

SHOTTERY *SEARCHLIGHT*



Harvest Flowers



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Each Sunday morning the 1662 Eucharist is celebrated at 8.00am

Each Tuesday evening at 7.30pm there is a Said Eucharist

Every Thursday at 10am: Said Eucharist with Address

6th: HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.00am Family Eucharist with donations to the **Stratford Food Bank** (followed by Parish Lunch)

6.30pm Evensong

13th: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Fellow Travellers

3.00pm TIME TO REMEMBER.

20th: ST. LUKE (Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity)

10.00am Third Sunday Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

7.30pm Atrium Café

27th: BIBLE SUNDAY (Last Sunday in Trinity)

10.00am Parish Eucharist.

6.30pm Sung Evensong.





Harvest - Celebration & Challenge!

During October we are mindful of all the many ways God blesses us as we once again celebrate Harvest. There's nothing quite like the look and smell of church at Harvest Festival with fruit and vegetables on the windowsills, bread and other produce on display, it really is a fantastic time of the year.

Harvest time gives us all the opportunity to be thankful for all those who farm and work our land and seas to bring us what we eat. It's so easy to forget as we go around Morrison's each week, but we all need the farmers and fishermen – we depend on them. Let us continue support them, not only with our thoughts and prayers, but by buying locally where we can, from our farm shops and from grocers who stock locally produced fruit and vegetables.

So often we take for granted the food we have and the water that pours out of our taps. Yet at harvest time we are reminded to be grateful for these simple things; our fridges and cupboards that burst with food and our water literally 'on tap' when we need it.

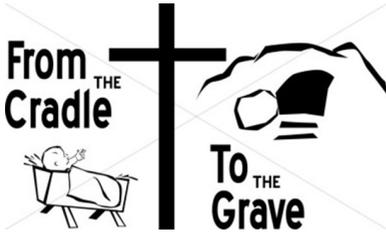
At Harvest time we are invited and challenged to pray and work for the relief of hunger in our world and country where too many people still lack the basic essentials of life. How scandalous is it that we have to have Food Banks in this country at all!

Harvest is a wonderful time of thanksgiving but let us not run away from the challenge it presents to us, a challenge to change the world and make a difference.

With God's blessing and love,

Reverend Craig





FUNERALS

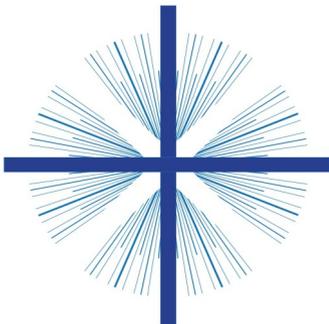
16th September Maurice Edkins (85)

17th September Joan Cooke (90)

24th September George Raymond Hitchman (95)

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MUSICAL EVENING
with light refreshments
SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER, 7pm.
£5.
Please let the Parish Office know if you
would like to come.



OUR NEW LOGO!

Designed by Ruth Yeates.



Our September meeting began as usual with prayers led by Audrey Edwards.

Audrey said how much we had enjoyed our steam train trip in August - thanks to all who had helped.

Dates to note - **Sat. 12th October - Diocesan M.U. Members' Day here** - 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.- the speaker will be Felicity Hawke and about 50 members expected.

Sun. 13th October - Time to Remember Service - 3 p.m. Members' help needed on both occasions for serving teas, etc.

Janet Insoll reminded members to order calendars and diaries if required.

Audrey then introduced Jamie Richards who talked about her work with **Coventry Haven—Womens' Aid**, a charitable trust giving support, advice and safe accommodation for women and children subjected to domestic violence and abuse.

She became involved with the Haven because of the help she herself received when she had been in an abusive relationship and the support she was given during the various Court cases, etc. She therefore understands the fear preventing women coming forward with their problems. Her main work is in finding funding to develop the many programmes of work going forward. They work closely with the Police, Social Services, NHS, Relate, BENAGA and Coventry Council and she was delighted with the recent significant funding from the Council.

They have safe accommodation; the address is secret and residents are not allowed any outside visitors and can only communicate through the Haven office. The cases are sadly numerous and wide-ranging - for instance including FMG in children as young as 3 years old.

Jamie's commitment to the work was impressive as is the work they do and the many programmes they are trying to advance. There is a helpline on 0800 111 4998 and a secure email on referrals@coventryhaven.cjsm.net. Their address is 22, Marlborough Road, Stoke, Coventry, CV2 4EP.

After answering several questions, Jamie was thanked for her talk which gave us an insight into the impressive work going on to try and address these very distressing problems.

Next meeting - 8th October - Chris Cook to talk on Action and Outreach.

[Daphne Jones.](#)

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

For our July meeting Annette and Malcolm Smith invited us to spend the evening at their home. It is so kind of them to invite us each year, for what is always a really enjoyable evening.

In August, members and guests went on an outing to Hilliers for afternoon tea. This is a favourite venue for the Fellowship members and we were fortunate to have a pleasant warm afternoon. We wandered around the gardens, visited the bird hide, and some members saw deer. We visited the gift shop and the farm shop. The afternoon flew by and it was much enjoyed by everyone. The tea was lovely and the staff looked after us really well. Many thanks indeed to Bob Macvie who made our visit possible by driving us in the minibus and bringing us back to church via the country route. Thanks also to Anette Smith who transported some people in her car.

Jo Carver. Chairperson



THANK YOU to those who raised a glass, and munched a cake, who sent us cards and wished us well. To the one who chose the choral music DVD and to Craig for the most meaningful, and much appreciated, prayers.

In fact to all our church family on the occasion of our **Golden Wedding Anniversary** - thank you all so much.

Alan & Jenny Minchin.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JOAN JENNINGS

Who celebrated her 80th birthday last month. We thank her for the wine and cake following the Service when we were able to drink a toast to a long and healthy life.

Unusual Burial

A recently ordained priest, Father Henry, was to hold his first ever graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for a destitute man with no family or friends.

Father Henry, not knowing where the cemetery was, made several wrong turns and got lost.

He eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the spade was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

Father Henry, being a reliable young priest went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his lateness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in considerable style.

As the good Father returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, 'Do you know, fancy that, I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty five years and I ain't never seen anything like that.'

Martyrdom

It has always been taught in the church that anyone who was martyred for the faith and had not been baptized, would be considered to be canonically baptized by martyrdom. There are many very gory stories found in biblical, post biblical, patristic, reformation and modern times. It has always been held that churches have grown, because they were watered and fed by the blood of martyrs. Mind you martyrdom need not necessarily be bloody and certainly in the late Victorian times there were many priests, parishioners and even bishops who were persecuted for being a bit too much on the "High Side", prison was even used to try and silence some priests, in one case for wearing a coloured stole! The Anglo Catholic movement grew, although it made the mistake of rather overplaying its hand and becoming too triumphalist.

Newman, of very blessed memory, who is to be canonized later this year, once pondered that it would be good if some of the bishops of the Established Church might consider the wisdom of martyrdom! Needless to say, he did not find any takers, the Bishops groaned, retreated to their episcopal palaces and pulled up the drawbridges.

But in fairness to their Lordships, martyrdom should be on the cards for everyone! Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Laity. No exceptions for Men and Women of faith. The martyrdom would not be bloody, but it would involve the possibility of actually upsetting people, because the faith was being compromised. I do not like to upset anyone, it is not in my nature, I hope. But there comes a time when the Church is desperate to please everyone and ends up pleasing nobody because it will not come down off the fence. We all need to speak out and when we do, we ought to receive backing from those who are higher up the chain. To my mind it is quite simple really: Jesus Christ, true God and True Man; revealed in Sacred Scripture, factual, the truth of which is passed onto us by the Apostolic Creeds and the writings of the Early Fathers. Pure and simple, not messed around by Synodical processes. Born of the Virgin Mary, lived on earth, witnessed to his heavenly father, crucified under Pontius Pilate, risen from the Dead and gloriously ascended into Heaven. And he will come again in great glory. Can we not witness to these great truths? Or are we afraid of the truth?

Never mind if it does not make us popular! Never mind if it is not perceived to be PC. Never mind if it is not up to date. Never mind if it does not fit in with the cosy

cocoon that covers us. Actually, you will find that deep down there are many people who will secretly admire us if we put our head over the pulpit.

It is so easy just to take the easy way out and not notice, or not say anything and just keep one's head down. But by so doing we are letting down Jesus and can we really call ourselves his followers? Speak Out and Witness. The Spirit will give you the words you need.



David Capron.

SAMWAG

On Friday 23rd August the latest meeting of the **St. Andrew's Malt Whisky Appreciation Society** was held at the home of David and Hilary Capron with four ladies and nine gentlemen attending, including, much to our delight, Bob Wright – our unofficial founder and fount of all whisky knowledge! It was also great to have four new people coming for the first time who we hope to see again. Some excellent and varied whiskies were sampled such as Old Perth, Mortlach, Chivas Regal and Arran Founders Reserve. But as well as enjoying the whiskies and nibbles we especially enjoy each other's company, sharing the craic, tales and stories and generally having a very happy time! *Bob Macvie*





UPDATE FROM DENISE ANDREO AT LEE ABBEY

As much as I love the “Scavenger Hunt” I have to pace myself, especially after being on Host Team last week. In teams we had to run about finding things like a pine cone and sheep’s wool and say what the flag was that was displayed at “Jenny’s” and then we had to draw a map of all the countries from whence hailed a community member. I had tears rolling down my face when teams had to produce the best Flamenco dance and one team all stood and balanced on one leg (flamingo style). Remember that English wasn’t the first language for many of them!

It was wonderful and tiring but some lovely conversations took place and I had the privilege of praying with people. I do believe that after my miraculous healing I am getting physically stronger. It’s all these stairs and hills. I can now walk up from the beach without stopping! Praise the Lord.

Our speaker for the week was Simon Guillebaud and he was terrific. Each morning he led an exercise session, he talked to guests, played with the children and was an enthusiastic supporter of Podex (see below). His talks were about the “one thing”. One Thing I Ask, One Thing I Lack, One Thing I Know, One Thing I Do. The one thing in our lives needs to be Jesus, and as Christians we should be trying to keep our focus wholeheartedly on him constantly. He said put Jesus first in your life and then everything else fits in. A Christian convert should be first and foremost a worshipper, not a worker because worship and prayer gives us the fuel to do the work. He is a very popular speaker and personality, also with the children. One day he reminded us of Aslan with all the children following and jumping about him.

Podex is a game invented by Lee Abbey which is a bit like rounders and cricket. I’ll teach you when I get back, or come here and play it! Players were so focused on it that they didn’t seem to notice that it had started to rain quite heavily. I’d been given macs and phones to look after and I stayed out in the rain too, sheltered under the macs. And this was only the practice for the match later in the week, when “The Camp” would come up from the field near the beach to challenge “The

House". "The Camp" won on this occasion. It's was great to hear all these young people singing praise songs as they waited in line for their turn with a bat. There was some warrior face paint and muscle flexing too.

As I type this in my room, I have a view of the sun setting over the sea, the house martens are circling really close to my open window. I have been well fed and expect to sleep well after a busy day on bookings. A wonderful week. When's my day off?

MINI EVENING PILGRIMAGES

By the time you have read the September issue of Searchlight we will have had our last MEP for the year. I feel it would be worth asking for suggestions for next year and already have four in the bag.

St. Nicholas Radford Semele. This church was raised to the ground by fire a few years ago and has been completely rebuilt. I will check the village pub, which in my day certainly served food. As a matter of interest, at the same time ,the barmaid had won the Miss World Competition. If this is no go, then we can go back to the Plough and Harrow at Whitnash.

St. John the Baptist, Leamington Spa. This is a large Victorian edifice which is surrounded by Bangladeshi, Caribbean, Pakistani and Hindu communities. We shall also go to the Plough and Harrow . This is not the sort of area that Shottery folk would choose to live in.

St. James the Great, Long Marston. Suggested by Jenny Greig who used to play the organ. The Masons Arms does food and there is also a bowling alley.

St. Oswald, Tile Hill, Coventry. This parish is hard grind. The church is modern and designed by Sir Basil Spence. Lots of concrete, but with a beauty especially in the furnishings. A visit to our old friends at the Penny Farthing is suggested.

So, it is over to you

David Capron

INTRODUCING OUR NEW LINK MISSIONARIES

Andrea and Andrew Young - Nepal



Working with the United Mission to Nepal, we are pastoral carers for mission staff who come from very different parts of the world. We seek to ensure that their health and spiritual well-being is looked after in order to help them have an effective ministry in Nepal. We are passionate about this task, as many are in stressful and challenging situations within a different culture. We previously lived and worked in Nepal during the 1990s.

Our role includes caring for new staff on arrival in Nepal, visiting the sick, leading courses and times of worship, listening and spiritual direction. We have also discovered that hospitality, availability and confidentiality are essential ingredients in all that we do.

To use our skills and previous experience to support mission staff in the United Mission to Nepal community. Providing vital pastoral care to the United Mission to Nepal in Kathmandu, Tansen and Okhaldunga.

Andrea comes from north Manchester and has a professional background in dance and drama teaching. During our previous time in Nepal, she worked with expatriate and Nepali parents and children. With Andrew, she was a hostel parent at Kathmandu International Study Centre, caring for teenagers whose parents were working outside the city. She also supported the Nepali church, developing

children's work and the use of dance and drama in outreach. On our return to the UK she established a community theatre workshop in an area of high deprivation and worked as a psychotherapist in private practice. She also counselled in primary and secondary schools. This has helped her as doors have opened recently to help Nepali counsellors gain skills in working with children and young people.

Andrew comes from Yorkshire and trained as a biomedical scientist, working in the NHS. In Nepal previously he developed medical laboratory services for leprosy treatment at Green Pastures Leprosy Hospitals. In the UK, he ran a youth and community centre for disaffected young people while studying for a masters in theology and training for ordination in the Church of England. He was a team vicar in Manchester Diocese for 14 years and was area dean in the Eccles deanery. Back in Nepal, he works with mission staff in spiritual development, has begun to develop relationships in the Anglican Church in Nepal and mentors mission staff studying for masters degrees.

We shall have regular updates from Andrea and Andrew and hope to introduce them to us all in the near future.

(Dan and Philippa Munday, our previous Link Missionaries with the Church Mission Society, have retired from their work in Nepal, so we look forward to supporting and hearing about the work of Andrew and Andrea in the future.)

Today's Hymn

Reverend Clive Morgan was completing his homily in St John's Church about the dangers of alcohol and the need for moderation and temperance. He announced at the end of the sermon in a loud, clear voice, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned in an extremely serious manner, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

The Reverend Morgan then sat down. Jerry, St John's leading chorister stood up and announced with a smile, 'For our closing hymn this Sunday, let us sing together hymn number 109: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

The Atrium Cafe

The Autumn of any year always seems to be a time for new beginnings.

Over the summer we met to review STAY Cafe, our 3rd Sunday evening worship, with coffee, or tea and cake thrown in! We have been meeting for a couple of years now and recently believe that God is speaking, inspiring us to review the future.

This tied in nicely with Reverend Craig joining us at St. Andrews.

We have had some feedback from our friends in church who had the impression that the group was just for young people, probably because of the name STAY (the previous youth group) in the title STAY Cafe. Originally, it did start out that way, however we very quickly realised that the group was for anyone of any age to join us and experience a different and more contemporary style of worship. We are truly blessed that God sent us a brilliant group of regulars who support us so well and are excited to welcome more of you to this Cafe style Church.

Through prayer, it has been decided that the St Andrews Cafe Church should be renamed **The Atrium Café**.

Getting to the heart of faith

An atrium is a gathering place, the centre, the heart; we hope that **the Atrium Cafe** will be a place of gathering to worship and praise our God, a place for deeper teaching and consideration of our faith.

The Atrium Cafe will meet on the **3rd Sunday of each month**, (we will keep you informed of dates etc. in the weekly news sheet, in Searchlight and on our website) at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Centre**.

Looking forward to seeing you there,



Julie Milne, Ruth and Catherine Yeates.

St. Thomas Aquinas.

The message of Jesus is simple and easily accepted by even, in the early days, illiterate people. The priesthood does need a theology to back that simple faith.

As the Roman Empire collapsed so much of Greek learning was lost to the Christian west. The presence of Islamic scholars such as Ibn Simma (980-1037) kept alive the scholarly virtues of Greece. We owe to these Islamic scholars much more besides. It was the Arab and Persian Islamic world that came up with a new system of numeracy replacing the cumbersome Roman notation and developed algebra and Greek geometry including concepts of zero and infinity.



Augustine of Hippo (354-430) (ref.1) was able to pursue matters of faith and heresy within the Roman experience. Thomas Aquinas (1225-74) emerges having benefitted from the Islamic scholarship enabling him to realise controversially as it happens the works of Aristotle. He left a huge body of essays emphasising human reasoning and how with the facts of the natural world in mind he attempts to prove the existence of God. Theology he claimed was distinct from philosophy. Theology was a science in as much as it was an ordered body of knowledge untestable or provable which only God reveals. He took advantage of living at a time when much of Aristotle had been rediscovered and indeed often was condemned after his death for his adoption of Aristotle's philosophy.

Thomas was born in 1224/5 near Aquino between Rome and Naples to parents from a "knightly" family. He was put into the care of the monastery Monti Cassino at the age of 5 and by a political change to the abbey he went to the University of Naples in 1239. He joined the Dominicans. After a period of family difficulties by 1245 he went to the convent of Saint Jacques, the university centre of the Dominicans under the great scholar Albert Magnus becoming a scholar in his own right. The Arabian-Aristotelian science fired his imagination and while holding Dominican chairs from 1268 to 1272 he entered into controversy with many of his peers for reconciling Greek philosophy with Christian thought. However his success lay in integrating faith and reason, grace and nature, charity and friendship. This was laid down in his lectures leading to the "Summa Theologica".

In 1274 he was summoned by Pope Gregory X to the second Council of Lyons in an attempt to repair the schism between the Greek and Latin Churches. He was struck by an illness and rested at the Cistercian Abbey of Fossanova where he died on 7th. March 1274. He was canonised as a saint in 1323 and named as a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

Thomas is remembered for demonstrating that faith and reason were not at odds. Currently in his days it was popular to suggest one proposition was true and at the same time to believe by the light of faith another proposition that contradicted it. In his Summa he sets out arguments against orthodox Christian beliefs. In essence by seeking all perfection he arrives at the Creator God. His views on the Trinity are to relate the Spirit to spirituality, the son as the Redeemer and the Father as the ultimate.

Controversy about “Thomism” exists even today. The secular philosopher like Bertrand Russell simply avers that the universe is there, the secular scientists look to evolution from a big bang of non-definable creation and metaphysicians, logicians and theologians not confined to Catholics have derived new concepts from him.

He was only 49 when he died, obese but likeable. His life as a Dominican involved a routine of prayer and study. His studies covered great themes in a new way to answer “does God exist?” The implications of creation require man’s return path to God, the dispenser of forgiveness and goodness using the only possible route for a Christian as Jesus the Christ the incarnation of God. We had to await the Reformation for new thinking.

Today, Saint Thomas Aquinas appears in books on philosophy, religion and even politics as a source even today of relevant behaviour and thought.....indeed one of the Greats!

Ref.1 See August/September Searchlight

R David Langman



Noah - Alive and Living in England!

In the year 2007 the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in England and said, 'Once again, the earth has become wicked and over populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans.' He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying, 'You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.' Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

'Noah!' He roared, 'I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?'

'Forgive me, Lord,' begged Noah, 'but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval and I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is development of the site, even though in my view it is a temporary structure. We had to then go to appeal to the Secretary of State for a decision.

Then the Department of Transport demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it. Getting the wood was another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to protect the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

When I started gathering the animals, the RSPCA sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission on how many disabled carpenters I'm supposed to hire for my building team. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only accredited workers with Ark-building experience.

To make matters worse, Customs and Excise seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark.'

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, 'You mean you're not going to destroy the world?' 'No,' said the Lord. 'The British government beat me to it.'

THE BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE.

Memories surfaced recently as I sorted through some A4 folders and came across copies of the six essays I had submitted at the time of studying for the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship. To these copies were attached the notes and comments from the tutors of the six modules that I had undertaken.

It is almost unbelievable that it was a decade ago when four of us from St. Andrew's travelled out to various churches in the diocese to study, over a period of about three years, for the Bishops Certificate in Discipleship which was duly presented in January 2011 by Bishop John in our cathedral church of St. Michael, Coventry.

This now hangs proudly on my front room wall. I say "proudly" as it is the only I have ever been presented with to mark any "academic" achievement having been, in my school days, a very unsuccessful scholar.

The assignments I personally undertook were entitled "Paul's Life and Letters", "Leading Worship", "The Old Testament Journey", "Understanding the Bible", "Everyday Theology" and "Learning to Preach" - this last one having been particularly useful during my years on the St. Andrew's Preaching Rota.

Happy memories indeed as I recalled not only the dry wit of Les Emes (with whom I travelled to a number of meetings), but new acquaintances and new locations and, perhaps most importantly, new understandings imparted through the teaching we received as we tackled the various modules. It was indeed a happy period.

As I sat reading my essays, and the various tutor's return comments, I found myself wondering if those modules really had made a difference in my Christian journey. The "preaching" module obviously had been a great help in my years on "the rota", but what of the rest ?

Yes, the biblical ones had helped, I realised, during the years I was tasked with co-ordinating our St. Andrew's Bible Reading Fellowship until it, as they say, had sadly run its course. But in the "run of the mill" days of daily life ?

In the New Testament's "Letter to the Hebrews" we are taught (chapter 11 v1) that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen..." (NRSV translation). But faith must be soundly grounded. It must be a "house" firmly grounded on rock and not on sand. The house of faith must have, especially in today's growing atheistic / secular culture, the strongest of foundations.

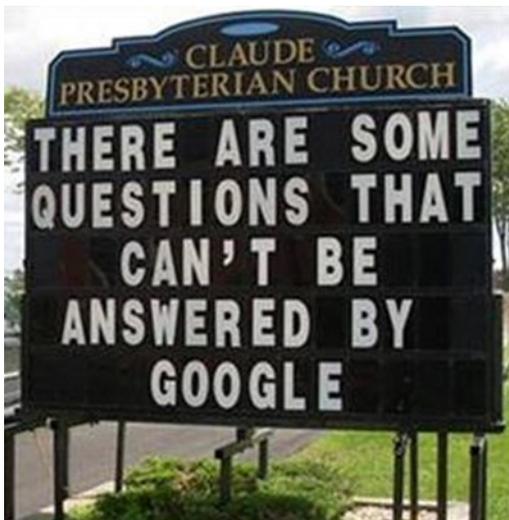
I can see that what I learnt and "inwardly digested" during my involvement with the Bishop's Certificate added much to my Christian journey by strengthening the foundations of my faith, especially in affirming the historicity of Christian origins and the writings that record, and thus inform us, of those origins.

Does the diocese still offer the Bishop's Certificate ? Having not see any recent publicity or information on our church's notice board I really do not know. It is a great shame if it no longer is offered for - at least in my case - it was a great asset on my Christian journey.

If I were asked to briefly sum up the value of the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship, I can think of no other words than those used by a tutor concerning one of my essays which, for me, sum up the teaching modules and thus the Certificate's value for the Christian journey - "A good and clear summary - well done!"



Alan Minchin.



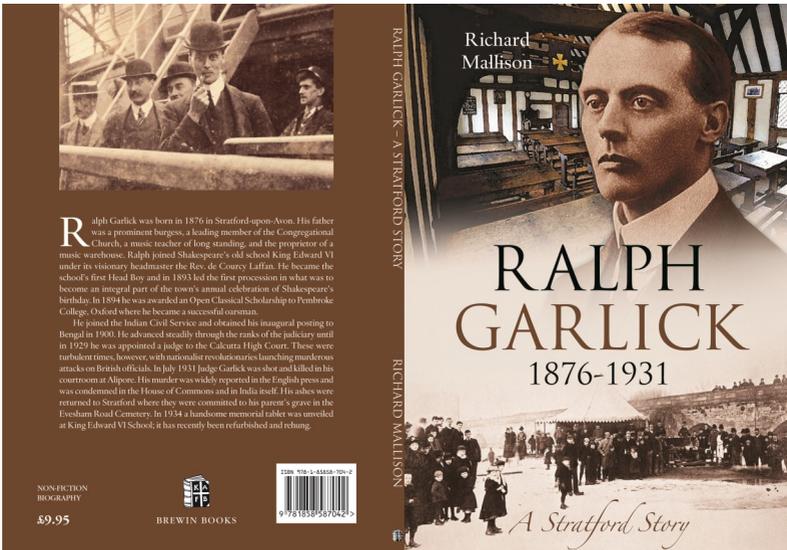
"God so loved the world that He did not send a committee."

Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times men avoided asking the way.



Richard Mallison. **Ralph Garlick – A Stratford Story.**
Saturday 2nd November. 6.00pm. Upper Guildhall, King Edward VI School. Tickets (free) available from the K.E.S. website/Book Online.

Richard, ex Head of Economics at K.E.S., tells the fascinating story of the life of the former K.E.S. schoolboy and leading judge in the India of the British Empire. A life split between two contrasting worlds: Stratford, where he was born and spent his formative years, and his professional legal career spent in India in the service of the Raj, where he gained a reputation for being scrupulous and fair in the administration of justice. He'll explore the bravery Garlick showed in the face of nationalist violence aimed at British officials, which broke out in the late 1920s, and his tragic assassination in his own court by a terrorist in 1931, which caused outrage and was condemned in both India and England.

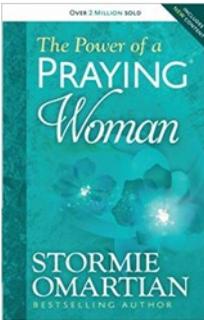
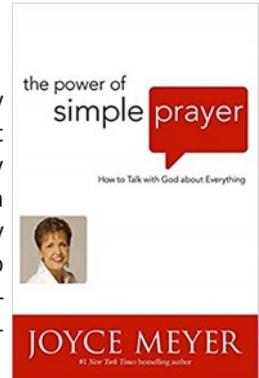


Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.



The Power of Simple Prayer by Joyce Meyer

This teaches that prayer is really quite simple. It explains different aspects of prayer and possible hindrances. Thus hopefully leading to a more powerful and effective prayer life. Each chapter is accompanied by a summary and a list of key points. Lots of appropriate scripture verses are included to emphasise each point. Prayer is essentially having a conversation with God and so does not need complicated or eloquent language, we just need to be ourselves.



The Power of a Praying Women by Stormie Omartian

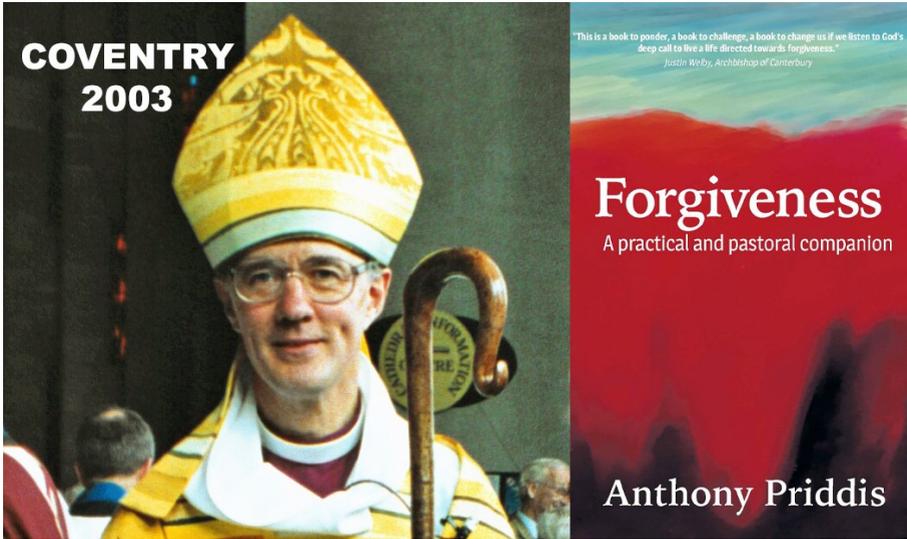
This concentrates on praying for ourselves. Many women pray for others but not themselves. By praying for ourselves we can become closer to God, thus coming to know his plans and purposes for every day. Each chapter ends with God's promises to us, our lives and receiving help and strength for every day.

On Prayer

Having read several books on prayer I felt called to write about some of the points I have learnt. First of all prayer is about having a conversation with God which needn't be complicated or over wordy, but down-to-Earth and practical. As Evelyn Christenson explains in What happens When Women Pray there are six S's as a basis for prayer. Small groups praying, subject by subject. with prayers vocalised in short, simple, specific prayers. Everyone should be in one accord praying about the same subject simultaneously and not being afraid of silences allowing God to speak to us. Prayer is basically about changing the prayer, bringing them in line with God's will and we shouldn't pray answers only requests. God doesn't always answer prayers as we expect he can say Go, No, Grow or Slow.

I also very much feel that God is asking me to set up a prayer group for Shottery. Craig is Ok with this so if anyone would like to join such a group could they email me as to their availability at janinsoll@gmail.com.

Janet Insoll.



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He has not been idle in retirement and Canterbury Press has just published his book – ***“Forgiveness – A practical and pastoral companion”*** (www.canterburypress.co.uk)

The book explores

- Why forgiveness is important
 - What forgiveness is
 - Who can forgive
 - Offering forgiveness
 - Receiving forgiveness
- How communities respond to tragedy
 - God's forgiveness

It is a resource for all of us who are engaged in listening, reconciliation and pastoral care. The book can be ordered direct from the publishers by telephone **01603 785925** and by email **-orders@norwichbooksandmusic.co.uk**.

Hello all,



In July of this year, I travelled to the Italian Dolomites to work as a costume and prop intern at Trentino Music Festival for five weeks. It was a wonderful experience and it has allowed me to work with different cultures from across the globe including Italian, American, Macedonian and many more. I was also able to live and work in a beautiful part of the world called Mezzano and Fiera di Primiero.

During the festival, I made costumes for five shows including 'Sister Act' and 'Into the Woods' for the Musical Theatre Programme and 'La Clemenza di Tito', 'Ariadne auf Naxos' and 'Turn of the Screw' for the Opera Programme. The majority of the costumes were brought by the performers but the costume and props department made or sourced everything that hadn't been bought on a small budget. For the Musicals and Operas I helped to make 20 Nun robes and habits; 14 Roman togas; a variety of capes and much more. I enjoyed being a part of a production line and also learning from my two colleagues I was working with, Katrin and Elena.



After the making process was finished, I began to work backstage on the shows in tech and during performance too. In 'Into the Woods', I helped with some quick costume changes and I also learnt how to do quick mic changes which was a lot of fun! It was such a good experience to spend time with talented people from around the world and learn about their culture and country.



Towards the end of my trip in Italy I was able to travel to Venice and Verona which was beautiful with Ruth and her boyfriend Jacob. In Venice we visited the Rialto Bridge, Piazza San Marco and explored the many canals and streets of the city. It was a lovely day. In

Verona, I saw a production of La Traviata at the Arena di Verona, an amphitheatre in the centre of the town, which was out of this world! The set and costumes were beautiful, as was the quality of the singing. We also visited Juliet's house, walked along the river and explored again. It was a lovely end to a magical experience which I will always remember.

Thank you for taking the time to read my Searchlight article.

Amy Yeates x



Not the London Marathon

On Saturday 27th July I walked two miles round the Recreation Ground along with several others from the local branch of the Parkinson's Society. Our aim was to raise money by sponsorship for the local branch which runs a varied programme of events through the year.

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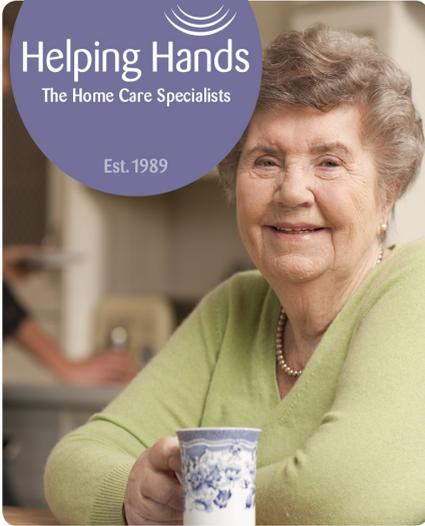
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