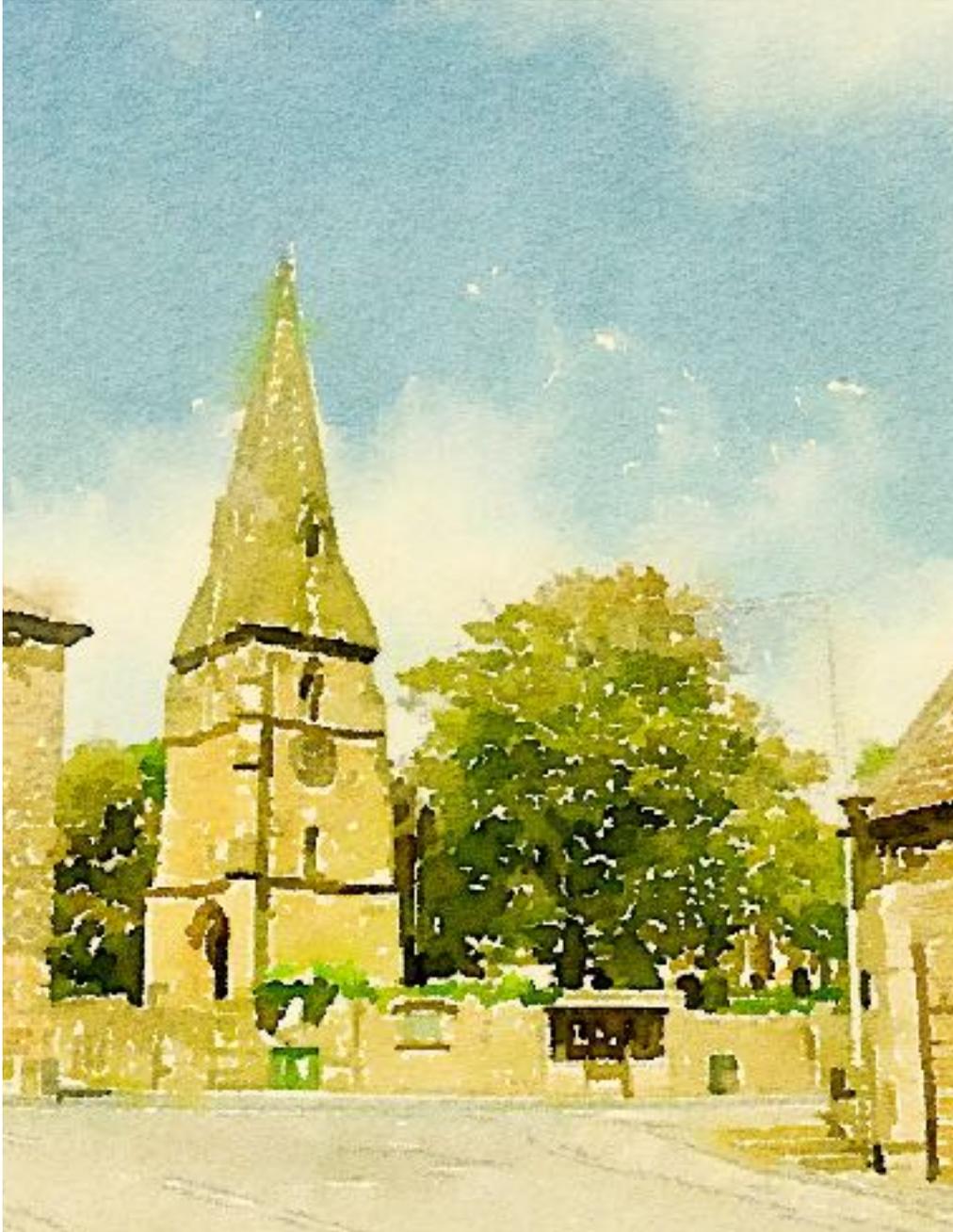




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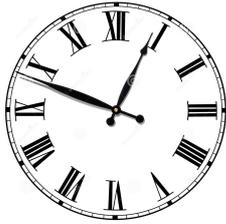
News from your local churches

June 2018



St Helen's Tower, Wykeham by Stuart G Hill

Brompton Church Clock



at the annual service the electronic winding mechanism which keeps the clock running was found to be unsafe and, regrettably, the clock has had to be stopped to prevent the risk of expensive damage.

The mechanisms controlling the striking of hours and quarters are already defunct, so the only solution is a new electronic winding system.

A complete system will cost in the region of £7000, although this may be reduced if we help with the work.

Although a lot of money, over a projected lifespan of 20 years this works out at less than 4p per hour!!

If you would like to contribute, or can help either with raising funds or practical help please contact:

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BUDS



11th June 2018
at the home of Andrew Green
The Old Road House
Main Street Hutton Buscel
6.30 Supper 7.30 Meeting

STUDY, REFLECTION & DISCUSSION
ON A GOSPEL READING FOR
JUNE / JULY
(Led by Elizabeth)

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION
(Led by Ann)

Please bring a food to share, Drinks will be provided

Come to BUDS and GRoW



Brompton Blog

All Saints will once more be decorated with 'Wordsworth's Wild Flowers' for our Open Gardens on Sunday, 17th June. This is not only to remind us of the marriage of Mary Hutchinson and William Wordsworth which took place in our Church, but also to reflect Wordsworth's love of nature. His favourite flower was the celandine and he wrote three poems about daisies with just one to the daffodil. Sue and Malcolm Hewitt have volunteered to be in church and Terry Cartledge hopes to play the organ for as long as they can all manage. The church will be marked on the map for the event and Vivian Bairstow's new Church Guide Book along with his Village Trail will be on sale inside so do call in. As usual the church is open all day but the event is from 12 to 5pm with last map sales at 4pm. Don and I'll be pleased to see all who visit our garden – Kings Head Cottage on Hungate. Don hopes to have his railway open and Brompton Beck at the bottom of the garden provides our effortless water feature. Full details are on the poster which is in this edition.

Mary Jones

The View from the Vicarage



A time for reflection

'It's no fun growing old.' This was a common saying of my late mother, and how right she was! It no fun being ill either. On the inside I still feel that I'm seventeen yet my crumbling hip joint tells me otherwise. My mind still bright and active but my body simply can't keep going. Hence my reluctant acceptance that I need to be on "sick leave" as I await my (hopefully imminent) long overdue surgery. I am please to let you know (if you haven't heard already) that I have a new date for surgery - Friday 22nd June 2018 (assuming that it won't be postponed again). Having never had to have surgery or had to stay in hospital before this comes with both joy and trepidation!!

I have been humbled and touched by the many cards and good wishes I have received over recent weeks - especially a bundle of cards and pictures from the children of Snainton School which proudly adore my book shelves and bring a smile to my face every time I look at them.

Having to take a step back from my ministry and let go of the many things I deal with on a day to day basis (much of it unseen by most) is an unsettling thing to do, and for many days I have been going through a kind of bereavement. However, on the plus side it is giving me plenty of time of prayer and reflection: on my personal ministry, on the ministry and mission of our Benefice, and on the future direction we as a worshipping and witnessing community of disciples need to take.

Having a period of forced rest may have left me on the sidelines for the time being, but I am far from being idle but rather taking time for rest, recuperation and reflection. Please keep me in your prayers, and may God's blessing be with you all.

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100th Anniversary of Armistice

This year marks 100 years since the Armistice, and one of the ways we as bell ringers are being asked to mark it is by ringing bells in as many towers as possible, as well as by trying to recruit new ringers to 'replace' the 1400 ringers known to have been killed in the Great War. At Brompton we have also been asked to ring as part of the memorial concert being held in Church on the Friday of Remembrance weekend, whilst we usually ring before the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Wykeham War Memorial. We are also training up five new ringers, two of them born in this Millennium!

One of the traditions around ringing for Remembrance Sunday (and other solemn occasions) is half-muffled ringing – where a leather pad akin to a skateboard knee pad is attached to one side of the clapper, in order to produce a rather eerie and moving echo effect on alternate strikes of each bell. Hard to explain, but easy to see in the picture below, and hear for those with the benefit of the internet via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-6TOP8UPJ0> Sadly, All Saints' Brompton-by-Sawdon has never had a set of these muffles, whilst Wykeham has for many years made do with a collection of ill-fitting cast-offs from other towers, held together by increasing amounts of baler band and cable ties! So, as part of our commemoration of the Armistice this year we want to change that. A full set of five, custom-made to fit the bells in each tower, costs £185, and I am inviting people to join me in making a donation towards this cost, perhaps in memory of a family member who died in the Great War, as a token of gratitude to all those who paid the ultimate price in both World Wars, or as a symbol of hope towards a peaceful future for our world. The muffles will be dedicated and used for the first time over Remembrance weekend, and the names of the donors recorded (if wished) on a list of sponsors. The bells of both Churches will have been a familiar sound to those from our villages who went off to fight in the two World Wars, marking, perhaps, the joy of births and weddings, the relief of victory, and the loss of those who did not return. I hope this initiative, together with our ringing, may be a small but fitting tribute to their memory.

For further information, or to support this appeal please contact Martin Tubbs
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Strength and Fragility: How does God relate with us at all stages of our lives?

Thursday, June 7, 2018

9:45 AM 4:00 PM

Led by Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder

Cost: £25.00 to include lunch and all refreshments

A day looking at how God is with us in the good and bad times, using the Bible, Prayer and Eucharist. Time out to relax and pray.



Wydale at Home

Sunday, July 1, 2018

2:00 PM 5:00 PM

We fling wide the doors of Wydale just so you can come and have a look around, enjoy a cuppa and maybe take a look at some of those spaces you have never seen before.

Free of charge - donations for refreshments welcome but not required. No need to book.



Summer Renewal Day 2018

Thursday, July 5, 2018

10:30 AM 3:30 PM

A day for refreshment. For teaching, worship and ministry, led Rev'd Malcolm Macnaughton, Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of York. For anyone.

Cost: This is a free event. Lunch will be provided for which we welcome donations, but this is not essential.

For full details and to book a place visit wydale.org

Time Stands Still in Brompton-by-Sawdon

Leaving aside the philosophical and metaphysical implications of this statement, many people will be aware that the clock on All Saints' Church, Brompton-by-Sawdon currently stands idle, stranded at one minute to twelve.

This historic timepiece, itself replacing an earlier model with a wooden face, was manufactured by the well-known Leeds clockmakers W. Potts & Sons Ltd in 1921, and installed in memory of Sir Everard Cayley, 9th Baronet (1861 – 1917), and his elder son, Francis (1894 – 1915), who died in the Great War.

Originally wound by hand, weekly, (most recently by Norman Slack), the three mechanisms controlling the 'going', and chiming of hours and quarters, were electrified with a bespoke system in the 1990s. This has been on its last legs for some time; the motors controlling the striking packed up several years ago, and, at the recent service, noting further deterioration in the one remaining motor, the engineer reluctantly recommended that it be disconnected to prevent the risk of serious (read expensive!) damage to the original mechanism.

One option would be to revert to a hand-winding system, but this in itself would be quite costly, since the moving of the bells means the original path of the weights would have to be altered, and it would, of course, require a willing volunteer to turn the handle for half an hour a week....in perpetuity!!

Much the best solution would be to fit a new 'off the shelf' electronic winding system of a type widely used in similar clocks, including at neighbouring Wykeham. These units have been around for years, carry a 10 year warranty (though the projected lifespan is much longer), and have parts readily available if required.

The price for supplying and fitting this is £6845 – not a small sum, although costed over a projected lifespan of 20 years it works out at less than 4p per hour! Fortunately, a number of generous benefactors, recognising its

significance, have already come forward with pledges of support, whilst the Parish Council has agreed to donate £1000 as part of its responsibility to maintain 'town clocks'. Together with a reduction in cost for local labour, more than two-thirds of the amount needed has already been raised, and, at the time of writing, less than £2000 remains to be found.

The clock is a very visible sign and amenity for the community, linking the past, present and future across time, its steady, unwavering tick a reassuring counter-balance to the fretful nature of everyday life, its chiming echoing the same to rich and poor, young and old, in joy and sorrow, so it would be a considerable achievement if we are able to preserve and maintain it for future generations.

If you are able to support in any way, and help preserve this valuable part of our heritage for future generations, or would like further information, or even a tour, please contact Martin Tubbs mgtubbs@gmail.com 07422 527132. If you are a tax payer, your gift goes even further through gift aid, which allows us to reclaim the tax paid on it.

There will be an opportunity to see the clock (hopefully refurbished and working!) during the Heritage Weekend planned for 22nd/23rd September.

Snainton Snippets

A very pleasant Rogation Sunday service took place on 6 May strolling round Snainton's lovely countryside accompanied by Terry with his portable keyboard, followed by coffees and cakes in church.

Snainton's fundraising carries on apace with the next event being Open Gardens on Sunday 24 June from 12noon - 4.30pm. Maps will be sold from Snainton Village Hall where yummy lunches and afternoon teas will be served. Stalls will include handicrafts, cakes and produce, tombola etc. An excellent selection of plants for the garden will be on sale from 14 Station Road.

Angela Howgate

Northern Ryedale Deanery Social Event – Historic Churches

The church of All Saints, Old Byland

Tuesday 24th July 2018



7pm Meet in Old Byland for a short walk round the village. Parking is on the village green and toilet facilities are available in the Rectory.

7.30pm In the 12th century church, Canon Andrew Shanks will give a talk on the history of the church and the founding Cistercian monks who eventually ended up at Byland Abbey via St Mary's, Scawton.

Andrew is a former Priest in Charge of Upper Ryedale who went on to be Canon Theologian at Manchester Cathedral. He has spent time researching the history of the churches of Upper Ryedale and also St Aelred of Rievaulx, who I am sure he will include in his talk. At the end there will be time to chat and enjoy coffee and home-made cakes.

Earlier in the day, if the weather is kind, some of you may consider visiting the nearby Abbeys of Rievaulx and /or Byland and St Mary's Church, Scawton. We hope that this event will be the first in a series of visits to get to know some of the Deanery's historic churches on the proposed 'Church Heritage Trail' along the A 170.

Please do come and bring your friends.

ALL WELCOME.

Living in peace with others

Antony Billington of LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) considers the challenge of living in peace with others.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honourable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is

written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *Romans 12:17-21*



We don't have to go too many days without coming across a story of revenge – some variation on the spurned lover who cuts off the sleeves of their ex's clothes and gives their silver car a coat of red gloss paint. Many books and films are driven by a revenge-type plot, building up the tension until the bad guys gets their comeuppance, with the sense of relief that brings. There seems to be endemic in humans a desire for personal justice that is powerful and potentially deadly.

Certainly, that was the case in first-century Rome. In *Reading Romans in Pompeii*, Peter Oakes invites us to imagine how Paul's letter might have sounded to a mixed group of people meeting in the rented workshop of Holconius the cabinet-maker. If Holconius's daughter was mugged by a known criminal in the neighbourhood, Holconius could expect to muster up a group from the congregation, go to the man's house, beat him up, and take back any belongings – in revenge. But Paul wants Christians to find different ways of dealing with vengeance, different ways of handling people who wrong us.

It feels like it's a way of passive acquiescence, but it's not. The negative commands – 'do not repay anyone evil for evil', 'do not take revenge', 'do not be overcome by evil' – are balanced with positive ones – 'be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone... live at peace with everyone', 'leave room for God's wrath... feed [your enemy]... give him something to drink', 'overcome evil

with good'. These actions require us to be proactive; they place the initiative with us. That makes sense. Most of us have to work hard at not coming back with the snide comment, not wanting to get ahead of that car that undercut us, not firing off that passive-aggressive email. Revenge keeps evil in circulation, whether in a family or on a motorway or between nations.

Loving our enemies in tangible ways ('feed him... give him something to drink') seems so counter-intuitive. And it is. But no less counter-intuitive than what we see in the cross, the supreme demonstration of God's love for us, even 'while we were God's enemies' (Romans 5:10). It's there we see a different way of responding to hostility. In seeking to overcome evil, how could we not expect to be called to do the same?

Open Gardens

**Brompton by Sawdon
Sunday 17th June
12 midday – 5.00pm**

(Last ticket sales 4.00pm)



Maps £3 from Village Hall
(Light Lunch available £4)

**Come and see the hidden village
and Wordsworth's Wildflowers in the Church**

Gardens in aid of Church Funds

OPEN GARDENS in Snainton



**Sunday, 24 June
12noon – 5pm**

Maps from Snainton Village Hall

Adults £3 – children under 16 free

Plants at 12a Station Road
Tombola, Cakes & Handicrafts
in the Village Hall



In aid of St Stephen's Church Roof Appeal

**Refreshments from
12noon: salads,
sandwiches & cakes**



**In the Village Hall,
High Street, Snainton**

Top myths about mission:

By Naomi Steinberg, Church Mission Society

Mission is about doing things for people in need

“Mission is helping people.” “Mission is spreading the love of God in places which maybe are a bit more disadvantaged and they might need a little more help.” These are a couple of the responses we received when we asked the question, “What is mission?” at festivals during the summer of 2017. In fact, when asked, many people said that mission is essentially about helping people.



And they are right, aren't they? Isn't helping people an integral part of mission? The Anglican Church sets out Five Marks of Mission, one of which is to “respond to human need by loving service”, and we only have to glance at the Bible to see God's desire for justice for the poor. Then how come the Church has been accused of being colonial and paternalistic and why do interventions to help people not always work? For more than 200 years, Church Mission Society people have travelled to all corners of the earth to follow their call to God's mission. They have frequently grappled with the question of when to help, and when to simply listen, learn and be.

In today's diverse society these principles apply equally to mission over the road as much as they do overseas. How can we examine our impulses to “help the needy” and discover mission that is transformative in every way? Sometimes the default position for churches or individuals today is to think in terms of deficits. We focus on what makes people in our community “needy” (whether lack of material or spiritual goods) so that the church mainly does things “to or for” them? We can find it difficult to spend time “being with” people who are not yet Christian, for no other reason than to get to know them better. Think about your or your church's current outreach activities. Are they more about being with people or doing things for them? Are there opportunities for some of your “doing” activities to include more “being” with people?

Be genuine

A holiday brochure featured a picturesque village with an ancient church surrounded by beautiful flowers and trees. Tourists were encouraged to visit it and enjoy the welcome of the church and garden. Unfortunately, the advertisers hadn't visited the place for themselves. While the outside of this church looked



lovely, the interior of the building was dark, damp and dirty. All furnishings had been removed and the only visitors now were pigeons and mice. No one had worshipped in this place for many years. This historic building, once used for the glory of God, was like a desolate grave-yard.

This story reminds us of some words Jesus directed at the religious leaders of His day. He said they were like white-washed tombs, which looked fine on the outside, but were full of bones and decaying corpses on the inside! Jesus accused the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees of merely appearing to be good to everybody, while inside they were full of hypocrisy and sins. It would be nice to think that this accusation had nothing to do with us; a criticism that only applied to those religious leaders. But doesn't it touch a nerve in all of us? Are there times when we say we agree to something in principle, but actually don't put it into practice?

Jesus accused those who gave the outward impression that they were devoted and obedient to God, while their attention was actually on themselves. Outwardly they looked good, but God could see within, and their hearts were deceitful and bad. They neglected the really important teachings of the Law such as justice, mercy and humility. That countryside church looked lovely, but it was void and empty and did nothing to show the love of Jesus to the community. Here is a challenge for us. When people look at our church meeting together, do they see a friendly, caring and welcoming fellowship or are they met with indifference? When people look at us do they see a true picture that reflects the loving qualities of Christ? We each of us need God's help to remove any contradiction between our inner and outer lives, so we can be true examples of Christ's love. Let's be genuine.

The Way I See It.

Canon David Winter wonders whether he wants even more time

What is triggering the violence?

The first four months of this year were full of news reports of stabbings, and even killings, among young people in north London. Almost all of the victims and perpetrators were teen-agers, some as young as thirteen.



My grand-daughter, who teaches at a comprehensive school in the area, tells me that she and her colleagues are convinced that a major factor in this tragic situation is what we now call the 'social media' – Facebook, Twitter and the rest. They are the constant diet of almost all children from primary school age to secondary, and the teachers believe that online taunts, insults and challenges to respond to them are a major trigger of this violence.

No increase in police numbers could possibly monitor every street spat that ends with a knife being drawn – a spat usually about nothing significant at all. 'You're stupid!' 'You're fat!' 'Keep away from my girl-friend!' 'You're scared to come out and face us!' It's pathetic that young boys, and a few girls, are prepared to risk their lives over such insults. But when they are put online, for all to see, the insult becomes a public humiliation, and no teen-ager wants that.

Sadly, there's no way we can dis-invent the social media. But somehow this menace must be tackled. Apparently, half the children aged six have access to this world of confusion. Which suggests parents might be more alert to the dangers. The truth is, insults and threats can't hurt you if you don't read them. But try telling that to the addicted! This looks like a long, slow battle for civilisation.

God in the Arts

The Rev Michael Burgess is exploring symbols of the Christian faith as found in works of art.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’ - St Erasmus’ mitre

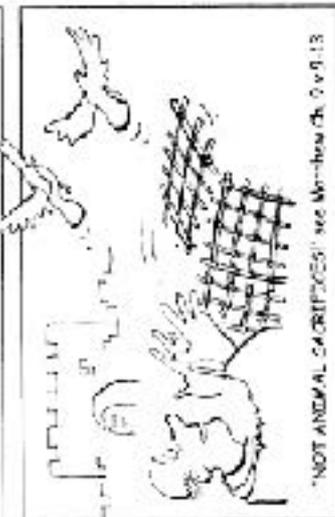
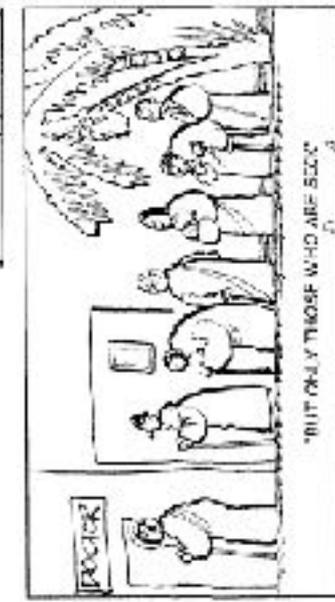


2nd June is the feast day of St Erasmus or Elmo – not a well-known saint, but a bishop who suffered terribly under Diocletian’s persecution and died in 303. His symbol is a windlass, used to wind up a ship’s anchor, and his name lives on in St Elmo’s fire, the electricity around the masthead during a storm at sea. As a bishop, the saint was usually depicted not only with his own symbol, but also with the signs of his episcopal position: the mitre and the staff or crosier.

The mitre began life as a modest headdress. In the Middle Ages it developed into a high conical cap as a reminder of the flame of fire that alighted on each apostle’s head at Pentecost. The staff is the shepherd’s crook, guiding the sheep and guarding them from predators. When the bishop visits our church for a confirmation or institution or special occasion, he or she will wear the mitre as a living link to the Church of the past; and hold a staff as a sign of pastoral care in the present.

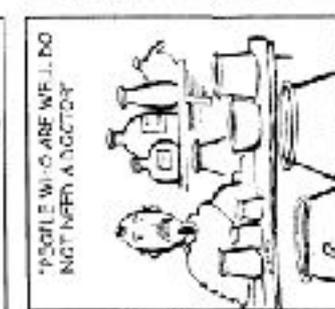
In 1524 Matthias Grünewald painted St Erasmus with St Maurice: the two patron saints of the abbey at Halle. One is a shepherd, the other a soldier; one represents Europe, the other Africa. The bishop draws our attention with his windlass, but also with his jewelled mitre and gold crosier. Yet beneath the opulent vestments is a human being – someone touched by God’s Spirit and commissioned to care for the sheep.

Both mitre and staff point us to Jesus as the model, baptised with the Holy Spirit and shepherding the faithful. Libby Lane at her consecration as bishop in 2015 reflected those truths in her choice of the hymn, ‘May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day.’ It is our prayer for all who shepherd the flock of the Church as bishops and pastors.



"NOT ANIMAL CA-CRETTICES!" see Matthew Ch. 2 v. 9-13

The doctor and the ill person



DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14: 15-21)
2. The coin in the fish's mouth (Matthew 17:24-27)
3. When Jesus walked his first disciples (Luke 5:4-11)
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection (John 21:4-11)

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise. the ANT, the HYRAX, the LOCUST and the LIZARD. Look up Proverbs 30:26-28 to find out why.

Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?
- Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?
- Exodus 8:5

What insects did Job see in the wilderness?
- Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?
- Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?
- Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?
- Matthew 21:7

Mouse Makes

Which animal goes with which blood character?

LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAAM
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SCLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

Find the animals in the word search

SHEEP - GOAT - LUCK - LAMB
DONKEY - RAVEN
SHANT - DOVE
LOCUST - QUAIL - HYRAX
CAMEL - DEER - FISH - FROG
GNAT - PEACOCK
ANT - CO - LIZARD
DOG - PIG - BULL

D O G C A M E L A M B G A
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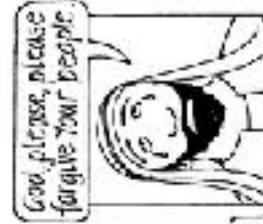
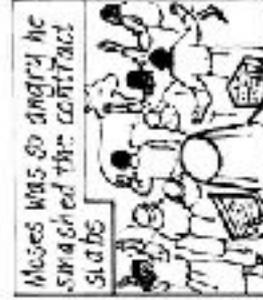
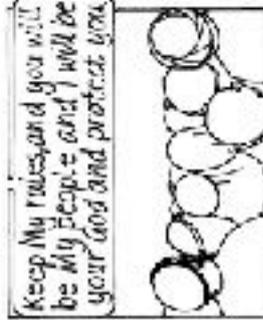
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slabs	Aaron	rules

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

God rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to Sinai mountain. There He offered them a contract ...

It can be read in the Bible in Ex. 19:3-9, 20:1-17, 21:1-23, 24:1-9



Diary of a Momentous Year: June 1918

Canon David Winter is looking back on highlights of those critical 12 months



An interesting piece from the archives of the Church Times a few weeks ago vividly illustrates the way the war on the western front changed in 1918. For years the Church Army, like the Salvation Army, had run what they called 'huts', close behind the trenches, where soldiers could find on their free time a meal and hot drinks, comfortable seats and company, offering emotional and spiritual support.

These 'huts' were very popular with the troops, and for years most of them remained in place, indicating how static the whole conflict was. But in one month, April 1918, the Church Army lost 57 of them, as German advances overtook their positions. In most cases the land was recaptured, but the huts needed rebuilding. The war had changed. It was no longer a static battle of soldiers with rifles and bayonets charging batteries of machine guns, but an increasingly fluid conflict involving tanks and aircraft.

Although at first the Allied generals were slow to recognise it, the new style of war suited them best. Over the years they had built a formidable war machine. Not only that, but the arrival of the Americans in large numbers, added to the vast number of troops from the Empire (now the Commonwealth) meant that casualties could be replaced in the Allied ranks. The Germans and their Austro-Hungarian allies had no such source of fresh manpower

The German generals were aware of the situation, and desperate to make inroads before it was too late. On June 9th the German General Ludendorff launched a major offensive in Flanders. Like so many, it gained several miles, but cost many lives and eventually petered out. There would be several more such attempts, some of which threatened to succeed, but in fact the eventual outcome was becoming clear. The German people were disillusioned with the Kaiser. Their troops were exhausted. The civilian population were restless. There would be, as we shall see, battles to come, but there would barely be time to rebuild those huts.

Just for fun

The bill

Some years ago, an artist was commissioned to restore a mural in a Yorkshire Church. He did the work and submitted a bill, but the authorities refused to pay until they had specific details of the work done, so another bill was submitted, and this is how it read



"It'll be interesting to see if anyone has the nerve to claim there."

Washing High Priest's Servants - 10 shillings and sixpence
Cleaning out St. David's ears - 2 shillings
Polishing up Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbons in his hat - 8 shillings
Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning the moon - 7 shillings
Brightening up the flames of hell, putting a new tail on the devil and doing odd jobs for the damned - £1 11shillings and one penny
Touching up purgatory and restoring four lost souls - 7 shillings
Improving appearance of Pharaoh's daughter - 2 shillings
Mending shirt of Prodigal Son - 2 shillings

The bill was paid without comment.

Bishops' comments on curates

If you've ever been exasperated with a minister, spare a thought for bishops, who have to work with hundreds of them. Here are some assessments of clergy, made by bishops whose patience was perhaps wearing thin....



The flower ladies pulled out all the stops

'Mr Smith believes his last parish made him a scapegoat, as did his three previous parishes.'

'Mr Brown would be out of his depth in a church car park puddle.'

'Miss Green has delusions of adequacy.'

'Mr White, having reached rock bottom, has started to dig.'

'His last parish would follow him anywhere – if only out of morbid curiosity.'

All in the month of May



175 years ago, on 26th June 1843 that the Treaty of Nanking came into effect following the First Opium War. As part of the treaty, China agreed to make Hong Kong a crown colony and cede it to Britain. (It was returned in July 1997.)

150 years ago, on 7th June 1868 that Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Scottish architect, artist and designer, was born. He was prominent in the Arts and Crafts movement and influenced European design movements such as Art Nouveau and Secessionism.

125 years ago, on 7th June 1893 that Mahatma Gandhi committed his first act of civil disobedience while working as a lawyer in South Africa. He refused to comply with racial segregation rules which prohibited coloured people from travelling first class on trains. He refused to leave a first-class carriage and was thrown off the train in Pietermaritzburg. (After protesting, he was allowed on the following day.)



90 years ago, on 14th June 1928, that Emmeline Pankhurst, British political activist died. She was leader of the British suffragette movement.

70 years ago, from 24th June 1948 to 12th May 1949, that the Berlin Blockade and Airlift took place. The Soviet Union began a rail, road and canal blockade of Berlin, cutting off all routes between West Germany and West Berlin. The Allies launched a massive airlift – over 200,000 flights – to take in nearly 9,000 tons of supplies each day.

50 years ago, on 6th June 1968 that Robert Kennedy, American politician was shot and killed. A Senator from New York, and former Attorney General, he was shot in Los Angeles while campaigning for the presidential nomination. Brother to US President John F Kennedy.



Due to our Vicar currently being on sick leave some services will inevitably be disrupted or subject to change. This is a temporary measure until the Vicar returns to active duty. Your patience and understanding is much appreciated.

Sunday 3rd June - Trinity 1

9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evensong	Langdale End
6.30 pm	Evensong	Wykeham

Sunday 10th June - Trinity 2

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 17th June - Trinity 3

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Wykeham
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
10.30 am	Joint Service	Snainton Chapel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel

Sunday 24th June - Trinity 4

9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Hutton Buscel