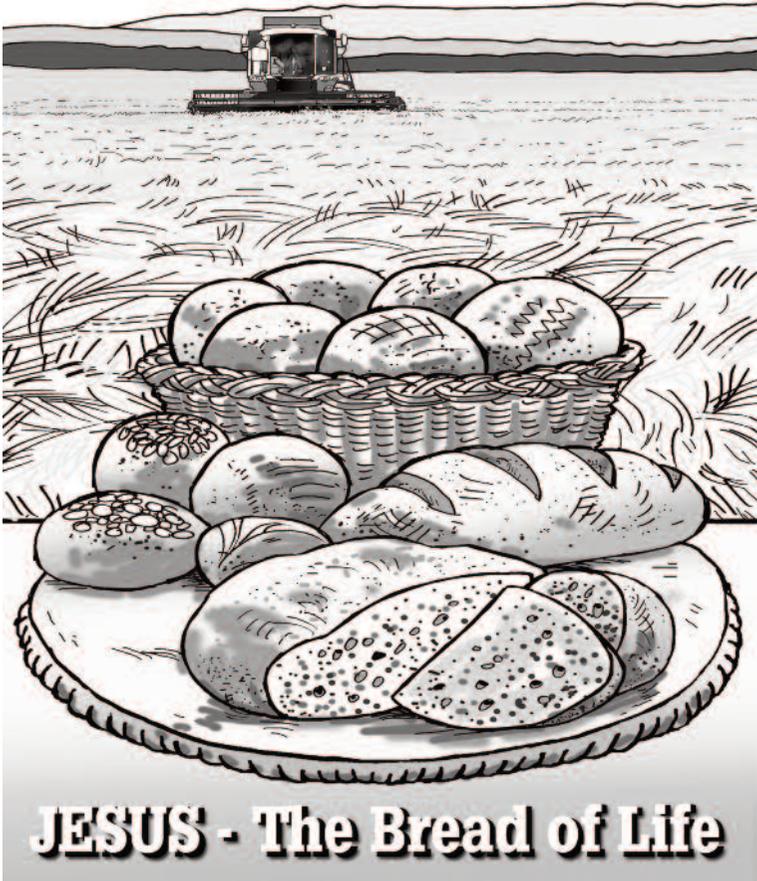


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10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

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Holy Communion

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Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm



Our Reader, Michael Aiers writes...

Greetings everyone.

How has 'lockdown' affected you?

Have you found it a time of great frustration in which your 'normal life' has been greatly disrupted, or have you enjoyed the break from the pressures of 'normal life'?

In many ways, life under 'lockdown' has been rather like being on retreat. The pressures of 'normal life' have been set aside. There is no pressure to go here or there, or to do this or that, there is time to stop, reflect and enjoy the world around us.

At the beginning of 'lockdown' we had that lovely sunny weather in which, as we took our daily exercise, we could enjoy the beauty of the trees as they came into blossom, and they were so beautiful. Then, as the apple blossom faded, came the strawberry flowers and the brambles, all of which held great promise for the months to come. Indeed, I think June 2020 must be designated 'The month of the Strawberry' in this house as throughout that month we enjoyed delicious, freshly picked strawberries from Angela's garden almost every day and did not tire of them. Sadly, the strawberries are now over, but the blackberries and apples are developing nicely and the mix of sunshine and rain is helping them on.

The lack of pressure from 'normal life' has also given us time to sit and watch the birds in the garden. At times they can get very noisy and I am never quite sure whether they are squabbling or just enjoying a very animated mass discussion, but they are fun to watch, especially the sparrows as they clear the insects from the fruit and vegetable plants and the goldfinches add a flash of colour.



Such times of quiet reflection enable us to re-engage with the natural world; its beauty and bounty that it is all so easy to overlook as we rush around in 'normal life'. It is at such times that we can find time for God and appreciate the many blessings he has showered on us even in these difficult times. It is at such times that the reading (Isaiah 30:15) used in Night Prayer (Compline) on Mondays comes to mind:

In returning and rest, you shall be saved;

In quietness and trust shall be your strength

I pray that you will stay safe and find rest and strength in these strange times. *Michael*

We are now pleased to be able to invite you to a service of Holy Communion on Sunday mornings at 10am, and to private prayer every Wednesday morning between 10am and 11am.

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Launch of new ‘Climate Sunday’

A new campaign, Climate Sunday, has been launched through a coalition of churches and charities, as part of a call for action on climate change.



From next month, 6th September, churches throughout the UK will be encouraged to have a Sunday dedicated to the theme of climate change. This could be held at any time in the next 12 months.

The scheme was recently launched on World Environment Day, by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. It supported charities that range from CAFOD to Christian Aid, from Operation Noah to Tearfund.

The campaign Climate Sunday will offer free resources to encourage churches to hold a climate-focused service, to make a commitment as a community to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions in the long term, or to join with other churches and groups before the 26th UN climate-change conference (COP26) in November, in urging the Government to do more about climate change.

The campaign will conclude on 5th September 2021 with a national Climate Sunday event to pray for action on global warming. During their local Climate Sunday, churches are invited to do one or more of three things:

Climate service: Hold a climate-focused service, to explore the theological and scientific basis of creation care and action on climate, to pray, and to commit to action.

Commit: Make a commitment as a local church community to taking long term action to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions.

Call: Join with other churches and wider society by adding its name to a common call for the UK government to take much bolder action on climate change in this country in advance of COP26, and to strengthen its credibility to lead the international community to adopt a step change in action at COP26. The culmination of the campaign will be a national Climate Sunday event on Sunday 5th September 2021, to share church commitments and pray for bold action and courageous leadership at COP26.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, the C of E's lead bishop on environmental issues, said: "Although our focus has been shifted from climate change in recent months by the challenges of responding to COVID-19, the climate crisis has not gone away, and the driest May since records began is a timely reminder of this. Climate Sunday will be a brilliant resource to help Church of England parishes understand and respond to the climate crisis. As we work out the actions we need to take to cut our carbon emissions every year to reach net zero emissions by 2030, Climate Sunday will motivate, encourage and inspire our churches to keep going on this journey."



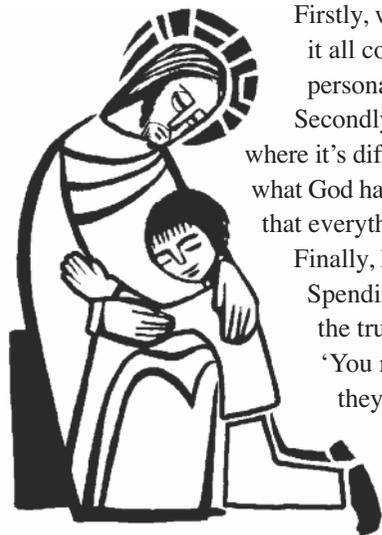
Eternity in the human heart

‘He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.’ (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

The 60s hit ‘Turn! Turn! Turn!’ by the Byrds is based on verses in this chapter: ‘There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.’

The different seasons of life are not random, for God is in control and His timing is perfect: ‘He has made everything beautiful in its time.’

The verse goes on to say that God ‘has also set eternity in the human heart.’ This means that we all have an in-built sense that there’s more to life than what we can see, as we search for meaning in life. However, we can fill our lives with other things: career, pleasure, shopping and relationships. While good in themselves, these things can never ultimately satisfy. It is only a relationship with God through Jesus that truly satisfies. How does this challenge us?



Firstly, we are to live for God in all that we do, knowing that it all counts for eternity. This includes helping others find a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for eternity.

Secondly, we accept that there is lots in the current ‘season’ where it’s difficult to know what God is doing: ‘no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.’ However, we do know that everything has consequences for eternity.

Finally, how can we be more aware of eternity every day?

Spending time with God in worship and prayer will bring us the true pleasure that belongs to eternity.

‘You made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.’ (St Augustine).



To serve God and my church and to love all human beings is my creed.

Mary G Roebling

It is cynicism and fear that freeze life; it is faith that thaws it out, releases it, sets it free.

H E Fosdick

The story behind... Just as I am



The hymn ‘Just As I Am’ must be one of the most famous in the world. It has been sung by tens of millions of Christians at Billy Graham Crusades the world over, just for starters! Yet it was not written by a professional who was ‘aiming’ at a specific market, as many songs seem to be written today. Instead, it was written by an artist in Victorian times. Her name was Charlotte Elliott, and she was born in Clapham in 1789. She grew up in a well to do home, and became a portrait artist and also a writer of humorous verse. All was well until Charlotte fell ill in her early 30s, and slid into a black depression. A minister, Dr Caesar Malan of Switzerland, visited

her. Instead of sympathising, he asked her an unexpected question: did she have peace with God? Charlotte deeply resented the question and told him to mind his own business. But after he left, his question haunted her. Did she have peace with God? She knew that she did not, that she had done some very wrong things. So, she invited Dr Malan to return. She told him that she would like to become a Christian, but would have to sort out her life first.

Dr Malan again said the unexpected: “Come just as you are.” The words were a revelation to Charlotte. She had assumed that she would have to put her life in order before she could hope to be accepted by God. Instead, she realised that Jesus wanted her just as she was – and He would take care of the sin. Charlotte became a Christian that day. 14 years later, in 1836, Charlotte wrote some verses that summed up how it had been between her and Jesus that day. They ran:

*Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bids't me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, tho tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Charlotte could not have dreamed that 150 years into the future, her verses would be sung by millions of people all over the world, as they responded to the Gospel presented at many great Billy Graham crusades, and made their way forward to do just as the hymn describes – to come to Jesus Christ, despite sin and fear and doubts, to come ‘just as I am.’

A Sunderland Lustre Plaque

When I moved house I was down-sizing, so had to decide what to bring, and what to leave behind. I hesitated over one item, a Sunderland copper lustre wall plaque. Typical of Victorian taste, it is of no great value today, and completely out of fashion. In the centre are three words, “God is Love”. It now hangs on my living room wall. I thought about it on Trinity Sunday morning, during the BBC’s broadcast from York marking Archbishop John Sentamu’s last day in office. During the service Huw Edwards read George Herbert’s third, and best known, poem entitled “Love”:

*“Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked anything.*

*“A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?”*

*“Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.”*

Herbert’s background was life in seventeenth century high society, so he was familiar with the conventions of hospitality and, on the part of invited guests, initial reluctance rather than indecent haste. The invitation to the banquet and the guest’s response plays out the Christian story of sin, repentance, redemption, doubt, and surrender to the call of Love. There are echos of Jesus’ parables of the wedding feast and of the prodigal son. As Mark Oakley points out, the impact of the poem is enhanced by Herbert’s use of the name Love, instead of God or Christ, focusing on the essence of the divine character. Herbert considered that in Love (3) he had reached the summit of his poetic endeavour; he placed it last in the manuscript which after his death was published as “The Temple”, his collected English poetry. In his 2013 biography of Herbert, “Music at Midnight”, John Drury confirms Herbert’s regard for it, by placing it first, in his Introduction, using it to exemplify the beauty and skill of Herbert’s verse.

I shall keep my out-of-date Sunderland lustre plaque, it reminds me of George Herbert’s poem. God is Love. *Douglas Scarisbrick*

When tourists get lost

Have you ever got into trouble while abroad? The true story is told of a group of tourists who went to Israel some years ago and arrived in Jerusalem very eager to see the sites of the old city.

Four members of the group were so engrossed in taking pictures of each other by the Wailing Wall that they ignored the summons from the tour group leader to go back to the bus. A little while later, they realised that they were all on their own in Jerusalem. That's when their problems started.

The four tourists decided to head back to their hotel. But no one could remember the exact name of the hotel. So, they hailed a taxi, and asked it to drive around Jerusalem looking for the hotel. An hour or so later, the driver gave up and demanded payment. That's when they discovered that they did not have enough money to pay the driver.

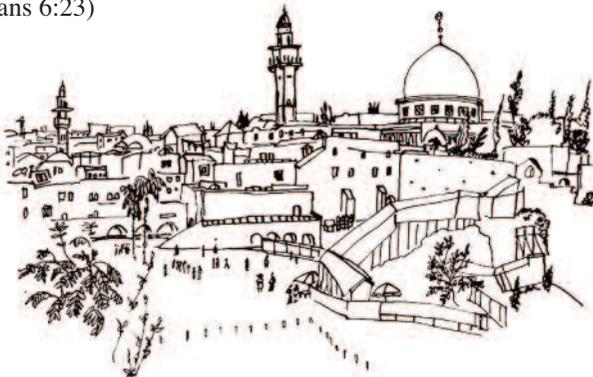
So the driver took them to the police, who demanded some identification. That's when the four tourists remembered that they had left their passports in the hotel safe...

Some hours later, the tour guide tracked down the missing tourists. They greeted her with tears of relief as she provided the police with their passports, paid their debt, and prepared to lead them safely back to their hotel. The police gave some parting advice to the tourists: "From now on, you stay close to your friend!"

Stay close to your friend. It's good advice for all of us. If your life is going in the wrong direction, if you have run up debts of wrong-doing, if you feel lost and alone, you need to take action. You need to stop going on like this. Turn around and go in another direction. The Bible calls this action of 'stopping and turning around' repentance.

Repentance is when you stop one direction, and you turn to God. For the good news is that there is a heavenly tour guide on whom we can all call. Only God can save us from the mess we are in. He sent us His Son to forgive us our sins, to provide us with an identity, and, if we walk with Him, lead us safely through life. As the Bible says:

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)



CAP still helping people out of debt

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) have been thanking their donors for helping “some wonderful things happen” despite the challenge of coronavirus.

“These beautiful moments were made possible by your support,” says Paula Stringer, UK chief executive of CAP. “We’ve been able to make sure our clients don’t go without essentials like food, fuel and staying in touch with loved ones. Our frontline workers have distributed 345 instances of emergency client support so far, and they will be able to continue providing this for many more.

When one client could not get to the supermarket because her car needed repairs, she was astonished to find that her Debt Coach, Beth, had arranged for a delivery of groceries to her house. In return, she sent this message:

“I was so shocked and welling up. It was such an amazing thing to do. Your gift came at the right time, as I wouldn’t have had enough to get that much food.”



During lockdown, CAP has adjusted its service to offer phone appointments to clients, 479 of these so far.

“We’ve also seen a fabulous 494 people become debt free during lockdown! Despite the new challenges, we’re seeing that there really is always hope,” says Paula Stringer.

What have you missed most during lockdown?

It’s a good question, because it is about the things that make us tick. When I examined my list, I found obvious things – going to church, live sport on TV, meeting up with friends for a coffee or a beer.

But as I thought more deeply about it, I realised that what I missed most was TOUCH. For nearly four months I have not touched another human being!

That is an astonishing deprivation. When a baby is born, its first experiences are all of touch. The strong hands of the midwife, mother’s excited and loving embrace, tiny hands reaching out to feel mummy’s face. We touch our way into life.

And then it goes on. Holding hands with friends, being hugged by grandma, your first serious kiss, and perhaps a last tearful one at the end of a much-loved life.

We greet each other with a holy kiss, the Bible says. And why not?

Sight, smell, hearing and touch. Four senses. And I think lockdown has taught me that the greatest of these is touch!

Morning Prayer

*When morning in russet and saffron clad
Is mantling the hills in a dew-soft plaid
To the song of the moorland two-wings glad
Let my heart upraise;*

*When light creeps in through the chinks of the door
When the mist ascends from the mountain floor,
When the ocean shimmers like burnished ore,
Let me give thee praise.*

*O God of the morning, Christ of the hills, O Spirit who all the firmament fills,
O Trinity blest who all goodness wills,
Keep us all our days.*

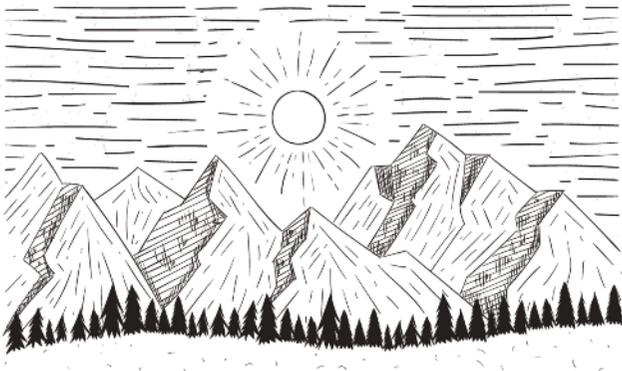
From Prayers of the Western Highlanders

Lord of the Mountains

You, O God, are the Lord of the mountains and the valleys. As I travel over mountains and through valleys, I am beneath your feet. You surround me with every kind of creature. Open my eyes to see their beauty, that I may perceive them as the work of your hands.

Tonight, I will sleep beneath your feet, O Lord of the mountains and valleys, ruler of the trees and vines. I will rest in your love, with you protecting me as a father protects his children, with you watching over me as a mother watches over her children.

Then tomorrow the sun will rise and I will not know where I am; but I know that you will guide my footsteps. A prayer of the Sioux Indians



“Beside the seaside, beside the sea”

Over the last few months it seems that many people chose to ignore the government’s “lock-down” directive. That was: to be alert, save lives... and do all that is humanly possible to contain the effects of the worldwide coronavirus epidemic. Many people chose to ignore the authorities and took advantage of the spell of warm weather we experienced recently. The newspapers carried pictures of beaches where one could not see the sand because of the sunseekers. They had ignored the police who patrolled the beaches and so, lemming-like, had headed for the very edges of the waves before settling down to soak up the sun.

This pursuit is not for me. I prefer to be alone, or better still, alone with my wife, when away on holiday. On one occasion we felt somewhat incensed when some other holiday-makers

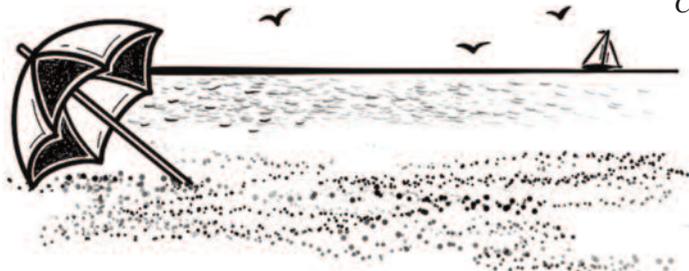


arrived on “*our*” beach. They scanned the shore, and seeing that there was virtually no one else about, headed in *our* direction. They proceeded to settle down close by where we were sunbathing. Then set to unpacking their folding chairs, erect their marquee-sized sunshade, and, horror of horrors, turned on their transistor radio tuned to non-stop pop music. We upped and left.

On more popular beaches it is not only one’s fellow holiday-makers who make their presence known. I remember on one occasion during our honeymoon in France. It was on the beach at Dieppe, where hawkers worked their way along the sands. One in particular because he became quite abusive. He ignored me. The reason why he concentrated on my wife was understandable. She was wearing French clothes she had just bought in the town. He addressed her in voluble French. However, the only language she could understand and speak was English.

A few years later we were no longer just a couple. After our children arrived the only holidays we took away from England were across the border to North Wales. Not such an adventure as going overseas, but, as long as the weather was reasonable, just as enjoyable. I am writing this article at a time when the world we take for granted, what we consider as “normal”, is in lockdown. So much of what we normally do, and would like to do, is “on hold”. That is why I have shared with you some events from the past. As for the present, I like to think that one does not need to look far afield to find good company with like-minded people, no matter what is going on in the world around us.

Claud Metson



Music in our churches and cathedrals



The Church of England, together with the Royal School of Church Music, has encouraged the Government to be proactive in ensuring music-making can resume in church buildings, once it is safe to do so.

Responding to the latest guidance, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: “We are encouraging the Government to be alert to the consequences of our choirs’ continued silence – and to take a proactive approach to allowing singing to return to our churches and cathedrals as soon as it is possible to do so safely. We look forward to a time where worship and music can once again be combined, in all their different expressions, as they have for centuries, turning our hearts to God.”



During the Coronavirus pandemic, the Church of England partnered with the RSCM to provide free hymns for parishes for use in streamed worship, which have been downloaded more than 45,000 times.

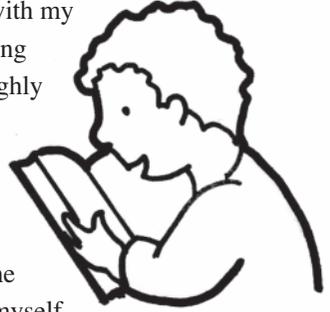
The Chief Purpose of Man

*How clever man is, he has conquered the skies,
Reached for the stars and stepped onto the moon,
But he still does not know why he is here
Or what is the purpose, or why he was born.
And did it all start with one big bang
As stars and galaxies burst into space?
Or was it the hand of a mighty Creator
Who lovingly fashioned this wondrous place?
Into this world God planted a garden
And placed man there to enjoy its delights,
But he soon disobeyed, and sin entered in,
And so, man was banished and thrust from God’s sight.
How gracious God is, He has reached out again
To reconcile man and bring him back home,
Sin’s debt has been paid by the death of His Son,
To know God as Father is why man was born.*

By Megan Carter

Reflected Faith: a Prayer Notebook

I recall when I was 14 years old going to stay on my own with my French cousins in the South of France, for three weeks during the summer holidays. It was a brilliant time which I thoroughly enjoyed. There was a sense of 'freedom' being away from close family and the ability to ride a 'moped' legally into the town and surrounding area! I wished it could have lasted much longer.

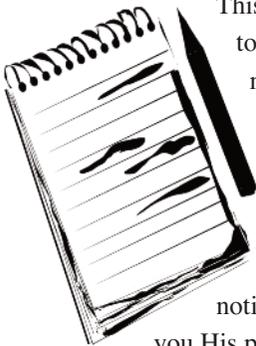


However, as the homeward flight crossed over the last of the English Channel and British land came into sight, I found myself unexpectedly crying. I suspect that when the time comes for us to return to collective worship in our buildings that will happen for many of us.

It's not that we can put a finger on one specific aspect or another of our gatherings or buildings that we so sorely miss – but rather it's all those parts making up the whole. One thing that helps me at the moment, is having a Prayer Notebook handy.

It sounds very grand and holy, but it is just jottings of issues, places and people who are in the news or who have asked for prayer. At the back I make a jotting of phrases or parts of a reading or prayer that resonated with me at that moment.

It helps me to be, as well as feel, a part of the body of church as I take my place in praying and it also encourages me to look out for the ways that Christ feeds me during these strangest of times.



This month: Find an unused notebook or fold a few pages together to make one. Cut the edges of the pages like an address book and mark each with: places, people in need, family, friends, issues, celebrations, words, etc. Whatever works for you – as large or as little as you like.

Make a note of news items, things people say in your conversations, comments on what you read and so on.

You don't have to read or write in it every day, just when you notice something that 'grips' you. Allow God's Holy Spirit to bring you His peace through the process and enable you to pass that on to others.

Lord, you are good and gentle in all your ways; and your mercy is so great that not only the blessings but also the misfortunes of your people are channels of your compassion. Grant that I may turn to you as a Father in my present condition since the change in my own state from health to sickness brings no change to you. You are always the same, and you are my loving Father in times of trouble and in times of joy alike.

Blaise Pascal (1623 – 1662), mathematician and scientist

Visiting the Saints of Northumbria



As a child I was fascinated by the Anglo-Saxon saints of Northumbria and I was lucky enough to have a primary school teacher who in the two years that she taught me not only sorted out my dyslexia but also brought history and legends to life. My first trip to Northumbria occurred while I was in my second year at teacher training college or college of Education as it was known then, when we went on a field trip to Northumbria for five days. We stayed at a Methodist Guest House in the small seaside town of Cullercoats not far from Whitley Bay.

The first day we walked along Hadrian's Wall and visited Housesteads and Corbridge Roman forts. The following day saw us visiting the ruined Warkworth Castle, a former stronghold of the Percy family. Later we saw Alnwick Castle with its many portcullises, deep well and strong

medieval defences as well as being a very comfortable stately home. Day three saw us visiting St. Aidan's holy Island of Lindisfarne. The ruins were medieval. The atmosphere was calm and serene and you felt inner peace in the little church. Later we looked at the castle. On the last day when the heavens opened we went on a long trek to look at some cup and ring marks carved in the rocks by early man but at that time we were not absolutely sure of their true purpose. I do remember we were very wet and we did find the strange carvings of rings with little cups which were thought to represent stone age settlements with what looked like rivers or streams between the settlements. I know no more now than I did in 1971 when we first went on the field study. Now there has been much more excavation on the wall with many finds at Vindolanda.

In my second year of teaching my class of nine and ten year olds romped romped through a project on Roman Britain and this was followed by some television programmes on the Anglo-Saxons and leading churchmen of the day like Saint Aidan, Saint Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede. The class was fascinated and wanted to go to Northumbria and full of youthful enthusiasm off we went for a five day trip in June 1970.

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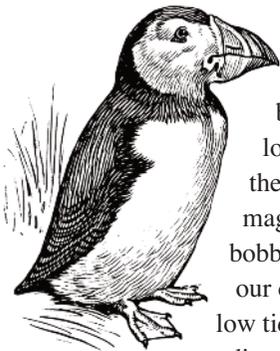
St. Aidan

(Continued from page 12) We set off from Oldham Mumps Station whose wall at that time was covered in several layers of thick black soot, I in my ignorance I thought Oldham had a great many buildings of some black stone but as a matter of fact it was soot on top of a very pleasing sandstone which was revealed to many surprised Oldhamers some years later. After two train trips we arrived at Cullercoats in the same guesthouse I had stayed in on my field trip accompanied by a male teacher from my school and my brave mother (Mrs Batty) who didn't know what she had let herself in for but was soon to find out. My class were a disbelieving lot, I had told them we were by the sea but they weren't convinced until they saw it. Having visions of wet clothes and children we had an evening meal and a little stroll and after a discussion of the next day's programme and a mug of cocoa it was time for bed, missing out a dip in the sea. Sent to bed is a euphemism for Miss Batty appearing in the girls' dormitory and the boy's dormitory at frequent intervals and shouting a lot and finally promising bed straight after dinner the following day. Miss Batty then saved the day after the last promise of doom and went round to say goodnight to the girls, it later transpired that this was a goodnight kiss all round. Mum told me this when we were home. Mum then went to say goodnight to the boy's and already there were some more goodnight kisses and by the next night everyone was having a goodnight kiss. Mrs Batty was a full member of class 3Y. We had hired a coach locally and the following morning saw us on our way to Hadrian's Wall and our coach driver looked very surprised that I was taking the children along the wall. I had managed so I thought they would and off went our driver to meet us at Housesteads Fort. Off we merrily went and walked alongside the wall until we came upon a stretch of wall that was quite steep and I began to get an inkling of what the driver meant I told the children to go carefully and sensibly and they did and the patron saint of foolish teachers kept us all safe. After our packed lunch we looked over the ruins of Housesteads and Corbridge Forts and then went back to Cullercoats. Everybody was tired out and after dinner they were thrilled to bits to go to bed, it wasn't a punishment. Goodnight kisses from Mum and all was still. *(Continued on page 14)*



(Continued from page 13) Wednesday was the day for Warkworth and Alnwick Castles and our trusty coach driver took us to Warkworth where the boy's imagined themselves to be defending the castle against Scottish border raiders while some of the girls joined in and others had a look around and then started to make daisy chains. We then went to Alnwick which is still lived by the Percy family today. We all games at the many portcullises, peered down the very deep well and then had avoided your round the house which they enjoyed but they managed to restrain themselves from touching anything. Back we went to Cullercoats and enjoyed children friendly evening meal. I had at first insisted on ordinary food but so much food was wasted that I thought that was up to the parents and yielded to the warden's offer of chips and food the children would like. Among my class was Josephine who wasn't very bright but was just beginning to read quite well owing to the efforts of the previous teacher and the other children, especially the girls, were very protective of her. She wet the bed one night and one of the girls said Josephine sweated a lot. It was sorted outside all was well. She had elderly parents who were very protective of her. Many years later I saw Josephine in town one day and she was all grown up and holding down quite a good job which was very nice to see. My Mum asked her if she was missing her Mum and Dad she said no but she did miss our Joey which turned out to be the family budgie. I didn't pass this gem into the parents I didn't think they would be amused! That evening we went for a walk along the shore and bought some chips from the chipshop.

This day was the piece de resistance we were off to Lindisfarne and the Farne Islands. Our faithful coach driver came and took us to Seahouses to catch our boat to the Farne Islands. We all clambered on board and set out the ground rules. Everyone was to remain in their seats, if a teacher or Mrs Batty had a firm grip on your coat you were allowed to peer over the side. Everyone would have a turn. On our way lots of seals popped their heads out of the water and swam near. The children were fascinated and soon we landed on St. Cuthbert's island of Inner Farne. Here we left the boat and found ourselves walking among the puffins and pufflings who didn't seem to mind our presence at all. We walked on and found we could look down on other nesting birds on the cliff stacks below. One of my class was on his haunches at the very edge looking entranced at the birds below. Please come away from the edge, William, I begged and reluctantly he did. After this magical visit we returned to the boat and accompanied by the bobbing heads of the curious seals we sailed back to Seahouses and our coach. Now we were off to Lindisfarne over the causeway at low tide. The children picked up on the peaceful atmosphere of the medieval ruins that covered the earlier Anglo-Saxon buildings and then they went into the church a few at a time. Later we looked around the castle. Then it was time for the children to spend some of their pocket money in Lindisfarne and for me to count on the common sense of my colleague. (continued on page 15)

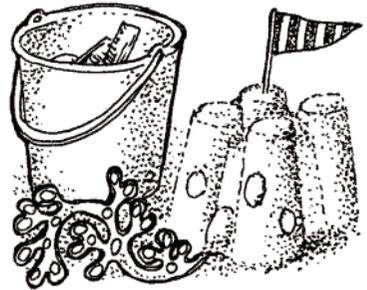


(Continued from page 14) We returned uneventfully to Cullercoats and enjoyed our evening meal and as a special treat we went to the fair at Whitley Bay in groups. When we had enjoyed ourselves in various rides accompanied by candy floss or toffee apples we strolled back to the guest house with Mum and Josephine going on ahead to order the cocoa. Unfortunately it rained and our vanguard diverted itself into an amusement arcade and were busy putting pennies in the slots and as Josephine kept winning they were still there when the rest of the party caught up. We can't hide said Josephine to my Mum, they've seen us. My mother remembers looking at 24 pairs of accusing eyes ,my own among them I had been looking forward to my cup of cocoa.

The next morning we rounded off our stay at Cullercoats after breakfast with Sandcastle making, paddling and swimming and enjoyed a hearty lunch, thanking our hostess and then boarded our coach for the last time to go to Durham where we left our luggage at the station and our driver dropped us outside the cathedral and we waved him goodbye.

I impressed on the children that we were about to enter a holy place and that at all times we were to walk and think of other people. Then I let them loose to look around for a bit and then meet for a guided tour of the Monks Dormitory. Soon a few children

came up to me and said we have found the tomb of the Venerable Bede and we all had a look. We met at the bottom of the spiral staircase and I told my Mum not to come up the stairs as she had Mernieres Disease which affected her balance. Well Mum insisted on coming but didn't last long. One of the children was similarly affected and I helped them both back down while complaining to Mum. The poor child when they had both sat down asked why Miss Batty had shouted at Mrs. Batty and not at her and my Mum told the girl that Miss Batty knew that her Mum would be affected. A lovely trip came to an end, well mostly it was, and we travelled back to Oldham Mumps eating our packed teas. The children were picked up and as Mum and I made our way home I had never felt so tired in all my life but the children certainly enjoyed their trip and told me completely lacking all modesty that they had been good ambassadors for their school and they were probably right. I had a great improvement in surname when I was married but I was never teased about my surname but I was irritated by my Junior 1 teacher who insisted on calling me Billy Larry instead of Lily Batty. *Lily Mitchelhill*



The purpose of prayer and of God's call in your life isn't to make you number one in the world's eyes but to make Him number one in your life. Ravi Zacharias

How can you expect God to speak in that gentle and inward voice which melts the soul, when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections? Be silent, and God will speak again. Francois de la Mothe Fenelon

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All are welcome. For further details please contact Frances Pickett on 0161 439 8890.



All Saints' Website and Facebook

 Keep up to date with news and events on the All Saints' website. Find out about our charity work, community groups and listen to recent sermons.



Please contact Sarah Ball on: comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk with any stories and updates.

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Church Open

**Saturday Coffee Mornings have been postponed
for the immediate future.**



MEN'S SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the first Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room (unless otherwise stated). After the talk there is a short question and answer session followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

Due to the implementation of measures to combat the Coronavirus pandemic all meetings have been cancelled. Further details will be posted when available.

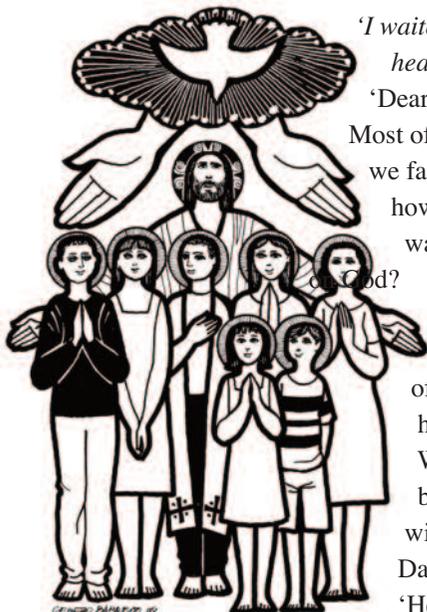
Although this group is attended by men, if you are interested in hearing any of the speakers you will be most welcome to come along.

Chairman: Bradley Torbitt (0161 486 9387)

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Psalm 40 – desperation to security



'I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry.' (Psalm 40:1).

'Dear God, I pray for patience, and I want it now!'

Most of us can identify with this prayer, especially as we face an uncertain future. Psalm 40:1-3 describes how David waited patiently on God (lit: 'I waited, waited for the Lord.'). Do we also intensively wait for God?

David speaks of falling into a deep, dark well and sinking deep into the sludge: 'a slimy pit of mud and mire'. This expresses his desperate helplessness that threatened to take his life.

We don't know what David was going through, but in our current situation we can easily identify with him.

David cried out to God, who answered his prayer: 'He lifted me out of the slimy pit, he set my feet on

a rock'. There is a world of difference between quicksand and rock, as God lifts us from desperation to security. Waiting on God is not inactivity, but it means engaging in service to God and others, as we discern His will and accept His wisdom and timing.

In response, David offers praise to God: 'He put a new song in my mouth. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.' His song is an expression of gratitude and trust in God, who can deliver us from every sort of pit and mire. People of praise never take their life for granted and they are credible witnesses to others, with a personal story of faith to tell.

'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud.' Whatever our current circumstances, we can confidently turn to God alone for help, as our loving heavenly Father.





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Women in majority of deacons ordained last year, report shows

Women made up the majority of deacons ordained in the Church of England last year for the first time, according to the latest statistics.

A total of 570 deacons were ordained in 2019, with women making up just over a half, or 51% of the new intake.

Deacons are the first of three orders of ordained ministry. Whilst all clergy continue as deacons throughout, the majority are also ordained as priests at the end of their first year of ministry.

The statistics show that women made up around 32% of the 20,000 active clergy last year, with a growing proportion of senior posts such as Bishops, Archdeacons and Cathedral Deans, occupied by women, from 25% in 2018 to 27% last year.

Women were in the majority starting training for ordained ministry for the third year running, with equal numbers of men and women sponsored to train for ‘incumbent’ posts – such as Rector or Vicar – over the last two years. However currently only 25% of incumbent posts are occupied by women.

The number of stipendiary, or paid clergy, remained stable, at 7,700, between 2018 and 2019, following a period of decline. There were 7,830 Readers or licensed lay ministers compared to just under 10,000 in 2010. Readers and licensed lay ministers are not ordained but can lead worship and preach in churches, among other roles.

The statistics show the number of stipendiary clergy from black, Asian or minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds stood at 3.8%, while 7.8% of people entering training for ordained ministry last year were from a BAME background.

Out of a total of 550 people beginning training for ordained ministry last year, nearly a quarter, or 24%, were under 32 years old and more than two fifths, 44%, were aged under 40.

The Rt Revd Chris Goldsmith, Director of Ministry for the Church of England, said: “In recent years there has been an increasing diversity among our clergy, but we will not be content until those in public ministry truly reflect the whole church and the communities which they serve.”

It is not the possession of extraordinary gifts that makes extraordinary usefulness, but the dedication of what we have to the service of God. F W Robertson

The New Testament is a love letter to you from God. Gregorio Tinson





"Looks like no one was available to fill in for the vicar's annual holiday again."



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Parish Calendar and Registers

SERVICES

Most of our services are of course 'on hold' at the moment, but services of Holy Communion were able to resume on Sunday July 19th at 10.00am.

These were shorter than usual, but it is hoped to add a sermon, prayers and a reading this month. As you know, we are unable to sing together in church, but Trevlyn will be playing the organ.

Private prayer sessions will continue on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 11.00am. Please follow the signs, social distancing and recommended hygiene whenever you are visiting. More details are available on our website.



ALTAR FLOWER ROTA AUGUST 2020

- 2nd Friday Club
- 9th Mrs M. Epps - In memory of Husband Brian
- 16th Mrs P. Jackson
- 23rd Mrs M. Gray
- 30th -

If you wish to discuss any aspect of church flowers including wedding flowers please contact Frances Pickett (0161 439 8890)

Take, Lord, and receive all my freedom, my memory, my intelligence and my will all that I have and possess. You, Lord, have given those things to me. I now give them back to you, Lord. All belongs to you. Dispose of these gifts according to your will. I ask only for your love and your grace, for they are enough for me.

A prayer of Ignatius of Loyala, founder of the Society of Jesus



MANY APOLOGIES

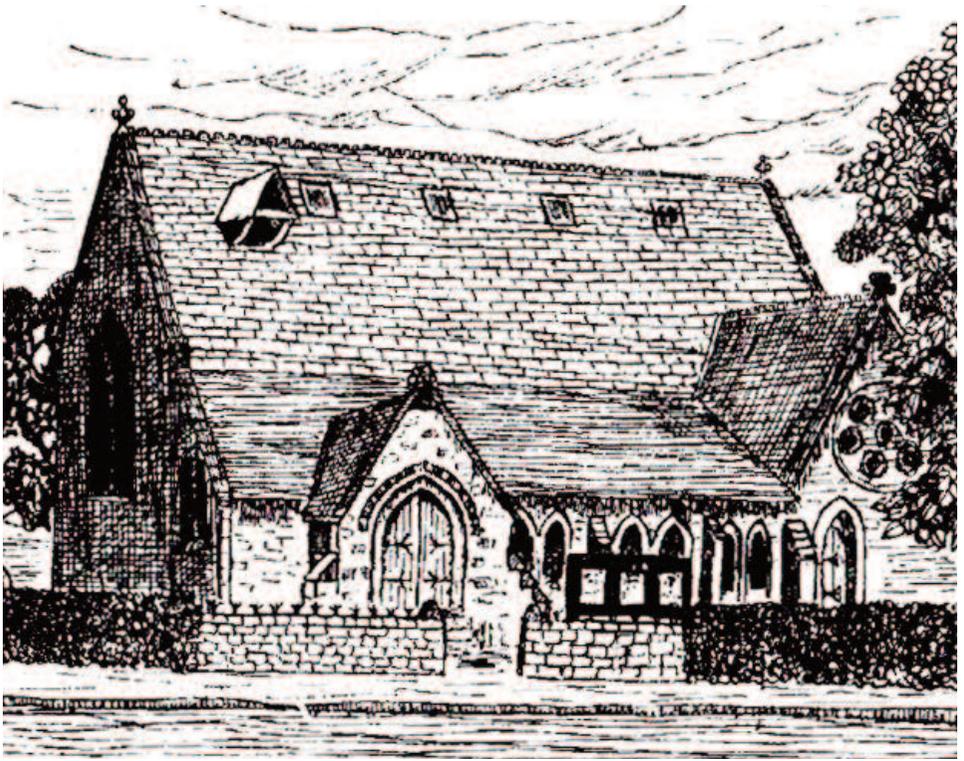
Many apologies for the error in last month's issue - the correct Altar Flower Rota for July 2020 should have read as follows:

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA JULY 2020

- 5th Mrs S. Akroyd
- 12th Mr N. Gardner - In memory of Enid Gardner and Freda and Norman Booth
- 19th -
- 26th -

We're keeping our Coronavirus updates page on the All Saints website as current as possible. Keep checking there and on the All Saints Facebook page for further news.

If you know anyone who needs shopping; prayers or simply a conversation please call Rev Janet on 0161 312 4683 or our Churchwardens Janet Ashman 0161 485 7969 and John Ackerley 0161 486 1419.



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The Parish practises the principles of Christian Stewardship in its giving for the work of God. If you are interested to learn more about it please contact the Recorder, Kate Hughes (485 1010), the Vicar or the Churchwardens. The giving of time and talents is encouraged, If you wish to help in some capacity in the Church services or organisations, in improving or maintaining the Church fabric or grounds, or in visiting and helping the sick or housebound, please speak to the Clergy or the Churchwardens.



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