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PASTORAL LETTER

Is it really only a year since our last Olympic Summer? So much seems to have happened over these past 12 months which has seen our City challenged and united by all sorts of events, Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Olympic Torch relays, new elections, redundancy and cut-back announcements. Within our own church communities all sorts of changes and challenges have been faced and overcome with similar Olympic stamina and endurance! These past few months that I have been a member of the West Worcester Churches during my secondment from Claines Church has been the greatest of opportunities for me to witness how a group of churches can work so effectively together in teaming up to further the work of the Kingdom of God as God's Kingdom People.

I have seen and experienced such tremendous vision and passion during my time at St John in Bedwardine, St Clement with St David's and St Michael's Dines Green amongst all its faithful members to grow and strengthen the bonds of community in worshiping and serving God. With the forthcoming appointment of a new Pioneer Minister who will join the team at St John's the possibilities of growing that work still further are very exciting.

Team GB and indeed the entire nation impressed the whole world (and ourselves!) with the number of medals it racked up in last year's games. But even more impressive than the medal tally was the good will and spirit of unity and community fostered by the Torch bearers and street party organisers and other community champions across the country - and especially here in our own communities in Worcester - during that Olympic Jubilee Summer.

We as church communities continue to enjoy something of what the Bible calls 'Jubilee', the year of the 'Lord's Favour' – although it may not always seem like it with the day to day difficulties and challenges to our finances and future uncertainties. One thing that we can be sure of is that even if there may be fewer 'Union Jacks' flying this Summer, God's Kingdom People can continue their celebration time of 'Jubilee' with all the God-given blessings, mercies and giftings that flow from it shown by the growth of the work and ministry of our churches in their communities and the growing and strengthening of our relationships with one another.

Whatever this Summer has in store for you, I pray that you, too, will enjoy playing your role in maximising the Church's golden opportunities at this time to lovingly serve our own wonderful communities in West Worcester and one another and so to win the full reward of God's promise.

Nick Kaleniuk

DATES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2013

Unless otherwise stated, the venue for all the events below is
St John's Church, or one of the church rooms.

	See page
Saturday 6th July: John Fisher, bishop, martyr, 1535.	
11.00 a.m. St Clement's Annual Church Fete 11am to 3pm at St Clement's Church.	
Sunday 7th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 6 th July	5
Thursday 11th July: Benedict, abbot, c.550	
2.00 p.m. Thursday at Two (Blakefield Room).	6
Friday 12th July	
7.30 p.m. Public Debate on the topic "Is Compassion at the Heart of the Current NHS Reforms?"	13
Sunday 14th July: Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 14 th July	5
Monday 15th July: Swithun, bishop c.862.	
Wednesday 17th July	
7.00 p.m. Craft evening.	12
Sunday 21st July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 21 st July	5
Thursday 25th July: James the Apostle	
7.30 p.m. WIFYS Concert (free admission)	9 & 20
Sunday 28th July: Ninth Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 28 th July	5
Sunday 4th August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 4 th August	5
Thursday 8th August: Dominic 1221 , priest, founder of the order of preachers	
2.00 p.m. Thursday at Two (Blakefield Room).	6
Sunday 11th August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 11 th August	5
Friday 16th August	
10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning at the Guildhall, 10 am to 2 pm	12
Sunday 18th August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 18 th August	5
Wednesday 21st August	
7.00 p.m. Craft evening.	12
Sunday 25th August: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	
See table opposite for Sunday services on 25 th August	5
Monday 26th August (August Bank Holiday)	
4.00 p.m. Churches Together Event at Our Lady Queen of Peace	11

July & August services at St. John's, St. Clement's and St. David's

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's
7th July	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Evensong (BCP)	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	6.30pm Evensong
14th July	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Holy Communion
21st July	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Morning Prayer
28th July	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Healing Service	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	6.30pm Holy Communion
4th August	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Evensong (BCP)	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	6.30pm Evensong
11th August	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Holy Communion
18th August	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Morning Prayer
25th August	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Communion 5pm Evening Service	9am Parish Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	6.30pm Holy Communion

The information above is correct at the time of going to press, but please watch the weekly church newsletters and website for the latest information.

A WORD FROM THE EDITORS

As it's the Summer, this month we thought we'd talk about the weather. We've picked as our historical Christian figure St Swithun, whose name is probably most recognised because of the proverb which says that if it rains on Saint Swithun's day, 15th July, it will rain for 40 days. However, for our cover picture we've preferred the sentiments of W.S. Gilbert: "Yet people say, I know not why, that we shall have a warm July."

Summer is of course a time for recreation and refreshment for many. We pray that you will be able to find renewal over the summer, whatever the weather!

Graham and Sue Evans

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Lock	3 July 1986
Elsie Muriel Collins	6 July 1977
Roy Houghton	5 July 2007
Brenda Tithecott	7 July 1995
Joyce Jones	7 July 1995
George Harris	8 July 1999
David Ian Hollister	13 July 1972
Reginald H Glover	17 July 2003
Lucy Jane Brown	20 July 1972
Mary Elizabeth Sandford	21 July 1968
Annie Powell	21 July 1993
Samuel Hodgetts	24 July 1958
Frank Miller	24 July 1993
Gladys Maskew	24 July 2000
Myra Houghton	25 July 2000
Henry Nelson Russell	31 July 1972
Stephen Arthur Holloway	6 August 1969
John Bullock Newman	10 August 1954
Mary Louise Keating	10 August 1985
Arthur Leonard Sage	11 August 1990
Josephine East	12 August 1977
William Palmer	13 August 1977
Albert David Oxford Williams	13 August 1981
May Osborne	20 August 1971
William Walter George Dow	24 August 1982
Kevin Paul Houghton	28 August 1973
Julian Michael Emery	31 August 1974
Alfred Henry Sandford	31 August 1976

THURSDAY AT TWO



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Are you bereaved or lonely? Come along and join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

We meet on the second Thursday every month, from 2pm in the Blakefield Room, St John's Church. Our next meetings are on Thursday 11th July and Thursday 8th August.

Just come along; but if you want to speak with someone first then ring Catherine (749025) or Sylvia (422654).

Catherine Templeton, Sylvia Render

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms, weddings and funerals which took place in May.

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

12th May William James Venn
Jacob Robert Venn
Isabella May Rudge
Erin Poppy Bothwick

WEDDINGS: *Those whom God has joined together*

26th May Allan Bodily and Kerry Jones

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 23rd April Beryl Doreen Powell
d. 25th April Nora Grace Hencher

FROM THE REGISTER OF SERVICES FOR MAY 2013 (4 Sundays):

Communicants 392. Total attendance at all services 790.

ST JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE

We publish a Parish Magazine each month, except August. The magazine contains items about Parish news, events and other articles.

We have an extensive archive of our historical Parish Magazines stretching back to the 1870s. If you'd like to obtain a particular copy or view a copy from the archive, please email edofficer@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

The magazine costs 40p to purchase and can be obtained from the back of church. Subscriptions are available at the discounted price of £4 per year. **We encourage you to subscribe as this means that we know more closely in advance how many copies to print and makes things easier for our printing team.**



The novelty dog show was well supported

STOP PRESS

The Church Summer Village Fayre took place on Saturday 22nd June and the weather was dry!

Many thanks to all who helped organise and set-up, manned stalls and helped on the day, and helped clear up.

The Fayre made approximately £1,300, a great result!

Jane and Sue

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

Grass court tennis on the TV, strawberries in the shops and folks in short sleeve shirts and sandals. Surely the summer must be here. Well, maybe not! At least, not in Worcester at the moment. So, over the next couple of months those of us who love the sun will have to be jetting off to foreign climes for our holidays. This does mean that there may be some gaps in the choir as people come and go. Of course each and every member of the choir makes a huge and significant contribution to the whole but the challenge of plugging the gaps and keeping a strong sound going is one we hope we can fulfil.



Thinking of holidays reminds me of a wonderful occasion last year when John and I were fortunate enough to be on holiday on the beautiful island of Crete. On one of our trips out we found ourselves in the stunning setting of Agia Triada Monastery. A service was just starting in the chapel and we decided to stay for a few moments. Those few moments soon stretched to over an hour as the incredible chanting of the monks filled the building and surrounded us with sound. We understood very few of the words but for once it did not matter. The power and passion present in the singing transported us to a different place and we emerged back out into the bright sunlight of the island with a deep feeling of being both uplifted and at peace. Such is the power of the human voice raised in song and in praise of God. Truly God is everywhere, whether in the sunshine in Crete or the rain in Worcester.

Luise Horrocks

NEWS FROM NICK

The Bishop of Dudley has confirmed that the Rev'd Nick Kaleniuk will be licensed by him as Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of St Michael & All Angels Norton and St James Wollaston on Tuesday 3rd September at 6.30pm.

The service will take place at St James Church, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge DY8 3PY.



A WARM JULY?

How beautifully blue the sky, the glass is rising very high,
Continue fine I hope it may, and yet it rained but yesterday.
Tomorrow it may pour again; I hear the country wants some rain;
Yet people say, I know not why,
That we shall have a warm July.

W.S. Gilbert

Worcester International Festival *for* Young Singers

WIFYS, the UK's first-ever non-competitive international youth singing festival, comes to Worcester this summer. The festival runs from Friday 19th July to Saturday 27th July. Organised by **Sing UK** in association with the **European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (ECA-EC)**, the city will play host to 11 choirs from 10 different countries - Belgium, Poland, Spain, the Czech Republic, Austria, Russia, Hong Kong, Germany, Lithuania - and the UK.

Street singing, concerts in the city and county, singing at church services and a Welcome Concert will delight singers and audiences. The climax will be the final night's **Gala Concert** in Worcester's magnificent cathedral, with all four of the week's distinguished international conductors, directing the young singers in performance. The programme will include the **World Premiere** of a specially commissioned work from UK composer **Bob Chilcott** (*Five Days that Changed the World* with words by Charles Bennett), which will be conducted by the composer - and will involve all 400 young singers!

With the festival being the first event of its kind in the UK, we have taken as our theme, *'Peace & Unity between Nations'*, to reaffirm the continuing mission of ECA-EC, and our own shared aspirations - to work towards a more peaceful world through the engagement of young people from different nations coming together to sing.

WIFYS EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday 21st July - Singing for Sunday services: The DO-RE-MI Children's Choir from Austria will sing at the 10.30 a.m. service at St John's.

Thursday 25th July – A free concert at St John's featuring the Domino Children's Choir from the Czech Republic and the Versme Children's Choir from Lithuania.



DO-RE-MI Children's Choir



Domino Children's Choir



Versme Children's Choir

BISHOP DAVID TO BECOME NEW BISHOP OF MANCHESTER

Downing Street has announced that the Rt. Rev'd David Walker, currently Bishop of Dudley, is to become the 12th Bishop of Manchester. Bishop David will leave the Diocese of Worcester in October to take up his new post.



Bishop David said: "Whilst I am very excited about returning to my home city as Bishop, Sue and I will also be sad to leave so many friends that we have made in the Diocese of Worcester. I'm grateful for the many opportunities that I have been given both to support the mission and ministry of the Church of England in Dudley and Worcestershire and to contribute to the life of our villages, towns and communities."

Bishop John said: "Although I shall be very sorry to lose a wonderful colleague from our diocese, I'm delighted that Bishop David has been appointed as Bishop of Manchester. As anyone who knows him will be aware, he is a person of great gifts, immense wisdom and deep personal holiness. I have reason to be profoundly grateful to him - I could not have wished for a better colleague during the last five years. The Diocese of Manchester is very fortunate, as is the wider church and I shall be joining very many others to pray for God's rich blessing upon David and Sue as they prepare to move and in their new life and ministry."

There will be a service to celebrate and give thanks for Bishop David's ministry in Worcestershire and Dudley in Worcester Cathedral during October. The process to appoint a new Bishop of Dudley will begin immediately.

THE GIRL GUIDES' PROMISE

You may have seen in the press that the Girl Guide movement is changing the nature of the promises its members make when they join, replacing an explicit promise to "love my God" with one that says a Guide will "deepen her personal beliefs". We thought you might be interested to read Bishop David's reaction to this.

The editors

"I suppose you might expect that as a church leader I would be saddened by the decision that the Guides have made, but I'm not. The first problem with the promise in its old form was not that it said anything wrong, but that it was so widely ignored by those who made it as to have lost any force. It had become the very opposite of the vows I hear being made enthusiastically at ordinations and confirmations. And the second problem was that in many

Guiding groups, though certainly not all, there was little effort on the part of the leaders to help the girls keep the vows they had made. Again, this is the very opposite of what happens at Confirmations and Ordinations, where the congregations express loudly and clearly their support for the candidates in their efforts to keep their vows. And where I know, as bishop, they will continue to do all they can by way of support in the years that follow.

My hope then, for the Guiding movement, is that the new promise to deepen personal beliefs is one that each Guide will take seriously as she makes it, and each Guide leader will be committed to helping those in her charge to fulfil. Then the vows will be more like the ones I hear at Confirmations and Ordinations. And my challenge to each of you reading this letter is that you will reflect for a moment or two today on the vows that you have made and pledge yourself to keep them, and seek, where you need it, help from others to keep them.”

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENT

There will be a West Worcester Churches Together Picnic/Barbeque event on the August Bank Holiday. It will be held in the grounds of our Lady Queen of Peace on Monday 24th August from 4 pm to 7 pm. There will be Children’s Games, a Bouncy Castle and Entertainment.

Bring your own picnic (and chair if required). Tea and coffee will be available.

Marguerite Stevens

STOP PRESS – PICTURES FROM THE SUMMER FAYRE



Above, the fayre in full swing in the North Aisle. To the right, the dog show judges pondering hard!



FUN AND FUND RAISING AT ST JOHN'S

Wednesday 17th July

Craft Evening 7.00 p.m.

Friday 16th August

Coffee Morning at The Guildhall
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday 21 August

Craft Evening 7.00 p.m.

Check the Church noticeboards for more details about our events.
Further details from Worcester 423257, 749025 & 424811

NEXT CHARITY BRIDGE DAY

The next opportunity to come and play friendly Rubber Bridge at St John-in-Bedwardine Church is Saturday 14th September: Meet at 10.30am for coffee, with play starting at 11am. Buffet lunch, then more play until approximately 3pm. £10 per person.

Please phone Catherine or Gordon on 01905 749025 to book your place, or email cathtemp@btinternet.com. All proceeds to St John-in-Bedwardine Church.

WORCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER AT 7.00pm

St John's church will be the venue for a rare musical treat on Saturday 21st September at 7.00pm when we host a concert by the Worcester Male Voice Choir. The programme will include many well-known items in a variety of styles and we hope as many people as possible will support and enjoy the evening.

Worcester Male Voice Choir was formed in 1987 and has been on many overseas tours and raised significant sums for charities. The proceeds from this concert will be for St John's Church.

Tickets £10.00 (concessions £8.00) will be on sale in advance and on the door and includes interval refreshments. Please contact Ron Cantrill on 01905 422579 for tickets and further information or the Parish Office on 01905 420490.

Ron Cantrill

PUBLIC DEBATE

There will be a public debate at St John-in-Bedwardine Church on the topic "Is Compassion at the Heart of the Current NHS Reforms?" Speakers will include: Hon. Robin Walker MP, Member of Parliament for Worcester, Jan Quallington Head of the Institute of Health and Society at the University of Worcester and Rev'd Dr David Southall, Chaplain at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

The event is on Friday 12th July at 7.30 p.m. and admittance is free.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM RECENT EVENTS

The past few weeks have seen many social and fun-raising events and I've submitted photographs from just two of them.



The one above was taken at the surprise tea party given in honour of Hilary and Pat Clifton. It was a happy occasion for it remembered the many years of their devoted planning and organising of speakers and outings, but also sad to think that it could mean the end of the Friendship Group as they 'go into retirement'.



The other photo is in the Vicarage where, led by Sarah, we shared a service to mark Shavuot, ate a meal and discussed Jewish dietary laws. Chris returned from a meeting to find he couldn't even squeeze through the door to his front room. The only way in would have been for him to break through the ceiling from above. I would like to congratulate Sarah on her Ayshet Mitzvah which took place at the Birmingham Progressive Synagogue and to thank her for sharing her journey with us at St John's which has deepened and enriched so many aspects of our own Christian lives.

Ruth Reeves

ST SWITHUN

Swithun was Bishop of Winchester from his consecration in October 852 or October 853 until his death on 2nd July sometime between 862 and 865. However, he is scarcely mentioned in any document of his own time. His death is entered in the Canterbury manuscript of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle under the year 861. His signature is appended to the witness lists of several Anglo-Saxon charters



More than a hundred years later, when Dunstan and Æthelwold of Winchester were inaugurating their church reform, Swithun was adopted as patron of the restored church at Winchester, formerly dedicated to Saint Peter and Saint Paul. His body was transferred from its almost forgotten grave to Æthelwold's new basilica on 15th July 971, and according to contemporary writers, numerous miracles preceded and followed the move.

The name of Swithun is best known today for a British weather lore proverb, which says that if it rains on Saint Swithun's day, 15th July, it will rain for 40 days.

*St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare*

A Buckinghamshire variation has

*If on St Swithun's day it really pours
You're better off to stay indoors*

Swithun was initially buried out of doors, rather than in his cathedral, apparently at his own request. William of Malmesbury recorded that the bishop left instructions that his body should be buried outside the church. In 971 it was decided to move his body to a new indoor shrine, and one theory traces the origin of the legend to a heavy shower by which, on the day of the move, the saint marked his displeasure towards those who were removing his remains. This story, however, lacks proof, and is at variance with the 10th century writers, who all agreed that the move took place in accordance with the saint's desire expressed in a vision. Another suggestion is that the legend was derived from the tremendous downpour of rain that occurred, according to the Durham chroniclers, on Saint Swithun's Day, 1315.

There is a scientific basis to the legend of St Swithun's day. Around the middle of July, the jet stream settles into a pattern which, in the majority of years, holds reasonably steady until the end of August. Thus, whatever the weather around the middle of July, this pattern will probably continue until late August.

Graham Evans, based upon material from Wikipedia

TEEN MEETS GOD – BECKY’S STORY

Becky is 18 and lives in South London. She told her story of how she found faith in God to Martin Saunders, a youth ministry specialist.

'I grew up in a Christian home' is the easiest answer to give when asked about how I met Jesus, but nowhere near the most accurate or justifying statement about my walk through faith. Although I followed my parents’ routine of church every week while I was growing up, a routine was all that church was before I found God for myself.

When I was 13 (in School Year 9), my youth leader started a cell group for people my age. It wasn't until I went along to that group that I began to question and think about what church was really about, and that there was much more to faith than what I had been exposed to. It made me realise that God was greater and bigger than I had understood, and that anything could be brought to him in prayer.

Year 7 of school wasn't a great year for me; there had been certain people who had bullied me through primary school who didn't let it go once secondary school commenced, and things weren't too great at home either. It made me upset, hurt and angry, but when I looked back at it during a cell group session, I didn't ever remember desperately praying or offering the situations to God, which was a very different response to how I would act now.

Overall there was no direct turning point for me meeting Jesus, but the company and encouragement of great leaders really helped me find myself as a child of God, not just a child of my parents and their faith. Since then I've been blessed with an amazing journey and opportunities, through summer festivals and through challenges I feel God has set me for myself, more recently involving mending a broken relationship with my mum, and taking a gap year out of education to fully focus on him and seek his plan for my life.

Becky made a decision to follow Jesus. She prayed, asking God to forgive her for the things she does wrong, and then she promised to live God’s way. To find out more about the Christian faith, visit <http://www.lookingforgod.com>

Courtesy of Parish Pump

THE SUN’S RAYS

The Sun, whose rays are all ablaze with ever-living glory,
Will not deny his majesty - He scorns to tell a story:
He won't exclaim, "I blush for shame, so kindly be indulgent,"
But, fierce and bold, in fiery gold, he glories all effulgent!"

W.S. Gilbert

PCC MEETING 21st April 2013

This was a brief meeting to approve reports in advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The 2012 accounts and the Churchwardens' Annual Fabric Report were discussed and approved. In addition, the PCC instructed the Secretary to commence the process of registration of the church with the Charity Commission, as we are no longer eligible to be an "excepted" charity.

PCC MEETING 28th April 2013

This was a brief meeting following the APCM to elect PCC officers.

- Election of Deputy Churchwardens: There were no names proposed.
- Election of Lay Vice-chairman: Sue Bale (unopposed).
- Election of Secretary: Graham Evans (unopposed).
- Co-option of members: John English was co-opted to the PCC.
- Election of Treasurer: John English (unopposed).
- Confirmation of Standing Committee: Agreed to be The Vicar as chairman, lay vice-chairman, churchwardens, treasurer, secretary and associate priest.

Under Any Other Business the meeting received updates on the Sound System, the Summer Fete and the new service pattern.

PCC MEETING 5th June 2013

Sue Bale (Lay Vice Chair) opened with a prayer. 13 members were present.

Under **Worship, Mission and new services**, Nick Kaleniuk reported that the first 'Worship for everyone' service at St Clement's had gone very well, with great support by the YMCA to the breakfast provision. The Pastoral Committee reported on their work and Luise Horrocks was elected to the Charity Committee. Philip Evans reviewed the Deanery Mission. It was agreed to hold similar outreach events in St John's in future, if there was someone prepared to take the lead for each event.

Philip Evans reported from the project group to advertise the new service pattern. The Vicar said thanks should be recorded for this group: Philip Evans, Margaret Morris, Amy and Chris Rees, Jo Dowling (St Clement's), Ginny Harrison (St David's), Nick Kaleniuk (who thanked Philip for his leadership - and the biscuits!)

Under **Children and Schools**, the Vicar reported that he had been exploring the possibility of a Children and Families Worker for 18 months. He had got some funding, but not enough, and he has established many contacts and relationships which have been fruitful in various ways. However, he felt that this should no longer be the mainstay of our Children and Schools policy.

There was a discussion about the new St John's family service, which will be based upon the St Clement's Worship for Everyone. It will be launched in September.

Nick Kaleniuk suggested that we should explore the idea of a Summer Holiday Club with the Christian message as a key element. He is willing to co-ordinate this. There was a discussion around ways to take this forward and tap into useful contacts and the experiences of the previous 'Kings Squad'. It was agreed to support the principle of this and to ask Nick to explore it further.

Under **West Side collaboration**, the Vicar said that there will be an interview on 28th June for the person proposed to replace Nick Kaleniuk. If selected, this person will not be able to start until October time, so we will have to deal with the consequences of a gap between Nick leaving and the new person starting.

Philip Evans presented the proposal for a shared Church Office developed by the ALM administrators from St John's and St Clement's. The Vicar noted that the principle of sharing office facilities had already been agreed by this PCC, and commended this as a good and well researched report. It should be eligible for the diocesan transitional grant. Sue Bale expressed a reservation that the joint office might not operate in a team fashion. Acceptance of the report was agreed (The Vicar abstained, none against).

Under **Finance and Operations**, written reports had been received from a number of PCC committees. Highlights from the written and verbal reports included:

- There had been a good response to the Christian Giving campaign in terms of the number of responses received; the financial effect had not yet been calculated.
- The Treasurer distributed a June financial update and answered questions. His summary of the position was that it looks okay, but there are still some significant unknowns (outcome of the Quinquennial inspection and costs for the flat). The PCC approved payments of Parish Share.
- The Fund Raising Committee (FRC) reported on their on-going and future events. The Vicar said how impressed he was with their work.
- Friends of St John's: The FRC tabled the proposed Terms of Reference and leaflet for the Friends Scheme. There was a discussion about various aspects of the Friends and what we should offer them and the launch was agreed.

The Secretary briefed the PCC about Chancel Repair Liability (CRL) and the need for some PCCs to take action to research and register this by October 2013. The Diocese have asked us to rely on information from the Church Commissioners (CC) showing that the CC accept 100% of the CRL for our chancel and it was agreed therefore that it was reasonable for the PCC to take no further action about CRL.

Under Any Other Business, the PCC agreed the papers for the recruitment of a replacement in the Parish Administrator post.

The meeting closed with all saying 'The Grace'.

Graham Evans

FROM THE PARISH MAGAZINE ARCHIVES

From the Vicar's letter in the October 1952 edition – they obviously had a good summer in 1952!

When October comes our autumn and winter activities commence. We look back on a holiday period of wonderful sunshine, and we feel braced and ready for the tasks that lie ahead of us. One person said to me, "I feel so full of sunshine that I can face all the winter may hold for me." This, I think, is the experience of many people who have been able to rest and relax during the long summer days. The words "full of sunshine" still stick in my mind. They express God's provision for the renewal of our bodies. But the tasks before us will demand something more than physical strength. We are ambassadors for Christ and stewards of His mysteries, and we need a corresponding spiritual refreshment.

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WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

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| <p>1 I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze</p> <p>3 The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
in such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
what wealth the show to me had brought:</p> | <p>2 Continuous as the stars that shine
and twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
tossing their heads in sprightly dance.</p> <p>4 or oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.</p> |
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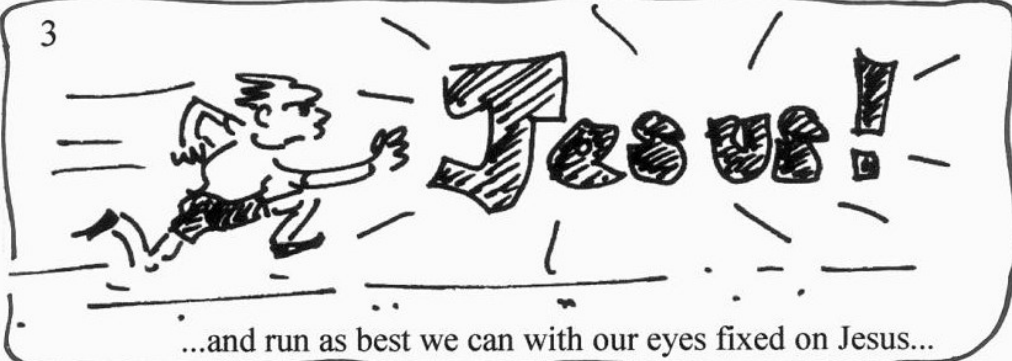
Can I do this all by myself? Of course not! But Jesus can! So give it all to him and he will take it away! Then run with him!



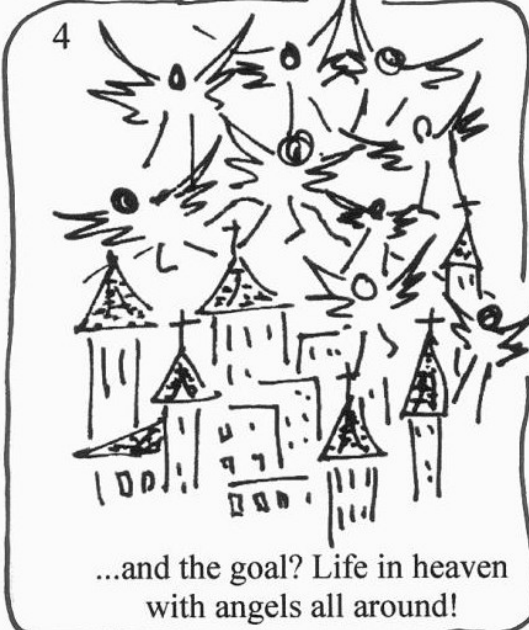
...so we need to get rid of all our sin!



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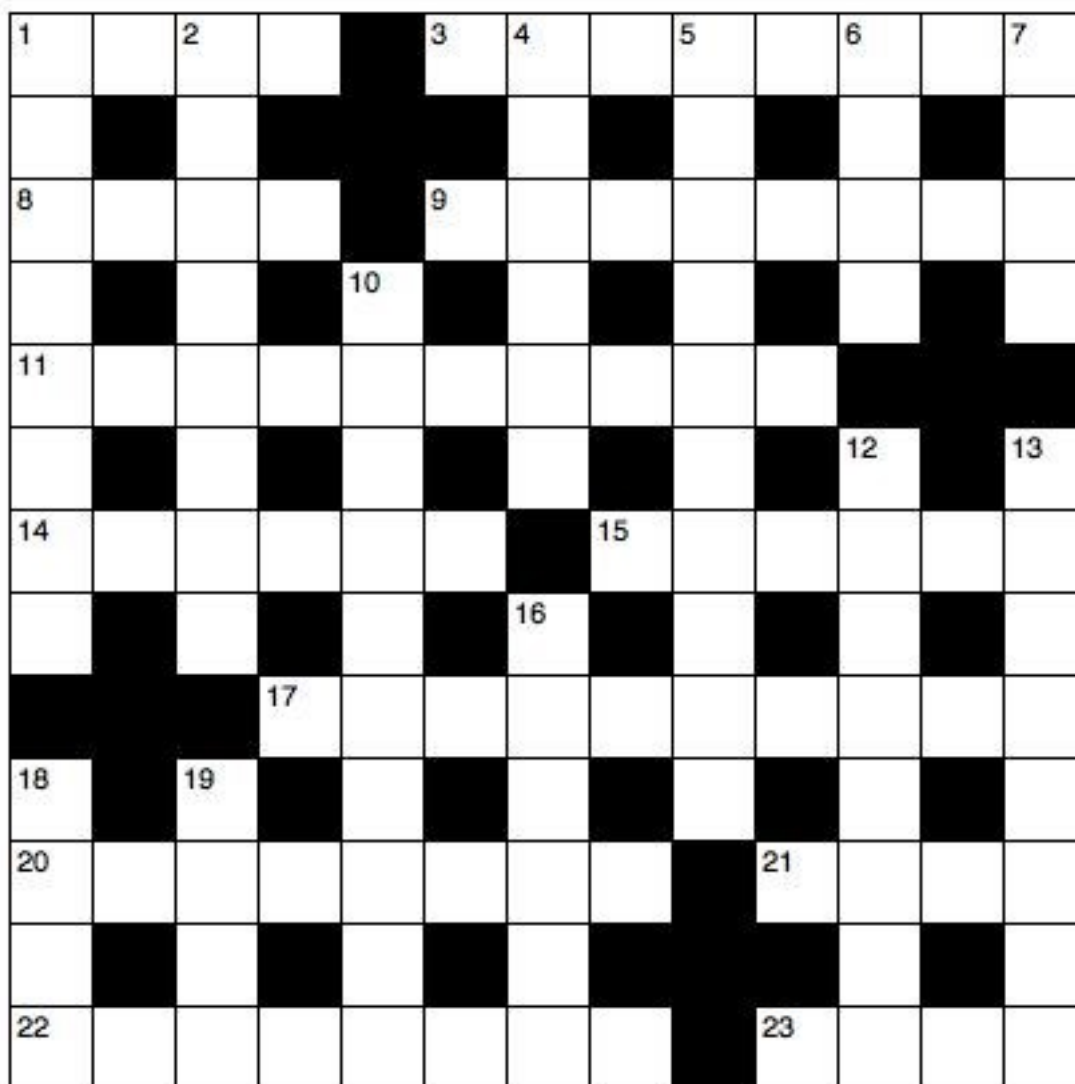
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Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being ‘of noble character’ (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 ‘Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?’ (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 ‘Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ’ (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)
- 14 In Cain (anag.)(6)
- 15 ‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—’ (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 21 ‘At midnight the cry rang out, “Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to — him”’ (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ’ (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 ‘As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God’ (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Rev’d G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 ‘We three kings of — are’ (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 ‘Open your — and look at the fields!’ (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22) (10)

12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear (James2:21) (8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34) (4)

19 Rear (anag.)(4)

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Jesus told this parable not to encourage us to wake up our neighbours at midnight, but to encourage us to persist in asking God for things. He promised: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." So – are you in need? Start praying – even at midnight! And leave your neighbours in peace.

Find the words below from this story, in the wordsearch grid.

Bread
Midnight
Neighbour
Friend
Unexpected
Journey
Family
Asleep
Bed
No
Answer
God
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Promise
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THE MAGAZINE

Articles on all aspects of Christian and parish life, letters, jokes, cartoons, puzzles and anecdotes from anyone are welcome for inclusion in the Magazine. Do contribute if you can. If you have a story to tell, please make contact; the more we learn about one another the better our understanding will be. What you think is important, but please add your name as anonymous contributions will not be considered.

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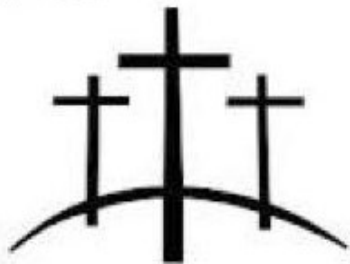


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Today, in this country, it is quite safe to talk about religion. If you want to go to church or Sunday School you can, and if you don't want to, you are not forced to go. Some people at school or work might poke fun at you for being a Christian but that is all. We can all read the Bible in our own language and are free to ask questions. But it hasn't always been like this.

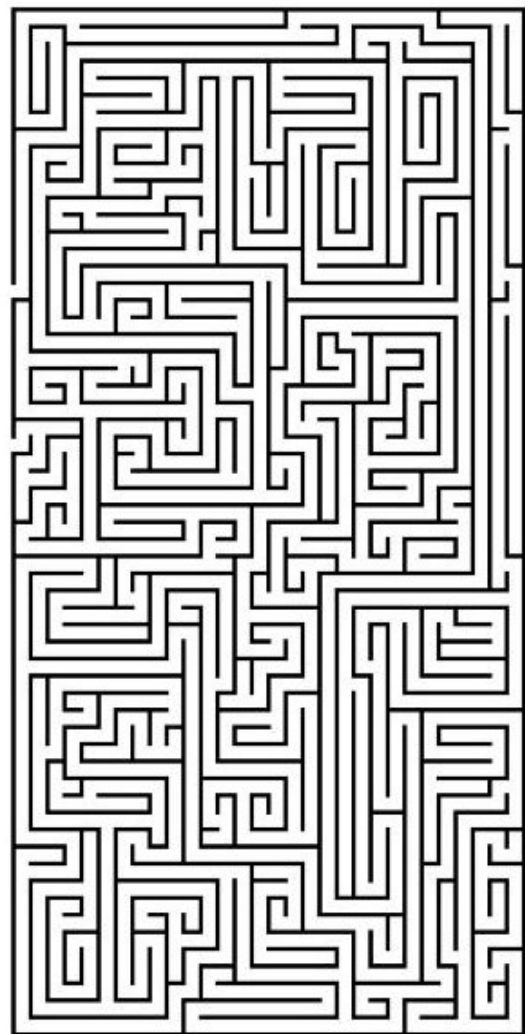
Over the centuries many men, women ... and children suffered for their beliefs. Christians were killed by other Christians who argued that their way was the right way and everyone else was wrong.

Jesus told us that we must love one another – isn't it good that today all Christian churches are working together for peace? And isn't it about time? Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus died for all of us.



A-MAZING

Can you find your way through this maze? Both the exit and entrance on the left hand side.



Adam and Eve are sitting around Eden when a leaf floats down from a tree. Eve points and says, excitedly: "Look Adam, an invisible man."



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