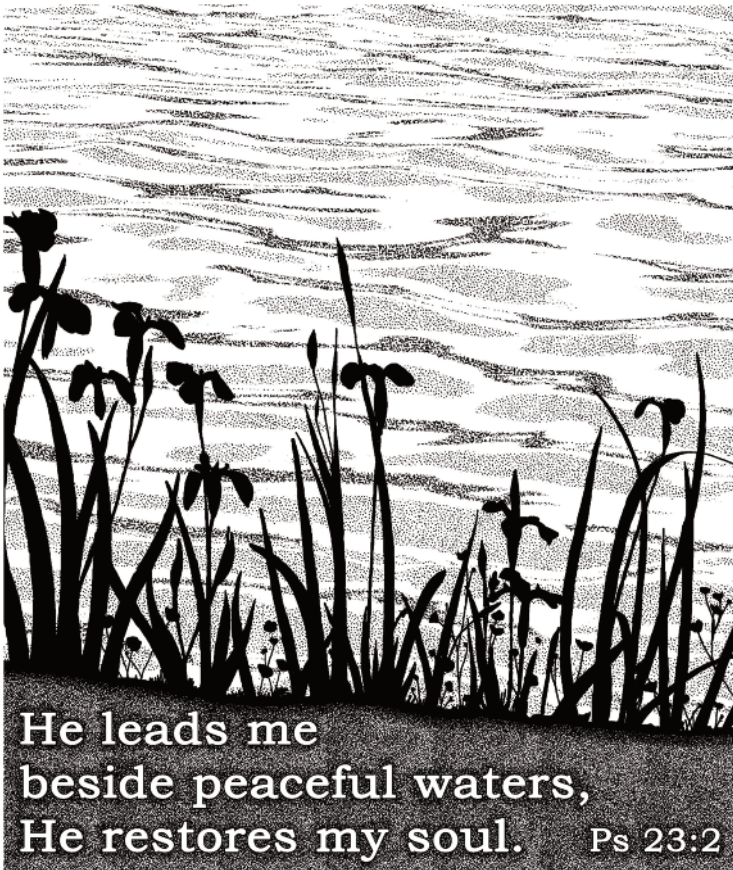


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He leads me
beside peaceful waters,
He restores my soul. Ps 23:2

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Thursday 10.00am.
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Matins

Daily at 9.00am.



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Chairman: Mr Bradley Torbitt (486 9387).
Secretary: Mr Mike Parry (485 7886).

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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).

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Secretary: Mrs Julia Ball (440 8647).

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Andrew Thompson
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Brownies: (11th Cheadle Hulme)
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Jo Taylor
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Rainbows: (2nd Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm





“ I was glad when they said unto me,
we will go into the house of the Lord”



Sunday 14 June 10am. Our church doors were open, lights on, candles lit, organ playing quietly and the bell ringing. It was extremely emotional, just to be able to sit or kneel in our beloved church and pray to our Lord after so many weeks. The altar looked serene, cloths had been changed and flowers arranged, the stained-glass windows seemed to look even more beautiful. Though there were face masks, hand gels, one-way systems and notices, once you sat in the pews all was forgotten.

At the time of writing our church is open for private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays 10.00am - 11.00am.

As yet we have not had any instructions from the Diocese regarding resuming

services. So I am afraid for the next few weeks we are not expecting any relaxing of rules in church. We are still emailing our ‘friends’ every Sunday and occasionally during the week, as well as delivering letters every other week to those who don’t use computers, and our fortnightly Saturday Zoom meetings at 2.00pm are proving very popular.

The advert for a new vicar is in the Church Times until the end of July with interviews being held in mid-September. If you would like to receive emails, letters or just need a chat, please contact me on 0161 485 7969. Love and peace to you all, Janet Ashman, Churchwarden

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New Archbishop of York to be confirmed

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York this month. The service, at 11.00am on Thursday 9th July, will be broadcast entirely via video conference due to the Coronavirus restrictions. The service, which had been due to take place in York Minster, will be in two parts. A legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music, will be followed by a film marking the start of Bishop Stephen's ministry as Archbishop of York.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell says: "I am looking forward to beginning my ministry as the 98th Archbishop of York. This isn't quite how I imagined it would begin. It is certainly the first time an Archbishop's election will have been confirmed via video conference. But we're all having to re-imagine how we live our lives and how we inhabit the world.

"These are difficult times. My hope is that through this service the love of God that is given us in Jesus Christ will shine out, perhaps even to those who while never attending a service in York Minster, might have a look online. Following in the footsteps of my many predecessors, I look forward to serving our nation and bringing the love and peace of Christ to our world, especially here in the north."

The service will be available on the Church of England website. Arrangements for Bishop Stephen's enthronement service will be announced later in the year.



Use your old clothes to help others

Lockdown drove many of us to do a Spring clear-out of our wardrobes. But what do you do now do with the old clothes you no longer want?

Charity shops may be closed for the time being, but there's still a way to donate your old items and support your favourite charities. Just go online and visit Thrift+ . It is an online store where you can buy and donate great quality second-hand clothes. And you get to choose which cause to support when you make a donation.

While lockdown measures are in place, they've introduced a doorstep collection service, so you don't need to leave your home to support life-transforming charities.



Praying for end to coronavirus crisis, frontline workers and world's poor

British adults are praying for an end to the Covid-19 crisis, as well as for frontline workers and those living in poverty both in the UK and around the world, according to a new poll commissioned by Christian Aid.

The research, undertaken by Savanta ComRes, found that one in four (26%) British adults say they have prayed for an end to the Covid-19 crisis since lockdown, while an equal proportion (26%) say they have prayed for people working on the frontline and other key workers since the crisis began.

One in five (21%) British adults say they have prayed for people living in poverty in the UK or around the world since the lockdown.

The poll also indicated that the Covid-19 lockdown is slightly more likely to increase than decrease people's faith in God (5% vs. 2%), life after death (4% vs. 2%) and the power of prayer (5% vs. 2%). This was particularly true of younger Brits aged 18-24.

Chine McDonald from Christian Aid said: "At times of crisis like the world is experiencing now, faith can play a key part in helping people to cope with daily realities and pressures.



Lo, I am with you always

*Wide fields of corn along the valleys spread;
The rain and dew mature the swelling vine;
I see the Lord in multiplying bread;
I see Him turning water into wine;
I see Him working all the works divine
He wrought when Salem-ward His steps were led;
The self-same miracles around Him shine;
He feeds the famished; He revives the dead;
He pours the flood of light on darkened eyes;
He chases tears, diseases, fiends away;
His throne is raised upon these orient skies;
His footstool is the pave whereon we pray.*

John Charles Earle (1749 – 1818)

22nd July - The Other Mary



As the traditional Easter story is remembered again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus but Mary of Magdala, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being, male or female, actually to meet the risen Christ.

That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils'. As a result, her devotion to Him was total and her grief at His death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman', a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus. And while there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman', the contrast is sublime: Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity and Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

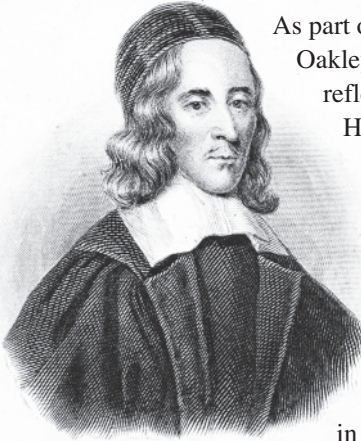
What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, He had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to Him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find Him. The man simply said her name 'Mary' and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug Him, but He told her not to touch Him because His resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met Him. She did – but they couldn't believe her. Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian gospel.



Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time. Anonymous

George Herbert and God's enduring love



As part of my lockdown reading I have just finished Mark Oakley's 2019 book, "My Sour Sweet Days", inspiring reflections on forty of George Herbert's poems.

Herbert was born in 1593, one of ten children in a wealthy and gifted family. After his father died when he was three years old his mother, Magdalen, who was wealthy and prominent in her own right, secured him a good education in preparation for entry into Trinity College, Cambridge, with the apparent intention of preparing for ordination in the Church of England. He was an outstandingly bright student and rose to eminence in the college and in Cambridge, becoming the university's Public Orator in

1620; he came to the notice of King James I and moved in Court circles; he was an MP, briefly, in 1624.

George was set for a high-profile political career, but in 1625, he underwent a "mid-life crisis". He turned away from politics, accepted that his true calling was to the Church, and was ordained in 1624. He was appointed to Leighton Bromswold, Cambridgeshire, where he restored the beautiful church which had been in disrepair. In 1629 he became rector of Bemerton in Wiltshire, not far from Salisbury. There he was noted for his devotion to his parishioners, tending to their spiritual wellbeing, and also taking food and clothing to those in physical need. He also found time to travel into Salisbury twice a week to share in the services and music of the cathedral.

Herbert found joy and comfort in his home and was devoted to his wife, Jane; together they provided a home for his three orphaned nieces. His time in parish ministry was undoubtedly the period of his life when he found fulfilment and his true vocation, but it was short. After just three years at Bemerton, he died in 1633, a month before his fortieth birthday.

As a classical scholar, Herbert wrote Latin poetry, but he also wrote poetry in English; he was influenced by Shakespeare and John Donne and didn't consider his own work of any value so he hid it away from prying eyes. Only when he was nearing death did he entrust the manuscript to his friend Nicholas Ferrar, with the request that if Ferrar judged the poems to have any worth he should publish them, if not he should burn them.

Fortunately, Ferrar recognised Herbert's English poems as the treasure that they are; he published them, under the title "The Temple".

Mark Oakley's book provides a fascinating glimpse of George Herbert's life, and an introduction to his poetry, of which the outstanding theme is the enduring love of God.

Douglas Scarisbrick

One for a Church Quiz?

Know any celebrities from around Stockport? Yes we do have some - Fred Perry the tennis player for example and a number of media and film people, old and new, such as actress Wendy Hiller (who sat in front of my mother on the bus as a girl), TV presenters David Dickinson and Joan Bakewell, and the renowned Sir Joseph Whitworth, Victorian engineer born in Stockport.

My choice for the quiz would be the parishioner from St Mary's Church in the market place - the Stopfordian who composed the music for a joyful carol that we have no doubt sung over Christmas - the wonderful "Christians Awake! Salute the Happy Morn".

Modestly buried in the churchyard of St Mary's in January, 1768, inside this lovely church John is commemorated by an epitaph on a gleaming brass plaque:

In memory of John Wainwright who was born in Stockport, sometime Organist of this Church, who left as an heritage to the Church at large a Tune whose sound is gone into all lands where the praise of our Incarnate Lord is sung. He was buried at this Church January 8th 1768 aged 45 years.

Christians a-wake, salute the happy morn.

"He hath put a new song in my mouth." Psalm XL.

One day I mean to attend the Christmas Day service at St Mary's. There is an added attraction. *Stockport Heritage Magazine* reported that each Christmas morning John Wainwright's ghost is said to rise from his crumbling grave, float through the door and check that his music is still being played.

I'd like to assure him it is!



Gay Saunders



Lockdown in Bethlehem



The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a heavy toll of death and illness around the world. However, the statistics don't always tell the full story.

On the face of it, Palestine has escaped lightly, with only two deaths and under 400 cases at the time of writing; but the economic impact on the people has been devastating.

This is particularly true of the Christian artisans in and around Bethlehem, who make their living carving nativity sets, crosses and other souvenirs from

olivewood for sale to tourists and pilgrims. It's a tradition that started early in the 14th century, when the Franciscans first settled in Bethlehem. They brought in Italian wood carvers who taught local people how to make olive wood carvings for pilgrims, and the craft has been handed down within families ever since.

A group of Christian pilgrims from Greece brought Covid-19 to Palestine in late February. The first local cases in Bethlehem were discovered on 5th March, and within 48 hours the city was locked down, with no visitors coming in or out, the churches, mosques, shops and schools all closed.

That may seem an extreme reaction, but Palestine's healthcare system is fragile. If the virus spread through the crowded refugee camps it could be unstoppable. With no tourists coming in, the artisans have no income. They are growing vegetables in their back gardens to survive. The lockdown was in place until early June, but even then, tourists will not be visiting for months, or even a year. Their only hope is to sell overseas.



'Made in Bethlehem' is a part-time not-for-profit fair-trade business importing the work of these artisans from two fair-trade wholesalers in Bethlehem. The prices are set to just cover the costs of buying, shipping and selling. Normally the goods are sold at craft markets in the UK, but these too are closed at the moment.

If you would like to help the Christian artisans of Bethlehem, please visit the online shop at Facebook, @MadeInBethlehem or email made.in.bethlehem@gmail.com



Why sometimes you need a broken heart

There is a Hasidic tale which evokes Deuteronomy 11:18, and seems especially apt for now: ‘The pupil comes to the rabbi and asks, “Why does Torah tell us to ‘place these words upon our hearts’? Why does it not tell us to place these holy words in our hearts?”

‘The rabbi answers, “It is because as we are, our hearts are closed, and we cannot place the holy words in our hearts. So, we place them on top of our hearts. And there they stay, until, one day, the heart breaks, and the words fall in.”’

It’s often the case that our own breakthroughs seem to happen when we, ourselves, break open, isn’t it?

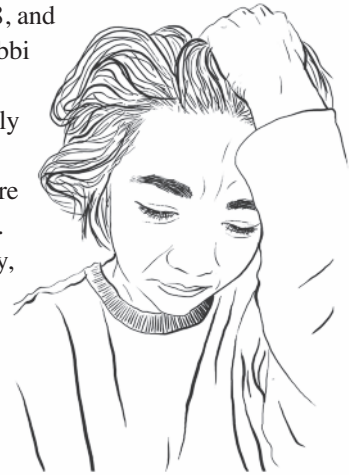
This has been, without doubt, a time of breaking open; if not for us personally, then almost certainly for some of those we know and love.

And we’re all affected, in different ways. We’ve all experienced disorientation. We’ve all lost direct contact with people we love. Many still have no physical contact with others. There’s a place for keeping calm and carrying on, but there’s time enough to honour sorrow, too.

The words of the Aaronic blessing have flowed so beautifully through the world, in song, this season. So often, it’s when ‘all is well’ that we perceive God’s blessing in our lives. But how resonant, those words, from within a place where all is not?

Perhaps we can treasure those words that may have rested gently on our hearts, awaiting the time they fall a little further into place. May we thus be open, within this historic opening. And may, indeed:

‘the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face towards you and give you peace.’



Lost in translation

Last year, some friends took their six-year-old on a car trip to France. To help pass the time on the way down to the Channel, they encouraged their son to practise his new reading skills by calling out road signs.

He fell asleep just before they entered France. When he awoke, he saw the French motorway signs and rubbed his eyes. In a worried tone he whispered, “I think I forgot how to read while I was asleep.”

Time for a Break

I am not thinking of those who have a ‘holiday retreat.’ A ‘little place in the country’ or conveniently located close to the sea. A place they consider to be their ‘home from home.’ It may be a flat or an apartment.

I once knew a businessman who bought in a “wonderful” place in Spain which he was convinced was a really good investment. Not only would it be a place where he could get away from all the pressures of his business, but he would make it a paying concern at all those times he could not be there himself. He saw it as an asset. A benefit which he was willing to share with favoured members of his management staff. They could enjoy all the benefits it provided at a special “staff discount” rate. (He was somewhat piqued when he found that there were no takers!)

For some people there can be a “down-side” to having a permanent residence abroad. For one thing, unless one intends to “eat-out”, come mealtime, someone has to undertake all that is involved in “self-catering.” Having a rota is one way of ensuring that all who are deemed capable of producing an edible plate of food on the table are actively engaged. And even then, who is left to do the washing-up? I suspect the “lady-of-the-house” is rarely as keen as the rest of the family on the cost-saving benefits of “self-catering.” When it comes to “getting-away-from-it-all”, she, and it is invariably a “she,” would probably opt to spend a bit more money and go somewhere where someone would cater for all her needs. The luxury of just raising a finger and knowing that a waiter would be ready to serve one with whatever it may be that one fancies as one lies back on a sunbed and let the cares of the world drift away. No meals to get, no beds to make, no laundry to sort. For an extra on the bill, if the establishment is of the standard one aspires to, one could enjoy an hour of being pampered in the in-house beauty salon. I must admit that this kind of holiday is not for me. I have never hankered after spending our income on what is in effect a succession of “here today and gone tomorrow” experiences. A well earned break in the height of summer does not require travelling to far away places.

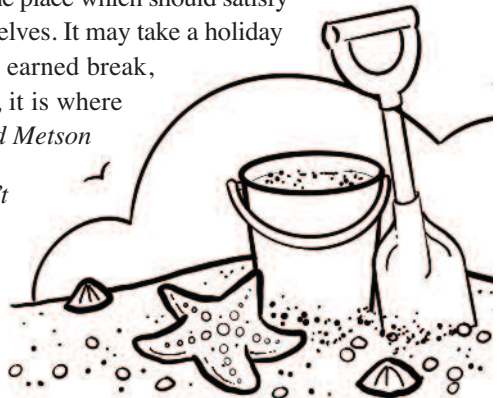
We may well benefit from a change of scene for a week or two. A well earned break is a time for refreshment. And yet there is only one place which should satisfy all our needs, one place we can truly be ourselves. It may take a holiday to realise this. To show us that after a well earned break, away from the normal pattern of our lives, it is where we belong, it is where we need to be. *Claud Metson*

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Anonymous

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% of how you respond to it.

Anonymous



The Frailty of Life



According to one survey, during the lockdown, a quarter of adults in the UK have watched or listened to a religious service and one in 20 have started praying. While the majority of people who contract Covid-19 survive, it reminds us that we are much more frail and weak than we like to think.

As the prophet Isaiah says:

‘All people are like grass, and all their

faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures for ever.’ (Isaiah 40:6-8).

Isaiah’s words really resonate at this time. In more normal times we can avoid facing up to our vulnerability, but this pandemic has forced us to recognise our weakness and fragility.

However, this shouldn’t lead us to despair or fear; rather it is an opportunity to worship and praise for His constancy and care.

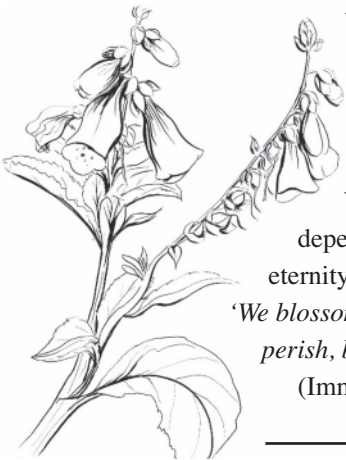
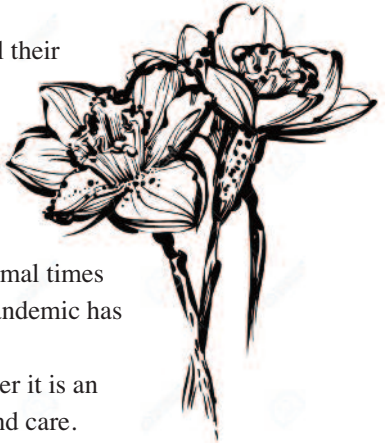
In Peter’s first letter he quotes this passage from Isaiah and says, ‘For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring

word of God’ (1 Peter 1:23). Peter contrasts our mortality with the eternal Word of God, which bring us new birth and life through the power of the Spirit. Jesus died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God, so that through faith in Him we can know eternal life.

We don’t need to be afraid of our frailty, for God is a dependable foundation on which to build our lives and face eternity.

‘We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree. And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.’

(Immortal, invisible, Walter C Smith).



We forget that we do not inherit the earth from our parents, but we borrow it from our children. This world is not ours to despoil and destroy. It is the gift of God, and through its fecundity and beauty, is one of the chief ways in which God speaks to all nations.

Andrew Dotchin

Reflected Faith: a ‘Holding Cross’



Many churches today are using social media to hold services – either together at the same time or uploaded so you can listen and watch at any time and worship in your home when it is convenient for you. I find that having a ‘prayer space’ when I join, as well as when I pray alone, enables me to enter into that time of holiness quicker and more fruitfully. It’s like when you physically go to a church building for a service. Your hand holds the door handle and you choose to enter into a sacred space.

Not many of us have the luxury of a separate space where we currently live, and in many ways I prefer not to distinguish prayer life from everyday life. After all, where does one end and the other begin? God is everywhere; in every room in the house.

He’s no less in my home or yours than He is in our locked church buildings. He’s with me when I pray and when I eat, or cook, or watch TV and so on.

One item I appreciate is a cross that I can hold. Ideally one that completely fits into my hand. There are wooden ‘Holding Crosses’ that you can make or buy especially for this purpose, but you can use any material. Perhaps you could make one out of felt and stuff it, to give it form and solidity. I have one made from an old plastic book binding strip, which I cut to size. One piece slots into the other, to form the cross shape.

What I appreciate about the holding cross is its firmness, it reminds me that Christ is my firm foundation; that God is solid and dependable. It reminds me also that whatever happens I will cling to Him. And it tells me that as I hold that cross in my hand so I pray that He will hold me forever, never letting me go or fall.

My Sour-Sweet Days – George Herbert and the Journey of the Soul

By Mark Oakley, SPCK, £6.99

Mark Oakley reveals George Herbert as a fine companion with whom to examine the journey of the soul. His poems are ‘heart-work and heaven-work’, embracing love and closeness, anger and despair, reconciliation and hope. There is, too, an appealing and audacious playfulness about Herbert: he seems to take God on, knowing God will win, confident God will not abandon him. This sense of relationship with God as primarily friendship is one of many intriguing and healing aspects we are invited to consider. This book contains 40 well-chosen poems by George Herbert (widely considered the greatest devotional poet in the English language), each of which is followed by a short reflection by Mark Oakley.



Found in a drawer

I like many others have taken the opportunity of lockdown to look through a drawer or two that hasn't seen the light of day for many a year. The one I started with was my husband's which I have opened once or twice in the forty-odd years we had been married, taken one look and hastily closed it again. Now after his death I thought it might be a good time to look again, as it was a small drawer and as such wouldn't land me with a big mess in one of the bedrooms because I had embarked on a quick sort-out and everywhere was now a sorry heap.

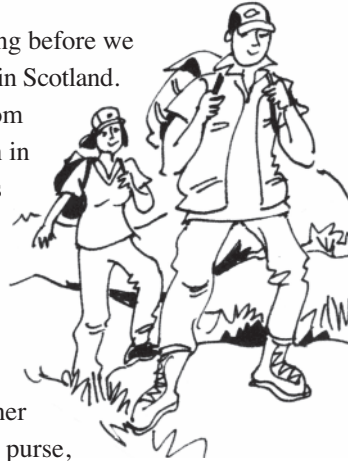
The drawer was full of things from my husband's past long before we had met in August 1975 at a CHA walking holiday in Rhu in Scotland.

Ron was born and bred in Cheadle Hulme and I came from Oldham and two years later we married and settled down in Cheadle Hulme. There were lots of photographs from his walking club days, discharge papers from his National Service which he spent in Gibraltar and the best man's speech Ron had written for his brother Ian's wedding in 1964. Many of the things fitted into stories that he had told me about his past, others didn't.

Amongst the things was a pocket watch which Ron's father had bought in 1940 with a receipt wrapped up safely in a purse,

I had already found another purse full of French coins and notes with the coins welded together. My son Keith is already looking forward to owning the pocket watch.

One photograph made me smile, Ron was reclining on a park bench with one arm through the rungs at the back and his boots showing the hobnails on the sole. He was dressed for hiking although the bench looked as if it was on Highfield Road looking towards the Recreation Field. One last thing I found was something I had heard about and never seen. Ron went to Queen's Road Primary School as a boy and the headteacher had given a letter of guidance to each of her pupils as they left for secondary school. Ron had always said he would find it and show it to me. I opened a beige envelope and there was the often talked-about letter. *(Continued on page 13)*



(Continued from page 12) The letter was dated December 1949 so it was written when Ron was already fourteen.

Dear pupil,

You will understand this letter better when you are older. Keep it and read it when you are “growing up”.

I have greatly enjoyed being the Headmistress of your Primary School. Together you and I have learned many things. Here are two:

1. A school is not great because it has a fine building. It's greatness depends on the thoughts and characters of those who attend it.

2. Wherever you are, ask yourself this question “Is this place better for my presence?” As you grow older “the world” may try to claim you in ways which your real selfhood knows to be unwise and wrong. Your body might try to be the master of your mind.

At these times over the Bible words “Be strong, O man, be strong?” Remember your mind is always the master if you wish it to be!

Then you will be the kind of citizen I expect a Queen's Road Primary School child to become.

Goodbye, with loving thoughts

Yours very sincerely,

M. E. Drinkwater.

This letter must have had a great influence on him for he brought it with him into married life. Going through this drawer was a mirror into my husband's past known and unknown. *Lily Mitchelhill.*

Why did God make mothers?

Here are some of the answers seven-year-olds gave to the following questions...

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?

God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

His last name.

Why did your mum marry your dad?

She got too old to do anything else with him.

What's the difference between mums and dads?

Mum knows how to talk to teachers without scaring them.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

Could under-fives be the key to significant church growth?

New research has shown that young families with children under five could be a vital element for church growth.

The Talking Toddlers report, using recent research by Savanta ComRes, found that 74% of all parents with children under the age of five have attended a church-based activity in the past year.

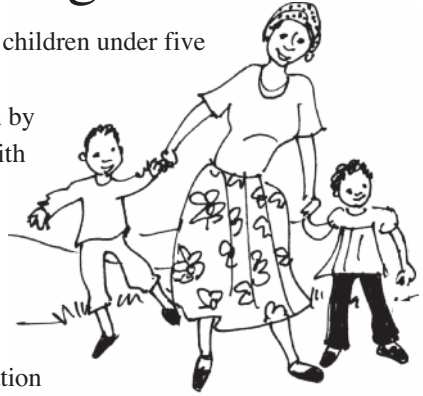
Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, assistant director of HOPE Together, said: “We so often hear about aging church, but here is something new - very young church. Can the church reach a generation

of under-fives and their parents? Could they be the missing link for church growth? “These families are already in touch with us, many are open and questioning and the opportunity is now.”

The research was commissioned by HOPE Together, the Church of England, and the Evangelical Alliance, to highlight the potential for sustained church growth if the church nurtures the faith of under-fives and their parents. The findings include:

- Churches are already in contact with nearly three-quarters of all parents of under-fives in Great Britain.
- 74% of all parents with children under the age of five have attended a church activity in the past 12 months.
- 12% of all parents of under-fives are practising Christians, double the number of practising Christians in the population.
- 62% of all parents of under-fives are not active Christians, but they have attended a church activity for this age group in the past year.

More info at: www.hopetogether.org.uk/talkingtoddlers





Christian Aid's concern for women during Covid-19

The ACT Alliance, a network of 135 faith-based actors and churches operating in 120 countries, has called attention to the gendered dimension of Covid-19. It is urging that the international community, including churches and religious organisations, should take this into account.



Women are afforded fewer rights than men worldwide, and although the disease itself might cause higher mortality amongst men, it is clear that the social impacts of Covid-19 will impact women the most.

Women living in poverty do not have the ability to take time off work, do not have adequate access to housing to self-isolate, and cannot stockpile provisions.

Poor women, girls and vulnerable groups are least likely to be able to access healthcare and treatment.

The situation will be critical for women migrant workers, women on the move and those living in refugee camps or slums.

Daniela Varano, Communications Officer at ACT Alliance said: “Domestic violence cases have risen dramatically as women and girls across most countries have been quarantined, often with their abusers. It is crucial that all governments put in place affirmative actions and inclusive policies that level the playing field.”

ACT Alliance, together with its members, has launched a Global Appeal to support the most marginalised communities during this crisis.



*Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace.
And your best days are never so good that you're beyond the need of God's grace.*

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



All Saints' Website and Facebook

 Keep up to date with news and events on the All Saints' website. Find out about our charity work, community groups and listen to recent sermons.



Please contact Sarah Ball on: comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk with any stories and updates.

Find All Saints' on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsCH/> and "Like" us to get notifications about our news and events.



Church Open

**Saturday Coffee Mornings have been postponed
for the immediate future.**



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.

Due to the implementation of measures to combat the Coronavirus pandemic all meetings have been cancelled. Further details will be posted when available.

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)

Psalm 46 – a psalm of comfort in anxious times

To say that we are living in uncertain times is an understatement! Psalm 46 speaks into our anxiety and fear, just as it did to Israel originally.

At this time, we must focus on God, who alone can deliver us in such times.

He is our refuge: ‘God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.’ (1). In the midst of our difficulties, God promises Himself to be our refuge, strength and help. A ‘refuge’ is a place of trust, where God promises to protect us.

When the whole world is turned upside down, we can come to Him without fear.

He is our resource: ‘There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.’ (4,5). Jerusalem was able to withstand enemy attack, because of the water that resourced it. For us, this is a picture of the presence of God’s Spirit, who resources us

when we are under pressure. This psalm promises that God’s is with us in all our troubles on a daily basis: ‘The Lord Almighty is with us...’ (7,11).

He is our ruler: ‘He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’ (10). When we consider all that God has done in the past, we can see the way in which He has worked among us to provide, protect, and deliver us. We are called to ‘cease fighting’ God and surrender our lives to God. Let’s worship Him, as we let go fear and as we depend on Him in this current time of crisis.

‘A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing’ (Martin Luther).



Good to know

*The little word of love,
the right time and place
Will be blessed by God above,
and watered by His grace.*

Author unknown

I am only one

*I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do
something.
What I can do, I ought to do,
And what I ought to do, by the grace of
God I will do.*

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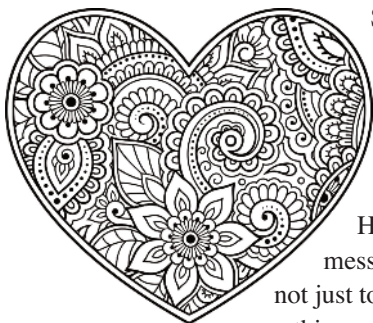
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Online book of remembrance opened at St Paul's



St Paul's Cathedral has launched Remember Me, an online book of remembrance for all those who have been living in the UK who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. People of all faiths, beliefs or none are invited to contribute to Remember Me.

HRH The Prince of Wales, who recorded a video message, said: "This virtual book of remembrance is here not just to recall our loss and sorrow, but also to be thankful for everything good that those we have loved brought into our lives."

Family, friends and carers of those who have died can submit, free of charge, the name, photograph and a short message in honour of a deceased person via the Remember Me website. The deceased person must have been living in the UK. Remember Me will be open for entries for as long as needed. It is intended that the Remember Me site will become a physical memorial at the Cathedral.

Online 'Talking Jesus' course FREE during the Covid-19 lockdown

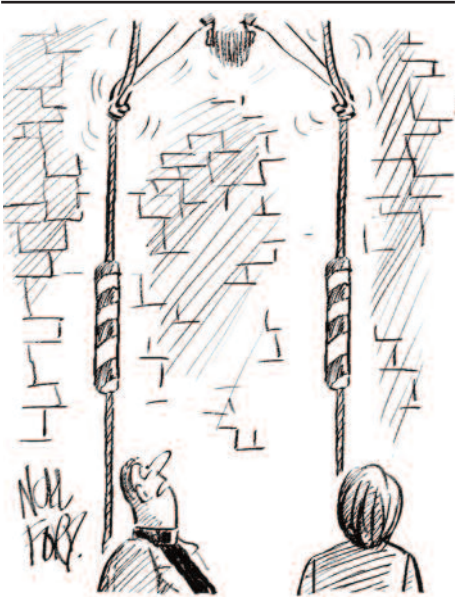
HOPE Together has made the hugely popular Talking Jesus course available, rent free, to watch online during the Covid-19 crisis.

Roy Crowne, executive director of HOPE Together, said: 'We have had lots of requests during the Covid 19 lockdown to make the Talking Jesus course available online. There seems to be an increased interest from non-Christians in spiritual issues. People are searching for hope. We want to help equip Christians to tell their story and to talk about the hope we have because of Jesus.'

The Talking Jesus course includes six video-based teaching sessions with inspirational testimonies.

To access the course free until end of August visit: www.hopetogether.org.uk/talkingjesus





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- 8.00am Holy Communion
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- 10.00am The Parish Communion.
We welcome children and encourage them to bring their parents. There is a supervised creche in Church for the under 5's.
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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CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

We give thanks for the lives of the following:

- Jun 25 Margaret Wills
Died 14th June, aged 97 years.

Peace be with you

(Jn 20:24-31, 14:5,11:16)

*Through absence,
Through doubt,
Through questions
And fears,
Through locked doors
And longing
Jesus comes.*

*His risen presence
Bringing blessing,
Hope and healing,
Restoration
And His precious,
Faith-affirming
Gift of peace.*

By Daphne Kitching



We're keeping our Coronavirus updates page on the All Saints website as current as possible. Keep checking there and on the All Saints Facebook page for further news.

If you know anyone who needs shopping; prayers or simply a conversation please call Rev Janet on 0161 312 4683 or our Churchwardens Janet Ashman 0161 485 7969 and John Ackerley 0161 486 1419.



Christian Stewardship

The Parish practises the principles of Christian Stewardship in its giving for the work of God. If you are interested to learn more about it please contact the Recorder, Kate Hughes (485 1010), the Vicar or the Churchwardens. The giving of time and talents is encouraged, If you wish to help in some capacity in the Church services or organisations, in improving or maintaining the Church fabric or grounds, or in visiting and helping the sick or housebound, please speak to the Clergy or the Churchwardens.



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