ST JOHN THE DIVINE BROOKLANDS · SALE



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From the Editor

September is a glorious month. The last shreds of sun and warmth before the leaves start to turn. It heralds the start of a new school year with all the excitement that brings. Within our church it is also a busy month as you will see from the 'what's on' section. And of course the magazine is back.

The build up to the Armistice Day commemorations has started nationally and there are several features this month relating to the period. One is some great news about an addition to our congregation. There is also a piece about a prayer initiative and our archive section from 1918 refers to some of the privations of wartime. The breakthrough battle in the war was at Amiens and the BBC televised a commemorative service 'The Road to Armistice: Amiens Remembered'. It is still available to view although only for a few days. Recommended.

Pam Tallis steps in for Mary in the Women's Fellowship spot and we have all our usual items. An occasional 'St John's elsewhere...' feature takes us to the USA. Sue Newton has kindly contributed into the Prayer and Praise slot. There is a report on the Garden Party by Carys and the final total from the Christian Aid collection, that the Editor omitted in July. (Sorry Jill.).

What many of you will want to see though is on page 11. The answers to the July quiz. And the winners.

The deadline for the next edition is 16th September and contributions are welcomed.

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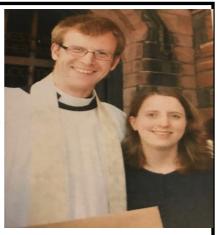


...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...

Richard writes...

Recently I have been reflecting on my first year here at St John's. It has been wonderful to start getting to know you and we have been made to feel so welcome as a family and I do hope that you are able to come along to our BBQ at the vicarage on 9th September at 12pm!

During this first year my main priority has been to nurture ministry



to children and young families and to try and find ways of helping us worship together as God's family, both old and young alike. This was a strategic decision; however, I am mindful that with all this talk about children and young families there is the danger that some of our older members of our parish may feel a little neglected. If this is you then I sincerely apologise, and I want to reassure you that I am passionate about the pastoral care of older people. Last year the PCC agreed that the two main priorities of our parish were both pastoral care of older people and ministry to children and families. One of the highlights during my curacy was being able to visit the older members of our congregations and listen to their stories and it is something I love doing so if you would like me to pop around please do invite me! I like tea and coffee, and I love cake!!

Over the next year or so we shall be seeking to reflect on our parish's ministry to older people. One way for us to do this is for you to consider what part you could play in such a ministry. Perhaps you could provide lifts to church. Maybe you could become a parish visitor. Could God be calling you to start a weekly coffee morning or possibly a monthly meeting for the recently bereaved? Pastoral care isn't something that just the vicar does, it is something that we all have a part to play. We need to care for each other. As God's family it is the responsibility of everyone to look after each other.

During the summer we looked at Paul's letter to the Ephesians and we were reminded that every church member is a minister who is tasked with building up the body of Christ (cf. Eph. 4:11-12). May I then encourage you to consider what new initiatives we could start as a parish that would encourage the older members of our parish?

Finally, as you may recall we have joined in with other churches in Sale to help launch and support a CAP Debt Advice Centre. In September we're recruiting a Centre Manager and launch the service in December. This is such an exciting initiative with a massive potential to transform the lives of the many people who live in our parish and who are struggling with debt. Please do pray that this position is filled and the appointment process runs smoothly so that this this service can begin to help change people's lives.

Just before I sign off please can I remind you that our Parish Vision Day is taking place on September 15th in the church hall and *everyone* is invited! So please do come along as we consider where God will be taking us over the next ten years.





Remembrance 100

On 4 August 2018 churches across the country, across the spectrum of denominations, started 100 days of prayer for peace and reconciliation. This has been called Remembrance 100. HOPE (www.hopetogether.org.uk) is coordinating this season of prayers for peace. Church leaders, Christian charities and ministries from Britain and the Commonwealth have written



prayers to be used by churches and schools in villages, towns and cities across the UK over the 100 days. It's not too late to join in.

To give an example, the reading, reflection and prayer for 11th August is given below.

My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13 (NIV)

LIVING FOR OTHERS

In 1918, this quote from John's Gospel began appearing upon war memorials across Europe, commemorating those who had died. Many had indeed given their lives in battle in the hope that others might be saved. A century on, these are verses to be reclaimed in the hope that we might be able to live out Jesus' words in peace, rather than war. That instead of dying in battle for others, we might live our lives in service that emulates Christ's life. Our call is to live a life of love, loving one another as Jesus first loved us and walking in the way of justice and of peace.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love one another as you first loved us. Fill us today with your Father's love, so that our lives might be lived serving others. We pray this too for those who lead our nations, that peace and love might prevail over conflict and military action. Amen

This reflection and prayer was contributed by Rev Liz Clutterbuck, a curate at Christ Church Highbury, north London. Liz is also part of the Matryoshka Haus missional community.



From the Archive

Some interesting items appeared in the 1918 magazine. One reminds us what life was like before the NHS with the news that the local community in Sale was joining together to fund a District Nurse and that she would be available to support those in Baguley and Brooklands. The sum of £150 p.a. was reported as being needed to fund this venture and collections were being undertaken.

It was announced that Evening services would be held in the church hut due to problems of coal and gas rationing. There was obviously some negativity from some worshippers to this but as the Rev C Bethel Jones pointed out, "it is our duty to sink our individual desires for the good of all. We may also remind ourselves that there are many amongst our men at the Front and in our Colonies who would be only too glad to have such a building to meet in for joint worship." Quite!

Finally, some magazine subscriptions of three shillings a year were overdue and to be paid to the Apparitor. The Editor is unsure what an Apparitor is or was but if we ever have one again volunteers for the post.

Moving to 1968, the Vicar's letter was written by the Curate Sebastian Jones as Rev Buckley was on holiday. He had been in post only two months and reported that on being asked how he was enjoying it, "(T)here is only one polite answer, Very much, thank you". How British. He also reported the "occasional stab of depression at the thought of a lifetime with a piece of white celluloid round the neck". Possibly not the ideal thing for a new Curate to write but he did go on to say that his conviction that being ordained was the right thing had increased.

A coach trip to the Lake District was being organised to include a steamer trip on Lake Windemere. Cost was 17/6 in old money. 87p now.



There But Not There

Ghostly figures of First World War soldiers or 'Tommies', have sprung up all over the UK as part of a new fundraising campaign led by former Chief of the General Staff, General The Lord Dannatt and supported by Birdsong novelist, Sebastian Faulks.

Hoping to raise in excess of £15 million for armed forces and mental health charities, including WalkingWith The Wounded, the six foot high Tommies are part of a nationwide art installation called 'There But Not There'. The campaign marks 100 years since the end of the First World War and aims to commemorate all those who lost their lives.

Tommy installations have appeared in sentry boxes usually manned by Yeoman Warders at the Tower of London, on Giants Causeway in Northern Ireland, at Big Pit National Coal Museum in Blaenavon, South Wales and at Heart of Midlothian Football Club in Edinburgh.

The Tommies will be touring the country until Armistice Day and members of the public are being encouraged to buy their own 10 inch versions to remember their own relatives. The money raised from the sale of these commemorative figures, which are made by military veterans, will be distributed evenly between The Royal Foundation: HeadsTogether, Walking With The Wounded, Commonwealth War Graves Foundation and Project Equinox: Housing Veterans.

Alongside the touring Tommies, local community groups, such as schools, businesses, places of worship and village halls will be given the opportunity to host their own 'silhouette installations'. The silhouettes, different in shape to the standing Tommy, are designed to fit into seated spaces and were inspired by an art installation by Martin Barraud at Penshurst Church in Kent in 2016. The installation at Penshurst Church included 51 silhouettes, one for each name on the local Penshurst war memorial.

Following a successful bid for funding to the Armed Forces Covenant Fund, St Johns has acquired two of these 'Tommies'. Congratulations to Susan Wildman and Richard for this.



St John's elsewhere...

St John's Episcopal Church in Bellafonte Pennsylvania is an Anglo-Catholic parish that has some similarities with us. The Parish Profile it published includes similar words to our own: welcoming; a dedicated congregation not afraid of hard work; and strength in tradition but ready to embrace the modern world. The church offers a range of services with a more formal traditional one early morning but a more contemporary one later in the day on most weeks. The traditional language used they say is almost Shakespearean but is, I think, very similar to our BCP.

The Church has a strong outreach programme that it is seeking to develop. It works with families and young people and actively wants to reach out to those in its area who are in need. It also supports an active mens' group.

Bellefonte itself is reported as "bustling with a year-round schedule of downtown festivals and activities. In a day and age when fewer people seem to know their neighbors, Bellefonte remains a town where community fun and fellowship remain important to everyday life". It has the benefit of being close to the world class Penn State University which provides it with an everchanging congregation of staff and students. It also has ski trails in the winter and plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities.

We sometimes think of the US as being 'new' but Bellefonte has "more than 300 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places". The wealth of the town was originally based on iron ore, long since worked out, but providing the funding for the town's impressive architecture.

They are blessed with greater financial security than we have and this does sound an ideal place for a Priest to work both as a location and a congregation but they report that they have a challenge in getting somebody to go to a small town. Currently they have an interim priest although also have a full time Deacon. We pray that they will find the right person soon.



GARDEN PARTY - 150th CELEBRATION

We had a brilliant Garden Party with fantastic weather so lots of people came and relaxed and enjoyed the atmosphere. The Band and Choir from Brooklands Primary were excellent as ever with their wide choice of music to entertain the crowds. Steve Pugh did some DJ in between with a wide selection of Music.

A big thank you to all stall holders for their time and to all the 'behind the scene' teams, we really appreciate all your efforts. To all who also gave his or her time, supplied gifts for the various stalls and skills in making such a fabulous array of produce and all the cakes. We have a lot of talent at St John's. Thank you to everyone who came to help set up in the morning and Clear away after the Garden Party. We need you again next year!

The Committee (Carys, Angela, Rosemary, Janet, & Caroline)

Guess the Weight of the Cake

Thanks to Kath Sherwood for her beautiful '150th Celebration' fruit cake. The winner was Phil Dykes at 7 lb 12 oz.

Raffle Prize winners

Hamper - Sofie (Choir); Cointreau - Meetian; Llewellyn B Tea set - Ellie Frost; Gin - Jackie Drysdale; Rum - Mary Warburton; Tumblers - Mr Coffey; Rose wine - Barry Jackson; Ted Baker Toiletries - Celia; Box of biscuits - Adele; Bubble Bath - Joan Chorlton; Outdoor candles - Mr Jones; Plant - Bryn Thomas; Coffee & cake for 2 - Adele; Chocolates - Judy Griffiths; Dove Toiletries - Geoff Jones.

WINTER FAIR - date for your diary - SAT 17 NOV



Prayer and Praise

As a Christian, I think about forgiveness and it's implications, especially if we find it a struggle to forgive someone who has hurt us. The incident that may have happened- even years ago, if it is recalled, can send messages of anger, despair and sometimes effect our wellbeing.

It does seem such a tall order when Jesus emphatically tells us to pray for our enemies. How can He possibly expect me (us) to do such a thing when 'that' person destroyed my life, or whatever the sad incident was. There is one very famous preacher who suggested to God, that "yes Lord, I can forgive, but please could I give 'em a clout first"? That idea has such a tempting appeal that one cannot resist mulling it over (and over).

However, it is a humbling thought when we admit for the most part, we indeed find it so difficult to fulfill Our Lord's teaching on forgiveness. It is far from being a flippant requirement He asks of us. He knows, when we ask Him to help us to forgive, the Grace will be provided to guide us. We are never alone in our struggles. The still small voice is prompting us do do the right thing. To forgive someone who's fault it was initially in the incident, and my (us) humbling myself, (ourselves) definitely with the help of God's Grace, saying 'sorry' first, is a beautiful and blessed thing to do. The inner freedom and refreshment is the blessing. And the possibility of renewed friendship is enriching.

Sue Newton

St Deinol [Daniel] d. c584

Deinol was a monk and Bishop, reputedly descended from Coel Godebog, a Celtic Chieftain of Northern Britain. He founded two monasteries: Bangor Fawr, on the Menai Straits; and Bangor Iscord. According to the Bede, Bangor had 2000 monks' at one stage.

Deinol is said to have been the first Bishop of Bangor. There are churches dedicated to him in Flintshire, including Hawarden, home of Gladstone's Library, formerly called St Deinol's.

Deinol is aid to be one of the Bishops who persuaded St David to attend the Synod of Brefi [c.545]. Feast day 11 September

Sharon Marlow

ANSWERS TO: Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his Johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend <u>judges</u> the <u>job</u> of solving this puzzle so involving that she <u>brews</u> a cup of tea to help her nerves. <u>There</u> will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a <u>jam</u>, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. <u>Truthfully from answers</u> we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our <u>genes is</u> responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta <u>Phil-</u><u>Lemonade</u> booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great Lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A Chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

Congratulations to Linda McCaw, Angela Muirhead and Mavis Kinghorn who sent in correct answers. A prize on the way to them. Honourable mention to Eddie Plant who admitted he had help and also took a lot longer. He did though provide a 'thought for the day'.

The greatest story compilation of all time consists of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament. Out of the 27 in the New Testament: 4 Gospels tell the life of Jesus; 21 letters explain the meaning of Jesus for our lives; one history about the church; and one is of prophecy. ALL 27 of these books deal with Jesus as alive; *risen from the dead*; and as the central, living reality in our world today, he himself being God and man.

From Around St John's



Many Greetings to all. I hope you're enjoyed the summer.

Our meeting in June, saw us entertained by Rev. Canon John Sutton. We had a lively discussion on the format of the Lords' prayer and holy communion, among other things.

When we take part in a communion service, we are recalling the

very first communion,

at the last supper. Jesus' comment," Do this as often as you meet in remembrance of me", means remembering that occasion, and that it isn't necessary to have it every Sunday.

Our July meeting was our annual lunch, we went to the Belmore, in Norris Road.

In September we will be having a bring and tell session. Everyone brings an item of food or drink mentioned in the Bible and reads out the relevant passage. We then auction off the items.



Sanctuary Guild - September

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

14th Mrs J Chandler and Mrs Z Spark 28th Mrs S Marlow and Miss L McCaw

Pamela Tallis writes

I wonder if you have ever come across a person with a 'HEARING DOG'. I don't think I have! Though we all recognise "Guide Dogs for the Blind".

Well, at Women's Fellowship in June we enjoyed a wonderful talk and presentation given by two lovely and very interesting ladies, Pat and Helen-both of whom relied upon a 'HEARING DOG' which they brought with them.

The main presenter had been deaf from birth but had managed to learn to speak. With the help of a 'power point' presentation, she told us about the work and training of the dogs. Her friend and colleague, who became deaf at seventeen, then gave us a demonstration of how her dog responded to sounds which her owner could not hear... such as the door bell ringing, a smoke alarm or the morning alarm clock. The dogs notify their owners with a tap of the paw or nose-or lie down in front of them.

We received a lovely 'Thank You' card from Pat and Helen and I have reproduced their message below.

"Dear Chris & the ladies,

Helen & I would like to thank you personally for your warm welcome before and after our talk on 27th June of this year.

Although we were nervous (1st time) we did enjoy the evening and I think our dogs did too!

So, many thanks for your generous donations, it will help many more deaf people to receive their dogs and transform their lives as it did for us.

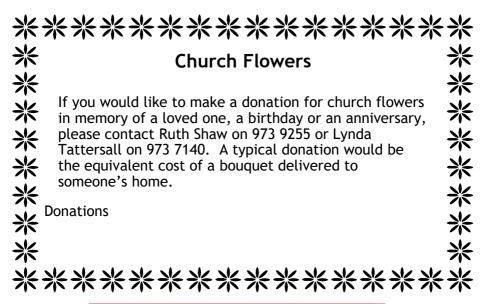
A Big thank you! Pat and Helen"

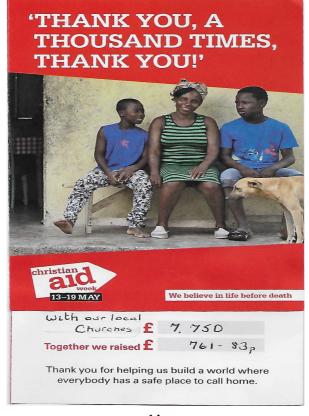
We had our Summer Supper on 25 July when 30 of us attended. The meal was at the restaurant at Sale Water Park and we had very tasty food with good friends.

The summer meeting was on 15 August when we will, no doubt, have had a chance to enjoy a cup of tea, quiz and possibly a lot of conversation.

Our Women's Fellowship Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 26 September beginning at 8pm sharp to be followed, and enjoyed, by some cheese and wine.

Should any ladies be contemplating joining us but are not sure, please don't hesitate to ring Mary Webster who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Her contact details are in this Magazine.





Upcoming Events

Harvest Barn Dance

Saturday 13 October

7.30 pm - 11:00 pm

Cost: £10.00 including Supper

Bring own drinks.



150th Celebration beer will be available to buy. This will be the last batch, don't miss out.

Tickets from Carys available from 15 September Tel: 0161 973 5111

WINTER FAIR

Saturday 17 November

11:00 am - 2:00 pm



KEY DATES

Saturday 15th September @ 9.00 Parish Vision Day Sunday 9th September @ 11.30 Welcome BBQ

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

Some musings on daily life

I don't do drugs or alcohol, because I find I get the same effect just standing up really fast.

Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

I don't approve of political jokes...I've seen too many of them get elected.

I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

I married my wife for her looks...but not the ones she's been giving me lately!

The next time you feel like complainingremember: Your rubbish bin probably has better food in it than 30 percent of the people in this world.

The hot heckler

Tony Benn (remember him Ed.), who used a hearing aid, recalled a meeting in a church hall on a terribly hot day. 'There was a heckler who kept interrupting. Eventually I tackled him and said: "If you want a separate meeting of your own, fine, go away and have it. Stop trying to wreck ours." When he intervened a fourth time, I caught what he was actually saying, which was "Could somebody please open a window?"'

Call anytime

A minister assured his congregation that they should feel free to call him anytime they had a problem. That night the minister's phone rang at 3 a.m. On the other end was a dear elderly lady who said, 'I can't sleep.'

'I'm so sorry to hear that,' he comforted her. 'But what can I do about it?'

She sweetly replied, 'Preach to me a while, pastor.'



Welcome BBQ 9th September 12 noon

Come and join us for a BBQ @ the Vicarage!

This is a great opportunity to catch up after summer.

If you are new to St John's or still feel new we look forward to getting to know you better.



We'll provide the sausages and vegetarian alternatives.

Please could you bring either a salad or dessert along with you to share.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the church throughout August.

Back to School

Six weeks of high summer are gone They really did not seem very long) No more happy play For today's the black day When we all put our school clothes back on.

We weep for our summer of It was great, but alas, now it's done. And so, it's a jar To get in the car And embark on the dreadful school run.

But, are things so terribly bad? Have we reason to be very sad? You know what I think? Before we can blink Tis Christmas, and time to be glad!

By Nigel Beeton



Mrs O'Hara told the vicar all about her operation

Baptism Anniversary: August/September

August

Harriet Baylis, Nmesoma Obidike, Alfie Fleming, Lola -Rose Webster, Dolly -Eve Webster.

September

Curtis Smith.







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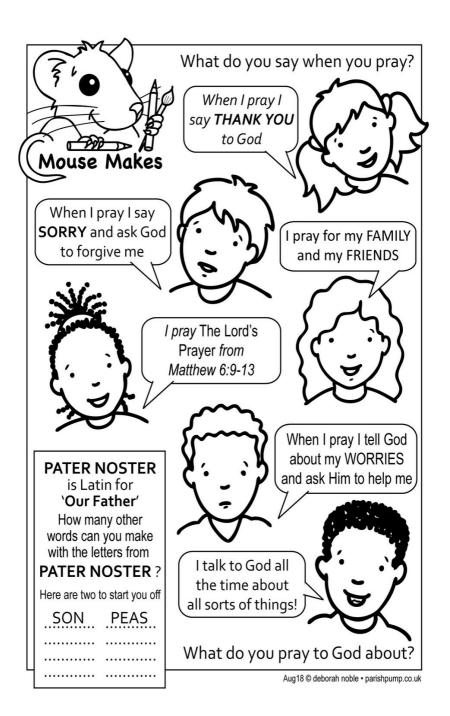
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2 nd 5 th	Trinity 14 8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 Family Communion 6.30 Evensong 10.00 Holy Communion		
	2.00 Crafty Chat		
9 th	Trinity 15 8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 All Age Holy Communion 6.30 Evensong		
12 th	10.00 Holy Communion 2.30 Mothers' Union		
16 th	Trinity 16 8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 Family Communion 6.30 Evensong		
19 th	10.00 Holy Communion 2.00 Crafty Chat		
23 rd	Trinity 17 8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 Family Communion 6.30 Evensong		
26 th	10.00 Holy Communion 7.30 Holy Communion and Women's Fellowship		
30 th	Trinity 18 8.30 Holy Communion 10.30Family Communion 6.30 Evensong		

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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

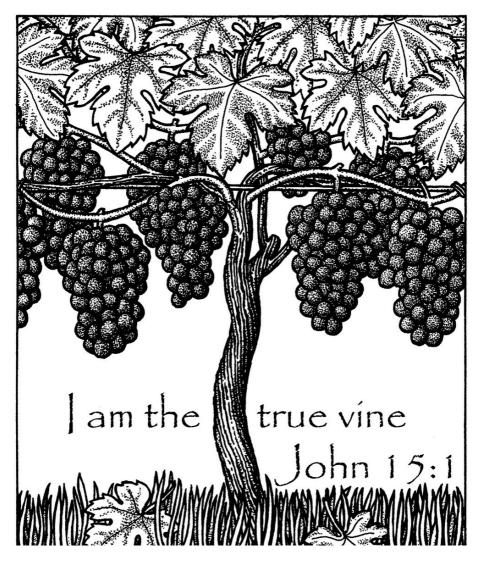
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