

ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

August 2019

Photographic contributions for the front of this magazine sent to the editor will be most welcome.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month). 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon second and third Sundays of the month
1st Sunday in the Month	10:00am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers. 11:15am Parish Eucharist (CW) 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's
Last Sunday	6:30 pm Prayer and Praise Service

JUNIOR CHURCH

Each Sunday at 10:00am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer	is usually said in church at 8.30am on Monday - Friday.
Evening Prayer	is usually said in church at 5.30pm on Monday - Thursday
Thursday	11:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) followed by coffee and biscuits

Cover Photos:

1. Canon Graham waits patiently to greet the Bride.
2. While the Choir waits at the back of the church.

Photos By Elisabeth Blyth.



FROM THE VICARAGE

“AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?”

On the afternoon of July 7th, a prayer vigil took place in All Saints, to remember Daryl Bunn, who was killed in the High Street a few days previously. We also offered prayers for his friend Liam who suffered serious injuries. Almost 200 people came during the afternoon, to light candles, leave messages in the book of condolence and to offer prayers. Many of Daryl and Liam's families and friends shared in this. But there were others from the town who simply wanted to express their support and concern. One man said to me "We didn't know Daryl, but we wanted his family to know we care". People wanted to show a sense of solidarity; their shock at the violence that had taken place, and their desire to support the families of Daryl and Liam. One of the great strengths of Maldon is that it is a town with a strong sense of community. When tragic events happen, people come together to offer support and practical help.

It is because of this strong sense of belonging that there is such good support for local charities. Maldon has a remarkable number of local charities, doing remarkable work for all sorts of good causes. One of the biggest fundraisers for local charities is the Maldon Rotary Club, who organise big events in the year, to support the David Randall Foundation, Action for Family Carers, Talking Newspapers, and many other good causes. This is, I believe something that should be celebrated, and the energy and commitment of these charities applauded.

One of the great events in Maldon is Cabbie Day in July. There is a party atmosphere in the town when people gather to welcome disabled children from East London, brought here by London Taxi drivers. The Plume school provides lunch, and many in the town are involved in giving the children a wonderful day.

Before the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is asked the question "Who is my neighbour?" His answer is quite shocking. He pushes the boundaries



of who constitutes "my neighbour". My neighbour, is not just the person who is like me, and shares my own race and social background. My neighbour is not just the person from my own street or town. My neighbour is not just the person who shares my religious beliefs. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, what Jesus says is both shocking and counter-cultural. For Jesus, the neighbour is any human being in need, regardless of race, religion or social background.

I often hear people say "Charity begins at home". Whilst I can see the sentiment behind this, my own understanding of the Christian faith leads me to believe that this does not allow us to turn our backs on the rest of the world. Of course, when you look at the immense suffering in the world, it is overwhelming. We cannot, as a nation, or as individuals, solve all the poverty and disease on the planet. We have to make a decision about the things we can support. But neither should we, as Christians, confine ourselves to supporting those in need just in our own town and country. This is why All Saints' always has special collections when there are major disasters, such as earthquakes or floods. This is why, every Lent, we always support the Bishop's Lent Appeal for our link diocese in Kenya. This is why every May we support Christian Aid week, working with some of the poorest communities in the world. This is why Churches Together in Maldon provided the initiative to support a family of Syrian refugees to live in our town.

Sadly, there is a hardening of attitudes in society against supporting any overseas charity. This has not been helped by exploitation and sexual abuse by certain individuals in OXFAM, who have discredited the otherwise vital work this charity has carried out in some of the poorest countries of the world. Also some bad decisions in the direction of UK Overseas aid, have given opponents of Aid the excuse to argue that we should do nothing to support other nations in need.

Whilst celebrating all the good work that is done in our own local community, I hope that as a Church, All Saints will continue to turn its eyes to the world outside. I hope we will continue to be challenged by the words of Jesus, to see our neighbour as any human being in need, wherever they may be

Stephen



THE REVEREND JULIE WILLMOT

You will now all be aware that Julie has been appointed as priest in charge of the parishes of Purleigh, Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh and Woodham Walter. This will be a full time stipendiary post. We are all delighted for Julie, but sad for ourselves that we will be losing her ministry here at All Saints'.

Quite soon after Julie arrived in the parish, three years ago, someone described her as a "breath of fresh air". One of our brides this year described her as "the ever-smiling Julie Willmot". We all have so much to be grateful to Julie for. She has been a delightful colleague. We have appreciated Julie's preaching, leading of worship and pastoral care. But more than anything, we have valued her for the person she is, and her warm and open personality. I think for everyone in Messy Church, Julie's theme song will always be "Our God is a great big God" (possibly followed by "Lovely Jubbly"!)

Julie's last Sunday at All Saints will be on September 8th and she will preside and preach at the Eucharist. In the afternoon of that day there will be a farewell tea in the D'Arcy Room, and there will be a list at the back of the church for those who wish to sign up for this.

In the meantime, Eddie our treasurer, would be pleased to receive contributions towards a farewell gift to Julie to express our appreciation for her ministry.

Julie will be licensed by the Bishop of Bradwell and installed by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, at All Saints Purleigh on Tuesday October 1st.
Stephen

CHURCH BOOKINGS

Would all groups wishing to book the D'Arcy Room, St Katherine Room or any other part of the church please ensure it is written in the parish diary and also make sure the Bookings Secretary, Colin Brown, is in the picture. Thank you. *Stephen*

Back

An advert in a church magazine: "Want to finally see the back of our vicar? Then come and join the choir – you get a great view of his back from our choir stalls."

From Parish Pump



At the July meeting, Merie Keeble indicated that she will be stepping down in her leadership of the MU at the end of the year. The parish is so grateful to Merie for the wonderful work she has done in leading the All Saints MU over many years and for the contribution the MU has made to the life of our church. If anyone feels they would like to take over this role then please speak to Stephen. Otherwise, sadly the branch will close in December.

Those Teenagers Around Your House This Summer...

Have you ever thought how much they have in common with cats?

1. Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.
2. No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all human efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.
3. You rarely see a cat walking outside of the house with an adult human being, and it can be safely said that no teenager wants to be seen in public with his or her parents.
4. Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.
5. Both cats and teenagers eat some very odd things – at very odd hours.
6. Cats are obsessed with themselves and their appearance. Teenagers....??
7. Cats have nine lives. Teenagers act as if they did.

Taken from Parish Pump Website



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Recently, Janet and David Presswell celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and in recognition of this, they were presented with a bouquet of flowers during the morning Eucharist. This photo of them receiving the bouquet was taken by Mike Ovenden.

David sent me this thank you:-

Golden Wedding Gift

“Janet and David want to thank the congregation at All Saints for the generous gift of a floral bouquet given on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

It was a very kind thought and an important part of the celebrations of fifty years of married life.”



All Saints School visit to St John the Baptist Orthodox Monastery, Tollshunt Knights.

This year part of our Budget for the Religious education of the children at All Saints **School**, the Governors have paid for the transport to the Monastery and also for the Graphic Bibles that we present to the Year 6 children as they leave the school at their leavers service in Church. We accompanied the children on their school trip and Stephen went on the Monday and as Governors, Ken and I accompanied the children of Years 5 and 6 on the Tuesday to St John the Baptist Orthodox Monastery, at Tollshunt Knights, They were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. As Governors, it was a privilege to be with them. They all showed a very sensible and mature attitude, showing respect and insightful questions. They showed good knowledge and understanding of the Christian Faith.



Greek Orthodox Monastery By Visit: Tia and Nicole

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd, Years 5 and 6 went to the Greek Orthodox Monastery in Tolleshunt Knights. A Nun, called Sister Magdalene, greeted us when we arrived. She spoke to us about their church and about all of the different paintings and icons on the walls about Jesus and other religions. Sister Magdalene told us stories about Jesus and their favourite Saint (Saint Silouan) and about life. She told us that even the littlest prayer changes the world because you are also praying for others. She explained to us why their clothing is black because it reminds them about the death of Jesus and also she said why they are covered up, it's because they want to be modest. Sister Magdalene explained to us why Nuns and Monks give up their families and why they don't marry or have children; this is because they want to give all



their time to Prayer and God. We first went into one of the dining halls and one of the Nuns explained to us all of the paintings on the walls which were about Jesus Christ. Then, we went outside to see a mosaic which was showing a painting of Noah and his Ark. We also got to touch it and it was one of the only paintings there that we were allowed to touch. We were then shown the church; in which were lots of the same paintings that were in the dining hall but some of them were painted using egg yoke and paint. On the outside of the church were paintings of different Saints. After we looked at the church, we went into another dining hall where we looked at lots of different Saints. Then, we went into our last room of the tour where Sister Magdalene told us a story about a man named Silouan who was religious and who wanted to become a monk. He passed his teachings onto the man who first set up the monastery. The monk later became Saint Silouan and the monastery is dedicated to him.

Final comments from Ken: The trip was fantastic. Our hosts were so happy to tell us all about their form of Christianity and share with us the similarities and some of the differences between our two chapters of the same faith. As Gina said the children were really engaged with the sisters who took us around and asked brilliant questions about the iconography, the paint used, the symbolism and even the difference between monks and nuns!! Super well behaved and a lovely group of students to spend a morning with.

Gina Southey and Ken Reidy (School Foundation Governors)

Lunch at All Saints

Soup – hot food- cakes

12:00 to 1:30 pm

Wednesday
7th August





Deputy Warden's Waffle

‘Stop the world, I want to get off’ I am sure, all of us at some time in our busy lives have felt that---oh, slow down— ‘stop the world I want to get off’ I even caught myself shouting that to my lap top the other day when I thought I had too much to cope with, and said computer was being so slow and I still had 101 emails to send! And of course 50 years ago Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins did just that, the first two men actually walking on the moon, but all three extraordinary men certainly ‘got off the world’! I have watched some fascinating TV programmes and read some of the many articles written about this historic achievement. I find the whole business of landing on the moon and all that it entailed utterly fascinating and awe inspiring, but also quite terrifying. The picture of earth photographed from the surface of the moon is breath taking, I love it. All of which makes me think about God the Creator, not just of our tiny planet earth, but the entire cosmos – a huge unfathomable mystery it makes me feel very humble. Our home earth is unique and fragile; we must look after it. And here on earth we in our own country have experienced something of a shakeup. As I write this today I have just seen Mrs May with her husband at her side, walk away from No 10 Downing Street, and the new Prime Minister shortly to arrive interesting times ahead, I think the new Prime Minister might be likened to Marmite, you either like him or hate him!!

Last week the horrors we all hear about in the media arrived in Maldon. I refer to the senseless attack on two young men in their prime of life, resulting in the death of one of them. Followed by such feelings of disbelief and helplessness. Although it was because of a truly tragic event our church All Saints was able to reach out to the wider community, by holding a Prayer Vigil , attended by some 180 people all of whom desperately needed somewhere , someone to help focus and support, and to share the raw grief.

All Saints’, the church in the High street, or at the top of the hill as it was called before, has been here for 100s of years comforting, praying, offering sanctuary, reaching out to all in bad times and in good times, and as the summer holidays are upon us, I know we will be ready and willing to welcome the many visitors who at this time pass through its ancient wooden door.

Vicky, Deputy Churchwarden.



St Margaret's Patronal Festival



Sunday 21st July was the patronal festival at St Margaret's, Woodham Mortimer where a festive evensong was held to mark the occasion. The service was taken by Stephen and Julie, with the Preacher being Father Richard Tilbrook.

The choir, augmented by one or two choristers from All Saints,' sang two anthems; *Lead Me Lord*, by S. S. Wesley and *I Will Sing to the Spirit*, by John Rutter.

There was a good attendance with many All Saints' people in the congregation. After the service a magnificent tea was provided.

The photo is of Canon Stephen ringing St Margaret's bells!

Ed

Emma Trueman, BSc Hons.



The Proud Trueman Family

I am sure you will all remember the Trueman family who were regular members of All Saints' before they returned to Singapore; Derek is still a contributor to this magazine and receives it each month.

Emma has graduated with a 1st in BSc Hons Biomedical Science Degree at the University of Hull. She also captained the University netball team. Emma has now been offered a place at the London School of Tropical Medicine to study for her Masters Degree .

On behalf of All Saints' I congratulate Emma and wish her every success in the future.

Peter Clark, Editor.



The Pet Service



Just a few of the pets that attended the Annual Pet Service on the 7th July.
Photos by Mike Ovenden

PS My dog Spice, who has attended every Pet Service in her Eight years, was unable to attend as her humans were in Spain!

Ed





The Boy with the Little Bare Toes

The boy with the little bare toes
Wanders alone, lazily alone and
Sits, idly dreaming in the close,
While out in the street the band
Plays noisily - the drummer's hand
Beating and thumping in great delight
As the crowd streams by - that a sight!
But in the close it is still and quiet
Undisturbed on this noisy night
The boy, alone, unawakened yet.

This boy with his little bare toes
Has seen bad things - that war can bring
Sitting alone in this quiet close
Whispers and sings of other times - longing
That he too could join the band, sing
Make merry - shout and dance
Live as though he was in a trance
No quiet no more - a real boy
Rising, ready to take his chance
No bare toes - a child of joy.

So, Boy, with your little bare toes
Did you leave the shelter of the close!
Grab the nettle - take your chance
Walk the way with its highs and lows
Bring your sadness to its close
Walk the way - and advance.

Rosemary Pugh

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BIBLE QUIZ

Here are the answers to last months quiz

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

Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving that **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised.

Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of **them at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing these books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phil-Lemonade** booth set a new sales record.

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

This Quiz was submitted by Chris Copsey.





A HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN SOUTH ASIA (CONTINUED)

Tipu Sultan killed about 25,000 Hindus and about 25,000 Christians. He also tried to convert the Hindus and Christians to Islam by threatening to cut off their ears and noses. Lovely man! Tipu was finally defeated and killed in 1799 by British troops commanded by Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington. However 3 centuries later they still mark his birthday on the 10th November and rioting occurs between Hindus and Muslims.

Then in 1857 there was the Indian Mutiny motivated by concerns of both Hindus and Muslims that the British were trying to impose Christianity upon them. When rebel Indian soldiers entered Delhi they hunted down and killed not only the British but also all the Indian Christians they could find.

Mention is also made of the East India Company, who apparently nurtured Hinduism and informally ruled India. After the rising a British colonial government was formally instituted.

In 1870 mass movements to Christianity began in south India especially amongst the "untouchables" especially within the Telugu and Tamil peoples. In 1873 mass conversions began in the Punjab again amongst the poorest people. Persecution was rare amongst these converts, who had been converted by other Indians rather than by westerners.

After half a century the dramatic rate of church growth slowed down, which coincided with the beginning of Gandhi's activism around 1920. But after independence about a million people died including Christians. However Christians were seen as being neutral so some Hindus and Muslims took to wearing crosses.

THAT'S IT FOLKS!

An extract from a Barnabus Publication Submitted by Geoff Dickman

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SERVICES FOR AUGUST

- 1st Aug** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 4th Aug** **Seventh Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Worship for All
11:15 am The Eucharist
6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's
- 6th Aug** **Tuesday The Transfiguration of our Lord**
10:00 am Holy Communion in St Mary's
7:30 pm Hiroshima Commemoration Service
- 8th Aug** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 11th Aug** **Eighth Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church..
12 noon Holy Baptism Ollie and Albert Laidlet
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 12th Aug** **Monday**
11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House
- 15th Aug** **Thursday The Blessed Virgin Mary**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 18th Aug** **Ninth Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Holy Baptism of Mabel Shaw.
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 21st Aug** **Wednesday**
11:00 am Holy Communion in Longfield Care Home
- 22nd Aug** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
- 25th Aug** **Tenth Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
6:30 pm Prayer and Praise at St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell
- 29th Aug** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)



DIARY FOR AUGUST

Sat 3rd Aug.	1:00 pm Wedding of Kane Courtier with Nicola Cox
Tues 6th Aug	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
	10:00 am Prayer Group in the St Katherine Room
Wed 7th Aug	12 - 1:30 pm All Saints Lunches
	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 8th Aug	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 12th Aug	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown)
Tues 13th Aug	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 15th Aug	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 17th Aug	2 - 4 pm Messy Church
Tue 20th Aug	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 21st Aug	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 22nd Aug	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
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Tues 27th Aug	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 29th Aug	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
	7:30 pm Choir Practice

Autumn Study Course

Following the successful Lent course on the Epistles, we have arranged another course in September, looking at 8th century Prophets.

Sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings in the D'Arcy Room from 10:30 am to 12 noon commencing on the 11th September:-

11th Sept	Micah (Prebendary Paul Barnes)
18th Sept	Amos (Fr. John Dickins of St Mary's)
25th Sept	First Isaiah, Ch 1 - 39 (Andy Mugford of Fullbridge)
9th Oct	Hosea (The Rev Asa Humphreys of Heybridge)



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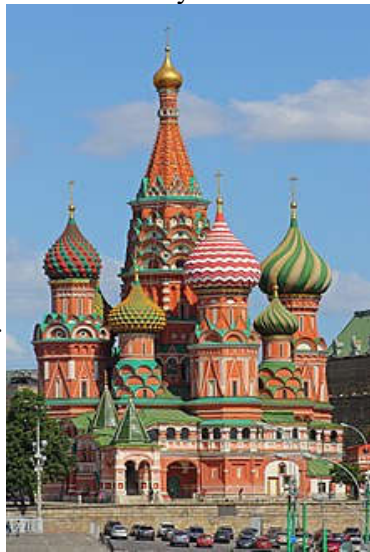
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FROM LENIN TO PUTIN

Some months ago, we were privileged to welcome to a Sunday Prayer and Praise service Rosemary Elden who is a Reader at St. Leonard's parish church in Lexden. Rosemary is an old friend of Canon Stephen and her subject was the Parable of the Prodigal Son as told in the Gospel according to Luke, chapter fifteen. This parable is the final one of a trilogy which also includes 'the Parable of the Lost Sheep' and 'the Parable of the Lost Coin'. In all three parables Jesus made the same point, that the return of anyone or anything which had been lost and then found was a reason for celebration, particularly if it was a human who had been lost to the family but had then returned. We had a lively discussion and Rosemary had brought along a copy of the famous painting of 'The Prodigal Son' by Rembrandt where the artist depicts the scene where the Son returns and is welcomed by his Father even though he has squandered all the money which his father had given him. Rosemary mentioned that the original painting was in the Hermitage museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. By coincidence Joan and I were going to Russia just a few weeks later as part of our annual holiday and we were already booked to visit the Hermitage, so we determined to see the original painting whilst there.

Our trip to Russia took us firstly to Moscow and then on a river cruise through connecting waterways right through to St. Petersburg. Moscow was a bustling and lively city and is the largest City in Europe. The famous Red Square and the Kremlin, which are adjacent and right in the heart of the City, were full of tourists and were completely open to the public with the exception (naturally) of one building which housed the offices of the Government and the President. The Kremlin is like a small town built on one side of Red Square and on another side is the magnificent St. Basil's Cathedral. The word 'red' translated in Russian means 'beautiful' and I would not disagree with that description.

After traversing many waterways we arrived in St. Petersburg which is a most beautiful City and was at one time the capital of Russia and was also



St Basil's Cathedral as viewed from Red Square, Moscow



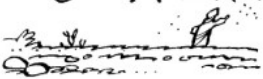
called 'Leningrad' during the time of the Soviet Union. It houses many lovely buildings mainly associated with the time when Tsars ruled. Interestingly, when the last Tsar, Nicholas the second, was deposed and Communism prevailed in the Soviet Union, very few of the palaces or religious buildings were damaged or destroyed despite religion being suppressed. The most notable religious building is the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul built in the early 1700's and this was the seat of the Bishop of St. Petersburg for over one hundred years until St. Isaacs became the City cathedral. The cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul houses the tombs of many of the Russian rulers including Peter the Great and Catherine the Great as well as the last Tsar, Nicholas the second and his family, who were finally laid to rest there in 1998. One of our excursions took us to the Hermitage museum which includes the Winter Palace of the Tsars and houses three million items of coins, sculptures and other antiquities and has the largest collection of paintings in the world. We were able to see the original painting of the Prodigal Son which is the largest painting in the collection and is something that could be looked at for hours discovering different areas of interest, except that the number of people present meant that a couple of minutes was about the time we had studying it. Even so, the brilliance of Rembrandt stood out and his depiction of the father and son being re-united in love was awe inspiring. Alongside this painting was another by the same artist entitled 'The Descent from the Cross'. It is a scene which I do not have the words to describe adequately but it can be seen on line and is well worth looking at as it is also very moving and very thought provoking. We liked the two paintings so much that we bought copies of them both.

Whilst on our holiday we were also fortunate enough to be able to attend talks on Russian leaders from the October revolution of 1917 to the present day. They were most interesting and we were impressed that the speakers did not hesitate to say if they thought that the subjects had not been good for the country and that also applied to President Putin and past presidents Gorbachev and Yeltsin. It all added to our impression that present day Russia is not the oppressed and poor place that might have been the case in the days of the Soviet Union. There was much more to the holiday than the brief account above, but certainly one of the highlights was seeing the originals of the two paintings I have mentioned. Maybe our eyes and thoughts would have been elsewhere on that day but for the talk given to us by Rosemary Elden. For us it was meant to be and how fortunate it was!

Ken Downham




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JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A FARMER WHO SOWED SOME SEEDS



MOST FARMERS DIDN'T BURY THEIR SEEDS IN THE GROUND. INSTEAD THEY THREW THEM IN THE AIR!

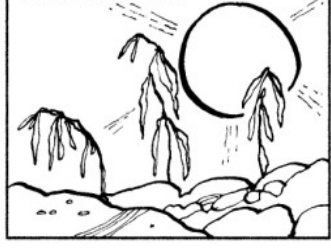



THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST WHERE THEY LANDED


BUT SOME SEED WAS EATEN BY BIRDS!




SOME SEED FELL ON ROCKS, BUT THE PLANTS DIED WHEN THE HOT SUN SHONE DOWN



OTHER SEEDS TOOK ROOT, BUT WERE QUICKLY STRANGLED BY WEEDS




SOME SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL. IT TOOK ROOT AND GREW AND GREW!

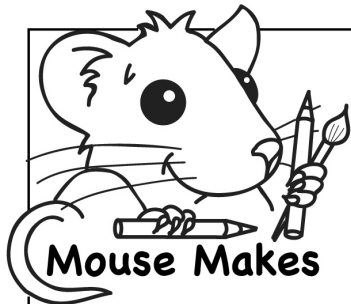


SOON THERE WAS A FINE FIELD OF WHEAT!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE SEED ARE 'WORD OF GOD' AND WE SHOULD LET THAT WORD 'GROW' IN OUR HEARTS, JUST LIKE SEEDS IN GOOD SOIL.





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The **LOVE** of money is at the root of all sorts of what?

_____ *1 Timothy 6:9-10*

What should you be on your guard against?

_____ *Luke 12:15*

What did Jesus ask the rich man to do?

Read: Luke 18:22-26

What is it good to be rich in?

_____ *1 Timothy 6:18-19*

What two things can't you serve at the same time?

_____ and _____ *Matthew 6:24*

What is better than gold?

_____ *Proverbs 6:16*

Who supplies all your needs?

_____ *Philippians 4:19*

What is like a hidden treasure?

_____ of _____ *Matthew 13:4*

Who has all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge?

_____ *Colossians 2:2-3*

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HOLY DAYS

30th August John Bunyan – the man who wrote Pilgrim's Progress

After the Bible, John Bunyan's wonderful Christian allegory, the Pilgrim's Progress, is one of the most celebrated and widely-read books in the English language. It has been translated into more than one hundred languages around the world and keeps its place as a Christian classic.

Names of people and places from its pages have been commonplace wherever English is spoken. We need only recall Mr Great-Heart, Mr Valiant-for-Truth, Giant Despair, Madame Bubble, the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair, the Delectable Mountains, the Hill Difficulty and the Celestial City.

Bunyan was born on 28 November 1628, at Elstow, near Bedford, England, of a poor family. He had little formal education and his father taught him to be a metal worker. His first wife died young. His second wife, Elizabeth, helped him considerably with his blossoming literary career. His conversion was the result of reading the Bible, and the witness of local Christians. From that time the Bible became the great inspiration of his life. He wrote more than fifty books on Christianity. A Baptist by conviction, he had little time for the Established Church.

Bunyan became a popular preacher, but because of his opposition to the Established Church and because he did not have a Church of England preaching licence, he was imprisoned in 1661. It was in prison that he wrote Pilgrim's Progress. It was not only Bunyan's greatest book but was destined to become one of the most popular Christian books in the world.

Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory, using the names of people and places from the Bible to teach spiritual lessons. The vivid and unforgettable imagery in the Pilgrim's Progress covers the whole Christian gospel from sin and condemnation all the way through faith, repentance, grace, justification, sanctification, and perseverance to heaven itself.

Bunyan died on 31 August 1688. His portrayal of the death of Mr Valiant For Truth is Bunyan at his allegorical best. This brave old soldier of Jesus Christ had received his summons to 'go home.' Calling his friends together he says, *'My sword I give to him who shall succeed me in my pilgrimage ... My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought His battles, Who will now be my rewarder.'* ... So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side..'

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Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least, and his nephew.... Taken from the Parish Pump website.



The Rectory
St. James the Least

On the discovery of a long-lost crypt

My dear Nephew Darren

Since your church is a former cinema, I suspect that were the floor to be removed, cigarette ash, sweet wrappings and tickets for the last Charlie Chaplin film would be revealed. Our marble flooring in the chancel was raised last week to try and find the rat that had died on an underfloor heating pipe. It made its presence so un-ignorable last Winter that it gave me the excuse to use incense.

But we have made an exciting discovery: the long-lost crypt containing the tombs of the Lords Staveley. He flourished in this area, until a little domestic disagreement with Henry II made the family realise that life in Italy might be pleasanter if they wished to retain their heads. The stone from their manor house soon became our lady chapel; an example of re-cycling as a euphemism for theft.

Inevitably, as soon as we had made the discovery, rumours of vast treasure flew round the parish. Long before anyone had descended into it, the treasurer had the fortune earmarked for re-wiring the church, the organist decided it should be spent on enlarging the organ, and Mrs Millington had decided it should keep the flower arrangers in chicken wire until the next millennium-but-one. I confess that even I toyed with the idea of a conservatory with discreet drinks cabinet at the rectory.

Sadly, it was not to be. Our 'treasure' consisted of rows of coffins in various stages of decay, enough bat droppings to keep our Verger's vegetable patch enriched for the coming year and long-lost peppermints dropped by generations of choristers sitting above, as they munched their way through the sermons.

Later that evening, when the workmen had left, I decided to have one last look. Taking a torch, I descended the stone steps, but lost my footing. The now-broken torch went one way and I another. After floundering round in total darkness and unable to find the stairs to get out, I resigned myself to an

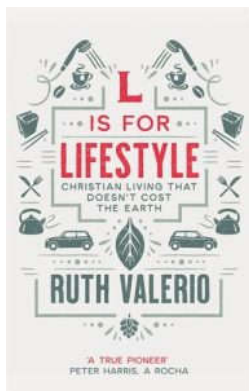


uncomfortable night in the crypt until daybreak.

In the early hours, I heard steps on the same stairs and in their torchlight, saw it was someone who must have heard the rumours of treasure and decided to liberate some of it. He, too, tripped, fell and lost his torch and in the total darkness I heard him fumbling about at the other end of the crypt among the coffins.

Intending to be helpful, I called to him softly, saying that I'd been trying to get out of here myself for a long time and had never made it, so he may as well give up. But do you know, he found his way out in no time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Book Reviews

L is for Lifestyle (*revised & updated*)
By Ruth Valerio, IVP, £7.99

How can we live more responsibly? In this A-Z, Ruth Valerio highlights the main threats to people and our planet, God's beloved Creation. She shows us how, by making small but significant changes to our lifestyle, we can learn the secret of a life that is both fair and simple.

Scenario: you wake up and jump in the shower. The water is hot and the house warm. You eat breakfast: coffee made with water boiled in the kettle, and cereal with milk kept cool in the fridge. You throw out the foil trays from last night's takeaway before jumping in the car and setting off for work.

You've done nothing unusual, but already your lifestyle choices have had an impact on people and the environment across the world. The author's passion is that we would all play our part in caring for the earth.

Taken from the Parish Pump website.



Dates for the Diary

8th Sept	The Rev Julie's Farewell and Tea
21st Sept	2:00 pm Messy Church
28th Sept	Maldon and Dengie Safeguarding Course
1st Oct	3:00 pm Licensing and Installation of Julie at Purleigh
6th Oct	Harvest Festival
19th Oct	2:00 pm Messy Church
3rd Nov	10:00 am Patronal Festival at All Saints School 4:00 pm Annual Memorial Service in Church.
10th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
1st Dec	Advent Carols
7th Dec	Shoppers' Carols
6th - 8th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival
8th Dec	3:00 pm Christingle Service 5:00 pm Town Carol Service in the URC
22nd Dec	6:30 pm Nine lessons and Carols with MDC

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HOLY BAPTISM

July 14th **JOSHUA JAMES HEIGHWAY** of Brompton Gardens

July 28th **ARCHIE JENSON DRONSFIELD**

and **IVY ROSE DRONSFIELD** of Cherry Garden Road

MARRIAGE

July 19th **BARRY CHARLES CHATFIELD** with **SOFIA BOYKOVA BISHOP**

of Farnbridge Road

July 26th **ANTHONY RICHARD DAVID SEAMAN**

with **MICHELLE LOUISE SWEETING** of Falcon Fields

FUNERALS

July 10th **MARLENE JUNE GOAD** aged 77 of Rurik Court

July 24th **JULIAN PAUL HUNTER** aged 48 of Browning Road

July 29th **VERA ANNIE ELIZABETH GENTRY** aged 95 of Newnham Gn

July 31st **DARYL TIMOTHY BUNN** aged 27 of Wenlock Way



Prayer Diary

August 2019

1	Those on holiday this month
2	Victims of drought and famine
3	Peace throughout the Middle East
4 Trinity 7	Those who have been bereaved
5	Our Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens
6 The Transfiguration of our Lord	People facing difficult decisions
7	Those in Residential Care
8	Those living with chronic pain
9	Members of The Mother's Union
10	Those who are mentally ill
11 Trinity 8	The work of Farleigh Hospice
12	The work of MIND
13	All Nurses and Midwives throughout the world
14	Students receiving Examination Results this week
15 The Blessed Virgin Mary	Churches dedicated to St Mary
16	Those who worship at St Mary's Church, Maldon
17	Work of the Citizens Advice Bureau
18 Trinity 9	Prison Chaplains
19	Students seeking University placement
20	Members of The Salvation Army
21	All Health service workers
22	Students receiving Examination Results today
23	St Bartholomew's Hospital in London
24 St Bartholomew	Churches dedicated to St Bartholomew
25 Trinity 10	Our Servers and Eucharistic Ministers
26	Visitors to our Town today
27	Those seeking employment
28	Our Sidespersons and those who read lessons in Church
29	All who are victimised in any way
30	The Nurses' Christian Fellowship
31	Our Servicemen and women

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Prayer Group		

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