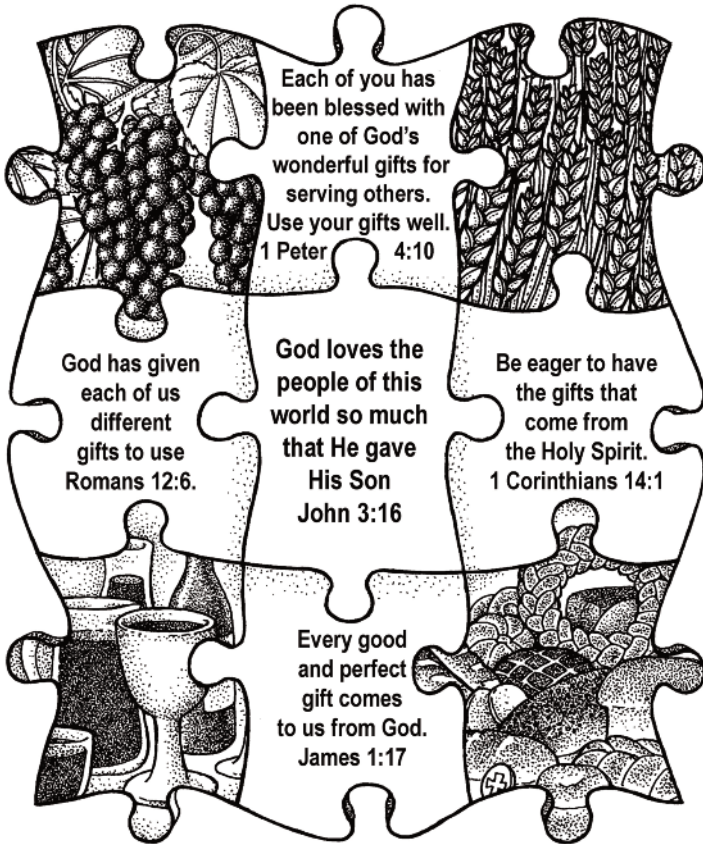


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8.00am Holy Communion.
10.00am Parish Eucharist.
6.30pm Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Tuesday 9.30am.
Thursday 10.00am.
Holy Days to be announced.

Matins

Daily at 9.00am.



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Corporate Communion 10.00am on the 2nd Thursday in Church. Details of all meetings are in Saints Alive and weekly notices. See Notice Board.

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Chairman: Mr Bradley Torbitt (486 9387).
Secretary: Mr Mike Parry (485 7886).

FRIDAY CLUB

Fortnightly meetings on Friday evening usually in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Open to women of all age groups. Chairman is Lily Mitchelhill (485 5187) Secretary is Julia Ball (440 8647)

GUILD OF ST RAPHAEL

The Guild exists to encourage the Church's ministry of healing, and the practice of regular intercession for the sick. The branch meets monthly to say an Office of Intercession: there is also a monthly Corporate Communion. For further information please contact: The Secretary: Pat Yates (485 4546).

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Secretary: Mrs Julia Ball (440 8647).

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Brownies: (11th Cheadle Hulme)
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Jo Taylor
brownow11ththeadleulme@yahoo.com

Rainbows: (2nd Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm





Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

It is hard to imagine that summer is drawing to an end – although with the unpredictable weather we are having maybe our settled warm spell will be at Christmas!

For many children in our community it will be a new beginning – either going to school for the first time or moving on to secondary school.

When you think about it the year is full of new beginnings as we welcome in the new year and move from season to season. It will only be three months before Advent – the start of the church's new year. For the Christian every day is an opportunity for a new start as we remember the extraordinary grace of God in Christ who, on the cross enabled us to receive forgiveness for the things we do wrong and helps us to start again.

May I encourage you to use all new beginnings to give thanks to God and to use the opportunity to reflect on and review your giving, especially your giving to God's work here at All Saints.

There is a wonderful spirit of fellowship and love here and it is heart-warming to see so many getting involved in the mission in so many ways. Not just getting involved, but being proactive in coming up with good ideas and planning new projects. It would be such a shame if we could not do what we want to do because of lack of financial resources. Your giving is essential for providing the ministry here in its many forms. It's not just a case of giving back to God – we can never repay God for his blessings. It is a sign of our love for Him and desire for His kingdom to grow so that, when we are no longer here people of Cheadle Hulme will be able to come here year on year and receive the love, support, care and guidance that we have received. Giving is an act of faith, an act of trust that God will provide for our needs and an act of hope for the future.

Janet

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September - A Month of Change

In many ways this is a month of change. The start of September means that for most people who work for a living, the summer holidays are well-nigh over.

The most traumatic beginning of September may well be experienced by those young innocents who are “betrayed” by what they hitherto believed to be their loving parents. The day when all-trusting, they are led by the hand and taken into a strange building.

They may well be thrust into a room with some other equally bemused children. And abandoned.

One soon becomes aware of the fact that these strange children who seem to be about the same

age as oneself, all have one thing in common. In unison they raise their young voices and cry out - “We want out mummy!” and... “We want to go home!”

It may be just as bad, may even be worse, when one is older, being more aware of the passing of time. The school term which commences in September seems to stretch to eternity. Christmas is a long, long time away.

This month can be a time of reckoning. This is the time when credit card statements land through the letterbox. Past are those ‘carefree-days of summer’ when getting away from it all meant not just only relaxing physically, but letting one’s credit card(s) enable one to indulge oneself in ways one would never do at home.

And another thought...

One of the joys of parenthood is seeing one’s offspring develop and grow. But this joy may be tempered by the realisation that what would “do” earlier in the year definitely won’t “do” for the coming months ahead. A “growing family” may well be something to be proud of, but “growing” means “growing out of...” This is particularly relevant if the autumn term means moving a child to an establishment which insists that all those who attend there must conform to the new school’s dress code.

What with the bills and credit card statements arriving on one’s doorstep to remind one of what one did last summer. September can prove to be the time to think about what there is to look forward to! And yes... look behind the scenes, say in our church’s flower room and one will find that *now* is the time when those who observe the passing of the months are busy collecting and gathering all that will make the coming church activities both social and fundraising to be successes. They will more than likely have started *now*, not *later*.

September is the start of the “busy” season. It won’t be too long before heads will be put together to decide what preparations should be put in hand *now* to ensure that Christmas will be truly celebrated by all who will join us in the greatest family gathering of the year.

Claud Metson



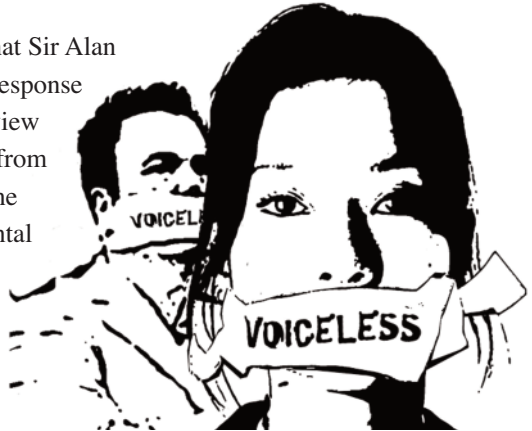


Government accepts recommendations on support for Persecuted Christians

The Bishop of Truro has welcomed the Government's commitment to accepting all of the recent recommendations of the Independent Review into Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Support for Persecuted Christians. The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, who chaired the review, said he hopes it will now become a significant catalyst for change. Sir Alan Duncan (who was then a Foreign Office Minister) told the House of Commons that the Government had decided to accept every recommendation in full and outlined how they would take them forward. Sir Alan also said that a bold, whole-government response was needed.

Bishop Philip said he was: "delighted that Sir Alan has formally recognised the need for a response across the rest of Government. "Our review was restricted to looking at the support from the FCO, but there was a feeling from the outset that this needs a cross-governmental approach, as this crucial issue traverses many boundaries and is not something that can be neatly compartmentalised."

The Bishop hoped that there was "a recognition at the highest level that



Freedom of Religion or Belief is a fundamental human right – and one that is inextricably interconnected with other basic human rights."

He hoped that "the report will become a catalyst for change and enable Britain to pursue an aspiration to be the global leader in championing this right."

The Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth, said:

"The plight of Christians around the world is all too often overlooked. We now expect this important report to provide

renewed impetus for the Government to rise to the challenges so clearly identified and for the UK to become, as the report recommends, 'the global leader in championing Freedom of Religion and Belief for all'."

Synod unanimously backs call to act on serious youth violence



Churches should play a key role in combating serious youth violence in their communities, according to a motion unanimously backed by the recent meeting of the General Synod.

Members of the Church of England’s national assembly voted by 315 to zero in support of a motion calling on the church’s national bodies, dioceses and education boards to take practical steps both to help prevent violence such as gun and knife crime and to support those affected.

The debate called for Diocesan Boards of Education to encourage alternatives to excluding children from school; for dioceses to

provide more training for church leaders and for the church to work

more with other organisations to provide support and pastoral care for those affected.

The Revd Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett, a priest in Angell Town South London, who led the debate, spoke of the need for weapons bins, which provide a “practical and prophetic witness” to Christians calling to be peacemakers in a society where youth violence has risen. Many of the speeches asked for churches to be open as “safe places” to protect young people from being harmed by – or drawn into – gangs.

Kashmir Garton, a lay member from the Diocese of Worcester who works as a senior manager within the criminal justice system, said: “The Church is in a unique position to be proactive in such situations as it exists in every parish community; it is present at key life events and is involved in the delivery of education in its church schools, Sunday schools, toddler groups and youth groups”.



Presence

Expecting Him, my door was open wide: Then I looked round if any lack of service might be found, and saw Him at my side: How entered, by what secret stair, I know not, knowing only He was there. *T. E. Brown (1830 -97)*



Synod votes to adopt Covenant on Clergy Care and Well-Being

The General Synod of the Church of England has voted overwhelmingly in support of a new deal to co-ordinate and improve the approach to the care and well-being of clergy. Members voted to adopt a covenant committing parishes, dioceses and the wider church as well as individual clergy to sharing responsibility for the welfare of ministers and their households.

The Revd Canon Simon Butler, who headed the working group which drew up the covenant, said: “There is a widespread acknowledgment that we can and must do better to support clergy in ways that promote good practice and prevent occasional stress becoming a harmful and chronic condition. It will be a great boost to many clergy to see the General Synod taking a lead, and I hope to see the wider church following in the coming months.”

The measures backed by the General Synod include work to promote access to pastoral supervision for clergy including coaching, consultancy or mentoring, in line with support provided to other caring professions. It follows growing demand for pastoral care in parishes amid complex social needs, a report from the working group noted.

Synod also approved plans to promote awareness of stress and the dangers of burnout as part of training for ordained ministry and new resources for licensing and induction services highlighting the care and well-being of clergy.

A report from the working group recommended that Parish Profiles – the description of a parish and its mission – and job descriptions for clergy undergo regular reviews to ensure they are realistic and that ministers have a clear idea of the role they are being asked to undertake.

Under plans approved today by Synod, clergy, parishes and dioceses will be invited to contribute their responses to the Covenant as part of a ‘Big Conversation’ inspired by a series of questions set out in a document prepared by the Working Group. Churches and dioceses will also be invited to adopt the Covenant.



C of E and Methodists inch closer to communion with each other

The General Synod has recently given its backing to further steps towards bringing the Church of England and the Methodist Church in Great Britain into communion with each other.

Members voted in favour of starting work on drafting a series of texts including a formal declaration of a new relationship of communion between the two churches. The texts would include inaugural services to mark this new relationship and practical guidelines on how ministers from each church could serve in the other.

The Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth, called the Methodist Church “our close historical cousin and covenant partner”.

The Revd Joyce Jones, from the Diocese of Leeds, said: “Our unity is vital for our mission. If people see our two churches separately then they won’t see Christ easily. If they see us loving one another and working together to serve Christ, they are more likely to be drawn to faith.”

Making the most of your time

September is the time of year when we get back to normal routine after the summer break. It’s an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time He gives us. Although we can’t always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?

Firstly, see time is a gift from God. Each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. Time isn’t inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. ‘Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.’ (Psalm 90:12). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, commit your time to God. Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God’s glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time: ‘Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity’ (Ephesians 5:15,16). We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect His concerns.

Thirdly, set aside time for God, others and ourselves. How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, ‘Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness’ (Matthew 6:33). If we prioritise our time for God, people and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.

‘I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.’ (Martin Luther).

Between the Bells – stories of reconciliation from Corrymeela

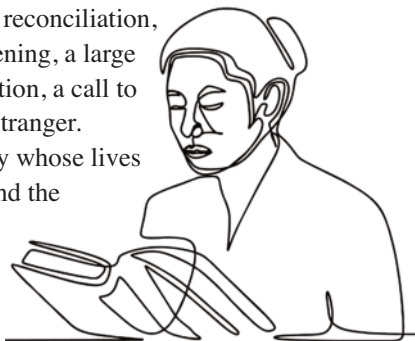
By Paul Hutchinson and Pdraig O Tuama, Canterbury Press, £12.99

Corrymeela, a Christian community committed to reconciliation, is bounded by bells. Twice a day, morning and evening, a large bell sounds out over the site. This is a call to attention, a call to pause, a space to reflect on God, self, neighbour, stranger.

This book recounts the varied experiences of many whose lives have been changed by their visit to Corrymeela, and the changes they have effected in others.

Narrated by the former Centre Director of the Corrymeela Community, it is full of wild and beautiful and funny stories that linger in the heart.

Each story shows an aspect of the reconciliation journey, and captures various encounters – sad, challenging, inspiring, strange – that roam from the epic to the everyday.



An appeal for additional Beaver (and Cub) leaders

At our recent Beaver and Cub AGM I felt it was the appropriate time to let everyone know that I will be leaving. It is now more important than ever that we try to find additional uniformed leaders, particularly for the Beaver section. No previous experience or skills necessary as training (on-line) is available!

Does anyone know of a family member, student, neighbour, work colleague, a retired person etc who would be able to volunteer and become more involved in helping with our Beaver Colony (maybe alternate weeks, or even once a month)? Not wishing to sound over-dramatic but it is now becoming a real possibility that without additional uniformed leaders 7th Cheadle Hulme Beaver Colony could eventually cease to exist... that would be such a shame, and a great loss of the introduction to the Scouting experience for local youngsters. I do hope that together we will find the leaders we (desperately) need to join our team! *Jacquie Metcalfe*



Operation Christmas Child 2019

Otilia grew up in Romania with her parents and two younger sisters. She recalls that they had a loving childhood but times were tough and their parents worked very hard to provide for them. Both parents were Christians, not an easy thing even after the 1989 revolution, and active members of their local church.



Christmas in Romania is a very special time but, with money short and a very limited choice of products available in the shops, the girls did not usually receive gifts at Christmas. Sometimes their father would receive fruit or sweets from his employer and these would be given to the children as a Christmas gift. Imagine then the joy and excitement when, at the end of the Christmas Eve service in church the children there (50 or 60 of them) were each presented with a shoebox of gifts. Otilia still remembers the contents of her shoebox, the colouring pencils, the toys and, most of all, the lovely warm hat. She loved the hat so much that she still has it today, 20 years later!

The memory of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox made that Christmas extra special for Otilia and, like the hat, it has remained with her throughout her life. "I really appreciated that someone I'd never met would send me such a lovely gift, all because of the love of Jesus", Otilia says, and "For that reason, every year since I married and moved to England, I've packed and sent shoeboxes myself, because I know myself the joy that the child who receives it will have, and I hope that each and every shoebox will help millions of children around the world realise how great is God's love for them".

If you would like to send a message of hope and love to a child, who would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas, then please consider packing a shoebox with simple gifts and presenting it, in church, at the start of our 10.00am Service on Sunday 10th November. Boxes can also be left in church at any time up to Sunday 12th November.

Practical details

You will need an OCC leaflet for each box you pack as the leaflet contains not only advice on suitable contents (permitted by import regulations) but also a label for your box and details of how to make your donation towards transport costs. Leaflets will be available in church. Pre-printed shoeboxes will also be available at a cost of 50p each (sorry about that but I have had to buy them!) *Michael Aiers*

The story behind the hymn: How Great Thou Art

This well-loved, world famous Christian hymn began in Sweden, moved to Germany and Russia, and thence to England and the USA, where it became world famous as the signature song of George Beverly Shea in the great Billy Graham Crusades. In 1887 Carl Boberg was a young lay-pastor in Sweden, walking home from church near Kronoback, Sweden, and listening to the church bells. Suddenly a violent storm blew up, with lightning and thunder and wind – and just as quickly it departed. In the calm after the storm, a rainbow appeared, and all nature was at peace. Boberg was inspired to write a poem, ‘O Store Gud’, on the greatness of God in Nature. He set it to an old Swedish folk tune, and it was first sung in Varmland in 1888.

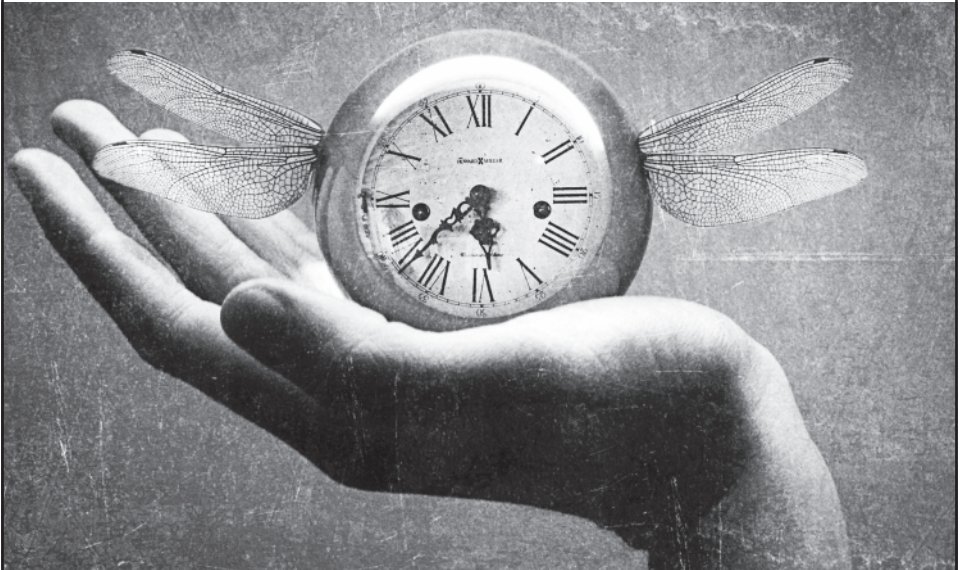


‘O Store Gud’ became popular, and it began to spread. By 1907 it had been taken to Germany by a wealthy Baltic Baptist nobleman. From there it moved to Russia in 1912, where it was called Velikiy Bog – or ‘Great God’. By 1925 it had been translated into English ‘O Mighty God’ by a professor at North Park College in Illinois. But this gave way in 1949 to a different English translation, done by a British missionary to the Ukraine, Stuart K Hine, who called it How Great Thou Art, and rewrote some verses. It was Hine’s version which went on to gain wide popularity in the USA. It was first recorded by a Bill Carle in 1958, and then the Manna Music version of the song was popularised in the 1950s at the Billy Graham Crusades. It was sung in the 1955 Toronto campaign, and then it really took off in 1957 in Madison Square Garden, New York, where Shea sang it 100 times during the campaign.

George Beverly Shea’s recording of the hymn has been ranked number 204 on the top recordings of the 20th century. Billy Graham once said: ‘The reason I like ‘How Great Thou Art’ is because it glorifies God. It turns Christian’s eyes toward God, rather than upon themselves. I use it as often as possible because it is such a God-honouring song.’ How Great Thou Art was voted the United Kingdom’s favourite hymn by BBC’s Songs of Praise programme, and it was second on the list of the ‘favourite hymns of all time’ in a 2001 survey by Christianity Today magazine.



We Have Time On Our Hands



Do you need company and someone to talk to?

Perhaps you don't see anyone from one week to the next. Or you are a carer who needs a bit of 'me' time.

We hope to create an opportunity for you to meet others who may feel like yourself within a safe, informal and relaxed atmosphere.

We are starting a small group, up to 6 people (any age). Meeting once a month on a Tuesday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm in Cheadle Hulme.

We will offer a relaxed environment where you could just chat and feel at ease. Everyone has something that they are good at and it would be great to be able to share your skills, knowledge and interests.

If you have any questions and are interested in joining us, please contact:
Mel on 0161 485 5486 or mobile: 07916 771224
email: mel@brohn.co.uk

That's impossible!

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Ephesians 3:17-19

How can you describe the indescribable? How can you measure the love of God?

Who can find words to convey the joy of knowing such amazing love?

The apostle Paul gives us a model for the love of God that is mathematically impossible. Objects normally have only 3 dimensions, but here he gives us 4, such is the greatness of the love he has in mind.

It is wide, embracing every person without exception.

It is long, lasting for eternity.

It is high, coming down from heaven to save us.

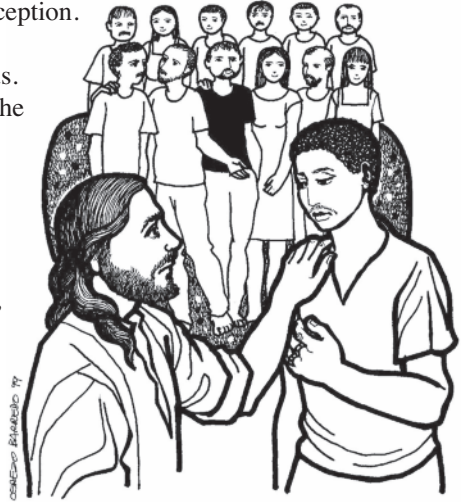
It is deep, taking the Saviour to the cross and the darkness of the tomb.

Paul wants us to begin to understand (grasp) with our minds how great is God's love.

More than that, he wants us to experience (know) it for ourselves, in our hearts.

When this happens, with the help of the Spirit, we will become rooted, like trees with roots anchored in the ground. We will become established, like a building resting on a firm foundation. In other words, we will be secure.

Why not ask God to take you deeper into His amazing love?



Prayer for Autumn

In the beginning there was nothing, and out of nothing you fashioned a universe so vast, so unimaginable that we can only sigh with amazement when we stare upwards on a star-lit night. And within this universe you positioned the earth and populated it, provided for it and designed for it to be a place of beauty.

Creator God: Thank you

In the beginning there was just potential; the seed within the packet, soil's nutrients, sunshine's warmth, rain clouds gathering. And within the tiny seed all that is our daily bread encoded, primed and ready should it be planted and allowed to grow.

Creator God: Thank you

In the beginning there was humankind, placed within your garden, made steward, gardener and caretaker of this place of beauty, given responsibilities and the capacity to enjoy. And yet among the seeds we have sown have been weeds and crops of our own choosing, which have not shown fruit or have spread and choked the earth.

Creator God: Forgive us

FRIDAY CLUB

Friday 5th July 2019 - A visit to the Antique and Collectors Fair - Betty Hayhurst

Mrs Betty Hayhurst described to Friday Club members what a visit to an antique fair was like. Betty is a dealer in antiques and collectables and often has a stall at local fairs. She began to talk by telling us that an antiques fair is pure nostalgia and, that most of the younger people today don't collect items as the older generation of today's population do. Most of Betty's purchasing is undertaken privately. Downsizing and house clearances after bereavement are the greatest calls of her services. She very much believes that the



remaining family members should have an opportunity to select items as mementos and then friends and neighbours have the chance to select a keepsake before her services are used. Betty occasionally visits auctions but she is a selected purchaser, recently buying a box of 75 lovely items of dolls house furniture. She paid £100 but she expects to make her purchase price back plus a small profit. In this collection she showed is a porcelain toilet complete with high-level tank and chain and she had no doubts she will sell all these items.

She went on to discuss and show the items of value and those fallen in value. Items at present holding good value are local postcards, Mabel Lucy Atwell cards and also her children's pottery, seaside comic cards, items of social history from wartime (e.g. ration books), Belle Vue souvenirs, vintage playing cards, cut glass, dolls and bears marked with the maker's names and First and Second World War mementos and art such as items made from shell cases. Items which have a low value at present include unmarked dolls and toys, thimbles, pottery shoes, royalty items, Beswick animals, Victorian glass (often fake) and table linen.

Many dealers collect special items but in general the public has an inflated idea of the value of 'old' items they have at home and are often disappointed with the prices they are offered for goods they wish to sell. One tip she gave us, if you are purchasing an item at an auction or fair, is to check it several times the damage, but once an item is bought there are no refunds.

Betty went on to value items members had brought and also stole several items from the collection of goods she had displayed to illustrate her talk. Mrs Prestbury thanked her for a very interesting evening and the meeting closed after refreshment.

Ann Hewitt



Friday 12th July 2019 - 12:30pm for 1:00pm Summer Lunch in the Gold Suite at the Deanwater Hotel

22 members of Friday Club attended the Deanwater Hotel for our annual summer lunch. The Deanwater was lovely yet again. It's well worth going just to relax in the Gold Suite and be fed! It was a lovely occasion, the food was delicious and the service was excellent. Julia Ball was most sincerely for arranging the event as were the Deanwater staff. This was our last meeting before our summer break. The next meeting will be held in September 6th in the meeting room when we shall have an evening of beetle.

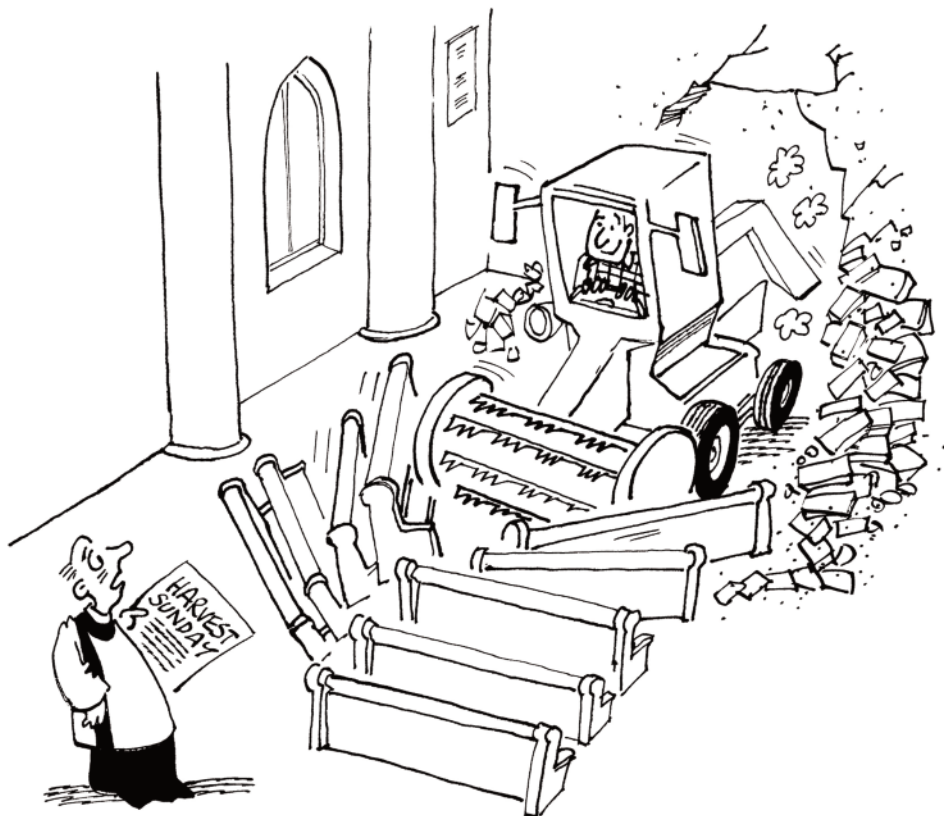
Ann Hewitt

Dates for Your Diary

6th Sept Beetle Drive at 7:30pm - All Welcome

20th Sept The artefacts of Folk Magic - Peter Watson at 7.30pm ALL WELCOME

26th Sept Corporate Communion for Friday Club at 10.00am ALL WELCOME



I don't mean to sound ungrateful Fred, but when I asked for something to 'represent farming in the community'...

O How Lovely

*O how lovely, Lord Almighty
Is the place where thou dost dwell;
How my yearning soul is fainting
For the courts I love so well!
How my heart and flesh are crying
Living God thy grace to tell!*

*Lo – the sparrows have found somewhere
Where they go for nightly rest
See – the swallow feeds her fledglings
In the safety of her nest.
Those who dwell beside thy altar
Those, O Lord, are truly blest!*

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you
Those whose hearts are ever true,
Those whose songs of praise, cascading
Rising as the morning dew.
They, from strength to strength proceeding
Till in Zion they meet you!*

*Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty
I would rather keep your door
For one day within your presence
Better than a thousand more
Spent with those whose ways are wicked
Spent with those who spurn your law!*

*For you are our sun and shelter
Honour on our paths you strew
Nothing good are you withholding
From the ones whose ways are true;
O most holy Lord Almighty
Blessed is he who trusts in You!*

Nigel Beeton



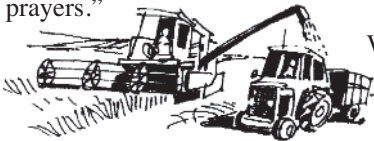
Bringing in the sheaves?

At this time of year, unless you live in an extremely urban environment, you will see signs of Harvest. Huge combine harvesters are at work in the fields, reaping the golden wheat and barley, baling the straw and gathering the grain. For farmers it is the high point of their year, and a moment celebrated with thanksgiving in churches throughout the land.

But what about the spiritual harvest? When Jesus spoke about the Sower and the seed, He likened the Gospel to seed that was sown with the hope of a harvest. Some fell on good soil and produced much fruit, but other seed was less fortunate and there

was little outcome, a reminder that Christian ministry can sometimes be hard work.

An early missionary to Iran, Robert Bruce, wrote this to his supporters back home: "I am not yet reaping a harvest, I am not yet sowing the seed. I am not even ploughing the soil, but I am pulling out the stones. This too is gospel work, and worthy of your prayers."



With this in mind, remember those who serve God faithfully in difficult and unresponsive situations, either overseas or here in post-Christian Britain.

Some experience great success in ministry, for which we are grateful, and many churches experience times of growth, for which we give thanks to God. For others, though, they may well sow in tears before they can reap with songs of joy (Psalm 126:5-6).

What of your own situation? If you are enjoying a time of growth, be sure to recognise that it is God who gives the growth. But if the work is hard and disappointing, despite your best efforts, do not lose heart. The work is God's and we have only to be faithful.



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Canonisation of John Henry Newman



The Church of England has warmly welcomed the announcement by Pope Francis that John Henry Newman is to be canonised later this year.

Newman, a former Anglican priest who became a Roman Catholic in 1845 – midway through his life – and eventually a Cardinal, is regarded as one of the most influential figures from his era for both Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism.

An important theologian, preacher and pastor in his years as an Anglican priest, he was one of the key leaders of the Oxford Movement that heralded a revival in the life of the Victorian Church of England that spread around the Anglican Communion.

A delegation representing the Anglican Communion and the Church of England will be present at the canonisation in Rome on 13 October 2019.

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Church Open



The next Saturday Coffee Mornings will be on September 14th (Charities Committee) and October 12th.

Veni Vidi Vici (He came, He saw, He conquered)

*He CAME from the Glory, the Holy One
Down Heaven's stairway to a bed of straw,
From the realms of splendour and blazing light
He left riches behind and for us became poor.
He SAW His creation now spoilt and marred,
But it was for this reason He came to earth,
His great love for the world had caused Him to act
That man now lost be redeemed through new birth.
He CONQUERED and ruined the Devil's plan
By an awesome battle He knew He would win,
Through His death on the cross – and a mighty shout!
With His blood now covering all of man's sin.*

Megan Carter

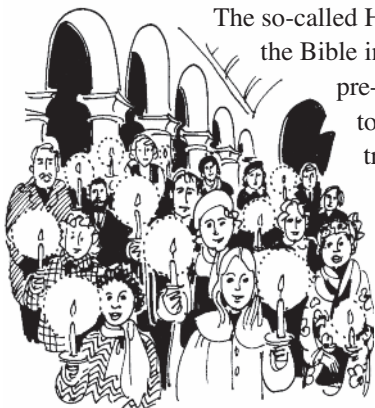
A Broad Church. Where are you?

How often do you hear the Church of England described enthusiastically as a “broad” church? This tends to mean the Anglican Communion is tolerant of different interpretations of “churchmanship” and strives to live together in unity if not uniformity. Often this reflects personality more than theology. For some Christians the stereotype of the “happy clappy” service is more appealing than “bells and smells” - incense and lace - or vice versa. For others, an all-male clergy is preferred at the extremes of the stereotypes. Does it really matter?



The Evangelical tradition stresses the “correct”, sometimes literal, interpretation of the holy scriptures. Some Christians like the structure and security this offers.

The so-called High, or Anglo Catholic Church of England interprets the Bible incorporating symbolism and tradition harking back to pre-Reformation Roman Catholic Christianity. This appeals to those who like both structure and hierarchy and tradition coupled with a more ceremonial approach to worship and the Sacraments.

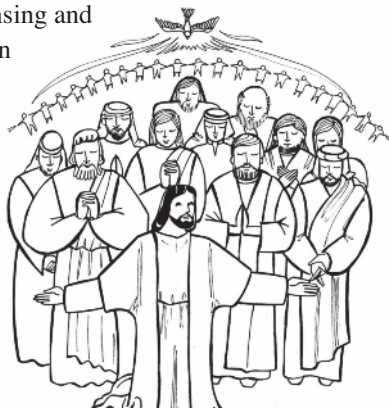


Many Anglicans speak of themselves as “middle-of-the-road” - a comfortable position incorporating Evangelical, Catholic and liberal Non-Conformist traditions.

Experience of uncritical worship in these different churches is, in my experience, helpful and

enlightening. Just entering the buildings of the denominations within Christianity and participating clarifies one’s own faith position. From the silent Spirit-led meditation of the Quakers to the exuberance of Pentecostalism, sensing and appreciating the different atmospheres is an education recalling the words of St Paul, “in understanding be grown-up”. (1 Corinthians 14:20)

Jesus identified through life with the Torah of Judaism saying he was here to fulfil the Law not destroy it. He emphasises that God sees and judges the heart not the liturgy, and gave only one prayer, one Sacrament and one holy priesthood of all believers. His example of love and forgiveness was “the Way, the Truth and the Life”. (John 14:6). A broad church indeed!



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More than 50,000 people now attend non-traditional church gatherings

More than 50,000 people are attending non-traditional church gatherings, thanks to the success of a drive to attract worshippers with no previous contact with the Christian faith, the General Synod heard this summer.

And members of the General Synod gave their backing to an expansion of 'Fresh Expressions' churches – new forms of church gatherings, meeting often in venues such as cafes, pubs and community centres.

Fresh Expressions churches now account for 15% of congregations in the Church of England and are estimated to attract more than 50,000 worshippers, the equivalent to the size of two new dioceses, the General Synod was told.

To boost the movement, the Church of England is planning for up to 6,000 'pioneer' ministers within the next decade – both lay and ordained – to serve Fresh Expressions churches. There are also plans to give further support for the growth of new forms of church gatherings in 10 dioceses.

Fresh Expressions was called "the most influential missionary movement of the last 50 years, and a significant means of allowing our church to thrive now and in the future." Mark Sheard, Chair of the Ministry and Public Affairs Council of the Church of England, leading a debate at the General Synod said: "I am firmly of the belief that what we are witnessing here is a real and exceptional movement of the Spirit."

And so the General Synod voted to approve a new motion celebrating the success of the Fresh Expressions movement, and encouraging every parish and diocese to be part of the movement.



Toothy grin



Whilst working for an organisation that delivers lunches to the elderly, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

*All around, confusion,
All around, helplessness,
People lost in the bad news of every day.*

*Longing for purpose,
Searching for security and significance
Here in the white field of our generation.*

*The harvest is still great,
The workers are still few,
But the Lord of the harvest is the same*

*Yesterday, today and forever,
And this is his field.*

*He planted, he will give growth
If we will be his workforce
And go out into the field – where he al-
ready is –*

*To gather the harvest
Of his kingdom compassion.*

*Lord of the harvest,
In your grace, we pray, send us.*

By Daphne Kitching



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SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am The Parish Communion.
We welcome children and encourage them to bring their parents. There is a supervised creche in Church for the under 5's in the Meeting Room.
On the second Sunday of each month this will be our Family Communion and Parade Service. We serve coffee in Church after the service - please come and join us.
- 6.30pm Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Holy Communion:
Tuesdays at 9.30am
Thursdays at 10.00am
Holy Days as announced
- Matins: Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays at 9.00am
- See the weekly news sheet for further details.*

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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church:

- Jul 21 Freya Davie
Jul 28 Phoebe Rae Lyons
Aug 4 Ava Lily Clifford
Aug 11 Erin Grace Clarke



CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

We give thanks for the lives of the following:

- Aug 12 Ronald Mitchelhill
Died 25th July 2019
Aged 83
- Aug 14 Monika Maria Magdalena
Ashman
Died 1st August 2019
Aged 38
- Aug 28 Alan Jacks
Died 16th August 2019
Aged 83



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