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# PARISH NEWS

**May 2022**

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday Services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)  
09:30 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month).  
6:00 pm Evensong and Sermon **second** Sunday

### 1st Sunday in the Month

09:30am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers.  
6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's

### 3rd Sunday

6:00 pm Evensong at All Saints Purleigh

## JUNIOR CHURCH

Sundays at 9:30am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church

## WEEKDAY SERVICE

**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

**1st Thursday** 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) followed by coffee and biscuits

**Cover Picture: Ukrainian Flag outside All Saints,  
by Mike Ovenden**



# THE PARISH LETTER

As I write these words, the war in Ukraine enters its eighth week. The newspaper front pages carry a photograph of the remnants of a Russian rocket which has just killed dozens of people at Kramatorsk station. On the side of the rocket are written the Russian words 'for our children'. The blast zone is littered with pushchairs.

At our recent Churches Together in Maldon (CTiM) Minister's Meeting we discussed what we can do, locally, to help those fleeing the war in Ukraine. The initial demand for sleeping bags, toiletries and other such items has been joined by a need to support those families who are arriving in the UK, and the host families that they are living with.

Speaking to a trustee of a homeless charity in Reading the other day, I asked what needs they were witnessing in a town of 180,000 people with an established Ukrainian community. He replied that the number of families that had made their way there was in single figures – but that nationally he was aware of another issue: that of host families struggling to support Ukrainian refugees.

He said that one of the growing concerns is that such breakdown in relationships is leading to homelessness for the Ukrainian refugees – that there is grossly insufficient support for host families and that there is no statutory support for Ukrainians who find themselves homeless after such a breakdown.

These issues were discussed at our CTiM Minister's meeting and are being fed back to the group in Maldon who are working with the Council and CVS, to provide support for any refugees that do find themselves living in this district.

It was noted that we will probably have more refugees from Hong Kong arrive than from Ukraine – certainly that is the current experience across the churches.

The other question that was raised, which many of you have raised with me these past few weeks is – what can we do?

There is a helplessness in us as we witness from afar a conflict that is shocking and brutal. The gap between what we can do to help and the depth of the disaster is, currently, unbridgeable. Save by prayer.

Conflicts in Yemen, or Syria, South Sudan or Colombia appear similarly intractable. They have a long-standing quality about them which we grow familiar with and our prayers lose some of the shock and outrage they initially had as a result.

Reading Scripture, you can see the depiction of exile in Lamentations is



harrowing; far less so in Nehemiah – but no less weighty. Prayer features in both, but in different ways. Lamentations is about rank injustice, pillage and utter despair. Nehemiah is about bruised hope with conditional permission to rebuild. Both are exilic – but in very different ways.

Tonally, war in Ukraine is akin to Lamentations: conflict in Colombia is akin to Nehemiah. Both are utterly awful and ongoing. Both are in need of our prayers.

We are moving through our Easter season and the Cross remains central throughout. Above the crucified Christ was a board, placed there by the Romans, inscribed with the words ‘King of the Jews’ in three languages.

Another image in our papers these past few days is of a child, whose mother had written their name, date of birth and home address, on their back in permanent marker. This was so that if they got separated, or the mother was killed, the child could be known to the authorities who rescued her.

There was no guarantee of rescue, but in hope that it would come, the words were written. As it happens, they did find refuge; amid the bleakness, their hope was fulfilled.

Let us not let the bleakness of this situation prevent us from doing the one we as Christians can do above all else, which can make a difference. Let us pray. Let us pray to God stating the awfulness of the atrocities, let us pray honestly expressing our helplessness; let us pray in hope that local, national and international leaders may take the necessary steps to end this bloodshed. Let us pray for the world that children everywhere are inheriting, that we as adults may find ways to leave them a safer, more just and sustainable legacy.

And let us not forget that God’s only Son chose to walk in our broken humanity and be the ultimate solution for our broken world, bringing the promise of healing and wholeness, through his death and resurrection. Let us pray as Easter people and write afresh His name upon our hearts.

*Asa*

### **Longest overdue library book has been returned – 313 years late**

If you have ever been late in returning a library book, take heart: the 1704 copy of *The Faith and Practice of a Church of England Man* was recently handed back to Sheffield Cathedral.

A handwritten inscription inside reads: “This Book belongs to ye Lending Library in Sheffield Church 1709.” It left the library just over 300 years ago.

Sheffield Cathedral’s Reverend Canon Keith Farrow said that the family of a deceased woman who lived locally had asked in her will for it to be returned.

“Now it’s come back home. It’s a joy to have this little jewel back in the cathedral.”

With overdue fines of 50p a day, librarians could have charged the family more than £54,000 for the book — which itself is worth about £300.

The canon joked: “We might have got a new roof or something.”

## PREB PAUL BARNES



On Mothering Sunday, 27th March, the congregation at St Giles, Langford, were treated to a lovely service and sermon which was tinged by sadness as this was the last service Paul plans to take in the United Benefice of St Andrews Heybridge, St Giles Langford and All Saints Maldon.

The photo, above, was taken by Tony Doe after the service.

### **To Become a Christian**

You can become a Christian in a moment, but not a mature Christian. Christ can enter, cleanse, and forgive you in a matter of seconds, but it will take much longer for your character to be transformed and moulded to His will. It takes only a few minutes for a bridegroom and bride to be married, but in the rough-and-tumble of their home it may take many years for two strong wills to be dovetailed into one. So, when we receive Christ, a moment of commitment will lead to a lifetime of adjustment..

*A quote by John Stott Taken from the Parish Pump website*



## **Help for people from Ukraine and their sponsors**

There is a lot happening locally with people welcoming family members through the Ukraine Family Scheme and also hosting visitors as part of the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme. At the time of writing there are 29 confirmed matches of sponsors and guest families within the Maldon District.

Good networks are building up within our towns and villages of people preparing to welcome guests to their homes as they work out the practicalities, including visa applications, having their homes checked by Maldon District Council and finding schools. Through social media and attending meetings we are aware of many offers of wider support for families when they arrive including help with translation, language lessons, social groups, and sports and activities for the children.

The Migrant and Refugee Community Hub will have had its first meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Fullbridge Church in Heybridge. Information packs, local to the Maldon District, in both Ukrainian and English are being produced to cover many of the issues likely to arise.

Citizens Advice have information on their public website which is constantly updated and will be helpful to either the hosts or visitors.

Offering to let someone from Ukraine stay with you

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/offering-to-let-someone-from-ukraine-stay-with-you/>

Bringing family members from Ukraine to the UK

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/bringing-family-members-from-ukraine-to-the-uk/>

Advisers within Citizens Advice have access to more detailed information than on the public site, so if you have any queries, please do get in touch.

We can help with understanding the benefit system and special rules which have been put in place and, as well as giving advice, can help with making benefit applications.

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Appointments can then be made in our main, Maldon, offices for further advice if this is appropriate.



## **War in Ukraine: John Rutter pens new work after Ukraine invasion**

John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal.

Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days.

"The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text, on Thursday I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts."

The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen."

He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need."

The score is available for free by submitting this form. You are welcome to duplicate the score for the sole use of your own choir. You may like to make a donation to a Ukrainian relief charity, perhaps equivalent to the approximate cost of the copies had you purchased them. If you wish, you are free to make an audio or video recording of the piece without a special licence to do so.

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**COPY DEADLINE FOR JUNE MAGAZINE  
22nd MAY**



There will be a  
**MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**  
in  
**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MALDON**  
**MONDAY 16 May 2022 at 19.00**

**for the purpose of electing TWO CHURCH WARDENS.**

All persons whose names are entered on the  
**REGISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS**  
by reason of such residence shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

**Annual Vestry meeting**

- 1 Opening Prayers and Bible Reading**
- 2 Election of two Churchwardens**

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**The ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will follow this. Only those persons whose names are entered on the **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THIS PARISH** are entitled to vote at this meeting.

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the Annual Parochial meeting held on May 23 2021
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 Presentation of the Electoral Roll
- 5 Election of up to four members to the Parochial Church Council
- 6 Appointment of Sides Persons
- 7 Annual Report of the PCC for 2021
- 8 Appointment of The Independent Examiner of Accounts
- 9 Treasurers Report – To adopt the PCC Accounts for the year end 2021
- 10 Churchwarden’s Report (including a report on the fabric)
- 11 To receive the report of The Deanery Synod
- 12 Any Other Business proper to an Annual Parochial meeting  
*(please inform the Secretary of any matters by noon on Sunday 15 May)*
- 13 Rev’d Asa’s report
- 14 Closing Prayers





# EASTER VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Easter Vestry will take place at 7:00 pm on Monday 16th May in All Saints' Church. This is when the election of churchwardens and the PCC members takes place. You will also have the opportunity to consider the accounts and other parish business

At the Easter Vestry the Churchwardens for the coming year are elected, when anyone living in the parish or on the Electoral Roll can vote. Nominations must be handed to the PCC Secretary, Julie Ovenden. The same applies for membership of the PCC - there are vacancies. Do not forget, **nominations cannot be made at the meeting** so, please give this serious thought. **Nomination forms for the post of churchwardens and PCC members are available in church** on Sundays between now and 15 May. Please think carefully about who you would like to represent you on the PCC . . . maybe you would consider standing? Paperwork for the meeting will be available nearer the time.

After Apologies, Acceptance of the Minutes of the last AGM, Matters Arising, and the Presentation of the Electoral Roll, comes the Election of Two Deputy Wardens, the Election of the Parochial Church Council and the Appointment of Sides Persons. The Treasurer then reports on the accounts for 2015 and other committee reports are received. Following this it is the turn of the Vicar to give his report on the previous year.

Please support this meeting as we look back on the last year.



## Pillar

After a certain Dean retired, a number of years ago, from his cathedral, he began writing for the press. Soon a rival paper declared that he was no longer a pillar of the Church of England, but now only two columns in the Evening Standard.





# Deputy Warden's Waffle

Well, life over Easter seemed to be almost normal both for Church and family life.

How good it was, not only to be able to sing Faure's Requiem with an augmented choir and a substantial congregation in All Saints on Passion Sunday, but a party of us were able to listen to the Deanery Choir in the beautiful church at Little Bentley on Good Friday, to listen to Steiner's Crucifixion. The organist was Revd Stephen Carter, Sue was in the choir, Sally Pudney was the conductor and Graham Bell was the Tenor soloist. Sadly not all who were hoping to go were well enough.

Easter Sunday included a Baptism and egg rolling on the High Street and lots of joyous Easter hymns here in Maldon.

At the end of this month, Peter and I are able to join in the '5th Sunday Benefice Choir' here in our new parish, part of the Blackwater Benefice, which consists of seven parishes.

Meantime, though much is getting back to normal here, life is anything but normal for the people of Ukraine. Words cannot be found to express our sadness and anger at the horror and waste which they are suffering. Whatever will be the final outcome we can only pray that God has an answer somewhere in His plan for us.

As our church year comes to a close, we hope that many of you will be able to attend the AGM and to share in plans for our future way forward together in Christ.

Take care of each other,  
With my very best wishes to you all,

*Viv*

*PS. As I will be retiring as Deputy Churchwarden at the Church AGM later this month, this will be my last Deputy Warden's Waffle.*

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## Found

On the church noticeboard: Contact lens found in church.  
See vicar. If you can.

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## TEN to TEN RAMBLING GROUP

April 2022

Nine of us set off from the car park at Danbury Common on a favourite walk led by Peter. It was a gorgeous sunny day and a real treat to be out in the countryside.

We set off through the woods, crossed the main A414 and headed off down the lane and up the other side to the sandy ridge through Lingwood common. Following the pleasant undulating path, it was lovely to see the early signs of bluebells coming though and trees coming into leaf. On reaching the lane, we continued on this for a short way before taking the path across the extensive Riffhams estate. Here, during our coffee break, we had a view of the magnificent grade II listed manor house, built by Major John Spencer in 1815, shortly after inheriting the estate from the Clerke family.

Crossing the *very* busy main road again, we entered Danbury Park and made our way past Danbury Palace to Danbury lakes. Originally a hunting park, Sir Walter Mildmay built a mansion here in 1560 but this was replaced by the current mansion in the 1800's. Used as a wartime maternity hospital, it was subsequently purchased by the Church of England as an episcopal palace, later sold to Anglia Ruskin University. When this part of the university relocated, the site was sold again and there is now an extensive complex of luxury residential apartments.

Carrying on through the lanes, we made our way back, over Danbury common, to our starting point after a very enjoyable morning.

Our next walk will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 9.50am from the parking area at Wintersleet Farm, London Road (opposite the top cemetery gate). Rod has kindly agreed to lead a local walk via Beeleigh. (A change to the original programme sheet) For more information ring Rod on 07713857677.

*Sue Smith*  
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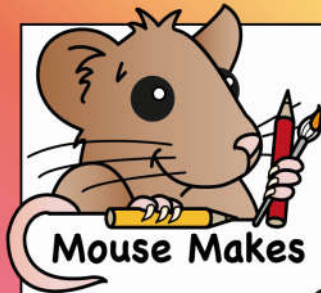
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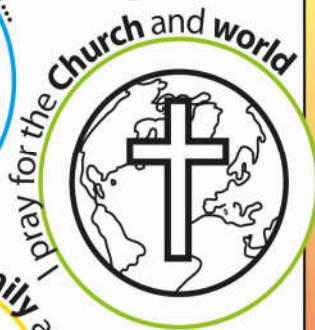
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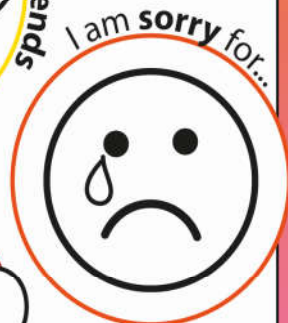


# Mouse Makes

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"  
Psalm 136:1



"Never stop praying."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6

Jesus said,  
"This, then, is how you should pray:

Our

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ hallowed be your

\_\_\_\_\_ your

\_\_\_\_\_ come, your \_\_\_\_\_ be done, on

\_\_\_\_\_ as it is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
And

\_\_\_\_\_ us our \_\_\_\_\_, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

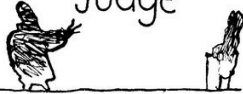
And \_\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation, but

\_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ one."

Read Matthew 6:9-13 to fill in the words.



The Tale of the  
The Widow  
and the Judge



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

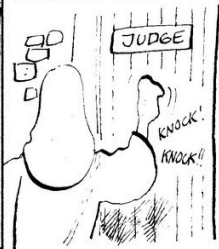


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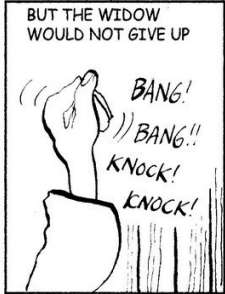


...AND A POOR WIDOW

THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP FROM THE JUDGE.



BUT HE WAS FAR TOO PROUD AND BUSY TO LISTEN



BUT THE WIDOW WOULD NOT GIVE UP



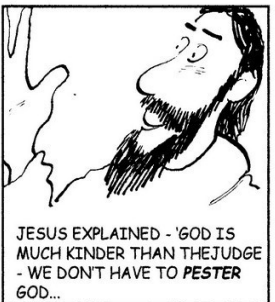
PLEASE COME AND SORT OUT MY LEGAL PROBLEMS



AT LAST THE JUDGE GAVE IN - AND WENT TO HELP THE WOMAN



I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'GOD IS MUCH KINDER THAN THE JUDGE - WE DON'T HAVE TO PESTER GOD...



...HE HEARS OUR PRAYERS WITHOUT OUR NAGGING HIM.



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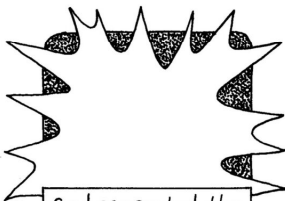
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

This story is at the start of the Bible, and the start of time...

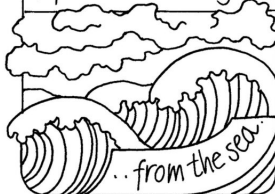
When God first made the universe it was empty and shapeless. God said...

Let there be light!



God separated the light and dark.

On the next day, God separated the sky...

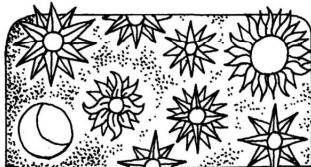


... from the sea.

On the third day God separated the sea ...



... from the dry land. Then He made plants of all kinds grow on the land.

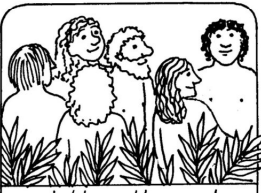


On the fourth day God made lights shine in the sky for day and night.

On the fifth day God filled the sea with all sorts of fish, and the sky with all sorts of birds



On the sixth day God made all kinds of animals ...



and then He made people, men and women.

God told the people ....

Take care of all I have made



God saw that everything He had made was very good.

On the seventh day God rested...



and so did everyone else!

# Springtime

Spring! It is said to be the time when a young man's fancy likely turns to thoughts of love. That is as maybe for young men, but as a not so young man my thoughts usually turn to enjoying the better weather and getting outdoors a little more. Of course, the garden is never far away from my thoughts when Spring comes round but gardening is now becoming more and more a chore and even simple tasks in the garden can be 'backbreaking' and have to be carefully thought out and carried out in easy steps. To that end I have the very welcome help of a younger lady (yes, Joan is younger than me but it is not her) who does most of the tasks in our garden including grass cutting and weeding. I still look after the odd few plants and bushes that we acquire and transplanting any that we need to shift.

My favourite plants are roses and I have mentioned this in my earlier articles in this magazine. My love affair with roses started within a few weeks of our marriage back in 1962 and with our very meagre savings at that time, Joan and I took the decision to invest some very few pounds, (about three, I think), and sent away for some roses. The roses, which cost about five shillings each (25 pence in today's money), arrived around November



time and were 'bare root', as they were just that, having been lifted from the ground and were not pot grown. This method of buying is cheaper than buying in pots, but they must be planted reasonably quickly, preferably within a week or so of receiving them. Over the years I must have bought several hundred roses 'bare root', and have never had a failure, such is the hardiness of most roses. I must admit to having bought my first batch in 1962 from the coloured pictures in the magazines and from the growers very biased write up, as I was a real novice at that time. Such was my enthusiasm that I kept records of my purchases and the day when the roses were planted, the weather at the time, the ensuing weather throughout the first year and the condition of the plants during their first year plus the date of first flowering and any other points which I thought relevant. I kept this up for about the first ten years and then when children and work became more time consuming it became less frequent and since then I have only made notes if



something new happened and I still have the journal to this day. I can see that diseases seemed to be more prevalent than with modern roses which have been bred to be more resistant to fungal problems. I used to visit whenever possible the Westminster Hall in London where the annual rose show for professional growers took place. This was always a great time to see roses at their very best and perhaps to see varieties that might be bought in the future. I remember meeting the man thought to be the outstanding rose grower of his generation, Harry Wheatcroft. He was a larger than life kind of person and had a large flowing moustache and a personality to match. He was a walking encyclopaedia on the subject and was always happy to talk, providing it was about roses of course! I had several conversations with him, but could never find any questions that he had not dealt with many times before. He was responsible for bringing the great rose 'Peace' to this country in 1948 from France where it had been bred and nurtured during the last years of WW2.



**The Peace Rose**

One of the great changes that has taken place in the cultivation of the rose is the method of pruning the plants. When I started and for many years after, the perceived wisdom was that each stem on the plant should be cut back to about nine or twelve inches from the ground, and it had to be cut just above an 'eye' where a new stem would grow in the fullness of time. It was most important that each stem should be treated in this way, and that the operation should be carried out during the winter time. Some twenty years or so ago, the National Rose Society carried out an experiment lasting several years and during this time they pruned one group of roses in the conventional way described above, and a similar number of bushes and of similar varieties were cut back with a hedge trimmer without considering where the 'eyes' were. The results came out the same whichever method was used, and those treated more harshly were just as strong and prolific as those treated conventionally. I have pruned my bushes with a hedge-trimmer ever since and with no ill effects. I do prune rather hard though and I do it usually about late November so as to not risk the plants being rocked out of the ground by high winds. There is always a temptation to not prune whilst flowers are still on the plant and this can be the case late into winter nowadays as roses tend to bloom up until Christmas and sometimes beyond, as our winter's seem to be milder now. And another thing,..... No, I will carry on all day if allowed, so perhaps it is now time to go out and tend to the roses !

*Ken Downham*



*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 Lest

## **On the perils of the church picnic**

My dear Nephew Darren,

A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea – although you must bear some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out to be the wettest of the year. English picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith's spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Horngirdle's hand – and ate the lot – before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Poppinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of Mother's Union gossip.

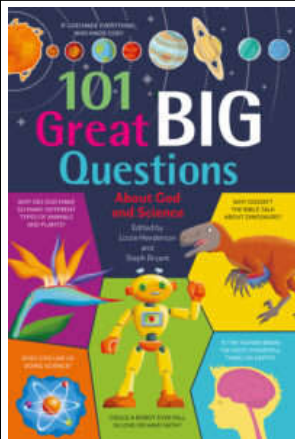
In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine – and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.



The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

Your loving uncle,  
*Eustace*



## Book Reviews

### 101 Great Big Questions about God and Science

By Lizzie Henderson and Steph Bryant,  
Lion Children's Books, £9.99

Have you ever wondered how the universe began, what the point of life might be, or whether God likes science? Then this is the book for you!

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Perfect for budding scientists, theologians, and all those curious about the really big questions of life. This exciting question and answer-based book for 7+ year olds to explore key questions asked by children about science-faith interactions.

*Taken from the Parish Pump website*



# HOLY DAYS

**19th May:**

## **Dunstan, the abbot who restored monastic life in England**

Dunstan (909-988 AD) stands out as an example of what just one person can achieve when they follow the call of God on their life.

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury, of a noble family with royal connections and church connections; his uncle was Archbishop of Canterbury. But in 935, at the age of 26, he was accused of ‘studying the vain poems of the pagans’ – and expelled from court. He nearly married, but instead made private monastic vows and was ordained a priest by Elphege, bishop of Winchester. Dunstan felt God’s call on his life and responded. That decision was to shape English history.

Not at first, however. For Dunstan began his priestly life by simply returning to Glastonbury and living as a hermit. He painted, embroidered and did metalwork. But when in 939 Edmund became king of Wessex, he recalled Dunstan and made him abbot of Glastonbury. The monastic life of the country was all but dead; the Danish invasions and the hostility of local magnates had seen to that. Dunstan set out to change all this, and went on to restore monastic life in England, under the Rule of St Benedict.

Down the years, Dunstan saw kings come and go: Edmund, Edred, Edgar, Edward. Under King Edgar Dunstan was made bishop of Worcester in 957, bishop of London in 959, and Archbishop of Canterbury in 960. Thus was born a fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which was to reform the Church in England. Monastic orders began to thrive once more. After the Conquest, the days of Dunstan would be looked back on as the ‘golden age’.

Dunstan was zealous for the faith. He taught, prayed, fasted, repaired churches, acted as judge, inspired national laws of the land, made sure taxes were paid, and encouraged his monks in their manuscripts and prayers. He remained active right to the end of his life: he preached three times on Ascension Day 988, and died two days later, on 19 May, aged nearly 80.

They wrote of him: he was without doubt “chief of all the saints who rest at Christ Church” (Canterbury). It has been well said that the 10th century gave shape to English history, and Dunstan gave shape to the 10th century.

*Taken from the Parish Pump website*





## REFLECTED FAITH SERIES: "THE MEANING OF COLOURS – PART 1" BY JO WHITE

In March, April and May this year the coloured frontal of the altar will have been changed many times – as will the colour of the priest's vestments.

Each colour – and there can be as many as six in a church's store – has a different meaning. They reflect the significance of that day or the season.

In March purple was used as a symbol of penitence, as we were in Lent and trying to prepare ourselves for Christ's final act of love for each of us.

Holy Week – the time of Christ's final journey – was denoted by the colour red. Red, the colour of blood, is used for feasts of martyrs as well as those for the Holy Spirit – when it more likely represents his flames of 'fire' which rested on those in the Upper Room.

Maundy Thursday, we switched to white for any Communion service, as this celebrates the remembrance of the first Communion with His apostles which He commanded us to continue.

Good Friday, and we were back to red. Then on Easter Sunday, the day of the greatest Christian Celebration, we entered to an altar bedecked in gold or the 'whitest' with the most elaborate decoration the church possesses.

'Plain' White will be used for the Easter Season signifying purity and Christ's triumph over death until Ascension Day on 26th May. This, being a special and more significant day in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, goes to gold again: then immediately back to white for the next ten days.

On the day of Pentecost itself, Whit Sunday, 5th June, the colour will be? Yes, you got it, red for flames of fire.

### **This month:**

Watch out for the changing colours indicating the special meanings that day has in the life of the church. If you could choose a different colour for a different or even one of the same meanings, what would you choose and why? In June it will all change again, so we'll consider those next month.

*Taken from the Parish Pump website*



|After eight Social Club

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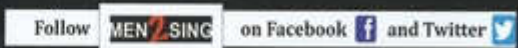
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## **Ride London event to close roads in East London and Essex between Friday 27 May and Sunday 29 May**

The Ride London Festival of Cycling will this year be run in partnership with Essex County Council and result in road closures across both London and Essex on the weekend of 27-29 May.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Now that covid restrictions have been eased,  
Men's Breakfast has resumed.

We next meet on Monday 9th May at 9am at the  
Rose and Crown (Wetherspoon's) in the High  
Street. We will then meet on every 2nd Monday  
of the month at the same venue.

See you there.

## **From the Registers**

### **Baptism**

8th April **Rory David Thomas** of Texas, USA.

17th April **Chloe Heighway** of Maldon.



### **Marriage Blessing**

8th April **Felicity Tipping and Matthew Thomas** of Texas, USA.



## Prayer Diary

### May 2022

1	3rd Sunday of Easter	All who lead Services today
2	St Philip and St James	Churches dedicated to St Philip or St James
3		Peace in Ukraine and Russia
4		Churches currently in interregnum
5		Bishop of Bradwell John Perumbalath
6		Bradwell Episcopal Area
7		Families preparing for Baptism
8	4th Sunday of Easter	Our Parish
9		The work of Farleigh Hospice
10		Mothers with new-born babies
11		Those living with chronic pain
12		Those who preach God's word in hostile circumstances
13		All who have recently moved house
14	St Matthias	Churches dedicated to St Matthias
15	5th Sunday of Easter	Our Ministry Team
	Christian Aid Week commences	
16		Christian Aid
17		Newly elected Church Officers and PCC Members
18		Those involved in the media
19		Teachers of God's word
20		Followers of other Faiths
21		The work of The Salvation Army
22	6th Sunday of Easter	Hymn and Religious Song Writers
23		Those who work on the land
24		Arable and Dairy Farmers
25		The Church Army
26	Ascension Day	The Christian Church throughout the world
27		The Archdeacon of Chelmsford and all Churchwardens
28		Christian Members of Parliament
29	7th Sunday of Easter	Eucharistic Ministers
	Sunday after Ascension Day	
30		Leaders of Political Parties
31	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	Nurses and Midwives

**ACTIVITIES**

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Junior Choir (Thur 7:00 pm)	”	”
Junior Church	Elaine Brown	01621 850484
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Tower Bell Ringers	Peter Chignell	01376 571170
	Dennis Johnson	01621 842410
Handbell Ringers	Derek Hall	01621 741690
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
Bible Society	Joan Downham	01621854655
Childrens Society	Elaine Brown	01621 850484
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	1stmaldonallsaintsscoutgroup@gmail.com	
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Ramblers Club		
Prayer Group		
Messy Church	Elaine Brown	01621 850484

To register your daughter's interest in joining either:  
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers  
please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
or call 0800 169 5901.

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Requests for Baptisms and Marriages should be made at the Parish Office situated in the Church - entrance via the main entrance door from the High Street - on 1st and 3rd Wed of the month between 7:00 and 8:00 pm



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