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FROM THE TEAM RECTOR



It has been a very busy few weeks in the life of our churches. Huge thanks are due to everyone who helped make our celebration of the 100th birthday of St Mary's, Layer Breton such a lovely occasion. The sun shone, there was a display of the history of the last one hundred years with photographs, there were flowers, there was a stunning variety of cakes, there was music, and, best of all, lots of lovely people to chat to.

St Mary, Layer Marney is a little bit older, so on 15 July, lots of people put on Tudor costume to mark the 500th anniversary of the death of Henry, 1st Baron Marney, who built the Tower and rebuilt the church. I have to say it was the first time I had taken a funeral for someone who has been dead for 500 years!

That same evening, the Bishop of Colchester came to St Luke's, Tiptree, for a Confirmation Service. For those who were baptised or christened (different word, same thing) as young children, Confirmation is an opportunity to affirm your faith for yourself by renewing the promises that were made for you by your parents and godparents. There is no maximum age for Confirmation, so anyone can choose to do this whenever they feel ready. For those who were confirmed when they were younger and have perhaps moved away from the church since and then returned, there is also the opportunity to renew their commitment. We hold a service of Confirmation once a year so there is plenty of time to come and see me if you'd be interested in next year's.

In between these events, our youth worker, Andy, and I went into the four Tiptree primary schools and Messing School to deliver workshops for the Year 6 children who will be moving up to secondary school in September.

I will be taking some time off in August. If you phone or email, you will be redirected to someone who can help you while I am off duty. Whatever you are doing, I hope you have a lovely summer.

Anne-Marie

Life-changing Audio Bibles for people with sight loss

At the end of 2021, Torch took “a leap of faith” and ordered 1,000 Pathway audio Bible players containing the New Testament and Psalms read by the actor David Suchet.

Knowing the power of Scripture to change lives, they planned to “give these Bibles for free to anyone in the UK losing their sight. 16 months later, all of these Bible players have been sent out and the stories coming back are so amazing that Torch has ordered 1,000 more.”

Gayle-Ann told us “It is my friend...with me wherever, it is just so convenient. I have read the New Testament, but the way this is read is just easily understood”.

Kenneth wouldn't have called himself a Christian, and hasn't enjoyed audio books, but ‘I like listening to the Pathway. I'm really listening to the New Testament now, not just odd verses. I'm realising what it all means.’

Losing sight can be a time of real questioning and searching, so what better gift can a newly blind person receive than the Word of God?

Torch is encouraging anyone who is living with sight loss to contact them for a free audio Bible at www.torchtrust.org/pathway , or by calling 01858 438260.

Most of the first 1,000 players were sponsored by individuals, churches or trusts. Torch is also seeking people to donate £20 to cover the cost of sending out one of the new audio Bibles.

Lead bishop for housing backs Prince of Wales homelessness project

The Church of England's lead bishop for housing Dr Guli Francis-Deqhani, has welcomed the launch of the five-year *Homewards* project by the Prince of Wales to end long term homelessness.

"The leadership of the Prince of Wales will undoubtedly have a tangible impact; his determination to address this crisis will be welcomed by churches up and down the country.

"The *Coming Home* report from the Archbishops' Commission on Housing, Church and Community set out the role that the Church can play in addressing a lack of truly affordable and high quality housing - a major factor behind homelessness.

“Good homes provide a foundation for communities where everyone can flourish. Together we have substantial resources to bring to bear, and so we look forward to adding our support to the Prince of Wales as he leads on this vital issue.”

Remembering Ralph Vaughan Williams

It was 65 years ago, on 26th August 1958, that the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams died. Among his most famous compositions are *The Lark Ascending*, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* and *A Sea Symphony*.

Despite increasing deafness, brought on by exposure to gunfire when he served in the Second World War, Vaughan Williams was still composing into his 80s. He died, aged 85, the night before recording sessions began on his Ninth Symphony.

The son of a vicar, the composer – himself an agnostic, although he edited the English Hymnal in 1904 and wrote several hymn tunes – was born in Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, and was related to Charles Darwin and to the potter Josiah Wedgwood. He played violin and piano and was a keen collector of folk songs, the tunes of which he included in many of his compositions.

Vaughan Williams was married twice: first to Adeline Fisher and after her death in 1951 to the poet Ursula Wood, who was an occasional collaborator on his compositions. He was also a lifelong friend of the composer Gustav Holst.

The Lark Ascending – probably Vaughan Williams' most famous piece – was written in 1914, but its premiere was delayed by the First World War. It was eventually given in 1921 by the violinist Marie Hall – for whom Vaughan Williams had written it.

His ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey. His work was almost unique in the variety of music types he employed. It included nine symphonies, concertos for piano, violin, oboe and tuba, five operas, chamber, ballet and film music and songs and song cycles – among other things.

Bumblebees are happy near churches

Bumblebees like churchyards. At least, they were the insects most seen during a recent survey of churchyards and burial grounds in England.

It all shows “how valuable, when managed sensitively, many of our churchyards are for bumblebees,” said a spokesman for Caring for God's Acre, a conservation charity for UK burial grounds. Such places often offer unique habitats for nature.

The survey was part of the Churches Count on Nature, an opportunity for communities to record plants, insects and animals found in burial grounds and churchyards. After bumblebees, ladybirds and aphids took second and third place.

Parable: The Strength of a Seed

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

At this time of year, we enjoy the fruits of our gardens, fields and hedgerows: vegetables ripen, crops are harvested, and berries begin to show bright among the leaves. Much of this growth started with a few seeds in spring: the miracle of life coming from small dead-looking things. There is a league table of long-lived seeds. The winners so far are from the narrow-leaved campion, buried by squirrels in the Siberian permafrost over 30,000 years ago. When those seeds finally germinated, they became healthy plants that flowered and produced seeds of their own.

The Bible contains many links between seeds and spiritual growth, and the parable of the sower is the most famous (in Matthew 13). A person may hear or experience something of God which has the potential to germinate into a life of following Him, resulting in the fruit of others coming to know God too. But things can happen that snatch that seed away, killing it before it has finished germinating, or choking its growth.

What about the knowledge of God that gets trampled, churned too deep in the mire of life to receive the warmth and light it needs to develop into faith? Buried seeds don't always die, but they can lie dormant, remaining alive but inactive until the earth is turned over. The possibility of that moment of connecting with something divine, scrap of knowledge, or snatch of conversation resulting in a changed life may seem infinitesimally small, but it's not zero. The seed may be incredibly tough, just waiting for a chance to grow.

The Gospel narrative plays on the fact that it took a long time for the disciples to understand the full implications of Jesus' teaching: a germination process that took many of them three or more years. They could have been discouraged, but Jesus was not. I don't think it's too much of stretch to draw out of the parable of the sower to include the observation that it can take a long time, sometimes decades, for people to work their way through the various barriers, sticking points, and phases of forgetfulness that may keep them from following through on their spiritual experience. When we finally receive – or are open to – the encouragement, challenge, or experience that helps our faith in Christ grow, we can experience the rich fruit of a transformed life.



COFFEE AT THE EXCHANGE



St Luke's Church and The Exchange invite you to
join us for coffee on **the third Monday of the month:**

15th MAY 19th JUNE 17th JULY 21st AUGUST

For tea/coffee & cake, 11 am to 12 pm

Cost: £2.50 for hot drinks (refillable) or
£5 for coffee & cake

Come along for good company and
conversation

Just turn up on the day

We are at: The Exchange Café, 33a Church Road, Tiptree,
Essex, CO5 0SU

and just over the road from the Church

Contact Christine & David Eaton to find out more:

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Reflecting faith – the Pulpit

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series.

The pulpit is one of the four most obvious pieces of ‘furniture’ in a church; the others being the lectern, altar and the font.

Today the pulpit is usually the place where the preacher stands to give the sermon during a service. It is generally raised higher than the chairs or pews, so the preacher can be seen more easily by the congregation. Pulpits often have a ‘sounding’ board canopy above them, so that the words may ‘resound’ more audibly.

The pulpit may be simple or heavily ornamented; engraved with pictures and/or words in a creative manner. There are examples of some pulpits which require the preacher to climb up over a dozen steps to reach the preaching platform, while others have only five or six steps.

In Anglican churches they are likely to be situated between the nave, where the congregation sits, and the chancel, where the choir or church leaders sit. In Methodist chapels, pulpits are normally centrally placed, often above the altar.

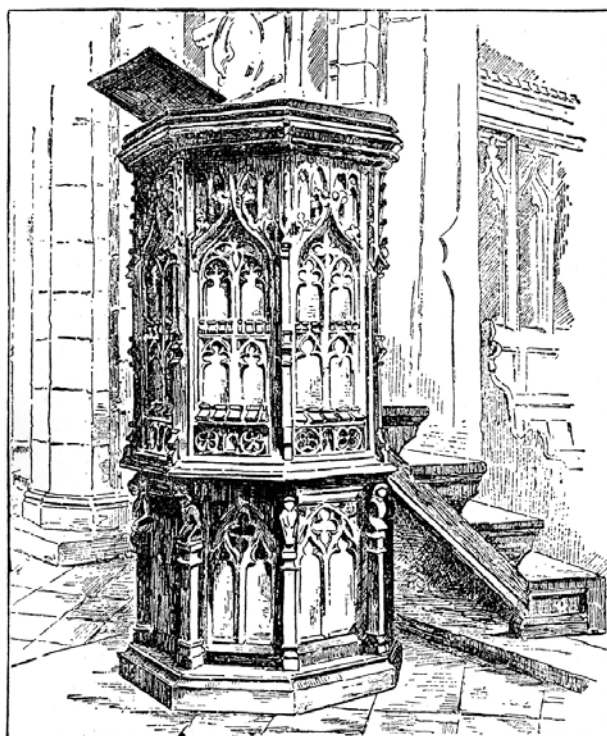
In bygone generations, the pulpit was used for all sorts of announcements. Without any microphones, it was better to use a raised area from which to address people.

So the pulpits were used not only by priests for preaching, but also by the churchwardens for notices. The pulpit was also where Marriage Banns were called, excommunications were pronounced, and indulgences were advertised.

In fact, pulpits were not much used for sermons before the Reformation! This is because the clergy in those days were required to preach only four times a year.

Most commonly, the pulpit was used for the bidding prayers. These, partly in English, were said for the leaders of the Church, the King, the governing orders, the people, special needs, and, finally, for those parishioners who had paid to have their names read out.

But the good news is that the dominance of the pulpit can give authority to what is said from it. And as the preacher climbs into it, they can feel a renewed assurance and confidence that they are about to speak God’s words and He is with them.



Memorials in St Luke's

All over our church there are memorials given to the Church to remember those past members of our community who had died. Some of these have been given in the recent past, the two windows by the Children's corner for instance. Some like the west windows and the reredos and paneling behind the altar were given in memory of past incumbents. There is one memorial, which we all see on a Sunday, but I suspect very few realise that it was given in memory of someone, or the story behind it. That is the brass bookstand that sits on the altar. The inscription reads

*"In memory of my daughter
Emily Kate Harvey
Died by enemy action
19th December 1944
Aged 23"*

Emily was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, of 10 Dickenson Villas, Maldon Road, Tiptree, Emily was born on 21st August 1921 and was baptised at St. Luke's on 20th May 1922 and subsequently confirmed in 1936. On the 19th December 1944 she was working the night shift at Hoffman's ball bearing factory in Chelmsford when at 1.28am a German V2 rocket landed close by causing the greatest loss of life in a single incident in the town. The blast devastated a large area of the factory as well as destroying several houses in nearby Henry Road. The Hoffman's factory was situated at New Street and Rectory Lane which is to the north of the railway line as you approach Chelmsford station going towards London. The V2 claimed the lives of 39 people, including 30 workers from Hoffman's and injured 138 others. A memorial service was held at Chelmsford Cathedral four days later and on 29th December 1944 nineteen of those killed were buried in a communal grave in Chelmsford Borough Cemetery.

International Bat Night: 26th-27th August

Did you know that there are 18 species of bat in the UK?

And did you know that these bats make up almost a quarter of ALL our mammal species?

So, our UK bats are well worth celebrating. And International Bat Night brings together bat groups and the Bat Conservation Trust, to provide many opportunities for bat walks and talks at dusk in local neighbourhoods across the UK.

As the bat groups explain: "We aim to encourage thousands of people across the country to see bats in their natural environment by taking part in a range of events organised by local bat groups, wildlife trusts, countryside rangers and other organisations across the country."

More information at: <https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/international-bat-night>

The story behind the HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Oh may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

By Martin Rinkart

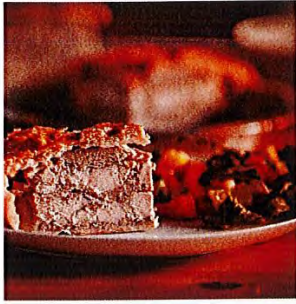
The joy and serenity of this hymn are staggering, when you learn the circumstances in which it was written. Martin Rinkart was a pastor at Eilenberg, Saxony, during the terrible Thirty Years' War (1618-1648).

As a walled city, Eilenberg offered some protection to the inhabitants. No wonder that political and military refugees of all sorts poured into the city, making it dangerously overcrowded. Soon the water supply was fouled, the sanitation overwhelmed, and the food ran out – leaving people famished and diseased.

In 1637 a terrible pestilence swept through the city, killing some 8,000 people, including Rinkart's beloved wife. By that time Rinkart was the only minister left in Eilenberg, because the others had either died or fled for their lives. Rinkart alone conducted the burial services for 4,480 people, sometimes taking as many as 40 to 50 funerals a day!

Eilenberg was besieged and overrun three times – once by the Austrian army and twice by the Swedes. When a Swedish general demanded the town pay him 30,000 thalers, Martin Rinkart pleaded that the impoverished city could never meet such a levy, but the general scorned him. At that, Rinkart turned to his companions and said: 'Come, my children, we can find no mercy with man; let us take refuge with God.' On his knees there and then, Rinkart led his friends in a fervent prayer and in the singing of a hymn. The Swedish commander was so moved that he decided that the levy be not 30,000 thalers, but instead 1,350 thalers.

Somehow, out of the hell of the Thirty Years War, came this lovely hymn of peace and total trust in God. Martin Rinkart had had to dig deep into his faith to survive, and the result was utter, serene dependence on God – despite chaos and destruction all around.



LUNCH AT THE EXCHANGE



St Luke's Church and The Exchange invite you to join us for lunch on **the fourth Monday of the month:**

22ND MAY 26TH JUNE 24TH JULY 28TH AUGUST

Just turn up and order from the menu of the day

Cost: £12 for a Two course Lunch,
plus hot drink

Come along for good company and
conversation

We are at: The Exchange Café, 33a Church Road, Tiptree,
Essex, CO5 0SU

and just over the road from the Church

Contact Christine & David Eaton to find out more:

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Tiptree Food Bank



Open every Thursday 2 pm – 4 pm at
Tiptree United Reformed Church, Chapel Road, Tiptree. CO5 0HP.

Tel: 07835 941646

Email: tiptree@colchester.foodbank.org.uk

Website: www.colchester.foodbank.org.uk

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/tiptreefoodbank>

Citizens Advice are available at the Food Bank on the 1st Thursday of each month.

How can the food bank help me?

If you are struggling to afford food, we may be able to help you. People in work or on benefits can use a food bank. You will need a voucher. These are issued by a wide variety of agencies including GPs, schools, housing officers, social workers, Job Centre. The full list is on the website. You can also ring the confidential helpline on 0808 208 2138 or contact us for advice on how to get a voucher.

Once you have a voucher, you can collect a food parcel from us or we can deliver it to you if you live locally.

How can I help the food bank?

- by donating to us – donations can be brought to the food bank on Thursdays 2 pm – 4 pm, or left at The Original Factory Shop, Tiptree or St Luke's Church – see overleaf for the items most useful to us. Please only donate items that are unopened and in date.
- by volunteering with us on Thursday afternoons
- by spreading the word so more people know about the food bank

Food Bank Shopping List



Items suitable to be donated:

Long life milk

Breakfast cereal

Fruit juice

Tea

Coffee

Biscuits

Jam

Squash

Tinned vegetables

Soup

Baked beans

Tinned custard

Tinned rice pudding

Tinned fruit

Pasta

Rice

Pasta sauce

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned meat

Tinned fish

Tinned potatoes

Cereal bars

Crisps (6-pack)

Sugar

Treats

Toilet roll

Toiletries

Laundry detergent

Cleaning products

Please make sure that food is in date, preferably with a good shelf life.

Thank you for your kind support

List updated: September 2022

BRAXTED GOLF COMPETITION



It is that time of the year again! This annual event will be held on SATURDAY 23rd September 2023 at Braxted Park Golf Club when we can compete for various prizes: the Angela Roast and Fred Rodford Memorial trophies and various minor others such as Nearest the Pin, Best 9, etc.

The proceeds will go to the maintenance of our 900+ year old church. Many thanks to Braxted Park are kindly loaning us the course.

As always it will be a Stapleford Competition with a shotgun start at 08.30 am. The entry fee will be £20 which is less than the usual weekend green fee. For an entry form or more details please contact:-

Ken Hornett, The Village Farmhouse, Tiptree Rd, Gt Braxted,
CM8 3EJ (01621) 891424 hornettk@hotmail.com

Once again we may go to the Prince of Wales pub/restaurant at Prince of Wales Road, Great Totham for the (optional) lunch plus the prize giving and a libation or two. P o W is a good pub and it can accommodate the numbers of us and has an extensive menu. Anything from sandwiches and snacks to a 3 course meal all with reasonable prices – and good beer! I will try to email a menu nearer the time so you can pre-order

The Indispensable Man*

Sometimes, when you're feeling important;
Sometimes, when your ego's in bloom;
Sometimes when you take it for granted
You're the best-informed man in the room;
Sometimes when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole
Just follow these simple instructions -
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hands in it up to the wrist.
Pull them out, and the hole that remains there
Is a measure of how you'll be missed!
You may splash all you please when you enter,
You may stir up the water galore
But stop – and all in a moment
It will look just the same as before.
The moral of this is quite simple:
Do just the best that you can.
Be proud of yourself, but remember
There is *no* indispensable man!

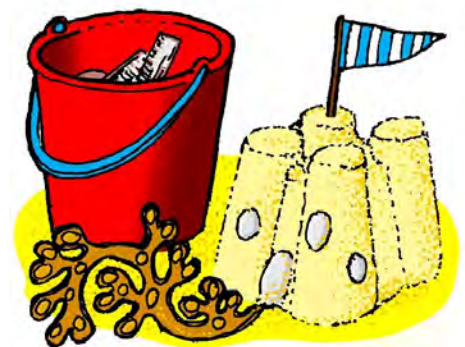
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* or Woman!

Anne Wild LLM

How to build the perfect sandcastle – in 9 easy steps

If you are going to the beach this month, first pay a visit to <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/blog/blog-posts/how-to-build-the-perfect-sandcastle/>





Good Morning.



I am God.

Today I will be handling all of your problems.
Please remember that I do not need your help.

If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that
you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it.
Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do)
box. It will be addressed in MY TIME, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on
to it or remove it. Holding on or removal will delay
the resolution of your problem.

If it is a situation that you think you are capable of
handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it
is the proper resolution.

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no
need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child.
If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

Parent & Toddlers at St Luke's

Meet here every
MONDAY morning
9.15am - 11.15am

(includes holidays, but not bank holidays) photo by Marcus Spiske Unsplash



Everyone welcome! Parents
or carers, grandparents,
friends and childminders.



Meet up, have a chat, relax and play!



There is a small charge of
£2.00 per family - drinks &
biscuits are included



Further information from Margaret Peek 01621 810804
or Maureen Horn 01621 817497



2023



FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S EVENTS

5th August – Ukuleles and More!
Concert by Turning Heads 8 piece band

25th August – Breast Cancer Now - Afternoon Tea

**30th September & 1st October Harvest Flower Festival
& Food & Craft Fayre, Saturday 30th in the Hall, 10 am to 1 pm**
Church open daily all week to view the flowers, from 9am to 4pm

14th October – Autumn Quiz @ 7.30 pm

18th November – Tiptree Choral Remembrance Concert

20th November – 70s Night in the Hall
food available, and to be booked with tickets

**2nd December to 10th December - Christmas Tree Festival
& Bazaar, Saturday 2nd in the Hall, 10 am to 1 pm**
Theme this year: 'Christmas Words'

9th December – Tiptree Sings Christmas Concert

16th December – Sound Collective Chorus, Christmas Concert

**Look out for details of our events on Facebook, on our posters and
in the weekly newsletter. If you would like to come along to any
event please contact foslbookings@gmail.com
or call the church office and leave a message, 01621 819557**

We look forward to seeing you

Book the Hall

for your meeting, group or event

we are in St Luke's Church Extension, St Luke's Church,
Church Road, Tiptree, CO5 0SU



**Good rates and
improved facilities!**



Hourly Rate:

£20 - regular bookings

£23 - one-off bookings

both including use of all facilities & kitchen

Wi-fi available for group leaders or speakers

(discuss your needs when making your booking)



Bookings & Enquiries to:

Gareth Williams: 01621 818069

Email: hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

Why not give us a call?

We now have a Facebook Page www.facebook.com/tiptreechurchhall/

Regular Hall Bookings, at St Luke's:

For all hall bookings call Gareth Williams

01621 818069

Email: hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

Weekly	Morning:	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Parent & Toddlers		
Tuesday	Tiptree Volunteers Coffee Morning, (2 nd & 4 th Tues)	Pilates, Up in Lights Dance Academy	
Wednesday	Slimming World, WEA* (autumn/winter)	U3A Line Dance (2 nd & 4 th Wed)	regular private booking*
Thursday	Sound Collective Coffee Morning & Choir	U3A Choir (2 nd & 4 th Thurs)	
Friday	Tiptree Art Club	Pilates	
Sunday	Coffee after Service	KYDS Youth Drama Society	

**term time only*

Monthly

Sunday	Sunday Club (3 rd Sunday morning)
Tuesday	Little City (1 st Tuesday morning)
Wednesday	U3A Genealogy (1 st Wed in the month); U3A Line Dancing (2 nd Wed in the month); Tiptree Tiplers (3 rd evening in month)
Thursday	Tiptree Garden Club (1 st evening), Flower Club (2 nd evening), St Luke's Ladies Group (3 rd evening)
Friday	Messy Church (1 st Friday afternoon), Priory Heath WI (2 nd Friday afternoon in the month)

If you are interested in making contact with any of the groups listed, please contact the Hall Bookings

Administrator on hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

July 2023

The rise of sourdough

We seem to love bread. In Britain we buy 11 million loaves of the stuff *every day*. For years it was just the base for our breakfast marmalade or lunchtime sandwiches, until sourdough arrived.

Sourdough has exploded in popularity. Global sales are forecast to grow \$2.36bn (£1.92bn) during 2022-2026. UK craft bakers point to its flavour and perceived health benefits.

Sourdough is a seemingly simple mix of just flour, water and salt. But it isn't made with traditional bread yeast. Instead, it's fermented by lactic acid bacteria and naturally occurring wild yeasts. A single teaspoon of sourdough starter can contain 50 million yeasts and 5 billion lactobacilli (lactic acid bacteria) that originated in the environment, made a home in it while the starter was fermenting and growing. And a lot of scientists think that that is good for us.



On your marks . . .

On the second Saturday in September each year, 30 counties across the UK 'Ride and Stride' to raise money to help preserve and improve our historic church buildings

Get set . . .

- Add Saturday 9 September 2023 to your diary
- Source sponsorship from friends and family
- www.friendsfessexchurchestrust.org.uk/rideandstride for further information or scan the QR code below



Go!

- Explore villages and parish churches by bike or on foot
- Enjoy the exercise, meet new people and raise much needed funds for your church
- **Please join us!**

Children of Change

If you were born in the 1940s, 50s or 60s and grew up in the 1950s, 60s or 70s; if you studied in the 1960s, 70s or 80s then you have lived through 8 decades, and experienced 2 different centuries and 2 different millenia.

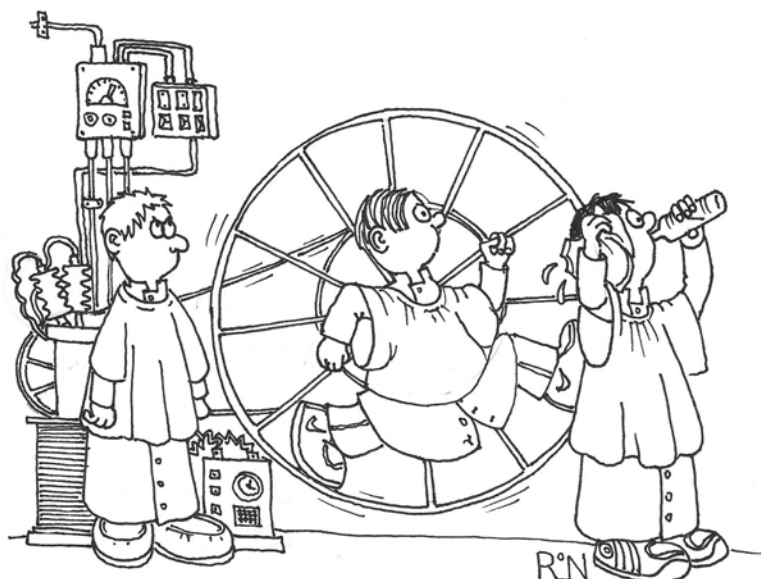
You have lived through getting information and entertainment on the radio to owning a black & white TV, then colour TV to smart screens; from having access to one or two channels to a multiplicity of choice; from borrowing films from a videostore to watching Netflix or Amazon Prime.

You have gone from walking, cycling or riding a bus or tram to go places to owning your own car – and sometimes 4 or more cars per family. You have gone from using a public phone box down the road, through the excitement of getting your own phone in your home (often on a party line) to carrying not only your phone in your pocket, but also your camera and pretty much your whole life's information there too, on just one device. You have gone from seaside holidays in Britain to seaside holidays worldwide.

You had an analogue childhood and a digital adulthood.
You have lived through far more changes than the few mentioned here.
You have weathered all storms.
Congratulations.

But remember – time doesn't stop.
Don't postpone anything you really want to do. Don't make excuses
Your friends are important to you – make sure they know it.
And tell those you love just how much they mean to you. Every day.

Found on the internet by A Wild



When the solar panels weren't working,
there was Plan "B"

Church School Test

For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These were some of the (real) results...

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.
5. Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still, and he obeyed him.



Baptisms

28 May Elodie Bass & Amelie Bass St Luke's

Weddings

27 May Cameron Angus & Tara Francis
St Luke's

3 June Christopher Newman & Sharon Carew
Great Braxted

6 June Michael Lacey & Janet Lacey St Luke's

8 June Alexander Cuthbert & Elise Kitchenham
Great Braxted

Funerals

30 May	Lynne Lingley	Colchester Crematorium
7 June	Victor Davis	Colchester Crematorium
23 June	Lesley Nice	Chelmsford Crematorium
5 July	Margaret Kent	Messing
7 July	Peter McCormack	St Luke's
19 July	Roy Cottey	St Luke's

Monastery Open Day

On Saturday 22nd July we were invited to visit the Orthodox Monastery of Saint John the Baptist at Tolleshunt Knights on its Open Day. It was really well attended and all the monks and nuns we spoke to were very welcoming, warm and open.

There are about 30 monks and 20 nuns and they have about a dozen different nationalities. Their community started when their founder, a young Russian artist who had previously fled to Paris to escape the Bolsheviks, had an overwhelming conversion experience and moved to Greece to become a monk, study his faith and develop his artistic skills as an icon painter.

In the 1950s this monk, Sophrony, bought a derelict property on the edge of Tolleshunt Knights and the community he brought with him set about restoring, building and establishing their order here. Their community continues to grow and they are building a new church in their grounds which should be structurally finished by Spring next year but they do all the decoration themselves - e.g. frescoes and mosaics. They have become so skilled at this that they are asked to do work elsewhere. (e.g. Chelmsford Cathedral). I don't know how they manage it but they say they are completely self-sufficient. They do grow their own food in their gardens and greenhouses and they seem to get some income from publishing books, paintings and icons that the monks and nuns produce.

At the end of the visit, they gave us a really good sitdown tea of sandwiches and cakes - beautifully produced and served. The Open Day is not done as a fundraiser - I spotted only one small discrete box on a wall. I think they simply want to be good neighbours to the people in our locality. I suspect they also realise that in today's world, they might seem a bit unusual, so perhaps they want to dispel any notion of that and show that they are "only human".

Anne Wild LLM



Play & Pray Space



You may have noticed that the children's corner has undergone a makeover and has a new name "Play & Pray Space". The radiator and hot water pipes have been boxed in to make a safer environment and additional storage built in. The work was undertaken in house by a member of the fabric team for which we are very grateful



Confirmation

Sunday 16 July 2023



60 years since “I Have a Dream”

Sixty years ago, on 28th August 1963, Dr Martin Luther King Jr delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The civil rights rally was attended by about 200,000 supporters, including many A-list film celebrities released temporarily by their studios.

His words influenced the Federal government to take more direct action to create racial equality, in for instance the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

King had been advised not to use the Dream format at Washington. He had used the idea before, and his adviser, the Revd Wyatt Tee Walker, described it as “hackneyed and trite”. The idea was to use a new speech with the theme “normalcy never again”. But King was prompted by gospel singer Mahalia Jackson to re-use the Dream idea, and he went ahead with it, much to Walker’s dismay. But it had a huge impact and is now regarded as perhaps one of the most influential speeches in American history.

Martin Luther King Jr, born in 1929, was an American Baptist minister who became one of the most prominent leaders in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination, apparently by James Earl Ray, on 4th April 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

The autopsy revealed that although he was only 39 years old, King “had the heart of a 60-year-old”. He had said shortly before being shot that he was not afraid of dying.

On 14th October 1964, King had won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through non-violent resistance.

A.S.A.P.

Have you ever considered the abbreviation A.S.A.P. (As Soon As Possible)? Generally, it brings even more hurry and stress into our lives. Yet there is another way to think of A.S.A.P, a way which might help us deal with those difficult times in our daily lives.

When there’s work to do, and deadlines to meet, and your colleagues are rushing around, here’s what you can do to help: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer*. When your worries mount up and you don’t know how you are ever going to cope with what is coming at you: A.S.A.P. – *Always Say a Prayer*.

God knows how stressful our lives can be, and He wants to ease our cares. In the Bible He promises to respond to our calls for help. So – call Him! A.S.A.P.!

All in the month of August

It was:

400 years ago, on 6th August 1623 that Anne Hathaway died. She was William Shakespeare's wife.

60 years ago, on 8th August 1963 that the Great Train Robbery took place on the West Coast Main Line at Ledburn, Buckinghamshire. £2.6million was stolen in one of the UK's most infamous robberies. The bulk of the money was never recovered.

125 years ago, on 23rd August 1898 that the British Antarctic Expedition set off from London and became the first to spend winter on the Antarctic mainland and cross the Ross Ice Shelf. It was the first British expedition of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. The expedition returned to London in June 1900.

75 years ago, on 23rd August 1948 that the World Council of Churches was founded in Amsterdam.

100 years ago, on 29th August 1923 that Richard Attenborough, British film actor and director was born. Best known for his roles in *The Great Escape*, and *Jurassic Park*. He also directed films including *A Bridge Too Far*, *Cry Freedom* and *Gandhi*. Died 2014.

All in the month of September

It was:

490 years ago, on 7th September 1533 that Queen Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn was born

115 years ago, on 16th September 1908 that General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Flint, Michigan.

130 years ago, on 19th September 1893 that New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

765 years ago, on 20th September 1258 that Salisbury Cathedral was consecrated

205 years ago, on 25th September 1818 that the first transfusion of human blood was performed at Guy's Hospital

45 years ago, on 28th September 1978 that Pope John Paul I died after only 33 days in office. He was succeeded by John Paul II.



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Wordsearch

In August the church calendar commemorates the Transfiguration. The story is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). Jesus took Peter, James and John, his closest disciples, up a high mountain. It may have been Mount Tabor, or else one of the three spurs of Mount Hermon.

Suddenly, Jesus is transfigured. His face shone, his garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses appeared, and a bright cloud overshadowed the disciples. A voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was His beloved son, whom the disciple should 'hear'.

Then, just as suddenly, it is all over. What did it mean? Moses represented the Law, and Elijah the Prophets of the Old Covenant. But now the Law and the Prophets have found their fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah. The written Word and the spoken Word have handed over to the Living Word.



Transfiguration	high	Cloud	Moses	Peter
Jesus	Shine	Transformed	Dwelling	James
Mountain	Face	White	Mankind	John
Tabor	Written	Dazzling	Law	Fear
Hermon	Living	Elijah	Prophets	glory

Notice

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

13 July 2023

The Chelmsford Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme for the union of the parish of Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree and the parish of Great Braxted, being two parishes within the area of the benefice of Thurstable and Winstree in the diocese of Chelmsford.

The draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

- Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on **Monday 25th September 2023**. **Please send your representation to (e-mail: James Davidson Brett james.davidson-brett@churchofengland.org) or letter marked for the attention of James Davidson Brett, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.**
- If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1687 or e-mail them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom they can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.
- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to their Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to their Committee. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.

- When they acknowledge representations the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners' will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

Nathan Whitehead
 Secretary
 Chelmsford Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee

The Draft Pastoral Scheme
 Is on the next pages

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of
202 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend
Gulnar, Bishop of Chelmsford, having consented thereto.

Union of parishes

1. The parish of the parish of Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree and the parish of Great Braxted, being two parishes within the area of the benefice of Thurstable and Winstree in the diocese of Chelmsford, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Tiptree with Tolleshunt Knights and Great Braxted".

Parish churches

2. The church of Saint Luke, being the parish church of the parish of Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree, and the church of All Saints, being the parish church of the parish of Great Braxted, shall both be parish churches of the new parish.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Colchester and the deanery of Witham.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

4. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the parishes referred to in clause 1 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Tiptree with Tolleshunt Knights and Great Braxted.

Representation of the laity

5. The Bishop may by Instrument under her hand make provision for ensuring that the congregation of every church or place of worship in the new parish will have its own elected representatives of the laity on the parochial church council of the new parish of Tiptree with Tolleshunt Knights and Great Braxted.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

6. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Church Commissioners.

In witness of which this Scheme has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners.

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Gulnar,)
Bishop of Chelmsford.)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England
acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Notes by the Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The rationale behind the proposals is as follows:

The parish of Great Braxted currently has only five people on its PCC, two of whom are ordained and two of whom wish to relinquish their responsibilities at the earliest opportunity due to ill health. Great Braxted has a significant ministry with wedding couples being located next to Braxted Park, a popular wedding venue. However, it has a very small regular local congregation and the likelihood of being able to resource a PCC from that is low. Interim steps are being taken to resolve this in the short term, however, the proposed long-term solution is to merge this parish with the much larger and better resourced parish of Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree. St Luke's, Tiptree already provide a lot of practical support to Great Braxted. The parishes have been part of the same benefice for more than thirty years.

Both parishes considered this proposal at their Annual Parochial Church Meetings and agreed to proceed with this process.

Publication of this draft Scheme has been approved by the Church Commissioners but does not mean that they have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case.

If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, the Commissioners will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of the Commissioners' correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to the Commissioners in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If there are no representations against the draft Scheme, the Commissioners will make the Scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.

NOTES:

Clause 4(2)

This clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the union of the parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Tiptree with Tolleshunt Knights and Great Braxted. Although there is currently no such office holder in post, this clause is included in case any such office holder is appointed before this Scheme comes into operation.

Clause 5

The Mission and Pastoral Measure stipulates that any provision for the representation of the laity shall cease to have effect not later than five years from the date on which these proposals come into effect. It would, however, be possible under the Church Representation Rules to make a similar provision for an unlimited period.

St Luke's Ladies Group

- 17 August** Steve Scruton and Ian Wyatt - a talk on BBC Radio Essex
- 21 September** St Helena Hospice Charity Evening
- 19 October** East End to Essex - Sharon Gould
- 16 November** It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas - Eve Regelous
- 21 December** Christmas Meal + Entertainment
- 18 January 2024** Guide Dogs - Speaker to be confirmed

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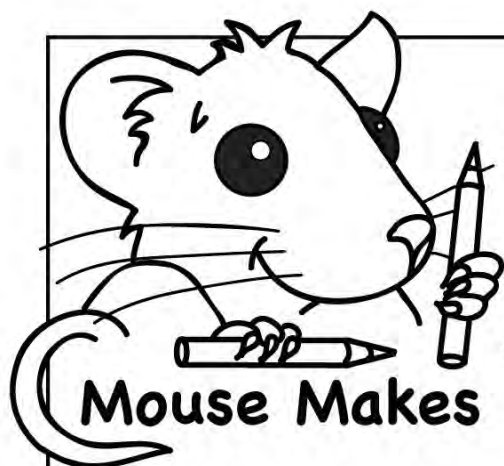
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After Jesus miraculously fed 5,000+ people from two fish and five loaves, he sent his disciples off in a boat across the Sea of Galilee before going up a mountain by himself.

Later in the night, as the boat was being blown and buffeted by the wind, Jesus came miraculously walking on the water towards them...

Read the story in: *Matthew 14: 22-27,*
Mark 6:45-56 or John 6:16-21

What did Jesus do when he went up on the mountain?

_____ *Matthew 14:23*

What was the boat struggling against?

The _____ and
the _____

Matthew 14:24



What did Jesus say to his disciples?

Do not be

Matthew 14:27

What did the disciples think Jesus was when they saw him walking on the sea?

A _____

Matthew 14:26

Who walked out on the water to Jesus?

Matthew 14:29

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Oh you of little _____
why do you _____

Matthew 14:31

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Answer the questions then find them in the word search

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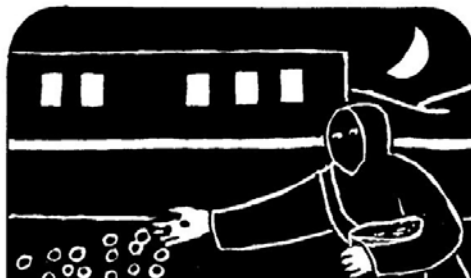
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 13:24-30,36-43

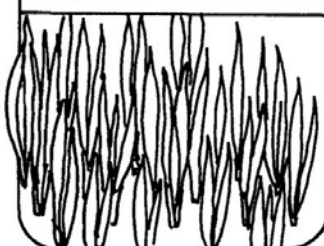
Jesus told this story to help explain
what his Kingdom, the Kingdom of
Heaven, is like...

A farmer's workers sowed
good wheat seed in his field.

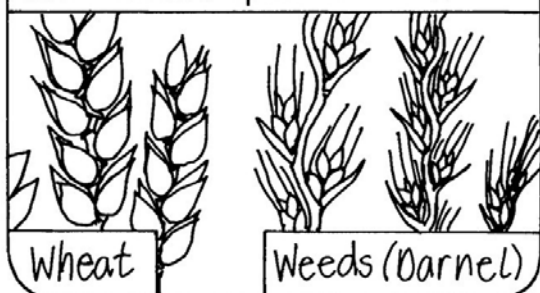


At night an enemy came
and scattered weed seeds

When the seeds
sprouted they
looked the same



When the plants grew bigger
the workers spotted the weeds



They asked the farmer



How did this happen?

An enemy did this



No, you might pull up
some wheat with them.
Wait until harvest time



You will be able to sort them
out, and put the wheat in the
barn... and burn the weeds



People asked



What does
this story mean?

The field is the world
and the good seeds are
the good people



The weed seeds
are the evil people. At the end
of time they will be separated.

The angels will bring
the good people to me
in heaven.





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The sweet smell of rain

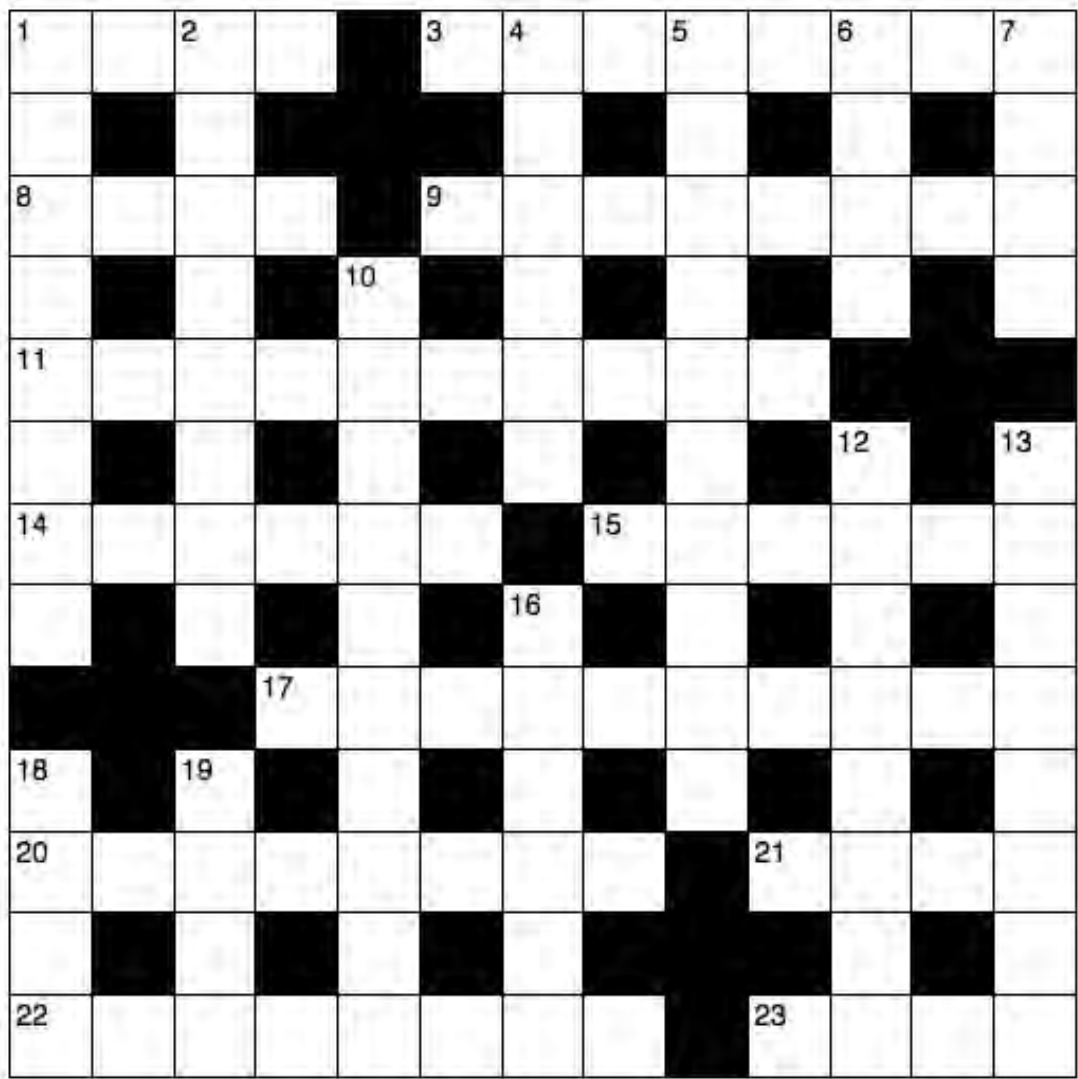
Have you ever noticed the sweet, fresh smell after a downpour of rain? That ‘smell of rain’ is called petrichor, and it fascinates scientists.

It was back in 1965 that scientists first named it. Petrichor comes from the Greek for stone, ‘petra’, and the golden fluid flowing through the veins of the immortals, ‘ichor’.

Petrichor is produced when raindrops form air pockets on the rocks and soil, and softly force the release of aromatic chemicals trapped there. The petrichor-scented compounds drift upwards into the atmosphere as a gas, like a glass of champagne.

The odour itself comes mainly from a chemical called geosmin, which is made by bacteria in soil. Geosmin is made by soil microbes, to fend off hungry worms. Geosmin is highly pungent, and even just five parts per trillion can be picked up by the human nose.

Crossword



Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3 See 1 Across
- 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
- 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

On why it is so hard to read

The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that every month at clergy meetings, someone should review a book of theology they have been reading, was bound to be greeted with uneasy resistance. It would mean that the majority would have to start *opening* books, rather than just occasionally dusting them. Possessing books does not necessarily imply that they are ever read.

Your high church colleagues will only read the Racing News, low church members the Railway Review, liberals the Knitting Weekly and those with tendencies towards non-conformism, the Vegetarian Times. Clerical studies may be lined with books, but they are largely for effect – and to hide damp patches on the wallpaper. Anything with hard covers will have been bought with the best of intentions - but somehow the vicarage lawn or the church hall drains will have taken precedence. And from what I know of your colleague over at St Crispin's, the only books he will buy will be to colour in.

I do try to keep up with my reading, but sleep mercifully intervenes after the first 10 minutes. On those days when I sit by my study window, so passers-by can see me deeply occupied in intellectual activity, it is most useful that my large tome on the letters of Eusebius can easily conceal an Agatha Christie inside it.

I confess that I was once gloriously put down when I tried to impress one of our blue stockings by mentioning a new edition of a Dostoevsky novel. She replied: "I have never read Dostoevsky in translation." It only confirmed my suspicions that she had worked as a Russian spy in earlier years.

I was hugely impressed when, during the bitter cold of last winter, the Earl of Stowe, whose library would comfortably contain one of our cathedrals, told me he was slowly getting through its contents of tens of thousands of volumes. It was only some time later that I discovered he meant he threw the occasional one on the fire, when he was running low on wood.

No, my dear Darren, the only literary activities that will spark interest will be crosswords for the majority, or diocesan reports for the truly dedicated – with weighty tomes being used as door stops.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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– George Cromack

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Aug 16 - Beer Talk & Tasting
Sept 20 - Beer & Bread Comp
Oct 18 - AGM & Hot Dogs
Nov 15 - Games Night
Dec 20 - Christmas Party Night

Smile

Which staff?

Several years ago the then Bishop of London reported to the General Synod that before attending a church function he had said he would bring his pastoral staff. "And how many seats will you want?" came the reply.

Grandchildren

Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because grandfathers have only so many horsy rides in them. - Gene Perret

Swim?

If a lot of swimming is so good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

Puppy

I arrived home from work to find all the windows and doors wide open. Apparently, our new puppy had had an accident. "Yeah, it was awful," my daughter told me. "In fact, when we first walked in, I thought you had come home early and were cooking dinner."

Couch

Friends sympathized as our curate complained that her back was really sore from moving furniture. "Why don't you wait till your teenage son gets home?" someone asked.

"Well, I could," our curate replied, "but the couch is easier to move if he's not on it."

Sun

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

Free speech

We live in a free country where a man can say what he thinks, as long as he isn't afraid of his wife, his neighbours, his employer, his customers or the government.

Conversation

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Jolly

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have had to wait for them?

Rainbows

Q: Where do rainbows go when they're bad?

A: Prism, but it's a light sentence.

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42

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Hello, Ollie here to give you a cat's eye view of SESA. I have been under house arrest, recovering from an injury in the Spring. Mother decided to keep me in a while longer until most of the birds around the house had raised their young. Now I'm out again and Ken says "about time too!" He's fed up with competing for the best chair in the kitchen!

Just to warn you gardeners, watch out for nesting hedgehogs, please make sure you do not disturb their nests when tidying up the garden. If you see any babies or older hogs in daylight do not leave them to get fly strike. Obviously, it is much better for the hoglets to be cared for by the parent but if this is not possible please bring them in to us or call your nearest hedgehog rescue.

Apart from many cats and dogs, we have an abundance of rabbits looking for homes. Our rabbit expert, Karen, would be pleased to advise and help potential owners to choose the right rabbit for their family or help bond a new partner for their existing rabbit. Karen is usually available on Tuesdays and Saturdays but please phone ahead to confirm. If you are looking for a new pet, please visit us between 10am-1pm, Thursday to Sunday.

That's enough from me, I'm off to find a cosy cushion for a cat nap. That pesky chihuahua is fed up with me commandeering the best armchair, silly lad doesn't realise that's the right of every cat, including me Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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