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FROM THE VICARAGE



By the time you are reading this, I will no longer be Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene's, Lillington. Naomi and I will be packing up and preparing to move house to Coventry to embark on a new adventure with God. Though I am hugely excited (and also a bit terrified) about setting up our new church, St Clare's at the Cathedral, I am also sad to be leaving Lillington. Not a day seems to go past right now (as I write this, it's just a couple of weeks until I finish here) without me being reduced to tears by another lovely goodbye. I have no idea how I'll get through my final service and party...

The last nine years have been such an extraordinary blessing. I have been so loved and supported and nurtured as your Vicar. St Mary Magdalene's is a church with a reputation for offering real welcome and friendship, so it's not surprising that you did that for your Vicar too. I have grown hugely in faith and confidence in my ministry. Together, we have embarked on projects that none of us really felt qualified for (the After School Bible Club in particular springs to mind), and tried many different things. Some worked, some didn't, and others were right for a season. The important thing is that we tried. We kept seeking after God, prayerfully trying to discern what he wanted us to do and then giving it a go. I hope and pray that you will continue with that confident, outward looking, 'say yes' attitude. It's one of the many things that make you such a special church. You have also been so supportive of my wider ministry beyond Lillington and Old Milverton. I was so touched by your wholehearted cheerleading when I decided to stand for General Synod and by your encouragement of me as Area Dean. If anyone did resent the time it took, I never picked up on that. All I heard was you checking out that I wasn't too busy and offering to help where you could.

The truth is, had God asked me to embark on the St Clare's project ten years ago, I couldn't have done it. I only have the courage and confidence to do it now, because of the time I've spent here, and I am really moved by how excited and encouraging you are being about it, even though it means I'm leaving. I really do feel like I'm being sent out with love and prayer and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that.

And so it is time to say goodbye, a very old English word and which is a contraction of the phrase 'God be with you'. I know that God will be with you when I've gone, and God will be with me where I go.

So may the LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*With love and thanksgiving in my heart,
Rev Charlotte, June 2017*

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERALS	
09 May	Nevil PINFOLD Age 86
13 May	Pamela CUMMINS Age 86
26 May	Bryan JOHNSON Age 95
31 May	Gail MILLER Age 63
BAPTISMS	
21 May	Otto AVERIS
WEDDINGS	
20 May	Philip VINCENT and Susan MITCHELL

WARDEN'S WORDS JUNE 2017



Hello friends and neighbours,

It's June 14th and I am sitting in my study at home, out of the hot summer sun , and it's not often we can honestly say that. Proper summer with temperatures in the high 20's, and the need for drinks more pressing than usually. There has been much talk of late about all the changes happening at St Mary Magdalene's - the roof, the change of vicar, a new administrator needed and changes afoot on the musical front too!

So ... I thought I would think of you all enjoying the gorgeous summer weather and envisaging what you might have planned for the summery months. Most folk are able to take a modest holiday - with a bit of saving up beforehand, and even if your budget won't stretch that far, I do hope that you are able to enjoy the great outdoors on a day trip or two, maybe in the company of people who are sharing the same coach trip to the seaside, countryside or some other open space or country estate. ***It would be lovely to hear from you in another issue of 'Crosstalk' when we could all read what adventures you had in a new place*** - what you saw, who you met and of course what you ate to spoil yourself!

Refreshment of another kind is always available for the inner self by a visit to a church or some other sort of reflective place. I do so hope that you will come back from your change of scene invigorated and full of thankfulness for the beauties of nature , the peace of natural surroundings , the plethora of fauna and flora and also for the glorious achievements of humans who have helped to shape this wonderful world over the centuries.

WOULD YOU LIKE A CHANCE TO WIN A £20 note to help with all those little extras which go towards making your day out complete? Just put your name and telephone number in an envelope marked 'Day Out', and hand it to me or post it through my letterbox (27 St Andrews Rd) BEFORE JULY 17th which is a Monday. I will pull one 'out of the hat' at random on Tuesday 18th and let the winner know . So go on - have a go, and keep you family well supplied with ice-creams on your special day trip!

With my love and good wishes to all of you for a very happy summer-time!

Glyn Wright, Churchwarden



PRESENTATION TO APCM 2017 – MONEY STRAND

As many of you will know, the finance part of 'Love Lillington' stems from a Victorian charity founded for the 'Sick and Poor of the Parish of Lillington and Blackdown'. I suspect that the original benefactors would be amazed at the work now being done in their name.

This fund has ticked over quietly for many years – I came in to join Major Dom as Trustee, some of you will remember him ! It is required that there are three Trustees, one of which is the incumbent. This means that during a vacancy there are only two, but this has worked well in the past. We confer over every request – and at the moment the answer is always YES ! The income was previously very small and only covered two or three grants per year.

When Rev. Charlotte came up with the idea of 'Love Lillington' I made enquiries of the Diocese, as the Capital is in the care of the Diocese of Coventry but the dividends come to the Parish for use according to the terms set out. It was confirmed that, although we couldn't touch the Capital, we could add to the fund in the Parish providing it was spent according to the original plan. Great !

Our income has now increased dramatically. And we have been able to spend accordingly !

We still receive dividends from the Capital held by the Diocese but these have been augmented by a share of the surplus from the Christmas Market, Christmas Tree Festival, Summer fair, and Fireworks evening. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of individual members of the congregation and other supporters who give substantial sums for this amazing cause. Our diligent Treasurer, Alan, who is also a trustee, takes great care to collect Gift Aid and bank interest on these payments.

As a result of all this giving, we have been able to meet the expenses for all the referrals which come to us, and the pot shows no signs of running dry. The Knitters Group contributes regularly and

Sarah Boad's Sponsored Slim will boost the funds even more ! Praise the Lord for all those who support this endeavour.

And now the interesting bit – how we spend the money....

As you know, all our referrals are from the professionals who work with people in the Parish. In the past year I have had correspondence with Young Parents Support worker, Family Support worker, Community development worker, Schools and several of the folks at the Children's Centre, and even the Salvation Army , all of whom have been amazed and delighted at what we have done.

We have supplied cookers, a mobile phone, course fees, nursery fees, fencing, a skip, and no end of carpets. When council properties are vacated they are completely stripped, including carpets. For a young mum moving in with a toddler, or several, splintery board or concrete floors are horrid. Fencing is also a worthwhile expense, enabling the little ones to play safely outside. We have, on occasion, made payments for 'debt relief orders' which enable clients to make a clean start and move on.

In addition we pay for the materials so ably used by the Action team, and occasional small items which, though not critically necessary, make a big difference to the living environment of an depressed or discouraged person.

Occasionally I talk with the end recipients but I seldom meet them, though I spent a happy hour or so standing in the rain with one woman and her small daughter - who greeted me as 'Granny' - waiting for a skip and watching its delivery. Very exciting! The Action team then worked alongside this family and together they made a fantastic job on the garden.

Mostly I have responses from the professionals who have made the referral.....

'I would like to thank the Love Lillington Trustees on behalf of Brian. This grant will make a big difference for him and for his future. '

'Over this year "Love Lillington" has supported a number of my young parents'

'One young mother was in desperate need of a mobile phone. A request was put in and a phone with £10 top up was delivered the following week. The young mother was thrilled ,

she could now be contacted and arrange important appointments. She also could take some great photos of her little boy to treasure. She was very grateful for your support. '

'Another young mother had been without a cooker for six months, she had been managing to just use the hob to prepare food. "Love Lillington" provided a cooker, had it delivered and fitted. The young mother was delighted and informed me she and her daughter had been busy baking and making cakes together and she had been enjoying preparing some proper meals for the family.'

'Other young families that "Love Lillington" helped for me were in need of carpets. When you get offered a flat they come with no carpets. It's not nice when you have small children and the floors are cold and bare. "Love Lillington" supplied some much needed carpets for these families.'

'Thank you for all your help over the past year.'

This is what we do, and the joy in helping these people is immense.

As long as you continue to give so generously, we will continue to help these people – this is how we extend the love of God to those in our community. Thank you so much.

*Charlotte Sanders, Lead Trustee "Grants4Lillington "
April 2017*



WALKERS GROUP

The July walk (c. four miles) will take place on July 1st. Meet outside church at 9.30 a.m. It will head to the south of Radford Semele with the possibility of up to four stiles, depending on the exact route taken. Lunch will be at the White Lion, Radford Semele. The walk will be led by Stanley and Helen Ireland: 01926 451170 for further details.

DOING CHURCH DIFFERENTLY

Imagine a church where you dance together in a circle to conclude the service; where you meet in the basement of a Liberal Synagogue; where you smile at passers-by through large clear windows; where you eat a meal together as an integral part of the worship; where everyone participates in the sermon; where the music is simple chants and harmonies, taught as you go along; where everyone holds hands as you pray; where the singing is accompanied by a squeezebox or a jazz band; where large numbers of doughnuts and bagels are eaten before and after the service; where children crowd around the communion table; where everyone who comes helps to set things up and clear away; where the bible reading is interpreted in song and dance; where most of the people present are under thirty.



These are just some of the wonderful things we encountered on a tour of exciting and different churches on our sabbatical. We wanted to try and find churches that were doing the sort of things we aim to do at **St Clare's** and we weren't disappointed. There were a few moments when we felt a bit out of our comfort zone (maybe no bad thing), some moments when we felt a bit unsure, but many more moments when we were inspired, encouraged and welcomed. Most of the churches we visited were quite small, and it was a credit to them how graciously they welcomed us into their fellowship.

Our first stop was in London, to visit **The Church on the Corner**, an Anglican church plant that meets in what used to be a pub, on the corner of a busy road in Islington. They've been going for 20 years and yet the congregation remains young. They meet on a Sunday evening and when we attended (the Sunday after Easter) it was a lay led service of the word. The music (a lovely mix of old hymns and contemporary songs) was led by a young woman with a guitar. The Vicar appeared from the congregation to give an excellent sermon but that was all. There were the usual refreshments after the service before a large group of us hot-footed it to the local pub to continue the fellowship. On the face of it there was nothing radical about this church, but it had a freshness, a simplicity and a youthful outlook

which we loved. If St Clare's could look anything like this in 20 years' time, that would be amazing.

The other churches we visited were all a bit further away – a lot further in fact. Two of them were in Manhattan, and two in Brooklyn. Our first visit on our transatlantic adventure was to **St Pauls' Chapel** in the financial district of **Manhattan**. This beautiful old church (well, old by American standards, it opened in 1766) used to sit in the shadow of the Twin Towers and was miraculously undamaged when the towers fell. It's Episcopalian, and part of Trinity Church Wall Street, but has a distinct character of its own. Their Sunday morning service is all age, exuberant, Eucharistic and only 45 minutes long.



When the service was set up a few years ago, this was what the parents at the local school said they wanted. And they come in droves. The church was packed with families eating doughnuts before the service which began at 9.15 am. The priests were robed, there was a full printed order of service and in many senses it was a very traditional 'Anglican' service. But it was also anything but. A child led the priests in, carrying a cross strewn with ribbons. We were seated in the round and the children came and crowded round the priest on a carpet in the centre as she sat to lead a superb all age sermon. It was Good Shepherd Sunday and we did laugh when she asked the children if any of them had ever seen a sheep. Almost none of them had... At communion the children gathered round the table, and everyone was invited to share in bread and wine. A choir of church members led the music (not robed, and sat together within the congregation), accompanied by the piano. Refreshments continued after the service, but people seemed to disappear quite quickly, some of them heading to discipleship groups and Sunday School at Trinity. But for others maybe the early start meant that they simply wanted to get on and enjoy the rest of the day.

Later that same day, we caught the subway across the East River to **Brooklyn** to visit our next church, **St Lydia's Dinner Church**. We were a bit concerned that our visit coincided with their first service without their pastor Emily, who has left for pastures new. It was her vision and drive that established the church 14 years ago, so we were interested to see how they were feeling without her. The church meets in what looks like a shop, with a welcoming A-board outside, reassuring us that we were in the right place. We were welcomed in, then set to work, laying tables and lighting candles, ready for the

worship. Other folks were busy in the kitchen. We began at 6 o'clock, gathering near the door for the opening greeting. As we sang a simple chant, accompanied by a young man playing the squeezebox, we loosely processed to form a large circle around the three tables where we would eat. In the circle we shared in the first part of the Eucharist. The liturgy was sung by the priest, with us joining in with simple chanted responses, and then a delicious homemade loaf was shared around the circle. We then sat to eat a delicious meal including the rest of the bread, and it was clear that our fellowship and conversation was part of the worship. After we'd eaten there was a bible reading, then the priest (this time Lutheran) gave the sermon, after which he invited comment and discussion from others. We joined hands for a time of open intercession, before standing together for the conclusion of the meal which was sharing of the wine (though in fact it was grape juice). We were then set tasks to get the washing up done and the room cleared before we gathered back where we had started for the conclusion. This was when we danced. I was too busy concentrating on not falling over to be self-conscious! The worship was so different from anything I had ever encountered before; an extraordinary mix of very ancient and completely fresh and new. There were only 24 places at the tables, so in order to grow, they now also meet on a Monday night, and once a month have all age waffle church on a Sunday morning. If we hadn't known about Emily's departure, we wouldn't have been able to tell. They seemed a very happy, active community of young Christians.

A week for sightseeing, before heading back to **Brooklyn** the following Sunday for our third church, **Bushwick Abbey**, another Episcopalian church. One of the youngest churches we visited, it was set up just a few years ago, meeting at first in a bar. They have now moved to a slightly shabby church, which they share with the local Spanish speaking congregation and there is a clear emphasis on social justice. The priest who set up Bushwick Abbey left sooner than anyone might have expected and I suspect she's been a hard act to follow. Numbers were low as it was Mother's Day, so many of the regulars were away seeing Mom! The service was quite traditional, but once again, the age profile was very young (almost all under thirty) and the music very contemporary and original, led by an excellent band. The sermon was loosely based on the model of *Lectio Divina*. The priest read through the passage a couple of times, and we were all invited to share our thoughts. We were really impressed by the theological fluency of the young people, almost all of whom spoke, which surely bodes well for the future of this fledgling church

community. After the service we were invited to join them for pancakes and mimosas as they said goodbye to a member who was leaving. Once again, we were made to feel very welcome.

Finally, on the Monday evening we made our final visit, this time to a Presbyterian church, the brilliantly named **Not so Churchy**. They only meet once a month, choosing Monday as it's when the theatres are closed. We had a bit of trouble finding them as when we reached the address, right in the heart of **Manhattan**, it seemed to be a synagogue. Eventually someone appeared at the door on welcoming duty, and we discovered that they meet in a room in the lower floor of this beautiful building. People gathered to chat in the central foyer area, before the worship leader starting singing a simple song, which we were soon able to join in with, and we continued to sing as we made our way into the worship space. We sat in the round with the communion table at the centre. The service was highly planned and beautifully delivered with a lot of music and singing, led by immensely accomplished musicians. Meike the priest did surprisingly little of the service, which was very collaborative. Three of the members led the 'scripture interpretation'. They read a passage from Romans, with quiet background music, periodically swelling as we joined in a simple repeated chant. The sermon was fairly conventional, but once again we were invited to offer our own comments and reflections in response. The service concluded with the sharing of communion, which was banana bread and wine!

Some clear themes emerged as we visited these churches. All make a point of **extending a welcome** to those who may feel that church is not for them, be it because of their age, their



noisy children or their sexuality. All of them managed to be clearly **part of the rich tradition** they had emerged from, but the worship had been reimagined in order to reach out to younger people in their particular context. We have definitely come away with some great ideas, but most of all we have been inspired. Our hope and prayer is that we can take that inspiration into St Clare's as we prepare to open our doors.

Rev Charlotte, June 2017

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CHARITY OF THE MONTH

PROJECT RETURN (registered charity no. 108164) (Chosen charity for this month)

Vietnam is now THE holiday destination of choice and new luxury hotels have sprung up around the country. People return home raving about the wonderful country and friendliness of the people. They are right, but behind all this there is real hardship and I have met families who live in shacks made of flattened tin cans and tarpaulins. Parents sometimes fall ill and rely on their children to work to keep them. There is usually no money for education or medicines. The legacy of the Vietnam war is still evident.

During the height of that war, a number of babies were rescued from the fighting and adopted by British families. As young men and women, some of them returned on a trip to their homeland and visited the orphanages where they had started their lives. Seeing the poor conditions, they were determined to help and set up the charity Project Return.

Jeff and I are trustees, and money is raised to provide clinics, kindergartens, aids for the disabled and medicines. Boarding houses have been built so that children from remote villages can stay during the week to get an education. We have trained people to be mechanics, dressmakers and hairdressers so that they can return to their villages and set up businesses. Self-sufficiency is promoted by providing rabbits, pigs and fish for breeding. We are very grateful for the financial support which St Mary Magdalene church has given in support of this work.



A sponsorship scheme is run whereby people in this country contribute £20 per month to help with the maintenance and education of a particular youngster. The scheme has made a huge

difference to the lives and prospects of hundreds of young people over the years. On our last trip we were very touched by five young women coming to meet us just to say thank you for an education. They had good jobs in Ho Chi Minh City and were able to send money home to their parents. They had travelled all night on a bus to reach us in their home town!

We remain a small charity which means we do not have to employ any staff and 98.3% of money raised last year went direct to Vietnam. The Trustees try to send someone once a year to meet the sponsored children so that a report can be provided to the families sponsoring them. We work through the Roman Catholic Nuns and are always greatly impressed by their tireless work caring for the vulnerable and needy.

We now have a website (www.projectreturn.org.uk) where additional information can be seen, or you can speak to me or Jeff if you would like to know more.

Ruth Burgess



SERVICE DETAILS

SUNDAY WORSHIP - JULY 2017

2 nd July	Trinity 3	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	Morning Praise
		06:30	Evensong
9 th July	Trinity 4	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing and Sunday Club
		06:30	Youth Club
16 th July	Trinity 5	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
		18:30	Evensong
23 th July	Trinity 6	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	All Age Holy Communion
30 th July	Trinity 7	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	All Age Holy Communion

SUNDAY WORSHIP - AUGUST 2017

6 th August	Trinity 8 Transfiguration	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	All Age Worship
		06:30	Evensong
13 th August	Trinity 9	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	All Age Holy Communion
20 th August	Trinity 10	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	All Age Holy Communion
		18:30	Evensong
27 th August	Trinity 11	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	All Age Holy Communion

SUNDAY CLUB

For children of all ages up to 10 years during School Term time. Children join the main 09:30 service at the beginning and the end, and leave for a 30 minutes Sunday Club session, which has a range of age appropriate activities

WEEKDAY WORSHIP:

Tuesday	25 th June	13:30	Holy Communion
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THE CHURCH OFFICE

The office is open Monday to Thursday 9:00am till 12:00pm.

During these hours, the church may be used for private prayer - please use the office entrance. For Baptism, Weddings and general enquiries please contact the church office (01926 470449). Outside of office hours please leave a message on the answer phone and we will get back to you.

WHAT'S ON

JULY 2017

Sat 1	9:30	Walkers' Group, meet outside church. Contact: Stan & Helen Ireland 01926 451170
Tue 4	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 18	18:45	Lillington & Cubbington churches, praying together @ Lillington Free Church.
Tue 18	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 25	18:30	Tea & Chat in the Octagon

AUGUST 2017

Tue 8	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 22	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon

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You will be the key person running the church office and therefore you will be well organised, computer literate (Word, Excel etc.) and be confident when working on your own.

You will be an active member of a church community and will share in the particular Christian ethos of St. Mary Magdalene's.

The role has been assessed as being one in which the person is a visible and known representative of the Church of England, its beliefs and values. The Church Administrator reflects through attitude and action both the presence of God and the beliefs of the Christian church within the working environment of the church. Therefore it is anticipated that the post holder will be a regular worshipper of a Christian community. This post therefore has Genuine Occupational Requirement under the Equality Act 2010.

For an application form and job description see the Church website www.lillingtonparishchurch.org or contact Carol Innes, Churchwarden on 07758857740 or carol.innes1@gmail.com

For an informal discussion please contact the current postholder Vanessa Cooper on 01926 470449.

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July – Bastille Day

The French National Day commemorates the Storming of the Bastille on 14 July 1789, an important event in the French Revolution as well as the Fête de la Fédération which celebrated the unity of the French people on 14 July 1790. Celebrations are held throughout France and these two recipes are perfect for a summer's day celebration.

SUMMER PISTOU

Serves 4

A cross between a soup and a stew, this healthy French dish is packed with vegetables and beans - perfect as a light lunch. If making ahead it will keep in the fridge for a couple of days.



1 tbsp rapeseed oil
2 leeks, finely sliced
1 large courgette, finely diced
1l boiling vegetable stock
400g can cannellini or haricot beans, drained

200g green beans, chopped
3 tomatoes, chopped
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
small pack basil
40g freshly grated parmesan

1. Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the leeks and courgette for 5 mins to soften. Pour in the stock, add three-quarters of the haricot beans with the green beans, half the tomatoes, and simmer for 5-8 mins until the vegetables are tender.
2. Meanwhile, blitz the remaining beans and tomatoes, the garlic and basil in a food processor (or in a bowl with a stick blender) until smooth, then stir in the Parmesan. Stir the sauce into the soup, cook for 1 min, then ladle half into bowls or pour into a flask for a packed lunch. Chill the remainder. Will keep for a couple of days.
3. Serve with a fresh crusty baguette and lashings of French butter.

PROFITEROLES

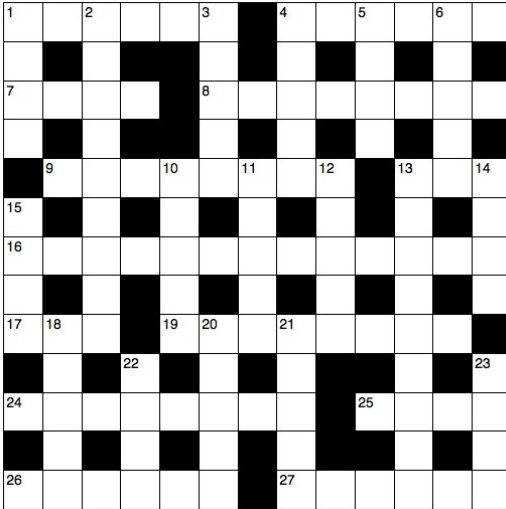
Makes about 30 profiteroles

250ml/1/2 pint cold water
100g/4oz unsalted butter, plus
extra for greasing
125g/5oz plain flour
4 medium free-range eggs, beaten
600ml/1 pint double cream



1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
2. Place the water and butter into a large saucepan. Heat gently until the butter has melted. Turn up the heat, then quickly pour in the flour all in one go.
3. Remove from the heat and beat the mixture vigorously until a smooth paste is formed. Once the mixture comes away from the side of the pan, transfer to a large bowl and leave to cool for 10-15 minutes.
4. Beat in the eggs, a little at a time, until the mixture is smooth and glossy and has a soft dropping consistency - you may not need it all.
5. Lightly grease a large baking sheet. Using a piping bag and plain 1cm/1/2in nozzle, pipe the mixture into small balls in lines across the baking sheet. Gently rub the top of each ball with a wet finger - this helps to make a crisper top.
6. Place the baking sheet into the oven. Bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden-brown - if the profiteroles are too pale they will become soggy when cool.
7. Remove from the oven and turn the oven off. Prick the base of each profiterole with a skewer. Place back onto the baking sheet with the hole in the base facing upwards and return to the oven for five minutes. The warm air from the oven helps to dry out the middle of the profiteroles.
8. For the filling, lightly whip the cream until soft peaks form. When the profiteroles are cold, use a piping bag to pipe the cream into the profiteroles. They can be frozen at this point and take about an hour to defrost.
9. You can serve with a chocolate sauce, or top each one individually with melted chocolate (or melted Nutella!)

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1** 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4** 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7** 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8** See 5 Down
- 9** Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13** 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16** Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17** 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19** How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24** 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25** 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26** Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27** Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

- 1** 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2** Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3** Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4** 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5** and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6** 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10** Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11** Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12** The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13** One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14** "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me"" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15** Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18** Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20** Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21** Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22** Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23** Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Washing Day

The day was Monday; 'Washing Day'
That's what the old-old rhyme did say
And as we listened to those words
A question it was what we heard ...

That question spoke of happiness
But thinking back their work was stress,
For winds blew fierce and wet hands froze
While scrubbing clothes, and mending those ...

That didn't make it through the week
So thread was found – and someone meek
Would sit a'while with patient frame
While making garments 'whole' again!



When I remember times gone by
To my back yard where sheets did fly
While clinging to the washing line;
A rope or plastic-coated twine!

The 'garden-length' was stretched quite taught
But in the middle help was sought
To keep the line from drooping down
To where the sheets might scrape the ground!

My father made a wooden 'prop'
With peg-like structure at the top
But woe-betide as washing flapped
The line might stretch and even snap!

The years have flown and washing waits;
No-more it sits near garden gates ...
Instead it moves around machines
And dries itself while keeping clean!

No more the 'Wash-Day' morning blues
There's much to do – so much to choose
While night-time washing spins around
Inside machines placed near the ground!

Today is Monday; 'Washing Day'
That's what the old-old rhyme did say ...
But hands won't freeze while winds they blow
They're keeping warm far from the snow!

WHY IT IS GOOD TO TALK TO YOURSELF

When we see people talking out loud to themselves, we can tend to avoid them as slightly odd. But, in reality, they may be very smart indeed. According to a recent study at Bangor University, those of us who speak to ourselves while focusing on a task do better than those of us who stay silent.

Of course I talk to myself,
Sometimes I need
expert advice.



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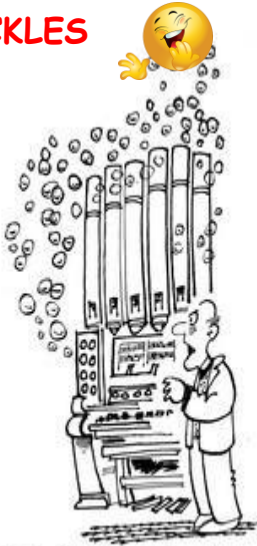
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DOWN:

1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

CHUCKLES



For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

School play

A little boy was given a part in the school play and went home to tell his father. His father was really proud of him, and asked what the part was. The boy replied: "I got the part of a man who has been married for 25 years." His father congratulated him. "That's good son, and maybe next time round, you'll get a talking role!"

Gone but not...

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St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himereaaj



What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

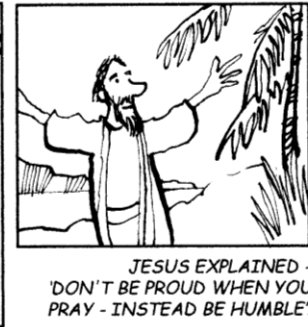
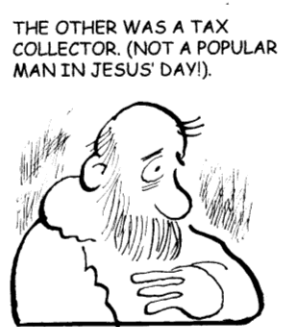
Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?

Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah

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SNIPPETS

Former chorister Ken Dodd sings praise of the Book of Common Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer is a guide to life, according to 89-year-old comedian Ken Dodd. "The Prayer Book is, in many ways, very up-to-date," he says. "It's a wonderful piece of literature, beautifully-written and based on fact."

Sir Ken has been a life-long devotee of the Prayer Book, with which he became familiar at an early age as a chorister at the Church of St John the Evangelist in Knotty Ash. He still worships there periodically, but the pull of choral evensong means that he also attends Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral now and then.



Shakespeare in cathedrals

A new production of Shakespeare's Richard III by the theatre company Antic Disposition is to be staged at Leicester Cathedral this month

(July), where the king's remains

are interred. The production will then be seen at Ely, Peterborough, Gloucester, Bristol and Salisbury Cathedrals, until it concludes at the Temple Church in London in September.

Living with Gods

BBC Radio 4 and the British Museum are collaborating on a 30-part series, Living with Gods, on the world history of religion told through historical artefacts. The British Museum is to open an exhibition in November to run alongside the series, which will be broadcast on Mondays at 9:45am from 23rd October.

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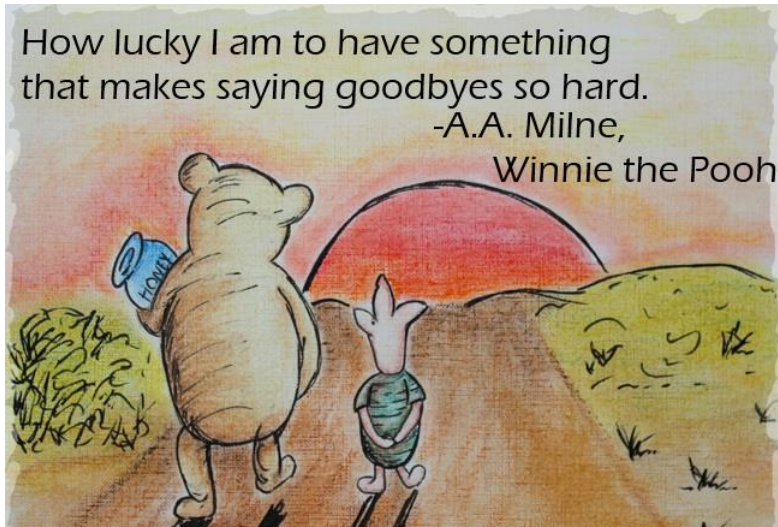
By now you will have heard that at the end of this month I will be leaving the post of Church Administrator, which means I will no longer be your Parish Magazine Editor either. It seems a little strange knowing this is my final edition of Crosstalk.



Although my time here has been short, and without wishing to sound too *gushy*, I can honestly say it has been one of the nicest, most supportive and encouraging places I have worked and I can't thank you enough for making my time here not just a pleasant one, but one of being made to genuinely feel 'part of the church family'. This is a rare and a very special gift you all have and I'm sure your next administrator will very quickly feel at 'home' here.

I am sad to be going but rather excited at where God is leading me. From September I will (voluntarily) run the first (of I hope many!) 10-week course called *Peaced Together* for a local charity. The course is for the broken (whatever the reason for this break). I will also be helping them to set up a safe and confidential drop-in space for vulnerable women, particularly those who are/have been victims of domestic abuse/violence, an area I have a personal heart for and your prayers for this new chapter for me would be really appreciated.

I hope to see you at the odd service now and again, but for now...



Thank you all so much for everything 😊 X Nessie, Editor

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