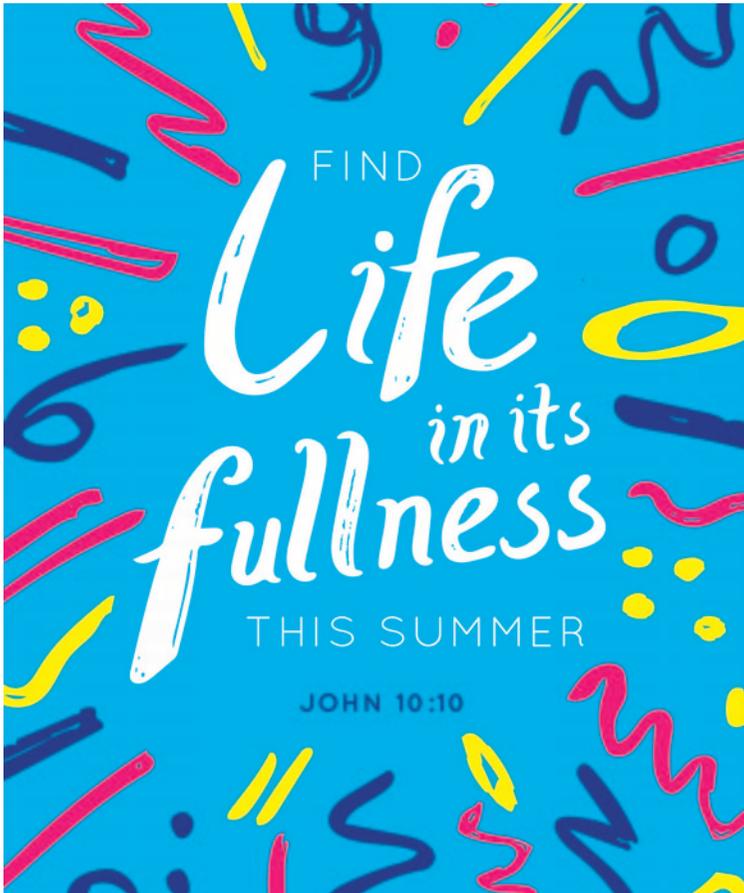


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10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Thursday 10.00am.

Holy Days to be announced.

Matins

Daily at 9.00am.

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Open to women of all age groups.

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Rainbows: (2nd Cheadle Hulme)

Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm



Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

For the past few weeks, I have been watching the Euros football tournament on the telly. I have been a football fan since the early 1990s when my dad took me to see Tranmere Rovers play in an FA cup tie at Prenton Park. I remember the noise of the crowd when Rovers scored, and I thought 'this is amazing!' I remember watching the Euros in '96, with the song 'It's coming home' sung in many homes and the hope that this year, in 1996, Football was going to come home. That hope that was in each England fan that we would win a major title at a major football tournament. Little did we know that Gareth Southgate was going to be the bringer of heartache. And as always, England crash out of a tournament on penalties. I had so much hope, hope of seeing my team lift a trophy. Little did I know that this would be the pain of following England on the international platform. So much hope and every time disappointed. Since 1996 I have wanted to beat Germany at football. England has done it in friendlies but when it mattered, we always seem to lose to them. Hope is all an England fan could hold on to. Hope that one day, one day, the unbelievable would happen.

Hope that just something, anything would bring about the sheer joy of finally beating a team who always seemed to outplay you, to be better than you. Tuesday 29th June 2021. The day I thought I would never see, happened. Finally, the England team beat Germany in a major football tournament. I would like to say that I held my composure but sadly I was one of those who shed a tear. It wasn't because I dislike the Germany team, far from it. It was the sheer delight and amazement that I got to witness history, just me in my kitchen willing the 90 minutes to finish as quick as possible when Raheem Sterling put us in the lead. I got to witness something amazing, something ground-breaking, something that changed the story. It made me think of the disciples on that first Easter Sunday. When it felt that all hope had been lost, that the story they thought would be written, abruptly had come to an end. The time when the disciples thought a new life is here, a new kingdom, a new way of being in community with each other is here. But instead, on a Friday afternoon it all changed. Despair instead of hope. Devastation instead of elation. Easter Sunday arrives, an empty tomb, a risen saviour, a hope that is living and the story had changed. Sheer delight and amazement because God had done the impossible. Jesus is risen, Jesus is alive and the new way of being is here. I don't know if England will make it past the next round (everything in me wants them to win!) but I do know that Jesus is our hope today, tomorrow and for ever.

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul..." Hebrews 6:19

Every blessing.

Revd Sarah Hancock

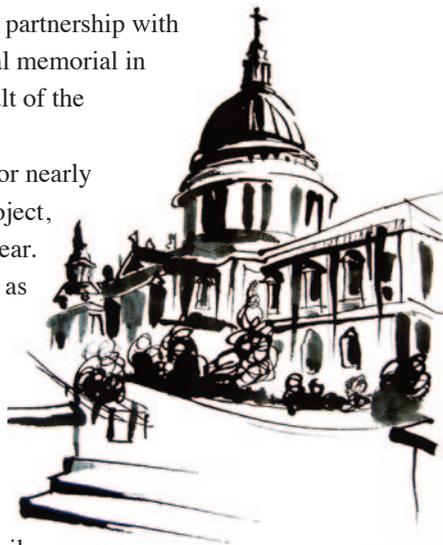
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‘Remember Me’ – St Paul’s launches fundraising campaign for memorial

St Paul’s Cathedral has launched a campaign in partnership with the Daily Mail to raise £2.3m to build a physical memorial in St Paul’s Cathedral for those who died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will be the first build of its kind at St Paul’s for nearly 150 years and is part of the ‘Remember Me’ project, an online book of remembrance launched last year. More than 7,300 names of those who have died as a result of the pandemic have been entered into the book.

The campaign will install the online memorial book at a permanent site within St Paul’s as well as on the internet. People entering the Cathedral by the new Equal Access Ramp will be able to go through the memorial into a tranquil space and take time to remember the many individuals who have died as a result of the pandemic. The memorial will be a portico in the North Transept on the site of an earlier porch destroyed by a bomb in 1941. Oliver Caroe, the Cathedral’s Surveyor to the Fabric, who has designed the memorial, lost his mother during the pandemic.

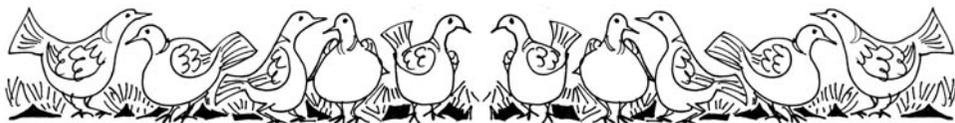


Reaching Out

Dear Lord Jesus, we remember the work of your disciples who served You faithfully during the early days of the Church. They went out among the people, who were often hostile, and spoke of their faith. They also encouraged others by their written testimonies. Together, they spread the word of Your teaching and of the joy of serving You, regardless of their own fate and well-being.

We ask You to help us today to continue Your work by witness and example. May we continue to draw comfort and inspiration from Your teaching, and so acknowledge and confess our faith wherever we go and to those we meet.

Terence Trimmer



General Synod to meet face-to-face in July

The timetable for what is expected to be the first full in-person meeting of the Church of England's General Synod for a year and a half has been published. Synod will meet at Church House, Westminster, from Friday 9th July to Tuesday 13th July for what will also be the final meeting of the current Synod, ahead of elections later in the summer and autumn.



In addition to legislation and financial business, areas for discussion will include the programme to develop a Vision and Strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s. Pastoral matters will include a presentation on bereavement and loss in the pandemic.



There will be a discussion on the role of the Church in the housing crisis, following the publication of the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Housing, Church and Community.

There will be an update on the new Racial Justice Commission, coming after the recent Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce.

Synod will also spend time in small groups reflecting on how members' engagement with Living in Love and Faith over the past four years can be handed on to the new Synod.

Security is not the absence of danger, but the presence of God, no matter what the danger. Anonymous

Church notices that didn't quite come out right

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

The minister is going on holiday next Saturday. Could all missionary boxes be handed into the vicarage by Friday evening, at the latest.

Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink.

There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

No Passports Required

This, the second summer of Covid has brought, for some, a holiday in the sun, but for others, a “staycation” with the risk of rain. The holiday that stands out in my memory didn’t involve passports, foreign currency, or queuing at the check-in, but it did come during a time of national emergency. During the second world war my father worked all-hours on aircraft production, and took turns at fire-watching at night.

In 1942, a fortnight on a farm was, for him a welcome break, for my sister and me it was a wonderland. We lived in the suburbs, within reach of open country, but it was dead flat - Gloucestershire’s rolling hills were an exciting change. If I close my eyes, I’m once again in the wide hall of a Georgian farmhouse, cool flagstones, the fragrance of wood ash (with a hint of lamp oil - there was no electricity), and the slow ticking grandfather clock. The farmer’s wife took our ration books, but shortages were forgotten as we tucked in to fresh eggs and home-cured bacon. The farm grew blackcurrants under contract for the Ministry of Food, to provide vitamin C for the nation’s children, but a few found their way into summer puddings, served with fresh cream from the dairy.

Outside we explored the farm; Queeny, a cocker spaniel, was our companion, and there was a fat pony on which we sat - “rode” would be an exaggeration. Valerie, the farmer’s daughter, on holiday from teacher training college, helped us make a shelter in a low-growing tree, with dry bracken for cushions. After years of agricultural depression hedges were unkempt, rabbit-ridden and sprawling with brambles, but laden with an abundance of blackberries. We picked them for blackberry and apple pies, and my mother took a lot home for jam making. Pastures that had not been touched in living memory had been ploughed, on Government orders, to grow wheat for the nation’s bread. We joined in the harvest. There were horses for the wagons, but the reaper-binder was drawn by the farmer’s pride and joy, his new Fordson tractor; as the square of uncut corn grew smaller the rabbits began to bolt, chased by men and dogs. We helped stand the sheaves up in “stooks” to await carting to the stack yard.

After the holidays Dad went back to aircraft production, and we went back to school, but we returned to the farm the next summer. I can still feel the sunshine that Gloucestershire farm brought into our lives in those dark days of war. (I don’t remember any rain, but then it was almost eighty years ago!)

Douglas Scarisbrick



Henry Venn of the CMS - 1st July

Most Christians in the UK have heard of the Church Mission Society or CMS.

Far fewer have heard of the Revd Henry Venn (1796-1873), whose father, the rector of Clapham, founded CMS in 1799, and who himself became the greatest missionary strategist of the 19th century.

Not that Henry Venn ever became a missionary himself; after Cambridge he served his curacy at St Dunstan's in Fleet Street, and then an incumbency at Drypool in Hull, before becoming vicar of St Johns, Holloway in 1834. But Henry Venn's parish-based ministry did not obscure his passionate interest in overseas evangelism, and in 1841 he accepted an invitation to become the honorary secretary of the Church Mission Society. That decision was to shape the history of overseas missions, and to make CMS into the most effective force in Britain for delivering effective overseas mission.

For Henry was an outstanding administrator, and his wisdom and management of the missionaries enabled CMS to grow and flourish. When Henry first began work on CMS, it employed 107 European clergy and nine local indigenous people. When he died in 1873, there were 230 European clergy and 148 local people in service.

After his resignation from St Johns Holloway in 1846, Henry devoted himself almost exclusively to the work of CMS. He was directly responsible for sending out 498 clergymen, all of them chosen by him, and with most of whom he continued in regular correspondence. He also established eight or nine bishoprics for the supervision of CMS missionary clergy and was usually involved in the appointments made.

Henry and a missions colleague in America were the first to use the term 'indigenous church', and they were way ahead of their time in seeing the necessity for creating churches on the mission fields that in time would become not only self-supporting, but also self-governing and self-propagating. In fact, Venn wrote with enthusiasm on this "euthanasia of missions," meaning that missionaries were only ever meant to be temporary, and not permanent.

All in all, Henry Venn's exposition on the basic principles of indigenous Christian missions was so powerful that much of it was later adopted by the Lausanne Congress of 1974. But alongside Venn's passion for evangelism was his concern for social justice, and he frequently lobbied the British Parliament, especially the closure of the Atlantic slave trade. In 1873, when he was 76, Venn died at his home in Mortlake, Surrey. He is buried in the churchyard.

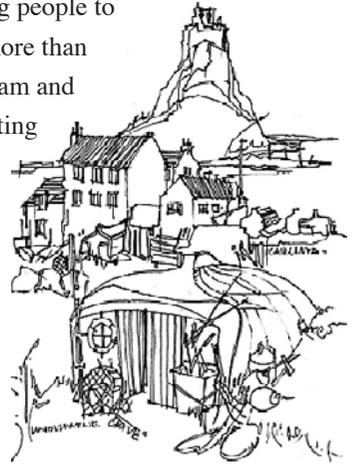


Pilgrimage routes to explore in the North

A ‘Santiago of the North’ has been launched, encouraging people to walk ancient pilgrimage routes to Durham dating back more than 1,000 years. Around 30 churches in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle are part of four revived pilgrimage routes starting from villages and towns in the region, re-creating the routes taken by pilgrims to Durham Cathedral.

‘The Way of Learning, The Way of Life, The Way of Light and The Way of Love,’ allows pilgrims to walk from 27 to 45 miles while exploring places of historical and religious significance.

Modern-day pilgrims can visit churches and historical monuments, museums and galleries on the route, including shrines and places associated with Saints Cuthbert, Bede, Hilda, Helen, Wilfrid, Oswald, Aidan and Godric.



Further pilgrimage routes The Angels Way (30 miles) and the Way of the Sea (62 miles) link Lindisfarne and Durham, the two most important pilgrimage centres in the region.

Northern Saints Trail Coordinator David Pott says: “There is a 21st-Century revival in pilgrimage – only 2,500 people walked the Camino to Santiago in 1985, but there were 347,538 pilgrims recorded in 2019.”

“Pilgrimages are attracting people who are not necessarily of strong Christian faith but who want to explore and experience wealth of historic sites and this area of the country has so many wonderful and deeply religious places to visit and enjoy.”

We are invited to make a pilgrimage – into the heart and life of God. Dallas Willard
The Christian life is a pilgrimage from earth to heaven, and our task is to take as many
as possible with us as we make this journey. Warren W. Wiersbe

The boat is safer anchored at the port; but that's not the aim of boats. Paulo Coelho

Reflected Faith: The spaces between

Most of us have been in situations where we are not in control, and we don't know how to feel or how to react to our situation. We need help.

The most valuable gift you can have at those times – is time itself. Time to be 'listened to'. Really listened to. But it is not easy to find someone who will 'actively listen' to you. Think of the last time you were in the reverse position with a friend or a colleague, and they were talking to you. How easily do you recall what they actually said? Most of us are so busy getting our replies ready for when the person has finished speaking, that we don't clearly hear their punch line. With God it is different. We can take everything to Him; all our worries and cares and failures and faults. And He listens. He doesn't necessarily jump in with an instant, easy solution, but rather He promises to always guide us, if we ask Him, through life's challenges, and He promises to never leave us. He often speaks to us through his written word, the Bible.

This last year, when many of us have been communicating with others by phone or Zoom, we get nervous if it all goes quiet. We feel the need to 'nudge' the other person, to make sure they are still there. Silence is not a natural state for many of us – and yet it is in the quiet we can hear ourselves and God most clearly. So, when we talk with God, our conversation should not be rushed and one-sided. We need to give space to our silence before Him, to wait and listen for Him to speak to us.

This month: Next time you worship in church, listen to the silences: the spaces between the words, the music and the actions. Listen to all the prayers that are spoken. Look at your surroundings and reflect that they have absorbed thousands of prayers – and holy silence – down the centuries of their existence. Look out the window and see the vastness of the sky above you – and let your prayers join with those that have gone before you. May the knowledge that you are not alone encourage and strengthen you.

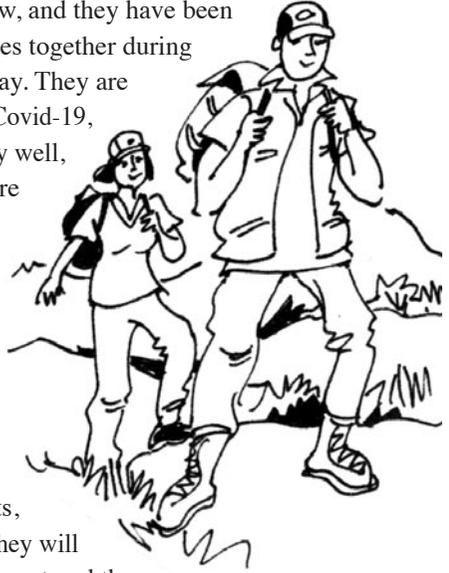




Time for a change

I have had my walking boots for a few years now, and they have been faithful companions. We have walked many miles together during that time, on my daily walks as well as on holiday. They are partly responsible for my physical recovery after Covid-19, so they have a place in my heart. They fit me very well, and we have adjusted to one another. But they are very thin now on the soles and heels, and it is reluctantly time for a change.

So, one recent Saturday I bought a new pair. They are clean and smart, and fully waterproof. The soles are strong and new. There are no signs of wear and tear. But I know that change is never easy. They will take some time to wear in. They may rub and I may get a blister or two. Occasionally I will long for my old boots, and wonder, 'Did I make a mistake?' Hopefully, they will become as much a part of me as my old ones as we tread the miles together. But there is always a risk with something new, Isn't there?



Change is never easy in whatever form it comes. But change is inevitable because life does not stand still, and we have to keep adjusting and adapting and being open to fresh winds of the Spirit. Never more so than in these present, troublesome days.

Strangely enough as I have been meditating on this, my reading this morning (Isaiah 9) contained a reference to 'Every warrior's boot used in battle... will be destined for burning (v5).' Oh dear. I'm sure like me, warriors were fond of their boots too and found it hard to part with them.

It is what you do when you have nothing to do that reveals what you are.

Anonymous



Can comedy point the way to faith?

Truth can come from a range of places. In Shakespeare, it's the fool who often has the insight that the main characters lack. In the Old Testament, it's the prophets that proclaim the truth from God's perspective.

Maybe today, we should be listening more to the comedians – to the people who stand back from our day-to-day happenings and see the world from different angles. They can make us laugh, but they can also teach us truths about ourselves that can be distinctly uncomfortable.

Take the new book by comedian, and Catholic, Frank Skinner. It's called 'A Comedian's Prayer Book' (Hodder & Stoughton) and runs to just over a hundred pages. Yet in that thin volume, Skinner – who is very open about his devout Christian faith – poses serious questions for both believers and atheists. It's far from being a comfortable read, though it never ceases to be amusing and thoughtful.

Setting the scene for the book, Skinner, an award-winning comedian, television and radio host, explains: "Imagine someone on a pilgrimage, stopping at churches, martyr-related tourist spots and sacred wells, while dressed in a medieval jester outfit.

"The intention is serious and completely devout, but the pilgrim just feels more at home in the motley than in sackcloth and ashes. He feels jest is an integral part of who he is, and it seems wrong to deny that part."

Skinner sees his role as a comic as integral to this faith, although some 'fellow pilgrims' may be uncomfortable with someone who seems to see humour all around him – and can easily make others laugh. Yet Frank Skinner raises deep issues in the chapters of this slim volume, including questions that will connect with people both within the Christian faith, and those standing outside. He describes his prayer life as "a telepathic dip into a long, ongoing conversation with thousands of tabs left open and no helpful 'new readers start here' summaries or simplifications for the neutral observer."

Skinner's 'prayer book' is on my bookshelf alongside '10 Second Sermons,' (Darton, Longman & Todd) written by fellow comedian Milton Jones in 2011. Again, the comedian's quirky view on life brings fresh insights and challenges.

Jones, a master of one-line jokes, describes gossip as "bullying people who are not there," lust as "rehearsing for a play in which you shouldn't have a part" and salvation as "like being returned to the factory settings – but you have to admit there is a factory, and that there could be some settings."

One of my favourites is Jones's description of the Holy Spirit as "a real person you can invite in. But watch out – in time He will go over, pull the fridge from the wall and say 'What's all this mess under here?' But at least He helps clear up."

Both Milton Jones and Frank Skinner are comedians of faith – comedic commentators with a gift of making us see the world with fresh insight. And, as importantly, making us laugh.

Bishop challenges the BBC on its religious broadcasting

A Church of England bishop has recently called on the BBC to be more imaginative in its religious broadcasting.

The Bishop of Ripon, Helen-Ann Hartley, urged the BBC to go beyond 'preaching to the converted' to producing documentaries and dramas that challenge and inform people's world views.

Writing in a recent edition of Radio Times, Bishop Hartley noted that the BBC is promising 'more content than ever before' but added: "If most of it fails to get beyond the 'God slot' normally reserved for 'Songs of Praise', what's the point, beyond keeping the faithful happy?"

Bishop Hartley chairs the respected Sandford St Martin Trust, which "promotes thought provoking, distinctive programming that deals with religion, ethics and spirituality."

By running annual awards, the Trust "promotes excellent broadcasting about all faiths, from major networks, independents and online sources, at local and national level."

In the hard-hitting article, she asked "Where are the documentaries that challenge us to rethink the world we live in? Or the dramas that ask us to re-imagine the human relationships? Instead of congratulating itself on producing more content than ever, I wonder if it's time for the BBC to ask just what is the point of religion on the telly, or the radio for that matter?"

Bishop Hartley described the BBC as focusing unduly on ritual "because that's what the BBC thinks religious people do or are interested in."

She said "I'm far more motivated by programmes that explore the big questions in life. You can't really understand the world and what motivates people if you're not able to interpret or understand religion."

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley issued a strong challenge to the BBC to up its game on what the Corporation describes as 'religious broadcasting.'

She does so from an influential position, as the Sandford St Martin Trust has long championed insightful, imaginative programmes that go beyond stereotypes and superficialities to depict the role played by faith in the lives of millions of people.

Bishop Hartley makes clear in the article "I don't just want to watch a multi-platform worship service at Easter. I'd like to ask hard questions and explore what the answers might be."

She applauded the Channel 4 drama series, 'It's a Sin' set in the AIDs crisis of the 1980s, commenting "Drama can shine a light on how generations have faced issues and challenges, many of which resonate with our current pandemic crisis.

"We all have world views, the question is how much these help us understand one another, and the things that motivate us. That's what great TV like 'It's a Sin' can do.

The Difference

So often
I can't wear the right clothes,
Speak the right words,
Fit the right mould,
Be the shape people want me to be,
Expect me to be,
Demand that I am,
To conform.

But you Lord
Accept me,
Release me,
Make it possible to be me,
Perfectly free
In Your service,
Open for You
To transform.

Daphne Kitching

Prioritising

Martha cooked
But Mary looked
And sat at the Master's feet,
It's a story of old
But we are told
It's where man and God can meet.

So much to do
But think it through
There's a place for you and me,
To spend time with the Lord
And be found in His word
It's where we are meant to be.

So find a place
To seek His face
Where the Lord Himself is found
With a God who cares
Hears all our prayers
The place where grace abounds.

Megan Carter

When we feel shaken

Faithful Father,

When we feel shaken by the events of the past; when we don't know quite how to go forward; when our confidence in what we thought we could control is undermined; remind us that one thing is needed – to sit at your feet and listen to You. You are our security. You will never fail those who belong to You through faith in Your Son, Jesus. As we take time to listen to You, Lord, and to meditate on Your Holy Spirit-inspired Word, may we know Your peace – and Your good plans for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching



How collective worship is the heartbeat of Church of England Schools

The Church of England's Chief Education Officer, the Revd Canon Nigel Genders, has been commenting on the recently updated guidance for the Church of England's collective worship in schools.

"One of the most rewarding parts of my role is the opportunity to visit schools across the country and join in inspirational and uplifting collective worship, led by children and young people.



"This Spring the Church of England published updated guidance for collective worship in schools. This is mainly a resource for Church of England schools, but one which can be helpful to all schools.

"State schools in England are required to provide a daily act of collective worship which is 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'.

Although there is scope for schools to apply for an exemption to that depending on their particular circumstances, very few overall seem to do so.

"That's perhaps not surprising as schools tell us that, whatever the legal obligations, daily collective worship has proved a powerful tool in bringing pupils together. For Church of England schools that means Christian worship and that will remain the case. The guidance builds on the Church of England's Vision for Education, which is to be 'deeply Christian' while

'serving the common good.' In collective worship terms, this means opening the rich traditions and modern expressions of Christian worship to people of all faith backgrounds in a way which does not presume a particular starting point, so is invitational and inclusive as well as inspiring. Children can expect the worship they encounter in a Church school to be formational; to enable pupils and adults to consider big questions about who we are and why we do what we do. It should call us to action, to thinking and behaving differently. We suggested that schools take care that pupils and adults do not feel 'compelled to sing strongly confessional lyrics'. But it became clear that the word 'confessional' had been misunderstood – one rather over-the-top newspaper column even tried to claim that this meant we were 'purging' hymns of Christian content. Far from it.



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(Continued from page 12) “Christians often speak about ‘confessing’ their personal faith in God. The use of ‘confessional’ here was simply meant to recognise that whilst most will enjoy singing their heart out, schools should not insist that everyone must join in and should take care with what is appropriate, depending on their context.

“So, for example, insisting all pupils sing ‘All to Jesus, I surrender’ in a school where the majority of pupils are devout followers of another faith, as is the case in some of our Church school, might seem unnecessarily exclusive when there are lots of other inspirational Christian content to choose from. We have changed the wording of the guidance to make this clear.

“Parents value this approach, as it encourages thinking differently, and reflecting the behaviour and actions of individuals and communities. Inspirational collective worship should lead pupils to become courageous advocates of causes and encourage them to think searchingly about their faith, beliefs and/or philosophical conviction. “We want pupils to leave their school with an understanding of Christianity having encountered Jesus Christ through worship in a way that enhances their lives, whatever their faith standpoint.

“Around one million children attend Church of England schools which shows that parents and pupils clearly welcome what is on offer. Collective worship is at the heart of this, and we are committed to providing this in a way which is accessible to all.”



*We thank You, Lord, for many things,
The blessing of each day,
For home and food and family
And guidance on life's way.
We thank You for the earth and sky,
The beauty all around,
And things we take for granted, Lord,
The gifts of sight and sound.
We pray for those less fortunate
And those who lost their way,
For those in trouble and despair,
Lord, care for them this day.
We thank You for Your wonders, Lord,
Below us and above,
But most of all for hope and faith,
And Your undying love.*

Iris Hesselden



How a vicar's TikTok meant for seven teenagers reached 1.7 million

What began as an amusing way to keep up with the seven teenagers in her congregation is now serious outreach for the Revd Anne Beverley of Christ Church in Wesham, Lancashire.

When the coronavirus pandemic struck, the first lockdown brought with it a need to stay in touch with the teenagers in her congregation, so Revd Anne Beverley filmed on the social media platform, TikTok – but she did not expect what happened next.

In three days, her video on her TikTok account @ChristChurchWesham was seen not just by the seven local teenagers, but by 1.7 million people around the world.

“We just sat at home watching the numbers go up every time we refreshed our phones,” said Revd Beverley, “it was ridiculous.”

Today, five or six videos are posted each week, which range from dances and singing, to short sermons while walking the dog.

The church has more than 66,000 followers and receives around a thousand comments and questions about God each week.



...just humour him - he's hoping it'll help him reach the young people in his diocese...

William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson

On the 30th July each year we remember the lives of abolitionists. During the eighteenth century many people in England were involved in the campaign to abolish the slave trade. The Church of England remembers especially William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson – three very different individuals but all were tireless campaigners against the evil practice.

Thomas Clarkson (1760-1846) was an Anglican vicar and one of the most prominent of the anti-slavery campaigners. In 1787 he helped form the first Abolitionist Committee, and his energy and hatred of injustice made him a ‘moral steam-engine’. He travelled hundreds of miles throughout the country, gathering evidence from people caught up in the slave trade, from ship captains to doctors.

Olaudah Equiano (1745 – 1797) had been kidnapped in Nigeria, sold into slavery and sent to the West Indies. When he finally escaped, he made his way to London, becoming one of the most prominent black campaigners. His brutal autobiography of 1789 ran to nine reprints, and was translated into many languages, bringing home to people the horrors of the slave trade.

William Wilberforce (1759 – 1833), of course, became the main figurehead in Parliament. He came from a wealthy family in Kingston-Upon-Hull, and represented the town in Parliament. He was recruited by Thomas Clarkson, who saw the need for a brilliant advocate within Parliament. Wilberforce was an inspired choice: not only wealthy and well-connected, but a gifted orator with a social conscience, especially after his conversion in 1785. He made his first speech in Parliament against slavery in 1789, but it was not until 1807, after a debate that raged for many years, that the Abolition Act was finally passed.



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What's your next step?

Does this month spell the end of school, college, or even a job, for you? Then congratulations are in order: you have completed a significant step! Now it's time to decide your next step. The dictionary defines 'step' as a physical movement that advances you in a desired direction. You 'step' forward in order to get somewhere specific. Each 'step', however small, will make a difference to your life.

The Bible reflects this. It is filled with the metaphors of stepping, walking, running and goals, pilgrimages, journeys, all to describe the years of our lives. So, choosing your next step in life this year is important. The good news is that you need not do it on your own. In God, you have a divine 'life coach'. He knows you perfectly – and He has a plan for your life. Most of all, His plan is to have a close personal relationship with you.

We've all seen toddlers staggering towards danger, ignoring their parents' cries of warning. We've all seen adults making a mess of their lives. They are ignoring their personal divine Shepherd, Guide, Teacher and Helper. A baby learns to walk safely by listening to its parents. We learn what God's will is for us through daily reading of His word, in the Bible, and in obeying what we read. For when God guides us, He does not hand down a divine map of our lives for us to follow on our own. His guidance is more like that of a torch – a little advance light, day by day, for our immediate daily path.

Remember, the Lord wants you to succeed in the earthly goals that He has for you! So, trust Him to be your guide and helper as you step into your future.

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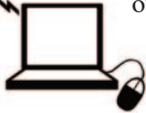
All are welcome. For further details please contact Frances Pickett on 0161 439 8890.



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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.

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The Good Samaritan

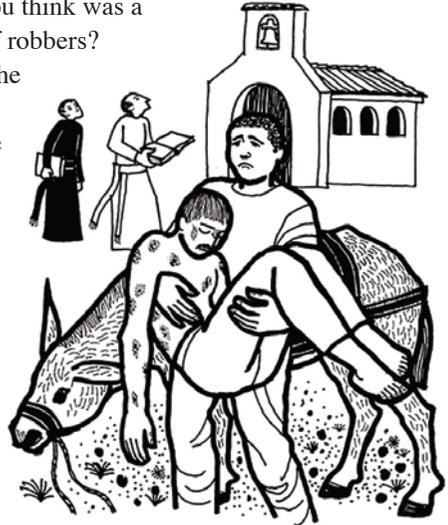


This month we are looking at the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). This familiar story tells of a man who is mugged on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho and rescued by a Samaritan. Jesus tells it in response to a lawyer's question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" When Jesus calls for a life of total love towards God and neighbour, the lawyer comes back with the question: 'who is my neighbour?' (29).

The plight of the man and the indifference of the priest and Levite would have horrified Jesus' hearers. They assumed that the hero of the story would be a Jew! However, Jesus presents the Samaritan, a sworn enemy of the Jews, as a model of integrity and an example to follow: "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? Go and do likewise." (36,7). The challenge of the story is that often our neighbours can be our worst enemies, yet these are the very people we are called to love as ourselves.

Of course, we can all think of people to whom we are called to be a Samaritan in our lives: those we try to avoid and don't want to get alongside. If we are honest, we know that we don't have it in us to love as Jesus says here. We all need somebody who will be our Good Samaritan, to rescue us and enable us to love others as ourselves. Jesus is that Good Samaritan for us.

"By depicting a Samaritan helping a Jew, Jesus could not have found a more forceful way to say that anyone at all in need – regardless of race, politics, class, and religion – is your neighbour." (Tim Keller).





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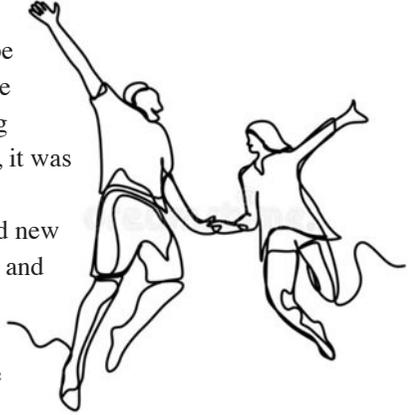
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£9 million funding package for mission to students and young people

Tens of thousands of students and young people who may never have been to church before are to be reached by the Church of England with the message of the Christian faith as part of a £9 million funding programme for mission projects across the country, it was recently announced.

Church of England parishes will form several brand new congregations aimed at reaching both young adults and students living in Leeds and Huddersfield in West Yorkshire, Blackburn in Lancashire and coastal areas of Paignton in Devon and Brighton and Hove in east Sussex.



A series of grants to help fund the projects has been awarded as part of the Church of England’s programme of Renewal and Reform.

The Church of England’s National Youth Evangelism Officer, Jimmy Dale, welcomed the investment in work with students and young people.

He said: “It is so exciting to see the church engaging with students and young people in a way that historically, we have often fallen short. Young people, the ‘Generation Z’ of 11- to-25-year-olds, have faced enormous challenges as a result of the pandemic. They have struggled not just socially and financially but educationally and with regards to mental health. The message of the good news of Jesus Christ offers this generation a real beacon of hope.”



*Inner healing is concerned to bring to light the causes of the inner pain;
to help the sufferer to interpret them correctly;
to release the person from the emotional grip of the past.* John Townroe

The name of Jesus is not so much written as ploughed into the history of the world.

Ralph Waldo Emerson





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It has been lovely this week to hear of the many ways our congregation have been worshipping together but apart using our service. I know it is a HUGE change from what we are used to and it can feel strange getting in to a new groove of prayer and worship. Thank you for your understanding. Please be assured of my prayers for you and the church.

We understand that for many this lockdown is a difficult situation. If you would like prayers or simply a conversation please contact me - Rev Sarah on 0161 485 3455 or vicar@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk or our Churchwardens John Ackerley 0161 486 1419 and Janet Ashman on 0161 485 7969.



"Saint James the Great"

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Stay safe and God bless, Rev Sarah Hancock



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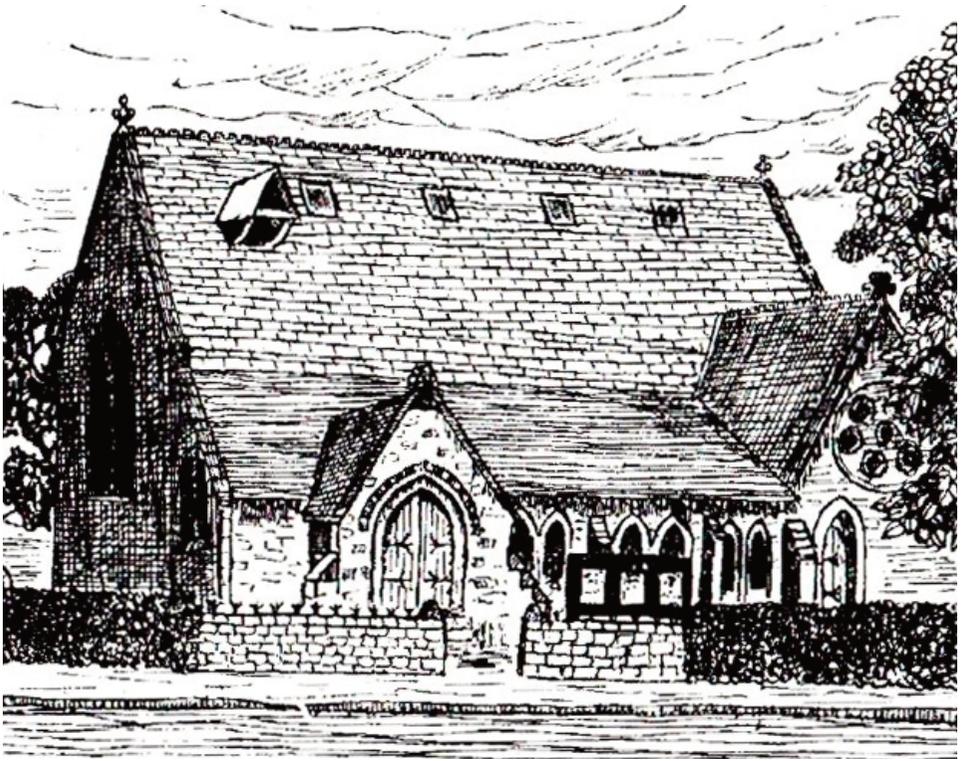
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