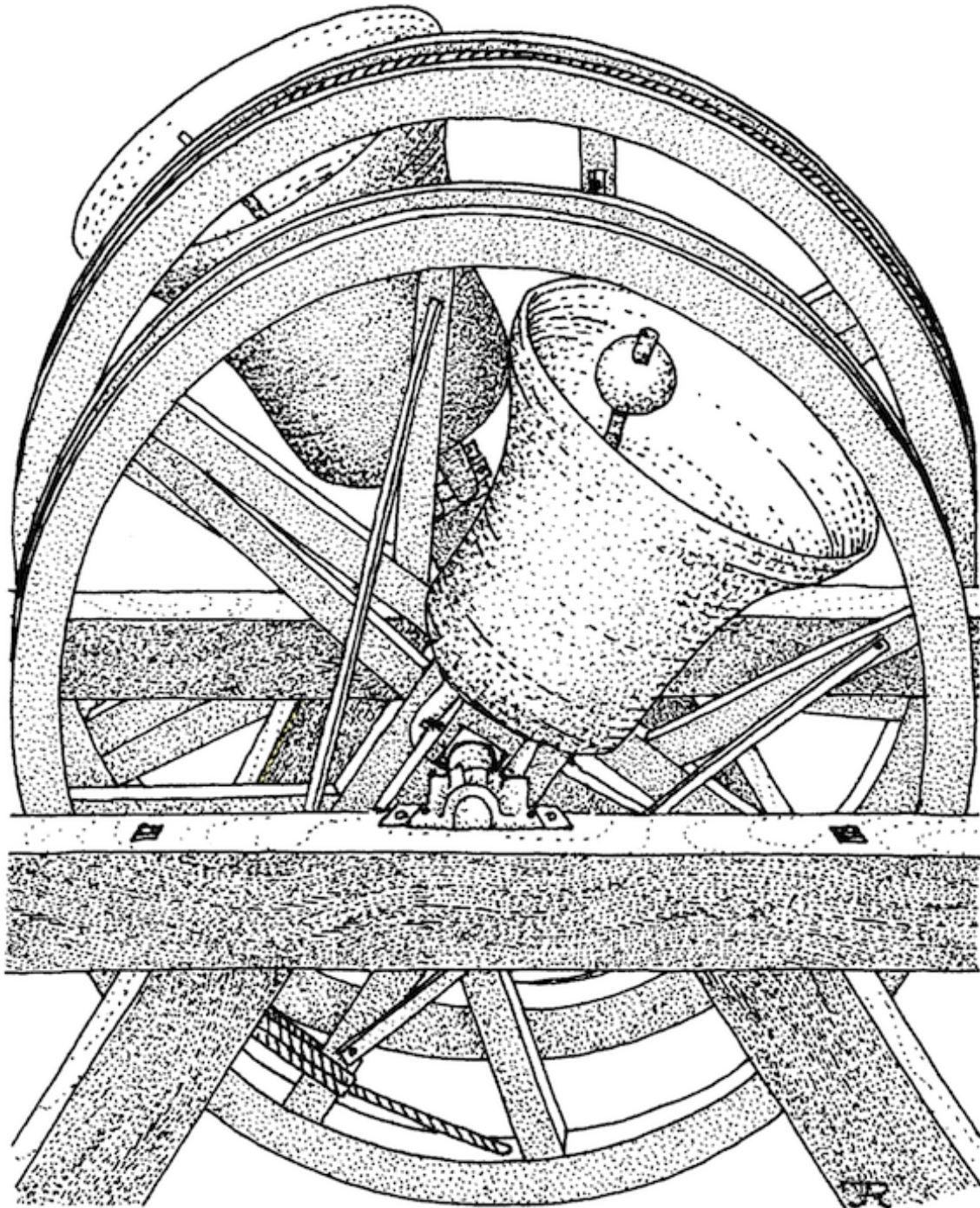


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PASTORAL LETTER FOR JANUARY

from Bishop David

It doesn't seem like it, but the days are getting longer.

At this time of year we gain less than an extra minute a day, and what are traditionally the coldest months of the winter still lie ahead of us, but the solstice is past and each night is that little bit shorter than the one before. The light is advancing, the darkness is forced to retreat before it.

I'm not one for New Year's resolutions. Often overambitious they collapse within days if not hours. Resolutions give the false impression that life is made up of grand decisions which lead directly to great moments of change. Such things do happen, indeed for some of us there is a particular life-changing moment of conversion, when Jesus Christ bursts into our lives and nothing is ever the same again. But human life is less a series of such critical instants and more a case of small increments imperceptible in themselves but leading to an irreversible and significant change. Indeed even moments of conversion, such as that of St Paul which we commemorate this month, are less the product of an instant than the culmination and consequence of many smaller events over time. God has been readying Paul for this moment at least since the day when he stood and watched Stephen's martyrdom.

So try to make this first half of 2013, between now and midsummer's day, a time of small but steady and irreversible change. You could get up a minute earlier each week and add that to your prayer time, by the end you would be praying for almost half an hour more each day, and you wouldn't notice the difference week by week. Or every week add another five pence to what you put in your collection envelope at church. Or add a minute a week to how long you spend reading the bible.

And as you hold to this steady but gentle discipline let the increasing length of the daylight be a reminder of your intent. And the God who rules over sun and moon, day and night, will be your strength and shield.

+David

A WORD FROM THE EDITORS

As we begin 2013, we can all expect to face personal challenges in the year ahead. We hope that everyone will find strength in Christ to help them deal with the things that life throws at them.

Sue and Graham Evans

DATES FOR JANUARY 2013

Tuesday 1st January: Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Thursday 3rd January

6.30 p.m. St Clement's Carol Service (ST Clement's Church)

Sunday 6th January: Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

5.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday 13th January: Baptism of Christ; 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday 20th January: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

5.00 p.m. Evensong

Friday 25th January: Conversion of Paul

Sunday 27th January: 4th Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Children's Church

5.00 p.m. Healing Service

Wednesday 30th January

7.00 p.m. Friendship Group (Blakefield Room)

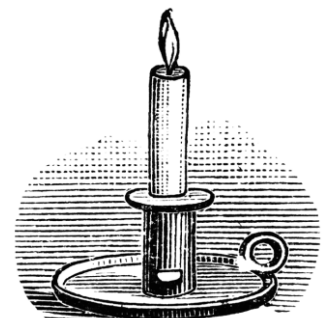
Evening Installation of Chris Stuart as Curate-in-charge at St Clements

A SEASONAL THOUGHT

No amount of darkness anywhere in the world is capable of putting out the light from one single candle.

Happy New Year to you all!

John Cole



IN MEMORIAM

Alfred Victor Bishop	5 January 1979
Vera Rolph	5 January 1995
Florence Mary Newman	8 January 1971
Ada Halls	11 January 2011
Albert James Hughes	12 January 1976
Reginald Hemming	12 January 1976
Margaret Tolley	12 January 1995
Mary Bishop	12 January 2010
Mildred Christina Waterson	13 January 2007
Edith Mayall	15 January 1999
Kenneth Plumpton	15 January 2012
Frances Lillian Griffiths	19 January 1995
Jack Shearer	24 January 1986
Joseph Lowe	26 January 1982
Beatrice Louisa Lerigo	26 January 1988
Vera Mabel Glover	28 January 1990
Charles Hodges	29 January 1998

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS: *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

2nd December Harley John Simpkins

2nd December Bailey Joan Mae

16th December Nicole Valery Goodyear

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 7th November Reginald Langford

d. 7th November Clive Bird

d. 21st November Peter Joyner

d. 25th November Ruth Harris

d. November Alan Raymond Garness

COMMUNICANTS FOR NOVEMBER (4 Sundays): 346

2013 CALENDARS FOR SALE

There are still available some of the 2013 calendars produced by Colin Nash. These show photos in and around the church. They cost £6 and are available at church, from the parish office or telephone 424811. Only available while stocks last.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

16th November 2012

May I on behalf of the St. Johns and Hallow Sub Branch of the Royal British Legion, thank you all at St. Johns Church for your continued support during the period of Remembrance.

The Parade, the Service and the Wreath Laying Ceremony went off splendidly. The Public and even the weather gave marvellous support.

Once again our grateful thanks to Rev'd Christopher and John Brierley and his choir and all the Church Officers and Backroom Helpers.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Cooper

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14 November 2012

We refer to your generous donation of food during this year's Harvest Festival. This contribution helps us significantly with providing food and drink to our service users, and reduces our purchases of these items.

Over the last year we have noted an increase in the number of service users, and we are very pleased that we receive continued support from our local Community.

Note that due to extensive support from the general public, schools, churches, and Charitable Trusts, Maggs Day Centre is now open 7 days per week.

From all of us at Maggs, a big thank you.

C. Barentsen, Finance Administrator, Maggs Day Centre

HOW TIMES CHANGE!

I am reading an excellent book which I recently bought "The Story of Worcester" Pat Hughes and Annette Leech (Logaston Press) ISBN 978 1 90666 3575 and I thought the following was very interesting and shows how times have changed. Now the clergy are only too pleased for the laity to do their work!

"At the Reformation the clergy feared that allowing the laity the freedom to read the scriptures would lead to the erosion of their position and authority."

What would they think today about them encouraging lay people to takes services and read the lesson ?!!

Wendy Dedicott

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

The following new books have recently been purchased for the library in the north aisle. Up to three books can be borrowed at a time (please enter the details in the register on the table). There's no fixed loan period, but please return books as soon as you've finished reading them.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich – *Letters and Papers from Prison*

Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor in Germany who spoke out against the Nazi regime. Arrested, imprisoned and eventually executed, he nonetheless wrote a series of profound letters from prison which has become a spiritual classic. One of the great themes is his anger at the notion of 'cheap grace' in religion – a tendency not to recognise the enormous cost of God's self-giving in Christ.

Carr, Camilla, and Jonathan James – *The Sky is Always There: Surviving a Kidnapping in Chechnya*

In 1997, Camilla Carr and Jon James set off in a battered second hand car stacked full of toys and games and headed for Chechnya, to help set up and run the Little Star rehabilitation centre for war-traumatised children in Grozny. Two months later, they were kidnapped at gunpoint: this is the story of the fourteen month ordeal that followed and the enduring power of love and goodness over hate and violence.

Halapua, Winston – *Waves of God's Embrace: Sacred Perspectives from the Ocean*

The island of Polynesia is surrounded by the vastness of the Pacific. The ocean has taken on a deep spiritual significance in their lives: it is their source of life and nourishment; a dynamic living presence that requires them to work in rhythm and harmony with the integrity of creation; the focus of their stories and songs; and their final resting place. Halapua draws on that imagery to offer a fresh exploration of the Christian understanding of God in new, insightful and often profound ways.

Roker, Penny – *Homely Love: Prayers and Reflections Using the Words of Julian of Norwich*

This daily companion takes everyday objects found around the home and uses them as springboards for personal prayer and reflection: perhaps a photograph, a hot drink, or even something as simple as a pair of shoes. The reflections weave in writings from the medieval mystical writer, Mother Julian of Norwich.

Young, Frances – *The Making of the Creeds*

Young offers a history of the background to the writing of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds: why were they written, when and where, and to what end?

Chris Stuart

FROM THE FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

Dear Friends

As I am sure you are all aware there is a constant need for fundraising for the church. With this in mind we are setting up a group that is looking at different, new ways and ideas to bring money in.

Have you any suggestions, would you like to join us? We are organising a calendar of events for 2013 and beyond, some of them regular, and we need more ideas to add to the list.

As we write this letter to you our heads are buzzing with ideas, so any of your thoughts would be most welcome.

Please contact any one of us to have a chat.

Catherine 749025

Sue B 423257

Jane 424811

Ideas so far include, plant sale, wedding fair, concerts, bridge days, craft evenings and social dinners.

ST JOHNS WEDDING FAIR

Saturday 9th March 2013

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

To be held here at the church in St. Johns.

Many wedding exhibitors plus fashion shows at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Wedding music, bell ringing and refreshments throughout the day.

Tel 07708 297413 or 07889 726834

Email: stjohnweddingfair@btinternet.com

www.stjohninbedwardine.co.uk/weddingfair.html

Thank You...

...for the Christmas Fair

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, despite the weather, to make the Christmas Fair a success on the 24th November.

We had wonderful cakes created, you turned out your cupboards and sent us all the things you no longer needed, people made fantastic handicrafts and you came along to buy all those things back. The music group serenaded us and Mark amazed us with his magic!

A **special thank you** to all those who helped on Friday to set out the stalls, all of you who came on Saturday to man the stalls and a special thank you to Father Christmas and his little helpers Colin & Sandra for bringing the magic of Christmas joy to children.

We don't have final figures but we should have raised about £1700. **Thank you all**, we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did planning it.

Margaret, Sue and Jane

...for the Christmas flowers

The flower arrangers made the church look lovely for Christmas. It was a real joy to gaze around the church and see the beautiful arrangements. So much time and care had been put in to each one. All your hard work paid off and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Sue Evans

PCC MEETING 6th November 2012

Sue Bale (Chairman) opened the meeting with a prayer. 12 members were present.

The PCC structures its work around four strategic questions. The first is ***“Children/youth: How can we increase the involvement of children and young people in our church life?”*** The Vicar said that there was slow but steady progress, but he had nothing specific to report at this time.

The next question is ***“Outreach/communication: How can we strengthen and publicise our welcoming environment?”*** Gordon Templeton reported that the Communications Committee has been working on the Christmas services letter drop and Philip Evans gave an update on the church website. This has been rebuilt and is now live. Philip asked everyone to have a look and give him feedback.

Sylvia Render gave a Pastoral Committee update. She reported that they continue to be in touch with members of the congregation who are ill at home or in hospital.

The Vicar reported that the Standing Committee and F&AC had been thinking about the church’s charitable giving. The proposal is to set this at 5%, in accordance with the Church of England guidance to give 5% to non-church charities. This was agreed.

Sue Bale said that she proposes to organise a collection of 50p pieces in film pots for the West Worcester Live at Home scheme.

Reports on forthcoming events covered the Christmas Fair, the Sing-along-a-Santa and the Christmas Services. The Vicar said that the first service on Christmas Day will be at 8.30 a.m.

The third question is *“The future: how can we improve our financial position so that we are better able to resource our growth?”*

Jane Askew gave an update on the operational matters related to the tenancy of the flat and the PCC agreed how to move forward.

The Vicar reported that a combined sub-committee of the Standing Committee and F&AC was looking at the detail of our finances. Eventually we need to improve our financial position by about £20,000 per year, via a five year plan starting with a change of £7,500 in 2013. The focus will be to increase our income, while ensuring that our spending is smart. The aim is not a one year push, but a systematic approach which is sustainable and balances effort versus effect. Proposals will ultimately come to the PCC.

Jane Askew issued a financial update. She has not yet drawn up a budget for 2013. This needs wider input from the PCC and other groups, to be fed through the F&AC.

The Vicar drew attention to the bottom line of the financial update – it shows a deficit: But the trends are not clear so it is not possible to see the root cause. This is under consideration by the sub-committee mentioned above.

Jane announced that she will not continue as Treasurer in 2013. The PCC passed a vote of thanks to her for all her work as Treasurer.

The final question is *“What do we need to do to plan for the reorganisation of clergy in West Worcester?”*

The Vicar gave an update. The re-organisation will progress to an interim state in January. Chris will be licensed as incumbent of St Clements with the title Curate-in-Charge. This will mean that St Johns no longer has a full time vicar and will probably in practice get less than 50% at first as he beds in in St Clements.

The service pattern will change in February. There are two options for the emphasis of changes; between changing service types (Communions becoming Matins) or changing service times (St Johns’ main Sunday service to a later time probably 10.30 a.m.). The Vicar asked members of the PCC to express their general preference – those who did express an opinion favoured keeping the service time at 10 a.m. He also said he would welcome thoughts privately by email.

Under Any Other Business, there was a verbal report on the Deanery Synod held on 11th October. The visiting speaker was Fiona Haworth, Chaplain to the University of Worcester who spoke about her work.

The Vicar said we all need give thought to the PCC’s priorities for next year. He has in mind four topics around Children and Youth; Building up fellowship with St Clements; Outreach; and Fundraising/Finances and will welcome input.

Margaret Morris raised concerns about the colour of the paint in the porch. There were various opinions about the actual colour – some felt it was fine; but all agreed there was in practice no scope to change it now.

Arthur Burgess asked whether there was anything he could do to help deal with the matters holding up consideration of his proposal for a Garden of Remembrance. Sue Bale said that we had to wait until all matters with the council were confirmed in writing.

The PCC authorised the purchase of a Christmas tree for up to £100. In view of the present financial position, the PCC decided that expenditure of £200 on daffodils and snowdrops for the churchyard could not be supported.

The meeting closed with all saying ‘The Grace’.

Graham Evans

THE 105th ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Right Reverend Justin Welby, aged 56, for election as the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury. He is currently Bishop of Durham and will be enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury Cathedral on 21st March 2013. He will succeed Dr Rowan Williams who is retiring at the end of December after ten years as Archbishop.

When his appointment was announced he said: "I don't think anyone could be more surprised than me at the outcome of this process. It has been an experience, reading more about me than I knew myself. To be nominated to Canterbury is at the same time overwhelming and astonishing. It is overwhelming because of those I follow, and the responsibility it has. It is astonishing because it is something I never expected to happen.

“One of the hardest things will be to leave Durham. I work with a group of wonderful senior colleagues and remarkable clergy and lay people. It is an astonishing part of the country, one which as a family we were greatly looking forward to living in for many years. The people are direct, inspiring and wonderfully friendly. In many ways it has been the ancient cradle of British Christianity. It is a place of opportunity and an even greater future than its past.”

Dr Rowan Williams issued the following statement: "I am delighted at the appointment of the Right Reverend Justin Welby to Canterbury. I have had the privilege of working closely with him on various occasions and have always been enriched and encouraged by the experience.

He has an extraordinary range of skills and is a person of grace, patience, wisdom and humour; he will bring to this office both a rich pastoral experience and a keen sense of international priorities, for Church and world. I wish him - with Caroline and the family - every blessing, and hope that the Church of England and the Anglican Communion will share my pleasure at this appointment and support him with prayer and love."

Biographical Information

Born in 1956 in London, Justin Welby was educated at Eton College and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied history and law (M.A. 1978). For five years in Paris and six in London, he worked in the oil industry, becoming group treasurer of a large British exploration and production company. He was a council member at St Michael's Church in Paris, and then a lay leader at Holy Trinity, Brompton.

His father's family were German Jewish immigrants who moved to England to escape anti-Semitism in the late 19th century, and integrated quickly. His British ancestors, on his mother's side, include several clergymen.

A major influence both on Justin and his wife Caroline was their experience of personal tragedy. In 1983 their seven-month old daughter died in a car crash in France. Six years later in 1989, after sensing a call from God, Bishop Justin stood down from industry to train for ordination. In 1992, he took a theology degree at St John's College, Durham, in which he focused on ethics – particularly in business.

For 20 years, his ministry has blended deep devotion to his parish communities with Church work around the world, especially in areas of conflict.

After being ordained Deacon in 1992, and priest in 1993, he spent 15 years serving Coventry Diocese. In 1995 he became Rector of St James, Southam, a small market town – and also the next year of St Michael and All Angels, Ufton, the neighbouring parish. He helped revive both churches, growing their congregations and launching bereavement and baptism teams, among other things. Between 2000 and 2002 he also chaired an NHS hospital trust.

In 2002, he was made a Canon of Coventry Cathedral, where he ran the reconciliation work based there. With two other Canons, he worked extensively in the field in Africa and the Middle East. He has a particular interest in Kenya, the DRC and Nigeria, where he was and remains involved in work with groups involved in conflict in the north. He met with religious and political leaders in Israel and Palestine, and in Baghdad reopened the Anglican Church with Canon Andrew White, shortly after the allied invasion. In 2006 he also took responsibility for Holy Trinity Coventry, the main city centre church, as Priest-in-charge.

He left Coventry to be installed as Dean of Liverpool in December 2007. During his deanship, he brought the Cathedral into much greater contact with its local community, working with asylum seekers and in partnership with neighbouring churches. The Cathedral also hosted events from a TUC rally to royal services. Over his four years, during which he also continued to work on reconciliation and mediation projects overseas, the Cathedral's congregation increased significantly.

In 2011, he was announced as the new Bishop of Durham. He was enthroned in November, and drew parallels between Liverpool and Durham – noting both the struggles and the enduring spirit of the two places.

An expert on the politics and history of Kenya and Nigeria, he has lectured on reconciliation at the US State Department. In the summer of 2012, he was asked to join the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards.

He is married to Caroline, who studied Classics at Cambridge, where they met. They have two sons and three daughters.

Based upon a press release from Lambeth Palace

THE MAIN ROLES OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The various roles and responsibilities of the Archbishop of Canterbury have developed over more than 1400 years of history. The one constant is his ministry as a senior bishop, though the nature and purpose of his authority differs in different contexts

Historically the central role, and the source of the archbishop's authority, is as Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury. His diocese in East Kent has a population of 890,000 people and comprises 261 parishes in an area of nearly 1,000 square miles.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is the Primate of All England (the 'first bishop' of England), and shares several roles with the Archbishop of York. For well over a thousand years the distinction of the Diocese of Canterbury has given its bishop formal responsibility as a 'metropolitan' - the first among the bishops of a region. He has authority (also known as 'jurisdiction') at all times in the 30 dioceses of his Province - 29 in southern England, and 1 in Continental Europe. York has the same roles in relation to the 14 dioceses of his Province.

Based on his oversight in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury became the original sign of the unity of the bishops and local churches of the Anglican Communion - all 34 provinces in communion with See of Canterbury, a total of about 80 million members throughout the world which has developed over the last 200 years or so. He is the focus and spokesman of its unity today, but shares his oversight as president of the Communion with other bodies.

In the last two areas of dialogue and activity - Ecumenical relationships between Christian Churches, and Inter Religious relationships between different traditional world religions - the Archbishop has no formal authority. But his role in England and the UK, and his leadership in the Communion at large, gives him significant influence and the responsibility to speak authoritatively for the faith and witness of the Church, the Anglican Church in particular.

Based upon a press release from Lambeth Palace

TEME VALLEY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We kick off 2013 with a talk by Chris Darmon titled "The Pre-Cambrian and Lower Palaeozoic Basement Rocks of the Midlands". This will be on Monday January 21st at 7.30 in Martley Memorial Hall. Chris is very well known being the publisher and editor of Down to Earth magazine and a tour de force in the geology world.

For those thirsting for yet more detail and information our blog has it all, and MORE! www.geo-village.eu

Harriet Howell

REPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Phillipa Charlesworth came in November to tell us how she started a Fair Trade business in Kenya. It began when her brother went to the remote Kenyan village of Kajire to get married. His wife, Jane, was very worried about the amount of illness in the village and raised money for a hospital. Phillipa went out and saw the condition of the slum at Kibera and began to wonder if she could start a business using the skills of the local people to make objects to sell and raise money for help in the slum and also the village school at Kajire. This she did after getting Malvern Fair Trade status and it proved successful, although, as she said there were an awful lot of official forms to deal with. Especially popular were the bags made mainly from goat's skin. After her talk, Guild members could buy some of the wonderful crafts Phillipa had brought with her.

The Guild also managed to raise £116.50 in aid of the Princess Royal Trust For Carers by doing sponsored walks. In December we held our Christmas party, and talks will begin again in January.

We welcome visitors. Please ring Aileen Day on 01905 425986 if you would like more details.

Elizabeth Chambers, Press Secretary, Tel: 01905 425752

QUOTES FOR THE NEW YEAR

JANUARY



2013

You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you.

James Allen

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

Anon

Trials are the resistances God gives us to strengthen our spiritual muscles.

G SeEVERS

Peace is not the absence of conflict from life, but the ability to cope with it.

Sun Dial

We know not what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future.

Willis J Ray

FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE ARCHIVES

(from the February 1952 magazine, describing an event from January 1952)

PAROCHIAL DINNER AND SOCIAL AT GUILDHALL

JANUARY 4TH, 1952

THIS was surely a unique occasion when some three hundred parishioners of St. John's made their way to the Guildhall for the dinner and social. The very fine article in the "News and Times" appeared under the head-lines—"Family Feeling" in a Worcester Parish. Everybody was bubbling over with that spontaneous spirit of happiness and goodwill. It was a thrilling sight to look down from the top-table at the long lines of tables so beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Dean's admirable speech again brought home to us the affect of that keen sense of fellowship which has been accomplished at St. John's. This social event was a feat of organisation, and as Vicar I wish to thank the Committee who were responsible for the arrangements. They gave many hours of their free time in order to ensure the comfort and happiness of others. It was a job thoroughly carried out and there was not one single mistake made. You are worthy of high praise and the thanks of us all. If you were to travel the length and breadth of the land, you would discover nowhere a more striking example of the Christian spirit of fellowship and goodwill than was found at the Guildhall that night, and indeed, which lives and reigns with us here in St. John's day by day. I wish to acknowledge gratefully that we were present at Guildhall by kind permission of His Worship, the Mayor of Worcester, Alderman W. H. Norton, J.P. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for this privilege and pleasure. I print below a copy of a letter which I received from Alderman Norton shortly after the dinner.

J.M.

County of the City of Worcester

MAYOR OF WORCESTER

GUILDHALL,
WORCESTER.
8th January, 1952

DEAR MR. MORT,

The Mayoress and I would like to express to you and your Committee our most grateful appreciation of the hospitality extended to us at Dinner on Friday last.

I am sure that everyone present on this occasion thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and you are to be congratulated on your arrangement of the event.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. NORTON,
Mayor.

Bible Sketchbook

WATCH OUT FOR
NEW STUFF
NEW YEAR!!!



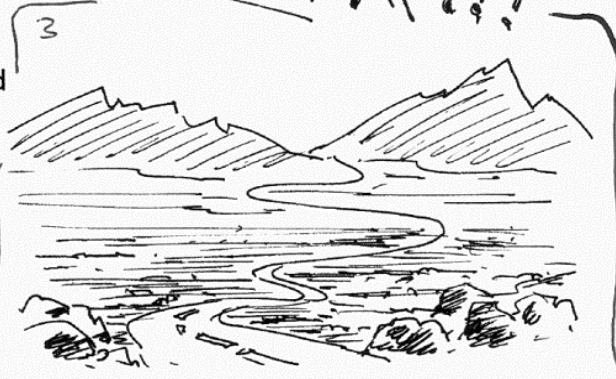
Are you going to hang on to the old stuff as you step into this new year?

Or is this a fresh start and a letting go of the old?

Isaiah was a great guy 2,800 years ago and he felt God saying: "Go for the new stuff! Things might be tough, but I'm going to make a way for you; I'm going to refresh you and all those old problems are going to melt away!"



"Do not cling to the past!"



"I will make a road through the wilderness"

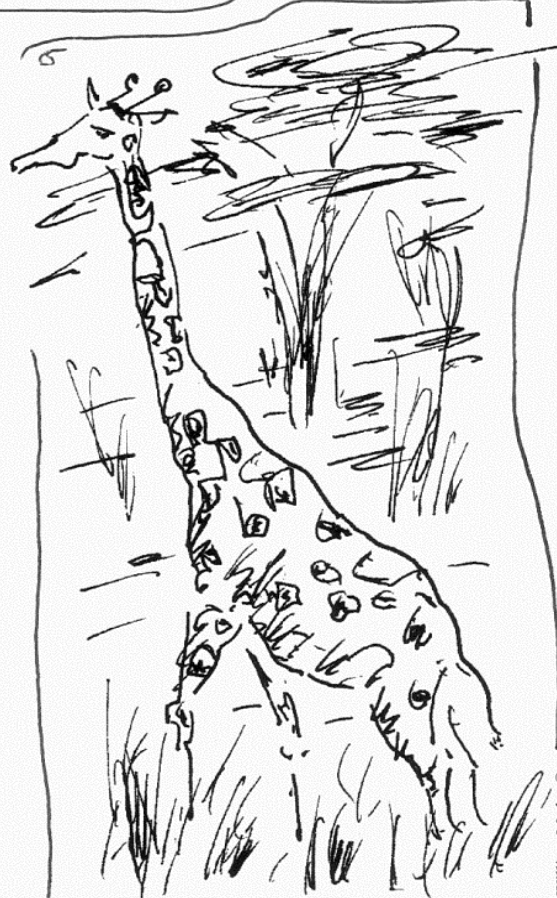


"I'll give you streams of water there"



"...ostriches will praise me"

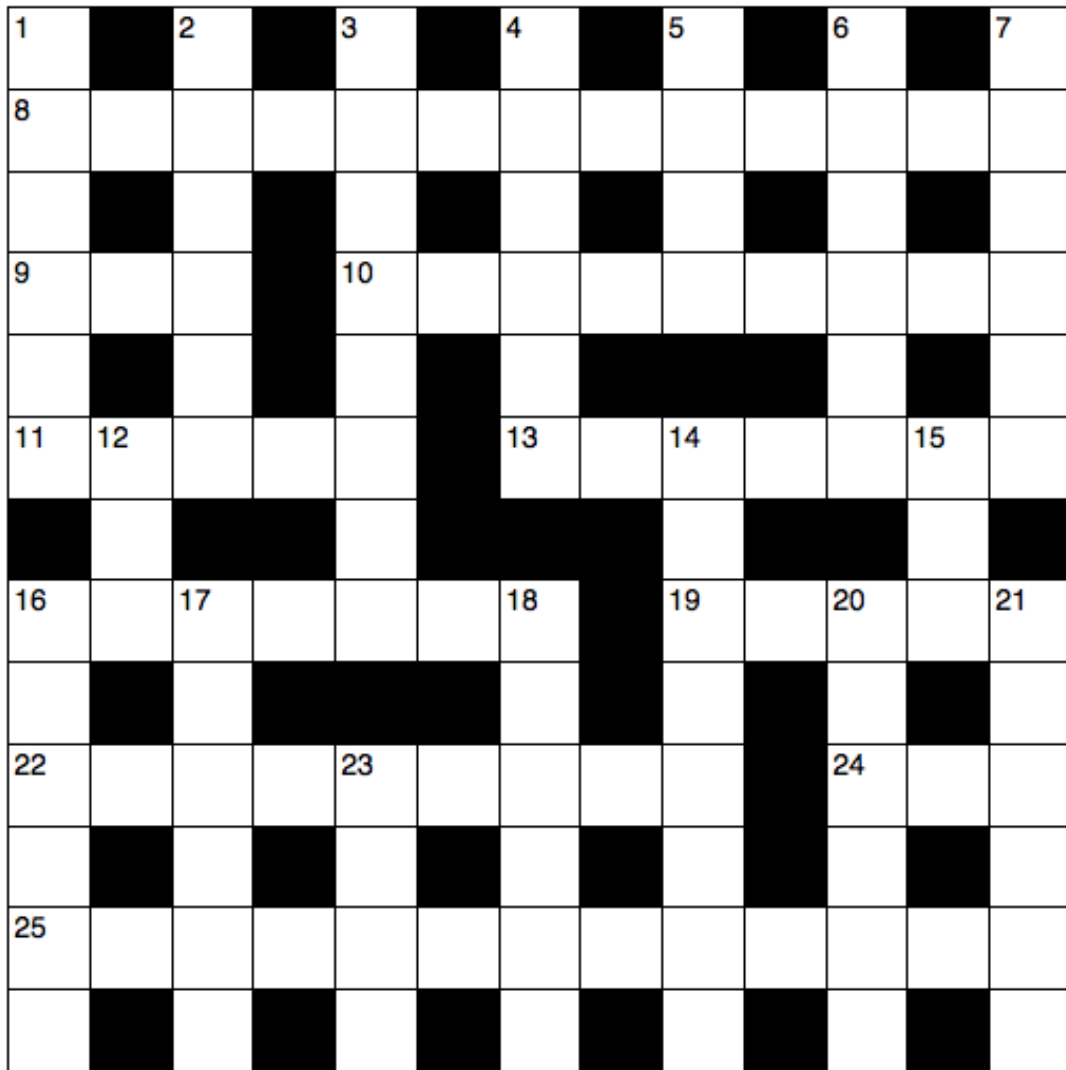
He added: "It will be like wild animals will worship me and rivers will flow in the desert – to give beautiful water to people like you!" Wow! What a promise and still true today! **Go for it and read more in Isaiah 43: 18-21**



"Wild animals will honour me..."

William Mather©

JANUARY PUZZLES



Across

- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)

- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
- 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful — — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unrepresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)

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The solutions to the January puzzles are on page 32. The winner of the December caption competition will be announced in the February edition

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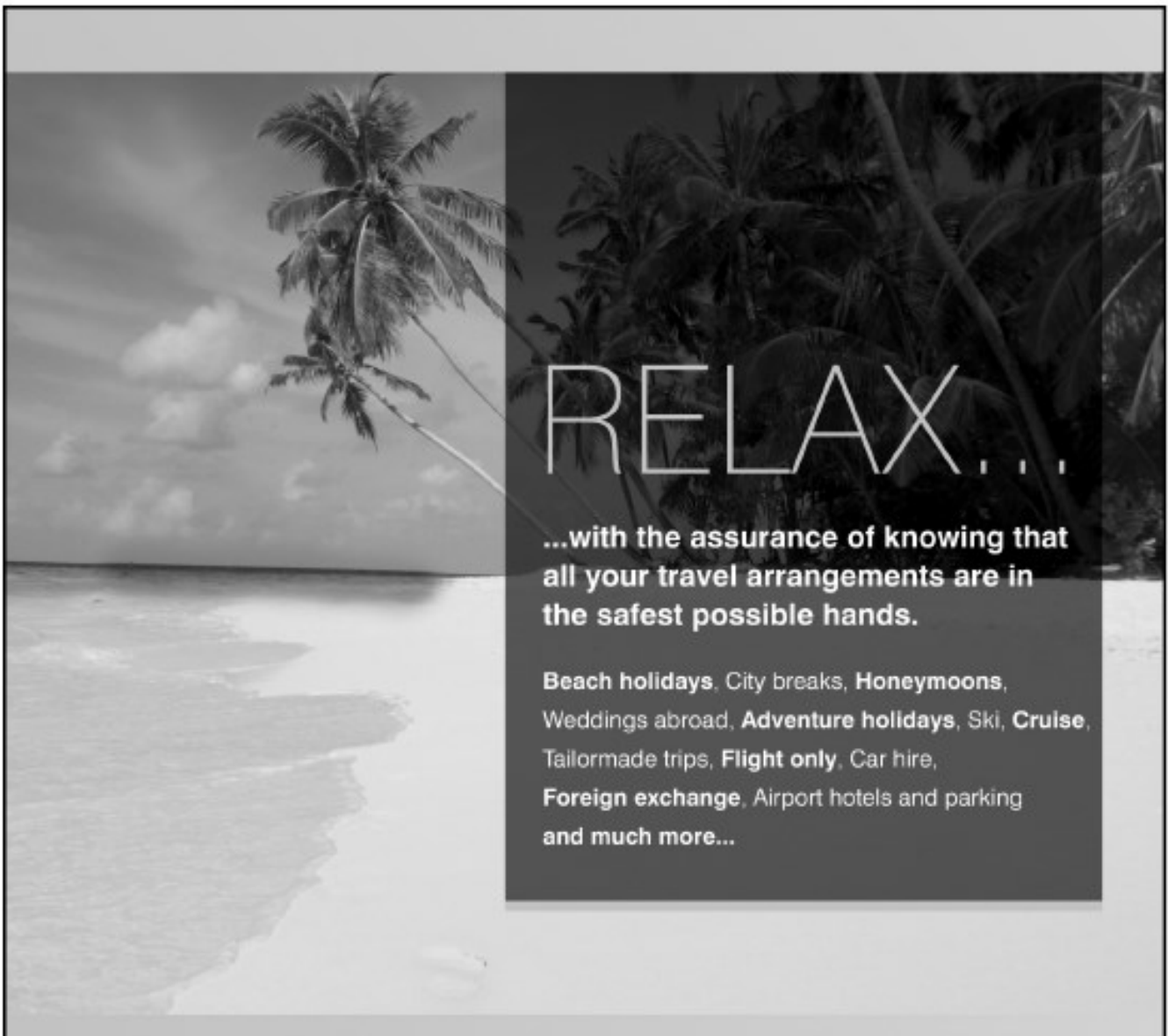
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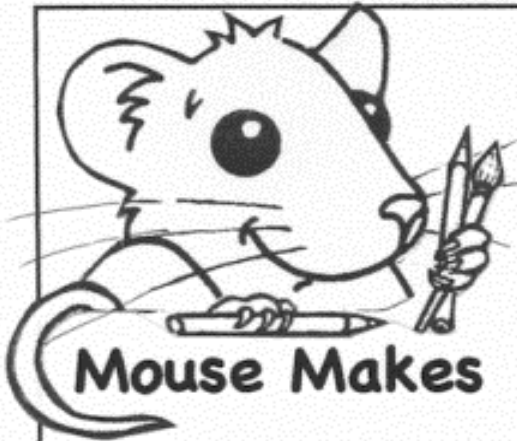


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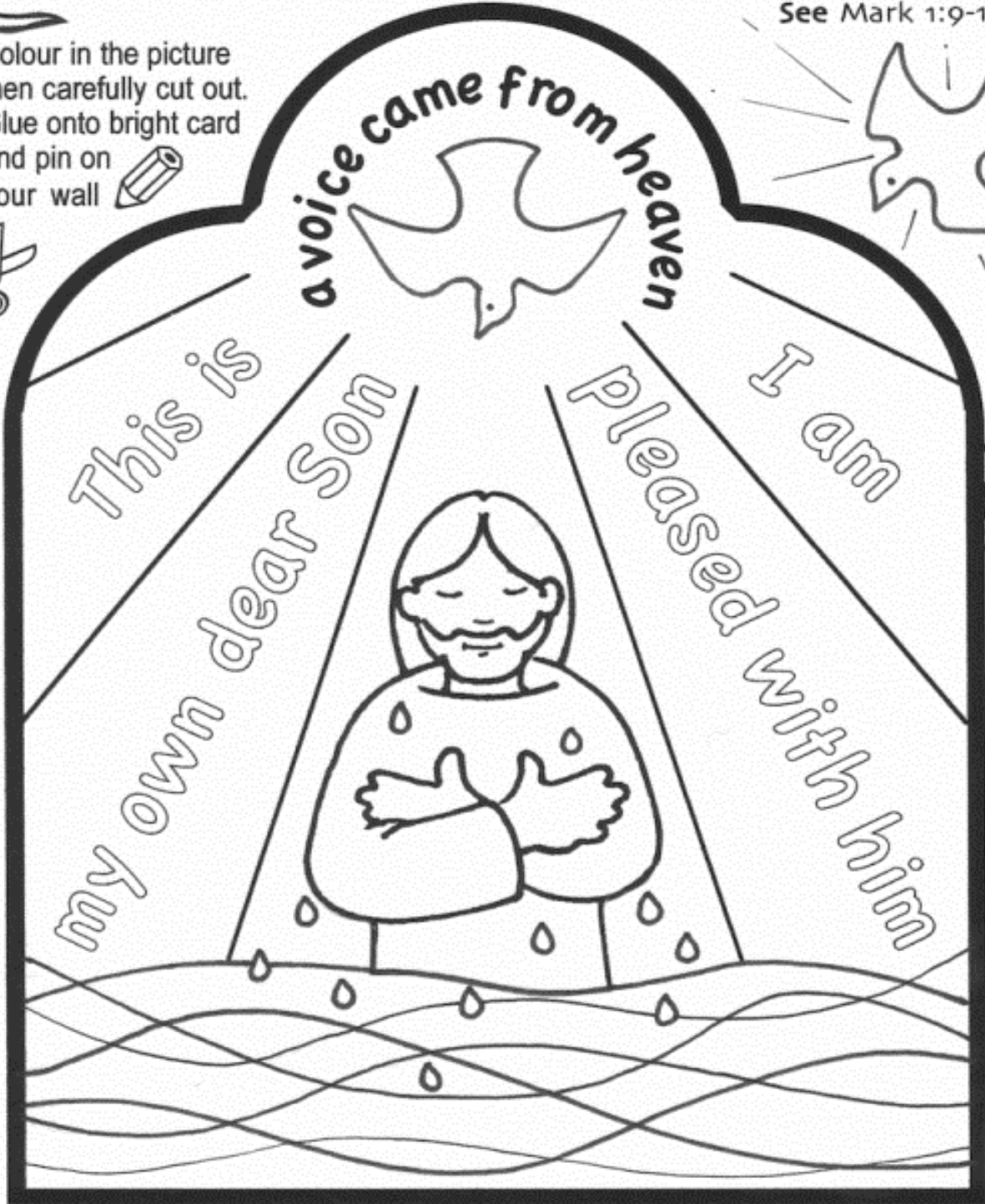


THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptised by John in the Jordan. As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you"

See Mark 1:9-11

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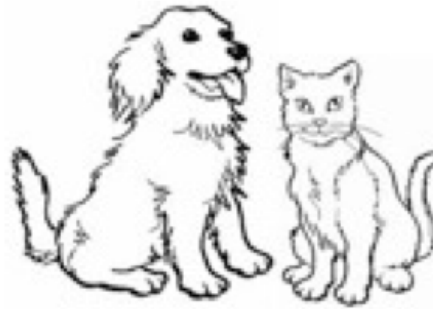
Sometimes the smallest, most innocent looking things can cause great changes. The proverb says that great oaks grow from little acorns and it seems a miracle that something as small as an acorn, so small that you can hold a lot of them in your hand, can grow into something as huge and strong as an oak tree.



Jesus talked about this power in the parables, the stories that he told, when he said that the Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast (Matthew, chapter 13, verse 33). Yeast is a small fungus but without it we wouldn't have bread, wine or beer. Jesus reminded us that you don't have to be big to make a difference. A very small amount of yeast turns a lot of flour into bread. We may be only one, small person but we too can make a difference.

BABY NAMES

When a cat has babies they are called kittens. What are the babies of these other animals called. Answers at the bottom of the page.



A baby DOG is a		
fluppy	puppy	huffy
A baby GOAT is a		
kid	cuddle	groat
A baby HARE is a		
harbour	cub	leveret
A baby BEAR is a		
cub	hug	teddy
A baby KANGAROO is a		
roo	joey	bluey
A baby ELEPHANT is a		
dumbo	tusker	calf

How can you tell a baby snake?

By its rattle.

What's a baby whale called?

A little squirt.

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