

SHOTTERY *SEARCHLIGHT*



2019



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7th: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Family Service

6.30pm Book of Common Prayer Eucharist.

14th: SEA SUNDAY/FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Fellow Travellers

6.30pm Sung Evensong

21st: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Third Sunday Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong

28th: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong.

From
Cradle







To
THE
Grave

FUNERAL

Jill Essex (82) on 20th June

A compliment is verbal sunshine. - *Robert Orben*

WORSHIP IN AUGUST



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11th: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Parish Eucharist.

6.30pm Sung Evensong.

18th: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Third Sunday Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong.

25th: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Parish Eucharist.

6.30pm Evensong.





It's all in the preparation.

As I write this I notice that I still have paint on my hands! Su and I have been spending every available hour at the vicarage decorating and getting the house ready for our move. But . . . there is light at the end of the tunnel (and it's not a train coming the other way – I hope!). Preparation is important and it's what we all do whether it's preparing

a new home, organising an event or even something far more simple like preparing a meal. Of course you have all been preparing to welcome Su and I amongst you and the wait is almost over. Preparing can, and should be, a positive time even though it can feel daunting and frustrating. During Advent for example we are encouraged to use the season spiritually and prayerfully as we wait and prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Likewise in Lent, preparation is very much a part of our journey as we fast and exercise some form of self-discipline. I hope and pray that this period of waiting has been fruitful for you. It has certainly been so for us as we have been reminded of our need to trust in God, to lean on Him and to accept His call on our lives.

We are looking forward to being with you, living and journeying with you and discovering something more about this great big, amazing God we follow. In my preparation over recent weeks I have been drawn to Philippians 4.6; 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God will guard your hearts in Christ Jesus'. God has called all of us to this next stage. We will feel excited, joyful, hopeful as well as a little apprehensive too. However, where God calls remember that He also equips. Let us continue to be made ready for all that God has for us and all He will do through us in the months and years ahead.

I look forward to seeing you and meeting you all.

With every blessings in Christ,

Reverend Craig.

PS A huge thanks from Su and I to everyone for their welcome, love and hospitality.

SUNDAY 16th JUNE- Our last Sunday in Interregnum.

As a church community, we have been fortunate to have Rec. Canon David Capron and Rev. Mary Crameri in our midst, and never more so than when we entered interregnum over 12 months ago.

Both of these, ably assisted by our Readers, Sarah Cushing and Jan Walker, and Rev. Joan Whyman, stepped up to the plate without hesitation and carried out through our difficult period. Our reliance on external ministers was minimal.

With this in mind, the PCC decided that the last Sunday of our interregnum should be one where we celebrated their success. David preached, Mary and Jan were there, and after the service the wardens made a small presentation to each of them in grateful thanks from us all at St. Andrew's. Sarah and Joan couldn't be with us but received theirs later.

Then, in good St. Andrew's tradition, we shared cake and wine in a "little after service party".

David Millington.



It was good to meet up for our Monthly meeting on a really dismal June afternoon.

We opened as usual with prayers led by Audrey Edwards.

There were reminders for the Wellesbourne Deanery Lunch on the 6th August and our Summer Outing on the train to Winchcombe on the 13th August.

Audrey gave a report on her recent visit to the Coffee Tots enterprise at Coventry which we had a talk about a month or two ago. She was very impressed with the work going on there to support mothers and children - often very young mothers with little or no family backing. We are aiming to make this our charity of the year and now know that knitted children's garments, blankets, etc. would be welcome. In fact Pat had already delivered one such parcel.

The Rev. Canon David Capron, member of Shotton M.U., and in his role as the "Puffing Parson" then entertained us with stories of his association as a volunteer with various steam railways and in particular with the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway.

This now of course runs from Broadway via Hayles Abbey, Toddington, Winchcombe and Gotherington to Cheltenham Race Course through some beautiful Cotswold Countryside. The hard work involved over the years in building and maintaining lines and stations and of course the engines and carriages is quite amazing.

There are 7 paid staff and the rest is down to the 950 volunteers. There were 144,000 passengers last year and the Christmas train is particularly popular.

There does seem to have been an affinity between quite a number of well-known clergy and steam engines - Thomas the Tank Engine springs to mind.

David had plenty of stories about his favourite engines and his enthusiasm and the enjoyment he gets as a volunteer is very apparent and cheering.

Gwenda thanked him on our behalf and we are now looking forward to our August outing. Our usual tea and chat followed and the Bring and Buy Stall did well.

Next Month - 9th July - Talk on "Lindisfarne" by Jackie Daniels and the Rev. Joan Whyman. 2 p.m. as usual - always pleased to welcome visitors.

Daphne Jones

RSCM Music Sunday 2019

On Sunday June 16th at 10am we had our annual celebration of RSCM Music Sunday joining with a network of national events to raise money for the work of the RSCM, whose publications and training St Andrew's has used over many years.

The choir really enjoy preparing a variety of extra music for this service on the theme of singing and praise, and this year Trinity Sunday fell on the same date, so we used this theme in addition.

A special anthem, *God the Holy Trinity*, was commissioned especially for this year by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, which we sang in communion. We also sang as a hymn words and music written for the occasion a few years ago, when Miriam's daughters rise and sing. Our opening introit was *Sing to the Lord* by Alec Rowley, and our big piece this year was *With the Voice of Singing* by Martin Shaw. In addition to the L'Estrange, we sang an Iona piece, *Sing and be Glad, and Morning Glory, Starlit Sky* by Geoff Weaver. We enjoyed adding descants to the hymns. Larry and Lily shared the conducting for this occasion, though Lily has taken the lead in most of the rehearsing.

Many thanks to all who sang, and for all your encouraging remarks, and your generosity, raising £273 at the time of writing. We are grateful to David Capron for his thoughtful preparation and leading of our service, and for kindly providing wine after, and to Nic for creating a floral tribute for the St Cecelia window.

Rosemary Robson





Mini Pilgrimage to St Helen's Clifford Chambers

Our first Mini Pilgrimage for 2019 was to St Helen's Clifford Chambers. This is in the group of Holy Trinity.



St Helen's is a beautiful little church where Sunday Services are held each week, providing a mixture of services styles to suit most preferences from Family

Worship to the more traditional.

The tower, which has traces of Saxon work, has recently been restored and now church members and villagers are fundraising and working with grant aiding bodies towards restoration of the interior.

It is said there were Shakespeare connections with St Helens !!!!

A beautiful church in a quiet village.

We then went on to The New Inn for a carvery.

Carole Taylor



BOB WRIGHT has asked me to thank you all for your good wishes and prayerful support together with many cards and much encouragement that he has received during his recent/current illness. Bob is happy to be home after 7 long traumatic weeks in hospital. He is slowly but

surely on the mend. Continued prayerful support for both him and Margaret would be much appreciated. Thank you again.

Sacred Journey

Jesus says: “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” Mt 11.28-30, The Message. We invite you to come on a Sacred Journey. The Sacred Journey is part course, part pilgrimage for those who are thirsty for more of God. This journey is for all those who are dissatisfied with living on the surface and who want to travel deeper into God’s heart. The journey will be led by Revd Rachel Saum and Revd Joan Whyman.

We invite you to join with others in practising spiritual disciplines and creating sacred space for God. Where? The Vicarage, Charlecote CV35 9EW. When? 6 x Saturday mornings 21st September, 5th & 19th October, 2nd, 16th & 30th November -9.30am coffee, 10-12 session **OR** 6 x Thursday mornings 26th September, 10th & 24th October, 7th & 21st November & 5th December -9.30am coffee, 10am - 12noon session.

Participants will be asked to apply for either the Saturday course or the Thursday course. Cost? £60 (Bursaries may be available from your parish—ask your vicar!)

For information & application forms contact Revd Rachel Saum:07815 793625 or revrachelsaum@gmail.com

Deadline for applications 28th July.



As well as giving up chocolate for Lent I thought I would also like to give something, so here are the 40 premature baby hats that I knitted through Lent. I did them from a pattern “Knitting for Peace.”

The orange ones are for abandoned babies in Middlesex so they know which ones to give extra care to.

Carole Taylor

MINI PILGRIMAGE TO THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN COVENTRY.

50 pilgrims went on an enthusiastic journey to Westwood Heath in Coventry to experience worship of a different kind (though there were similarities).



We were made most welcome by the Parish Priest, Fr.

Aimilianos who gave us a brief history of the church building. The Greek Orthodox Church of Coventry is under the jurisdiction of the Archdioceses of Thyateira and Great Britain. It is situated within the Westwood Heath Area of Coventry, close to the University of Warwick.

Originally an old Anglican School purchased in 1976, the Church was inaugurated in 1977, and has since served the spiritual needs of the Greek Orthodox Community of Coventry and the surrounding areas. He told us that the building we were in was formerly a Church of England School which the Greek Community purchased in 1976 and following a major transformation was consecrated in May 1978.



The building was adorned with icons—everywhere. Gilt candelabra hung from the ceiling and the ambience was very warm and calm. Fr. Aimilianos explained some of the mysteries of their worship. The Tomb of Christ was particularly moving. He went on to say that on Good Friday this was moved to the sanctuary where the special liturgy is chanted. On Easter Day the tomb was found empty, hence being called the Icon of the Resurrection.

Behind the screen of icons was the Sanctuary and behind this was a very special icon of Mary the Mother of Jesus with the baby on her knee.

Within the grounds of the Church is the award winning Greek School which provides lessons to children from the ages of five up until A Level.

In 2014 the church celebrated their Golden Jubilee and Bishop John of Warwick was invited to join in the celebrations.

The Church has subsequently been extended twice to meet the needs of the ever-growing congregation.



Following his introduction Fr. Aimilianos then went on to share Vespers with us which was beautifully chanted by his wife (sorry I didn't get her name) with input at appropriate times from the Fr. himself. It was very moving and beautiful.

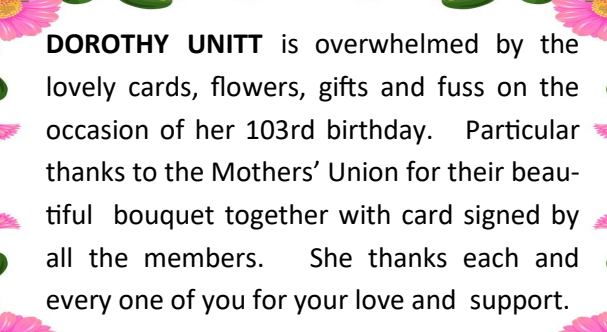
There were lots of questions and enquiries from the pilgrims who had sat quietly and reverently during the service.

We were then invited for refreshments in the church hall.

Reluctantly we had to leave as our meals had been booked at a nearby pub.



It is hoped that the Greek Orthodox church will join in worship with us in St. Andrews at some time in the future.



DOROTHY UNITT is overwhelmed by the lovely cards, flowers, gifts and fuss on the occasion of her 103rd birthday. Particular thanks to the Mothers' Union for their beautiful bouquet together with card signed by all the members. She thanks each and every one of you for your love and support.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We met in the parish centre on Thursday, the 30th of May 2019. The speaker was John Fletcher making a very welcome return to tell us about his life as a Judge. He has been to talk to us many times, telling us about his life from childhood, right through his career in law and his time as a judge. John brought with him the robes he wore as a judge; also a photograph showing him wearing them.

John began his role as a Judge in Lincolnshire and later moved on to Walsall, where he worked in both criminal and civil courts. He gave us an insight into some of the cases and situations he had to make judgement on and as he always does, told us of one or two amusing situations. He also highlighted the very important role of the jury in our courts. During his time as a Judge, he was written to by a High Court Judge who described John as a "safe pair of hands" and asked him if he would be willing to try more serious cases, for example, arson, rape etc. John said he would be willing so he set off on another phase of his work as a judge. A great deal of John's work related to family work which he carried out in Coventry. Very interesting work, but also very complex work. For example, he dealt with applications for adoptions, taking children into care, and also domestic abuse. John always ensured that the people on trial, whatever the outcome, were left with some hope and self-esteem and that people were treated fairly and with compassion. This was so important to John in all his work.



He is now retired and we heard a little about the process of retiring which include parties, drinks, and canapés and of course, several speeches by colleagues. John's talk was so interesting, informative and educational, as for most of us, we have a limited knowledge of what happens in our courts. We do hope John will come and be our speaker again perhaps on another subject if he has the time.

We shared a tasty supper together at the end of the meeting and also held a raffle.

Jo Carver. Chairperson

"Clothes don't necessarily make the man, but a good suit makes a lawyer."



DAVID LANGMAN writes about **The Council Of Nice and the Nicene Creed.**

Without doubt most Christians today would be asked “What do you believe? It is an honest question and many find it a difficult one. This forms part 3 of our series on What Christians Should Know.

When the Church was adopted by Constantine as the official religion of the Roman Empire in 313 AD the Edict of Milan gave to Christians the right to inherit and dispose of property as they wished and the right to organise their Church Government but the Emperor retained the jurisdiction of its prelates. By then there were many Churches and Bishops of each grouping or geographic position who would meet in an early form of synod.

Some three quarters of the inhabitants of the Empire were illiterate and so early doctrines were simple. Owen Chadwick (1) summarises them as “God Rules”. “He is like light, He can defeat demons, He can heal the sick and He can grant us a good harvest. He promises us heaven after life”. Interestingly the people were not always so simple in regard to Christian doctrine. The Early Church had divisions, Donatism in the African Church (a dispute which was to last until the African Church was destroyed by the Arabs in the 7th and 8th.Centuries) and the Arian heresy which denied the full divinity of Christ and which took control until 496AD when its main adherents the Franks were converted to Catholicism.

Constantine recognising the dangers of these controversies convened the Council of Nice in 325 AD with about 250 Bishops present. This Council attempted to defend the faith from Arianism and from the meeting a creed, The Nicene Creed was derived. This spoken creed could be memorised and repeated in a service by a mainly illiterate congregation. Today it is the first creed in the Anglican Books of Common Worship and Holy Communion which are often given to newly confirmed Anglicans.

Thus this first Christian Council achieved its purpose by producing an official and orthodox dogma of Christianity. Disputes did continue but were more “political” than theological and appeasement took two centuries (2).

Later by the medieval period another creed “The Apostles Creed” was employed at Baptism in the West and again this appears in the Anglican Books of Common

Worship. Soon after 325 AD the Nicene Creed was voiced in a question and answer form. A third creed “The Athanasian Creed” expounds the doctrine of the Trinity and Incarnation and refers specifically to the life of Christ.

In our Common Worship books other affirmations are given but essentially all creeds owe much to the Nicene Creed and include a belief in God, a belief in the divinity of Christ and his trial and death, his resurrection and ascension and a reference to our life everlasting. All traditional “Catholic” Churches use these creeds which derive from Latin/Greek sources.

There are some denominations which question the use of creeds. Amongst these the criticisms often quoted are:

They tend to crystallise thoughts on matters that will always be beyond any final embodiment in human language.

They fetter the search for truth and for its more adequate expression.

They set up a fence which tends to keep out of the Christian fold many sincere and seeking souls who would gladly enter it (3).

Today’s more scientifically based society will ask “Can Truth be confined in a creed and point out that there are no creeds in science so why in Theology (but there are laws like the Laws of Thermodynamics!)?

However, in the form and makeup of most Christian Acts of Worship the creeds are comfortable and we can thank Constantine for his foresight in organising the Nicene Council

Reference 1 History of Christianity by Owen Chadwick ISBN0-297 81577-6 1995 p60.

Reference 2 Gibbons, Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (abridged) ISBO 86124 02227 1982 p145 et seq.

Reference 3. Quaker Faith and Practice 1995 ISBN 085245267 5 Para: 27-3.

R David Langman.



*“One of the tragedies of today ... is that people are afraid to give themselves to each other ... Yet to give ourselves is not to empty ourselves but to be fulfilled,
to learn that ‘it is in giving that we receive’. If we give ourselves to each other and to our God, we are enriched indeed.”*

These are the thoughts of David Adam, who was for 13 years vicar of Holy Island.

In March this year 24 of us, from our St Andrew’s Church, made the journey to Lee Abbey in North Devon. And I’ve been given a really exciting opportunity and invited to join the Community there.

The Community is made up of about 90 people from all over the world and the emphasis is on growing in discipleship through service, hospitality, worship, and prayer. At Lee Abbey, “We are called by God, for a longer or shorter period, to the costly adventure of community living. We are called to be a worshipping, prophetic and caring community that lives out the Gospel, learning to serve each other and all those whom God sends.”

I hope to live there as a volunteer for a year from 1st July, full time, 6 days a week, with the Bookings/Reception team. Hospitality requires the Community to undertake lots of practical activities for guests, depending on the team they join, like house-keeping, cooking, planning conferences and pastoral care.

This practical hospitality could become too much of a primary focus. At times we can all let our lives of service distract us from spending time with Jesus and listening to his word: In Luke 10 we read about the hospitality and generosity of Martha and Mary, inviting Jesus and his disciples into their home. Martha became anxious about preparing food for her guests and was upset with Mary who sat listening to Jesus and not helping her. Jesus gently points out that Mary has chosen the better option; and that option being to listen to Him while He is near. It’s about getting the balance right. Unless we spend quiet time with Him we can’t expect to hear what He is saying to us in our busy lives; where He is calling us to, and all that He has planned for us. It’s a two-way process, and we can achieve this listening during prayer and quiet time with God if we really seek Him.

Jean Vanier, of the L’Arche community, puts it this way when he speaks of Intentional Christian Community living, “For it is in giving ourselves in service to others that

We are drawn from looking inward to looking outward. Giving away of ourselves makes space for us to receive and be served by Christ. Service is therefore the context of growth as disciples.”

I feel very blessed to have this opportunity to live as part of a Christian community, and I hope to grow in my heart’s desire of being a disciple of Christ. I know it will be hard work. They’ve told me so! But all things are possible with Jesus.

Thank you everyone for all we’ve shared together, and I hope you will come to visit in that beautiful place where heaven and earth have been known to intersect. Your good wishes and blessings are much appreciated.

God bless you.

Denise Andreo



A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

CRAIG'S INDUCTION SERVICE

I guess we have had 12 months to prepare for this service, and we were well organized but it still felt rushed as the date approached. You need a big team to embark on such a project and we had one—the whole congregation of St. Andrew's.

Our task was to accommodate more than 200 people in our church (220+ in the event) and then afterwards to cater for the same number in our hall. Our spies told us that multitudes were coming from Harbury and Ladbroke in chabancs and cars, Craig's family and friends list was substantial, local dignitaries and clergy were all keen to see our new Vicar—so would there be room for our congregation as well? Of course there would. We are "Team Shottery".

We shoehorned the choir behind the altar to maximise congregational space and David Challis managed to get our capacity up to 235 by shrewd layout, and just a bit of smoke and mirrors.

The church looked magnificent—the rows of small milk bottles in every window, each bearing a blower from individuals' gardens and a personal message of welcome.

Our Wardens, David Whyman and Bob Macvie (resplendent in kilt) did us proud, leading with their wands throughout the service.

Vanessa Gravestock gave the reading beautifully—Craig chose well there. Mary Crameri gave the Baptism jug. Sarah Cushing gave the Bible. Alan Minchin gave the Chalice and Paten. Trevor Cox gave the Prayer Book, and Sarah Marshall, Head of St. Andrew's Primary School, gave a token from the school. All performed their parts perfectly. The church resounded with the combined voices of the congregation, with our full choir, Rosemary on the organ and Larry on the clarinet. Wonderful to hear.

Bishop Christopher, Archdeacon Sue and Deputy Assistant Stand-in Rural Dean Canon Richard Williams were all on fine form and gave a special light touch where required to make the service more enjoyable.

At the end, Craig was led into the Vicar's Vestry to ring the bell—we all counted and I personally lost count at 245 (years in post) so I think we are all right there. And so to the church hall for a few light refreshments—what a spread the catering committee had laid in—many thanks to all who contributed.

We all look forward to this new chapter in the life of our church.

Welcome Craig and Su.

David Millington.

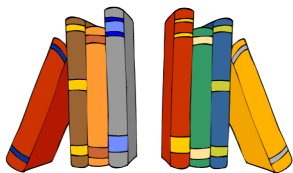
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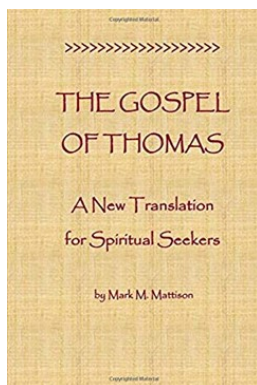
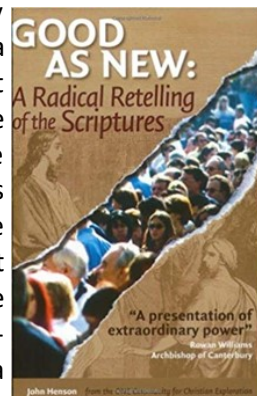




BOOK REVIEWS BY Janet Insoll

Good as New by John Henson

This was recommended by Audrey Simpson, the Methodist Minister. This is a radical retelling of the New Testament Scriptures as it dispenses with Christian jargon. It abandons the "traditional" canon of scriptures and includes the gospels and letters that modern scholarship now agrees were held in most esteem by the early church. These being most probably in tune with the words of Jesus. It includes inclusive language and abandons words like Baptist, disciples and Pharisees, giving characters nicknames like Rocky for Peter. The order is different to a traditional bible and several letters with dubious authorship are not included but it makes for an up-to-date reading. It does include the sayings OF Thomas, usually in the Apocrypha which I wasn't very familiar with.



The Gospel of Thomas by Mark Mattison

As this was included in the above I decided to read it in a more traditional language form. Fragments of this gospel were found in Egypt before a complete copy was found at Hag Nammidi written in Coptic. It was esteemed by many early theologians like Hippolytus and Origen but not included in the bible we know. It contains many familiar sayings of Jesus and several parables also found in Matthew and Luke, but does not give any details of Jesus' life. Though several sayings are new, one in particular I found difficult to interpret. Saying 7: Jesus said "blessed is the lion that's eaten by a human who's become human, but how awful for the human who's eaten by a lion, and the lion becomes human." This is translated in the above book as Jesus said ""splendid are those born with the character of a wild animal who allow themselves to be tamed by tender human qualities. Disgraceful are those born with tender human qualities who choose to develop the behaviour of a wild animal." The latter is much more understandable.



Alan Minchin writes about "THE UPS AND DOWNS"

Over many years of Christian journeying I am all too aware (as I am sure many are) of the "ups and downs", those mountains of assurance and valleys of doubt, that accompany our earthly journey of Christian faith.

Thinking back to the time of my coming to full faith - the time of rejecting the agnosticism of teen-age years and subsequent Confirmation into the Christian Church - I remember a host of names whose writings and teachings stirred and encouraged passionate faith.

Names such as J.B. Phillips, J. Stafford-Wright, J.I. Packer and William Barclay. Thankfully, there are today writers whose offerings also instil strength and guidance for the journey. Who does not remember the passionate and informed books of just a few years ago, written in answer to the attacks upon Christianity by the so-called "new atheists" under the leadership of Richard Dawkins?

But, today, a great enemy of the Christian Faith and Church is seen to be apathy, which may be a legacy of those atheist attacks of yesteryear.

There are, today, many fine titles from scientists, academics and theologians that cannot fail but to challenge the prevailing secular attitudes but, I think, a problem can be seen in the unwillingness of people to take the time that is needed to actually read what is offered - to think out the arguments and evidence for themselves.

We live today with distractions never before seen in human history and this brings about a choice for people as to how they can, and should, spend their time.

It is only when serious challenges to life and well-being arise that thought might be given to the deeper and important questions of life.

But we are where we are and how to successfully reach out with the message of Jesus Christ to a society largely apathetic to God and matters of the spirit must be a priority for The Church which, currently, seems to be "in the valley" so to speak.

But one thing is essential and this is to regain that which seems to have been lost by many, namely confidence in a major foundation of the Christian Faith - The Holy Bible. Sadly, for many people it seems that The Bible is no longer the Word of God written.

At the time of J.B. Phillips, William Barclay and those to whom I earlier referred, The Bible was the primary source of ethics, doctrine and spiritual formation. But for many it seems that this is no longer so, and it is no coincidence that we have seen a decline in Christian faith as a result.

Obviously, the one question that arises in today's situation is how to engage people, including those in church life who no longer involve themselves with Scripture, with The Bible as the Word of God written and thus its authority for ethics, doctrine and spiritual formation ?

It is said that there are two kinds of hard sayings in The Bible - namely those sayings that are hard to understand and those sayings that are easy to understand but hard to accept and to live out.

Which one, it might be asked, is the problem today ?



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This July, The Butterfly Effect will take flight at **Coventry Cathedral**, with an incredible installation of 1,000 locally crafted, steel Myton butterflies.

The butterflies will remain part of the impressive installation from 19th July to 2nd August 2019. It will be open for everyone to view during this period

While they may be small creatures, we believe our flutter of butterflies will have big and far-reaching effects on people with terminal and life limiting illnesses, and their families, in **Coventry** and **Warwickshire** – with your help of course

You can come and see the butterflies taking flight from **Friday 19th July to Friday 2nd August 2019**. The installation will be open to view as often as you like during this time.

And for years to come, those butterflies will hold a special place in the hearts and homes of the people who purchase them, as well as the people who took the opportunity to see them taking flight at the Cathedral.

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

This is situate in the Welcome Area and there is a comprehensive and varied array of books which are well worth reading and can be borrowed (by signing in the book).

Bill Tucker has very kindly tidied them up but if someone could put them in alphabetical order it would make finding an appropriate read much simpler. Your help would be much appreciated.

Do please stop and browse...and borrow. I am sure you will find many interesting and inspiring reads there.



Our July Charity (14th) will be for Seafarers UK

Seafarers UK is a charity that has been helping people in the maritime community for over 100 years, by providing vital support to seafarers in need and their families. We do this by giving grants to organisations and projects that make a real difference to people's lives, across the Merchant Navy, Fishing Fleets, Royal Navy and Royal Marines. In 2018, we awarded 76 grants totalling £2.46m to 56 maritime welfare charities.

HISTORY



In 1917, a new charity for the maritime community was established. Such was the impact of so many seafarers who had been maimed or lost at sea during the Great War that the King was prepared to give his name to this new charity, and so it became the King George's Fund for Sailors. Since then Seafarers

UK – as it is now known – has helped thousands of seafarers in desperate need, and their families, across the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets.

OUR IMPACT

In 2018 Seafarers UK delivered:

- £2.46m in total funding
- 56 beneficiary organisations aided
- 76 grants awarded
- 16 new organisations supported
- £185,237 awarded in Merchant Navy Fund grants
- 172,982 people supported

“Seafarers UK has been at the heart of our success at Veterans Outreach Support (VOS), from backing our work in the charity's early days to ongoing assistance that helps us to support seafarers and their families.”

Ian Millen, Chief Executive of Veterans Outreach Support

With no statutory funding, we rely on supporters, donors and volunteers to be able to carry on providing the long-term aid that each year gives hope and help to thousands of people in need including ex-seafarers and veterans, dependants, those currently working at sea, as well as those training for a career at sea. Shottery may be a long way from the sea but many of us have connections with the Merchant Navy, Fishing Fleets, Royal Navy and Royal Marines so let us generously support this charity and the great work they do.



Bob Macvie



Miscellaneous observations on life in general

Minor operation: one performed on someone else.

Monday morning: when we look back wistfully on the good old days - Saturday and Sunday.

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong. *Daniel O'Connell*

'A vegetarian diet is best for those who would be beautiful," we read. Well, it does not seem to have done much for the elephant. *Punch*

I'm going crazy. Want to come along?

Clones are people two.

Stratford Link Project

Our August charity (11th) will be the Stratford Link Project.

All of us living in Stratford-upon-Avon cannot have failed to see the distressing sight of rough sleepers lying in shop doorways and on our pavements. Sadly the numbers have increased in recent years.

On average, homeless people die at just 44 years old.

Homelessness is devastating, dangerous and isolating.

People sleeping on the street are almost 17 times more likely to have been victims of violence. More than one in three people sleeping rough have been deliberately hit or kicked or experienced some other form of violence whilst homeless.

Homeless people are over nine times more likely to take their own life than the general population.

At least 320,000 people are homeless in Britain, according to research by the housing charity Shelter.

This amounts to a year-on-year increase of 13,000, a 4% rise, despite government pledges to tackle the crisis. The estimate suggests that nationally one in 200 people are homeless.

Shelter says its figures, which include rough sleepers and people in temporary accommodation, are likely to be an underestimate of the problem as they do not capture people who experience “hidden” homelessness, such as sofa-surfers, and others living insecurely in sheds or cars, for example.

What causes homelessness?

People become homeless for lots of different reasons. There are social causes of homelessness, such as a lack of affordable housing, poverty and unemployment; and life events which cause individuals to become homeless. People can become homeless when they leave prison, care or the army with no home to go to. Many homeless women have escaped a violent relationship. Many people become homeless because they can no longer afford the rent.

And for many, life events like a relationship breaking down, losing a job, mental or physical health problems, or substance misuse can be the trigger. Being homeless can, in turn, make many of these problems even harder to resolve.

Following an external safety review, and after working hard to put appropriate procedures in place, **Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Link Project Stratford** reopened on Tuesday 11 June from a new venue at the **United Reformed Church on Rother Street** in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The District Council and its partner agencies, including Stratford Churches and P3, met on Tuesday 4 June to introduce the new service.

The project will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 12:30 to 14:30 at the United Reformed Church.

It will provide help, advice and support to rough sleepers, former rough sleepers, and vulnerable individuals who require assistance. Drinks and food will also be available at the drop-in sessions, along with access to support agencies. At its previous venue it was possible for people to have showers and to be able to wash clothes but sadly that is no longer possible.

What is a Rough Sleeper?

A rough sleeper is someone whose housing situation falls into one of the following categories:

- sleeping in the open air (e.g. streets, parks, bus shelters, doorways)
- sleeping in tents (not on campsites)
- sleeping in cars or other vehicles
- sleeping in abandoned buildings/other places not designed for habitation.

The district council will have spoken to all rough sleepers it is aware of and will have given help and advice in relation to obtaining accommodation.

To get advice or report a rough sleeper you can contact the Housing Advice team:

Telephone: 01789 260645

Email: roughsleeper@stratford-dc.gov.uk

You can also report a rough sleeper via StreetLink.

*32 % of the intended target for 2019 has been reached
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Several members of our congregation help at Stratford Link in practical ways and do a great job, so let us at St. Andrew's Church, Shottery see if we can substantially help this local charity to reach the figure they need by giving as generously as possible – many thanks!

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23 Intrepid "Andy's Booters" before their lovely walk over Welcombe Hills at the beginning June. Led by our own Naomi Whittaker. Perfect evening, great company and wonderful views. (photo by John Naish and more on our website)



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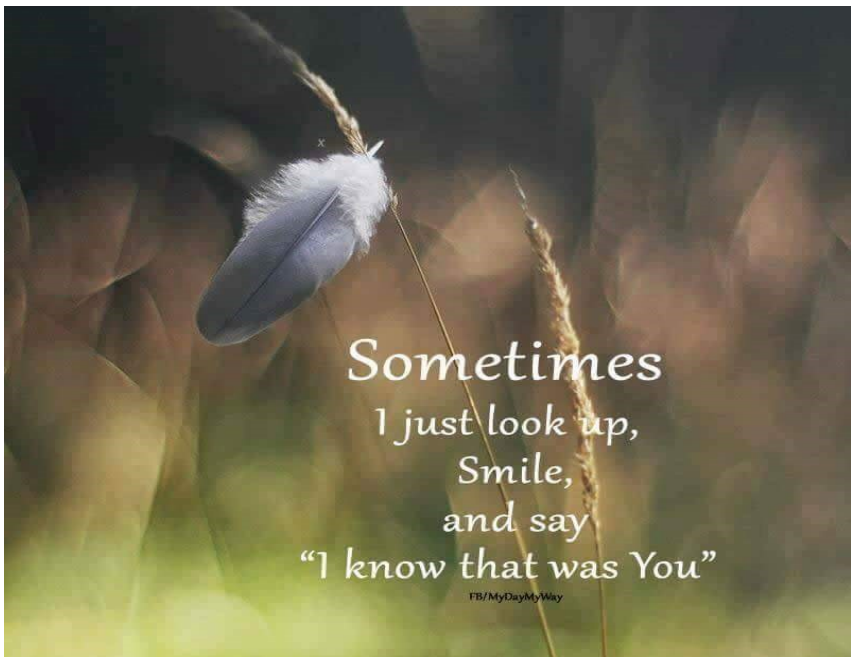
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