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From the Editor

The first magazine of 2020. Welcome back to the online edition. It doesn't seem that long since Christmas (and we have some final comments on that) but this month we enter the Lent season. Richard makes some suggestions to help our observances of this time and there are details of some special events.

Lent is a time of reflection and if ever there was a time when we needed to reflect on where we were it is now. Whichever side of the Brexit divide you sit (or sat) the deed is now done or at least the first part is. The debate has opened up major divisions in our society which will take considerable effort by everyone to heal. Problems though exist everywhere and we have watched with a horrible fascination what seems to be the whole of Australia on fire and an increase in tensions in the Middle East. We pray for tolerance on all sides and for wisdom for world leaders. We pray too for those who are standing up for the poor and oppressed and some examples of how we might support them are given in the magazine.

Beyond that the usual things are provided for your enjoyment and enlightenment. This month's hymn was actually going to be one we had genuinely sung recently until the Editor was side tracked. Sharon provides us with a Saint and we have usual funnies and archive feature.

Be Blessed

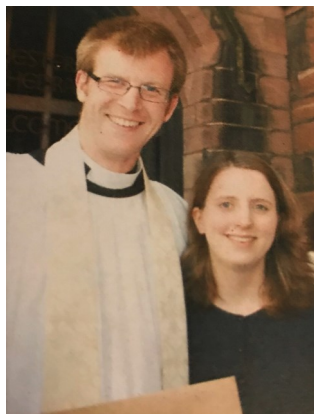
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Richard writes...

Advent and Christmas seems such a dim and distant memory now but I really enjoyed the festive season and I hope you did too. As we begin a new year and a new decade, I am really excited to see what God has in store for you in 2020. It's also going to be an exciting decade as we begin to refocus on prayer and evangelism. To that end we've begun **Breakfast Alpha** on Saturday mornings and on a Wednesday evening we're running **The Prayer Course**, using material from 24-7 Prayer (see www.24-7prayer.com for more details).



We are also seeking to intentionally grow as a multigenerational church family reaching the next generation. To help us achieve this we'll be looking to recruit a Children and Families Worker later in the year and there will be more details about this closer to Easter.

Speaking of Easter, soon Lent shall be beginning. This year we're going to use the 40 days of Lent as a way of growing as missionary disciples by focussing on three traditional foci of Lent: prayer, serving, and giving. Lent is a time to grow in faith. We're encouraging you to grow as you pray daily, serve in a ministry, and give regularly.

One of the tools we're going to use this year to help us #LiveLent are **Lent Jars**! You will need three jam jars - as Lent draws closer we'll decorate them with purple tissue paper and ribbons so watch out for details! These will be labelled Pray, Serve, and Give. We'll fill the "**Pray**" jar with prayers to be said every day. The "**Serve**" jars will be filled with daily challenges and/or ideas for serving someone. Then finally each day during Lent you can put money into the "**Give**" jar, e.g. the money you save from giving up chocolate, coffee, alcohol etc, and then bring it along with you on Easter Sunday for the collection.

We'll also be running a number of events during Lent. The two main events taking place during the early part of Lent are our **Pancake Party** and our **Ash Wednesday Communion** service. We'll have fun together as we decorate pancakes and enjoy eating them at our Pancake Party, taking place on Shrove Tuesday (25th February) between 4.00-5.30pm. Then on the 26th February at 8pm we're holding a traditional service of Holy Communion which will include the imposition of Ashes as we begin our Lenten devotions.

May I wish you a happy and holy Lent as we grow in faith together!

Richard



PRAY.



SERVE.



GIVE.

From the Archive

Sometimes the old magazines have little in, other times they are a treasure trove and the January 1970 one falls into the latter category. Revd. Buckley's letter makes a number of references to current events at the time. He references the moon landings, anti-apartheid demonstrations and a National Sign in on World Poverty. Sadly the last of these remains a burning issue and is discussed elsewhere in the magazine. Revd. Buckley asked whether "the confidence and thrust which is evident in technology and social activism spill over into church life in the seventies?", and it expressed hopes that it would. He went on to express a message which is, arguably, just as relevant today in saying, "for long enough we have lived with one eye looking back over our shoulder at what our churches used to be, trying to preserve or re-create activities of a bygone era. For long enough we have made excuses for our failings. I hope that in the next decade, as the technologists hammer out their inventions for man's physical well-being, we in the Church will be able, with equal zeal and imagination, to offer all those things which are vital to his spiritual health and joy". The decade may be a different one for us and the technologies beyond the imagination of the 70's but the message remains the same for us.

As we re-imagine ourselves for the new decade it is comforting to note that some things don't change. A good example is the 1970 social events. The December (1969) dance was reported on with details of how the curate lead a conga around the church. Some readers might remember it. Shrove Tuesday was to have an event, not a Pancake Party but a Whist Drive. The note to the Ladies' Department was a requirement for twenty meat and potato pies for the supper.

The magazine also contained a note about the 'new' Communion Service which allowed for some freedom in what was prayed for and in particular for current events and local problems with a request that matters for prayer be given to the Vicar or Curate.

On a historic note the magazine also made a plea for the last few half-crowns in people's possession to be donated before they ceased to be legal tender. The fact that those previously putting these into the collection were substituting lower denomination coins has been mentioned previously. Touchingly, Revd Buckley still thought those people would give more but conceded when he'd shared that view he had received a look which suggested he was mad.

Finally, a new initiative was reported, the creation of a hospice in Cheadle. The sum of £250,000 was needed to make St Ann's a reality. As we know, the Lord duly provided.



In case anybody wants reminding about what a half crown looked like or has never seen one. It had a value of 12.5p in decimal currency.

Crux

The monthly Crux insert is no longer included in the magazine. It can be found online at <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/documents/category/crux/> If easier you can simply insert 'Crux Manchester' into your search engine.

Remembering Eric Liddell - Olympic gold medallist and prisoner of war

Eric Liddell, the Scottish athlete who became a 400-metre Olympic gold medallist in 1924, died 75 years ago, on 21st February 1945, in a Japanese internment camp in China. He was 43 and had a brain tumour.

Because of his Christian convictions he had withdrawn from the 100-metre heats in the 1924 Paris Olympics because they took place on a Sunday. He entered the 400-metre heats instead - and won.

He also got bronze in the 200 metres, where he finished ahead of his Jewish team-mate Harold Abrahams, the 100-metre gold medallist. Their story is told in the classic 1981 film, *Chariots of Fire*.

Born in China to missionary parents, Liddell went to boarding school for 12 years at Eltham College, South London, where he continues to be recognised as inspirational. He was always an outstanding sportsman but never failed to put God first. He returned to China after studying pure science at Edinburgh University and married a Canadian missionary, Florence Mackenzie.

While in internment camp, despite his tumour and weakness, he gave hope to others, being seen as a great unifying force. He helped to ease tensions through his selflessness and was admired for the way he forgave his captors.



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Anxious and lonely? Come to church!

Young people who go to church are less likely to struggle with anxiety than those who do not go to church (22% compared to 33%.) Fewer church goers are also lonely and isolated (16% compared to 31 %)

In a survey almost one third of all young people reported feeling sad or depressed; this was compared with 18 per cent among young practising Christians.

It isn't only young people who feel this way which is why our Thursday morning Seconds to Spare and the weekly Crafty Chat are so important.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday - 23rd February

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place later this month. Many of us want to help the poor, but the challenges are huge.

'Good News for the poor' - that was what Jesus promised - and the crowd flocked to hear it. But He didn't promise to abolish poverty. 'The poor you always have with you', He said, and everything we have seen since has proved that He was right.

Two thousand years, many political promises and different regimes, and we still have poor people, often living alongside the conspicuously rich. 'Good news for the poor'? Not, it appears, in any political or social revolution. Sadly, we have yet to abolish poverty.

But followers of Jesus have been in the forefront of those who have tried to mitigate its consequences. Churches and various individual Christians have been prime movers in the amazing development of Food Banks. The Bradford-based charity 'Christians against Poverty' has helped literally tens of thousands of people out of debt. Night shelters for the homeless, schools in the world's poorest lands and support for drug addicts - these are on the agenda of every Church and that is good news for the poor.

There is so much more to be done, of course, if poverty is ever to be eliminated. But not being able to do it all mustn't stop us doing what we can.

So this year, why not do something to support Church Action on Poverty? Prayers and donations are welcome. Details at:

<http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday/>



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Christmas Quiz

Was won by Mavis Kinghorn. Congratulations Mavis, a prize is on the way. Answers are given on page 18.

Hymns We've Sung Recently:

When I started to write this column, this was not my first choice of hymn. Before setting pen to paper though I was given a series of questions to ponder in a guided meditation and one of the answers that came to me during this was the final "one Church, one Faith, one Lord", so it seemed to me that I should write about this hymn instead. Written in 1865 by Edward Plumptre it was originally a poem entitled 'Church Defence'. The latter nineteenth century saw the church assailed on all sides and the words were a rallying call to its defence which were set to music and published in a hymnal in 1889 just two years before Plumptre's death. What makes the hymn work is the tune which allows the congregation to fill their lungs before that final line. The tune 'Thornbury' by Basil Harwood was originally written for a choral festival and is perfect with these words. Originally comprising six stanzas, the hymn now generally uses only three or four of them.

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
their wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one Faith, one
Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one
Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.



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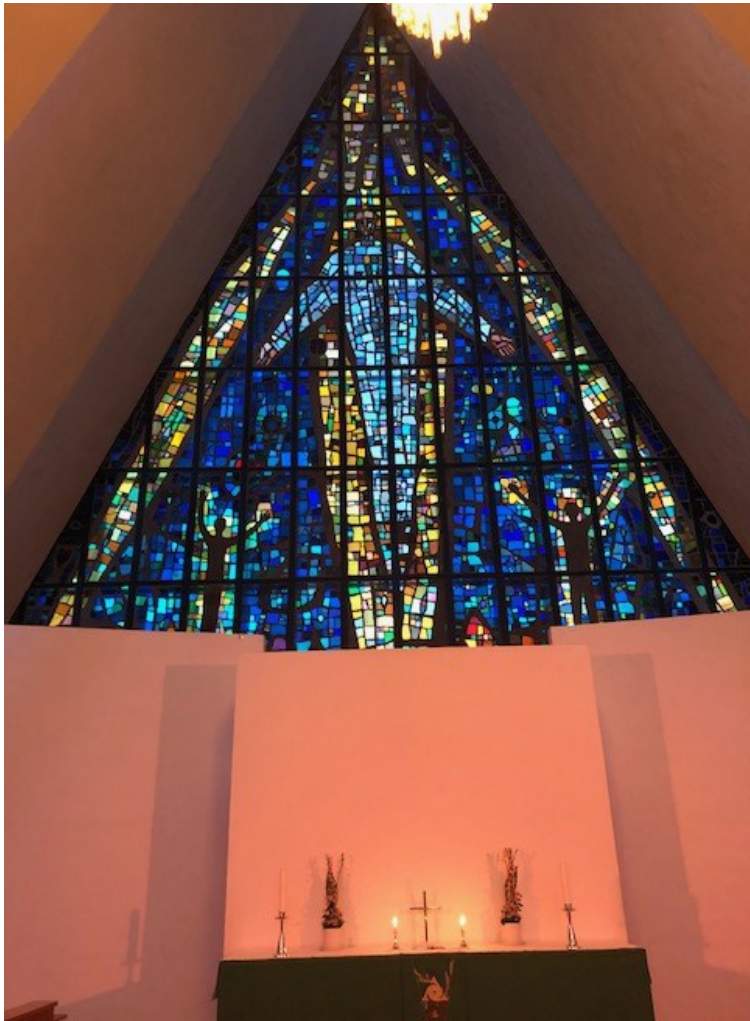
As a postscript, I was recently in Tromso, Norway and visited the Arctic cathedral there. (There are some photographs overleaf and the front cover has the outside of it.) At the time of the visit they were hosting a convention of Laestadian Christians. As I'd never heard of this group I looked it up. It seems that it is a branch of Christianity which has a central tenet that God's forgiveness can be given by anybody who is a member of the Church rather than only a minister. Although numbering only a few hundred thousand the church is beset by schisms. This wonderful quote from wiki shows the importance of the unity of the broader church, "the leaders of the two largest Laestadian sub-groups, the Conservative Laestadians and Firstborn Laestadians, have for decades excluded each other and all other Laestadian sub-groups from the kingdom of Heaven even though the denominations' core doctrines are nearly indistinguishable". Obviously 'One Church, One Faith, One Lord' means different things to different people.

And a pps. Sometimes you know you are on the right track when the Lord puts things in front of you in a consistent way. After writing this, I attended a service where a video was shown about us all being one people globally and which identified the absence of that unity as a reason for poverty. You can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5qig9HIJ7k> or just search youtube+opposite of poverty in your browser. Please take a look.



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Carol Service 2019

I have just returned from the Carol Service and feel I just have to say what a lovely occasion it was. There was a very large congregation and the Church was lit by dozens of candles --very atmospheric!

The singing by the choir was wonderful and we owe a debt of gratitude to Katie and all members of the choir who had obviously worked so hard to make this Service so memorable.

It certainly set the tone for our Christmas celebrations to come.

Thank you to everyone.

Ruth Shaw

Editorial PS A big thank you to everybody else involved over the Christmas services: sidespeople/welcomers; flower arrangers; mince pie servers; Messy Church messiers(?); washer-uppers; and everybody else who contributed to the effort.



Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...

Online Version

The online version has full colour and some added content. Do take a look and please pass on the link to friends and family via whatever social media you use. It can be found on the Church website.

Stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk and click on the magazine tab at the top.

Community Chest: New Year, New You

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Bridge Over Troubled Water

On the basis Ithe Editor hasn't been too self indulgent recently... The end of January saw the 50th anniversary of the release of one of the most iconic albums of all time (although Mrs Editor would differ on this). 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' was the last collaboration (ignoring the several 'reunions') between Simon and Garfunkel with Paul Simon allegedly declaring the end of the relationship in a song on the album, So Long Frank Lloyd Wright. This really does fall into the category of 'was it really half a century ago'.

Paul Simon recently completed a farewell tour and rather peevishly sought to reclaim the title track which suggested that even after all that time he still held a grudge that he had allowed Garfunkel to sing it. To use a more recent cultural reference from Frozen, let it go Paul. Holding grudges causes more damage to the holder and anyway, Gracelands will always trump Bright Eyes.

News From York Minster

Many parishioners will remember our last curate, Vicky Johnson, or as she is more formally known, The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson. After leaving us, Vicky became Parish Priest at St Michael, Flixton before moving to Ely Cathedral as a Residentiary Canon. She has now taken up the grand sounding position of Prebendary of Laughton-en-le-Morthen and Canon Precentor at York Minster. Her installation took place on 11th January and a contingent from St John's enjoyed the event. Her main role at York will be to work with the musicians and choir at the Minster.

Vicky said of her appointment, "I am absolutely thrilled to take up the position of Canon Precentor at York Minster. It is a huge privilege to part of such a fantastic team providing opportunities for everyone to participate in the worship and praise of God in this magnificent cathedral, I am delighted to be called to serve in the Minster and in the Diocese of York."

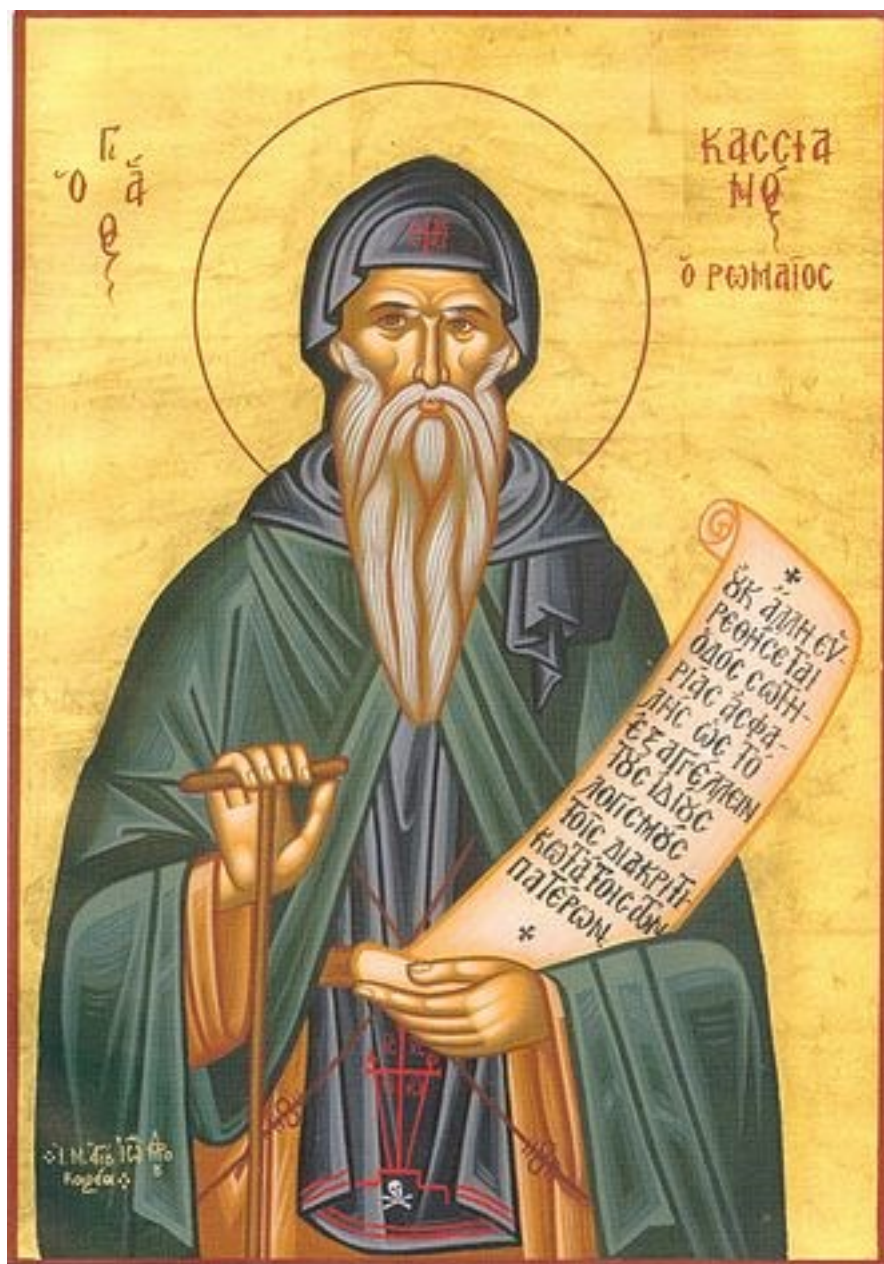
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vicky in this new role.

St John Cassian

Cassian was a monk, probably, born in Romania. During his lifetime, he lived in Bethlehem, Italy and Constantinople, amongst other places. Whilst in France, Cassian founded two monasteries, one for men and one for women. His two major works: Institutes - about community life and Conferences - sermons of Egyptian hermits, were important publications to the church at the time.

Hermit life was promoted by Cassian, who saw it as a community of individuals. His ideas were championed by Benedict, along with Augustine and Gregory, and formed the basis of monastic life in the Middle Ages.

Cassian is buried in Marseilles and mentioned in the Roman Martyrology, as a teacher of monks. Feast day 29 February in the Eastern Orthodox Church and 23 July in the Roman Catholic Church.



St John Cassian

God in the Arts

Editor: The Rev Michael Burgess begins a series on animals and birds as seen in art and scripture... this will run throughout 2020.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’: William Blake’s engravings of Job

The canticle we call the Benedicite began its life as the *Song of the Three Holy Children*. In the midst of their terrifying ordeal in the burning fiery furnace, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego praise God. They call on the sky above, the seasons, and all that grows and moves on the earth to join them. Their song invites the whales in the sea, the birds of the air and all creatures to echo their praise. Finally, they ask all people who are holy and humble in heart to bless God the creator of all that is.

During this year we are exploring the glory and wonder of creation, especially animals and birds. The song of the Benedicite praising that creation is born of pain and testing. That ordeal is the theme of another book in the Old Testament - Job. We are told that he was an upright, blameless man, but he suffered. That pain tested his faith and he demanded an explanation from God.

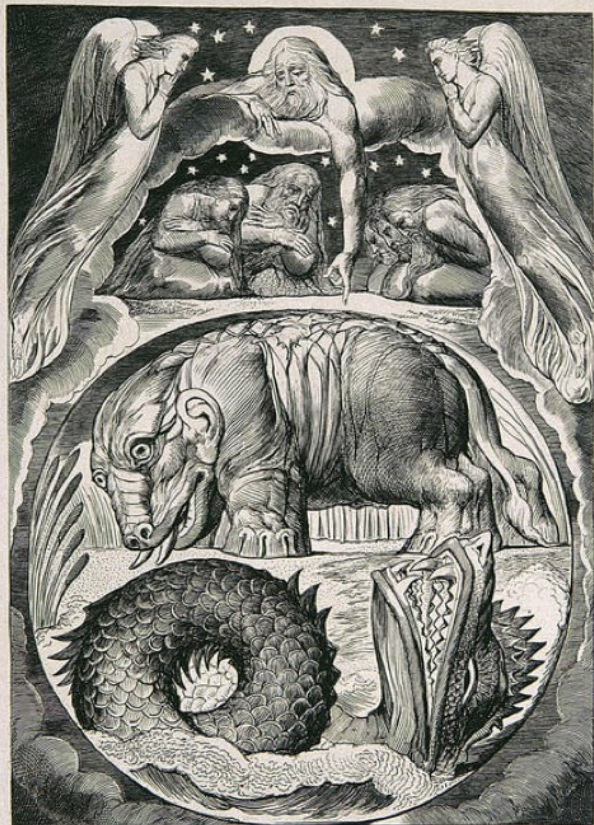
The book of Job inspired the visionary work of the poet and painter, William Blake. In 1823 he began creating a series of 22 engravings illustrating Job which were based on earlier water-colours. Plate 13 depicts God answering Job out of the whirlwind. We can read of this in chapters 39-41. God asks Job if he was present at creation. Indeed, can he even begin to understand the marvels of this world - the mountain goat giving birth, a horse running through a meadow, or the eagle soaring in the sky. They praise God like the creatures in the Benedicite by their very being. And finally, God points to Behemoth and Leviathan - the hippopotamus and the crocodile - who are symbols of power and brute strength. They are shown in Plate 15 and fill the orb of the world, just as they dominate creation.

God answers Job with this catalogue of wonders to assure him that He is the Creator, but He does respond to the cry of humanity. Job may not understand the stars above nor the earth beneath his feet, but through meeting God, his life has gained meaning and value. His fortunes are restored, and he ends his days as one of the holy and humble of heart who praise God in the Benedicite. The Three Children of the fiery furnace and Job - they assure us that this world is full of wonders and glory that show the handiwork of God. When we realise that, we will join them in singing hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

Can any understand the spreadings of the Clouds
the noise of his Tabernacle

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Also by watering he swearieth the thick cloud
He scattereth the bright cloud also His turned up
his counsels



Of Behemoth he saith. He is the chief of the ways of God
Of Leviathan he saith. He is King over all the Children of Pride

Behold now Behemoth which I made with thee

W. Blake invenit & sculpt.

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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.

Dec 6th Richard Pollock in Memory of Janette Pollock

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Jan 1st Mavis Kinghorn in Memory of David and Alan Kinghorn

Jan 18th Jean Logan in Memory of Alice Spencer and Alan Spencer

Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Who hides in a bakery at Christmas? A mince spy
2. What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas quacker
3. What illness do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsillitis
4. What did Cinderella say when her photos didn't arrive? "One day my prints will come!"
5. Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elvis Presley
6. How many letters are in the alphabet at Christmas? 25 - there's no-el
7. Why did nobody bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? They were two deer
8. What did one snowman say to the other snowman? "Can you smell carrots?"
9. How did Mary and Joseph figure out baby Jesus was exactly 7lb 9oz? They had a weigh in a manger
10. Which side of a turkey has the most feathers? The outside
11. Why was the turkey in a band? He was the only one with drumsticks
12. What carol do they sing in the desert? O Camel Ye Faithful
13. What happened to Santa when he went speed dating? He pulled a cracker
14. What's the most popular Christmas wine? "I don't like sprouts!"
15. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite
16. What kind of do elves listen to? Wrap
17. What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson
18. What happened when Santa got stuck in a chimney? He felt Claustrophobic
19. How does Darth Vader like his Christmas turkey? On the dark side
20. How does Santa keep track of all the fireplaces he's visited? He keeps a logbook

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

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Take me out

An elderly single woman died last month. She requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she explained: "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Love in a bag

I asked my nephew whether he bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day, and he said he had bought her a belt and a bag. When I commented that I am sure she would appreciate them, he agreed: "Yes, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."

Lot's wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving,' he said, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

Best to impress

An older man, not in the best physical condition, went along to his local gym. Carefully dressed in his new exercise clothes, he approached a trainer in the gym. "I want to impress a beautiful woman as soon as possible. Which machine should I use?"

The trainer took one look at him and smiled: "I would highly recommend the ATM machine outside!"

Miscellaneous observations on daily life

- ◆ No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
- ◆ Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- ◆ The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above-average drivers.

REFLECTION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

"For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink." PSALM 102:9

What sorrows haunt you, bringing you ashes and tears? Make an effort to stay attuned to the pain in your life and the woundedness of our world. Only then can compassion grow in you.

"Therefore I... repent in dust and ashes." JON 4:2-9

In being publically marked with ashes, we acknowledge the damage we do to others and ourselves. What repentance will you take on this Lent so as to rise out of the dust and ashes of regret and despair?

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me... to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit." ISAIAH 61:1,3

The movement from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday is one of ashes to oil, symbol of healing and gladness. This Lent, how will you assume the healing vocation of all humans, in concert with the Holy Spirit, in order to bring restoration to our wounded world?

40 Acts

It hardly seems that Christmas is over but by the end of this month we will be in the Lent season. Last year I discovered the 40 Acts Challenge and will take it up again this year. Some of the challenges last year were easy, such as giving away chocolate, but others took me out of my comfort zone. One in particular, related to prisons, set me in a new direction. If anybody is interested in trying it we could set up a support group via the wonders of WhatsApp.

For further information and to sign up look at 40acts.org.uk and let me know if you are interested in joining.

John

Love in action!

The writer Gary Chapman describes the 5 'love languages' as words of encouragement, quality time, gifts, acts of service and touch. Do you have a preferred 'language of love'?

With the approach of St Valentines' Day, let's ask: what is God's love language? *'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.'* (1 John 3:18). God's love is expressed in the word *agape*, which is exclusively found in the New Testament. Greek has a number of words for love e.g. empathetic, friendship or sexual, but *agape* is defined uniquely by Jesus. *'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.'* (1 John 3:16) It provides the model for how we should love others.

Agape love is self-giving: it is ready to put the other person first, just as Jesus gave His life for us on the cross by dying in our place. Are we generous with our time, words, money and service to others?

Agape love takes the initiative: are we ready to show love to those who don't deserve it? Do we have eyes of compassion to see the needs around us and a heart to reach out to them?

Agape love is intentional: are we ready to get close to those in need around us, irrespective of what time we have or how we feel?

The story is told of Jesus asking a little child, *'how much do you love me?'* The child replied *'lots and lots and lots!'* They then asked Jesus how much He loved them. Jesus stretched out His arms wide and said *'I love you this much'*, as they nailed Him to a cross.

WHAT'S ON @ ST JOHN'S?



Pancake Party | 25th February @ 4-6pm

As we get ready for Lent we'll have fun together as we decorate pancakes and enjoy eating them.

We'll have toys set out for younger children as well as a range of activities.



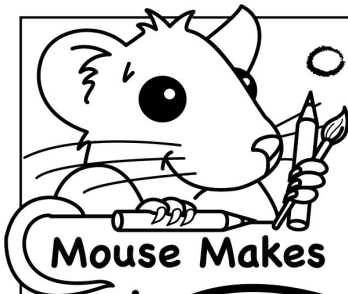
Ash Wednesday Communion | 26th Feb @ 8pm

Join us for this traditional service of Holy Communion which will include the imposition of Ashes as we begin our Lenten devotions.



Messy Lent | 1st March @ 4.30pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafts and activities as we journey with Jesus in the desert and prepare for Lent. Food will be served at 5.15pm and we'll finish at 5.45pm



After **Jesus** was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty** days where he was tempted by the devil.

READ the story in Luke 4:1-13

Mouse Makes

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What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

- JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED
- HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS
- DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
- BREAD • WRITTEN • SCRIPTURE • ALL • KINGDOMS • WORLD • GLORY
- WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON
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- 1st 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha
- 2nd *Presentation of Christ in The Temple - Candlemas***
9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Family Communion
6.30 Evensong
- 5th 2.00 Crafty Chat
- 8th 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha
- 9th *Third Sunday before Lent***
9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 All Age Communion
- 12th 2.30 Mothers' Union
- 15th 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha
- 16th *Second Sunday before Lent***
9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Family Communion
- 19th 2.00 Crafty Chat
- 23rd *Sunday next before Lent***
9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Family Communion
- 26th *Ash Wednesday***
8.00 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
- 29th 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha

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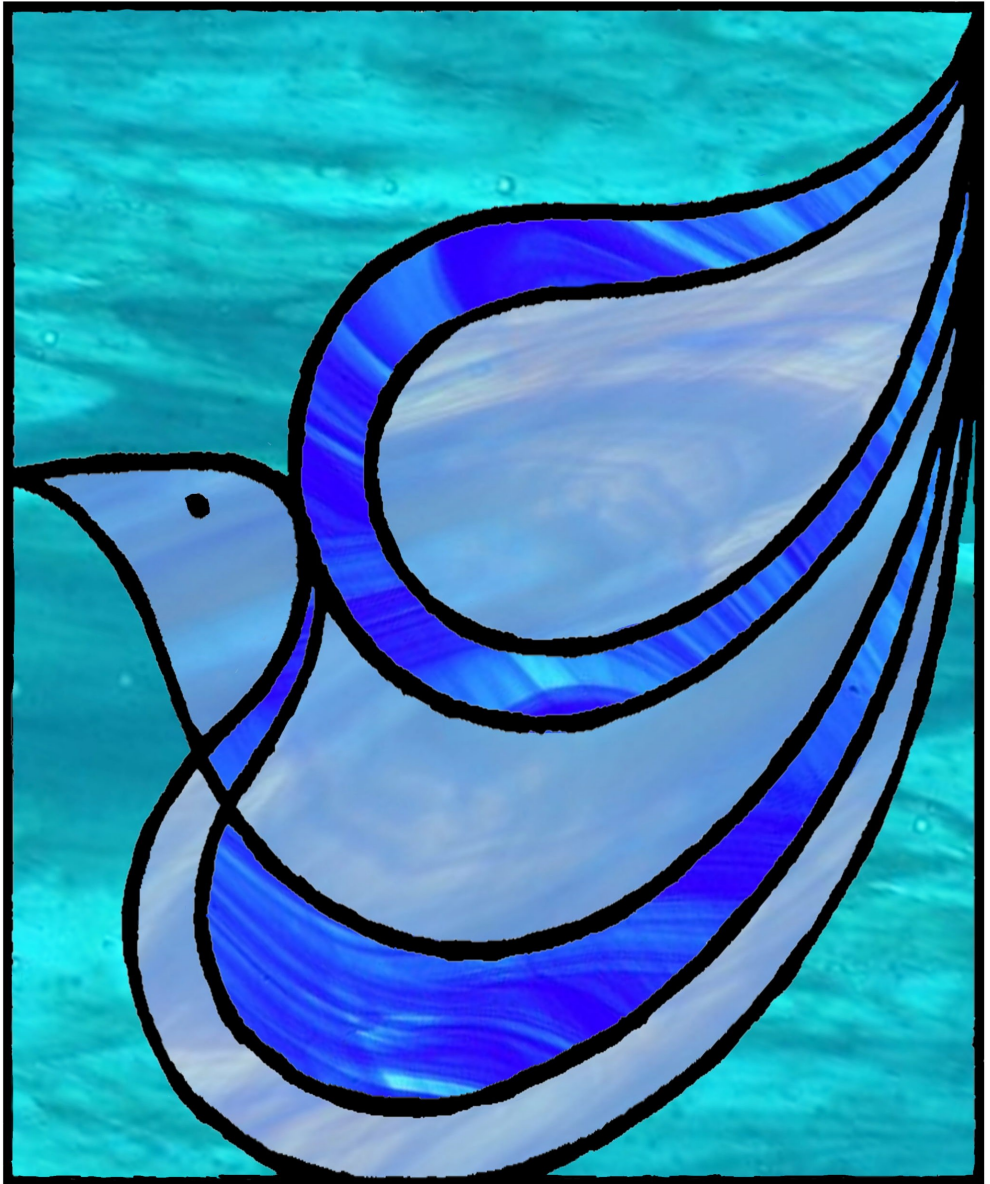
SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Family Communion (Second Sunday of the Month All-Age Worship)
6.30pm	Choral Evensong (First Sunday in the month only)

Holy Communion is celebrated on Holy Days and Saints Days as announced and at 10.00 on The second Wednesday of each month..

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