

The Parish Magazine

St John-in-Bedwardine
St Michael's



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A word from the editors

Welcome to our June edition. Our theme is “New beginnings”. Astute readers may think that this is unusual for this time of year and notice that we used this theme quite recently. Astute readers are correct on both counts! Sarah explains all in her letter.

This is a packed edition, so we hope you will find plenty of enjoyable and interesting reading in these pages. We begin our annual tour through the Annual Meeting reports. There are plenty of events to sample - maybe something will tempt you to make a new beginning as an attender or as a volunteer in support.

We offer you as a prayer this Baptism Collect:

*Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water
of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith
and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son,
Jesus Christ,*

Graham and Sue Evans

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From Sarah Cottrill

“New beginnings” is a theme we usually associate with the start of a new year – whether that is the calendar, academic or Church year. So why, you might be wondering, has it been chosen as the theme for a magazine we’ll be reading in June? Well, if we think back to the events of May, we will find that the theme is, in fact, very appropriate.



On May 6th the nation witnessed a new beginning as King Charles III was crowned in Westminster Abbey. A new reign ushers in a new beginning for the King, the Queen, their family and for the nation. Charles has taken on a role for which he has been in training for seventy-four years. He has never made any secret of the fact that he has his own ideas, hopes and aspirations for what the role should involve and how he should perform his duties. As head, not only of this country and the Commonwealth, but also of the Church of England, Charles’s words and actions will come under close scrutiny. In what ways will he honour the past and our traditions, how will he try to introduce new methods, attitudes and customs?

Similarly, members of the Royal Family – especially the Prince and Princess of Wales – will be working out how to manage the change in status and role for themselves and their children. It is a new beginning for them too.

Much as many of us will have enjoyed the spectacle and pomp of the Coronation and the celebrations that went on over the Bank Holiday weekend, it will not greatly influence or change our daily lives. There were, however, local events which, for some of our members at least, will have had far greater significance.



On Wednesday, May 3rd, I had the great privilege and pleasure of baptising Thomas Fairman. During his preparation for baptism, Tom had spoken frankly about how his baptism, for him, was not so much a start, as an opportunity to declare his intention to go on building on the foundations which had been laid over the years. Nonetheless, there is a subtle shifting of the ground when an adult is baptised or confirmed. It may not be the start of a new book, but it is certainly the beginning of a new chapter, as the candidate takes on those baptismal promises and

publicly announces an intention to consciously follow the teaching, example and commands of Jesus.

Just a few days after this quiet but wonderful baptism, St Johns played host to a much bigger celebration. The morning service provided the setting for the baptism of George Evans and the whole congregation joined in welcoming him into God's family. George has, of course, already become established as a regular attender at the churches of our Team. In that sense his baptism, like that of Tom, did not mark a new beginning. What it did do – and did with real love and joy – was to give thanks for the gift of a new life and to promise to support George and his parents in this new stage of their Christian journey which they will undertake together.

A baptism, regardless of the age of the one being baptised, is a wonderful celebration of the beginning of a new life; a life newly dedicated to following Christ. An even greater cause for celebration is the fact that in our Christian journey we have many opportunities to start afresh. However much we might wish – or even imagine it – we are none of us perfect! We all make mistakes. We all go astray. As Paul expresses it: 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' [*Romans 3.23*]. Yet none of us, however often we fall short, are without hope because God understands our weaknesses and failings and is willing – even eager – to forgive us; to “wipe the slate clean” and allow us to have a new beginning. This is not to say that we have carte blanche to live as we please, give a nod towards repentance and then carry on as before. Repentance, to be worthy of the word, must be sincere and accompanied by a real intention to try, with the help of God, to amend our ways and start again.

At the baptisms of Tom and George, as at all other baptisms, the questions were asked: Do you turn to Christ? Do you repent of your sins? Do you renounce evil? When the answer to all these questions is a sincere and heart felt “Yes!” then we open the way to receiving God's grace and his great gift of love – the gift of a new beginning in Him.

Sarah Cottrill

Confirm, O Lord, thy servant

November seems a long way off, but, given how quickly time flies by, it will be with us sooner than we think! The diocese of Worcester holds a confirmation service in the Cathedral at the end of November and now is a good time to start asking, if you haven't yet been confirmed, is this something you might like to consider?

I already have one candidate and we will be starting confirmation preparation at the beginning of October. If you would like to join us, or are interested in knowing more about confirmation, please have a word with me or Phil.

Sarah Cottrill

In Memoriam

Eva Stanton	1 June 1987
Stanley Frederick Smith	2 June 1983
Theresa Dedicott	3 June 2008
Ronald Cantrill	5 June 2014
Doris Allen	9 June 1995
Andrew David Brunyee	11 June 1995
Kenneth Edward Cole	12 June 1988
Sophie Perry "Auntie"	13 June 1995
Pete Gleadall	19 June 1996
Henry Frederick Charles Owen	24 June 1985
Arnold Colley	27 June 1991

Additions to In Memoriam are not automatic but must be specifically requested via the clergy.

Inclusion only needs to be requested once; entries are then included until the fortieth anniversary.

An extension may be requested by family or friends of those named.

From the Registers, April 2023

St John's

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 28th March 2023 Pauline Mary Hollier

SERVICES: Communicants 234. Total attendance at all services 422.

St Michael's

SERVICES: Communicants 52. Total attendance at all services 64.

Mid-week services

The following mid-week Eucharists are scheduled for June:

Tuesday St John's 10am. (Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer)

Thursday St Michael's 10.30am. (Eucharist - Common Worship)

Sundays and Principal Feasts in June

Sunday 4th: Trinity Sunday

Thursday 8th: Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion
(Corpus Christe)

Sunday 11th: Barnabas the Apostle (First Sunday after Trinity)

Sunday 18th: Second Sunday after Trinity

Saturday 24th: Birth of John the Baptist

Sunday 25th: Third Sunday after Trinity

Thursday 29th: Peter and Paul, Apostles

All event information should be regarded as provisional and checked near the time

Dates for your diary

Location key	(J) St John's Church	(M) St Michael's Church
	(V) The Vicarage, 7 Manor Road	

(J) Mondays in term time, 10am: Little Lambs, see page 11.

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(J) Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June, 7.30pm: Bible Study Course, see page 17.

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(J) Thursday 8th June, 1pm: Good Old Days talk, 'The Battle of Britain', see page 8.

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(J) Saturday 10th June, 9am: Women's Breakfast, see page 8.

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(J) Wednesday 14th June, 10am-11.30am: Little Blessings.

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(M) Thursday 15th June, 2pm - 4pm: West Worcester Friendship Group.

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(M) Monday 19th June, 2.30pm: Mothers' Union; Annual strawberry tea.

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(J) Wednesday 21st June, 2.45pm: Tea/Coffee & Cake, see page 8.

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(V) Friday 23rd June: Fourth Friday Friendship Group. Look out for sign-up sheets in church or contact Sarah Cottrill for details.

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(J) Saturday 24th June, 10.15am: Café@10:15, see page 8.

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(J) Wednesday 28th June, 10am-11.30am: Little Blessings.

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Tuesday 25th July: Coach trip to Weston, see page 11.

Thoughts....

With Bible in hand, I read to my Sunday school class: "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife." "Okay," I said, "from this Scripture, what do we learn is important in marriage?"

A voice at the back blurted: "Cleavage!"

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It's weird, being the same age as old people.

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If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

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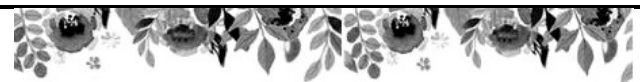
Saturday

24th June

Thought for the day by

Jenny English

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**Women's Breakfast Meetings
for Friendship and
Christian Fellowship**

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Our next meeting is on

Saturday 10th June

9.00am until 11.00am

**St John-in-Bedwardine
in The Blakefield Room**

Contact Margaret Rutter (425396)

This month's speaker will be

Ruth Reeves talking about Guide Dogs



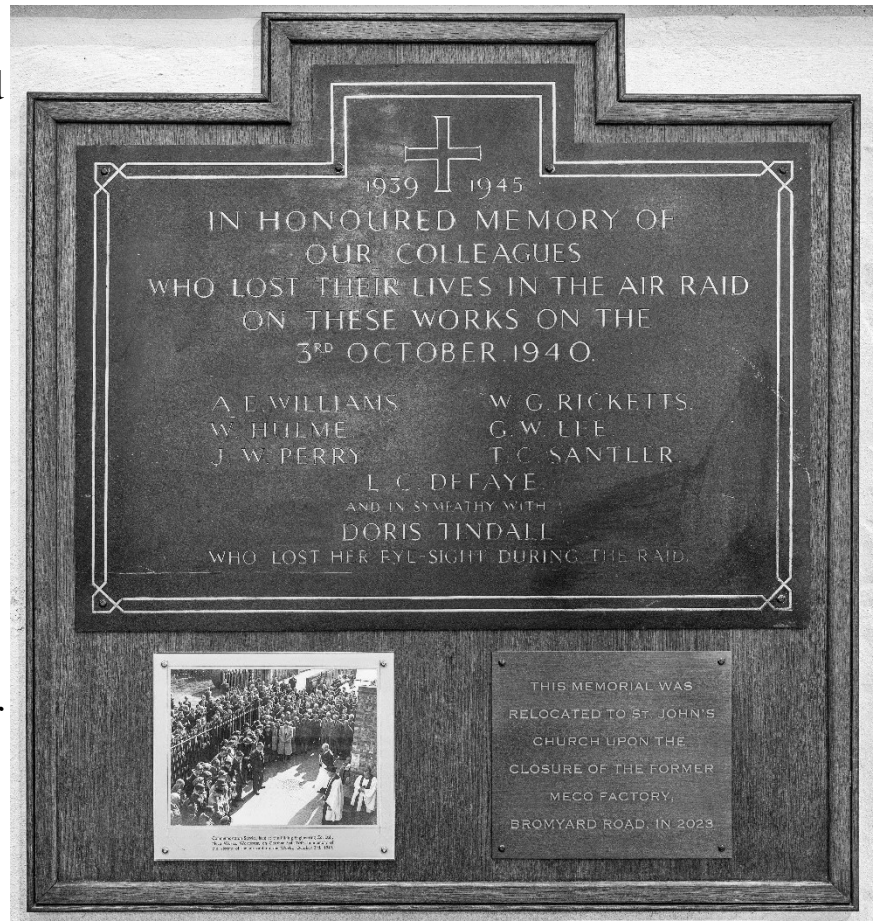
Meco plaque

As you may be aware, the former Meco Factory is closing this year and the staff moving elsewhere. Although it has since changed ownership more than once, the factory has an important place in local history from an incident which occurred during the Battle of Britain. On Thursday, 3rd October, 1940, a Junkers Ju 88 dropped bombs on the factory, which was at that time producing military equipment. Seven people were killed and more than sixty injured in the only Luftwaffe raid on Worcester during the Second World War.

The deaths and a victim who lost an eye were commemorated on a memorial which was unveiled on the seventh anniversary of the bombing, in 1947, and has been in the factory ever since.

The words with the photograph beneath the plaque are:

“Commemoration Service held at the Mining Engineering Co. Ltd., Meco Works, Worcester, on October 3rd, 1947, in memory of the victims of the air raid on the Works, October 3rd, 1940.”



Komatsu, the current owners, were keen to find a home for the memorial now the site is to be closed. It was offered to St John's Church, as it was felt appropriate that it be kept in the local area and placed in a church that was regularly open for people to see it. Happily, it also fits very well with the other memorials in the Lady Chapel. Komatsu kindly agreed to fund the relocation costs, and thanks to the efforts of Sandra Taylor (from the Remember the Fallen project in Worcestershire) and Brian Askew, it is now installed in the Lady Chapel with a smart new backing and explanatory plaque.

To mark this installation, there will be a formal service of rededication in church at 3pm on Sunday, 11 June, to which all are invited.

Phil Bradford



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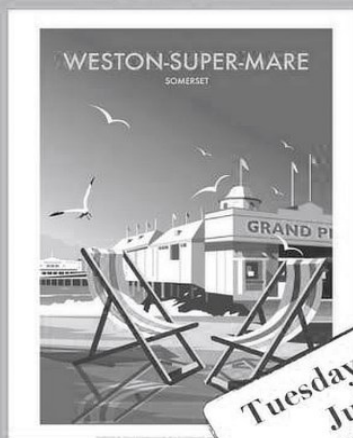


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Sunday 4th June

5.30pm

St John-in-Bedwardine Parish Church

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***If ye love me*, by Thomas Tallis**

Followed by refreshments of tea, coffee and cake

We invite you to come to St John's Church at 5.30pm on Sunday 4th June to experience a traditional Evensong service.

Evensong at St John's uses the Book of Common Prayer, which was published in 1662. These centuries old words give a particular rhythmic and poetic feeling to the service.

During the service, music is offered by the choir, with congregational hymns and psalms. For this service, the choir will be singing the anthem 'If ye love me' by Thomas Tallis, an anthem that was first published in 1565.

The service lasts about 45 minutes and will be followed by light refreshments of tea, coffee and cake.

Philip Evans

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Lord Jesus we come before you today with
our prayers for Ukraine, Sudan and Afghanistan.

We pray for the continuing war in Ukraine, the soldiers trying to defend their country and fellow citizens who live with the trauma of war; a continual fear and desecration of the landscape.

We pray Lord for there to be peace. A recognition of a country's democracy, and freedom, for all people to live in harmony. We pray for all farmers and those working the land to be free to grow wheat that helps to feed so many people in our world. We pray for all aid workers who endeavour to be your hands and feet, in very difficult situations; that they are surrounded by your spirit as they endeavour to provide aid for those in need.

Lord Jesus hear our prayers for those living in Sudan, trapped and unable to leave. For those who are starving and as a result dying. For those who are injured and trying to access medical care. We pray too for families who are separated and the refugees fleeing the violence. We pray for The United Nations and those involved in peace talks with the Sudanese leaders, that peace and harmony can be restored.

Lord Jesus, in praying for Afghanistan, we pray for the women and children trying to access medical care and the staff grappling with not enough beds, oxygen and medicines as well as long term famine for women and children.

We pray for the leaders of the Taliban who because of their ideology are inflicting so much pain and anguish in society.

Lord Jesus, our world needs peace, for people to prosper. Countries enveloped by violence and war need to be allowed to develop their own democracy that embraces the needs of all people. We ask that leaders will have the courage to speak for change and create a new way of leading to peace for all.

Take our lives Lord, and let us be faithful to your presence in our lives. Surround all those suffering through the violence of war with your spirit and comfort.

Amen

Jenny English



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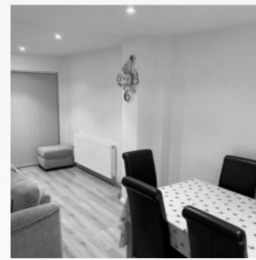
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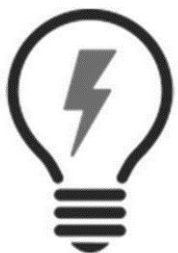
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Summer (Bible) Reading

Many people take advantage of the summer months to catch up on their reading. Holiday packing often includes a number of books we've been meaning to read but never quite got round to.

If the later Epistles are amongst those books you've never read – or haven't read for a long time, or would like to know more about, take heart; help is at hand!

Every Wednesday evening in June we will meet in the Blakefield Room at St John's Church from 7.30pm to read and study these often overlooked, shorter Epistles.

The first session, on June 7th will give a general introduction and look at the "Pastoral Epistles" (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus) whilst subsequent weeks will focus on Philemon and James, the letters of Peter, John's three letters and that of Jude.

Each session is independent of the others so it doesn't matter if you can't attend every week. Everybody is most welcome.

Sarah Cottrill

Walking Church

Our May walk re-visited the route taken on our very first Walking Church meeting. We crossed the golf course – keeping a careful eye open for flying golf balls(!) - crossed the dual carriage way by means of the bridge and then through fields to Powick Hams and Old Road before enjoying Anne's hospitality. On the way we discussed points raised by the day's Gospel reading in which Jesus had challenged his disciples with the statement: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." As it was the beginning of Christian Aid Week, we tried to link the Gospel to points for reflection found in the Christian Aid Week resources pack. So, in the light of Christ's greatest commandment being to love as he loved us, we discussed the Christian Aid reflections on how supporters can try to help victims of extreme poverty and what that means in the relative terms of our own community; the practical possibilities of living as the early Church, sharing all possessions and how good – or otherwise – we deem our churches to be at welcoming strangers. In between these Bible based discussions there was also a great deal of friendly chat and exchange of news and we thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon together.

As a change in our usual pattern, we would like our next outing, which will be on July 9th, to incorporate a picnic on The Old Hills. Details to follow. All welcome.

Sarah Cottrill

Holy Cow!

It's hard to believe but I'm coming to the end of my first year of reader training. A couple of weeks ago I was at Queens for the last residential of this year and I made sure to take a pictures, which you can see with this article. The topic for the weekend was pastoral care and we learned lots of theory and suggestions for good practice, but we were all dreading the role play. Sure enough when it came it was sooo cringey! Our tutor played the part of a grumpy parishioner and one brave (but regretful) volunteer had to imagine he was visiting her. Oh my! She was rotten and I was glad I wasn't the one trying to have the conversation! We all had a laugh afterwards, but it did highlight the importance of not making any assumptions or thinking we had all the answers...in the debrief we all came up with ideas to solve the imaginary problems, but none of us suggested just shutting up and listening. Oops! Lesson, I hope, learned that we have two ears and one mouth for a reason.

Not surprisingly, chapel plays a big part of our time while we are there, and services are taken by the ordinands in training.



This time there were first year Anglican, Methodist and Pentecostal students (Queens is an ecumenical college after all) and we were taken right out of our

comfort zone on Friday evening with a new concept led by one of the Pentecostal students called “talk back church” where we were encouraged to whoop and shout “A-men” when we agreed with something in the sermon...you may not be surprised that as reserved Anglicans it was pretty quiet but something must have stuck because out of the blue on Saturday morning I found myself shouting “A-men” during someone’s sermon! Thankfully they took it well. But that time spent with different traditions is really special and despite some superficial differences we are really very similar (and the Methodists do have some cracking hymns).

I now have to buckle down for the final straight when I have three assignments due in quick succession - one on Ministry and Mission in Context and two on Ministry and Worship in Context...that second one includes an assessed sermon that I am not looking forward to! I keep having ideas for each of them and jotting down notes but very soon I will need to convert them into plans and then actual essays; but then it will be year one over and as much as I have enjoyed it, I am looking forward to the summer break.

I’ve included a couple of pictures of the Queens Chapel. As you may be able to see from the picture on the previous page, one end is curved. We learned this week that this is inspired by the shape of Roman basilica: civic buildings that started to be used for Christian worship during the reign of Emperor Constantine. I’ve also included a picture of my favourite leaded window which (to my eyes anyway) is of a cow with a halo and angel wings...a holy cow if you will!

God Bless!

Rob Little



Little Lambs



Little Lambs has continued through the past year, as an important part of our outreach.

Amy Rees relinquished the leader's role before Easter 2023. We say a huge "Thank you" to Amy for her work over the years to make Little Lambs such a success.

Thanks also to the volunteers who are there week by week – without you Little Lambs could not happen!



I have recently taken over the leadership role for Little Lambs, and I look forward to taking Little Lambs forward as part of the care and outreach by our church for the community.

Sue Fairman

St Johns Bellringers (The Clangers)

I'd like to introduce myself as the new tower captain at St Johns Church. I took over last September after Tracey Ward had decided it was time for her to step down. I have joined a lovely group of ringers who have made me feel very welcome. Everyone is very keen to ring and we have just had some exciting ringing on the 6th and 7th May, ringing for the Kings Coronation. On the 6th some of us rang a Quarter Peal and on the 7th we had some general ringing where everybody could ring including our latest recruit who had learnt for this occasion.



In June we have a striking competition and are excited to say that this is to be held at St John's this year. Bands from around the area come and compete and apart from entering a team, we will also provide tea and cake for all.

I would like to thank Tracey for her years as tower captain and to the whole team for making me feel so welcome.

*Sarah Haynes
Tower Captain*

Analytical students unmask the saboteur

The day of the final of the Grand Baking Competition has arrived!

The judges Peter Rotherham and Margaret Cherry have whittled the contestants down to the final three: Karen, a classic home baker, Toby, who has impressed with his extravagant and flamboyant bakes, and Gordon, a passionate vegan baker.

But the tent has been thrown into chaos! There's been sabotage to the bakers' ingredients and the discovery of a menacing missive.

That was the scenario faced by eleven sixth form chemistry students from Christopher Whitehead Language College. They were the analytical chemists employed to investigate the unpleasant goings on at the Grand Baking Competition.



The students were participating in the annual Royal Society of Chemistry's School's Analyst Competition. This enables students to demonstrate and expand on existing chemistry knowledge, skills, and aptitude for analytical science

through practical experiments based on relevant problems. The competition aims to provide some tasks which should be familiar to sixth form chemists, and others which may be unfamiliar or require additional research.



In their groups the students read through the handbook and had to plan their time accordingly. They had access to the laboratory and materials over the course of the day and needed to complete all the tasks. After that, students completed the questions, ensured that they had all of the data to hand, then entered their results and submitted their workbook for analysis.

Their results will be marked based on their answers, and the team with the highest score will win the competition! The UK and Republic of Ireland are organised into nine RSC Analytical Sciences Community regions, with the highest scoring team in our region also winning a prize for themselves and their school or college.

*Paul Greene
Head of Science
Christopher Whitehead Language College and Sixth Form*

Cholera with your ice cream, anyone?



Nearly 70 people joined us to hear about the history of ice cream from Paul Harding of Discover History. He explained that the Italians were eating frozen desserts going back many centuries. The Romans had iced dessert made of snow and wine, a sort of alcoholic slush puppy.

The dessert was served in bowls shaped like cow horns or a small porcelain bowl and eaten with a small spoon. In Britain they did not take up these frozen desserts as we did not have ready access to snow to make these desserts. In reality these early desserts were more like our modern sorbets.



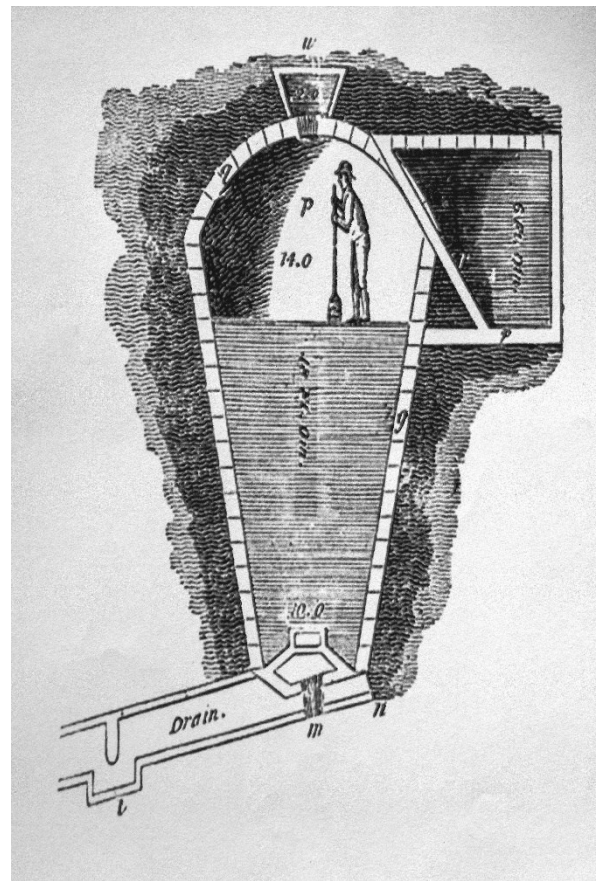
By the late medieval period we started exploring other countries and an Italian Alchemist Giambattista Della Porta gathered recipes and we worked out how to bring the temperature down quickly so that the iced dessert could be made. He used salt with the snow/ice which brings the temperature down quick enough to create the desserts.

In the 1600s George Sandys saw 'ices served in great variety and even perfumed' during his travels to other warmer countries.

King James the first in 1619 stated that he needed multiple iced desserts to serve at feasts and he ordered the building of the very first icehouse where they could store the ice from winter so that they could be used for desserts in summer.

The ice would be thrown into the pit and then compacted down so that it would last until the summer. The ice came from rivers and lakes/ponds, which could have all sorts of dead things or 'sewage' in the ice, which was then used for the desserts.

The coronation banquet of King Charles II included "one large plate of ice cream".

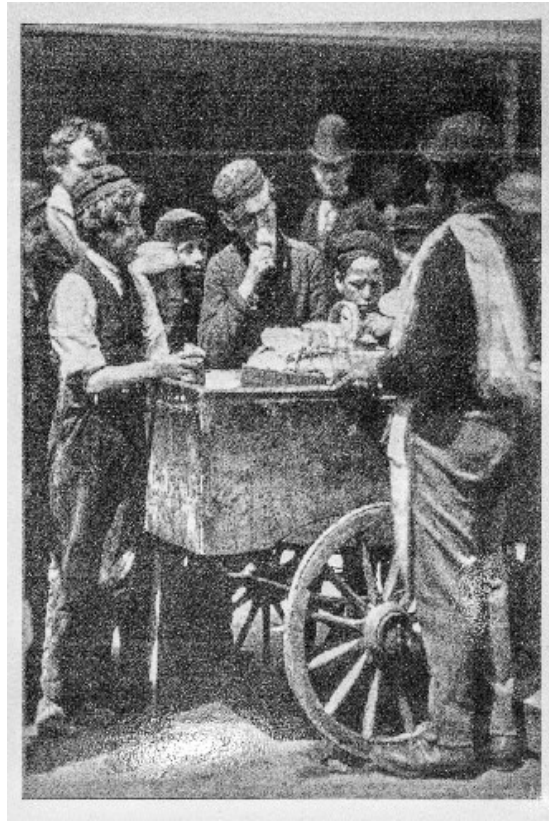


Ice cream was only available to the wealthiest people due to the cost of collecting and storing the ice. The first recipe for ice cream was written by Lady Anne Fanshawe and appeared in the late 1600s. Multiple recipe books appeared in the 1700s for ice desserts. Ice boxes appeared in the 1800s so that they could store the desserts before they were served to the diners.

In the 1900s people started to go to Scandinavia to import blocks of ice. They were happy to get 50% of the ice back to the UK. Worcester was one of the ports they imported the ice to and there was an ice storage facility at the Quay. Also there was one in St Johns, on Bromyard Road, which has just been recently converted into luxury accommodation.

By the late 1800s the poor people started to find ways to make ice cream. The best place they found to make it was in the outhouse, the outside toilet! They also used cream but then they watered it down with water, which was a major source of diseases like cholera!

At the seaside, sellers would make their ice cream in the outhouse, and then store it in a lead container. They would then serve it in halfpenny or penny lick glasses, which you gave back to the seller - who would then refill the glasses for the next people. They also used oyster shells, which is why you can still buy ice cream in mock oyster shells. In the late Victorian times, they started to introduce some health and safety to help protect people.



Mrs Agnes Marshall, ‘Queen of the Ices’, around 1900 patented various kitchen implements, including an ice cream maker. She also created the edible cone in UK, but in Italy they also state that they created the cone, where it is said that a waffle maker on a street used their waffles to form cones. This was a major leap for hygiene as the container was no longer re-used.

Walls, the butcher, used to go round selling his sausages from a tricycle and decided to also sell ice cream from his bike, which is where the “Stop Me and Buy One’ slogan came from.



In 1924 an 11-year-old American child, Frank Epperson made lemonade soda and left it outside overnight and it froze sticking to the stirring stick. He patented the popsicle, short for Soda Pop Icicle, or the ice lolly as we know it.

During WW2 ice cream was a luxury item and they sold a 'Carrot on a stick' for 1d instead. I bet the kids were happy!

After the war the Ice Cream van appeared and drove round the houses, playing music to alert people of their presence.



In the late 1950s, refrigerators started to appear with freezer compartments so people could buy ice creams or choc ices and store them in the freezer.

Our wonderful cake makers in the church had really made an effort this time and we had various cakes with reference to ice creams, including 99s, Neapolitan layer cake and coffee and walnut.



Colin Nash

The Coronation Breakfast

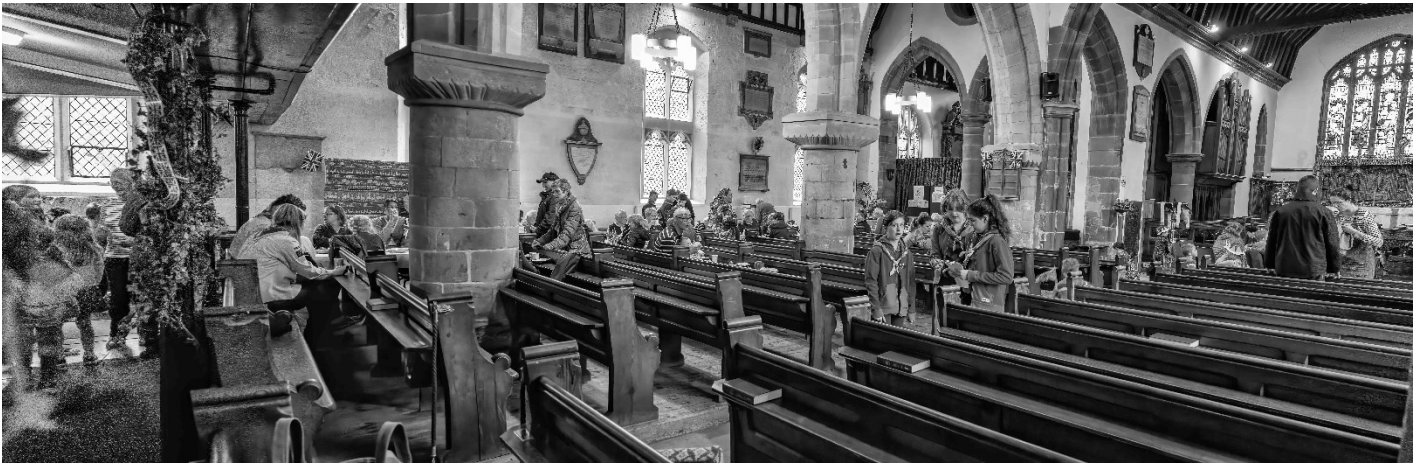
Following the Coronation of King Charles III, there was a mini Community Breakfast at St John's church on Monday 8th May. We invited people to come and enjoy a bacon or sausage butty to start off the bank holiday.



We had lots of help from members of the church and the scouts and guides.



The breakfast was a huge success with so many families and children coming to make their crowns and partake of bacon and sausage butties. Plenty of tea and coffee was consumed and served by very efficient servers.



Thank you to everyone who took part.

Jenny English



Phil was helping with the Children's Activities at the Coronation Breakfast. The children made crowns and took part in a treasure trail. The crown and cope were two of the articles to be found and at the end of the morning Phil decided to wear them both!

Joy Job

Coronation Flowers

The Flower Ladies have had quite a busy time over the past few weeks! We have had several discussions in planning the flowers for the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. We researched the flowers which they both liked and tried to use as many of them as possible. We also thought about the meaning and special significance of the flowers used. Floriography, or the language of flowers, became popular during Queen Victoria's reign. We are very fortunate that we are able to use our gardens for green foliage such as ivy, bergenia, photinia, euphorbia, fatsia, rosemary, eucalyptus and pittosporum, honeysuckle and not forgetting the churchyard cow parsley!

The arrangements in the High Altar, North Aisle and Lady Chapel included blue delphiniums which are a firm favourite of the King and they symbolise lightness and an open heart. We also used carnations (which are said to symbolise faith and purity - which is especially appropriate due to the religious part of the Coronation ceremony), and dark red roses which are the floral symbol of England. Very fragrant stocks and spider chrysanthemums were used too.

Lady's Mantle (*alchemilla mollis*) is a favourite of Queen Camilla who said 'this acid green fluffy flower is one of the best ever foliage plants for the vase and the garden!'

The porch arrangements included oak, hawthorn, bay (for virtue), ivy and apple blossom. Rosemary is a symbol of affectionate remembrance, sage, sweet cicely and herb Robert (Robert's geranium) and dog rose leaves.

The flowers of each nation were featured. Oxalis (false shamrock) represents Ireland and symbolises joy and luck, and eryngium for Scottish thistles. The thistle is the official emblem for Scotland and can mean nobility. Daffodils which are the official floral symbol of Wales symbolise chivalry, beauty and new beginnings. Euphorbia, cornflowers for refinement, pinks and Sweet William. Lily of the valley, which was a favourite of Queen Elizabeth II, symbolise good luck and happiness and are said to help visualise a better world. Bluebells symbolise gratitude and consistency and constancy of love.

A Green Man was hiding at the base as featured in the invitation!

We hope you enjoyed looking at our arrangements.

Joy Job

Picnic

Let's hope the weather is good enough to make this topical!

The throng pushed and shoved
Some ran on ahead others came from behind.
There was shouting, hailing, noise on every hand.
A milling crowd, a beautiful day.
The sun beat down overhead.
We came to a grassy plateau
My friends and I.
There were mutterings and rumblings
the crowd noisy and demanding.
He was there.
He started to speak the noise dying away
We sat and listened,
It was one of those times when we couldn't hear or
understand
but just occasionally we grasped a truth
A hint of understanding flickered.
His voice reached the edge of the large crowd.
Though He didn't shout.
I saw a small child offer a basket
He took it and lifted up five loaves and two fish.
Some men gave every one his portion
We ate the vast crowd and I,
We ate and were replete.
What did He say about
Bread, Life and Himself?

*22:1:92
Jenny English*



St John's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

St John's APCM was held on Sunday 21st May after the morning service, with St Michael's on 28th May. To avoid overwhelming the magazine with APCM reports from St Michael's and St John's, we're spreading out the reports over more than one edition. For the same reason, most reports have been trimmed or summarised by the editors. Some reports are common to both churches, and we will point these out and print them only once.

The Editors

Vicar's Annual Report to St John's APCM

2022 saw a return to normality after the disruption of Covid, with an end to all the various legal restrictions and measures associated with the pandemic. However, although the legal measures were lifted in February, we continued to feel the consequences of Covid throughout the rest of the year. It has been particularly noticeable in reduced congregation sizes, fewer occasional offices, and our financial situation. The year was therefore a challenging one in many ways.

At their APCMs, St John's and St Michael's agreed to form a Joint Council to replace their individual PCCs, and this came into effect on 1 January 2023. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Philip Evans, who did an enormous amount of work on drafting the legal scheme for approval by the bishop's council. Graham Evans also provided considerable and valuable assistance with a lot of the technicalities. This is the first Joint Council that has been successfully created in the Diocese of Worcester, and one of very few nationally, so we have little in the way of precedent to follow and will largely have to chart our own course. In the short term, there will be a lot of procedural issues and formalities to iron out. In the longer term, however, this will allow us to prevent needless reduplication and work together to serve a common purpose.

The question of our purpose and vision is the critical one which now faces us. The financial picture is not good, and we need to address how we respond. Our worship and ministry pattern is not sustainable in the long term, at least in the current configuration, and we are going to face very difficult questions about how we move forward in a sustainable way. That may require us to face difficult choices and to be imaginative about what we do in the future. However, there are also positives to celebrate. We have to be thankful for all those who continue to

give so much of their time and energies to keep so many things going. Our primary mission is to our local community, and in spite of the pressures we face we continue to remain open daily as a place of prayer and to offer many different kinds of hospitality and events. For that, I am truly grateful, and I hope we can find ways to build upon that as we seek to discern how we undertake our mission in our community in the coming years.

Revd Phil Bradford

Report on the proceedings of the PCC (St J)

A summary of the minutes of each PCC meeting is placed upon the main church notice board and is published in the magazine.

Following the APCM in May 2022 the PCC had 14 members and 2 vacancies. We can have 3 Deanery Synod Representatives (based on the number on our electoral roll), but only one representative is currently elected, leaving 2 vacancies.

During 2022 there was 1 wedding and 15 baptisms. There were 14 funerals held in church and 9 funerals held at the Crematorium for St John's Parish.

When planning our activities, the PCC is aware of, and takes into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion. The specific activities are reported throughout this document.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.) Safeguarding information is clearly visible on the front page of the website. The safeguarding policy was reviewed and reapproved in March 2022.

Report on the proceedings of the Joint Council (St J & St M)

The new Worcester St John-in-Bedwardine and St Michael's Joint Council was formed on 1st January 2023. Transitional membership of the new Joint Council was agreed by correspondence as were the officers. The new Joint Council met in February 2023 to appoint the members of the Standing Committee, and held another meeting in April 2023.

Standing Committee (St J & St M)

Each PCC had a Standing Committee (up to 31st December) and now the Joint Council (JC) has a single Standing Committee, with the power to act for the PCC/JC between Council meetings. A report of Standing Committee decisions and actions is provided to the Council.

Electoral Roll (St J)

There have been no additions to the roll since the 2022 APCM and three people have been removed. The new roll is 110 (a decrease of 3).

Parish Magazine (St J & St M)

After the pandemic lockdowns, the last twelve months was a more normal year for the Parish Magazine. We have moved all yearly subscription renewals to start in September (i.e. ending with the July/August edition of the magazine). New subscriptions are still accepted at any time, and then moved to September renewal at first renewal. Financially, the magazine (through sales and advertising) more than covers its costs and makes a net contribution to our income.

The magazine is a valuable form of outreach and communication to the church family, and we encourage all to promote the magazine if ever they get an opportunity. A big thank you to all our writers, deliverers, and administrators.

Summary of other reports (St J)

See page 20 for the text of the Little Lambs report. The picture is additional for readers of the magazine!

The Events Team reported that last year has been much more successful for the team. Audiences to the Good Old Days Talks have gone back up to pre-pandemic numbers and brought in many more people from the local community and further afield. Audiences were entertained with subjects including Titanic, Haunted Worcester, Worcester in the Stone Age, and Old Public Houses of Worcester. A full programme has been agreed and advertised for the coming year, and we hope that more people will join us as they feel able to. The team organised several successful coach trips including Weston-Super-Mare, Oxford, and National Trust Tyntesfield (near Bristol). More are planned for this coming year.

Café Church restarted last year. We welcome those who drop in for coffee and a Danish around 10.15am on the 4th Saturday in the month for fellowship and to hear our interesting speakers.

The Charities Committee has been in abeyance since the formation of the Joint Council, waiting for a new constitution and a joint approach with St Michael's. From last year, activity was limited with the final meeting of the year discussing how to move forward in the new set up.

APCM reports will continue next month.

Phil's Sabbatical

It seems no time at all since I was writing the piece for the December magazine about my forthcoming sabbatical. Now, as I write this in mid-May, it is hard to believe that it is all over and I have already been back over a month. The three months of sabbatical passed in a flash, although it was a very good feeling to be back among so many welcoming, smiling faces on Palm Sunday. I wrote before I went that one of the purposes of a sabbatical was to recharge, and I have certainly returned refreshed. Even more positively, the effects have not yet worn off!

It is my hope that in the near future I will be able to give a talk (or maybe two) on my time away, with a suitably small selection of the many thousands of photos that I took. I am sure, too, that elements of it will work their way into sermons and magazine pieces in the coming months. However, I thought I would offer a brief summary of the highlights here.

As most of the time was spent in two contrasting parts of the Southern Hemisphere, it may read a little like a travel journal, but I will make no apologies for that. It was, of course, no coincidence that I went in midwinter, enjoying escaping the bitter cold of the vicarage for a while.

Both of my grandparents died in 2021, and it was the bit of inheritance money that they left me that I spent on this trip, allowing me to do rather more than would have been the case had I taken the sabbatical when originally planned. I know that they would have been very happy that I used it in this way, and as I travelled round I imagined the postcards that I would have sent them, ones which would have had them scrambling through their atlas to work out where I was.



For all the time I have spent in Peru, I have never travelled especially widely in South America. I have a great interest in Latin American history and culture, and was eager to get a broader experience of this area, so this was where I headed to in January, beginning in Chile. This was a country which first grabbed my attention back in 1998, during my A' levels, when Pinochet was arrested. It has led to me reading a considerable amount about the dictatorship over the years, and the first main thing I did was go to the superb museum in Santiago which is dedicated to remembering those years. We were staying a short distance from the Moneda Palace, where Salvador Allende was attacked and died in the coup in 1973, the square behind now hosting a prominent statue of him.

Santiago is a fascinating conurbation, where gleaming skyscrapers meet areas reminiscent of Soviet Moscow, all against the backdrop of the Andes. Very similar to Peru's capital, Chile's capital is home to a large proportion of the country's population. If rather more attractive than Lima on first glance, it is another capital city that people tend to pass through and disparage, yet is a really interesting place if you stay a while and look beneath the superficial.

From Santiago, it was up to northern Chile, to the world's driest desert, the Atacama. This was a hypnotic landscape, dominated by the various reds of the sand formations. One morning began at nearly 4,500m (14,700ft) and -8 degrees centigrade, watching geysers shoot skywards as the sun rose. The same day ended in 30 degree heat at the bewitching Valley of the Moon, used to film numerous spaghetti westerns.



Valley of the Moon, Atacama Desert
The rocks are all very red!

From the desert, it was back to Santiago and Valparaiso, with time to take in a vineyard. (Both Chile and Argentina produce excellent wine, but they seem to have little interest in measures. A second glass normally involves them filling the glass to overflowing to reduce the chance they will need to come back.)

Next was the Lake District, based around the town of Puerto Varas. This was followed by Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia. I think I would need rather a lot of words to do any justice to this stunning landscape (mountains and lake on the left below, ice on the right), almost falling off the bottom of the planet.



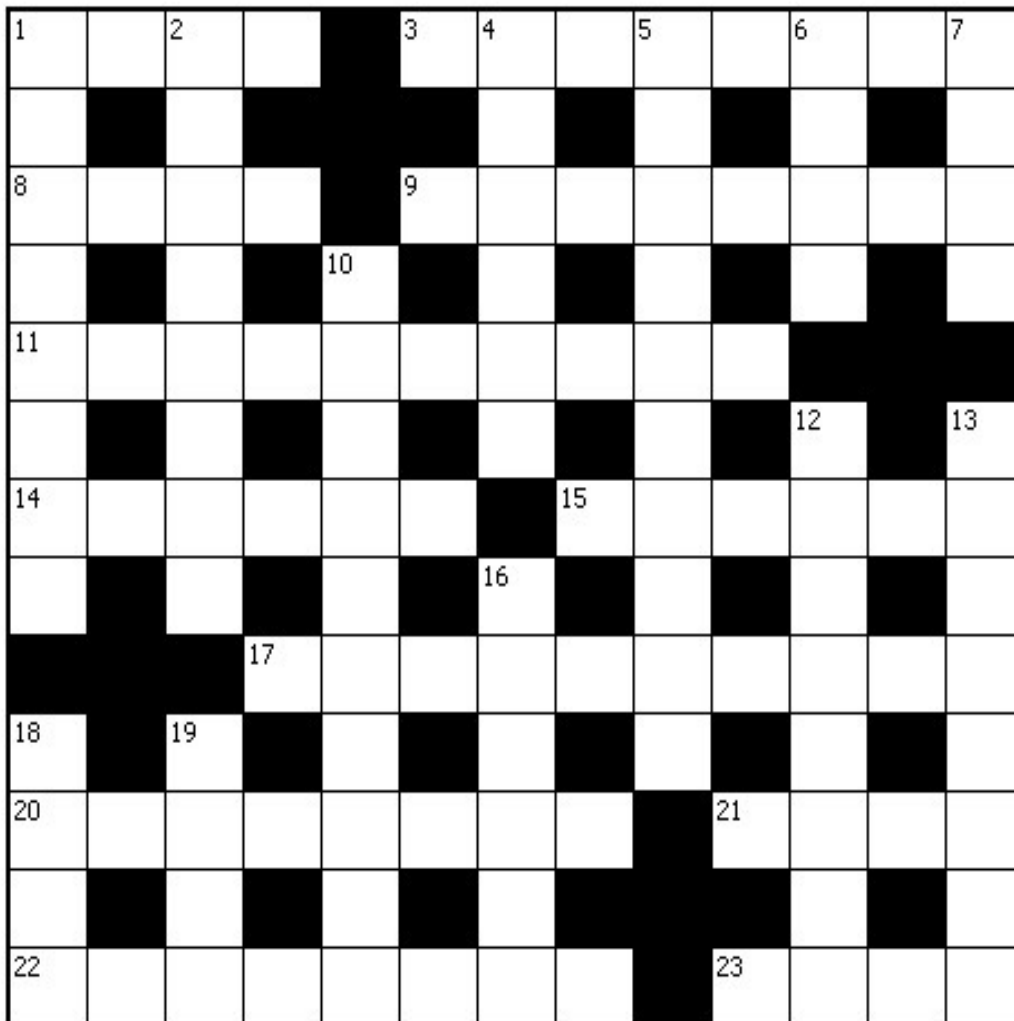
From Chilean Patagonia it was across the border into Argentinian Patagonia....

[To be continued! The editors.]

Phil Bradford

Puzzle pages

The solution is on the inside back cover.



Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 ‘This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God’ (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across ‘The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it’ (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as ‘looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world’ (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 ‘The one I kiss is the man; — him’ (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 ‘Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer’ (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba’s burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 ‘God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe’ (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 ‘There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet’(2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (1,1,1,1)

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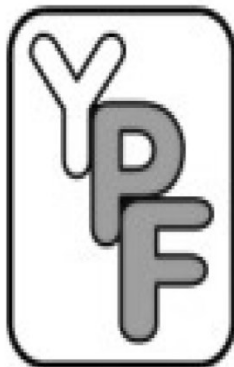
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Licensing

As featured in our April edition, Phil Bradford now has a new diocesan role as co-warden of readers. As he put it then “This is an additional (voluntary) position in addition to my role as Team Rector here - you don’t get rid of me that easily!” On Sunday 14th May Phil was licensed in this role at Holland House by Bishop John.



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*The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases;
his mercies
never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3:22-23)*

Please pray for:

Juan Carlos + Penny: Church visits: coordination of travel etc; that visits will be of encouragement to all.

Meeting up with family & friends; adequate rest

Juan Carlos: Diocesan responsibilities (Christian formation)

JC's mother Hilda

Penny: Ongoing responsibilities in J el N (lay rector) & Cathedral;

Diocesan responsibilities (Children's Ministry)

Bishop Jorge Luis: wisdom in leading the Diocese

Diocese: Churches in Arequipa and S of Peru

Jesús El Nazareno: NEW teenagers' group led by Luis & Edward;

children's work- for helpers; those leading/preaching until July

El Nazareno area: communal kitchens,

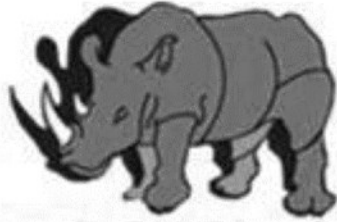
Cathedral (English): Those leading/preaching until July;

search for a new Rector

Country of Peru: political, economic and education situations, and all those affected by them; environmental challenges

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Magazine timing means, as usual, that this letter reaches you a bit after the events, included, of course, the date for the visit to St John's (21st May) which was in the future when the letter was written, but is now history! The Editors.



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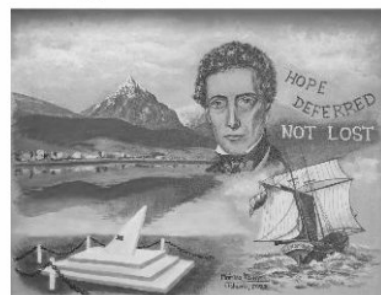


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Dear friends,

To those of you who were wondering – yes, we are now in England, enjoying the English spring with blossom and buds, and signs of new life. But the new year began for Penny with a trip to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego, an Argentinian town founded (according to official records) by Anglican Missionaries. The reason?- the first ever CMS Regional conference- an opportunity to meet mission partners/Latin partners from Latin America. It was wonderful to meet people who had just been names, worship and learn together, and to share together in special experiences such as seeing whales! However, one of the most memorable experiences was to be invited to a special service in a Church in Ushuaia – not Anglican (there is no longer an Anglican presence) but VERY aware of the Christian heritage left by the first Christian missionaries who laboured there; they presented CMS with a painting entitled “Hope deferred, not lost” – a reference to Allen Gardiner, who died of starvation along with his companions.



Being reminded of this part of our history makes us grateful for the people we have worked with over these years. One is Antonio – when he lived in Villa el Salvador he kept falling into drugs (which at one point led him to steal the Sunday School materials to sell for money for drugs....), but who left Lima to escape the influence of his “friends” and who is now leading a Church in Arequipa along with his wife Lucía who was faithfully praying for him the whole time.



Rubén is someone else whom we have known since he was a young man in Jesús el Salvador. He is now Pastor there (having also ministered in Ica & Juliaca in other parts of Peru), and is one of those helping out in Jesús el Nazareno in our absence. As we look at the new growth around us in UK at this time of year, we reflect that the Church in JEN includes some “natural” growth with one couple’s very young baby having the name Camila, but we also rejoice in the fact that the “7 men” we asked prayer for in 2019 has been well answered. During Lent we held a one-day retreat during which we thought and prayed about specific aims and how to reach them; one of those aims is to start a group for teenagers and we are delighted that Edward, a young volunteer from UK, will be with us all this year helping with this (along with helping in small local Anglican nursery/primary school some days). However, it is early days yet – the group is still being set up, and Edward’s Spanish is advancing rapidly but not yet fluent....



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Sadly, there is still a need for material help for many. The political problems and other factors have led to inflation which has meant greater need for communal kitchens etc, and we thank God for those who have continued to help. It was a wonderful surprise when someone in Peru suddenly asked if people in El Nazareno needed help with school supplies – we were able to help over 30 of the neediest children.

Thinking of new life not only in the spring but also at the Resurrection, in the English-speaking congregation of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd we thank God for the ways He has shown that He has not abandoned us, despite still being without a Rector. For those of us who wondered a few months after reopening the Church doors for anybody to enter, becoming “visible” again after 2 years, if there would EVER be growth, it has been a real encouragement to see how, little by little, new people have come and become involved. The choir, formed for the Christmas Carol Service, also sang at Easter, and a small group now leads singing on Sundays. A request for a pre-service Bible study has now resulted in this starting after Easter. It is thrilling to see people not only coming in, but also wanting to become involved. We are also blessed in having support from people in other places - in prayer, advice, and physical help. We praise God and pray that He will protect all.



However, (as we know well!) not everything goes the way one intends. In December, we wrote that Juan Carlos was about to begin a new ministry which we had thought would be based in Arequipa, working with Anglican Churches in the south of Peru. Between January and early April he spent 2 periods of time in Arequipa, as a time of discernment. This resulted in the realisation that the “Arequipa-based” plan was not the way forward. After further discussions with the Bishop he will now be based in Lima supporting clergy in Peru in a variety of ways. This WILL include helping in Arequipa & S Peru but will also include providing a mature masculine support in Churches which have a woman as Rector (including Jesús el Nazareno), supporting recently ordained clergy, and continuing with his involvement in discipleship in general. We shall see how this all works out when put into practice....

As for the family, Becky returned to Peru before Christmas and is searching for a job – maybe in London. Lizi spent a few weeks in Peru and is now back working in London. Joni is still living with us but is now preparing to spend a year doing a Master’s degree at LSE in London; his girlfriend (also a lawyer) has been accepted there too which is a relief to all. We know God has plans for each of them.



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- Continued growth in Cathedral English congregation
- Arrival of Edward to help in J el Nazareno
- Improved political stability (still room to improve!)

Please pray....

(See also summary at beginning of letter)

Weekly activities

Please pray for activities in Lima & those leading:

- Sun:** 10.00 am English speaking service (Good Shepherd)
6.00pm Jesús el Nazareno service
- Thurs:** 6.00 pm Prayer meeting (Jesús el Nazareno)
- Sat:** 4.00 pm Children's activity (J. el Nazareno)

Specific dates for Church visits et al:

- 16 April:** St Paul's Dorking
- 30 April:** Trentside. Burton-on-Trent
- 1-9 May:** Bolton (Penny's sister)
- 14 May:** St John's, Harborne, Birmingham
- 21 May:** St John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester
- 28 May:** St Peter's, Ipsley
- 4 June:** All Saints', New Eltham, London
- 8-12 June:** St Mary's, Maidenhead
- 18 June:** Holy Trinity, Springfield
- 19-23 June:** Switzerland (JC's sister Gilda)
- 25 June;** St Germain's, Edgbaston, Birmingham
- 2 July;** St Peter's, Littleover, Derby
- 9 July:** St Ann with Emmanuel, Nottingham
- 16 July:** St Barnabas', Danesmoor, Chesterfield
- 25 July:** Return to Lima
- Aug:** JC tutoring MOCLAM Ephesians course



Thank you again to those who have been supporting us (and the communal kitchens and other needs) in so many ways. You are part of all that happens in Peru! We would love to see as many of you as possible – the above gives you an idea as to where in the country we will be at any time. Please keep in contact, by email or WhatsApp at +51-942612987.

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Juan Carlos & Penny



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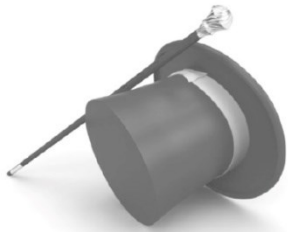
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These are extracts from the Vicar's letter. The actual letter is dated 17th May 1945, i.e. only 9 days after VE Day.

The Editors

THE END OF THE EUROPEAN WAR.

On VE Day, May 8th, a Rogation Day, I was glad to see a fair number of communicants at the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.; a goodly congregation assembled at noon for a short Thanksgiving Service; at 7.30 p.m. there were naturally many more. This last service was choral.

To many in our parish the end of the European War has come bringing a most welcome sense of relief. May they render humble and hearty thanks to God for it, and not only show forth His praise with their lips, but show it in their lives, by giving up themselves to His service, and by walking before Him in holiness and righteousness all their days.

The end of the European War is not the end of suffering. There are the bereaved, the sick, and the wounded. There are anxieties for many with regard to the yet unfinished war. There is the re-settlement of Europe to be taken in hand. Our troubles here are indeed small when compared with the ordeals of European countries, which need food, fuel, clothing, medical supplies, etc., and the reconstruction of their religious organizations.

To the soldier of the Cross this is an urgent call. Earnest and persevering prayer is needed to uphold our forces in the Pacific and the Far East, to help those engaged in the San Francisco Conference, to assist those who have to administer Germany, to aid those whose tasks lie at home. Prayer and effort, patience under continued restrictions, readiness to share the burdens of others, these and such like are needed now in fullest measure. I beg all my readers to add their quota of real spiritual endeavour, so that the evil may be met by a great, united band of earnest people who, throwing away all diffidence and cowardice, plainly show their colours and take their religion seriously, putting GOD FIRST in all they think, and say, and do.

With every good wish to you all,

I am, yours sincerely,

CHARLES T. POWELL.

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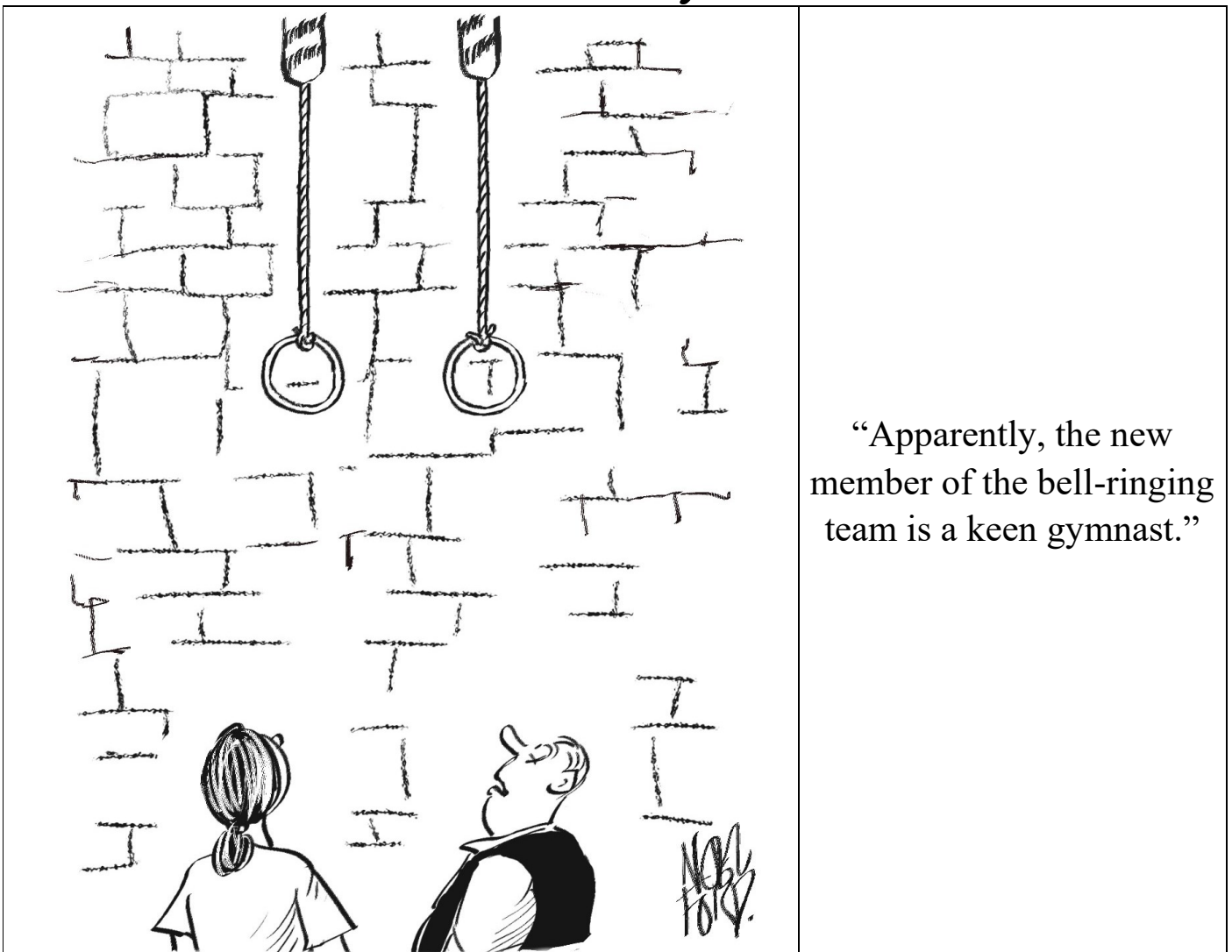


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“Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast.”



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11th June	10.30am All Age Worship 3pm Rededication of Meco Plaque (see page 9).	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Eucharist
18th June	10.30am Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
25th June	10.30am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer	10am Morning Prayer
2nd July	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
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