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INFORMATION PAGE

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion (2nd in month)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Thursday 10.00am.
Holy Days to be announced.

Matins

Daily at 9.00am.



CONFESSION AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING

By arrangement with the Clergy.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISMS, BANNINGS AND WEDDINGS

All enquiries to Rev'd Janet Bacon (485 3455).

MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion 10.00am on the 2nd Thursday in Church. Details of all meetings are in Saints Alive and weekly notices. See Notice Board.

MENS' SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
Chairman: Mr Bradley Torbitt (486 9387).
Secretary: Mr Mike Parry (485 7886).

FRIDAY CLUB

Fortnightly meetings on Friday evening usually in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Open to women of all age groups. Chairman is Lily Mitchelhill (485 5187) Secretary is Julia Ball (440 8647)

JAMES GROUP

The James Group exists to encourage the Church's ministry of healing, and the practice of regular intercession for the sick. The branch meets monthly to say an Office of Intercession: there is also a monthly Corporate Communion. For further information please contact: The Secretary: Pat Yates (485 4546).

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Secretary: Mrs Julia Ball (440 8647).

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Cubs: (7th Cheadle Hulme) Meet on a Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm at Thorn Grove.
Andrew Thompson
email:andy.thompson@cheadlescouts.org.uk

Beavers: (7th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Friday 6.00pm - 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Mrs J. Metcalfe
jacquie.metcalfe@cheadlescouts.org.uk

Brownies: (11th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm at Thorn Grove.
Jo Taylor
brownow11ththeadleulme@yahoo.com

Rainbows: (2nd Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm



Interregnum Prayer

God our Father,

In this time of vacancy we pray that, as your people here at All Saints', we may work together in harmony and seek to further the work of your Kingdom. We thank you for your provision for us in the past, and we pray that, in due time, you will provide for us a loving, godly and inspiring Vicar to lead and guide us. This we ask in the name of your Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Coronavirus: A Message from the Rev Janet Owens

Dear Friends,

These are difficult; strange; frightening & unnerving times. At All Saints, we are working hard to keep in touch with everyone so this is the first of a series of emails which we hope will help us all to keep our spirits up and our faith strong. These are some words I read the other day which I would like to share with you. I found them very moving:

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

"And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

"And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

If you wish to have more Christian thoughts & prayerful inspirations please look at the Church of England website where you can join a Daily Prayer or read and download special prayers and liturgies for the Coronavirus outbreak.

Following the advice of the Church of England we have CANCELLED all our public worship, services and activities until further notice.

However, we plan to OPEN THE CHURCH as a place of prayer for one hour each day (except Fridays) from 10.00 to 11.00am, starting from Sunday, 22 March.

In practical terms, the All Saints folk not on email will be receiving a phone call. If you know anyone who needs shopping; prayers or simply a conversation please call me on 0161 312 4683 or our Churchwardens Janet Ashman 0161 485 7969 and John Ackerley 0161 486 1419, or any of the phone numbers on the back page of the magazine.

This is a developing situation and we will also be posting regular updates on our website and on our Facebook page. Assuring you all that you are in my prayers.

Please note: Following the latest measures introduced to deal with the coronavirus emergency, the church is now sadly closed until further notice.

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Heavens Above



As a youngster I was a frequent visitor at our local library. In the post-war period the books in the library were those that had been there for ages, and since everything was in short supply, has not yet been replaced with more up-to-date works. One of the books I looked at was on astronomy, and I remember the very first sentence - “Now that there are aeroplanes that can fly at over 100 miles per hour...”

This just proved how dated this book had to be. Everyone knew that the planes in the sky nowadays were far faster than that. And every young boy, if not the girls, knew that the Supermarine Spitfire flew at *over* 300 miles per hour.

If one wanted to read about space and space travel and travelling “out of this world”, the works of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells were the ones one was most likely to find on the library shelves. To travel to the moon in a rocket was to be found in the part of the library devoted to fiction. Consequently from an early age I became increasingly aware of how the rate of human knowledge and technical progress was accelerating.

The airships long gone, Concorde came and went, that most arduous part of a visit to a faraway place was possibly the journey to Manchester Airport. And if we are not inclined or physically incapable to getting up and going somewhere other than our own surroundings, and much prefer someone else to undertake the *actual* effort involved, we can turn on our colour television sets. We can sit back in the comfort of our own homes and vicariously travel to places we wull never visit, and in many instances never wish to visit. All that will be lacking is the *actual* atmosphere, the heat, the wind - and the smells.

I still remember the experience of sitting before our television set and watching live pictures of the first men to be actually there, way above our heads, walking on the surface of the moon. Mankind has only reached the moon very recently. And yet the psalmist back then, in biblical times, had the foresight, the vision, of what wonders were out there in the stars above:



Your name is great through all the earth
your majesty is praised above the heaven...

I look to the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars you set in place,

Lord our God

what are we that you should be mindful of us.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name through all the earth. (Psalm 8)



Claud Metson

Do you suffer from Hardening of the Oughteries?



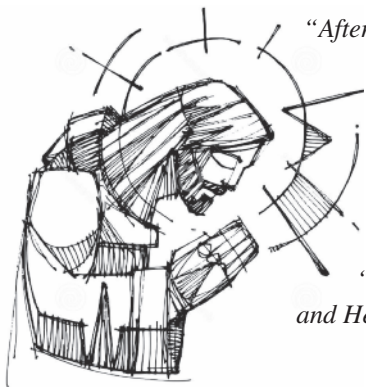
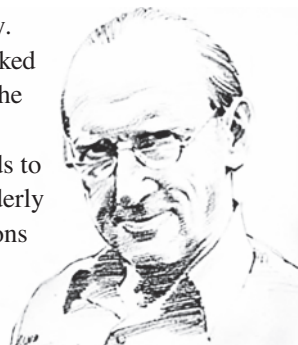
How often have you muttered to yourself I really ought to do that - visit a lonely distant relative, offer a lift, be nice to a grumpy neighbour?

Oughteries play on your mind and you find an excuse not to listen to your conscience... or you force yourself to act. But, if you do something you really do not wish to do, you probably do it with an unwelcome resentment hard to hide. The recipients of your time suffer and so do you, so nobody benefits from your good works.

The term “hardening of the oughties” is believed to have originated in the works of Dr. Frank Lake, a Lancashire-born psychiatrist and devout Christian. Dr. Lake could be controversial but the following he built up with the publication of his book *Clinical Theology* in 1966 still exists today. The Bridge Pastoral Foundation, offers training seminars, experiential workshops, books and tapes that help to carry on his pioneering work.

Dr. Lake saw Jesus as his model of mental health and stability. Oughteries were not a problem for Him. However much He worked for His Father, healing the sick and preaching the good news he drew boundaries. In His humanity His work depleted Him of resources as it does for all of us. He withdrew from the crowds to rest and seek new energy through prayer. Jesus longed to tenderly gather all the people under His wings but learned the limitations of the human body and mind.

When you are refreshed, the oughteries are easier to deal with, and the grumpy neighbour is not so much of a problem.



“After He had sent them away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone.” (Matthew 14:23)

“Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and slipped out to a solitary place to pray.” (Mark 1:35)

“In those days, Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and He spent the night in prayer to God.” (Luke 6:12)

Revision of All Saints' Electoral Roll 2020

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be held on Sunday 26th April and the revision of the Electoral Roll has to be completed between March 29th and April 12th. Your name must appear on the Electoral Roll if you wish to take part in and vote at the Annual Church Meeting, also if you wish to be on the PCC or a sidesperson.

A copy of the present Roll will be available at the back of church from Sunday 15th March to enable you to check your entry.

If you would like your name to be added to the Roll please ask me or one of the churchwardens for an application form. Completed applications for entry, and written notes of required corrections or names that should be removed from the Roll, must be passed to me or a churchwarden before Sunday 5th April.

David Jones, Electoral Roll Officer

Psalm 22: Why have you forsaken me?

'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Psalm 22:1 & Matt 27:46). Where is God? is a common question voiced today and shared by Jesus on the cross on the first Good Friday. This question is answered in the psalm, as we look through the lens of Jesus' crucifixion.

It is a real question: Both David and Jesus question God about the pain and darkness of their experience. It is a real question for all suffer, yet they are still able to hold onto a God of love, who has their lives in His hands: *'Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.'* (3).

It requires faith to ask: Their complaint about the apparent absence of God is not a sign of losing faith in Him. David remembers those who have trusted God in the past and been saved from their troubles: *'In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.'* (4). Just like Jesus on the cross, we are able to entrust ourselves *'to Him who judges justly.'* (1 Peter 2:23).

It is answered in experience: When David cried out to God, he experienced his deliverance: *'For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.'* (24).

As a result, David was able to praise God and witness to His faithfulness.

The fulfilment of these verses are seen in Jesus' resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. He was vindicated by God and has become the source of life and hope for all who trust themselves to Him.

In answer to the question *'Where is God?'*, we hear the answer, *'Look to the cross of Jesus!'*

No Longer Marching?

Ask a group of people of a certain age to name the hymns they remember from childhood, and it will not be long before someone says “Onward Christian Soldiers”. It’s no longer in our hymnbook; perhaps “marching as to war” suggests, too literally, “the church militant”! But Sabine Baring-Gould, born in 1834, was not a warlike man, but a peaceful country parson. He was ordained in 1864 and served his curacy in Horbury, a Yorkshire mill town. He established a Sunday School in a poor area, and met and fell in love with Grace, a mill-worker’s



daughter. They were married, but not before their vicar had arranged for Grace to go away to live with relatives of his, to learn “middle-class manners”. The marriage lasted forty-eight years, but little is known of Grace, hidden by the Victorian class system and gender inequality. She was the mother of fifteen children, of whom all but one survived into adulthood. When she died, Baring-Gould had inscribed on her grave-stone (in Latin) “Half my soul”.

After Horbury, Baring-Gould moved to Dalton, near Thirsk, and then to another obscure parish at East Mersea in Essex. When his father died he inherited the estate of Lew Trenchard in Devon, and when the living became vacant in 1881 he moved there, becoming the “squire-parson”. He served his parish faithfully until his death in 1924 but, like many Victorian clergymen, had other interests too. He was a folk-song collector, a writer of novels and short stories, and an archaeologist.

Baring-Gould wrote numerous hymns besides “Onward Christian Soldiers”. Included in our hymnbook is his beautiful Christmas carol, “Sing lullaby, lullaby baby now reclining, sing lullaby...”, and, translated from the Basque language, “The angel Gabriel from heaven came... Mary most favoured Lady.” His best known children’s hymn, “Now the day is over, night is drawing nigh...” is no longer in the hymnbook, its Victorian imagery would not cut it with twenty-first century children!

He loved his large family, but could be a little absent-minded. William Purcell, in his 1957 biography, tells of an occasion, when one of the children had a birthday party, the house was full of children. Meeting a little girl, Baring-Gould bent down and asked her, “And whose little girl are you, my dear?” Through her tears she told him, “I’m yours, Daddy!”. Another of Sabine Baring-Gould’s hymns that remain in our hymnbook returns to the marching theme, not of an army, but of pilgrims:

“Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band...
Clear before us through the darkness, gleams and burns the guiding light,
So we march, in hope united, stepping fearless through the night.”

Douglas Scarisbrick

Church minister was inspiration behind ‘Great Escape’



A Church of Scotland minister nicknamed ‘Padre Mac’ has been named as the inspiration behind the Great Escape.

The Revd Professor Murdo Ewen Macdonald’s fiery sermons” motivated the famous breakout of a German Prisoner of War camp in March 1944, according to an author.

Dr Linda Barker said the Great Escape is often heralded as a plan masterminded by English officers, and the theme tune to the 1963 film of the same name is sung by England football fans.

The theologian has been given credit for a minor role in hiding tunnel sand in the famous break-out over the course of a year. However, the historian claims his influence was possibly far more significant, as he had previously made his own escape while in transit to a PoW camp.

He was a chaplain for the men of Stalag Luft III, including RAF Squadron Leader Roger Bushell, who has always been known as the mastermind of the Great Escape.

Dr Parker is the author of “Nearer My God to Thee: Airborne Chaplains in the Second World War,” which examines the full story of padres who accompanied the airborne forces to all theatres of war between 1942-1945.

“Murdo Ewen Macdonald, known as Padre Mac, may have been the ‘inspiration that led to many great escapes’ during the Second World War,” she said.

“He was moved to Stalag Luft III, where the Great Escape would take place in March 1944. Here, he befriended Roger Bushell, and Harry ‘Wings’ Day, both instigators and organisers of the Great Escape.

“As a chaplain, he would have had access to all the troops and would have been able to speak with them, in confidence, to motivate them with the story of his own escape attempt.”



Reflected Faith: the Sacristan

The traditional marks on an altar are five crosses representing either the five wounds of Christ or perhaps more matter-of-factly, Christ at the centre of what holds up the table – and indeed what holds our lives. This month let's consider the work of the person responsible for preparing the altar for worship.

So often when we arrive in church, everything is already set up for the service and by the time we've drunk our coffee afterwards it's all cleared away – as if some altar fairies come in the dark and do it all very quietly. Well, in fact that's exactly what happens! Except that rather than fairies this is the job of the Sacristan.

A busy priest with many churches may conduct several services on a Sunday and so rely on the altar to have been prepared before their arrival.

There are set ways of preparing all altars so that, wherever you go to worship, the same things should be found and folded/laid in the same ways. This not only helps in times of business, but principally it allows all who conduct or serve at the altar to engage with the words of the service, rather than get distracted by wondering 'where so and so' is today. Some churches are more stringent than others in their preciseness, but there is a minimum level of acceptability. Otherwise the priest must spend time before the service checking everything is 'right' – or getting an inconvenient surprise when something is missing! When the 'moment' comes in the Eucharistic prayer at the words, 'We break this bread', you should be able to hear the sharp 'snap' at the break. Making sure that the wafer is crisp enough is the responsibility of the Sacristan.

The story is told about one church where the wafer tended to go a bit soft – until the Sacristan began putting it on the radiator for a few minutes beforehand, until they were 'dry enough to snap'. Another solution, of course, would have been to find an airtight container...

This month if you are able to attend a communion service on Easter Day listen out for the 'snap' and think what that sounds tells you of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection.

From church notice-sheets

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our children's minister, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

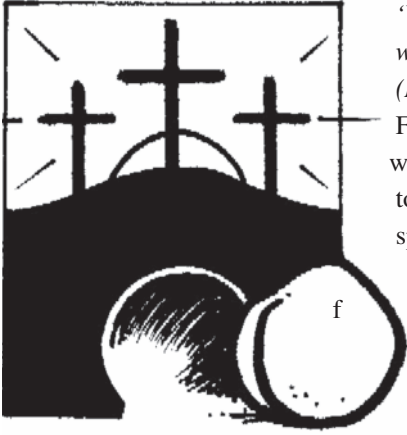
Baptisms: after Easter, the North and South ends of the church will be utilised. Children will be baptised at both ends.

Coming up: Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.

Next Sunday Mrs Brown will sing a solo at the morning service before the vicar preaches on the subject of 'Terrible experiences and how to survive them'.

Players picked for St Andrew's darts team will be pinned to the board on Thursday.

Who moved the stone?



‘When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.’

(Mark 16:4)

Frank Morrison was an investigative journalist who was a sceptic when it came to religion. He decided to write a book to disprove the claims of Christ, specifically focussed on the last week of His life.

However, when he came to consider the evidence or himself, he was drawn reluctantly to a different outcome than he had imagined.

He found that the evidence proved the story to be true, including the fact that Jesus not only died

but rose again. In the end he wrote a different kind of book called ‘Who Moved the Stone?’ with the first chapter entitled, ‘The book that refused to be written.’

The veracity of the Christian faith is grounded on historical fact. Not only was Jesus a real person, a figure of history, but His death was real, and so was His resurrection.

Examine the evidence for yourself. Read the gospel accounts openly and honestly and see what happens. The truth is there for anyone willing to consider the facts.

Easter reminds us that our faith rests on solid ground. It is why we celebrate Easter Sunday with such gusto. The Resurrection proves that Jesus was who He said He was (the Son of God) and that He did what He set out to do (save us from our sin). But more than that, it reminds us that He can deliver what He promised and help us today because He is alive for evermore.

Jesus is not a figure of history, locked away in the past. No, He is a risen Saviour who is alive today and who invites each of us to receive the gift of salvation, and to live a new life in fellowship with Him.

A Celtic Blessing

May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun, the softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon reach you and fill you.

May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you, may the wonder fulfil you and love surround you.

May your step be steady and your arm be strong, may your heart be peaceful and your word be true.

May you seek to learn, may you learn to live, may you live to love and may you love - always.



Love one another as I have loved you



*Love one another as I have loved you
May seem impossible to do,
But if you will try to trust and believe,
Great are the joys that you will receive
For love makes us patient, understanding, and kind,
And we judge with our hearts and not with our minds,
For as soon as live entered the heart's open door,
The faults we once saw are not there anymore
And the things that seem wrong begin to look right
When viewed in the softness of love's gentle light
For love works in ways that are wondrous and strange,
And there is nothing in life that love cannot change,
And all that God promised will someday come true,
When you love one another the way He loved you.*

Helen Steiner Rice

Why did Jesus die?

“God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, ‘I love you.’”(Billy Graham).

God showed His love for us, when Jesus dealt with the problem of our sin on the cross. ‘He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed’ (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus died in our place to bear our sin and guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin and to set us free from death. In the 75th anniversary year of the liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, it’s appropriate to remember the story of Fr Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest imprisoned in Auschwitz. On 31st July 1941 a prisoner escaped from the camp and in response the authorities selected ten men to die in the starvation bunker.

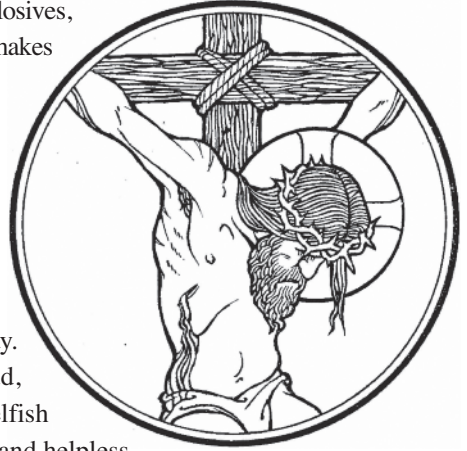
One of the men, Francis Gajinisdek, cried, ‘My poor wife and my children. They’ll never see me again!’ Then Kolbe stepped forward and said, “I’m a Catholic priest. I don’t have a wife and children and I am willing to die instead of this man.” He followed the other nine into the bunker. Remarkably he got the prisoners praying and singing hymns and transformed the atmosphere in the bunker. He was the last person to die and after two weeks he was given a lethal injection and died at the age of 47.

Jesus’ death was even more amazing than this, because He didn’t simply die for one man, but for every individual in the world. If you or I had been the only person in the world, Jesus Christ would still have died in our place. ‘Hallelujah, what a Saviour’!

A Display of Power

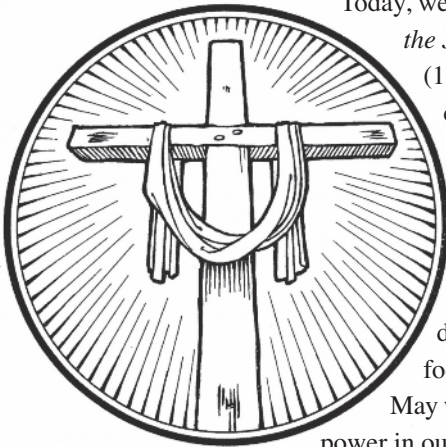
To a world that seeks to show power through explosives, military might, and physical force, Good Friday makes little sense.

A man, hanging on a cross. A man, who claimed to be the Son of God, nailed to a tree. Naked, broken, and dying. Forsaken. Passers-by mock Him: 'Save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' (Matthew 27:40). But with no word of complaint, no attempt to fight back, an innocent man accepts a death penalty. Is this power? The world says no. Power is loud, it is ferocious, and it visibly wins. It is often selfish and seeks advantage over those who are weak and helpless.



That is what we see when governments and corporations seeking to show their power at the expense of other people. Is there really power to be found in the broken and bleeding body of a dying man? The world says no.

But Good Friday tells a different story. This broken and bleeding body of a dying man turns any earthly ideas of power upside down and inside out, as salvation and redemption are found in the most unlikely of places. Power is found in sacrifice, humility, and death. Power is found in a man, hanging on a cross. Naked, broken, and dying. Forsaken. Power is found here, at Calvary.



Today, we preach Christ crucified, '*a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles*'

(1 Corinthians 1:23). The power of the Cross can certainly make little sense to us and our world, so set in our ways. The Cross comes in direct contradiction to everything we hear and see about power on a daily basis. It speaks not of explosives, military might, and physical force, but of love, forgiveness, and the laying down of one's life. A stumbling block and foolishness perhaps, but also a better way to live.

May we seek to show something of Christ's subversive power in our words, lives, and actions, this Good Friday and beyond.

May you experience the powerful love of our Father God, along with the peace and joy that comes from knowing that Jesus died and rose again.



A Gospel to give away at Easter

When 800 non-Christians were interviewed about reading a Bible, those aged 18-50 wanted a quality, magazine version of a gospel. So, HOPE Together and Biblica have joined forces to publish Mark's Gospel in a stunning image-filled format that makes a great Easter gift.



*in our villages,
towns and cities*

Families often come to church together at Easter, with grandparents bringing their adult children and teenage grandchildren. The 108-page version of Mark's Gospel is great to give as a gift and easy to read. Those with questions are invited to visit Christianity.org.uk to find out more.

Trevor Wilson, UK Partnerships Manager at Biblica said, "One of the most exciting things we do at Biblica is develop new and creative formats of Bible text to help people read and engage with it whether they are picking it up first time or the one hundredth time. God's Word is as alive and active today as it was when first written down. Individuals and communities are being impacted across our country as they read God's Word today. We believe it should be presented in ways that make it accessible and relevant for everyone."

Copies are available in packs of five for £5 plus p&p from the HOPE Together shop (hopetogether.org.uk/shop).

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolfe, assistant director of HOPE Together, took the lead in the publishing project. Quoting the Talking Jesus research, she said, "27% of practising Christians said that reading the Bible was key in their coming to faith. We want to give more people that chance, so we hope that Christians will give away this Gospel to help people discover Jesus for themselves.

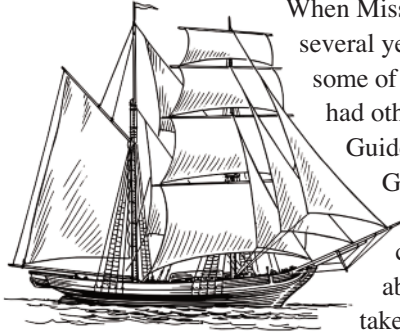
"More of the younger generations are interested in the life of Jesus than you imagine, so give them a Gospel designed for them," she adds.





FRIDAY CLUB

Friday 7th February 2020 - "Sailing a Tall Ship" Betty Allport



When Miss Betty Allport retired from full-time employment several years ago, her friends had expected her to take on some of the voluntary jobs they had offered her - but Betty had other ideas. Having been associated with the Girl Guide Movement from being a Brownie through Guides, Rangers and now with the Trefoil Guild, Betty had always enjoyed adventures and challenging situations. One of her friends told her about The Jubilee Sailing Trust - a charity which takes disabled and able-bodied people sailing on a tall

ship, 'The Lord Nelson', where they work as crew. This appealed to Betty as she had always enjoyed being in, on or around water.

Betty investigated the charity and applied. Then came all the medical forms which once completed and approved by the trust's doctor enabled Betty to apply to join the crew for one leg of 'The Lord Nelson's' journey around the United Kingdom. She applied to sail from Bristol to Brixham and loved the experience.

She then gave us details of her life on board where she was a member of a ten person watch led by an experienced watch leader. Each day there were jobs to be done, instructions to follow and talks by the Captain to attend, where he explained the ship's workings. Every day there was a 'happy hour' when everyone helped with the cleaning duties. Betty loved working alongside disabled people. The voluntary crew consisted of 40 people, of whom 20 were disabled and up to eight of whom were confined to their wheelchairs. In addition there were 10 permanent staff.

The ship was well equipped with lifts, adjustable seats and washbasins to assist the physically disabled. Tactile strips placed around the ship helped blind crew members and vibrating areas helped deaf members of the crew. With this help handicapped crew could undertake all jobs. Everyone spent one day on each journey on galley duty to assist the cook. Betty told us the food was excellent and plentiful. The only job Betty was scared of doing was climbing the rigging, or 'going aloft' as it is known on board, to lower the sails. However wearing her safety harness and needing much courage she managed to play her part.

Betty loved her first adventure and has been many times since. On each trip she has met different people and made many friends. She finished her talk by reading some letters from parents of disabled sailors all of which praised the Trust for the incredible experiences given to their children and how much this opportunity had improved their quality of life.

The Jubilee Sailing Trust was established by a special needs teacher, Christopher Rudd, who one day borrowed a boat and took his pupils sailing. They enjoyed the experience so much he managed to raise the money to have 'The Lord Nelson' built with the help of a very generous grant from the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund. The charity has Alan Titchmarsh and Jon Snow as vice patrons.

Betty was thanked for her interesting talk and after refreshments we left our meeting having had a very enjoyable afternoon. *Ann Hewitt*

Friday 7th February 2020 - "Friday Club's Annual General Meeting"

We began our meeting with Friday Club's Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, who taught us through your Son that all our deeds without love are nothing worth, we ask you to bless all members of our Friday Club.

We thank you for the gift of friendship and pray that we may grow in love and fellowship.

Bless our homes and all whom we love and help us always to be mindful of the needs of others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

(Written by Joan Attfield)

This was followed by The Lord's Prayer. I then, as Chairman welcomed everyone to our 58th AGM.

We all realised that in 2022 it would be our Diamond Jubilee.

I opened the meeting and read out apologies for absence and Julia read out the minutes of the last AGM which were duly accepted and seconded. There were no matters arising and I gave my Chairman's Report thanking both the Friday Club Committee and Friday Club members for all their support during the illness and subsequent death of my husband Ronald Mitchelhill. I was particularly grateful to Julia, Ann and Muriel for taking over my duties when I couldn't be there. It was very comforting after Ron's death to receive a kind donation, flowers and lots of letters and cards. Thank you again to you all.

Julia then gave the Secretary's Report with a synopsis of all our activities during the year which she had organised so well. This was followed by the Treasurer's Report from Ann and we all looked at our copies while Ann explained everything.

Next came the Election of Officers and Committee. When asked, all members of the Committee agreed to serve another year but all offices were opened up to the general membership but no one came forward and the Committee was re-elected. Julia Ball continues as Secretary, Ann Hewitt as Treasurer, I continue as Chairman with Muriel Prestbury as Vice Chairman. Hazel Peters has offered to continue as sick visitor and she sends cards to sick members at home or in hospital and brings comfort on behalf of us all. Elva Towler was willing to organise our refreshments. *(Continued on page 14)*



(Continued from page 13) We thanked everyone for their continuing service and went on to Any Other Business. It was decided to leave the attendance fee at £1.00 for members and £2.00 for visitors. Bearing in mind that extra money would be needed for our Diamond Jubilee celebrations it was put to the members by Ann that we should raise our subscription that we pay annually from £10.00 to perhaps £13.00 or £15.00, it was decided that £12.50 with its odd 50 pence would not be considered. There was some debate and then the amount of £13.00 or £15.00 was put to the vote. The amount of £15.00 was decided after a majority vote. The Committee was thanked for their work and given a small gift. The meeting was closed by the Chairman and we enjoyed tea or coffee and biscuits and had a chat. *Lily Mitchelhill*

Dates for your Diary

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic all meetings have been cancelled.



Giving and receiving

'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35).

This unique saying of Jesus, not recorded in the gospels, is quoted by the apostle Paul in the book of Acts. These few words contain a powerful truth about giving and receiving love.

Stage 1 – receiving love. As children we love to receive presents, whether for birthdays or Christmas. It is natural at a young age to think more about receiving than giving. This is self-love.

Stage 2 – giving and receiving love. As we grow older, we begin to consider others, not just ourselves. We learn not only to receive, but also to give. However, at this stage we tend mostly to give to those who give to us. This is reciprocal love.

Stage 3 – giving love without the need to receive love. This is the kind of love Jesus demonstrated during His earthly ministry, and which the Spirit desires to produce in His followers. When we give freely in this way, we find great joy and experience the blessing of God in our lives. This is other-love.

However, we never grow out of our need to receive love (stage 1). The danger of giving without receiving is that we neglect our own need to be loved, supported and encouraged. This is why many active believers experience burnout and depression. We cannot give to others indefinitely without receiving for ourselves. It is not a sign of weakness, immaturity or failure to say, 'I need to receive'. There are times when we all need affirmation and appreciation, rest and recuperation.

That said, we must not get locked into stage 1 again (spiritual infancy with the focus always on me), but bravely move on the more mature expressions of love, mutually supporting one another, but also reaching out to those who need our help but have nothing to offer in return.

A Family Prayer

*Dear Father in heaven I ask for your touch;
bless all my family, we need you so much.
Grant us your wisdom to choose what is right,
to walk in your pathways of truth and light.
Strengthen our family with faith to hold fast,
to cherish and nurture the treasures that last.
Teach us to love, to forgive and to share,
in the realms of the spirit, to thrive and to dare.
But most of all, Lord, when our journey is through,
bind us together, for ever with you.*

Kevin Mayhew



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For emergency services stretched to the limit
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For shopkeepers losing high street trade
For repeat victims losing strength and hope
We pray*

*For resilience and resolve to change
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For further details please contact Frances Pickett on 0161 439 8890.



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Church Open

The next Saturday Coffee Morning will be on
April 18th.



MEN'S SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the first Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room (unless otherwise stated). After the talk there is a short question and answer session followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

The upcoming programme includes:

Thursday 2 April

"Eco power" - illustrated talk by Bernard Champness

Saturday 18 April

Coffee Morning 10.00am to 11.30am in the meeting room

Thursday 7 May

AGM and Supper

Although this group is attended by men, if you are interested in hearing any of the speakers you will be most welcome to come along.

Chairman: Bradley Torbitt (0161 486 9387)

Secretary: Mike Parry (0161 485 7886)

Church of England sets 2030 Net Zero carbon target

The Church of England's General Synod has now set new targets for all parts of the church to work to become carbon 'net zero' by 2030. The original target was 2045.

At its February 2020 meeting, members voted in favour of a revised date encouraging all parts of the Church of England to take action and ramp-up efforts to reduce emissions.

The motion follows the launch of the Church of England's first ever Green Lent (#LiveLent) campaign for 2020.

The Church of England has also announced an

appliance-style footprinting tool for parishes to calculate their carbon footprint.

Following the debate, The Bishop of Salisbury, Nick Holtam, the Church of England's lead bishop for the Environment said: "To reach Synod's target of 2030 we will each need to hear this as an urgent call to action. This is a social justice issue, and if the Church is to hold others to account, we have to get our own house in order."



Archbishop of Canterbury pays tribute to the Archbishop of York

The Archbishop of Canterbury has paid tribute to the Archbishop of York in General Synod what would have been his final Synod.

Archbishop Justin Welby praised the Archbishop of York who is currently travelling in the Pacific. He said: "He (John Sentamu) has gone to visit parts of the world which are suffering the effects of climate change right now. He has gone typically to be alongside those who are suffering: a pattern of his life throughout his ministry."

The Archbishop continued: "Speaking about Sentamu when he's not here... means we can show our gratitude, thanks and love for him without him being able to stop us."

Recalling the Archbishop of York's work on the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry, Archbishop Justin added that "he said that he himself was stopped at least eight times by the police".

Reflecting on the Archbishop of York's impact nationally, the Archbishop of Canterbury said: "The Church of England will miss you Sentamu and the wider country will miss you. There aren't a lot of bishops who are so well known outside the church."



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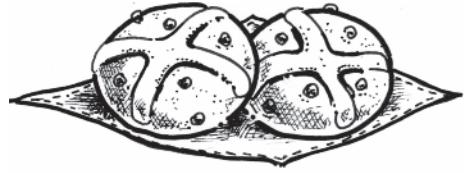
Thank you Lord for this new day. I return it to you with the plans I have made, the jobs that have to be done, and all the problems I cannot anticipate. Please Lord Jesus, give me strength when tired, wisdom when confused and uncertain, patience when angry or frustrated. Lord, in the busyness of the day, help me in quiet confidence to know that you are God. Amen



*When I was worn and weary
And so many depended on me,
And life seemed dark and dreary
Why, then, He befriended me;
He sent His love to cheer me
When the day was dark and dim
And I felt His presence near me
When I depended on Him.*



Be our Spirit
Be our Guide
Let us give that
That is hidden inside.



Be not afraid. Ask the Holy Spirit to live in your heart. Then you will feel at one with God and the Lord Jesus. You will feel the love flow through you and you can share it with others. Thank you Holy Trinity for everlasting love.



God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end,
And at my departing.
Give to each a place, O Lord.

Amen





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- 10.00am The Parish Communion.
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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:
Thursdays at 10.00am
Holy Days as announced
- Matins: Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays at 9.00am
- See the weekly news sheet for further details.*

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Parents, Norman and Ann

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The Changing

Reflections of Mary (Mark 16:1-8)

Our eyes seeing the same mountains,
The gentle touching of our hands,
Simply breathing the same air,
Pleasures unrecognised till now,
Gone... In the changing.

In the certainty of our grieving,
You surprise us, Lord,
You are not where we know that you should be.
In the moving of the stone, Lord,
You surprise us,
In our sorrow, we don't see your victory.

But you told us, Lord,
Prepared us for the changing,
In your grace, foretold the triumph of your death.
In the changing from despair to resurrection
You surprise us and transform us
By rebirth.

Our opened eyes can see beyond the mountains,
Now we're held forever in your arms,
The air we breathe is your life-giving Spirit,
Gloriously given... In the changing.

Daphne Kitching





Christian Stewardship

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