check out their fingernails and to suddenly read a vital piece of information which hadn't caught their attention before? **Why, as adults**, are we so reticent to share the gifts that God has provided for us in the first place?

Why is it that we use every strategy possible to avoid eye contact just in case we end up utilising those gifts for the benefit of others? Gifts that might result in us taking on a new role or developing a different one?

What happened to the enthusiasm of childhood and the recognition of gifts given to be shared? Is it just a question of being bashful or feeling that we couldn't possibly admit to being good at something because it sounds like we're boasting? Do we feel that people couldn't possibly be interested in what we can do or can offer?

Well, let me assure you, that people will be interested. **I'm interested**. God has given us all gifts, different gifts, none more important than the other but vital in bringing the body of Christ together and helping it to be useful, functioning and growing.

Who knows, yours could be the gift that this parish really needs to develop. Yours could be the gift, which enables others to do their jobs better. Yours could be the gift that we have been waiting for to develop a new dimension in our ministry. But until we know, until you speak up and own what gifts God has given you, we are functioning at less than our best

and parts of the body of Christ are not operating as it could.

Relive the enthusiasm of youth and open yourself up to God's Holy Spirit asking him to identify and lift up those gifts that he has given you. If you feel you need some human help and can't recognise your gifts for yourself, ask someone else to point them out – and believe them – and then be prepared to do something about it.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven
above*

*Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his
love.*

With every blessing. Elaine.

Have you ever wondered if many Christians who send money to the developing world are wasting it, because it does not get used properly? Dr Jim Harries, Chairman of the Alliance for Vulnerable Mission, agrees there could be a very real risk...

Alliance for Vulnerable Mission

"When we went to give the people the medicines, they were very excited. We agreed with them on what they should do so that we give them more help in the future. Later when I went back to check, I found that they did not keep their side of the agreement. It was hard to know whether we should continue to provide cheap medicines if the people were not doing the right follow up or following the right procedures."

THE ABOVE is a report from a Christian relief worker sent from a church in the UK, trying to help poor folks in the majority world. Because this local church had really wanted to help, they had actually sent a team to Africa. They did not sufficiently realise two things:

1 Not understanding the people's way of life and communicating to them through English, which is not their language, minimised true mutual understanding.

2 An offer of funds (subsidy for medicine) could not be refused; yet it forced local leaders to say 'yes' to conditions that they could not (or did not want to) fulfil.

Scenarios such as the above are common. As a result, people become dependent on charitable money from the West to do things that they could better do by themselves. Better-off churches who get involved too quickly in funding the poor, *on the basis of limited understanding of the language and culture*, can run into problems. Tensions that arise can easily spoil relationships.

For this and other reasons the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission) proposes that some mission initiatives by well-off churches to the majority world be better carried out through communication using the indigenous languages of the people being reached, and while avoiding a role as a donor. For more information see: www.vulnerablemission.org

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Holy Land pilgrimage – November 2015

AFTER SOME YEARS taking pilgrimages to other places, I came back really excited after a visit to the Holy Land this January. Now with the help of my friend Rene from Lightline, with whom I have planned many pilgrimages, we have on offer a unique visit.

We are very keen to work with and support the Christians in the area so we will have a Christian guide and meet up with our family in Christ whenever possible including worshipping with them in St George's cathedral on the Sunday. Lightline is the official and preferred pilgrimage partner for the Diocese of Jerusalem.

The brochure and booking form are available by using this link.

<http://www.lightline.org.uk/tours/holy-land-2015/bishop-john-hayden>

Please do so but first just a few notes for you to skip through that explain why I hope you, and others you may be able to encourage to come, will not miss this opportunity.

Dates 9-18 November 2015. These dates give time to save up (£100 a month!) it also a good time to visit. It will still be warm enough to swim but cool enough for walking and with fewer visitors. In January it was certainly warm enough but I was able to visit everywhere with no queues. I chose these dates also because they are well clear of the church festivals of Harvest and Christmas and avoid other major Saints days. Remembrance Sunday in 2015 is the day before we travel and being a former RBL county padre I know that is also an important date in the yearly cycle.

Itinerary. The best way to see this is to go the the above link. It gives a day by day outline of the visit. Besides the standard sites we will visit places from Beersheba to Mt Hermon, so experiencing scenes not only from the time of

Christ and the early church but also those linked to Abraham, Samson, David, Elijah, the Hezekiah and Western Wall tunnels, Jacob's well at Sychar, – 75 sites in all many not on standard pilgrimages so please download the link. At present we may have an evening flight home. If so the Jerusalem area visit will have 3.5 days instead of 2.5 so we can have space if we fall behind on some days.

Hotels Once more we have chosen those that maximize the visit. In Tiberias we stay in a newly renovated central hotel enabling us to wander around the town after dinner. We spend a night at the Dead Sea Leonardo hotel to give an opportunity for swimming and a float in the Dead Sea from the facility of our own hotel. Likewise in Jerusalem we have a fantastic place - the only high spec tourist hotel in the Old City. It is situated in the Christian quarter by the Jaffa gate and from it can explore the Old City again in the evening or cross the road outside the Jaffa Gate to one of Jerusalem's modern shopping malls.

I am very much aware such visits are expensive and for many they are a once in a lifetime. So I have filled every day so we can get the maximum exposure to what is on offer plus plenty of new places for those who have been before. Any visit does involve walking and steps so it is important to be mobile but by careful planning there is allowance for those who want time out either at the hotel or staying in the coach.

Please read the plans for each day by downloading the brochure and application form at

<http://www.lightline.org.uk/tours/holy-land-2015/bishop-john-hayden>

Also please contact me with any questions at 0151 632 0448 or johndhayden@gmail.com.

I look forward to us being together on this visit.

Bishop John Hayden

Praying for those with mental illness

OVER 50 PEOPLE attended the Stockport Prayer Breakfast at the Town Hall on 29th May to pray about mental illness. According to the World Health Organisation, nearly half of the world's population are affected by mental illness at some stage in their lives. These illnesses may go under the expressions such as stress, depression, alcoholism, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorders or learning difficulties and many others. Many of us might know about these problems within our own circle of family and friends.

We heard from three inspiring speakers, one person who lives with OCD, another who was a carer and the other who is a commissioner who aims to provide good quality help and support for those suffering with mental illness. It was an inspiring time.

You may want to join us in prayer for those who struggle and some ideas for your prayers are below.

- Pray for a growing understanding and awareness in all sectors of society for those living with mental health challenges. Pray especially for the sufferers and their families who watch their loved ones go through such torture and don't know how to help them.

- Pray for the isolating effects of mental illness and pray that those living with mental health challenges will find themselves part of a loving, supportive and caring community.
- Pray for those who are responsible for commissioning the services in Stockport that they may have the wisdom and clarity to obtain the most effective services for patients across Stockport.
- Pray for excellent multi agency collaborative working practices that will ensure that those in most need will receive treatment and will be supported in a dignified, caring and holistic manner.
- Pray that all staff and volunteers working in this sector will feel encouraged, valued and envisioned for the part they play in delivering excellent services despite the current downward pressure on budgets and resources.

Pray that those with mental health challenges will find suitable and sustainable employment. That they will feel valued and able to contribute to the success of the workplace with colleagues and management that are aware and informed of the positive contribution that they are able to bring.

Parish News Roundup

Baptisms:

8th Jun: Elijah Lawrence Gibb, Maisie Isabella Rose Irving and brother Cameron Taylor Brady

10th Jun: Emily Sinead Cawley and Kirsty Anne Wylie

22nd Jun: Nieve Mavis, Jane Lallement, and Minnie Matilda Leitch

29th Jun: Charles James Hall (during the service)

29th Jun: Olivia Dotty Murray Scarlett Hadfield

Weddings

7th Jun: Chris Lamaris with Louise Deakin

21st Jun: David Higginbotham with Michelle Kerin

Funerals;

2nd Jun: Leslie Norman Radcliffe (Crematorium)

11th Jun: Phyllis Joan Mason

12th Jun: Winifred Irene Morrell (Crematorium)

19th Jun: Donald Garden

High Altar/Lady Chapel Flowers;

1st Jun: High Altar, Wednesday Morning Coffee Group *'in memory of loved ones'*

8th Jun: High Altar, Mike and Jose Westwood, *'in memory of Nellie Westwood'*
Lady Chapel, Dave Moss *'in loving memory of David Moss'*

15th Jun: Lady Chapel, Jean Fisher, *'in memory of Tom Fisher'*

22nd Jun: High Altar, Sheila Fielding *'birthday memories of Alan'*
Lady Chapel, The Williams, Bradley, Marquand and Stairmand families *'in memory of Len Bradley'*

29th Jun: High Altar, Gordon and Margaret Sharrard *'for Julian'*

Floodlighting;

25th Mar: Brenda Kennedy, *'in loving memory of Edna Matthews'* (omitted earlier)

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5th Jun: Janice, Michael, Sally, Gary, Holly and Milly *'remembering John's birthday'*

14th Jun: Gill Hudson, *'in memory of my daughter Bridget on her birthday'*

Forward dates for your diary;

Tue 1st Jul : Revd Chris Moore and wife Avril take up residence in the parish

Sat 5th Jul: Café concert 10 - noon

Sun 6th Jul: (Chris's first Sunday with us) United Parish Communion at St George's 10.15am
Evensong at St Gabriel's 6.30pm (Revd Chris Moore preaching)

Thu 10th Jul: St George's Standing Committee meeting 7.30

Fri 18th Jul: Formal licencing of Revd Sandra Woodhead as Assistant Priest and Revd Chris Moore as Assistant Curate by the Bishop of Chester at St. George's 7.30pm

Thu 24th Jul: PCC Meeting 7.30

11th – 14th Sept: Heritage Open Days at St George's

Wed Oct 8th: Paul Kerensa (stand-up Christian comic)

Sat 18th Oct: CMS Autumn Fair

St Gabriel's and Adswood

News:

Recent events:

On Monday, 9th June, the funeral of James (Jim) Clare was held at St Mary's in the Marketplace. An estimated 200 people were in the congregation (maybe more) and the service was conducted by the Revd Roger Scoones, rector at St Mary's. Tributes were given by Steve Cliff for Stockport Heritage Trust and by Derek Sykes for The Cheshire Regiment Association. The Committal was carried out at the Stockport Crematorium immediately following the service. James will be sorely missed by his many friends and contacts.

On 23rd June, Mrs Elsie Dyke of Adswood Road celebrated her centenary. Congratulations Mrs Dyke – we hope you received the telegram safely.

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On 24th June, a three-course roast dinner was served at the Adswood Community Centre at 6.15pm (Churches Together 'don't cook your own tea' initiative). The guest speaker was prison officer Jonathan Goodfellow. The contact for future £7 dinners is Kevin McKenna. Tel 0161 282 5523.

Looking ahead:

Sunday 6th July: There will be no morning service at St Gabriel's – everyone to St George's. But at 6.30pm we are delighted to be welcoming our new Assistant Curate, Chris Moore to conduct and preach at St Gabriel's. Please note there will be no evening service at St George's, so it's everyone to St Gabriels this time.

On Saturday 9th August, all will be welcome at an Afternoon Tea being held at Davenport Methodist Church on Garner's Lane from 2-4pm.

2nd September is a date to note for a Churches Together service at 2pm at St Ambrose church.

In conclusion, the "Little Flock at St Gabriel's wish all holidaymakers a safe journey and a happy and enjoyable break wherever they plan to go.

Davenport Methodist Church

Afternoon Tea Saturday 8th August

We are hoping to hold this event between 2-4pm. Funds raised will go to the Church funds and the cost will be £5 per person. A raffle will be held so why not bring along your friends and neighbours for some enjoyable food and a good chat?

We'll be delighted to see you there at the church on Garner's Lane.

The Battle of the Somme – the WW1 battle that changed history

David Winter looks back at possibly the most devastating war in history...

ON THE 1st July, 98 years ago, two vast armies went to battle in the Somme area, in north-eastern France. A week of heavy shelling preceded the Allies' attack. It is recorded that 1,738,000 shells fell on the rich fields either side of the Somme river during those seven days - though goodness knows who counted them. With the deafening roar of the big guns in their ears, the allied soldiers emerged from their trenches to be met with the inevitable hail of bullets from the German machine guns. By the end of the first day's fighting over 60,000 British soldiers were casualties and no less than 19,240 had been killed. The most devastating battle of modern times - and possibly of human history - was under way.

The Battle of the Somme, as it was called, was the first to see tanks and aircraft employed on a large scale. It was fought along a 25 mile front. The battle involved vast numbers of men - British and

soldiers from no less than eight countries of the Empire, French and German - and more than a million of them were eventually killed or injured. As the generals poured more and more troops into the battle in the vain hope of what they called a 'breakthrough', nothing much happened beyond the constant slaughter.

The battle went on through August, September and October and only ended, on November 18th, when the utter futility of the whole exercise seemed to dawn on both sides. As they counted the casualties - 420,000 British, 200,000 French, nearly half a million Germans - they could also calculate the net gain of all that bloodshed. The Allies had pushed the Germans back all of six miles. It was later worked out that for every mile taken 88,000 men lost their lives.

There were amazing acts of valour and heroism in the course of the battle. No fewer than 51 Victoria Crosses - the highest award for gallantry in battle - were won by British combatants. At home, the press tended to focus on such heroic deeds rather than on the carnage on the battle-field, but the truth eventually emerged.



THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

To misquote Winston Churchill, 'Never in all the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so many'. Every town, every village, every family would bear the scars of suffering for years to come.

Lessons were learned, of course - most obviously the futility of trench warfare. Battle and war would never be the same again. Face to face, inch by inch, cold steel to cold steel, knee deep in mud men fought and died. All across northern France the millions of graves still bear their silent testimony to the dedication

September 2014 Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 15th Aug**
Committee meeting: **Tues 19th Aug**

Fellowship of Marriage and Women's Fellowship

10th July: Discussion afternoon
24th July: Afternoon tea and chat.

Mothers' Union

Mon July 14th: visit to St Martin's Church, Low Marple. Times, transport and food to be arranged.

St. George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

(return to Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall, 17 Frewland Avenue, Davenport, Stockport. SK3 8TZ)



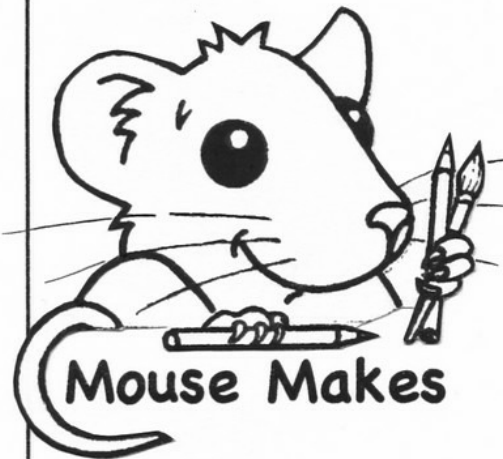
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THE FALL OF JERICO

Then the Lord said to **Joshua**

*"See I have delivered **Jericho** into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city **once** with all the armed men, do this for **six** days. On the **seventh** day march around **seven** times and when the trumpets blast the city will collapse"*

And Joshua did what the Lord had commanded.

READ
Joshua
5:13 to
6:27



Can you find all these words in the rubble of Jericho?

JOSHUA • JERICO • CITY • WALLS • MARCH • ARK • SEVEN
DAYS • PRIESTS • TRUMPETS • BLAST • ARMY • SHOUT • LORD
COLLAPSE • COVENANT

Stockport Grammar School News

NINE YEARS OLD Stockport Grammar School pupil Tianie Grainger from Poynton is thrilled to be performing in the English Youth Ballet's production of *Coppelia* at The Plaza, Stockport this weekend.

After successfully auditioning for the role, Tianie is part of a 100-strong company of dancers between 8 and 18 years of age, who dance alongside the eight professionals playing the principal roles.

Tianie, who has been dancing since the age of two and has also just completed her first year as a Junior Associate with the Royal Ballet School, takes lessons in Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Tap and Character but says that Ballet is her favourite dance-form and that she would love to become professional when she is older, with a dream to dance in *Swan Lake*. The Year 4 pupil's favourite subjects at school are Drama and English and she enjoys being involved in drama productions both in and out of school.

Speaking about appearing in *Coppelia*, Tianie said *"I love the costumes and it's really great working with the professionals. I'm excited for my family to come and see me performing at the Plaza."* Mum Claire Grainger said: *"I am incredibly proud of all the work Tianie puts in. She seems to take it all in her stride and still finds the time to focus on school work. I'm delighted with her progress."*

In the run up to the show, English Youth Ballet have been using facilities at Stockport Grammar School for their rehearsals at weekends and during the school holiday.

Tianie's fellow Year 4 pupils have also been given the opportunity to go and watch the performance at the Friday matinee.



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 18. If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.
 19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminium going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.
 20. Good judgement comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgement.
 21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
 22. Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.
 23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to appeal.
 24. The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second to go.
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All ROAD USERS need to have a good grasp of the highway code, to be able to ascertain signs and other vehicles at distance and to respect the safety of those around us. Many of us would give ourselves a pat on the back in this regard but sometimes we can be quite thoughtless in how we get around.

In recent weeks there seems to have been a steady stream of people who are using The Avenue, a private road alongside the church, as a short cut from Buxton Road to Bramhall Lane. This happens at various speeds and at various times of the day including home time for the children of St George's school. We have also had occasions when people have gone through the clear "No Entry" sign from Bramhall Lane aiming towards Buxton Road. It doesn't need to be pointed out that this could be catastrophic.

This is a concern of the school and the church and whilst people may well feel they are in a rush, they need to consider seriously the consequences of their actions. The Governing body and the PCC are closely looking into this and will be seeking the advice of the police as to how we might manage the situation.

Elaine

St Gabriel's Praise and Play

THE PARENTS and children at St Gabriel's Praise and Play had a very busy morning one Friday at the end of April. My colleague Di Stead and I needed some photos of young children looking at snails, doing some washing, playing with toys and playing in the sand to illustrate a book we have just written for student teachers. The parents very generously gave permission for their children to have their photographs taken and published. So the scene was set for a very busy morning.



Snails are fascinating. Just look at how they move! And they really like the cucumber.

Filling watering cans with sand and working out different ways to pour sand to make the sand wheel turn takes a lot

of concentration!

Washing is good fun too especially blowing the bubbles

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Marie Flint who started Friday Praise and Play at St.

Gabriel's five years ago. Marie has made sure that a very warm welcome is extended to all who come on a Friday morning. She has worked tirelessly to raise funds for new resources for Praise and Play and to start the healthy breakfast which the children, and adults, now enjoy. In addition she set up and led Messy Church which was held on a Saturday morning at St Gabriel's four times a year. We wish her well in her new role as Children's worker at St Thomas' and St Alban's and pray for her and her family. She will be missed by all on a Friday morning. Thank you Marie for all you have done.

Lois Kelly



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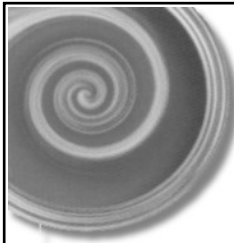
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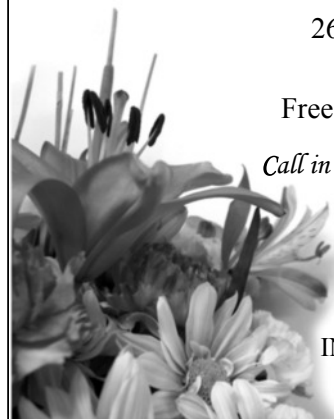
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Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 27)

St George's Parish Rooms

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Crossword

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Across

- 8 Academic who studies history of one of Israel's perennial enemies (13)
- 9 Take to court (Matthew 5:40) (3)
- 10 Absence of guilt (1 Kings 8:32) (9)
- 11 Of Tim (anag.) (5)
- 13 Deprive priest of ecclesiastical status (7)
- 16 Where Paul and Barnabas called en route from Perga to Antioch (Acts 14:25-26) (7)
- 19 'The earth is the —, and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1) (5)
- 22 'Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a —message when the body of elders laid their hands on you' (1 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 24 Raincoat (abbrev.) (3)
- 25 Issue relating to sexual ethics dealt with in the controversial Papal Encyclical Humanae Vitae in 1968(13)

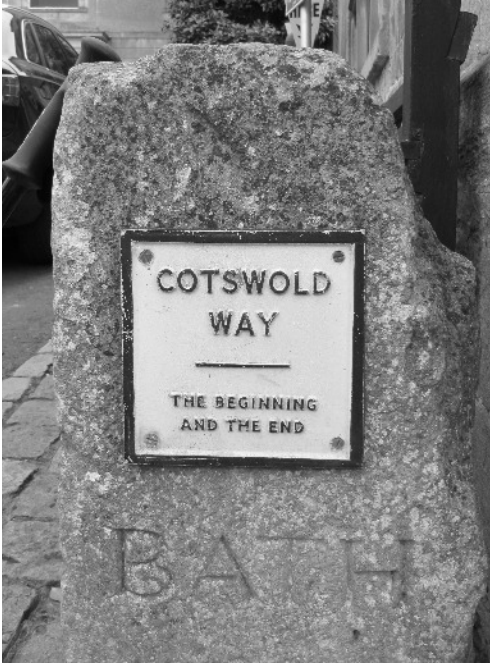
Down

- 1 'The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a — for many' (Matthew 20:28) (6)
- 2 Upward slope (Nehemiah 3:19) (6)
- 3 'God blessed them and said to them, "Be — and increase in number"' (Genesis 1:28) (8)
- 4 'What God has — together, let man not separate' (Matthew 19:6) (6)
- 5 One of the partners which, with BEA, formed British Airways (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'This will be a — you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger' (Luke 2:12) (4,2)
- 7 Takers (anag.) (6)
- 12 'But the things that come — of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man "unclean"' (Matthew 15:18) (3)
- 14 'Then I set bowls — of wine and some — before the men of the Recabite family' (Jeremiah 35:5) (4,4)
- 15 Levitical eating laws were much concerned about animals 'that chew the —' (Leviticus 11:3) (3)
- 16 Llama-like animal noted for its wool (6)
- 17 The seed which fell among these was choked by them as it grew (Luke 8:7) (6)
- 18 Launch an assault against (Genesis 14:15) (6)
- 20 'Neither can you bear fruit unless you — in me' (John 15:4) (6)
- 21 John says of the healing of the royal official's son, 'This was the — miraculous sign that Jesus performed' (John 4:54) (6)
- 23 Inflict pain on (Acts 7:26) (4)

The Cotswold Way

TWO YEARS AGO, I walked the South Downs Way, one of the national long-distance walking trails. I enjoyed it so much that this May, I spent nine days completing the Cotswold Way, between Chipping Campden and Bath. As before, wife Margaret nobly undertook driving duties, collecting me in the evenings, and delivering me next morning back to the same point.

We had booked three pubs/hotels along the way, in Winchcombe, Painswick, and Tormarton, just outside Bath, and all three were very welcoming and comfortable. I started



off after lunch in Campden, in glorious sunshine, and had a gentle six mile stroll into Broadway, before the serious walking began next day. The official start of the route is at the marker on High Street, near the C.17th Market Hall, but, like most people, I started at the impressive Church of St. James, built in the C.15th by

rich local wool merchants. The walk up and across Dover's Hill, site of the Cotswold 'Olympick' Games, offered great views back to Campden, across to the Vale of Evesham, and along to Broadway Tower. The next day took me 12 miles to Winchcombe, via the beautiful, unspoilt villages of Stanton and Stanway. Stanway features a thatched cricket pavilion, paid for by Sir James Barrie, of "Peter Pan" fame. In the evening we enjoyed a dinner of local sausages, while listening to the local bell-ringers practising for all they were worth! The church, St. Peter's, still has bullet holes in the wall from a skirmish during the Civil War.

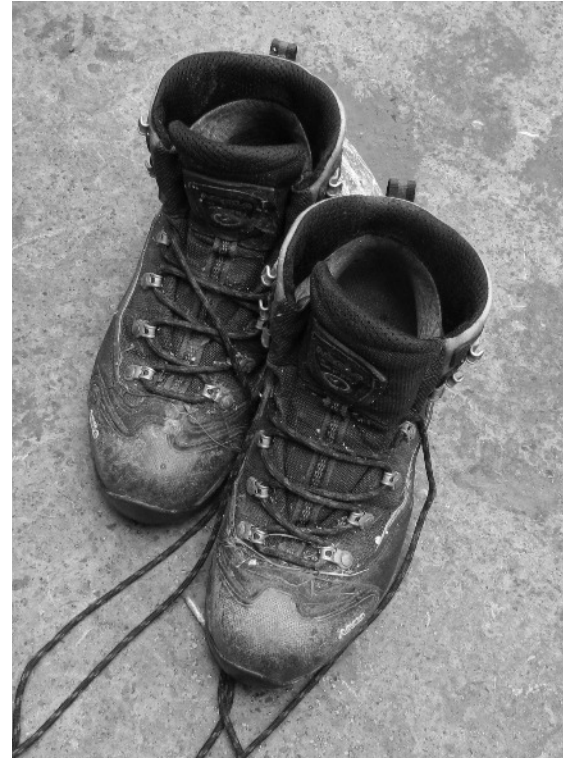
The next day took me 14 miles across to the busy road-junction of Seven Springs, where Margaret managed to find a lay-by to park amidst the busy holiday traffic. The route took me past Belas Knap Long Barrow, through the interestingly named Breakheart Plantation, and up and over Cleeve Hill, with fine views of Cheltenham and the Racecourse. In the afternoon, the weather broke, and coming off the escarpment through woods became a question of finding the least muddy part of the path! The next day was even worse, with heavy rain all day, and no views beyond the hood of my anorak. The last hurdle, Cooper's Hill, scene of the famous cheese-rolling contests – until Health and Safety stepped in! – decided me not to walk the last couple of miles into Painswick, and Margaret duly arrived carrying dry shoes, and newspaper to wrap my soggy boots in! A dinner of sardines, followed by steak, with a pint

of local bitter – and a delicious sloe gin – certainly improved the situation.

The next day was still wet, though I did glimpse the sun on a couple of occasions, including a lovely view west to the shining Severn estuary. I reached the outskirts of Stroud, with

its remains of mill chimneys, in the late afternoon, having passed the Cromwell Stone, erected to commemorate the success by Parliamentary forces in lifting the siege of Gloucester in 1643. I got permission that evening to watch the Champions League Final – Margaret fell asleep – and the next day the sun was back, for a long walk via Dursley to the little village of North Nibley. Next day took me across to Old Sodbury, via the monument to William Tyndale, translator of the Bible into English. He was brought up in the area, and became tutor and chaplain to the Walsh family at Little Sodbury Manor, where he challenged a guest with his famous retort: "If God shall spare my life, 'ere many years I will cause the boy that follows the plough to know more of the Bible than thou doest!"

The next day, the last full day of walking, saw me past our hotel base at Tormarton – originally 'Tower Martin' for the Norman tower on the church – across the M4, skirting Dyrham Park, and down to a very wet Civil War battlefield site at Lansdown Hill. The day was enlivened by 2 delightful herds of cows, who followed me across their fields, posed for photos, and allowed me to stroke them. I also played pooh-sticks down a country lane which had turned into a stream rather than a road! But the clouds lifted a bit on the final morning, down into Bath via the appropriately named Prospect Stile. I said goodbye to a nice pair of Dutch walkers who were also following the Way, and who I encountered 3 or 4 times during the walk. (They insisted that they were at a disadvantage because there were no hills in Holland!) Probably the steepest hill of all was the last half-mile up into the Royal Victoria Park. I saw the famous Crescent, built by the Georgian architect, John Wood, and then managed to get lost in the teeming streets of Bath! Eventually, somewhat shamefacedly, I found my way to beautiful Bath Abbey, the end of the walk. Margaret was waiting for me, drinking coffee, and watching all the street entertainers. Bath seemed very crowded and noisy after the



quiet of the Way, and I was quite glad to get on the Park and Ride bus, after, of course, a visit to the Abbey.

We weren't quite finished, because on the next day, we went on another pilgrimage, to the quiet village of Slad, one of my favourite spots in the Cotswolds, and the home of the writer Laurie Lee, who wrote about it in his wonderful memoir, *Cider With Rosie*. It's the centenary of Lee's birth, so it seemed very appropriate to visit the church, and see his gravestone, and the new window in his memory. It also seemed appropriate to visit the local pub, the Woolsack, where I once met Mr. Lee, and enjoy a glass of cider. Rosie, unfortunately, didn't make an appearance.

The walk is 104 miles (despite the 100 it states on the marker in Chipping Campden!), and takes you through quintessentially English countryside. You will see many examples of the golden Cotswold stone in the village houses, climb and descend rolling hills and wooded valleys, meet kindly people, who always make time to talk to you, and perhaps meet a bit of mud! I can thoroughly recommend the Way, either in short sections, or completing the whole walk. I think that Laurie Lee himself captured the essence of his countryside in a few magic words when he described:

“GOLDEN AIR.
White butterflies
Like sugared wafers,
And when it wasn't raining
A diamond dust
Took over,
Which veiled and yet
MAGNIFIED
All things.”



Cheers!

Richard Parr

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Reader Peter Hall's sermon delivered on Trinity Sunday, 15th June

Today is Trinity Sunday.

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The first Sunday after the Holy Spirit was gifted to the church

And today I'd like us to think carefully about the Trinity.

Not an easy thing to do.

The Trinity : God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

So I thought the simplest way of getting us to think about the Trinity, was to look at why we are here today, and what we are doing.

Here's one view of why we are here:

- We are here in church
- Singing our Psalms and Hymns to God.
- We are praying for the world
- Listening to a sermon
- Offering our money, our time and talents to God.

We need God's grace to help us do it. We do it because Jesus taught us to do it and left us an example of how to do it. Worship is something **we** do before God.

To be honest... it sounds a view of a lot of Christian Church worship... and the way many Christians would think about it.

But now think carefully. Where did the Trinity fit in? Everything was Human-centred.

We were doing the offering of worship in the same way as in the OT it was the priest who offered everything on behalf of the people. We had become the priests.

So where does Christ fit in... yes I mentioned that he'd left us an example....but is that really what we have reduced him to, an example? Don't we read about Christ being a Mediator between us and God the Father – the sole priesthood? And where was the Holy Spirit mentioned? He wasn't.

No, we're are left sitting in the pew, watching the minister doing his or her thing, exhorting us to do our thing until we go home thinking we've done our duty for another week. It doesn't sound right, and it doesn't sound trinitarian. So how should we look at worship?

First of all... what does worship mean. It actually means to give worth. To tell someone what they are worth is quite complicated. We can tell them what we think they are worth to us, but that won't really sum their true worth up. So I suspect that when we try to worship God, we are only saying what He is worth to us... not his true worth. But fortunately, there is another way of thinking about this...

If there is one word that sums up what worship should be, according to the New Testament...it is about

participating. And I don't just mean joining in with the hymns, or taking part in the service
No I mean participating in something absolutely amazing. I am talking about taking part in the relationship between the Son and the Father, through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

That is what Jesus Christ has made possible for us. We can participate through union with Christ in what he has done for us, once and for all, in his self offering to the Father, in his life and death on the cross. And we continue to participate in his mission to the world.

Jesus Christ is the one true priest through whom and with whom we draw near to God our Father. He is the only Mediator between us and God, and it was His offering not ours that is acceptable to God.

Now we can give God the Father, true worth. This view of worship is Trinitarian. It takes seriously all the New Testament teaching about the sole priesthood of Christ, of His headship, of his self-offering for us to the Father and our life in union with Christ through the Spirit.

The Trinity should run through everything we say and do. That's why we are baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into the community, the one Body of Christ. It is why we confess faith in the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And which worships the Father through the Son in the Spirit. We are baptised into a life of communion, of fellowship, not just with each other, but with God the Father Himself, through Jesus Christ in the Spirit.

The first way I mentioned can engender weariness, the second way, though grace, should release Joy and ecstasy. Because in the second we are lifted up by the Spirit into the presence of the Father, into a life of praise in union with Christ.

It is Christ in our midst who leads our worship. It is Christ who gives the Father true worth, true worship. It is the living Christ who leads our prayers and our praises

God does not accept us because we have offered worthy worship. In his love, he accepts us freely in the person of his beloved Son.

It is he who in our name and on our behalf, in our humanity, has made the one offering to the Father which alone is acceptable to God for all humanity, for all nations, for all times. It is he who unites us with himself in the one Body, in his communion with the Father, and in his continuing intercessions.

The real agent in worship, in a New Testament understanding, is Jesus Christ who leads us in our praises and prayers, 'the one true minister of the sanctuary'. He is the High Priest who by his one offering of himself for us on the cross, now leads us into the Holy of Holies, the holy presence of the Father, in Holy Communion

Restoring the Organ- what's going on?

All being well the first phase of the work will begin shortly. I say, 'all being well' as the Church of England has stages to be completed and formalities to be gone through. The faculty was applied for and a first stage 'yes' given. The second stage of having the document posted publicly for comment and objections has been completed. Now registrars and chancellors have to sign and seal things! (Perhaps we'd better have an article in Grapevine, Mark, about who these people are and what they do.) David Wells, chief organ builder, has pencilled us in for July.

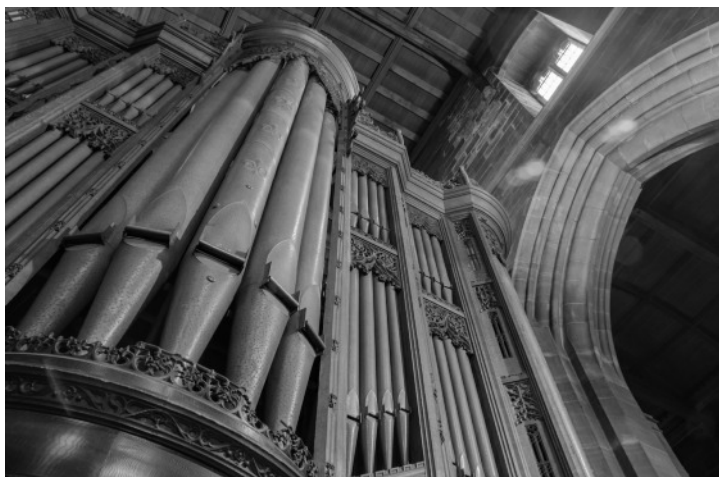


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At the end of May we had £41,753 in the organ restoration fund. We also expect to recover £468 in Gift Aid and the Pilling Trust has awarded us £5000. This total of £47,221 means we can get on with the most urgent repairs - and pay for them, leaving us a little bit left as seed corn for the second phase - which will cost around £80,000.

At the recent excellent St Cecilia Singers' concert - which raised £570 - their organist accompanist, Jeffrey Makinson, played a Bach Chorale Prelude for Whitsuntide. As he explained, the myriads of quick notes symbolised the coming of the Holy Spirit. It was an exciting piece, full of movement, that showed what the organ can do. At the end of it I was tapped on the shoulder by a fellow member of the audience with a wicked grin on her face: "Do we really need the organ restoring?" I'm sure many of you may ask the same question as you hear it Sunday by Sunday. From the outside it looks and sounds fine - except for that hiss of escaping air we can hear from the choir stalls. But inside, cold and heat, dust and air, mechanical and electrical movement and metal fatigue have taken their toll. Gaffer tape will hold things together only for so long!

So a big 'thank you' for what you have done so far to help the committee raise the money. We will keep going with fund raising activities and, at the same time, contribute to the fellowship and fun of life at St George's. We will also be making applications for grants to help us raise what is a considerable sum. The positive thing is that we can take our time and raise the money over a couple of years or so.

Please support as many of the forthcoming events as you can. You can even help the organ fund when you shop on the internet, if you do it via the Giving Machine. Do whatever you can to help us to move steadily towards our next goal. And if you have ideas, tell me about them.

Chris Dawson 0161 429 7880 or
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So far we have around 20 givers who have raised £48.00. Our aim is to double our number of givers by September and to double that number again by Christmas. We want a nice steady, free income from these retailers. So from July we may pester you a bit about joining - and getting a friend or relation to join. My mother-in-law in Hereford is set up to do her regular Tesco shop and benefit our organ fund! So who can you ask to do their grocery shopping - or any other shopping - and add to our funds?

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St. George's Organ Restoration Fund Forthcoming Events 2014

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Saturday 2 August 10.0am to 12 noon - Café Concert & Book Sale.

Saturday 4 October 10.0am to 12 noon - Café Concert & Book Sale.

Saturday 13 September 10.0am to 4.0pm - Heritage Open Day - organ, handbells, tower visits.

Wednesday 8 October 7.30pm - An evening with Paul Karsena, Christian comedian & a script writer for BBC 1's 'Miranda' and 'Not Going Out'. Tickets £10 & £8 (available on the door)

Further details from Chris Dawson 0161 429 7880

Baptisms previously listed



25th May: Alfie Hein and his parents Emma and Aaron.



25th May: Archie Kelvin Meredith. ... and with an accompanying letter reading:

Dear Elaine,
Thank you for the lovely service you did on Sunday for Archie! Everyone commented how nice it was and we had a truly lovely and very special day! Best wishes, Mikaela, Dan and Archie



Redeeming Our Communities is a national charity founded in 2004 with over 50 projects throughout the UK. The charity's main aim is to bring about **community transformation** by creating strategic partnerships which open up opportunities for crime and disorder reduction and improved community cohesion. This partnership approach has seen crime and anti-social behaviour fall and fresh hope brought to some of the most deprived and challenging areas of the UK, urban and rural alike.

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We have our own ROC Café Junior which is for Primary Age children and opens on Fridays 3.30 to 5pm. It meets in Adswood Young people's Centre, Neston Grove, Adswood SK3 8PH.

This group really needs some leaders to help as part of the team. If you can help set up at 2.30pm and welcome the children until 3.30pm then that will be great. If you can turn up at 4.30pm and help to tidy up then that will be brilliant. If you can offer yourself for a whole session once a month then you can start to build up relationships with the children. If you can offer more than that then you can be assured that you are making a huge contribution to our community.

Please speak with Elaine in the first instance who will put you in touch with the relevant people 0161 456 9382.

Reading the Bible in public

Here is the third in a short series of articles that is geared to help and inspire any Christian who does any kind of ministry – from reading the Bible in church to making the coffee after the service to attending a home group.

BUT is this a necessary topic? I'm afraid so. I have heard the British actor David Suchet declare that he has been up and down churches everywhere... and that the dull and listless public reading of the Scriptures is generally a disgrace to the power of the Bible.

"The music was wonderful today".... "That was a great talk!".... "I loved the worship!" *Hardly ever do I hear gratitude expressed for a Scripture reading.* Let this be the background to that occasion when you find yourself called upon to read from the Scriptures publically.

We are not simply pronouncing words when we stand at the front. Unhurried preliminary prayer is vital to the task. What is this passage all about? Why is it here in the Bible? What is its main point? I need to ask myself which words - as I read them - could do with a slight emphasis, a mental underlining, a raised or lowered inflexion?

Yet others should not be thinking, 'What a great reader,' but rather 'My goodness, that passage was speaking to me!' The voice must be naturally your own. Do normal people speak with 'holy' churchy affectation? Did Jesus, when telling his parables?

We are to keep the voice natural, yet with an underlying awareness that - without straining - WE NEED TO PROJECT. True - there may be a microphone - but be not deceived! It is only there to impart a slight 'lift'

to the voice; *it simply cannot do the job for you.* Keep six inches from the mike and then address the very back row.

Across the years I have recognized various unfortunate 'Categories' of reader. Be warned! One could be named after an early English king, unfortunately known as Ethelred the Unready. Such a reader turns up, but has clearly not thought the passage through at all; the reading is an utter non-event.

By contrast we have sometimes been subjected to The Thespian. Here a well-intentioned reader is so intent on 'acting' the passage with ham-fisted phony 'accents' that it is truly cringe-worthy. *Public Scripture reading can be truly supernatural in power – without it ever becoming unnatural in delivery.*

Have you sometimes heard The Dullard give the reading? It is delivered in a flat monotone throughout; it could have been a recitation of shares on the stock market.

Then there is what may be called The Queen's Speech, immaculate; beautifully spoken and with perfect diction. But somehow the reading lacked 'Soul' – was it a communication from heaven and a life of prayer, or a performance from the local dramatic society?

Give yourself some practice sessions! Try Luke 15:11-24 as an obvious 'story', and then, by contrast, Ephesians 2:1-10; then 1 Kings 18: 20-39.

Treat public Bible reading as an honour. For centuries the Bible has been described in the British Coronation Service as *The most precious thing that this world affords.* We are to treat it like that!

Richard Bewes

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone; one should keep his friendships in constant repair.

Samuel Johnson

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MEAT FILLED PANCAKES (PANQUETA DE CARNE)

I am no football fan but it seems appropriate to have a recipe from Brazil and these pancakes are to be found in casual eateries for both lunch and dinner. I have not had time to try the recipe this month and the pancake batter looks rather thin to me: you may prefer to use your usual pancake mixture, enough to make eight pancakes.

For the pancake batter

150g/5oz flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ tablespoon butter
225ml/12 fl oz whole milk
1 egg

For the sauce

½ tablespoon unsalted butter, or oil
400g/14oz tin chopped tomatoes
½ medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 tablespoon spring onion, chopped
Salt and pepper, to taste
small pinch sugar
½ tablespoon tomato puree
½ cup stock, from a cube is fine

For the filling

1 tablespoon butter, or oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon green pepper, finely chopped
250g/10oz minced beef
5 green olives, pitted and chopped
1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped
100g/4oz shredded mozzarella cheese

For pancakes, put the batter ingredients in a blender and whizz until smooth. Let stand for 30 minutes. To make the pancakes, lightly grease a 13" dia frying pan with butter/oil. Warm over a low flame. Add three tablespoons of batter and cook until it separates from the bottom of the pan. Carefully turn the pancake and let it brown on the other side, reserve. Repeat with remaining batter, making 8 pancakes.

For sauce, warm ½ tablespoon butter or oil in a pan over medium heat. Saute onion and garlic until softened, add tomatoes. Add chopped parsley, spring onions, salt, pepper, sugar, tomato puree and stock and simmer until sauce-like.

For filling, saute garlic, onion and green pepper with butter/oil in a saucepan until softened, set aside. Brown minced beef and drain. Return beef and vegetables to saucepan, add green olives and tomatoes and mix all together. Cook until beef is tender.

Preheat oven to 180C/Gas4/350F. Grease a shallow rectangular ovenproof dish. Evenly distribute the filling between the pancakes, roll into tubes and place in dish. Cover the pancakes completely with sauce and top with cheese. Bake in preheated oven for 5-10 minutes to warm thoroughly. Serve immediately.
Makes 8.

Garden Gnomes - July-August

IN JULY AND AUGUST you should be enjoying the fruits of your labours earlier in the year but there are still jobs to be done to keep your garden looking good for the remainder of the Summer. For example, cutting the grass and dead-heading flowering plants, to encourage further blooms. And then of course there's the ever present, all-year task of weeding. But with all of those tasks you should still have time to sit and admire your handiwork, weather permitting of course.

It is suggested that July and August are months in which you can trim Conifer hedges, remembering always not to cut back into old brown wood as most conifers rarely re-grow if they are cut back too hard. Seeds can be collected from herbaceous perennials, shrubs, annuals and other plants when the seed pods have become brown and dry. Clean these seeds by rubbing the pods gently between your hands held over a large shallow tray. Pick out the larger pieces of rubbish and discard them, then blow gently on to the residue to separate seeds from rubbish and remove the rubbish. Most seeds can be sown straight away in pots or seed trays in a cold frame. If you don't want to sow them straight away, seeds should be stored in paper envelopes, labelled with the plant name and the date and then stored in a cool dry place.

Why not try drying some of your summer flowers to provide some colour in the house during the long, dark days of Autumn and Winter. Pick the flowers just before they are fully open, on a sunny day after the dew has dried off. Tie them together in small bunches with soft string or twine. Then hang the bunches upside down in a dry airy room, with little or no sunlight, but never in the kitchen or bathroom where the atmosphere is damp. Leave them until the flowers are crisp and dry to the touch. Some seed heads can burst after drying, like those of bulrushes and gladiolus iris; spray these with clear varnish or hair lacquer as soon as they are dry.

Annuals that have finished flowering can be pulled up and composted. Fill the gaps left with biennials such as wallflowers. The extra growing time for these will make them into bumper plants to flower next Spring.

Daffodil and Narcissi bulbs are best planted before the end of September; plant in clumps rather than in straight rows. If you are planting up a bed leave the bulbs until last. Be sure to plant at the right depth. As a guide the hole should be three times the depth of the bulb; err on the deep side if anything.

Whatever you do, enjoy your garden.

Retired Gnome, Peter

Pamela Ferguson

Leslie Norman Radcliffe

8th September 1916 to 23rd May 2014

WITH THE DEATH of Leslie Radcliffe, St George's has lost one of its colourful characters. A cremation and service, to celebrate his life and faith, was held at Stockport Crematorium on Monday, 2nd June 2014 and was attended by about 30 relatives and friends. Leslie conveyed that he would like there to be a Celebratory Thanksgiving Service sometime after his cremation. This is to be on **Saturday, 6th September 2014 at 2.30**, at St George's Church, Buxton Road, and he would like all attending to 'wear colourful clothes and dance in the aisles!'

Some considerable time ago I wrote a series of articles entitled 'A Day in the Life of...', in which members of the congregation recounted a special day in their lives, which had left a lasting memory. Leslie was a great raconteur and had many tales to tell, but the day in his life, which he remembered with great glee, is reproduced below and made me smile when I reread it. I think that Leslie would be delighted if he was remembered with a smile.

A Day in the Life of Leslie Radcliffe

LESLIE RADCLIFFE has been a member of the St George's congregation since the Sunday, in 1949, when he drove along the A6, from Chinley, where he was living, looking for a spiritual home.

He arrived outside St George's at 6.20pm, in time for Evensong, where he stood at the back, with 20 others, as all the pews, and extra chairs down the centre aisle, were full – a congregation of about 1100. Wilfrid Garlick was the Vicar at that time and Leslie attended ever since.

Leslie was encouraged, by his English teacher, to pursue a career in journalism when he left school, and his first job was writing for the travel, motoring and letters pages of a magazine – The Field. The war then interrupted his career and Leslie joined the Medical Corps. To gain as much experience as possible, the recruits were sent to various hospitals on courses.

One of Leslie's stints was at the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead, where he had the privilege of working with Archibald McIndoe (later Sir Archibald), consultant in Plastic Surgery to the Royal Air Force and, because of his legendary work in the rehabilitation of badly burned airmen, in 1941 the Guinea Pig Club was formed. McIndoe was appointed President.

After the war, Leslie joined the staff of Cheshire Life magazine and became editor in 1946, a position he held for 35 years. During this time he attended many functions, the most memorable being when he received a phone call from a secretary, wishing to know how to spell his name correctly, prior to sending the invitation. 'LNRadcliffe' he told her. 'That's L for Leslie – N nuts – Radcliffe with a D and an E'. When the invitation arrived it was addressed to:

Leslie Nuts-Radcliffe Esq.

But the day in his life, which Leslie recounted with boyish glee, was the day he and his chief photographer, Cyril Lindley, went to Chester Zoo to do a photo feature for Cheshire Life.

The staff at the zoo had given them permission to go where they liked, so they decided that a herd of antelope in the distance would make a good picture. Leslie crossed a stream to get behind the animals and move them towards Cyril, who was setting up his plate camera. When Leslie turned round to begin his shepherding, he couldn't believe his eyes – Cyril, with his head under a large black cloth, was focussing on the antelope, whilst a large orang-utan was resting its hand on Cyril's shoulder! The keeper was unaware that they had visitors and had let the oranges out. Cyril thought the hand on his shoulder was Leslie's and when he emerged from under the cloth, he nearly died of fright. Leslie, on the other hand, could do nothing to help as he was doubled up laughing!

Leslie had many tales to tell, all delivered with a twinkle in his eye, but the ones he liked to remember were the ones that made him laugh.

Rosie Stead

On a Wing and a Prayer?

By the time you are reading this issue of *The Grapevine*, you will know whether England's footballers have made it out of their World Cup "Group of Death" in Brazil. As I write, England are in trouble, having narrowly lost their first game to Italy. But perhaps we have been paying too much attention to our problems at full back, and Wayne Rooney's disappointing form? Certainly, the Right Rev. Nick Baines, Bishop of Liverpool, thinks so, as he has compiled a series of official Church of England World Cup prayers.

It includes a prayer for the competition as a whole:

Lord of all the nations, who played the cosmos into being, guide and protect all who work or play in the World Cup.

One for the hosts, Brazil:

Smile on Brazil in her hosting, on the nations represented in competition and on those who travel to join in the party.

And even one for those who have no interest in the competition:

Lord, as all around are gripped with World Cup fever, bless us with understanding, strengthen us with patience and grant us the gift of sympathy if needed.

The prayer for the England team is more succinct:

Oh God...

(There is an alternative prayer, only slightly more optimistic, that asks the Lord to help the team to *rediscover their legs, their eyes and their hunger...!*)

It should perhaps be pointed out that the Rt Rev. Baines is a Liverpool supporter.

Richard Parr

Jim Clare. An Appreciation from the Rector of St. Mary's. Taken from his address at Jim's funeral on 9th June

JIM was born in Salford. His father was a sheet metal worker. His parents moved over to Stockport when Jim was a baby. Jim grew up in Offerton with his siblings. The family moved onto Hall Street when they were quite young. Malcolm, Doris, Mary, Jim, Grace (they lost one sister, Agnes, tragically drowned in the river as a child), Marjorie and Ernie. The children all went to the Parish Church school.

After School Jim went straight into work, firstly working in a garage in Holly street.

Jim was a good worker and would have made a good job of it, but Jim didn't like being told to work dishonestly and so he left. This was an early sign of Jim's strength of character and determination to do things the right way in life. Jim went into a local engineering firm Coopers, working as a paint sprayer .

After that he went "on the post" as they say around here. Jim was a postman for 27 years. He loved his work, and loved meeting people, as postmen used to when times were more leisurely. But eventually Jim gave up the post. He got fed up with different shifts, and especially working inside. His job had been the Davenport Park round. Jim had done double shifts to get extra money. He was a good and loyal worker. But Jim went to work one morning, (he had kept moaning about his work), and came back home and said to Margaret

"I've handed my notice in and I'm never going back !" Imagine Margaret's reaction on that day! After that Jim became a window cleaner! Quite a change in life for Jim. But at last and at least he was happy.

Jim met Margaret through friends, pen friends in Germany; it's a lovely story which Margaret can tell you herself. They met one day in Mersey Square at the four telephone boxes, a well known meeting place for young people in those days in Stockport! Very romantic. 56 years later they are still together and the rest is history as they say! On the Anniversary of 50 years of marriage, Jim and Margaret received a congratulatory card from Her Majesty the Queen which sits proudly in their home. They celebrated their Golden Wedding at the Davenport Tennis Club. A happy occasion for all concerned.

Jim and Margaret married on 26th October 1957 at St. Paul's Portwood. In due course they were blessed with a family. First came LINDA in 1959; then PETER came along in 1962; and then DAVID arrived a few years later in 1973.

Jim and Margaret began married life in Star Street, near Newbridge Lane, where there were only five houses. They moved to Grenville Street in Edgeley in 1969.

Margaret has been linked with St Matthews parish church ever since then, and continues to play an active part in its life. Jim was not a churchgoing person either by inclination or conviction, but he loved singing carols, and

when the season came around he even joined our ad hoc Christmas Tuesday Choir here at St Mary's in recent years and this gave everyone pleasure to have him on board.

According to Margaret, Jim always had a major project on the go. Planning, drawing, in the house or in the garden. A pond, a sandpit; all the children loved being in their garden in early years. There were terraces, and one must not forget the trellising for the roses! One of last projects was indeed a pond in their present home, which is magnificent, as is the whole garden, much of it created by Jim. His imagination, skill and hard work all combined with the intention of giving Margaret a lovely garden for her plants. Even if he sometimes did things without first getting Margaret's approval!

Jim and Margaret moved from Grenville Street, Cheadle Heath, to Flowery Field and

then 15 years ago, in order to downsize, around the corner to Montrose Close. A good and happy move for Jim and Margaret. The family remembers that when at Grenville Street they had a Mini Countryman, white. It was nice car, the first family car, and then came a caravan that was kept in the front garden! Actually Jim had dug the garden out in order to make room for it! That was Jim!

The family liked going to Cornwall even though, in those days, it was a long way without motorways . The family remembers one such journey, don't you? Jim got the children up really early at 3am to make a good start, but much to the children's surprise. "Are we there yet?" The journey came to an early end, or so it may have seemed to sleepy young people. Jim had stopped at Macclesfield...for a two-hour nap because he was tired! Margaret was not a happy bunny! That was Jim !

After working at the post and finishing at lunchtime, they would often go away for the weekend. Asby de la Zouch is recalled, but they particularly liked going into Peak District, Ashford being a favourite spot .

Tragedy came into Jim's life again in 1999, when they lost their youngest son David, aged only 25. Jim was very close to David and his tragic death devastated the whole family. "What's the use of working" Jim concluded. As a result of this grievous blow he lost all interest in work. But the question was "What was he going to do with himself?" Fortunately, Stockport Heritage Trust came to the rescue, just at the right time for Jim, and how grateful we all are for that. So Jim finished work.

Jim went to a couple of the Parish Church School reunions. He got involved with Steve Cliffe , as we have heard , and again the rest is history, as they say.

Since then, Jim became involved with the Cheshire Regiment Association. But it was in church that Jim met Eric Longson, who had gone into the Heritage Centre. "That's got to be Jim Clare!" he heard a familiar voice booming. They'd known each other since National Service in the Army. What a wonderful reunion that was. And it was helpful to Eric and Sheila too. Eric and Sheila together got involved in the Heritage and at one stage

took it upon themselves to clean the War Memorial, for which we were very grateful.

Jim has really enjoyed much of life since then. He has always been enthusiastic about Stockport. About the Parish Church and about the Parish Church School. Also about Richard de Vernon. In fact he was enthusiastic about everything that caught his interest. He has always liked doing odd jobs whether at home or at church, climbing up ladders, doing things. That's Jim, DOING THINGS. His garden is a testimony to his character !

And Jim has valued the family too. Over the years Jim has kept in touch with the family wherever they have been. LINDA and STEVE and their children; JOE 24, who now lives in Singapore and has flown back specially to be with the family, and LIAM 23, and AIDAN 14. Jim has been very close to them all. Jim did a lot with them when they were young. They loved him because he was always doing things with them, taking them to play golf and to the park. Many happy memories of Jim, GRANDAD. And there was PETER and JANE too with their son THOMAS 11 WHO IS VERY CLOSE to GRANDAD as well.

Following National Service Jim signed on for an extra year, so he did three and half years altogether including serving in Suez. In fact he was recalled for the Suez Crisis!

Jim was blessed in so many ways by God and we have been blessed in being part of Jim's life and his positive view of life, even in the face of great personal adversity and grief. His artistic skills which he possessed as a boy, and which have literally blossomed in recent years, have left us with a unique legacy of Jim's talent, which will be remembered warmly for many years to come.

Jim made no bones about the fact that he was not a churchgoer. So, to some, the presence of a number of clergy at his church funeral, which he specifically requested, might have come as a surprise. The privilege of kneeling to pray with Jim by his bedside as he moved towards the end of his life was, to me, a clear indication that Jim's faith was in his heart and mind where you and I were not privileged to go. On one occasion, and maybe only once, Jim received Holy Communion with Margaret.

Jesus blessed countless people young and old, as he went about in his earthly ministry. Only God, moving in Jim's heart, could have brought him to the altar of faith on that day, and I believe that God loved Jim and created Jim for special service on the life of his church and in this community. Famously, St. James said

"Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do!"

Jim has spent more time in this church in the last dozen years of his life than most members of the regular congregation. He has done more good in this church and in this community through his service here than many who call themselves Christians, or at least appear that way, by being churchgoers.



Jim Clare

Jim didn't need to go to church on Sunday ! He heard sermons on Tuesdays and he shared in the comings and goings of the unusual life of this parish church in a wonderful way, a way which endeared him to all who came to know him. He was simply, and in every way, the best of friends. When he came into St Mary's a light seemed to come on. He made people happy, he made them laugh. He made sense of our all being here together as a community of faith and action. It made sense to him.

And he took the good news of St Mary's and the Stockport Heritage Trust out into the community. He was evangelical in his enthusiasm for all that was good in HIS community. He loved Stockport and he wanted to give something back to the town.

God loves a cheerful giver, the Bible says: and that was Jim, a cheerful giver. His remarkable courage and stoicism in the face of prolonged illness showed us all what a Christian life should be, one of faith AND deeds. In the marriage service we hear the words God KNOWS ALL THE SECRETS OF OUR HEARTS. That was Jim!

There were some things, like his faith, which were not given to know. But we were privileged to see the man, and his deeds, his love, his loyalty, his commitment, his integrity, his charity, his friendliness and his sense of humour. All God-given gifts, to ONE unique and much loved man, whom we commend to God's mercy TODAY, confident in God's promises to Jim and to all present, that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that WHOEVER believes in me, shall not perish but have eternal life". THAT'S JIM!



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT

MUSIC LIST – JULY 2014

Sunday 6 th July – Trinity 3			
10:15am - St. George's Service		6:30pm – Evensong at St. Gabriel's, Adswood	
Setting:	Greening	Hymns:	495 – Lead kindly light 562 – Put thou thy trust in God 404 – Come my soul thy suit prepare 11 – As now the sun's declining rays
Hymns:	386 – Be thou my vision 468 – I danced in the morning 308 – Just as I am, without one plea 430 – Forth in thy name O Lord I go	Canticles:	Mag: 51 Nunc: 60 Psalm: 56
Anthem:	Be thou my vision - Chilcott	Anthem:	O for a closer walk - Stanford

Sunday 13 th July – Trinity 4			
10:15am - St. George's Service		6:30pm – Evensong	
All-Age Service		Hymns:	496 – Lead us heavenly Father, lead us 262 – O Lord my God 109 – It is a thing most wonderful 12 – At even ere the sun was set
		Canticles:	Mag: 46 Nunc: 61 Psalm: 60
		Anthem:	O Gladsome light - Bourgeois

Sunday 20 th July – Trinity 5			
10:15am - St. George's Service with Baptism		6:30pm – Evensong	
Setting:	Greening	Hymns:	449 – God of mercy, God of grace 277 – All for Jesus 475 – Immortal love, for ever full 23 – The duteous day now closeth
Hymns:	558 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 591 – The Kingdom of God is justice ... 516 – Love divine, all loves excelling 455 – Guide me O thou great Redeemer	Canticles:	Mag: 47 Nunc: 56 Psalm: 47
Anthem:	Teach me O Lord – Attwood	Anthem:	Cantate Domino – Pitoni

Sunday 27 th July – Trinity 6			
10:15am - St. George's Service		6:30pm – Choral Evensong	
Setting:	Greening	Hymns:	530 – Now thank we all our God 376 – And can it be that I should gain 207 – Blessed city, heavenly Salem 10 – Abide with me
Hymns:	87 – Hail to the Lord's anointed Seek ye first the kingdom of God 442 – God is love 549 – Oft in danger, oft in woe	Canticles:	Dyson in C minor Psalm: 75
Anthem:	Blessed be the God and Father - Wesley	Anthem:	

Making another comeback

St George's Christmas Tree Festival

At the invitation of the PCC, members of the Christmas Tree Festival Committee have agreed to organise the Festival for the eighth time. This year's event will run from Wednesday 26th through Sunday 30th November. The number of trees?...the number of visitors?... are anybody's guess.

As always the Festival period will be punctuated by a variety of events - from school performances to hand bell ringing, from St George's own singers to an appearance by Father Christmas. This year's event might involve other surprise performances, but I am not letting the secret out just yet. Watch this space.

In order to make the Festival more accessible to the public, it is likely that we will be tweaking opening and closing times. There will be more information about that later.

Although I am a newcomer to social media, I hope to be making some useful and interesting tweets about the big festive week, so tune in.

If you have any queries about the Festival, please address them to Angela Wadsworth on 439 3919 or Kim Regan on 440 0408 or d.kim.regan@gmail.com.



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT

MUSIC LIST – AUGUST 2014

Sunday 3 rd August – Trinity 7									
10:15am - St. George's Service			6:30pm – Evensong						
Setting:	Greening		Hymns:	385 – Be thou my guardian and my guide					
Hymns:	555 - Praise my soul the King of heaven			357 – Lord of Lords and King eternal					
	Longing for light, we wait in darkness			515 – Lord thy word abideth					
	309 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence			18 – O strength and stay					
	278 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus								
	455 – Guide me O thou great Redeemer		Canticles:	Mag:	45	Nunc:	62	Psalm:	85

Sunday 10 th August – Trinity 8					
10:15am - St. George's Service			6:30pm – Evensong		
All-Age Service			Hymns:	456 – Happy are they, they that love God 536 – O God of Bethel by whose hand 37 – The Lord will come and not be slow 15 – God that madest earth and heaven	
			Canticles:	Mag:	50
			Nunc:		65
			Psalm:		86

Sunday 17 th August – Trinity 9										
10:15am - St. George's Service			6:30pm – Evensong							
Setting:	Greening		Hymns:	537 – O God our help in ages past 98 – Lord teach us how to pray aright 526 – Nearer my God to thee 20 – Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise						
Hymns:	449 – God of mercy, God of grace 347 – Thine arm O Lord in days of old 475 – Immortal love, for ever full 277 – All for Jesus 612 – We have a gospel to proclaim									
				Canticles:	Mag:	51	Nunc:	60	Psalm:	90

Sunday 24 th August – Trinity 10								
10:15am - St. George's Service			6:30pm – Evensong					
Setting:	Greening		Hymns:	570 – Sing to the Lord a joyful song 604 – Through all the changing scenes of life 200 – Affirm the threefold name 17 – O gladsome light				
Hymns:	492 – Jesus wher'er thy people meet 426 – Firmly I believe and truly 585 – The Church's one foundation 318 – O thou who at thy Eucharist...							
	362 – Tell out my soul			Canticles:	Mag:	45	Nunc:	62

Sunday 31 st August – Trinity 11									
10:15am - St. George's Service			6:30pm – Evensong						
Setting:	Greening		Hymns:	448 – God of grace and God of glory					
Hymns:	556 – Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore...			477 – In Christ there is no east or west					
	456 – Happy are they, they that love God			610 – To the name of our salvation					
	470 – I the Lord of sea and sky			21 – Sun of my soul					
	311 – Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour								
	621 – He who would valiant be		Canticles:	Mag:	47	Nunc:	56	Psalm	105 1-15

And so to bed

WHEN IS your bed-time? Probably later than it used to be. Apparently we are going to sleep 90 minutes later than we did 10 years ago – and our smartphones, tablet computers and social networking sites are to blame. It is just so tempting to go to bed, and take them with us.... and spend more than an hour online before we close down for the night. The trend for 'bedtime browsing' means the average person is now sleeping for seven-and-a-half hours less during a working week than 10 years ago. The study was carried out by the price comparison site broadbandchoices.co.uk.

The clergyman who was voted UK Yachtsman of the Year 2013

WHAT will you be doing this summer? Chances are, you will NOT be sailing a small boat across freezing Arctic waters. Yet last summer, that is exactly what the 78 year-old Rev Bob Shepton was doing. It won him the prize of Apollo/Yachting Journalists' Association Yachtsman of the Year Award for 2013. That must be an absolute 'first' for a retired Anglican clergyman!

The citation ran as follows: 'The Rev Bob Shepton completed the unique feat of sailing his 33ft sloop through hostile Arctic conditions of the North West Passage in both directions in successive years. His latest voyage west to east, last July (2013), aged 78, was in particularly bleak conditions, and the feat was managed by only three boats last year.'

It was a long way from the more populated places where Mr Shepton once ministered. He was a full time youth leader at the Cambridge University Mission in Bermondsey (now the Salmon Club), the Warden of the Oxford Kilburn Club, and worked for a while at the Mayflower Family Centre when David Sheppard, later Bishop of Liverpool, was Warden. He later served as chaplain of two slightly specialist schools. But these days he cruises extensively in the Arctic on his 33ft Westerly, *Dodo's Delight*.

As the citation described his trip last summer: 'He faced extremely harsh conditions with 30-40 per cent more ice than usual and strong headwinds. This led to

no spring at all in Alaska, and rivers frozen later than at any time in 96 years. Yet, as well as completing the passage successively, he also found time to carry out underwater filming for a Scottish marine biology consultancy to analyse the Arctic seabed flora.'

The Rev Bob Shepton, who is also ex-Royal Marines, has been called by sailing professionals "one of the most remarkable voyagers of our times." In the past 25 years he has sailed over 130,000 miles in every latitude from the Arctic to the Antarctic. In the 1990s, he took a crew of school leavers from his last school to sail round the world via Antarctica and Cape Horn. He has recently led several expeditions to Greenland and arctic Canada sailing and making first ascents of mountains and rock faces from the boat. He and his team were awarded the Piolets d'Or in 2011, probably the most prestigious mountaineering award

As for this summer? He says: 'I am just about to return to Greenland (*Deo Volente!*) with the 'Wild Bunch', who aren't wild at all except when rejoicing at the top of their incredible first ascents of big rock climbs. The plan is to sail across to the east coast of Baffin Island when the ice clears for them to put up some more superb new big wall routes. As I have said in my book, 'challenge is the name of the game'; the Christian life is a challenge, and maybe exposing yourself to danger, risk and challenge is a reflection of that and a training towards it.'

Now living in Argyll, Scotland, Mr Shepton has just published his story in 'Addicted to Adventure' (Adlard Coles, £12.99).

Messy Church celebrates 10th anniversary

Messy Church is ten years old. What began in April 2004, in Cowplain near Portsmouth, as one congregation, has since been joined by 2,342 others worldwide.

This fresh expression of church life builds upon Christ-centred elements of welcome, creativity, sharing food and celebration. Most Messy Churches meet monthly, at a time that suits the community. They seek to share Christ with families for whom traditional or inherited forms of church life feel alien to their experiences.

Key moments from ten years of Messy Church include: being featured on BBC's 'Songs of Praise'; St Paul's Cathedral in London hosting a Messy Church celebration; Spring Harvest becoming a popular place to dip into Messy Church seminars; Messy Nativity sheep trails popping up in shopping centres around the country each Christmas; and attention from the national press ('Messy Church crafts colourful alternative Sundays'—*The Times*)

Lucy Moore, the founder, says: 'As I look at the shouting, laughing, praying, awestruck, grateful, life-giving, weeping, eating, loving Messy multitudes gathered in churches around the world, it feels incredibly humbling'. Messy Church is a core ministry of Bible Reading Fellowship.



Nectarines With Fudge Sauce

This is a delicious recipe, even though I didn't bother to skin the nectarines. The sauce can be made ahead and stored in the fridge, then warmed up when needed. Any left over sauce would be good with ice cream.

9 nectarines
300ml/ ½ pt double cream
100g/4oz butter
175-200g/6-7oz soft brown sugar, light or dark
few drops vanilla essence

Skin, halve and stone the nectarines, then cut each half into three pieces and arrange in a heatproof dish.

Put the cream, butter, sugar and vanilla essence together in a saucepan. Gently heat it until the butter melts and sugar dissolves, then boil for 5-7 minutes. Pour the sauce over the nectarines and keep warm until you are ready to serve. Optionally, serve with vanilla ice cream.

Serves 6.

Pamela Ferguson

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword solution

D		N		S		K		T		S		A
N	O	I	T	P	E	C	A	R	A	N	O	C
O		A		U		A		U		R		A
C	A	M	A	C	I	T	E	H	P	O	R	P
E		E		L		T				H		L
S				L	O	R	D	S		A	T	A
	U			U				U				U
K		C	O	R	F	D	E	F		T	O	M
A				T		E		T		N		O
E		C	N	E	C	O	N	I		S	U	E
R		G		A		I		U		S		N
T		S	I	G	O	L	O	R	I	S	S	A
S		S		B		J		F		A		R

Church Service Times

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST GEORGE'S:

Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15am Parish Communion (Common Worship)
with Crèche and Sunday Clubs

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion, followed by a short healing service on the first Wednesday of the month only.

7 to 7.45pm Open Door (Vestry)
(Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings).

St George's Opening Times:

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Catholic School Test

For a Catholic school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These were some of the (real) results...

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.
5. Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

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