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10.00am Parish Eucharist.
6.30pm Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Tuesday 9.30am.
Thursday 10.00am.
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Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Meeting Room.





Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

O dear, what a muddle we seem to be in over “Brexit”. Our parliament seems to be stuck in a maze – where every route out seems blocked for one reason or another.

I imagine that all of us, at one time or another have had that feeling – faced with a number of choices but not knowing which one to take. Whether to move home, job or whether to start a family are some of the major life decisions we have to make. As Christians we are encouraged to seek God’s guidance but it’s not always easy to discern this. The writing on the wall or the postcard from heaven never appears. Some would think that this is unfortunate but what a life would we have if we were denied the opportunity of working these things through?

Sometimes we make the wrong choice and feel a sense of failure but this doesn’t mean we are at a dead end. It just means that we have discovered which way not to go!

There is a charming anecdote told about a famous composer who walked in to the living room to see his young son playing the piano. The boy was trying really hard but was making lots of mistakes. Instead of criticising him the composer quietly sat down beside him and, letting him continue to play gently played alongside him. The mistakes were still there but the composer transformed them into something lovely to hear.

If we fail to make any decisions because we are afraid of failure, then we get nowhere. But, by listening to God in prayer, using our God given common sense, taking advice from wise friends and not making decisions for selfish reasons we can begin to recognise which way to go. And if we make an honest mistake we may find that God turns it into something even more fulfilling than we had hoped.

Janet

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The Routines of Life

There is much to be said for the dull routines of life. It may seem boring, but there is, at the same time, something reassuring about dull routine, knowing what to expect, and consequently not being disappointed. It has been my experience that when one has been away for a while, it is “good” to get home again, to be surrounded by all the familiar things, and sounds, one can only associate with where one lives, that is home.

We tell ourselves that it is “good” to be back, back to the old grindstone. At the same time the holiday tour operators cash in on our craving for change. They want us to get away, stay away, but not for too long, to encourage us to feel the urge to escape from the mundane patterns of our everyday living. To help us they provide us with a selection of free holiday brochures to start us thinking from the comfort of our own homes where we would like to travel to next. Remember their *living* depends on it.

No, it is the possibly dull “constraints” of life which are of lasting value. One’s relationships with those who are close to us. Not just “close” relatives, but those who live around us, our neighbours, our colleagues. And there are those we do not know by name but are on “nodding acquaintance” terms when we meet them in the shops and in passing in the street.

I have come to realise that there is much to be said for the everyday, mundane routines of life. We rely on them. We take them for granted. From the first thing in the morning when one gets ready to face the world, we depend on things being ‘as normal’. I think of those who rely on catching a bus each day to get to work, and how upsetting it must be if it fails to arrive as scheduled. From the outset one’s accustomed routine for the day could be disrupted.

There was a time when I felt that the church services I attended were dull and uninspiring. So much so that I began going to another place of worship where things were so much livelier. Instead of the set order of service there was a free and spontaneous atmosphere, with members of the congregation quite likely to stand up, uninvited, and add their contribution to the proceedings.

After a time I found that what I was experiencing in my local parish church might not be so dull, but was providing me with the “solid food” that I required if I was to grow in my Faith. I am sure that those who attend an “established” church such as ours, come together with love, to be partakers in the sacred *mysteries*, to enjoy fellowship not only with like-minded Christians, but above all, to be in spiritual communion with our Lord Jesus, our Saviour.

Claud Metson



A New Song for the Season of Creation

Singers of all kinds will have a new song to sing this autumn – a ‘Song for the Season of Creation’ (1st Sept – 4th Oct). It was commissioned by the Church of England’s Environment Working Group, which hopes that in churches across the country “we can get a large number singing on Sunday 1st September to launch the season. Others may use prefer to sing the song at other times – during harvest services for example.”

The Rector of St Bride’s Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce said “The idea of a specially commissioned Song for the Season of Creation is an inspired way of encouraging other choirs to spread the word, too.”

Malcolm Guite’s words have been set to music by Ian Stephens in a number of arrangements suitable for choirs and singing groups of all ages, ranges and sizes all of which fit together and can be performed simultaneously. There is also an arrangement for congregations.

“We would very much welcome videos of groups singing the song to help others learn it.” The six arrangements are available as a free download from www.stbrides.com so that all potential performers will have it available to rehearse before September.

Director of the Royal School of Church Music, Hugh Morris, said “Using music to celebrate the richness of God’s creation is something all churches can do, and this new Song for the Season of Creation offers an open, flexible way of resourcing and encouraging churches to lift up their voices in praise”.

In 1989 the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople suggested to all Churches to observe 1st September, for the Orthodox Churches the first day of the ecclesiastical year, as a day ‘of the protection of the natural environment’ and to offer ‘prayers and supplications to the Maker of all, both in thanksgiving for the gift of creation and in petition for its protection and salvation’. Ten years later the European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN) widened this proposal, urging churches to adopt a Time for Creation stretching from 1st September to 4th October, the feast day of St Francis.

Here is the new song: **Everything Holds Together** (*Based on Colossians 1:15-17*)

*Everything holds together, everything,
From stars that pierce the dark like living sparks,
To secret seeds that open every spring,
From spanning galaxies to spinning quarks,
Everything holds together and coheres,
Unfolding from the centre whence it came.
And now that hidden heart of things appears,
The first-born of creation takes a name.*

*And shall I see the one through whom I am?
Shall I behold the one for whom I’m made,
The light in light, the flame within the flame,
Eikon tou theou, image of my God?
He comes, a little child, to bless my sight,
That I might come to him for life and light.*



Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

*Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.*

*Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.*

*Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.*

Draw me closer to You this summer.

*Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.*

*As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.*

Author Unknown

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God

This summer

In whatever you do

Wherever you go

Walking with God means...

Walking with honesty

And with courage,

Walking with love and respect

And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God

This summer

And every day and

In every situation

Talking with God means...

Praying words of praise

For the beauty of creation

Saying prayers of thanks

For friends and good times,

Asking God's help in all your decisions

Expressing sorrow

When you have failed

May you talk with God

Every day. Amen.

Author Unknown



Funding repairs is ‘top problem’ facing churches

A new online poll has revealed the top five problems facing the UK’s church buildings.

In the poll, run on the National Churches Trust’s website, people were asked to identify what they thought was the biggest problem facing the UK’s church buildings. The top problems were identified as:

- Not enough money available for repairs – (identified as top problem by 32% of people)
- Declining congregations – (identified as top problem by 26% of people)
- Shortage of volunteers to help look after church buildings – (identified as top problem by 16% of people)
- Lack of modern facilities – (identified as top problem by 14% of people)
- Lead theft – (identified as top problem by 8% of people)



Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust said: “Over the last two years, there has been a 56% increase in applications for our grants, with numbers rising from 381 in 2016 to 593 in 2018. One of the reasons for this increase is that less money is available from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the end of Government backed schemes such as the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. Our nation’s religious heritage belongs to all of us and is too precious to lose.”

Peace to the End

*The peace of God to dwell with you,
The peace of Christ to dwell with you,
The peace of Spirit dwell with you,
And peace dwell with your children too,
From the day we have here to-day
To the last day of your life’s way,
Till come the day that ends your way.*

From Poems of the Western Highlanders



God among the ruins

The tragic fire at Notre Dame Cathedral shocked the whole world. Seeing such a magnificent building engulfed in flames saddened all who saw the devastation unfold.

It was a monumental blow to the nation of France. It will take years to rebuild this famous place of worship.

One striking image from the fire showed the interior of the church scorched and ruined, its art treasures lost, its contents still smouldering. But high up in the background, unbowed by the flames, stands a golden cross, brightly shining in the darkness of the surrounding debris.

Since the fire took place at Easter, it is hard not to see this picture as a parable. One Anglican vicar made this comment:

‘Notice what is left inside, untouched, after the destruction of all sorts of ‘priceless’ works of arts at Notre Dame Cathedral? The Cross. What an image for Holy Week and what a picture to describe secular Western Europe.’

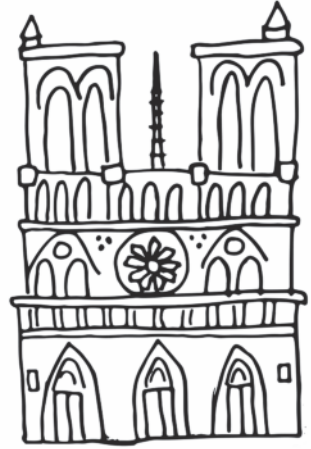
As I pondered the picture it spoke to me of the abiding value of the Cross. The words of a hymn came to mind:

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.*

The place of worship may be destroyed, but not the God we worship. The message of the Cross, at the centre of our faith, remains a timeless, undamaged truth. The hymn continues:

*When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.*

Even among the ruins of our own lives the Cross stands tall, reminding us of the presence of God and His grip on our lives.



The Three Rich and Generous

The eye of God with thee to dwell,
The foot of Christ to guide thee well,
The Spirit’s pouring shower to swell
Thy rich and gen’rous fountain-well.
From Poems of the Western Highlanders

What's so important about the Trinity?

'We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence.' (Athanasian Creed).

On Trinity Sunday we will celebrate God as one God in three Persons. This understanding is based on how we see God at work in the world. We trust in a God who is: 'God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist; God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again and God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world' (CofE Baptism Service).

The Trinity provides a model for Christian community. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate together in a love relationship of mutual accountability with one another. They complement and build on the work of each other. At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father, who declares His approval as the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry. 'The Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' (Luke 3:22).

To what extent does the life of our church reflect this?

We also find our mission in the Trinity. Jesus said, 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' (John 20:21). As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God. How are we called to share in God's mission ourselves?

If we live with a renewed awareness of the Trinity, our spiritual lives will deepen, our vision of God's mission will expand and take on a new vitality.

Loneliness week – 17th to 21st June

Britain is in the midst of a loneliness epidemic. A survey by the Jo Cox Commission in 2017 revealed that nine million of us in the UK are affected by it.

So, no wonder that last year the Government even appointed the world's first loneliness minister, Tracey Crouch. And no wonder that the Marmalade Trust aims to raise awareness of isolation in the UK.

Loneliness hurts you physically as well as mentally. It has even been said that it can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It can raise blood pressure, and cause diabetes and obesity.

Technology is a big factor: we send emails rather than talk, we have virtual team workspaces rather than speaking in person. We use LinkedIn and Facebook to keep in touch. One health expert said, "We're getting out of the habit of actual conversations." People who work from home and who also live alone can go days without speaking to anyone. No wonder that the millennial generation, for whom technology accounts for an increasing percentage of their interaction, are reporting high levels of anxiety.

Experts advise that you simply try and make as many social connections as you can, however brief. Make tea for someone at work, or chat to your neighbour.



Holidays can be ‘holy days’

No doubt you are beginning to look forward to your summer holidays. Just think about it – sun, sea and sand, time to relax and unwind, no deadlines to meet, no responsibilities to shoulder... ah, bliss!

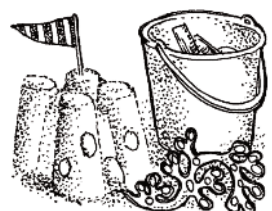
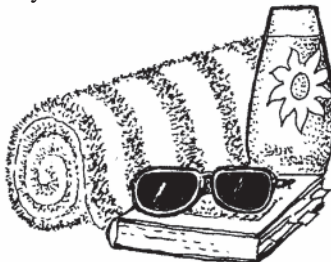
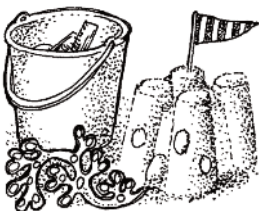
We are fortunate to live at a time when workers are encouraged to take time off from work for the sake of their well-being. Most employees are given 4-6 weeks paid holiday each year, plus Bank Holidays. What a blessing that is, and a far cry from the day when the only time workers had off was on church Feast days – the original holy days.

This year, rather than go on holiday and forget God, we might use our time away to become even more aware of God’s presence in our lives. Here’s how:

- (1) Thank God for recreation. Whatever helps you relax and wind-down is a gift from God to be received with thankfulness and enjoyed to the full.
- (2) Take extra time to sleep and adopt a slower pace. This is how you will recharge your batteries and be refreshed.
- (3) Make space for the relationships that matter to you, especially your family and friends. Enjoy each other’s company, talk and laugh together, enjoy unhurried meals.
- (4) Notice God in the world around you. Let the beauty of God’s creation fill your soul with wonder. Linger and look deeply at everything you see.
- (5) Take a good book with you that will nourish your inner life; listen to music that will help you relax. Breathe deeply and walk slowly, there’s no need to rush.

Psalm 23:2 comes to mind: ‘He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.’

Happy Holidays!

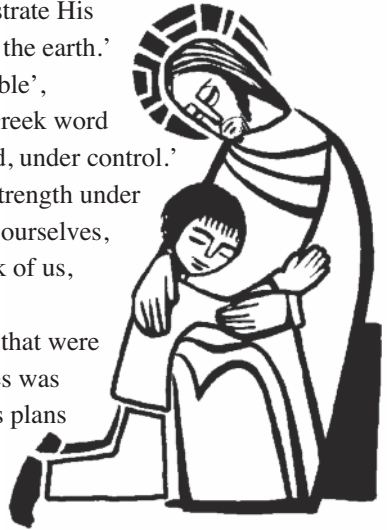


The Beatitudes: Blessed Are The Meek

Jesus calls those who live for His kingdom to demonstrate His character: ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.’ (5:5). Meekness can come over as being ‘weak or feeble’, hence ‘Gentle Jesus, meek and mild.’ However, the Greek word means being tamed: ‘Blessed are those who are tamed, under control.’ The picture is that of a horse brought under control: strength under submission. Meekness begins with an honest view of ourselves, where we don’t have to worry about what others think of us, but trust in what God is able to do in us.

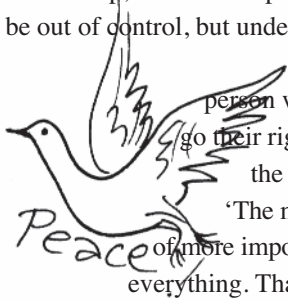
Moses is described as ‘very meek, more than all men that were on the face of the earth’ (Numbers 12:3, RSV). Moses was certainly not a weak leader, but he submitted to God’s plans for his life. Meekness accepts what comes, even if it hurts, knowing that it’s for our good.

A meek person will tame themselves to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who shows us how to respond in any situation practically and prayerfully. It means being careful about how we respond to those who provoke us by not being angry or striking out. When we encounter difficult situations or people who wind us up, how are we prepared to pray before speaking? We should not be out of control, but under God’s control!



Let’s not forget the promise of this beatitude, that the meek person will ‘inherit the earth.’ Those who are prepared to let go their rights in this world, will be made infinitely rich in the future.

‘The meek man knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto.’ (AW Tozer).



Sins

A patient, while recovering in the hospital from a heart attack, met an over-zealous evangelist. After listening politely for over a half-hour on how thankful he should be to have been spared, and how he should repent at once, he was asked if all of his sins had flashed before his eyes during the heart attack. The patient responded, “Don’t be ridiculous. The attack lasted only 6 hours.”

We Have Time On Our Hands



Do you need company and someone to talk to?

Perhaps you don't see anyone from one week to the next. Or you are a carer who needs a bit of 'me' time.

We hope to create an opportunity for you to meet others who may feel like yourself within a safe, informal and relaxed atmosphere.

We are starting a small group, up to 6 people (any age). Meeting once a month on a Tuesday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm in Cheadle Hulme.

We will offer a relaxed environment where you could just chat and feel at ease. Everyone has something that they are good at and it would be great to be able to share your skills, knowledge and interests.

If you have any questions and are interested in joining us, please contact:
Mel on 0161 485 5486 or mobile: 07916 771224
email: mel@brohn.co.uk

Someone Else

Did you know that we have a mystery person living at All Saints'? We do not know where they hide, whether they are male or female or how old they are. But we do know their name. It is SOMEONE ELSE.

Some people think that Someone Else enjoys doing the jobs that they dislike or can't be bothered to do themselves. Some don't give it any thought at all. They don't ask who turns off the lights and taps that have been carelessly left on - it's Someone Else.

Someone Else takes the rubbish from the kitchen bin and puts on a clean liner, they empty the in-church recycling bins and put out the contents to be collected by the council on the appropriate days.

Have you ever asked who restores order to the Meeting Room when left in disarray by those who use it, or wondered who pushes awayc hairs that have been left sticking out and return books, toys etc. to their proper homes? Then there's vacuum cleaners and carpet sweepers that, contrary to popular opinion, do not empty themselves. Supplies of toilet rolls, cleansing products, toileteries, beverages are always topped up - by whom? And, guess what? Someone Else is not averse to picking up litter from the church grounds or clearing up vomit left by someone who probably can't remember the incident the next morning. There are other small tasks, too numerous to mention here, that only take a minute but are important none the less.

These chores on their own are not onerous, dangerous or rocket science so, if you spot something that needs doing, make Someone Else's day and do it yourself.

All Saints' Ladybird

Since Christmas I have been in my corner in the small bedroom as the weather has been miserable with lots of rain, high winds and very cold. For a few days in February the sun shone and I thought that I would be outdoors meeting my wild cousins, but soon it went back to winter. So here I am in the warmth. However I have been out in my friend's pocket. Now for some news. We attended the World Day of Prayer prepared by the Ladies of Slovenia with reflections and silence about the theme instead of a sermon. We visited Chester Cathedral for the Mothers' Union Service entitled "In Step With God" where our new Archdeanery President was commissioned together with Trustees and Deanery Leaders. The Bishop of Chester took the service and in his address spoke encouragingly about the work we do here in this country and overseas. The Cathedral was attended again for Bishop Libby's final Service before she took up her new position in Derby. As she was connected to Education in the Diocese we had a drama by the pupils of Bishop's Bluecoat High School and prayers by pupils of Eccleston CofE Primary School. In Bishop Libby's address she encouraged us to listen to God as he supports us through hope and prayers.

During Lent the Reflections and Prayers each Friday were about the Tariro Project in Zimbabwe founded by the Fathers of the Community of the Resurrection. We were in Church most days of Holy Week and finally, with glorious hymns, celebrated the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday after His crucifixion on Good Friday. With my prayers. Amen.

FRIDAY CLUB

Friday 29th March "The Ancient Silk Road" Dorothy Bentley Smith

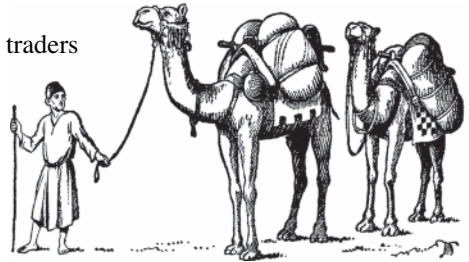
We welcomed our guest speaker and her assistant, Julie, then we had prayers and Dorothy began her talk. The Cultural Centre in Central China had asked for a talk with a translator but unfortunately Julie's equipment wasn't compatible with theirs so the talk on The Ancient Silk Road had to be limited to - talk.

The Silk Road of ancient times drew interest in the beginning of the 20th century and three different men began to explore, taking different routes, one was an unknown Russian. The second, a Swedish man named Sven Heden, who was a bit of a big I am, and the third was Aurel Sten from Budapest in Hungary. He was the son of a jew but was baptised into the Lutheran Church. He loved learning and learnt Sanskrit and came to Oxford. He travelled from Antioch to China and it is thanks to him that we have so much knowledge of the two way trade system of the Silk Road.

A foot long piece of silk was found in a burial thousands of years old. It was gummed, which is why it was so solid and why it had been preserved for so long. China was important for paper which was made from the bark of the Mulberry tree. It was soaked, boiled and mixed with silk rags before being drained, dried and pressed into paper.

Uzbekistan made paper in early times too. China was famous too for pottery. In the Tan dynasty traders traded horses for silk. Chiona was short of strong horses as their own breeds were small due to a lack of calcium in the soil. They bought Russian horses from the traders.

Along the Silk Road were caravanserais where traders could stay safely. Each one was a day's walk, for a camel, away from the next one, about 25 miles but in mountainous regions it was more like 10 - 12 miles. The caravanserais provided fresh water, food and safety.



Aurel wanted to teach at the International School in Lahore. In his vacations he found the source of the River Oxus. He explored towns and villages where he found and collected dated coins with the image of the ruler. Later he donated his collection to the British Museum. On his travels he employed local men and was respectful of their customs and traditions. He used Indians, Mongolians and Russians and unlike many other European explorers he never lost any of his men. He found some fierce creatures in a grave, little statues made to ward off ghosts and grave robbers. Sten and his men found a Buddha's head in the Taclamacan Desert. He was a great excavator and in the same desert he found a 3,000 year old body mummified by the sand and, in the same grave, a baby.



A prince and his wife in the Tang dynasty, around 400 AD, thought that jade would prevent their bodies from decaying so they spent a fortune on having their bodies covered in jade plaques fastened together, after death of course. Unlike the desert mummies, all that was left of them when their tombs were found was dust and a lot of loose jade plaques.



Petra in Jordan, was the centre of quite a few trade routes. The Nabateans there had dug irrigation ditches and had plenty of water for every trader and his camels. Petra had bactrian camels and the Chinese, when they first saw them, were amazed. Petra remained at the crossroads of trade routes for many centuries but eventually the greedy Roman Empire cast its eyes upon it. First the emperors offered to protect it providing the people paid taxes, then they took it over before finally closing it down as a trading centre.

The Romans kindly emptied Petra's Treasury before they left, replacing it with one of their own. Petra was lost for years and passed into legend. The trade from Saudi Arabia now

had to use the Roman trading centre after crossing the mountains and the Negev Desert. Petra was eventually rediscovered by an Englishman in Victorian times.

In 523 AD Nestorian monks travelled along the Silk Road coming through Antioch and arriving in China. They told the Emperor Justinian when they returned to Byzantium of the marvels they had seen and the sumptuous silks they had touched. Justinian sent them back to China with gifts and they brought back silk worm eggs and mulberry tree seeds. Thus sprang a silk manufacturing site in Turkey.

Sicily belonged to Spain in the 11th century and the Crown Prince sent a fleet to Constantinople and captured some Jewish silk workers, plus some silk worms and mulberry trees, making Spain a source of silk as well. The Emperor provided silk for the church so the clergy were clothed in beautiful chasubles. Eleanor of Castille who married Edward I of England gave permission for the weavers of Macclesfield to weave in the silk which they obtained from Constantinople. Eleanor herself had sent robes to the priest in Macclesfield.

Some time in the 15th Century Ferdinand and Isabella expelled the Jews from Spain and their expertise went to Portugal and then to France and eventually to England when the protestant Huguenots fled after persecution.

Henry VIII was very jealous of the fact that Spain didn't have to pay tithes to the Church in Rome which was yet another reason for him to place himself as head of the Church in England. He secured the tithes that went to the Pope in Rome for himself.

In Henry's daughter Mary's reign Macclesfield produced Spanish silk buttons.

The black silk buttons were a luxury item and wearing them showed off your wealth. The Brocklehurst family were merchants and in later years buttons were found under their floorboards. The moulds to make these buttons were of holly, which grows well in Macclesfield as it has been built on a sandy prehistoric lake. Holly when it is boiled becomes very hard which makes it a suitable material for a mould. *(Cont on page 14)*

(Cont from page 13) Dorothy's talk continued with some history of Macclesfield's silk weaving during the Industrial Revolution and then was concluded. We thanked Dorothy and her assistant Julie and then enjoyed our usual refreshments. *Lily Mitchelhill*

Friday 12th April

On April 12th Friday Club members were expecting a talk by Melanie Latham on "Chutney and Cheer". However Ms Latham was taken ill that day and courageously phoned on her way to hospital with suspected appendicitis to cancel her visit. We wish her a full and speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her later in the year. Therefore, everyone was grateful to a club member Elva Towler who entertained us with a talk on "All Things British", which proved to be an evening of Elva's favourite music and poetry by British artists.

Some of Elva's favourite composers are Sullivan of course, for Elva is an enthusiastic Gilbert and Sullivan fan, John Rutter, Alfred Cellier, Delius and Elgar, in addition to a selection from non-classical composers such as Noel Coward, Flanders and Swann and Andrew Lloyd Webber. The poetry came from a selection of poets ranging from Shakespeare to Pam Ayres.

We began by listening to "The Sentry Song" from the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Iolanthe" - this is sung by the guard standing alone on the stage, by his sentry box outside the Houses of Parliament.

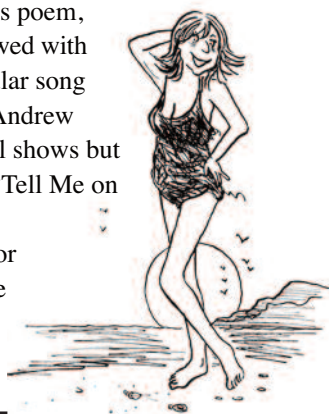
*"When in the House M.P.s divide,
If they've a brain or cerebellum too,
They've got to leave their brains outside,
And vote just as their leaders tell 'em too."*

Considering Iolanthe was written 137 years ago, it appears that little has changed in politics, considering all the votes recently undertaken in Parliament.

We then listened to a little known song "Dorothy" from the opera of the same name by Cellier. This was a new piece to all of us although written in 1886. Afterwards we enjoyed a reading of Christina Rossetti's poem "A Birthday" followed by "La Cabinda" a dance with tambourines by Delius. Next came the famous poem, "She Walks in Beauty" by Lord Byron. Noel Coward followed with his song written in 1935, "Mrs Worthington". Another popular song "The Gnu Song" was performed by Flanders and Swann. Andrew Lloyd Webber, is so well known for many of his wonderful shows but Elva's choice of his music was from a little known show, "Tell Me on a Sunday", first performed in 1977.

So back to a living poet - Pam Ayres, a poet we all enjoy for her popular verse about so much of life. We could all relate to this poem of hers, "The Perfect Swimsuit".

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(Continued from page 14) Our evening came to a close with a piece of music by 73 year old John Rutter, a very talented living composer whose music is played on so many occasions. One piece is a favourite of many people namely his Benediction, “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” was played to close the talk.

This talk by Elva was appreciated by all and our Vice Chairman Muriel Prestbury thanked Elva for a very enjoyable evening and we finished our evening with our usual refreshments. *Ann Hewitt*

Friday 26th April “Tales of a Salford Lad” Joe Sambrook

Joe spoke to us about his time growing up in Salford in the fifties. He was born in his grandmother’s house in 1944. The Lower Broughton area of his childhood was a friendly place. Joe attended the local primary school. He is left handed but his teachers tried to make him write with his right hand. After taking his 11-plus examination, Joe was sent to the headmaster who told him that his paper was “the worst 11-plus I have ever seen in my teaching career.”

Joe’s house was regularly flooded by the River Irwell. As a child he found this an exciting adventure but the aftermath was awful: mud in the house, furniture drying outside and a floor that gave way because the floorboards had rotted. The house had an outside toilet which also served as a reading room (catching up on articles in the newspaper that had been cut out for another purpose) and also as a fridge (jelly was left there to set but always with a big plate on top).

Joe also spoke about playing games in the street, cleaning the doorstep with a donkey stone obtained from the rag and bone man in exchange for old clothes, the street party for the Coronation and dancing with the girl who was to become his wife.

We all found the talk very interesting and amusing, particularly some of our members who had also grown up in that area. *Julia Ball*

Editor’s note: My father was a Rag and Bone Man in the Salford area during the fifties! He had a jet black carthorse, who he’d trained to tiptoe and a large raven that would sit on his shoulder or his battered top hat.

Dates for Your Diary

7th Jun “Growing Pains” Liz McConnell

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For further details please contact Frances Pickett on 0161 439 8890.



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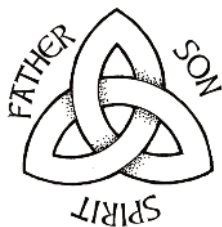
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The next 2nd Saturday Coffee Mornings will be on
June 8th and July 13th.



The Holy Trinity

How can God be One and Three at the same time?

*Perhaps the Father is like the sun in the sky,
dazzling in majesty and glory, whose light,
Jesus Christ, illumines all mankind;
and whose invisible warmth, the Holy Spirit,
brings us to life.*

*Sun, light and warmth – eternally the same,
but eternally different.*

Anonymous



When the Spirit Came

For Christmas we have the build-up of Advent, and Easter Day is preceded by Holy Week. But when it comes to Whit Sunday, it just suddenly arrives. Yet Pentecost is all about the birth of the Christian church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Surely, that is something to get excited about!

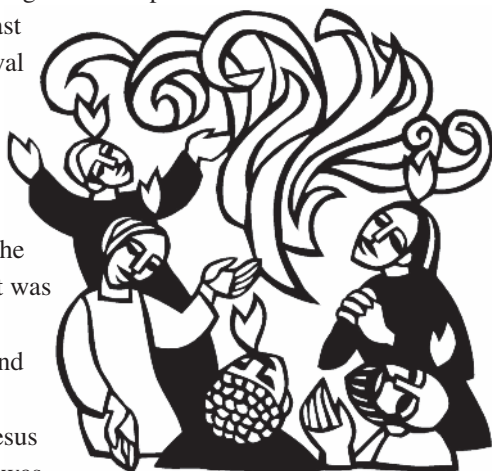
For forty days following our Lord's resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers and taught them about the Kingdom of God. Just before His ascension into Heaven, Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Spirit.

Ten days after His ascension, it was the Feast of Pentecost and this was a significant festival for the Jews. It was an annual occasion for people to assemble in the Holy City.

The day marked the time when the barley harvest officially ended. This feast day was characterised by religious ceremonies and the offering of sacrifices. No work was done. It was a day of thanksgiving. A time to remember deliverance from Egypt and God's mercy and reconciliation with His covenant people.

On the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus met together in an upper room. Its location was probably on Mount Zion to the west of Jerusalem. The site can be visited although it's not the Upper Room. It's an ancient building dating from the 14th century and built on the site of a church destroyed by the Persians seven centuries earlier. But the first floor chamber is large with old paving stones, surrounded by stone pillars and arches. According to tradition, this is where Jesus ate the 'Last Supper' and His followers received the Holy Spirit.

On Whit Sunday we would do well to remember why the Holy Spirit was sent to us. We are given power to live God's way: *to lead us into the things God has prepared for us; to worship and glorify Him; to enable us to pray; to lead us into truth; to give us a desire to share the love of Christ with others and to help us trust God for all our needs.* This Pentecost may our prayer be for God's Spirit to transform us, for the gentleness of His Spirit to lead us, and for the gifts of His Spirit to equip us. Amen. *Lester Amann*





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New Commission on Housing, Church and Community

The housing crisis is to be the subject of a major new Commission, recently launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

Academics, housing experts and theologians are to meet over an 18-month period to examine how the Church of England can build on its own work in housing and contribute to the national debate on policy.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community will explore a Christian perspective on housing policy, with a particular focus on providing good homes and promoting thriving communities.

The Commission has been set up following Archbishop Justin's book *Reimagining Britain: Foundations for Hope* published last year in which he argued that good housing is essential to equality and justice.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "Britain's housing crisis is one of the major challenges facing this country and it is hitting the poorest the hardest."



More churches than pubs

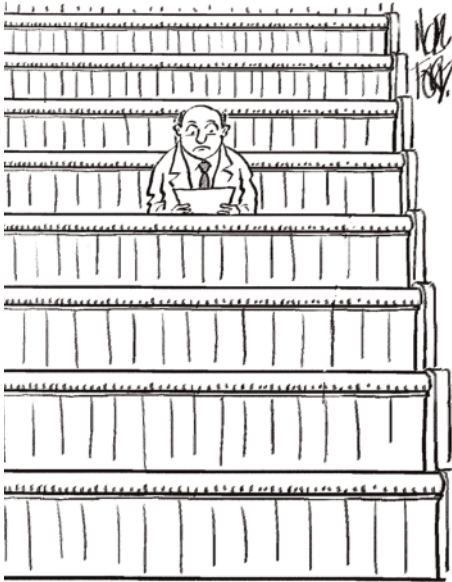
The UK now has more churches than pubs, according to new data published by the National Churches Trust.

There are around 39,000 pubs in the UK, according to the latest figures from the Office of National Statistics, with more than 11,000 pubs having closed in the UK in the last decade – a fall of almost a quarter (23%).

However, there are around 40,300 church buildings in the UK open to the public and being used for worship, according to research carried out for the National Churches Trust by the Brierley Consultancy.

The number of church buildings is also substantially higher than other key public buildings in the UK. There are currently around 14,300 supermarkets operated by grocery retailers, 11,500 post office branches, 7,500 bank branches and 3,600 public libraries.

An increasing number of churches in the UK are also becoming local 'community hubs', hosting children's nurseries, senior citizen lunch clubs, concerts and exhibition venues. Some even house post-offices, GP surgeries and farmer's markets. Around 6,000 of the UK's approximately 32,000 polling places are located in church buildings.



With the congregation depleted by the bug that was going around, it suddenly dawned on Roy that he wouldn't be able to get away with just miming to the hymns this week



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On the second Sunday of each month this will be our Family Communion and Parade Service.
We serve coffee in Church after the service - please come and join us.
- 6.30pm Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion:

- Tuesdays at 9.30am
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- May 19 Florence Emmeline Ada Clarke
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- May 7 John Brian Hastie.
Died 19th April, aged 86.
May 29 Norman Ernest Southern.
Died 17th May, aged 88.

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