

THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
**ST JOHN**  **THE DIVINE**  
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1868-2018



## *From the Editor*

Welcome to the June edition of the magazine. Reports of the anniversary celebrations figure in this edition. Not just our own but those from 1968. I have cheated a little this month and included extracts from the July magazine so we can see what happened in June 1968. We now turn our attention to the future and Richard gives us a preview of his thoughts on the future. Key dates for your diary are given with a report on the recent Annual Meeting.

What else? Who knew the organ was 70 years old this month? Mike tells us how we acquired it. Sharon gives us a Saint with a somewhat cryptic reference to another in it, Radegund who is the Patron Saint of Jesus College, Cambridge. Two for the price of one. Pam helpfully(?) has found some commandments for us. The 1918 magazine had little of note this month but the colourful cover that adorned our last edition vanished and became monochrome. Perhaps wartime austerity caught up. A piece about that June 1918 though is included to illustrate how the war was changing.

Earlier this month Kay and I went to see The Fureys at the Waterside. (What a great local resource that is.) They sang a really poignant song 'The Green Fields of France' that they described as the greatest anti-war song ever. Written by Eric Bogle, who, by coincidence also wrote 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda' about an Australian casualty of the Gallipoli landings. Linda gives a moving account of attending the Anzac day Parade on a recent trip. Joan Baez does a heartbreaking version of this song that had an entire concert hall in tears. You can find it on line and The Fureys', 'Green Fields of France', is also easily found via the magic of Google.

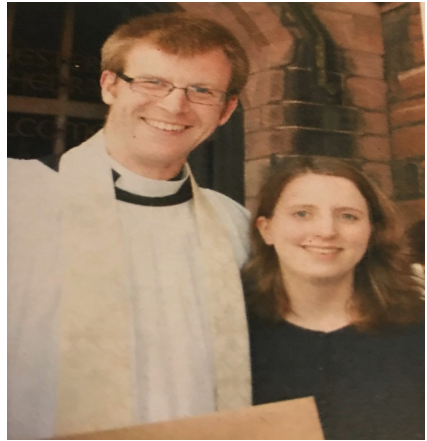
Enjoy.

The Editor

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## Richard writes...

I do hope that you were able to engage with our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend. It was fantastic and I am so incredibly thankful for all of you who worked so hard to make it such a success: “Thank you!” The focus of the past few months has been towards the past and celebrating the ministry and mission of St John’s these past 150 years. Now we begin to look forward, to look to the future and see where God wants us to be when we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> year!



At our Annual Meeting in April I began to outline a few areas of parish life that we will need to look at and pray about over the forthcoming months: ways we can nurture a culture of evangelism, opportunities to engage with young families, and how we can widen our worship.

**A culture of evangelism:** During Ascensiontide we prayed ‘*Thy Kingdom Come*’ and invited the Spirit of God to empower us for evangelism and for people to become Christians. What can we do to help those who live in our parish to come and know Jesus for themselves? Think for a moment about the annual cycle of parish life here at St John’s. Think about the groups that we run. Think about the events that take place. Is each group and/or event part of an intentional parish-wide strategy that seeks to fulfil a vision to encourage people to become Christians and enables them to grow in their faith?

**Engaging with families:** we have worked hard to ensure children and young families are catered for within our existing services. We’ve received lots of positive feedback which and has been encouraging! But the wider question remains: how can we provide entry points for children and young families to enter into parish life? Other than ministry to baptism families there are relatively few, if any, entry points and this suggests an area to focus upon, e.g. setting up Who Let the Dad’s Out, running a parenting course, or starting an after-school club. In addition to providing entry points I hope that come January 2019 we will be in a position to launch a weekly Café style service that is both informal and creative on a Sunday afternoon between 4-5pm.

There are so many opportunities! Which brings me to a significant issue: whilst we have a number of people who are really committed to ministry to children and families, the potential is far greater than our current capacity. It will be worth our exploring the possibility of recruiting a Children and Young Families worker who could oversee this aspect of parish life.

**Widening our worship:** In November we shall be reviewing the changes to the 10.30 service which shall feed into a wider discussion about the pattern of weekly services at St John's. We'll reflect on how can we make our worship more accessible for those who don't normally come to church, whether weekly Communion the best pattern for reaching new people, whether there are ways we can reshape our existing services (e.g. having an extended Peace so that the Liturgy of the Word concludes with the peace after which tea/ coffee is served and we then regather for Communion), and whether we could explore creating worship zones enabling us to run two styles of worship at the same time. These are a few of the questions we'll need to explore in due course.

I hope you will join the conversation and pray for our parish as we begin to re-envision for the future. These next few years are going to be exciting times as we see God working out his purposes in and through us!

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20, 21)

*Richard*



## *Behind the scenes at St Johns*

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 26 April. The meeting gave parishioners an opportunity to better understand how St John's is managing its affairs and to elect those members willing to serve to further God's work in Brooklands. On this occasion too, Richard gave an account of some of the things that he feels we need to prioritise ahead of the forthcoming Parish Vision day. These were: nurturing a culture of evangelism; prioritising the ministry to children and young families; and worship. Richard produced a paper setting out his thoughts which is available at the back of Church or from him and these are summarised in his letter this month.

Moving to the 'business' elements, a key change has been the appointment of new wardens. Phil Dykes has picked up the mantle of wardenship again and will be joined by Caroline Windle. They will be supported by a team of three Assistant Wardens, Angela and Simon Mather and Janet Hunter. The PCC was also elected but with a difference this year. In future elections will take place every three years and members will not normally be permitted more than two successive terms in the post. Sidespeople were also proposed and appointed as were various other offices. There is a full list on page 21. Please pray for those appointed that they may further the Lord's work in our church.



### **Ciao Isabel and Sue**

Isabel Bryce and Sue Withenshaw have been our Church Wardens for what seems like for ever. Probably to them it does seem like that. They served in the post at what has been one of the most difficult periods in the history of St John's. They did it with fortitude, grace, determination, commonsense and, at times, stubbornness. They also managed to keep a sense of humour and to find time to talk to people and never forgot the reason they were there. They will, modestly, point to the many others who assisted, but those of us who worked with them know that they were the driving force that kept us going and in such good shape. Every crew needs a Captain and in Sue and Isabel we had two brilliant lay leaders. This is not 'goodbye' but 'thank you'. They will both resume as Authorised Lay Ministers (Prayer and Spirituality) and we pray for them in the next stage of their journey with us.

## *From the Archive*

The 1968 magazine this month was quite businesslike in tone. It recorded the appointment of Wardens and Sidesmen at the Annual Meeting and that the expected curate, The Rev. D S Jones was to be ordained on Trinity Sunday. The magazine was though infused with a sense of anticipation about the opening of the hall and the centenary celebrations that were to be held on 16 June. In order not to keep readers waiting for news on how it went we skip ahead a month and summarise, from the July magazine, extracts from a report written by Mr F Newbold, that replaced the vicar's usual letter.

It was reported that Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June was bright and sunny. The church had been cleaned by a firm of industrial cleaners that must have brought it back to how it would have looked in 1868. The interior was enhanced by what were described as 'tasteful and decorative flower arrangements'. The service was preceded by a procession which included the Lord Bishop of Manchester and the choir augmented by both additional voices and instruments. The service included the Bishop opening up the door to the new hall. Mr Newbold describes as follows; 'To the singing of the "Old Hundreth" the clergy and wardens conducted the Bishop along the central aisle to the west door which if it were animate would surely be wondering what was happening to disturb its many long years rest. The Bishop unlocked the great doors and they were opened to reveal the new hall, bright and inviting.'

He went on to describe the sermon thus; 'For his sermon the Bishop took the text from the first verse of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Psalm - "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord". Many of us would have the same affection for the old building as the psalmist. The church symbolised something beyond us and yet within us. Unfortunately, churchgoing was no longer fashionable and there were too many ready to amend the words to 'I was sorry when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord'. St Joh's now a very big parish with great responsibilities in the neighbourhood and it was good that were celebrating the centenary not only in words, but also in deeds.' The service was followed by the congregation enjoying refreshments in the hall.

Evensong was taken by the Bishop of Hulme. He spoke of how the church was not a place of retreat or fortress but a base from which to take the Christian message to the world outside.

The report concluded with the following: ‘Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1968 then, a day eagerly anticipated, now a day to remember. A day to reflect upon with thanksgiving for the thousands of churchpeople who have preceded us down the years and who have passed onto us the fine heritage that is ours today. A day from which to look forward and to pray that the task to which we have set our hands and brought to fruition this centenary time, will be no less a blessing to the generations yet to come.’



## **St John’s Organ: Happy 70th Birthday**

Extract from the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1945 edition of the Hartlepool Northern Daily Mail:

*“We must be modern and if the public demand the displacement of Bach for boogie-woogie we must oblige” said a member of Stretford Council yesterday, when it was decided to transform the Public Hall to a Palais de Dansa. The grand concert organ has been sold to St John’s Church Brooklands.*

The original organ in St John’s was destroyed in a devastating fire which happened on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1945. The cause of the fire was never fully established but a considered opinion was that it was caused by an electrical short circuit in the organ.

St John’s paid Stretford Town Council £1,200 for their organ. However, dismantling and rebuilding costs, of £2,032 had to be paid for and the total cost of replacing the organ amounted to £3,232. It is worth noting the purchasing power of £3,232 in 2017 (latest year comparative figures are available) is £132,600.

The rebuilding of St John’s following the fire took some considerable time and the organ was finally dedicated by the Bishop of Hulme on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1948.

**Mike Lawrence**

# Book Review: Come, Holy Spirit!

Recently I purchased a book on the Holy Spirit and since we are fast approaching Pentecost is seemed fitting to provide a short review of *The Holy Spirit*. The authors are two favourites of mine: Stanley Hauerwas, who teaches at Duke Divinity School, and William H. Willimon, a retired bishop of the United Methodist Church who also teaches at the Divinity School at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

## Trinity

The chapter on the Trinity begins with a startling and bold claim: ‘*When we talk about the Holy Spirit, we are talking about God.*’ Not only are we saying ‘*God*’ we are in fact saying ‘*Trinity*’. This provides a useful reminder that the Christian faith is Trinitarian. Christians do not believe in a generic God but a God who has revealed himself to be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Why has the Holy Spirit been side lined? One reason may be that Augustine (354-430) over emphasised the unity of the Godhead, yet the significance of the Trinity is being restored, partly due to the work of Karl Barth (1886-1976). Both the authors are avid fans of Barth so I was surprised that it took them *five pages* before his name appeared! Hauerwas and Willimon look at the Holy Spirit in Scripture and explore the close relationship between Jesus and the Spirit. Discussions range from the *filioque* to the nature of prayer before developing a fascinating observation through the Spirit indwelling us, ‘*we are made participants in the life of the Trinity.*’ Wow!

## Pentecost

Turning to address the Spirit’s relationship with the church we’re greeted with a typically tongue-in-cheek comment: ‘Pentecost. High drama - *at a church meeting!*’ Hauerwas and Willimon hold the church in high regard. Alluding to the Spirit coming upon Jesus at his baptism they say: ‘the Spirit continues to rest on Jesus’s body, only now that body turns out to be the church.’ The church is important, but not for its own sake. ‘The church...has as its task - in word and deed - to point to Jesus.’ There is so much in this chapter, but one particular sentence stood out for me: ‘The church is not our creation, but rather through the Holy Spirit the church is God’s new creation, birthed by the Spirit at Pentecost, God’s gift for the world’s salvation.’ The church is God’s gift to the world! Is this how we view the church?

## Holiness

How are Christians to live? Hauerwas and Willimon note how ‘holiness is not a popular way to understand what it means to be a Christian.’ Building upon John Wesley (Willimon is a Methodist after all) they write: ‘to be made holy by the work of the Holy Spirit is to be made part of a community of truth that makes friendship possible in a world of violence and lies.’ This helps us to understand that the various lists of sins found in the New Testament are not ‘old fashioned’ or ‘out-dated,’ they indicate the types of behaviours ‘that destroy community by making it difficult for people to trust one another’ and such mistrust destroys friendship. The role of the Spirit in Christian ethics is there in the name, *Holy Spirit!* The Holy Spirit works to make us holy too.



## Last Things

The final chapter explores what it means to live in the light of eternity. 'We are created for the glory of God, which is enacted now in our worship of God.' As we gather and retell God's story we are equipped to go and tell others of the hope we have: *'Our last, best hope in death is the same hope that we bear in life: that the God who has so relentlessly pursued us, who saves us in Christ's work for us, who draws us into the fellowship of his cross and resurrection, will continue to pursue us save us, draw us near even in our deaths.'* Knowing that death is not the end we are to live anticipating the world to come. The church is invited to explore what it means 'to see itself as God's peculiar answer to what is wrong with the world'. Asking 'is church possible?' they respond: 'only for those who are bold to pray, "Come, Holy Spirit!"'

I really enjoyed reading this book and for those who are looking for a short primer about who the Holy Spirit is and what he does then this is a good place to start.

*Richard*



## Parish Register: Christenings

- 1 April      Ojuingo Utonwa Ubochi, daughter of Nwabugo and Veronica
- 6 May        Samuel Edward Clayton, son of James and Tara  
                Fleur Ava Norris, daughter of Daniel and Tessa



# *Prayer and Praise*

**Lest We Forget: Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915**

**Linda McCaw writes**

More than 11,000 troops from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps travelled the 10,000 miles to join the allied expedition to Gallipoli. The purpose of the venture was to take Constantinople (now Istanbul) so that the allied forces could attack the Ottoman Empire from the Black Sea. The Ottomans were allies with Germany so it was imperative that the expedition was a success. Alas, sadly it was a fruitless exercise as after eight months 56,000 troops had lost their lives for nothing.

Each year all the States of Australia and New Zealand mark this date as a public holiday and dawn services are held throughout the two countries with parades of all the armed forces marching past the shrines or cenotaphs. In the cities they take about three hours to pass through.

As I was visiting my nephew in Melbourne we decided to get up at 5.00 am to attend the service at the shrine. Together with around 35,000 others we watched on big screens the footage of some of the horrors that took place. We also listened to various speakers from different military organisations as well as personal stories from relatives and friends who had lost loved ones and about the sacrifices made.

It was very emotional to say the least. We sang 'Abide With Me' and the 'Last Post' was played. whilst in silence my thoughts went out to the men and women who travelled to the other side of the world to assist in what they thought would be a successful operation; but sadly it was all for nothing. A sprig of rosemary and a poppy is worn for their sacrifice and memory. A truly emotional



## Diary of a Momentous Year: June 1918

An interesting piece from the archives of the *Church Times* a few weeks ago vividly illustrates the way the war on the western front changed in 1918. For years the Church Army, like the Salvation Army, had run what they called ‘huts’, close behind the trenches, where soldiers could find on their free time a meal and hot drinks, comfortable seats and company, offering emotional and spiritual support.

These ‘huts’ were very popular with the troops, and for years most of them remained in place, indicating how static the whole conflict was. But in one month, April 1918, the Church Army lost 57 of them, as German advances overtook their positions. In most cases the land was recaptured, but the huts needed rebuilding. The war had changed. It was no longer a static battle of soldiers with rifles and bayonets charging batteries of machine guns, but an increasingly fluid conflict involving tanks and aircraft.

Although at first the Allied generals were slow to recognise it, the new style of war suited them best. Over the years they had built a formidable war machine, involving thousands of tanks and tens of thousands of aircraft, with tactics to match. Not only that, but the arrival of the Americans in large numbers, added to the vast number of troops from the Empire (now the Commonwealth) meant that casualties could be replaced in the Allied ranks. The Germans and their Austro-Hungarian allies had no such source of fresh manpower, turning instead to younger and older men to fill the depleted ranks.

The German generals were aware of the situation, and desperate to make inroads before it was too late, in the hope of achieving a relatively ‘neutral’ peace agreement in due course. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the German General Ludendorff launched a major offensive in Flanders. Like so many, it gained several miles, but cost many lives and eventually petered out.

There would be several more such attempts, some of which threatened to succeed, but in fact the eventual outcome was becoming clear. The German people were disillusioned with the Kaiser. Their troops were exhausted. The civilian population were restless. There would be, as we shall see, battles to come, but there would barely be time to rebuild those huts.

Canon David Winter



## *From Around St John's*



**Sharon Marlow writes:** Hello everyone. Our meeting in April was an entertaining afternoon of storytelling. Here is one we were told.

A pair of Buddhist monks were walking beside a river, when they came across a distraught woman. She needed to get to the other side to her children but was unable to cross, so the elder monk carried her across the water. The woman was very grateful, “You’ve saved my life and that of my children”, she says. The monk then went back across the river, and the pair continued their journey. For the next half an hour the younger monk remonstrates the older one for his deed, as its against their principles to interfere in such things. The older says, “ I put her down half an hour ago, you are still carrying her”.

Unfortunately I can't report on May's meeting, as our vicar was recovering from surgery and what happened at May's meeting will be reported later. June's speaker is the Rev Canon John Sutton, he's been previously and is most enjoyable. Do come if you can all are welcome.

### **Saint Medard**

Medard was born at Salency ( Picardy ) the son of a noble family. He was ordained a priest in 505, and ultimately became bishop of Vermandois. Whilst bishop he gave the veil to Radegund. Legend has it he moved the Bishopric to a different city, Noyen, this is disputed in some quarters.

His cult grew up in the sixth century, and legend has it the weather, for forty days following his feast, is dependent on that of his feast day.

Another legend regarding him is a custom, whereby the most exemplary girl in the neighbourhood is escorted to church. She is then adorned with flowers and given a purse of money.

Medard is invoked against toothache.

Feast day 8 June

## Mary Webster writes

Oh boy, did we have a treat at our last meeting! Ed Peirson came to talk to us about bees, that's interesting I hear you say. Well you were right on the button.

All I can say is we sat and listened intently while Ed told us how his grandmother introduced him to bees as a young boy and from the way he spoke you could tell it had become an all-consuming passion. So much so that he gave up his teaching career to become a full-time bee keeper.

We were amazed at how little we knew about bees but after his excellent presentation I'm sure none of us will ever look at a bee again the same way. They are fascinating creatures and the hierarchy and how the bees protect their queen and hive is truly remarkable.

His business, Mayflower Apiaries sells their products at Farmers Markets as well as the Christmas Markets in Manchester and how do we know this? Well we had to ask as this lovely gentleman was trying to ensure we had an interesting and enjoyable evening and not trying to sell his wares. Truly remarkable, thank you Ed. I could go on and on but as a night school teacher of mine, who knew me better than I know myself, once said "Mary, you overthink and overdo things so quit while you're ahead". Great advice, which is why deleted the nearly two pages I'd already written and wrote this instead. (I'd have deleted the extra two pages! Ed) She must have made an impression on me as it is at least 25 years since she taught me.

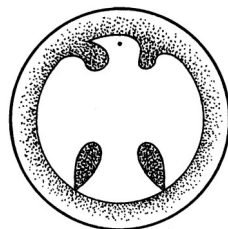
On 12 June we have our annual Women's Fellowship outing which this year takes us to Liverpool and at our meeting on 27 June Sophie Meadows will come to talk to us about 'Hearing Dogs'.

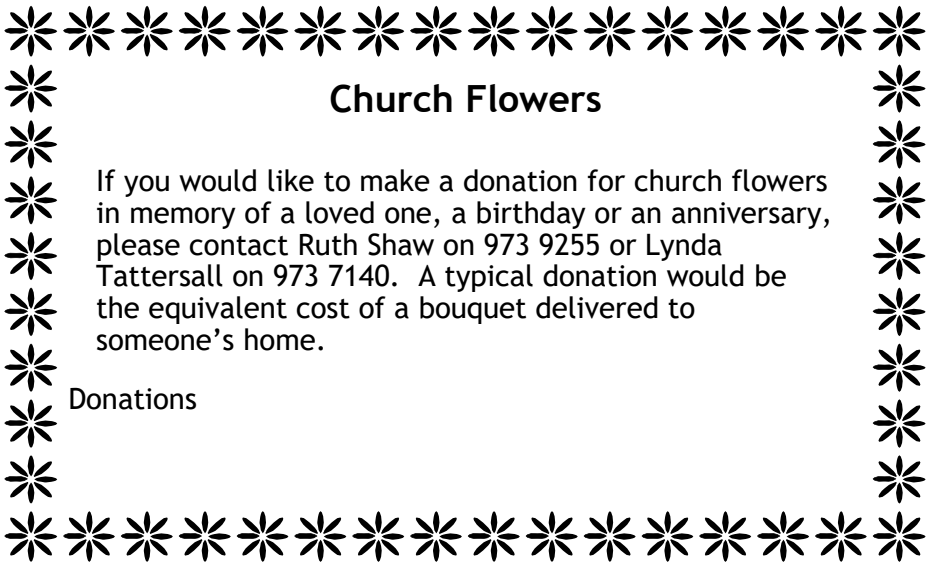
### Sanctuary Guild - June

*Volunteers in the Sanctuary Guild take turns to clean the brasses in church, such as the altar cross, candlesticks, offertory plates and lecterns.*

1st June Mrs J Chandler and Mrs Z Spark

15th June Mrs S Marlow and Miss L McCaw





## Church Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for church flowers in memory of a loved one, a birthday or an anniversary, please contact Ruth Shaw on 973 9255 or Lynda Tattersall on 973 7140. A typical donation would be the equivalent cost of a bouquet delivered to someone's home.

Donations

## Beautiful Days *(Hebrews 13:5)*

Lord, it's a beautiful day  
sun shining,  
birds singing,  
blossom and flowers at their  
best.  
I'm thankful,  
but so, so lonely,  
so, so sad.  
Summer doesn't fill the gap,  
it widens it.  
Smiles and shorts and sun-cream,  
the holiday plans of others  
magnify my loss.

Lord help me, please.  
Restore my strength,  
hold me close and safe  
in the reality of your presence -  
which my loved one also shares!  
He is with you,  
you are with me,  
and so we are connected  
by love-links which cannot be  
broken.  
We still share the beautiful days  
you give,  
just differently.  
Thank you, Lord.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## *Upcoming Events*

St John The Divine, Brooklands

# Summer Fair



## Sat 30 June 2018

### Time: 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Entertainment   Raffle   Tombola   Beer Tent  
Face painting   BBQ   Cakes   Bouncy castle  
Afternoon Teas   Childrens Stalls   Plate Smashing  
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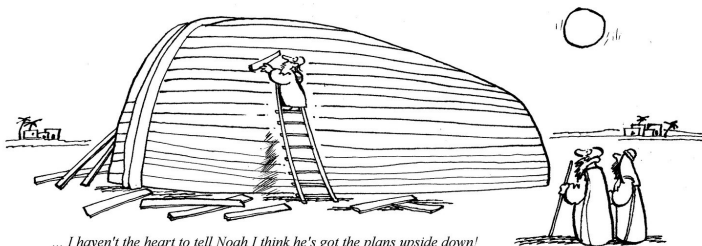
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## Lay-person's Ten Commandments

1. Prayer is not a 'spare wheel' that you pull out when you're in trouble, but it's a 'steering wheel' that directs us along the right path throughout the journey.
  2. Why is a car's windscreen so large and the rear-view mirror so small? It's because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on.
  3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
  4. All things in life are temporary. If life is going well, enjoy it - the good times won't last for ever. If it's going wrong, don't worry - the bad times can't last long either.
  5. Old friends are like gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold. Because to hold a diamond you need a base of gold.
  6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, 'Relax friend, it's just a bend, not the end'.
  7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities: when God doesn't solve your problems, he has faith in your abilities.
  8. A blind person asked St Antony: 'Can there be anything worse than losing your sight?'. He replied: 'Yes, it's losing your vision'.
  9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them. Sometimes when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
  10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.
- As discovered by Pam Tallis on her travels.



*... I haven't the heart to tell Noah I think he's got the plans upside down!*

## ***And in case you thought there were no funnies...***

### **Be with you**

The vicar at a local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: 'There's something wrong with this microphone.'

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: 'And also with you.'

### **Too late**

First friend: 'It took me forty years to discover I had not the gifts for Holy Orders.'

Second friend: 'Goodness, whatever did you do when you found out?'

First friend: 'It was too late to do anything. By then I was a bishop!'

### **Stick**

Advice to young clergy on preaching: 'Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.'

### **Bishops' comments on curates**

*If you've ever been exasperated with a priest, spare a thought for bishops, who have to work with hundreds of them. Here are some assessments of clergy, made by bishops whose patience was perhaps wearing thin....*

'Mr Smith believes his last parish made him a scapegoat, as did his three previous parishes.'

'Mr Brown would be out of his depth in a church car park puddle.'

'Miss Green has delusions of adequacy.'

'Mr White, having reached rock bottom, has started to dig.'

'His last parish would follow him anywhere - if only out of morbid curiosity.'

### **Blessing**

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and asked her to say the blessing. 'I don't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you hear Mummy say,' the wife answered.

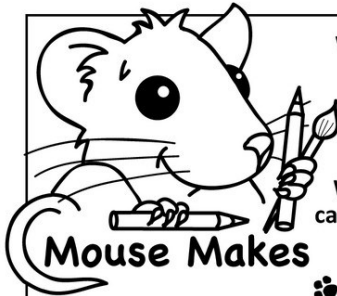
The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

### **Quiet**

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, 'and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'





Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

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Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

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Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

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Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?

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Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

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Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

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Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000  
*Matthew 14:15-21*
2. The coin in the fish's mouth  
*Matthew 17:24-27*
3. When Jesus called His first disciples  
*Luke 5:4-11*
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection  
*John 21:4-11*



Which animal goes with which bible character?

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| LAMB     | HOLY SPIRIT |
| LIONS    | BALAAM      |
| LOCUSTS  | JESUS       |
| DOVE     | JONAH       |
| RAVENS   | PAUL        |
| BIG FISH | SOLOMON     |
| DONKEY   | DANIEL      |
| BEES     | ELIJAH      |
| SNAKE    | JOHN        |
| PEACOCK  | SAMSON      |

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**, the **LOCUST** and the **LIZARD**.  
Look up **Proverbs 30:24-28** to find out why.



D O G C A M E L A M B G A  
P L I Z A R D O V E Q N N  
F Q P E A C O C K G O A T  
I U R A V E N U S X D T F  
S A B U L L K S H E E P R  
H I S N A K E T E O E I O  
L I O N H Y R A X R G G

Find the animals in the word search

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<b>Churchwarden:</b>	Philip Dykes* (Vice Chair)
<b>Deanery representative:</b>	Carys Pugh
<b>Reader representative:</b>	David Newton

### **Elected Members**

Isabel Bryce  
Sue Withenshaw  
Angela Mather (Assistant Warden)  
Ros Morris  
Anthony Marlow  
Janet Hunter\* (Assistant Warden)  
Adele Lane\* (Treasurer)  
Mike Lawrence (Electoral Roll Officer)  
Susan Wildman\* (PCC Secretary)

### **Co-opted Members**

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Philomena Harrison

\* *Standing Committee members*

## **KEY DATES**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7.45pm	PCC - Tonight
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June @ 11.30 Congregation Discussion Forum	Children & Communion -
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm	Wardens and Sidespeople Meeting
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 7.30pm	Café Church planning meeting
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September @ 9.00	Parish Vision Day
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September @ 11.30	Welcome BBQ
November	Worship Review



## Parish Diary June 2018

- 3<sup>rd</sup>     *Trinity 1 (Proper 4)*  
          8.30 Holy Communion  
          10.30 Parish Eucharist  
          12.30 Holy Baptism  
          5.30 Evensong
- 6<sup>th</sup>            10.00 Holy Communion  
              2.00 Crafty Chat
- 10<sup>th</sup>     *Trinity 2 (Proper 5)*  
          8.30 Holy Communion  
          9.15 Breakfast Welcome  
          10.30 All Age Communion  
          5.30 Evensong
- 13<sup>th</sup>            10.00 Holy Communion  
              2.30 Mothers' Union
- 17<sup>th</sup>     *Trinity 3 (Proper 6)*  
          8.30 Holy Communion  
          10.30 Parish Eucharist  
          5.30 Evensong
- 20<sup>th</sup>            10.00 Holy Communion  
              2.00 Crafty Chat
- 24<sup>th</sup>     *Trinity 4 (Proper 7)*  
          8.30 Holy Communion  
          10.30 Parish Eucharist  
          5.30 Evensong
- 27<sup>th</sup>            10.00 Holy Communion  
              8.00 Women's Fellowship
- 30<sup>th</sup>            2.00 Garden Party

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Family Communion (Second Sunday of the Month All-Age Worship)
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

Holy Communion is celebrated on Holy Days and Saints Days as announced.

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