



ST ANDREW'S
SHOTTERY

SEARCHLIGHT



Palm Sunday



Dawn Eucharist



Easter Day



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April 2020

Dear friends,

Coronavirus

We are currently in unprecedented times. The following statement is a summary of a letter sent to all clergy from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

As the challenge of the coronavirus grips the world, and as the government asks every individual and every organisation to rethink its life, we are now asking the Church of England in all its parishes to serve all people in a new way.

Public worship will have to stop for a season. Our usual pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings must be put on hold. But this does not mean that the Church of England has shut up shop. Far from it.

Clergy and Christians in our worshipping community will continue their pattern of daily prayer for this Parish of Shottery, Bishopton and its people. Whilst for now this will not be in public worship, prayer will still be offered for the nation and for the world.

Many people are going to suffer during these coming months as the coronavirus reaches its peak. Many of you will be grieving and fearful. We, the Church of Jesus Christ, with our sisters and brothers from other Christian churches, will continue to provide practical care and support for the elderly and vulnerable and we offer our services to all those who are beginning to think through how best to provide for those in need.

Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead. Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day.

We may not be able to pray with people in the ways that we are used to, but we will certainly pray for people.

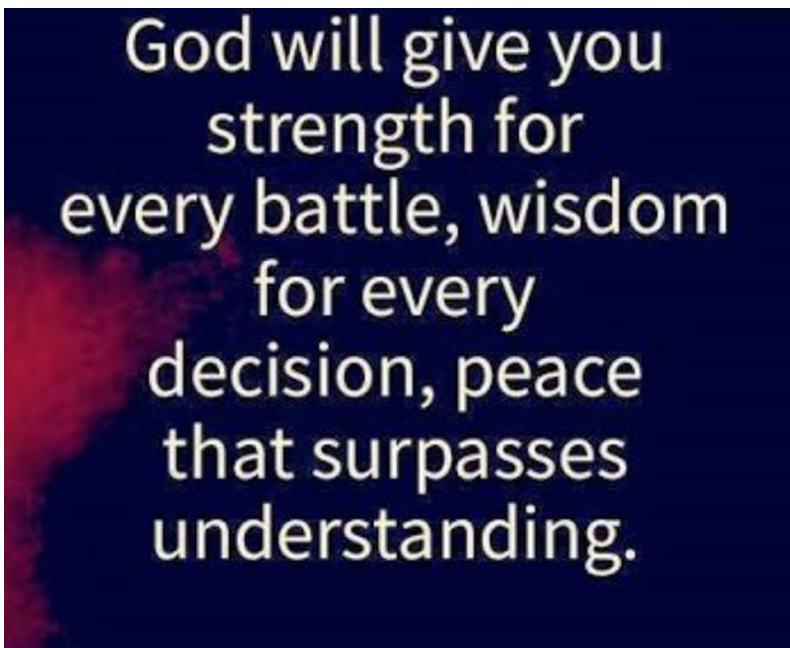
We have called along with our fellow church leaders for a day of prayer and action this coming Sunday Mothering Sunday (22nd March). Mothering Sunday has always been both a day of celebration for many and a sensitive and emotional day for some. Wherever you are this Sunday please do join in this day of prayer and action and remember specially those who are sick or anxious and all involved in our Health Service.

As one action we are calling on everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7.00 p.m. as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

Please pray for our government and nation, for each other, and especially those who work in our health and emergency services.

With love and prayers

Reverend Craig, Vicar of Shottery & Bishopton. 17th March 2020.





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 there is a Said Eucharist with Address

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY—5th April

8.00am Holy Communion with distribution of Palms



10.00am Family Communion Service, with donkey procession starting from the Bell starting at 9.50am

6.30pm Holy Communion

Monday 6th April : 7.30pm Celtic Holy Communion Service with music from Taize.

Tuesday 7th April: 7.30p Holy Communion followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Wednesday 8th April 7.30pm: "Service of Light and Shadows"

Maundy Thursday 9th April

10.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion with the washing of feet.

Followed by "The Watch" until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY—10th April

10.00am Children's Service.

1.30—3.00pm: "Before the Cross—The Things He Carried".
Followed by Hot Cross Buns!



EASTER DAY 12th April

5.30am Dawn Communion Service

8.00am Holy Communion.

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt.

6.30pm Easter Evensong.

19th: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

10.00am Third Sunday Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong

7.30pm Atrium Café

26th: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Illumin8

6.30pm Sung Evensong.

Let's say a prayer for all the nurses,
doctors and first responders. They need
all the help they can get.





We are Easter People!

Have you ever made a mistake? Well you wouldn't be human if you hadn't. It's something we all do. Mind you, some people have dropped real clangers, here one for you that made me laugh - A lady was once appalled to find 3 teeth in a Mars bar. She complained to Mars and her story got into the national papers complete with a photo of the lady holding the teeth that she'd found embedded in the chocolate. But, to her shock and horror, when the lady eventually went to the dentist for a check up, she was told that she had three teeth missing at the back!

We all do things that make us feel like failures. Sometimes they are just silly things that could have been avoided. Like for example the pupil who read the question wrong in the exam; to the question 'What is the boiling point of water?' he answered, 'The point of boiling water is to make a cup of tea!'

There are also the mistakes that we feel there is no way back from. Mistakes where someone has been left deeply hurt or betrayed perhaps, mistakes that seem unforgivable.

I heard of a man whose experience left him feeling like this. He had let his best friend down when he needed him most. He lived in another country under an oppressive regime. His friend was arrested, imprisoned and tortured and eventually executed for something he hadn't done. The man watched and allowed all this to happen and did nothing to try and stop it – in fact the man ran to save his own skin.

Maybe you've guessed it, the man was called Peter and his friend was called Jesus. The amazing thing was Jesus forgave him – for the denial, the lies and betrayal, the lowest probably anyone could sink.

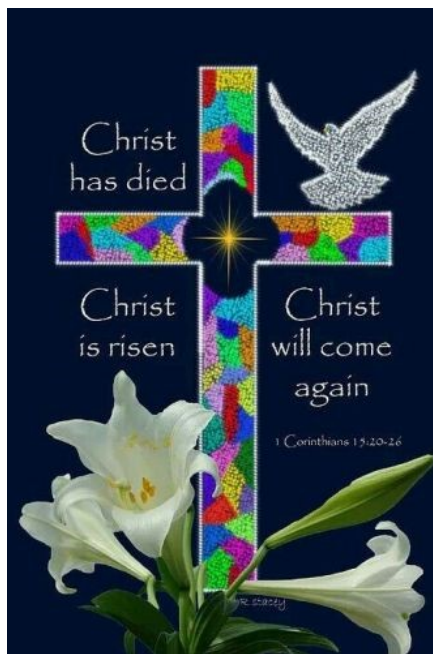
And this is why we rejoice at Easter. With God, no matter what we've done, and how bad the past has been, it can be forgiven. Because of Easter we can all start again and it's possible because Peter's friend paid the price of our failures.

Easter is about hope. The empty tomb points to the God of new beginnings, of fresh starts and of hope for the future. We are Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song!

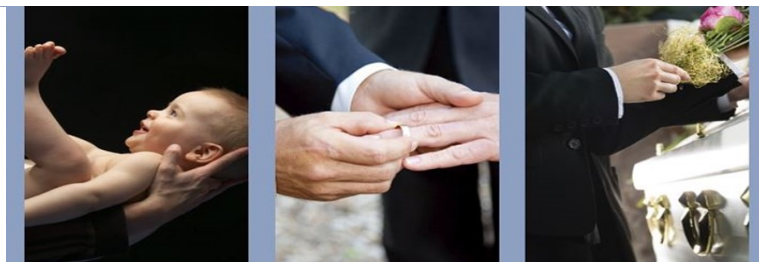
May God bless all of you this Easter time.



Reverend Craig



PARISH REGISTERS



WEDDINGS:

29th February: DAVID STEVINSON and ANDREA SLATER

10th March: NICHOLAS TAPLIN and CLAIRE DAVYS

FUNERAL:

5th March: JEAN (PIP) BARKWORTH (89)

St Andrew's Church Shottery Annual Parochial Church Meetings Sunday 26th April at 11:30 am

This is St Andrew's annual general meeting where we celebrate, and/or are held to account by you, the congregation, for all our achievements and accounts of 2019 and our plans for 2020.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those on the church electoral roll can vote on the agenda items and raise additional points for discussion. Any additional points/questions should be notified 7 days in advance.

David Millington
Secretary to the PCC

CANCELLED



The Listening and Prayer Team.

Prayer team: As the church is now locked, those in need of prayer for themselves or loved ones and friends may now send their prayer request by e-mail to Susie Fletcher whose e-mail address is susiefletcher@jamalaya.co.uk and mobile is 07833592648

The prayer request will be circulated by Susie to the rest of the Listen and Prayer team (8 of us).

At 11am every Sunday the team pray over those on the list. It will remain on the list for 4 weeks. The request may be renewed again if they wish.

As usual, these requests will be treated in the strictest of confidence by the team.

Craig.

SEARCHLIGHT.

A decision was made not to get Searchlight printed this month as it was felt that the situation would have deteriorated by the time distribution came around and I wanted to protect my “deliverers” who are all in the vulnerable age group! Also, as the church is closed people would not be in a position to pick up their copies. So, for this month only, Searchlight is on our website. There will be no further Searchlights in the foreseeable future. I had hoped to complete 40 years as editor but am just a few months short! Keep checking our Website and Facebook for updates and information. (Vicar’s letter etc)





Please can I encourage everyone to keep giving food to the Foodbank. As you won't be coming to church please can you use the collection points at the supermarkets and

other shops or give money contributions using the link on our website stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk

We fear that numbers of people in food crisis will increase so we will be needed more than ever.

As always, and particularly now, we really appreciate the support of our local churches.

Fiona Macvie



Just to say a big thankyou to everyone for my beautiful birthday flowers, and for all the love and support I receive from everyone at Saint Andrews. *Jan Walker.*



Lee Abbey June 29th – July 3rd

Wondering what it would be like to stay at Lee Abbey for a retreat or a holiday?

You will get a warm welcome from the Community, a beautiful home to stay in, delicious meals, a well-resourced library, quiet spaces to relax in, 288 acres of our estate to explore, excellent teaching, vibrant worship and entertainment.



Well, members of St. Andrew's have the chance to experience all this as we will be staying there from **Monday June 29th – Friday 3rd July**. There are still some places available so do please contact me or the Parish Office if you fancy a few days in a sublime area of North Devon, overlooking the sea. Many of us will be attending a course called ***Christians and Conflict: How does faith help us to respond when facing conflict?*** This is being run by Liz Griffiths from Bridge Builders Ministry. But there is absolutely no obligation for folks to attend.

In the words of their brochure: ***"We pray that you will experience a fresh encounter with God who is very near and is longing to meet with you. Our house is freshly refurbished to make you feel welcome, the Community from 20 nations is creative and diverse, and the views are as beautiful as ever, proclaiming the glory of their Creator."***



So, come and see for yourselves
what it's like! It will do you the
world of good I promise!

Bob Macvie

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

- Kitty O'Meara



Our March meeting on the 10th was our annual Corporate Communion which was held in Church, led by the Revd. Craig and assisted by Alan Minchin with intercessions by Hilary Capron.

Jackie Wightman accompanied us on the organ and we really appreciate her help on these occasions.

Craig also gave a very informative talk about The Church Army both from his own experience when he joined as a young man and his subsequent work there with young people.

The brief history of this evangelistic movement started in 1882 when young curate Wilson Carlisle, motivated by the plight of the poor and homeless in the Westminster area of London, began to train ordinary men and women to reach out to them with the Gospel. In 1883 the Church Army was officially recognised by the Church of England and the Training College opened in Oxford followed by the Women's Training College in 1889.

A series of men's and women's homes were set up, social work in the slums, prison missions and horse-drawn mission caravans. In both World Wars, the Church Army was very active on the home-front and in war zones with the troops. 1950-80s saw the development of the work with children and young people and residential work at homes for the elderly and homeless. The headquarters is now in Sheffield and gone are the grey uniforms and peaked caps.

Craig explained how he was drawn into the evangelistic and missionary work with children and young people; we were all left with a much better understanding of this remarkable organisation.

As usual our meeting ended with tea and a sociable time in the hall.

Daphne Jones.

Charity Guitar Ensemble Concert

In aid of St Andrews Church

Saturday 20th June 2020 at 7.30pm



The Central England Guitar Ensemble

Tickets – including a glass of wine or refreshment £6 from John
Fletcher – 07787 133219

or the Parish Office (Monday-Friday 10am – 12pm) 01789 293381
or £8 each at the door

Our Charity for April will be for

Embrace the Middle East

Embrace the Middle East is a Christian charity with over 160 years' experience helping people of all faiths and none to free themselves from a life of poverty and injustice.

Together with local Christian communities we're bringing lasting change to the Middle East through healthcare, education and community development projects.



Our vision: Lives and communities in the Middle East transformed by the compassion of Christ.

Our mission: To partner with Middle East Christians as they bring healing and hope to all who face poverty and injustice.

Faith in Action - is our strategy that outlines how we will build stronger relationships with our Christian partners, expand into new countries, help more disadvantaged people, challenge poverty and injustice and inspire churches, volunteers and supporters to join us to:

In our new strategy, Faith in action, you will read how we will build stronger relationships with our Christian partners, expand into new countries, help more disadvantaged people, challenge poverty and injustice and inspire churches, volunteers and supporters to join us. - See more at: <http://www.embraceme.org/faithinaction#sthash.IX1OGacX.dpuf>

Transform the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people across the Middle East, enabling them to live life in all its fullness;

Strengthen and encourage Middle East Christians as they bring about positive change in their communities; Challenge injustice, poverty and exclusion in the Middle East through targeted advocacy and campaigning.

 Your
donation
is greatly
appreciated

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS



Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the
sick,
and lift up all who are brought
low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can
separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A tiny but dignified old lady was among a group looking at an art exhibition in a newly opened gallery. Suddenly one contemporary painting caught her eye. "What on earth," she inquired of the artist standing nearby, "is that?"

He smiled condescendingly. "That, my dear lady, is supposed to be a mother and her child."

"Well, then," snapped the little old lady, "Why isn't it?"

Lambeth, Shottery and a Japanese Bishop

During most of my fulltime ministry I have been involved to some degree with USPG which is one of the major missionary organisations of the Church of England. I used to be on Council and also was a Governor of the Missionary College at Selly Oak. It was for these reasons that I received an e-mail at the end of last year about the Lambeth Conference. This takes place every ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and is directed to all the Bishops of the Anglican Communion. In fact, if you do not receive an invitation, then you are considered not to be orthodox!!

I was being asked if I could provide hospitality over the period from Wednesday July 15th until Monday, July 20th. USPG had offered to cover a percentage of accommodation requests and clearly, His Grace had accepted the offer. After consulting Hilary, I fired off a positive reply. I remember commenting that we could arrange a trip into the Cotswolds, also a day with Shakespeare, (Fr. Paul having been consulted), a trip to Coventry etc. It did not take long before I received a reply. "Yes Please!"

It was after Christmas when I found out that we would be entertaining Bishop Augustine and his wife, Sarah. He is Bishop of Kobe and aged 59 and I understand that he will preach at the main eucharist on Sunday July 19th. Bishop Augustine has been in contact with me and we have exchanged photographs and clearly, I have been keeping in touch with Craig. It has been suggested that we hold a garden party on the Saturday, and I reckon that would be first class.

Interestingly, Bishop Augustine was married over here at Chichester Theological College and we will not be having any difficulties in understanding him. He tells me that Hiroshima is in his diocese and in fact he was Rector there some years before his consecration. I gather that it was impossible for survivors to talk about the atom bomb because it was so terrible. He started arranging peace tours which took in a special Peace Park plus special points of interest and a big service. Clearly, I shall be taking him over to Coventry to visit the Cathedral.

He flies in from Belfast on the Wednesday and I shall be driving him and his wife up to Swanwick for the USPG conference on the Monday. I am sure that you will be making both Bishop Augustine and Sarah very welcome.

David Capron.

A little bit about The Rt. Revd. Augustine Naoaki KOBAYASHI

Bishop, Diocese of KOBE

Married to Sarah Keiko Nishimoto, by Bishop John Hind, at Chichester Theological College, United Kingdom, having one son and two daughters.

He was consecrated Bishop at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, in Kobe, on 23rd September, 2017

A story in Hiroshima

In 1998, I was transferred to the Church of the Resurrection in Hiroshima.

At that time – on the 6th August: the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord – there was no congregational worship in the church commemorating the atomic bombing. In fact, even talking in church about the subject was taboo because the bombing had been so terrible.

In June 2003 I went to Okinawa to join a memorial event and worship there and learn about peace. During the Second World War, many terrible ground battles took place in Okinawa, and there was much sadness. Even now, the effects are still felt as there are many US bases in that region, and the human rights of Okinawans are ignored.

One of priests present at that event in 2003 (who is now the bishop of Okinawa), had been my classmate at theological college in Tokyo, and he told me then, “I’m glad that you are in Okinawa, but you can just as easily do something for peace in Hiroshima!”

I went back to Hiroshima and soon afterwards joined a group hosted by the YWCA learning about peace.

Following that I learned how to guide around the various memorials in the Peace Park; toured the A-bombed buildings in the city; then coordinated with our diocese, and organised events and a service of commemoration at the Church of the Resurrection, Hiroshima in 2005. At that time, two female congregants who were survivors of the bombing, gave their testimonies and spoke of the folly and misery of the war. This event now attracts about 200 people every year. The number of Christians attending is slightly decreasing year-on-year, but there are now many students attending from Anglican schools.

We believe that it is important to communicate the reality of war, and in doing so, this can become a deterrent to making war. 2020 is the 16th year of these peace activities

Locked But Still Open

They may have locked my church
And shut Gods house today
But they cannot close my faith
That they can't take that away
God is not just in that building
He is always and everywhere
In the sky, a flower in birdsong
In a Lamb and in the very air
No one can cancel him
My heart it is open not undone
For I know that he is with us
Each and everyone
The building provided sanctuary
A calm and quiet place
For me to gather thoughts
And this troubled world to face
So in the great outdoors
In the wind, the rain and sun
I lift my face to heaven
And speak to the almighty one
I pray for all my friends & loved ones
For him to give me strength
And courage to endure this time
For how ever long the length
I pray for all those I do not know
In this world that to us he gave
And that I should keep my faith in him
Though these times are very grave!

Robin Wilson of Hereford Diocese



**When I am alone,
God is my comforter.
When I am nothing,
God is my everything.**

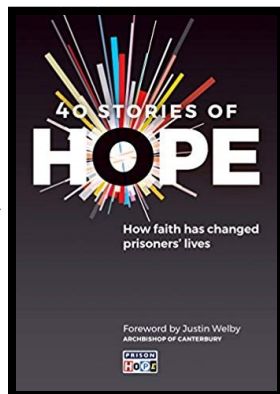
**When I am sad and lonely,
God is my song and
my joy. When I am weak
and helpless,
God is my strength.
Amen**



40 Stories of Hope

I borrowed this book from the URC .Forty prisoners, prison chaplains and ex-offenders tell stories of hope that they have found, how forgiveness can be discovered in the most unlikely places and how knowing Jesus changes lives forever.

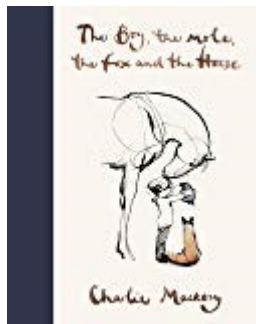
Each story, many told in the person's open words, is accompanied by verses from the Bible, prayers and a thought for the day. Weekly notes inspire personal reflection and possible discussion points, making this ideal for reading through Lent. There is a forward from Archbishop Justin Welby who says that "there IS no one, no life, no story that is beyond God's power to love and transform". A truly inspiring book of hope.



(One of the stories is from the founder of the Angel Tree Foundation who send Christmas presents to the children of offender's. This has been the Christmas project for Shottery Mothers' Union for several years.)

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

by Charlie Mackesy



A book both recommended by Mary Boddington and Joan Whyman is definitely worth looking at. It has delightful line drawings and a simple text, which can be read in under half an hour total and is suitable for everyone from eighty to eight. It is about friendship, love and kindness with some simple home truths. Described on the back as "A wonderful work of art and a wonderful window into the human heart. I have given a copy of this book to my daughter, who is a primary

teacher as I thought her class might enjoy it.

Janet Insoll



CHOICES AT EASTER.

"The birth of Christ brought God to man, the cross of Christ brings man to God".

Though around thirty years separate, in historical time, these events, it is only a matter of just over fifteen weeks in this year's Church Lectionary. As with the Advent period before Christmas, we have now journeyed through the season of Lent which has given us time for reflection and preparation in order to celebrate the most important Festival of the Christian calendar, and Christians will have observed the Lenten period in various ways generally summed up as either having given something up or taken something on.

In our post-Christian era the observation of authentic Easter is celebrated by a minority of the population. This was highlighted about four years ago now when a survey was carried out which asked what people thought about at Easter. The top three "thoughts" were, firstly, chocolate eggs, followed by Easter bunnies and then hot cross buns.

But should this situation surprise or dismay Bible-believing Christians? Scripture clearly warns of a coming time of decline of Christian faith and rejection of Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. A time of persecution of Christians and The Church. It is not a question of surprise or dismay but a question that asks - are we actually witnessing the fulfillment of Scripture, for example as in Matthew 24:6-13 / Luke 21:9-12, and 2 Timothy 4: 3 & 4? Are we able to correctly interpret the signs of the times?

However, wherever we are in God's time-table we should continually devote ourselves to asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our Bible reading, engage ourselves in prayer and regularly partake in the gift of the sacrament of Holy Communion. In these ways we are strengthened and confirmed in our faith and discipleship at all times, and not just for the celebration of Easter.

It is vitally important that, despite the cultural trends of the day, that Christians, both individually and together as The Church, testify in any way we can to the authentic Easter witness. The Church, as an institution may be flawed and we, as individuals are also flawed, but God is not, and Our Lord Jesus Christ through His sacrifice on Calvary has rescued us from our flaws and

failures and in so doing has brought reconciliation to all who have accepted Him as Lord and Saviour, and thus opened the way to eternal life with God.

I read recently of a question that was asked, against the paradox of a society that is increasingly both atheistic and multi-faith, as to which religion was "the best" ? The answer given was "the one that brings a person closer to God".

The religions of the world are all seeking - all are reaching out towards something - mostly towards God. However, only Christianity claims that God Himself reached out historically to humanity by entering into the human condition through the life of Jesus Christ. Though this claim has brought about derision and much hostility, it is the witness of history that Jesus Christ was executed by the Roman military (who were very good at this activity) and his corpse buried. Three days later He was alive again, not just alive, but thriving with new and vibrant life.

This new resurrection life was God's unambiguous vindication of both Who Jesus was and what He had taught. *No other religious figure has been so vindicated. No other has been able to bring people closer to God.*

But, for those who hear the good news of Easter the choice to accept or reject is theirs, as is the choice of their eternal destiny. God does not force Himself upon anyone. God only offers love.

And love is surely what Easter was, and is, all about ?

Alan Minchin

Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Jack stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Jack inquired as to what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded. 'Wouldn't you just know it?' Jack complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

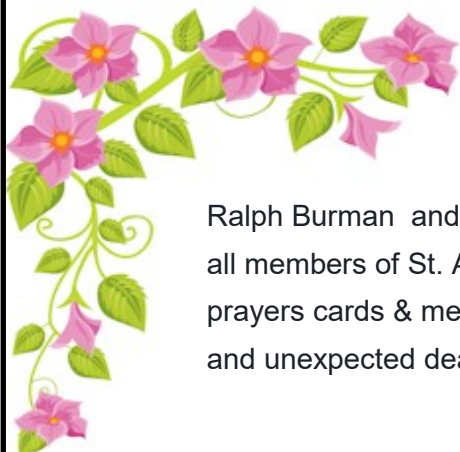
LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We met on Thursday, the 27th of February 2020. We were very pleased to welcome Craig our Vicar as the speaker, it was lovely to have him with us.

He talked about Church linen, Church vestments and Silverware. Craig reminded us of the names of the various vestments and linens and silverware used in the church and he also told us of what he thinks about and the prayers he says as he puts on the vestments and sets out the altar for Holy Communion. The vicar talked about the meanings and reasons for the different colours of the vestments and linen used throughout the church's year. He brought along several stoles; some given to him at various significant points in his ministry, they are really special, with beautiful embellishments, colours, patterns and embroidery.

Craig also brought along his ukulele, so we started our meeting with music and song. It was a most interesting and informative meeting. A really enjoyable evening, and as always we finished with a tasty light supper.

Jo Carver. Chairperson.



Ralph Burman and family wish to sincerely thank all members of St. Andrews for their support by prayers cards & messages following the sudden and unexpected death of his wife Sue.



CHRISTIANITY COMES TO ENGLAND 2

by David Langman.

Augustine remained confined to Canterbury. He died between 604 and 609AD by which time a firm diocesan grouping had been made. The right of Canterbury to adjudicate beyond its boundary was not confirmed until a Synod at Whitby in 664 and the Rome influence won the day.

The ruins of Augustine's monastery in Canterbury lie to the east of Canterbury's walls. After Whitby although the Church was subject to Roman authority the conversion of England was to take longer. The relationship between Church and State was somewhat uneasy and there developed two parallel legal systems whereby the Church required jurisdiction over the priesthood even when it incurred civil disobedience and even crime.

Bede (673-735AD) completed a book "The History of the English Church and it People" in 731AD. Almost his whole life was spent in a monastery at Jarrow and from his work we can deduce the state of Christianity. The eighth century was a calm period but a great disturbance incurred with the invasions of Vikings and Danes who like the first Saxon invaders were hungry for land. The ability of Alfred the Great to ensure there were boundaries between the new invaders is a matter of history.

The social structure in the tenth century was elegantly defined by Aelfic, the Abbott of Eynsham as having three constituents:

The "Laboratores": the farm labourers who provided "sustenance".

The "Oratores": the priesthood interceding between "us" and God, the spiritual foil for all to benefit.

The "Billatores": those that guard the towns and boroughs and the land. Fighting with weapons against invaders.

Thus the Church essentially Roman remained with controlling interests at Canterbury and York.

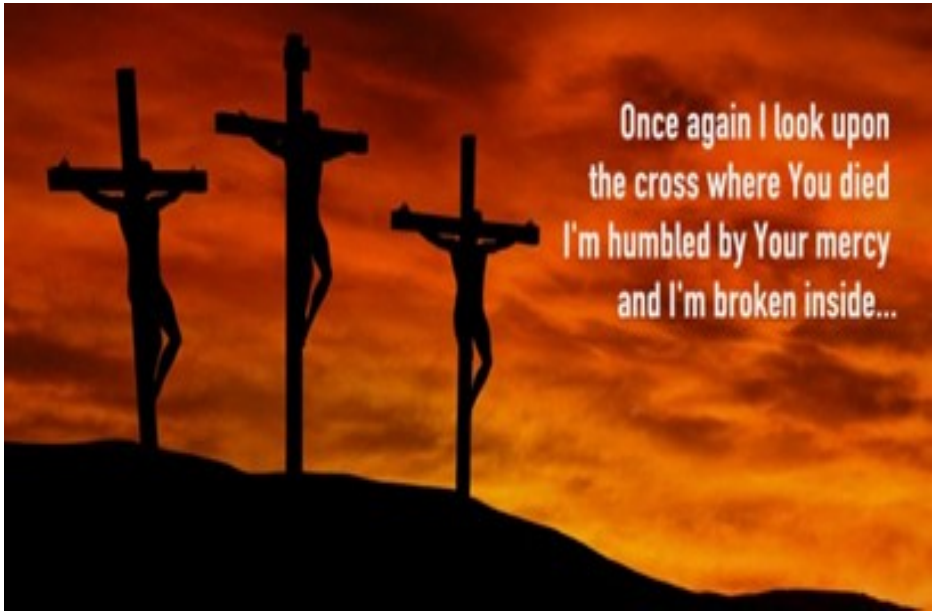
The next phase would be defined after a new and fateful event - the conquest by the Norman Duke William. Lanfranc, the new archbishop of Canterbury in 1070, established monasteries and abbeys. There was unrest until the plague years of 1348/9, the underlying Saxon hierarchy was swept away by the Norman victors and Church and State continued to exist uneasily together until the martyrdom of Thomas Becket of Canterbury in 1170. Locally the social and spiritual life was maintained by about 40,000 priests with the Parish Church the local centre.

The Pope in Europe became increasingly involved with matters of State, often he or his immediate representative would crown heads of State and the Cardinal structure existed throughout. Slowly there arose movements which individual priests would become involved with the need for the laity to be better instructed. The use of Church Latin inhibited the translation of the Bible into the national languages. These early heretical moves would lead to the Reformation. One could state that Christianity was well established by 1400AD. Monks and Clergy were subject to subsidy demand from Rome but between 1450 and 1530 they responded only twice. By this period society itself was established at a reasonable level. The Tudor period was about to begin under Henry VII (1485-1509) and we will see how talented individuals often murdered as heretics played their part in a reformation.

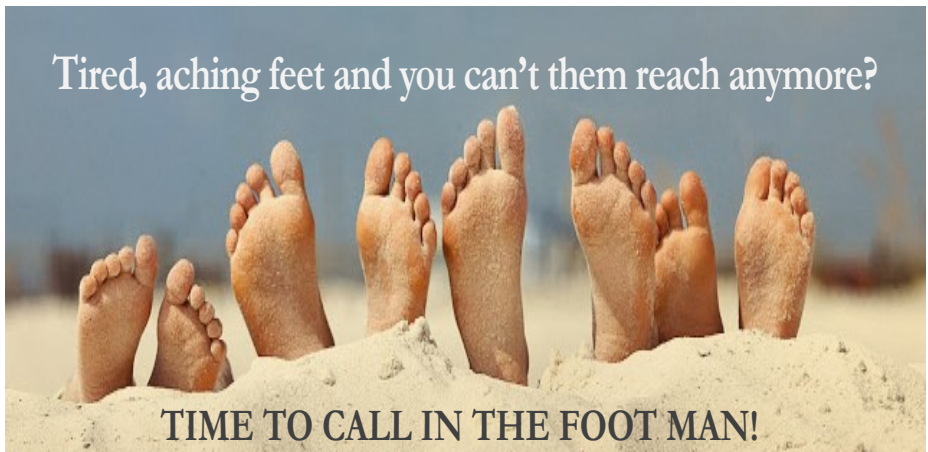
I VISITED TESCO on Easter Saturday to buy my hot cross buns (*my family tradition*). The “basket only” cashier had no customers so as I paid we chatted about how the shop had already sold out of Easter eggs and I was buying almost the last of the buns.

“Why is there a cross on the buns?” he asked me. I explained that on the previous day (Good Friday) we had remembered the death of Christ on the cross. “I always thought it had something to do with Christmas” was his response.





Once again I look upon
the cross where You died
I'm humbled by Your mercy
and I'm broken inside...



Tired, aching feet and you can't get them to reach anymore?

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Chris is fully qualified, insured and DBS checked

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Warwickshire Lymphoma Support Group

Affected by lymphoma?

Would you like to meet others who have been diagnosed with Hodgkin or non-Hodgkin lymphoma? Partners, family and friends welcome too.

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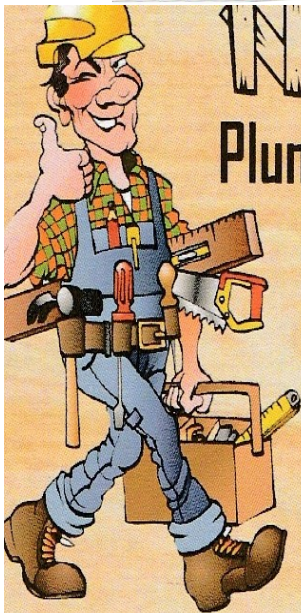
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