

The Messenger

News from your local church



Activities and services for Children and Families 2017

30 April	10.30 Godparent Sunday St. Helen and All Saints Wykeham	
6 MAY	4.00 -5.30 MESSY CHURCH Hutton Buscel Village Hall	
21 May	10.30 Family Praise Walk (Rogation Sunday) St. Matthew's Hutton Buscel	
11 June	2.30-5.30 CREATE Fantastic Family Fun Day Welburn Hall School	
15 JULY	4.00 -5.30 MESSY CHURCH Hutton Buscel Village Hall	
6 August	2.00 Summer Fayre Brompton	
2 Sept	11.00 -3.00 Family Fun Day and Painting Competition Prize giving Gillamoor	
7 OCT	4.00- 5.30 MESSY CHURCH Hutton Buscel Village Hall	
1 Dec	Christmas Tree Festival All Saints Brompton	
	6.30 Preview Carols, Readings, Refreshments	
2 Dec	2.00 Christmas Fayre Brompton Village Hall	
10 Dec	4.30 All Age Carol Service All Saints Brompton	
24 Dec	3.00 Christingle and Crib Service St Mathew's Hutton Buscel	
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Indian Christians are targets of hate crimes

At least 15 believers assaulted – including two women beaten by their husbands; two church meetings and two marriage services disrupted; several church buildings vandalised and looted; a Christian orphanage shut down by police for “child trafficking”; pastors threatened; a peace gathering attacked by a mob.

Such was the litany of frequently violent persecution experienced by Indian Christians at the hands of Hindus in a single month: February 2017.

The Evangelical Fellowship of India reports that Indian believers are living on the persecution front line in a country where they are supposed to be protected.

Julian of Norwich – a voice from a distant cell

by Canon David Winter

Many years ago, studying English literature at university, I was intrigued to be introduced to the work of Julian of Norwich. She was writing at the end of the fourteenth century, when our modern English language was slowly emerging from its origins in Anglo-Saxon and Middle English.

Our lecturer was mainly concerned with her importance in the history of the language (she was the first woman, and the first significant writer, to write in English). But I was more intrigued by the ideas she was expressing. She was an anchoress – someone who had committed herself to a life of solitude, giving herself to prayer and fasting. St Julian's, Norwich was the church where she had her 'cell'.

Her masterpiece, Revelations of Divine Love, reveals a mystic of such depth and insight that today up and down Britain there are hundreds, possibly thousands, of 'Julian Groups' who meet regularly to study her writings and try to put them into practice.

She is honoured this month (8th) in the Lutheran and Anglican Churches, but although she is held in high regard by many Roman Catholics, her own Church has never felt able to recognise her as a 'saint'. This is probably because – over 600 years ago! – she spoke of God as embracing both male and female qualities. Revelations is an account of the visions she received in her tiny room, which thousands of pilgrims visit every year.

Her most famous saying, quoted by T S Eliot in one of his poems, is 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well' – words that have brought comfort and strength to many a soul in distress.

Julian of Norwich is remembered and celebrated on 8th May.

View from the Vicarage.

Prayer is such an important part of life of faith, yet in the busyness of daily life it is far too easy for it to get squeezed out.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with Thy Kingdom Come, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May to 4th June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes:

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.'

(Colossians 4: 2-4).

As Paul says, consistent praying for others involves discipline ('be devoted') and responding to what God is already doing in people's lives ('being watchful and thankful'). We can pray for 'open doors' to point people to Jesus and what He can mean in their lives. We all have opportunities to do this, as even Paul prayed as a prisoner in chains!!

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth. Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all. Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'

Stuart

Brompton Blog

Easter at Brompton was a big success with more families at the Castle Hill egg rolling and more people at our All Age service in All Saints than ever. Now it's on to planning to try to ensure the rest of the year is just as good at attracting people to our Church events. We recently had a meeting of the Church FUNdraisers with eleven people present and at least as many again within this group. They were full of enthusiasm fuelled by Pipa Knowleden's Simnel cake which I had bought at our gardening club sale. It seemed to work well as food is a common theme for us. After all Jesus kept consideration for people's bodily needs as well as spiritual ones throughout his teaching. To this end the FUNdraisers suggested providing burgers for lunch at Open Gardens on June 18th to provide plenty of energy to fuel folk around the village until they get their cream teas! Our open Church is a now central part of open gardens and will again feature our connection with William Wordsworth. Please let your friends know and come along as we will do our best to make it a lovely afternoon.

Mary Jones

News From The Hackness and Wykeham Church Schools' Federation

I am delighted to announce that the Governing Body has selected an excellent candidate to be the next Head Teacher for the Hackness and Wykeham Church Schools' Federation from September 2017. Mr Lee Talbot brings to the post a commitment to building on the Christian ethos and values of the two schools, an enthusiasm for a broad curriculum that enables all children to develop their full academic, social and spiritual potential, and a strong record of effective leadership in a variety of roles and schools. We are looking forward to supporting Mr Talbot as he moves into the post and working with him as he leads both schools forward within the Federation and this Benefice.

Christine Wilkinson (Headteacher)

Snainton Snippets

New Altar Frontal Our thanks go to John and Rosemary Mudd for their donation for a new altar frontal, and to our Treasurer (and seamstress) Jane Williams for making this fine piece of work which was dedicated by the Vicar at the Eucharist service last month. We look forward to the frontal of liturgical colour green adorning the altar when we return to Ordinary Time next month.

Hackness Ladies Choir Our fundraising for the church roof resumes later this month with a performance by Hackness Ladies Choir on Friday, 26 May at 7.30pm at St Stephen's. We would love to see you there.

St John Harris

From St Matthew's – Parish Church of Hutton Buscel and West Ayton

We celebrated a beautiful Easter morning service at St Matthew's. Our thanks to all who decorated the church the day before, to the Benefice choir and it was so good to welcome our friends from around the Benefice. Our Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday was well attended being part of the Holy Week services around the Benefice all of which this year were particularly poignant in their own way.

Rogation Sunday, 21st May will be celebrated as a Benefice in and around St Matthew's and the village, we do hope you will be able to join us.

David and I have been re-elected as Church Wardens. We thank you for the support we have received from those who join us from Hutton Buscel and West Ayton and look forward to another busy year in the life of St Matthew's.

With our best wishes, Beverley, David and Malcolm

Christian Meditation Group

Instead of our usual Saturday morning meeting on 13 May, we will be attending another reflective day organised by the Eckhart Society and hosted by the Sisters of the Carmelite Thicket Priory, near York. The day starts at 11am and finishes at 5pm.

The theme this year is Love and Eckhartian Spirituality and offers a programme of talks with much to ponder and share.

If you'd like to find out more, then please contact St John Harris on 01723 850684 or email: stjohn@skeltonharrisinteriors.com

Why the C of E is keeping its customs of reading the marriage banns

The C of E has recently voted to keep its medieval tradition of reading the marriage banns. Not because it is worried about 'illegal' marriages taking place, but because it hopes it will help to keep up congregation numbers among young people. Members of the General Synod, who met and voted on it in February, said that ditching the popular tradition would mean losing an important source of new worshippers.

Just under 45,000 people got married in CofE churches in 2015. So, as one archdeacon explained, reading the banns 'gives us access to 90,000 people in the 18-45 age group, which is the age group that we struggle to reach.'

There is to be a Service to celebrate the Life and Ministry of the

Very Revd. John Allen

Former Dean of Wakefield Cathedral



at Wakefield Cathedral

on Sunday 18th June 2017 at 3.30pm

All welcome

Come and support Eleanor and her family as we also acknowledge the gift of John's ministry within our own Benefice

BUDS * 2017

THERE WILL BE A BUDS / POST LENT SESSION
Monday 8th May 2017

(Topic 'Life in the Spirit')

*A reflection on the work of Rowan Williams
Being Disciples*

At the Downe Arms.....

6.30pm supper

or 7.30 for the meeting

Come to BUDS and GROW



The Trinity

All welcome but please
ring 862227 or email Pat
to confirm numbers for supper

Sunday 21st May - Rogation Sunday

10.30 am

All Age Praise Walk



Hutton Buscel
beginning in church

Well behaved adults, children, dogs and ponies welcome!

Thursday 25th May

Ascension Day



7.00 pm
Holy Eucharist
Brompton

An Invitation

I am writing to invite you to a meeting about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Tuesday June 13th at 7.30pm at Kirkbymoorside Quaker Meeting House.

This conflict has been extremely prolonged, with enormous suffering and no prospect of a just resolution. 2017 is the centenary of the Balfour Declaration, nearly the 70th year since the declaration of the state of Israel and the 50th year of the Occupation of the Palestinian Territories.

Many people are uncertain about the origins of the conflict and the impact on those concerned. With the support of Kirkbymoorside Quakers, I have arranged a meeting to provide information about the background and the current situation.

There will be a film describing British involvement from 1917-47, and a talk from an Ecumenical Accompanier who has recently returned from three months duty in East Jerusalem.

We will also have the opportunity for questions and discussion and, in the knowledge that the topic of Israel and Palestine can sometimes lead to heated discussion, Helen Goodman has agreed to chair this, to ensure a friendly and respectful airing of queries and concerns.

Thanks for your help,

David Worth

What is happening in the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

- why is there still no peace, 100 years after the Balfour Declaration?



Join us at this open meeting in the
Quaker Meeting House, Kirkbymoorside,
on Tuesday June 13th at 7.30, for:

- **'Britain in Palestine, 1917-1947'**
 - a film on historic British involvement in Palestine
- **News from an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine**
 - Dave Stannard returned in February from three months duty in the West Bank
- **Critical examination of both Israeli and Palestinian action**
 - in discussion led by Helen Goodman, Chair of Ryedale Christian Council

Open to all

More info at 01751 411908

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Gloria!

Saturday 6 May 2017

Arrive: 9.45am; Depart 5.00pm

Led by Rachel Gray

An opportunity to sing together Vivaldi's Gloria whilst taking time to consider the words and reflect on the glory of God. The day will conclude with a performance to your friends or family. All are welcome, whether you are a proficient choral singer or are simply keen to have a go. Rachel Gray is an experienced choirmaster and a professional cellist and music teacher who lives near York and performs in a range of contexts and with a range of choirs and ensembles.

Cost: £15.00 to include a light lunch and afternoon tea.

Social Media for the Terrified

May 24 @ 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm

In a world which is increasingly reliant on the internet, social media has become a vital method of communication. However, stories of messages 'going viral' or of accounts being 'hacked' can result in us being nervous to engage for fear of being misrepresented or misunderstood. This evening session will provide the opportunity to acknowledge and address fears and to gain confidence in communicating in the 21st Century.

This evening event will particularly benefit any who are responsible for the public face of their church, from the printed notice sheet and outside noticeboard to the website!

Mark Russell is Chief Executive of the Church Army. In this role he leads a team of over 600 people working across the UK and Ireland.

He is a sought-after conference speaker and preacher and has addressed major Christian gatherings all over the world. He has been a contributor to various BBC TV and radio shows, as well as Sky News. Mark is best known for his passionate commitment to issue facing young people and social justice. He loves social media and his twitter following numbers over £8,500 people (@markrusselluk). He was recently presented with the 'Christian Tweeter of the Year' award for 2016 (an award he has won twice before).

Cost: £15.00 to include evening meal or £5 to include drinks

For more info www.wydale.org

The way I see it: **Why 'Call the Midwife'?**

By Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religion, BBC.

For months – indeed for years, apart from the 'Bake off' phenomenon - Britain's most popular television programme by some distance has been the Sunday night 'Call the Midwife'. The competition for top spot encompasses the whole range of human obsessions: comedy, drama, murder, rape, quizzes, food, fashion and sport – something for every taste. Yet a homely drama about some midwives working with an Anglican order of nuns in London's East End 60 years ago beats them all. The BBC clearly recognises its value – several more series have been commissioned. I think it's worth wondering why.

The first two series of 'Call the Midwife' closely followed the best-selling books by Jennifer Worth about her experiences as a young midwife in precisely those circumstances. Someone recommended the first book to me and I found it compelling reading, and said so in print. To my surprise, I got a letter from the author, answering a question I had posed. She told me that the example of the sisters in the Order and their unquenchable faith amidst the squalor and poverty of the area in those post-War years eventually led to her embracing the Christian faith herself.

Sadly, Jennifer Worth died just as the first series was being aired, and I feared the story line might lose its authenticity. But it hasn't. These are stories of some nuns and midwives struggling to help people in need. Without ever being preachy, it faithfully depicts a very mixed group of people putting faith into practice. I think the nine million viewers, most of whom are probably not regular church-goers, appreciate seeing prayer, faith, hope and love at work, even if not every practitioner is saintly, not every sick baby saved, nor every human problem solved.

A Strange Farewell

One of the most extraordinary passages in the Bible tells the story of Christ's goodbye, which we call the Ascension:

"While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they, after worshipping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God."

It was the last time the apostles would see Jesus.

They had experienced the utter catastrophe of His death, followed within days by the triumph of His resurrection. Later, He left them. Instead of the sadness we might expect after His final farewell, they were exuberant and went back to Jerusalem. What an extraordinary reaction. Jesus had gone, Jerusalem was fraught with danger, yet they seemed brimful with confidence.



Ringed in their ears was His repeated teaching about the Kingdom of God and the commission to preach forgiveness of sins throughout the world, beginning at Jerusalem. They were to wait there until they were "clothed with power from on high." Far from feeling abandoned, they were full of hope and eager to be equipped for their vocation. They and the Christian community would represent Christ on earth, as He represented them in heaven, "seated at the right hand of the Father", in the words of the Creed.

All this is temporary. God has not planned the world to remain in its present state in perpetuity. Our particular era may seem to be particularly grim, but it is but one strand in human history and we are no more distinctive than any other generation. Although the world as it is seems to be lasting a long time, we are living in what the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews calls 'the final age'. We are to anticipate a finale, when Christ's rule will be apparent to all. There's an Old Testament proverb which is particularly apt: "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Isn't that exactly what we hope for every time we pray for God's will to be done on earth, as in heaven?

The Archbishop of Canterbury and others are prompting us to join in a global 'wave of prayer' between Ascension and Pentecost (25 May to 4 June), concentrating on "Your Kingdom Come". That will make us usurpers, praying for God's Kingdom to displace all others! It will also make us one with Christ



Archbishops' Pastoral Letter to the Parishes and Chaplaincies of the Church of England, for the General Election.

The season of Easter invites us to celebrate and to renew our love of God and our love of neighbour, our trust and hope in God and in each other. In the midst of a frantic and sometimes fraught election campaign, our first obligation as Christians is to pray for those standing for office, and to continue to pray for those who are elected. We recognise the enormous responsibilities and the vast complexity of the issues that our political leaders face. We are constantly reminded of the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families.

Our second obligation as Christians at these times is to set aside apathy and cynicism and to participate, and encourage others to do the same. At a practical level that could mean putting on a hustings event for candidates, volunteering for a candidate, or simply making sure to vote on Thursday 8th June. The Christian virtues of love, trust and hope should guide and judge our actions, as well as the actions and policies of all those who are seeking election to the House of Commons and to lead our country.

This election is being contested against the backdrop of deep and profound questions of identity. Opportunities to renew and reimagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations. We are in such a time.

Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God's world will all play a shaping role. If our shared British values are to carry the weight of where we now stand and the challenges ahead of us, they must have at their core cohesion, courage and stability.

Cohesion is what holds us together. The United Kingdom, when at its best, has been represented by a sense not only of living for ourselves, but by a deeper concern for the weak, poor and marginalised, and for the common good. At home that includes education for all, the need for urgent and serious solutions to our housing challenges, the importance of creating communities as well as buildings, and a confident and flourishing health service that gives support to all - especially the vulnerable - not least at the beginning and end of life. Abroad it is seen in many ways, including the 0.7% Aid commitment, properly applied in imaginative ways, standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith, and our current leading on campaigns against slavery, trafficking, and sexual violence in conflicts.

Courage, which includes aspiration, competition and ambition, should guide us into trading agreements that, if they are effective and just, will also reduce the drivers for mass movements of peoples. We must affirm our capacity to be an outward looking and generous country, with distinctive contributions to peacebuilding, development, the environment and welcoming the stranger in need. Our economic and financial systems at home and abroad should aim to be engines of innovation, not simply traders for their own account. The need for a just economy is clear, but there is also the relatively new and influential area of 'just finance', and there are dangers of an economy over-reliant on debt, which risks crushing those who take on too much. Courage also demands a radical approach to education, so that the historic failures of technical training and the over-emphasis on purely academic subjects are rebalanced, growing productivity and tackling with vigour the exclusion of the poorest groups from future economic life.

Stability, an ancient and Benedictine virtue, is about living well with change. Stable communities will be skilled in reconciliation, resilient in setbacks and diligent in sustainability, particularly in relation to the environment. They will be

ones in which we can be collectively a nation of 'glad and generous hearts'. To our concern for housing, health and education as foundations for a good society, we add marriage, the family and the household as foundational communities, which should be nurtured and supported as such, not just for the benefit of their members, but as a blessing for the whole of society.

Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief. The assumptions of secularism are not a reliable guide to the way the world works, nor will they enable us to understand the place of faith in other people's lives. Parishes and Chaplaincies of the Church of England serve people of all faiths and none. Their contribution and that of other denominations and faiths to the well-being of the nation is immense – schools, food banks, social support, childcare among many others - and is freely offered. But the role of faith in society is not just measured in terms of service- delivery.

The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy. More immediately, if we aspire to a politics of maturity and generosity, then the religious faith of any election candidate should not be treated by opponents as a vulnerability to be exploited. We look forward to a media and political climate where all candidates can feel confident that they can be open about the impact of their faith on their vocation to public service.

Religious belief is the well-spring for the virtues and practices that make for good individuals, strong relationships and flourishing communities. In Britain, these embedded virtues are not unique to Christians, but they have their roots in the Christian history of our four nations. If treated as partners in the project of serving the country, the churches – and other faiths – have much to contribute to a deep understanding and outworking of the common good.

Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm. Mainstream religious communities have a central role to play; whilst extremist narratives require compelling counter-narratives that have a strong theological and ideological foundation.

Cohesion, courage and stability are all needed in our response to the continuing national conversation about migration and refugees. Offering a generous and hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants is a vital expression of our common humanity, but it is not without cost and we should not be deaf to the legitimate concerns that have been expressed about the scale of population flows and the differential impact it has on different parts of society. The pressures of integration must be shared more equitably.

These deep virtues and practices – love, trust and hope, cohesion, courage and stability - are not the preserve of any one political party or worldview, but go to the heart of who we are as a country in all of its diversity. An election campaign, a Parliament and a Government that hold to these virtues give us a firm foundation on which to live well together, for the common good.

We keep in our prayers all those who are standing in this election and are deeply grateful for their commitment to public service. All of us as Christians, in holding fast to the vision of abundant life, should be open to the call to renounce cynicism, to engage prayerfully with the candidates and issues in this election and by doing so to participate together fully in the life of our communities.

In the Name of our Risen Lord,

+Justin Cantuar

+Sentamu Eboracensis

Friday Focus prayers for May 2017

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.' (Colossians 4:2,3)



May 5 For the whole church to join in prayer 25 May - 4 June (Acts 1:12-14)

After Jesus' ascension the apostles returned to Jerusalem to pray and ten days later at Pentecost the Holy Spirit was released and the church was born. Thy Kingdom Come 2017 invites Christians to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world by responding to Jesus' call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer.

Lord Jesus, thank you for this global wave of prayer. We ask that many people will commit to pray for five people they know through Pledge2Pray. May everything that takes place bring glory to your name, and may your mercy and love be revealed as we pray and work together. Come Holy Spirit and empower us to be joyful witnesses.

Jane Holloway, World Prayer Centre; Thy Kingdom Come

May 12 Reaching our young people (1 Timothy 4:12)

How amazing that the Lord chose Mary, possibly as young as 14 or 15 years old, to be the mother of Jesus. God in fragile human form in the hands of a teenager! In turn, Jesus himself mentored young people as his disciples. Amazing! We also must raise up young people as leaders, empowering them to fulfil their purpose in Christ.

Jesus, may we love, encourage and support our young people, not looking down on anybody because they are young, but mentoring young people to set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Multiply our love for young people that we can invest in young people, just as you have shown us.

Phil Timson, HOPE Youth Director

May 19 Being an effective witness (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

We're constantly witnessing to hundreds of things as important to us (iPhones, Ford cars, Levi's, etc.). How much more though do we witness to Jesus as the heart of all we are? The question isn't 'shall we witness', but 'are we going to be good witnesses'. If Jesus rose from the dead, every part of our lives should be different!

Generous God, as we have known your love, life, salvation, joy, mercy and hope, help us to be generous in effectively sharing your call with those around us. Help us to live in a way that provokes and intrigues people to seek you. Give us opportunities, courage and joy in faithfully showing and sharing your life this week.

Barry Hill, Diocesan Resource Church Enabler, Rector of Market Harborough

May 26 Thy Kingdom Come 25 May - 4 June (Luke 11: 9-13)

Prayer happens when we have a challenge we can't meet by our own resources. As none of us has the resources to bring someone to faith in Jesus Christ, we have to ask the Holy Spirit for help. Thy Kingdom Come is an invitation to do just that – so that through our witness others can come to know Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your Kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the love of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thy Kingdom Come team

Just for fun!



Just pretend...

Although the married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who always took the wheel. But then he became concerned about what might happen in an emergency. So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, 'Please take the wheel, dear. Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it.' So she drove the boat to shore. Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching television. She sat down next to him, switched the TV channel, and said to him, 'Please go into the kitchen, dear. Pretend I'm having a heart attack and set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes.'

Who's been good?

A father of five young children won a toy at a raffle. Back home, he called his children together to let them determine which one should have the present. 'Who is the most obedient?' he asked. 'Who never talks back to Mother? Who does everything she says?' Five small voices answered in unison: 'You do, Daddy!'

The quick way to get rid of mice

Three churches in town were overrun with mice. The minister of the first church trapped them, thereby starting a bitter row among his congregation about showing compassion towards God's creation. The minister of the second church humanely trapped the mice and then set them free outside. Three days later the mice were back. The minister of the third church humanely trapped the mice and then carefully baptised them. They have not been seen since.

What the Bible really means....

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I finally figured out what the Bible means!' His father smiled and replied, 'What, then?' The son replied, 'It stands for "Basic Information Before Leaving Earth".'

Money

There is the story of a minister who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets.'

Windy

Three elderly ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. The Methodist minister observed, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No', the Baptist pastor said, 'It's Thursday.' The Anglican vicar agreed: 'So am I! Let's go and get a pint.'



MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard
from EthosMedia.org share
thought-provoking reflections
on the latest films.

Is cinema the new church?

The film director Quentin Tarantino is famously quoted as saying that 'Cinema is the new church.' Certainly, films are the medium by which many people today have the opportunity to encounter the big spiritual themes of redemption and transformation. This is the case with *Beauty and the Beast*, the latest classic Disney film to benefit from a live action re-imagining.

This visually spectacular film retells the story of a prince (played by Dan Stevens) who becomes a beast, because of his self-obsession; and whose only hope is to learn to love and be loved, before the final judgement day. His redemption and



transformation is brought about through Belle (played by Emma Watson) who sees, within him, the person he could become. She helps him to turn away from his anger and pride. Belle is in the beast's castle through another story of redemption, when she willingly substitutes herself to save her imprisoned father, taking his life-sentence for him.

This film is a cinematic feast, with beautiful imagery and captivating songs. But it also provides an opportunity to reflect upon the spiritual themes of redemption and transformation, made possible through a sacrificial substitution.

At a time when many families would rather go to a cinema than be in a church perhaps, through appropriate conversations, we might help them to discover something of the big biblical story that is echoed in the stories on the screen.



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free resources to help people
explore spiritual, moral, social
and cultural issues through
the latest feature films.

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certificate PG.
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All films. All above board.



Mouse Makes

With Jesus passing through the town
A crowd of people gathered round,
But as Zachaeus could not see,
He ran ahead and climbed a tree.
Jesus stopped as he passed by,
And saw Zachaeus there up high,
Said, "Dear Zachaeus, come with me,
I'm going to your house for tea."

Can you find these words from the story in the word search above?

READ
Zachaeus' story in Luke 19:1-10

JESUS • ZACHAEUS • TAX RICH • TREE • DOWN • HOUSE SINNER • HALF • POSSESSIONS GIVE • POOR • FOUR • TIMES • GOD SALVATION • SEEK • SAVE • LOST

The Man in the Tree

Zachaeus climbed down to the floor,
And walked with Jesus to his door.
Amazed the Lord would want to be
With such a liar and cheat as he.
Zachaeus, sorry for all he had done,
Said, "Lord, I'll pay back everyone,
Half I own I give to the poor,
Those I've cheated get four times more."
Jesus said,
"Today you're saved!"
Zachaeus replied,
"May God be praised!"

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ST DUNSTAN

Dunstan (909 - 988) was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries, being famous for many stories about defeating the devil.

A story tells how as a monk Dunstan nailed a horseshoe to the Devil's hoof when he was asked to re-shoe the Devil's horse. This caused such pain, and Dunstan only agreed to remove the shoe and release the Devil after he promised never to enter a place where a horseshoe is over the door.

They say that is why people still hang horse shoes over doorways.

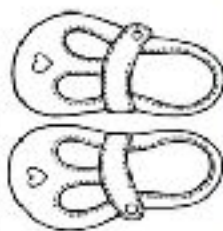


St Dunstan is the patron saint of blacksmiths and bell ringers as well as goldsmiths and silversmiths. His Feast Day is 19 May, which is why the date year on the hallmarks on gold and silver runs from 19 to 18 May, not the calendar year.

NOT JUST ON YOUR FEET....

The answers to these are all something you could wear on your feet, but the word also means....

1. A sure-footed pack animal
2. A thin sharp knife
3. A wobbly dessert
4. A poisonous snake
5. Isn't safe on ice
6. A gymnastic move
7. Equipment used to move water
8. An Irish accent
9. Part of a car used for storage
10. A sports coach



What do you call a shoe that looks like a banana?
A slipper.

Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?
A horse.

Answers: 1 Mule 2 Sledge 3 Jelly 4 Moccasin 5 Slipper 6 Flip flop 7 Pump 8 Brogue 9 Back 10 Trainer



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All in the month of May

400 years ago: on 23rd May 1617 that Elias Ashmole was born. This English antiquarian and collector left most of his collection to Oxford University, thereby starting the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology.

175 years ago: on 13th May 1842 that Sir Arthur Sullivan, British composer of operettas, was born. Best known for his collaboration with W S Gilbert, which produced H.M.S. Pinafore, The Mikado, etc.

100 years ago: on 21st May 1917 that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission was founded. It records and maintains the graves and places of commemoration of Commonwealth military service members who died in WW1 and WW2.

90 years ago: on 20th-21st May that the American aviator Charles Lindbergh made his historic first non-stop solo transatlantic flight from New York to Paris, aboard the Spirit of St Louis.

80 years ago: on 12th May 1937 that the coronation of King George VI took place. This was also the BBC's first official outdoor television broadcast.

75 years ago: on 4th May 1942 that Germany bombed Exeter, destroying the city centre. Several weeks later, on 30th-31st May, more than 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers carried out a 90-minute air raid on Cologne.

20 years ago: on 1st May 1997 that the Labour Party won the British General Election in a landslide victory, ending 18 years of Conservative rule. Tony Blair, aged 43, became Britain's youngest Prime Minister since 1812.

10 years ago: on 3rd May 2007 that the Scottish Parliament General Election saw the Scottish National Party (SNP) win by a single seat, and form a minority government. Alex Salmond took office as First Minister on 16th May.

The King and the BBC

The coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth took place at Westminster Abbey 80 years ago this month, on 12th May 1937 – the date that had been set for the coronation of his brother Edward, until he abdicated. The occasion marked the BBC's first official TV outdoor broadcast and the first use of an outside broadcast van. However, the service was not televised – just the procession to and from the Abbey.

The BBC Television Service had only been operating since the previous November. Eight miles of television cables were laid across central London so that the images could be sent to the transmission centre at Alexandra Palace. Commentary was by Freddie Grisewood, who was at Hyde Park Corner. But it was the first coronation to be filmed: the 40-strong camera crew inside the Abbey had to wear evening dress. The film was later shown in edited form as a newsreel in cinemas across the British Empire. It was also the first coronation to be broadcast on radio: 28 microphones were placed around the Abbey. There was no commentary, but the Rev Frederic Iremonger, Director of Religion at the BBC and Honorary Chaplain to the King, read from the service book. During the consecration and the Holy Communion, the microphones were turned off.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Cosmo Lang, saw the coronation as an opportunity for the spiritual renewal of the nation and on 27 December 1936 he launched a campaign of evangelism called Recall to Religion, with an address on BBC radio. As recounted in the film The King's Speech, there was concern about the King's stutter, but he delivered his speech without a problem. He later wrote to the Archbishop, thanking him for his support through the "ordeal", adding: "I felt I was being helped all the time by Someone Else, as you said I would."

Remembering Arthur Sullivan

Sir Arthur Sullivan, best known for the brilliant comic operas he wrote with W S Gilbert, was born 175 years ago this month, on 13th May 1842. Ironically, he never wanted to be remembered for the operas, such as The Mikado and The Pirates of Penzance. Instead, he wrote: "My sacred music is that on which I base my reputation as a composer." But although he wrote striking oratorios such as The Prodigal Son and The Light of the World, by far his most popular sacred music remains the tune for Onward, Christian Soldiers.

His first successful comic opera (without Gilbert) was Box and Cox, but Richard D'Oyly Carte brought the two men together for the immensely popular Trial by Jury. The rest is history. The G&S collaborations are now known as the Savoy Operas, after the theatre where they were performed from 1882. Sir Arthur's relationship with Gilbert was not always calm, but Gilbert's satire and verbal ingenuity were matched beautifully by Sullivan's technically brilliant tunefulness. Sir Arthur died in London in 1900.

Benefice Diary - May 2017

Sunday 7th May - Easter 4

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Langdale End
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Wykeham

Monday 8th May

2.00 pm	Mothers Union	Snainton Chapel
6.30/7.30 pm	B.U.D.S	Downe Arms

Sunday 14th May - Easter 5

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Hutton Buscel
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	BCP Matins	Brompton

Sunday 21st May - Rogation Sunday

10.30 am	All Age Praise Walk	Hutton Buscel
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Tuesday 23rd May

7.00 pm	Wykeham PCC	The Vicarage
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Thursday 25th May - Ascension Day

7.00 pm	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
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Friday 26th May

7.30 pm	Concert with the Hackness Ladies Choir	St Stephen's, Snainton
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Sunday 28th May - Easter 7

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Brompton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	Eucharist & Baptism	Wykeham
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Hutton Buscel

Thursday 1st June

7.00 pm	Deanery Synod	Kirbymoorside
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Sunday 4th June - Pentecost

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Langdale End
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Wykeham

Tuesday 6th June

7.00 pm	Brompton PCC	Vicarage
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Sunday 11th June - Trinity Sunday

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Hutton Buscel
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	BCP Matins	Brompton

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