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# ALL SAINTS' *MALDON* PARISH NEWS

August 2024

## ALL SAINTS'



### Aug 4th Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Worship for All

### Aug 11th Trinity 11

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm No Service

### Aug 19th Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist

### Aug 25th Trinity 13

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Sung Eucharist

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# Church info

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## ST GILES'

**Aug 4th**  
**Trinity 10**  
9.30am MP&P

**Aug 11th**  
**Trinity 11**  
9.30am Holy Communion CW

**Aug 19th**  
**Trinity 12**  
9.30am Holy Communion CW

**Aug 25th**  
**Trinity 13**  
9.30am Holy Communion CW



## ST ANDREW'S

**Aug 4th**  
**Trinity 10**  
11.00am Holy Communion CW

**Aug 11th**  
**Trinity 11**  
11.00am Holy Communion CW

**Aug 19th**  
**Trinity 12**  
11.00am MP&P

**Aug 25th**  
**Trinity 13**  
11.00am Holy Communion CW



## ST GEORGE'S

**Monday Aug 5th**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**Monday Aug 12th**  
9.30am MP&P

**Monday Aug 19th**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**Monday Aug 26th**  
9.30am No Service



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# The Parish Letter

## AUGUST 2024



Dear friends,

My normal Friday morning routine is to walk to my local newsagent and collect the Church Times. Last week as I approached the counter, the lady serving me asked, "Why has your Church Times got a large picture of Taylor Swift on the front cover?" I was intrigued by this so at home, I tried to find out. The picture was promoting an article inside which was titled, "Swift worship; is pop a way to attract young churchgoers?" The story was about a church in Germany which held a service where a singer performed Taylor Swift songs. The songs were interspersed by reflections on the lyrics by the parish minister. He said, "In this service we are giving space to the questions and issues that occupy the younger generation." As I read more of the article, I discovered that there are more examples of this approach. There is apparently a church in the United States which has a "Beyonce Mass", and one in Ireland that holds a U2-charist, based on the songs of the band U2. A spokesman for this church was quoted as saying, "It is a way to engage with young people and bring about traction for their own spirituality."

So, what are your feelings about this approach to worship? Should our services relate to popular culture? The Church Times, unlike much of our popular press, likes to achieve balance, so to counter the article I have quoted, on the next page there was an article entitled, "Rock and roll, but not in church." This article featured an American rock band called "Luxury". All members of this band are Christian, coming from the Orthodox, Lutheran and Protestant traditions. They, however, feel very strongly that their rock music and the liturgy of the church should be separate. One of the Orthodox members of the group said, "In church we are shaped and formed by a living tradition we have received. It's not a place for us to be creative and do our own thing. How we worship informs what we believe. What we believe should inform how we worship. We value sacred space and sacred liturgy." This member of the group argues that if there were a rock and roll liturgy, it would not be sacred any more. "When I go to church, I want something sacred, beautiful and traditional," he writes.

So, we have two opposing points of view in these two articles. The first that liturgy can be built around popular culture and the second that popular culture should have no place in liturgy and worship. These of course are rather polarized positions and the obvious dangers of each can be seen. The danger of the first approach is that the focus can switch from God to the artist concerned, a form of idolatry. The danger of the second approach is that it is all well and good to say that the liturgy is special and precious and can be appreciated by the young, but how do we get them to appreciate it, if they never come to church?

I came to experience the Eucharist when I went to Church Parade when I was in the cubs and scouts and I grew to love it. It was the place where I met God in a very per-

sonal way. Bishop Stephen used to tell a similar story of how he discovered the Mass when he went to church with his family, supporting his sister who was in the Girl Guides. But Church Parades are a thing of the past. How do we get teenagers into church in these times? We have some success in attracting younger children through Messy Church and Worship for All, but how do we attract older teenagers when they outgrow these?

I am conscious that I have presented more questions than answers in this letter. Churches of all denominations are finding it difficult to attract older teenagers and young adults. Is the answer to embrace popular culture, or are we able to find other ways to attract people into a tradition that is special and precious to us? One of the advantages of the Anglican tradition is its glorious breadth. That should allow us to have an open mind in tackling these approaches to mission. Our aim is always, of course, to make new disciples for the Lord. I pray that the Spirit of God will inspire us to find solutions to this challenge facing the church today.

With very best wishes and prayers

Father John

## Deputy Warden's Waffle

Well, the country has a new Government, and with it comes a time of uncertainty for the people. What changes may there possibly be for our pensions, taxes, the NHS, education and other essential services? How will it affect us?

This feeling of unease is not unusual. There has been changes in the Church of England for quite a few years now, congregation numbers falling, fewer ordinands coming forward for the priesthood and most priests having to care for more than one church. This has already put a strain on finances and involving more duties for lay members of congregations.

Here at All Saints we are also in a time of change, having to look closely at what we want our church to be like in the future. What are our priorities? To remain static, locked in the past, is really not an option, however much we may want to cling to the church we grew up with, we must look to the future and ask where God wants us to go. Our mission must be to make church life more acceptable to our parish, our ever growing community, the present day family life that most of them live. That does not mean we discard everything of the history and traditions we love of the church, but to learn to adapt and include other options in order to grow. This may mean changes we are not altogether happy with, but we must be open to new ideas, new approaches to worship and give it a try! Let's not be frightened of change, but be positive and pray to God, together, for leadership and faith, so that a new generation of people may come to know Christ. I know that the family of All Saint's is caring and loving, with many talents and that with God's help and guidance anything is possible. I am reminded of what our late Queen Elizabeth said in one of her speeches in May 1992, "Change is a constant, how we react to it defines our future"

Jenny



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#### **Pope warns of dangers of AI**

Pope Francis has become the first pope ever to attend a G7 Summit, and he used his recent appearance to call for urgent "political action" to regulate artificial intelligence.

The Pope told leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) in Fasano, southern Italy: "AI is an extremely powerful tool. Its use will increasingly influence the way we live, our social relationship, even how we conceive of our identity as human beings."

The Pope said that the various human technologies through history, from flintstones to atomic fusion, had promised both benefit and harm. However, he warned that AI was qualitatively different, since it was no longer under personal control, but could "autonomously adapt" to its assigned tasks and make its own choices and decisions.

The Pope said that the consequences for humanity could be deadly and dehumanising.

### **Legacy of Tiananmen Square, 35 years on**

This summer it is 35 years since China crushed the Tiananmen Square democracy protests (4<sup>th</sup> June). And since then, China has also progressively stepped up its persecution of Christians.

The latest report by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) warns that China's crackdown on Christians has extended to Hong Kong and beyond China's national borders.

According to USCIRF, increased political pressure, including the draconian National Security Law, "has led to self-censorship among Hong Kong's religious leaders and closures of some religious groups."

New legislation, passed in March 2024, could force Catholic priests to reveal the secrets of the confessional. Under Article 23, priests could face a 14-year jail sentence if they refuse to reveal so-called 'crimes of treason' shared during confession.

Meanwhile, in mainland China, Release International reports that thousands of churches have been demolished and crosses destroyed. Pastors have been imprisoned, and collecting tithes and offerings has been criminalised as financial fraud.

In consequence, a recent report by the British and Foreign Bible Society has found that several thousand Hong Kong Christians have fled to the UK, establishing some 30 new churches. As a result, the study finds the Chinese Church is now – by far – the fastest growing in Britain.

### **More than £1.3 million approved for innovation in theological education**

More than £1.3 million has been awarded by the Church of England for research and pilot projects aimed at widening the pool of people training for ministry in the Church of England. The projects range from work on neuro divergency to new courses in youth and children's ministry.

Grants have been made for innovation in theological education in areas including children, youth and families work, online training, videos and a research project into the formation of neuro divergent people in lay and ordained ministry. The findings are due to be shared across the Church of England.

### **Church Buildings Support Officers meet at Cathedral conference**

Newly appointed Church Buildings Support Officers have been speaking about their roles in providing practical advice and expertise to Church of England parishes.

£3.2 million was awarded last year for CBSOs in 33 dioceses, and three partner organisations, providing parishes with advice on the management, conservation, repair and development of church buildings, including community use alongside worship.

The post holders are also helping oversee £6.2 million of grants from the fund across 41 dioceses for repairs to churches focused on small-scale but urgent works.

David Knight, Head of Church Buildings for the Church of England, said: "It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the newly appointed Church Buildings Officers, and hear of the great work and practical support that is already being provided."

Buildings for Mission is funded by the Church Commissioners and administered by the Archbishops' Council over the period 2023 to 2025.

### **Bishop Guli's tribute as composer Sir John Rutter is knighted**

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, has paid tribute to the composer Sir John Rutter who has been knighted in the recent King's Birthday Honours List.

Bishop Guli said: "Warmest congratulations to John Rutter on being awarded a



knighthood in The King's Birthday Honours. His enormous contribution to sacred choral music as a composer, arranger, editor and conductor over half a century has been a huge blessing and has enriched our worship."

**More than £60 million awarded to three dioceses for 'programmes of transformation'**

More than £60 million of funding is to be awarded to three Church of England dioceses for long-term programmes of transformation. This will include parish renewals, children and youth work, and outreach to low-income areas.

The Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB) has approved awards to the Dioceses of Blackburn, London and Southwark totalling £64 million for mission programmes set to last for between six and nine years.

The programmes will build on nationally funded work in Blackburn, Blackpool and Preston which has supported youth ministry, parish revitalisation, and outer estate leadership, and which has contributed to above average increases in adult and children attendance in the Diocese.

**Thousands of Church of Scotland records go online**

The moment the Church of Scotland defied King Charles I is among a vast number of historical documents now available to view on the Scotlands People website. ([www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](http://www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk))

As part of a wider release of almost 4,000 volumes of church court records, National Records of Scotland (NRS) has added papers from the church's governing court, the General Assembly, for the first time.

This includes the minutes of the meeting held in Glasgow in November 1638 when delegates representing Scotland rejected the monarch's rules for worship.

NRS archivist Jessica Evershed said: "The 1638 meeting of the General Assembly is a turning point in Scottish history. It sees the ministers disobey the King to remove the bishops and the new common prayer book he had introduced.

"As part of the wider Covenanters' movement, this led to 50 years of war and upheaval."

"This is just one item among the church court records available on Scotlands People. The latest release includes approximately 300,000 digitised images of mostly handwritten historical records dating from the 1500s to 1900.

"These records are a treasure trove for professional historians and amateurs working on their family tree. The records of local church courts contain details of parish work such as grants for the poor, mediating family disputes, payments for services and issuing punishments for minor offences."

The Revd Fiona Smith, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said: "I am delighted that National Records of Scotland are making further Church of Scotland records available in a digitised format, providing a unique window into the history of Scotland itself, as well as aspects of daily life in our parishes, unfolding over the course of hundreds of years.

Scotlands People is run by National Records of Scotland. It offers access to a wide range of official records including births, deaths, marriages and census records from the 16th century to modern times. Modern records are restricted but older records can be searched free of charge and viewed online on payment of a fee. Church court records are among those available to search and view free of charge.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.  
– *Learning to speak Latin.*

# ALL SAINTS' NEWS & VIEWS —



## Worship for All

Congratulations to Vicky & Mary who had to take over last month's "Worship For All" at the last minute. Unfortunately Rev'd. Jordan had been taken ill suddenly that morning. There was also a technical hitch at the start for a few minutes whilst the connections to the screens were sorted out. But that didn't matter to me. Sitting in the comfortable red chairs in the D'Arcy Chapel and sipping hot coffee, I hardly noticed the delay. I, personally, think all our services should start like this, a much more comfortable and civilised way to wait.

Looking around, quite a lot of people were coming in with their children, it was beginning to get very busy. The theme of the service was the continuation of '**The Lord's Prayer**' *made simple*. This month it was about saying sorry when we have sinned '*forgive us our trespasses*'. The children seem to enjoy the parts where they joined in, dipping white cotton wool into red ink and putting them at the foot of the Cross.

The next one will be on August 4th—the first Sunday of the month.



## TEN to **TEN** the Rambling Group

*Sue Smith*

John Mayes was the leader of this month's walk and as usual he did not disappoint. Ten walkers met at the Galleywood Common car park off the Stock Road to start our 5 mile morning walk.

We took the footpath through the common, run-

ning parallel with the old race track. A little road walking then took us up to Chelmer Park where there were an impressive range of sporting facilities and on towards the Chelmsford Equestrian Centre. Here there was a very handy stall selling coffees and teas so we had a very welcome break sitting in the sunshine.

From here we followed a path that linked back up with the Centenary Circle that led us back to Galleywood Common. The Centenary Circle is a designated long-distance path that goes through the parks and countryside around Chelmsford. This section of the Circle was particularly pleasant to walk through with the fields full of ripening crops and wildflower filled hedgerows.

### **NEXT MONTH**

Our next walk will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August and will be a 5 mile walk around Little Totham. Please contact Peter on 07803 952030 for further information. An email will be sent round to regular walkers nearer the time.

New walkers welcome.

# COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS'

**Saturday 3rd August.** - Table Top Sale In the Churchyard 10.00am –2.00pm (Tables £15.each see Julie O. tel 01621 858803)

**Saturday 14th September** - Ride & Stride for Churches

Supported by the National Churches Trust and in partnership with county-based local churches trusts, Ride + Stride opens the doors to some of England's most rare and unusual places of worship. The Friends of Essex Churches Trust strive to raise money to award grants to preserve and improve Christian places of worship of all denominations in Essex, including Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock and also in Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

**Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>** - We'll be running Alpha

**Saturday 5th October** - Harvest Supper - In the D'Arcy Room

**December 13th - 15th** - Christmas Tree Festival

## AUGUST CROSSWORD ANSWERS

**ACROSS:** 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

**DOWN:** 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.



# Stay Curious! Try Alpha

It's not everyday you meet a South African Big Game Reserve Guide who is engaged to a French Interior Designer and eat with them alongside an eclectic group of people all keen to explore the Christian faith, including a folk musician, a woman who fosters dogs, a young guy in IT and three people who'd grown up, quite separately, in Chelmsford. They were random group of men and women, of various ages and beliefs, who were prepared to be curious about the Christian faith.

We spent several great evenings eating together, watching video presentations, discussing and chewing the cud on life's big questions, sometimes singing and always ending with a prayer that gradually more and more of them felt comfortable to join in with. Everyone got a chance in a really relaxed setting to not just think about Christian spirituality (and ask lots of great questions) but also to try it out and glimpse what it's like be part of a church. Alpha is completely free and open to everyone. There's no pressure, no hidden agenda and no cost.

That group in East London was my most recent experience of Alpha, which has been running for decades and it is now estimated that over 30 million people have experienced Alpha in over 175 countries and in over 100 languages. Making that decision to come gently but positively changed the lives of that young couple who I mentioned at the start. And there are countless similar stories from across the world.

Take Becka for example. She'd been given a bible by her friend in 2019 but it lay on her shelf for 3 years, untouched. Meanwhile, despite running her own busi-

ness she was deeply depressed and made several attempts to take her own life. Eventually when her friend urged her again to open her heart to God, Becka decided she had nothing to lose and registered for Alpha. To her surprise, she loved it (even though she'd bottled out of going the first week).

Becka writes, *'It was very natural the desire to be there week after week. Amazingly family, friends, work colleges, professionals and even fellow Alpha attendees began to notice a change in me. I too began to experience hope, a feeling which had been absent for some time. Going to Alpha transformed my life by enabling me to discover Jesus and have a relationship with our Father God. I am still amazed my friend had kept something so awesome a secret! Or indeed how had I been alive for 39 years and not known! ...Quite simply I am a very different person, for the better.'*

This Autumn we'll be running Alpha at All Saints and you are invited. Is your mind closed on the subject of Jesus (who actually is he?), prayer, healing, evil and the Holy Spirit (what is that about?) or will you be a lifelong learner? What might your heart need? The invitation of Alpha is to 'stay curious' and we'd love to welcome you to join us on September 16<sup>th</sup> for the first one. You can register or ask me more by emailing me a quick line at [heather@heymaldon.church](mailto:heather@heymaldon.church).

And if you already follow Jesus, you can come too - either as a guest or helping on the team. Email me if you'd like to know more.

# Our final news in school for this term

## ***Beat the Street***

For the last few weeks, lots of schools in Maldon took part in this wonderful event. We were asked to play a great game called ***Beat the Street!*** Most of us at All Saints played it. It was very fun. There were over 70 beat boxes around Maldon, Burnham on Crouch, Purleigh, Colchester, Great Totham and a few more. The idea was that we all had a card and when we walked past a beat box somewhere in Maldon, we tapped our card onto it. By tapping our card and walking around we earned points.

We did this for fun and exercise but it was also a competition. Unexpectedly, we won!

1st was All saints with 373,460 points and the school that came second had 315,140 points. We won by 58,320 points! We won some vouchers for sports equipment or books. A lovely man called Andrew presented us with the trophy on Monday the 15th of July.

We had a small team but a  
**big WIN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

***Beat the Street*** was run by Maldon Council, they did it to keep us healthy, fit and make a good team. WE probably all felt good, healthy and exercised. We felt great, very happy and tired from long walks but at least we won. We are very proud of ourselves.



## Up Club

*By - Juliet, Evelina, Emilia, Esme and Ruby.*

From All Saints School there are 15 Up clubbers that have dedicated their Tuesday afternoons to share time with the residents of a local care home. Along with two amazing teachers, they visit St Peter's Court nursing home where they have made great relationships with everyone there over the last year.

While we are there, we like singing songs with the Elderly people and we all join in! We also like playing games, arts and crafts and decorating yummy treats!! One of the best games is hit the balloon, everyone loves playing that.

Recently they celebrated their 30th anniversary so we went to celebrate with them. They also gave us all a party bag with loads of yummy treats in them.

We go because St Peter's Nursing home is a lovely place to be and we like seeing all the elderly people! Some of the residents have made so many fun memories for us and other students of All Saints Primary school. Some of the residents' names are made into jokes like Ernie, but we call him the fastest milkman in the west. He likes this and it makes us all laugh! The dedication that the adults have to us is phenomenal. One of the examples is Ernie and Michael coming to the annual All Saints Maldon sports day. It was great to have them there watching.

We love going to St Peters because every time there is something new to do. The residents are really kind to us. We think it is important to go because they will have a really happy life and enjoy us being there. This year the Maldon Rotary Club supported us and we are very thankful to them. We really hope we can keep going next year too.







# DOWN THE HILL

*The strong winds prevented the fleet from racing at Brightlingsea and that was even better as it didn't dampen the spirits of the competitors on the water and the on shore events.*

## HEYBRIDGE BASIN REGATTA

Kevin Norman

### AND THEN THE HEAVENS OPENED

Months of planning, days of erecting flagpoles, putting up tents, arranging the stall holders, booking the p.a. system. The long awaited day dawned - and the heavens opened. Rain of biblical quantities. Wind enough to blow a poorly secured tent into the Blackwater itself. *Noah* would have smiled knowingly. The strong westerly kept the fishing smacks downriver at Brightlingsea. The race went ahead without them.

But the weather lost in the end. The off-







*the fleet of fishing smacks from sailing up from  
en before the "heavens truly opened". But that  
competitors and great fun was had both on the*

shore races went ahead as the weather improved. The ladies, men's and mixed singles and doubles rowing, finishing with the fun raft race. On shore there was Welly Wanging and a cake competition. And a special tent full of activities for the youngsters. And down by the Jolly Sailor the Hoy Shanty Band made merry. By now the weather had moved on and the regatta finished with the traditional greasy pole, made more interesting for the lack of grease.

But you can't have everything and it's safe to say that everyone had fun whilst raising money for **Dementia UK** and the **Liam Taylor Trust**. Over £6000 has now been donated to local charities.



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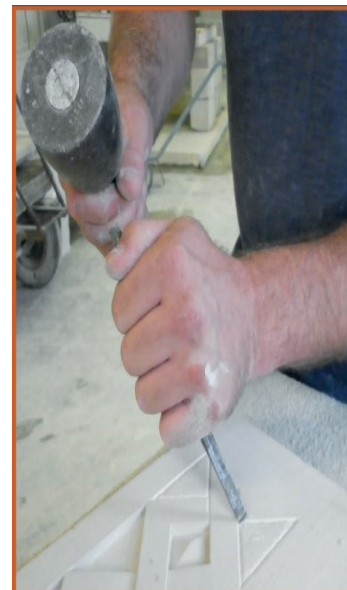


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# Looking at you



## Drinking coffee is great for your microbes

Your morning cup of coffee not only perks you up, it also helps your gut bacteria to flourish.

This is because coffee contains several compounds that act as a prebiotic, which means they provide your gut bacteria with nutrients.

These are some of the findings of a growing number of studies into the effects of coffee on our gut flora. A 2023 study, published in the journal *Nutrients*, found good links between caffeine, coffee consumption and the colonic microbiome. The richness of the microbiome was found to be higher in regular coffee drinkers.

Coffee also contains plant compounds known as polyphenols, which act as an anti-inflammatory antioxidant, which reduces the risk of cancer by neutralising harmful free radicals.

As for the best way to drink coffee? Experts tend towards black coffee being most beneficial, as milk may impede the absorption of polyphenols.

## What gardening can do for your brain

People who spend time gardening may have better brain function in later life than those who do not.

Such are the findings of a recent study at the University of Edinburgh.

The authors of the study observe that gardening involves: "not only physical exertion but creativity and planning. Engaging in -gardening -projects, learning about plants, and general garden upkeep, involve complex cognitive processes such as memory and executive function.



“Consistent with the ‘use it or lose it’ framework of cognitive function, more engagement in gardening may be directly associated with a lower risk of cognitive decline.”

As one doctor said: “People often don’t realise the wide range of benefits that gardening can bring. For example, digging, planting and pulling weeds will increase hand strength, which research has shown can also boost brain health.

“Growing your own food can help you eat a healthier diet; another key factor. And staying connected to other people is beneficial for brain health, so community allotments are a great place to socialise, reducing loneliness and isolation.”

The researchers want more study into the possible benefits of gardening, hoping it might help against cognitive decline.

## Ultra-processed foods should have tobacco-style warning labels

Ultra-processed foods are as dangerous to your health as cigarettes. They should be made to carry a tobacco-style ‘front of pack’ warning.

So says a leading nutritionist, condemning both UPFs and cigarettes as “life-threatening products made by profit-hungry corporations.”

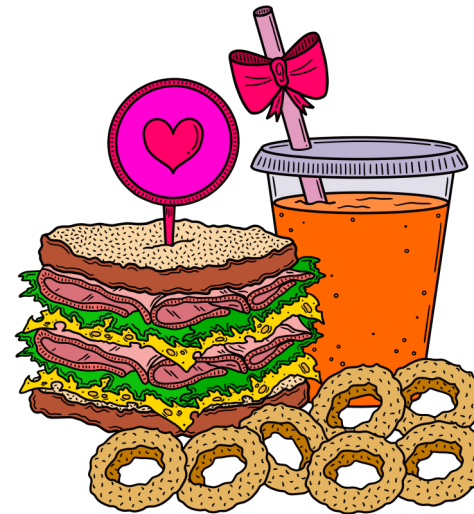
Prof Carlos Monteiro, professor of nutrition and public health at the University of Sao Paulo, was speaking at the recent International Congress on Obesity. He warned that UPFs have been linked to 32 types of major illness, including cancer, diabetes, kidney and heart disease.

To make things worse, UPFs are now so popular that they are “pushing aside” all other food groups. In the UK, UPFs now make up a staggering 57 per cent of calories in the British diet. In the USA, it is at 60 per cent.

The scientist said that the business model for such foods is based on cheap production and over consumption, driving an obesity pandemic.

So, how do you recognise a UPF? Put simply, is it a food where your great-grandmother would have recognised all the ingredients? If not, it’s probably a UPF.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada describe UPFs as foods that “go through multiple processes (extrusion, molding, milling, etc.), contain many added ingredients and are highly manipulated.” These include soft drinks, crisps, chocolate, sweets, ice-cream, sweetened breakfast cereals, packaged soups, chicken nuggets, hotdogs, and fries. UPFs provide a huge number of calories, but little, if any nourishment.



St James the Least of All

# On the perils of swinging incense

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Well, at least you tried. Filling in for another colleague who was away on holiday was kind of you; that it was somewhere with a high church tradition was adventurous of you. But just because something is worth doing, must you do it to *such* excess?

I can remember the first time I saw you having to use incense; you held the thurible as though you had just been presented with a dead rat. This time, however, I am told that you heated so much charcoal that the congregation thought you were going to hold a barbecue rather than burn incense.

The church warden was impressed with how quickly everyone knelt down, as you went by. If it was in more of an effort to stay clear of your thurible than to pray; well never mind, at least they were on their knees. And I am entirely on your side; you were not to know that their new fire protection system included automatic sprinklers, activated when too much smoke is detected. I am sure most of them would have dried out by Evensong.

You told me that you had not been sure what to do with the thurible when you reached the front. But swinging it so enthusiastically that the chain broke and catapulted several pounds weight of red-hot brass through one of their stained glass windows was really not the best solution. Never mind. I am sure the insurance company will be sympathetic.

But surely you knew that smells also implies bells? So why the panic when the server rang the bells in your ear beside the altar? To have promptly dropped the chalice and shouted, 'fire!' was surely something of an over-reaction? Especially as it meant that the vergers re-started the sprinkler system. I am told that several in the congregation left church looking as if they had taken part in an amass baptism, involving full immersion whilst fully clothed.

I am told that you actually even wore full robes, rather than your customary T-shirt and jeans. Just one tip: should you ever wear them again, you might wish to wear the chasuble right side out. But that is a small point compared to the 'hat', as you called it. My dear nephew, wherever did you get it from? That is only worn by a bishop – and even then, the two tabs hang at the back, not over your face.

I am told that some of the congregation feared that in some frightful 'fresh expression' of episcopal rule, you had suddenly been handed control of the diocese. With the Church of England in its present woeful state, I suppose anything is possible.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace





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# Getting along with your neighbours

**Summertime outdoor living reminds us just how close we live to our neighbours. How well you live beside them can make a huge impact on your life.**

If you are happy with your neighbours, it is hugely beneficial. One behavioural psychologist says: "Even just sharing a kind smile and eye contact with a neighbour is a strong connection." But, if you do NOT get along with them, it can badly affect every day of your life.

So – here are some tips to consider, concerning those people next door.

## **Noise -**

Out of sight does not mean out of sound. Hedges and fences may give you visual privacy, but laughter and loud talking will be heard. Your wide open bi-fold doors may even let your private INDOOR conversations OUT of doors!

## **Barbecues -**

These are great fun, when they are in your garden. But other people's barbecues can make your life a smoke-filled misery – tainting laundry on the clothesline and ruining a peaceful afternoon. Barbecues situated far from boundary fences are always best.



## **Music -**

If you want to play music at an event, warn your neighbours in advance, say what time you will turn the music off, and *stick to it*. On the night, don't deafen the entire neighbourhood, and remember that the general rule for ALL noise is to be quiet between 11pm and 7am.

## **Noisy dogs and children -**

We love dogs and children and are ferocious in defending them - unless they be-

long to other people, and are driving us crazy! If you need to talk to your neighbours about problems with either, choose a time when you are both calm and controlled, and try to remain objective. (Eg: Don't say YOUR dog, say THE dog – it sounds less accusatory.)

### **Becoming best friends -**

No matter how much you like your new neighbours, take it slowly as you get to know them. Keep some boundaries, and be careful at the outset, as it is hard to rein in, if they become too attached to you. There is a fine line between being social, and losing all your privacy - you probably don't want them moving in with you!

### **Parking -**

No one has the right to 'claim' and protect the space right outside their house, if it is on a public road. No one has the right to block your access to your own parking space, or make it difficult for you to get in.

### **Hedges and boundaries -**

There are quite specific laws on what is and what is not allowed – Citizens Advice can help you with the details.

### **Ever need help?**

Head for the Citizens Advice website (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> ). It has advice on all types of neighbours and their disputes. Also, consult your local police force's website, and [gov.uk](http://gov.uk). If you are ever physically threatened, ring the police on 999. If you are harassed because of your religion, ethnicity, or sexuality, call the police on 101.

## **As fine silver**

Malachi 3:3 says: *"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."*

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study. They got to wondering what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out.

Sherang was a silversmith and she arranged to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest, beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, so as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, and then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

So, if today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you. His aim is not to abandon or destroy you, but to refine you - until He sees His image in you.

# nurse, and social reformer

## Florence Nightingale



If you have a strong sense of calling from God, then you will well understand Florence Nightingale. At the age of 16 she felt God was calling her to some great lifework, and so she determined to avoid marriage, and thus be available to obey Him.

Florence had been born in Italy in 1820, while her parents were travelling - hence her name. But she grew up at Lea Hurst in Derbyshire. Her parents were Unitarian, but Florence later joined the Anglican Church.

Florence had a strong sense of God's personal presence in her life, and in 1844, when she was 24, Florence came to believe that her calling was to nurse the sick. In 1849 she set off to study nursing in the hospitals of Europe.

It was on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1850 that she wrote in her diary: 'Today I am 30 - the age Christ began His mission. Now no more childish things. No more love. No more marriage. Now Lord let me think only of Thy will, what Thou wiltest me to do.'

Later that same year she went to train in the hospital of Alexandria in Egypt, and then the Lutheran Deaconess Institute at

Kaiserwerth in Germany. In 1853 she returned to England, and was appointed superintendent of the Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen in London.

Then the following year, 1854, war broke out in the Crimea. Florence contacted friends in high places, and soon got permission to take 38 nurses to serve at the military hospitals at Scutari in Turkey, and later Balaklava in the Crimea. These hospitals were dreadful places, but with better nursing and better sanitation, the mortality rate among the sick and wounded men soon fell dramatically.

When, by night, Florence took to patrolling the hospital wards, carrying a dim lamp, the legend of 'the Lady with the Lamp' was born.

After the Crimean war, Florence returned to England determined to establish the first professional nurse training scheme in the country. She found a base at St Thomas' Hospital in London, and through her efforts the stature of nursing gradually rose to become that of a respected medical profession.



But Florence had been working too long and too hard, and now her own health broke down, and she became an invalid. But she was not forgotten, and the honours rolled in. In 1907 she became the first woman to receive the Order of Merit. Florence died in London on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1910, aged 90, and was buried in St Margaret's, East Wellow, in Hampshire. Her tombstone says simply: F.N. 1820 – 1910.

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## When tourists get lost

Have you ever got into trouble while abroad? The story is told of a group of tourists who went to a Mediterranean country and wanted to see the sites of an old city. Four members of the group got so engrossed in taking pictures of each other by a castle that they ignored the summons from the tour group leader to go back to the bus. A little while later, they realised that they were all on their own in a strange foreign city. That's when their problems started.

The four tourists decided to head back to their hotel. But no one could remember the name of the hotel. So, they hailed a taxi, and asked it to drive around looking for the hotel. An hour or so later, the driver gave up and demanded payment. That's when they discovered that they did not have enough money to pay the driver. So the driver took them to the police, who demanded some identification. That's when the four tourists remembered that they had left their passports in the hotel safe...

Some hours later, the tour guide tracked down the missing tourists. They greeted her with tears of relief as she provided the police with their passports, paid their debt, and prepared to lead them safely back to their hotel. The police warned the tourists: "From now on, you stay close to your friend!"

Stay close to your friend. It's good advice for all of us. If your life is going in the wrong direction, if you have run up debts of wrong-doing, if you feel lost and alone, you need to take action. You need to stop going on like this. Turn-around, and go in another direction. The Bible calls this action of 'stopping and turning around' repentance.

Repentance is when you stop, and you turn to God. For the good news is that there is a heavenly tour guide on whom we can all call. Only God can save us from the mess we are in. He sent us His Son to forgive us our sins, to provide us with an identity and, if we walk with Him, to lead us safely through life. As the Bible says: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series which will run until the end of 2025.

# What's the Big Idea

An Introduction to the Books of the Bible



## The Books of 1&2 Kings

1 & 2 Kings is a single literary work telling the history of Israel's monarchy from the end of David's reign until the Babylonian exile following the fall of Jerusalem (586 BC). After Solomon's reign, Israel was divided into two kingdoms: Israel to the north and Judah in the south. In the north 20 rulers reigned over 210 years until the fall of Samaria (722 BC). In the southern kingdom there were also 20 rulers, spanning a period of 345 years.

This account is not like reading a modern history book. The author views the story through the lens of God's relationship with His people. The welfare of Israel depended on their leaders' trust and obedience in God, e.g. Solomon building the Temple, as well as listening to the prophets e.g. Elijah and Elisha. The kings who receive the most attention are those whose disobedience is greatest (e.g. Ahab and Manasseh) or those who truly follow God

(eg. Hezekiah and Josiah).

The book ends with exile in Babylon, fulfilling God's warning of the consequences of disobedience for both kingdoms (cf Dt 28:64–68). However, this doesn't mean that there is no hope for the future. At the end of the book, Jehoiachin is released from prison in Babylon, and he is given a place of honour (2Ki 25:27-30). The future remains open for God to fulfil His promises to the house of David.

'We begin to realise that if God's sovereignty is never cancelled out by the so deeply sin-flawed leaders ('kings') in both our culture and our church, we can quite cheerfully exult in God's sovereignty as it is being exercised in all the circumstantial details of the actual present.' (E Peterson).

Editor: This quiz goes with the books of 1 & 2 Kings

# Quiz on Elijah

## Quiz on Elijah

- 1 Elijah was a....? (Nishbite, Fishbite, Tishbite)
- 2 Which king of Israel did Elijah warn about an imminent drought? (Ahab, Omri, Ahaziah)
- 3 Which animals brought Elijah food during the drought he prophesied? (Wolves, ravens, bears)
- 4 How many times did Elijah stretch himself over the widow's dead son before he was revived? (Once, twice, three times)
- 5 Where did Obadiah hide one hundred prophets of the Lord from Jezebel? (Palace dungeons, caves, house of the prophet)
- 6 How many prophets of the goddess Asherah were called to Mt Carmel for Elijah's sacrificial challenge to the prophets of Baal?(400, 450, 500)
- 7 After Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal, what other ritual did the prophets try to gain Baal's attention? (Danced around the altar, cut themselves with knives, beat their chests with sticks)
- 8 Why did Elijah choose 12 stones to build his altar? (That's all he could find, thenumber of years Ahab had reigned, one for each tribe of Israel)
- 9 What did Elijah's servant see from Mt Carmel on the seventh time he looked out to sea? (A cloud, an island, a boat)
- 10 How did Elijah return to Jezreel from Mt Carmel? (Chariot, ran, donkey)
- 11 After the prophets of Baal were killed, to where did Elijah run to escape the death threat from Jezebel? (Hebron, Shiloh, Beer-sheba)
- 12 Who awoke Elijah for food as he slept in the desert wanting to die? (Ravens, anangel, Elisha)
- 13 Who was the small quiet voice that spoke to Elijah on Mt Horeb? (Ahab, Moses, God)
- 14 What did Ahab do when Elijah told him of God's anger at the murder of Naboth? (Laughed, threwa spear at him, repented)
- 15 What of Elijah's was left behind after his was taken away from Elisha by the whirlwind? (Cloak, staff, sandals)

## ANSWERS

- 1 Tishbite (1 Kings 17:1)
- 2 Ahab (17:1)
- 3 Ravens (17:6)
- 4 Three (17:21)
- 5 Caves (18:3,4)
- 6 400 (18:19)
- 7 Cut themselves with knives (18:28)
- 8 One for each tribe of Israel (18:31)
- 9 A cloud (18:44)
- 10 Ran (18:45,6)
- 11 Beersheba (19:1-3)
- 12 An angel (19:5-8)
- 13 God (19:11-15)
- 14 Repented (21:27-29)
- 15 Cloak (2 Kings 2:13)

# ALL SAINTS' PARISH NEWS ADS—1908

A few more adverts, this time from the 1908 edition of the All Saint's Parish Magazine along with another slightly longer short story in two parts.

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# The Judgement of the Colonel

A short story by Helen Shipton

PART I

It was a cold spring night, and I sat on my bed in my little garret, with my elbows on my knees and my head in my hands, as miserable a lad as any that could be found in the three kingdoms.

It was a Saturday night, and when I had gone up to bed early—because I was restless and wretched to sit still pretending to read any longer—I knew very well that my dear mother thought that I was going to take some extra time for my prayers, in readiness for the eight o'clock service the next morning. I dared not say anything to make her think differently, though when she smiled at me, and stroked my shoulder, I said to myself that I was a sneak and a hypocrite as well as all the rest. But I was not saying my prayers, or reading in the little book that she had given me; but just turning the same thoughts over and over, like a squirrel in a cage, and seeing no more way out than he does.

Things came and went in my mind, changing places with each other, but all of them always there. My father's face as he lay dying; his voice telling me to take care of my mother; her bitter cry, "Oh, Lennie! I have no one but you!" The doctor's grave look when he told me that she must never be startled or worried or distressed; and, beyond and above all, the horrible mess I had got into, that looked only more hopeless every way I tried to look at it.

It had all come about so easily! I seemed to be at the bottom of the pit before I knew what was happening to me. Everybody had always said how well mother had brought me up, and what a good boy I was to be willing to be kept so strictly and perhaps I thought so myself. Then I

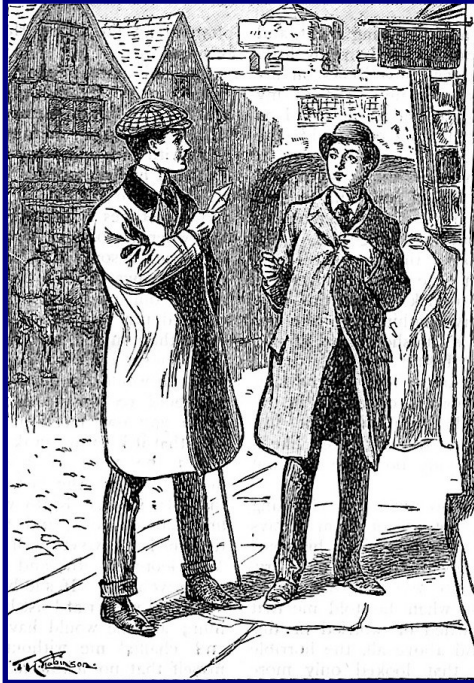
left school; I was confirmed; I got a situation in Rigby and Marston's office; and I felt far too grown-up to get into scrapes as schoolboys do. But—George Rigby took a sort of fancy to me! He was Mr. Rigby's youngest son, a boy not much older than myself, who was often about the office, though he had no regular business there.

He had more freedom than I had, and a great deal more pocket money, for mother and I were very poor. But it seemed beneath my dignity to be always saying—when he asked me to go here or there with him—that my mother would not like it, or that I had no money. I daresay he wanted me all the more because I wasn't quite so easy to get, and sometimes I let myself be persuaded to go, and when he offered to pay for me and let me pay him back "some day," I was ashamed to own, even to myself, that I didn't see any chance of getting out of his debt for years to come. It flattered my vanity to be about with a boy rather older than myself, and my master's son; and yet I was never quite happy with him. I never knew what he would do next, and every now and then he would reckon up and say, "That makes so much you owe me, Len!" And the sum got so long that it kept me awake sometimes at night.

But the worst of it was that I had told my mother, when she asked where I had been, that Mr. George Rigby wanted me. I said it at first half in joke, and then I went on with it, though I knew very well that she had never seen Mr. George Rigby, and didn't guess that he was only seventeen. If she had known that she would have told me, or at least begged me, not to go with him; and he would have guessed why I refused, and chaffed

me without mercy. So I said to myself that no fellow told his mother *everything*; and that, after all, I was doing nothing wrong. But as the first Sunday in each month drew near I grew more and more to dread the thought of it, and I certainly should not have gone to *that* service any more at present if I had not been afraid that mother would ask me why I stayed away.

Well one afternoon, Mr. Rigby—the real one—called me into his private room. He was addressing an envelope, and while he wrote he asked me if I knew where Colonel Randal lived. I did, for I had had his great spiked front gates pointed out to me, and I had seen him more than once in our office—a tall old man with a red face and a white moustache and a voice like a mad bull.



Mr. Rigby folded two £5. notes and put them into his letter, and then he glanced up and saw me watching him, and seemed rather annoyed. "Stand a little further back!" he said. "The *inside* of any letter you may have to convey is no business of yours.

Then he closed and sealed it, and went on. "I should expect you in any case to be careful of a letter entrusted to you. As it is, understand that you are not to mention this to anyone, and deliver it into Colonel Randal's own hand. Take it at once."

I went out, and a few yards from the office door I met George Rigby.

"Hallo!" he said. "Where are you off to? Don't you remember I wanted you to come down to Spencer's with me before tea, to look at those pigeons?"

"Can't!" I said. "I've got this letter to take to your father."

"Bosh! How far is it?" - and before I could speak he had twitched the letter out of my hand.

"Only to old Randal's! You can do that after tea in half an hour—you're halfway there when you get home."

"No! Look here! - give it me back straight away! It's very important, and I've got to take it at once," I said, trying not to show how annoyed I was, because I knew that would only make him worse.

"Stuff! You come along, and it'll be all right," George said slipping the letter into his pocket and walking off. "You think such a jolly lot of yourself! If it was

such a very important letter, you bet they'd sooner trust the postman with it than you!"

"I know it's got £10. in it anyhow!" I said. The words slipped out before I thought, and then I could have beaten myself for being so stupid. It was not ten minutes since I had left Mr. Rigby, and already I had disobeyed him in every particular.

But there was nothing for it but to go with George. I was not big or strong enough to get the letter from him by force; and when he had teased me and made me dance attendance on him long enough, he would

most likely give it back to me.

So we went, and we looked at the pigeons, and George and Jack Spencer talked till I thought they would never have done; and then Jack walked back with us as far as my door.

"Now, then, I want that letter, please," I said aside to George; but he was in his teasing humour still.

"I shall take it myself," he said "It's too important to be trusted to a youngster like you."

"I shall tell your father how it was!" I said; but he laughed.

"Oh no, you won't! There's a thing or two I could tell him, if it came to telling, that would make things rather lively for you, Master Lennie." and he went off laughing, with Jack Spencer; and I went in to my tea feeling uncomfortable enough.

The next morning I went early and hung about Mr. Rigby's house, trying to get a word with George. But he did not come out, and I was afraid to ask for him; and at last I had to go to the office, saying to myself that he would not have dared to play any tricks with his father's business letters—though people did say that Mr. Rigby was easier with George than with anyone else in the world.

It was no good hoping that I should be asked no questions. Mr. Rigby called me into his office, and his first words were—

"Did you deliver my letter to Colonel Randal?"

"Yes, sir!" (My tongue seemed to say the words of itself, without any will of mine.)

"Was there any answer?"

"No, sir!" And then I was back at my work again, telling myself that it wouldn't have done to say anything else: I *had* delivered The letter, through George, who ought to be even more trusted than I was; and his father would only have been the more angry if I had tried to throw any blame on him. But all day I kept thinking of the last time I had told a lie, when I was quite a little fellow, and how my father had pun-

ished me, and my mother had cried, and I promised them both that, God helping me, I would never tell a lie again.

The next time I caught sight of George he tried to avoid me, but I ran after him.

"I say! Did you deliver that letter all right?" I said.

"Oh, no! of course not. I threw it in the gutter, you may be sure! What a little fool you are!" he answered; and then someone else came up, and I had to leave it at that.

At first I had only been uneasy on account of my own part in the business, but very soon—I could hardly have told why—I began to have worse misgivings.

Mr. Rigby dropped a word that showed he was surprised at not having heard from Colonel Randal. George kept out of my way as much as possible, and at the same time I knew, from one thing and another, that money was more plentiful than usual with him, though not for long before he had owned to me that he was in debt to someone in the town, and dare not tell his father. It seemed an awful thing to believe, but I could not but think that George had kept that £10. and was spending it. The only question in my mind was, how long would it be before it was brought home to *me*?

I could see exactly how it would look to everybody. There would be only my word against George's, and what sort of story had I to tell? On my own showing, I had parted with the letter that had been entrusted to me, and then had told a lie about it. How could I expect even my mother to believe in me after that—let alone Mr. Rigby, who, of course, would be inclined to believe his own son? I should be dismissed, disgraced, and what was to become of me I could not think; but I felt as though I could have faced it all with a light heart if it had not been for the thoughts of my mother.

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9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)

11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)

14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)

15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)

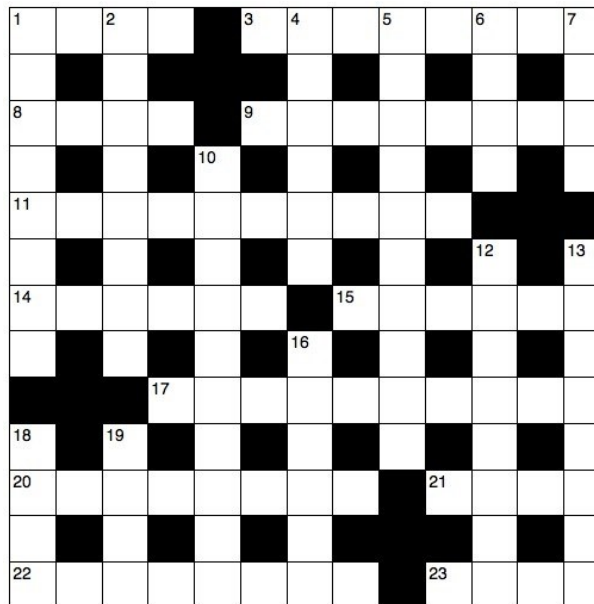
17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)

20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)

21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)

22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)

23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)



## Down

1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)

2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)

4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)

5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)

6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)

7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)

10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)

12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)

13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)

16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)

18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)



19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 17

The Tale of   
The Friend at Midnight



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD RUN OUT OF BREAD...



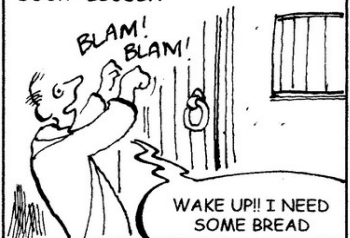
...AND HE NEEDED PLENTY AS A FRIEND WAS COMING TO STAY.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MIDNIGHT...



... HE WENT TO HIS NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE AND BANGED ON THE DOOR - LOUDLY!

BLAM!  
BLAM!



WAKE UP!! I NEED SOME BREAD

PLEASE WILL YOU LEND ME THREE LOAVES?




GO AWAY!! WE'RE ALL TRYING TO SLEEP!



OH GO ON... PLEASE I REALLY DO NEED SOME!

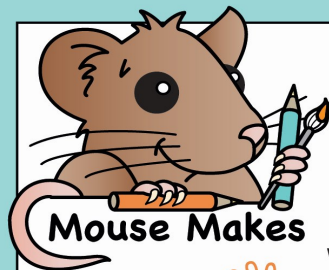
ALRIGHT THEN! BUT I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT SOME PEACE AND QUIET!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'THE NEIGHBOUR AGREED TO SHARE HIS BREAD BECAUSE THE MAN KEPT ASKING'

'DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK TO GOD. HE LONGS TO HEAR OUR PRAYERS.'





"AND WHEN YOU PRAY,  
PRAY THEN LIKE THIS ..."

Where does Jesus say  
to go to pray?  
*Matthew 6:6*



What does God know  
before you ask Him?  
*Matthew 6:8*



What can we ask God  
to deliver us from?  
*Matthew 6:13*

If you forgive others  
what will God do?  
*Matthew 6:14*



D L O R D S P R A Y E R  
L F W R E A R T H K S O  
D A I L Y K E D A S K O  
E T L V T H Y E L H D M  
B H L A M E N L L O O I  
T E M P T A T I O N N H  
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N O U R N A V B R E A D  
S M E W I K I N G D O M  
J E S U S U L Y O U R J  
N E E D S F O R G I V E

"Always be full of joy.  
**Never** stop praying.  
Whatever happens,  
always be **thankful**."  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



ROOM • PRAY • ASK • NEEDS • HEARD • JESUS  
LORDS PRAYER • OUR • FATHER • HALLOWED • HONOURED  
NAME • THY • KINGDOM • COME • YOUR • WILL • DONE  
EARTH • HEAVEN • DAILY • BREAD • FORGIVE • DEBTS  
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**Funeral**  
12<sup>th</sup> July

Terence Searle aged 67 years  
of Washington Road

**Wedding**  
27<sup>th</sup> July

Daniel Holdaway/Gemma Burton



# Prayer Diary July 2024

1	Peace in Ukraine
2	The Church's Mission via the internet
3 St Thomas	Churches dedicated to St Thomas
4	The people of the United States of America
5	Christian MPs
6	The work of General Synod
7 Trinity 6 - Sea Sunday	The Mission to Seafarers, and all whose lives are lived on the seas
8	The RNLI and HM Coastguard
9	Friends of Essex Churches
10	All NHS staff and Carers
11	For all who are disabled
12	All shop workers
13	Messy Church
14 Trinity 7	Our Mission and Ministry Unit
15	Our Area Dean
16	Staff in Primary and Junior schools in our Parish
17	Staff at Plume School
18	Staff and pupils at All Saints' School
19	Students who will be leaving school
20	Rev Julie Willmot and her three Parishes
21 Trinity 8	Staff who work in our local hospitals and especially hospital Chaplains
22 Mary Magdalene	Churches dedicated to St Mary Magdalene
23	Researchers and Scientists
24	Those who work with the mentally ill
25 St James	Churches dedicated to St James
26	The staff of Essex County Council
27	Those who live alone
28 Trinity 9	Hospice staff and Chaplains
29	Ambulance and Air Ambulance Services
30	Staff and residents of the town's care homes
31	Those who are unemployed



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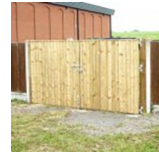
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