

THIS AND THAT (451)

Weddings in a Vicar's life are a necessary balance to funerals. William Blake would agree:

*Joy and woe are woven fine,
A clothing for the soul divine,
Under every grief and pine,
Runs a joy with silken twine.
It is right it should be so,
We were made for joy and woe...*

No Mawkishness

At weddings there is no room for po-faced admonition, dull didacticism or dire warnings drawn from gloomy marriage statistics. Parsons best tread lightly. If there's time and inspiration enough, I lighten those I take with a piece of verse. In days gone by this was in the form of a light-hearted grace at any wedding feast to which I was invited. These days, I include them in the service itself. The one inviolable rule: no mawkishness!

Trolling through my journal last week I happened upon a verse I had found memorable enough to record there, way back in 1997. It is by a Scottish poet, Thomas Campbell (1777-1844), and being anti not pro marriage, is totally unsuitable for recitation at weddings! It makes its cynical point well though, devoid of cloying mawk.

The First Kiss

*How delicious is the winning
Of a kiss at love's beginning,
When two mutual hearts are sighing
For the knot there's no untying.*

*Yet remember, midst your wooing,
Love has bliss, but love has ruing;
Other smiles may make you fickle,
Tears for other charms may trickle.*

*Love he comes, and Love he tarries,
Just as fate or fancy carries,—
Longest stays when sorest chidden,
Laughs and flies when pressed and bidden.*

*Bind the sea to slumber stilly,
Bind its odour to the lily,
Bind the aspen ne'er to quiver,—
Then bind Love to last forever!*

*Love's a fire that needs renewal
Of fresh beauty for its fuel;
Love's wing moults when caged and captured,—
Only free he soars enraptured.*

*Can you keep the bee from ranging,
Or the ring-dove's neck from changing?
No! nor fettered Love from dying
In the knot there's no untying.*

Maggoty

Mawkishness, although deplorable, is interesting etymologically. The word *mawk* comes from the Middle English word *mawke*, meaning "maggot" and is still used to mean this in some dialects, but in mainstream English its literal meaning has given way to a solely figurative one. A fact put memorably in a 1947 book entitled: *Say the Word*, "Time has treated 'mawkish' gently: the wormy stench and corruption of its primal state were forgotten and 'mawkish' became sickly in a weak sort of way, instead of repulsive and revolting."

The scintillating manner of Diana

How mawkish is this first stanza of a verse written for my wedding to Diana, then a professional gardener?

*Thank you Lord for dear Diana
Who in her scintillating manner
Lifts life's gloom and makes things better
With each year's crazy Christmas letter;
Whose hair, so preternaturally white,
Turns-turtle Time, puts age to flight;
Whose earth-soiled hands and broken nails
Be-flower beds and murder snails;
Whose biceps lift the sort of weight
To make a navy hesitate;
Who's travelled far and travelled wide
And taken so much in her stride;
Whose heart is big, embraces all
And brooks no enemies at all;
Who loves and captivates not least
A wayward, wandering Aussie priest.*

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TODAY: EASTER FIVE 15 May 2022

St Nicholas' Chapel Pilley: 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St John's Boldre: 10.30am Sung Matins & Coffee etc

St John's Boldre: 12.00pm Baptism: Teddy Timms

For Prayer This Week

World peace, the Ukraine, refugees and a compassionate response to all in need. The Church, especially where persecuted or divided. The Diocese of Winchester: Bishops Debbie and David. Our Benefice and Simon our Vicar. **For Prayer:** Leslie Boyt, Saied Faghiri, June Fleming, Barbara Loweth, Sally Moon, Tony Partington, Mel Porter, Geoffrey Tregaskes, Kate, Jonny. Paul, William. **Rest in Peace:** Robert Jackson, Rita Phillips.

NEXT WEEK: EASTER SIX 22 May 2022

St Nicholas' Chapel Pilley: 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St John's Boldre: 10.30am Sung Eucharist & Coffee etc

St John's Boldre: 12.00 & 12.30 Baptism Daisy & Iris

St John's Boldre: 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Forthcoming Events, Services and Activities

Wed 18 May - 10.30am St Nicholas' Chapel, H C and coffee

Wed 18 May - Bible Study Ph 07946 865704 for venue or zoom

Fri 20 May- 12.00pm - St John's - Funeral Rita Phillips

Fri 20 May- 2.00pm - St John's - Interment Ashes

Fri 27 May- 10.00am St John's - Funeral Robert Jackson

Fri 27 May- 1.00pm St John's - Wedding Liall & Isabelle

Sat 28 May - 11.00am St John's - Wedding Robert & Mary

Sun 29 May - 11.00am St John's- Hood Memorial Service

ROBERT JACKSON

Robert Jackson's funeral: Friday 27 May, 10.00am. A great friend and servant of St John's, a fine churchwarden, a highly respected orthopaedic surgeon and someone who seemed reassuringly at peace with himself. May he rest in God's peace.

5 JUNE: PENTECOST & JUBILEE & BYO PICNIC

At 10.30am, Sun 5 June in St John's we celebrate, with perzazz, the great Christian Festival of Pentecost, and a great Christian Monarch's Jubilee. There will be festive music galore, with a dash of justified jingoism, followed by champagne and a BYO picnic in the churchyard **bring a chair**. Come along and join the fun.

BOLDRE CHURCH AND VILLAGE FETE

2 July, 1.00-5.00pm, Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground!

All the usual goodies for stalls are welcome (Carole's garage has space: 01590 623188). Also, offers to help set up, to assist during the day and to clear away at the end will be appreciated. Contact Ruth Liley (07946 865704) or the Vicarage.

MARRIED IN ST JOHN'S? SPREAD THE NEWS!

Sunday 3 July at 10.30am is a Married in St John's 'Back to Boldre' service. Invite anyone married at St John's down to enjoy the Fete on Saturday and then a happy service celebrating marriage followed by cake & champagne the next day at St John's

UKRAINE UPDATE: ITEMS BY 20 MAY

Special Appeal: for ORPHANAGES Flour, oil, yeast, macaroni, buckwheat, figs, cereals, cereal bars, sugars, canned foods, baby needs - milk, food, pouches & nappies. **Children:** personal hygiene products, new underwear **OTHER ITEMS:** Tea, coffee, UHT milk, sugar, disposable & plastic plates, bowls, cups **FOR SOLDIERS:** Rucksacks, T shirts (protective colours), socks, shorts, ready meals, fast food, personal hygiene Also donations of: Medication, first aid and bandages (OK if out of date), torches & batteries, yoga mats, Blankets, linen, duvets, and towels. Pet food. Wheeled bags and cases Trucks Leave Lymington every WEEKEND for POLAND with DONATED ITEMS through Paulina and Ukraine New Forest. The donations are being distributed directly to REFUGEES in Poland & to ORPHANAGES in UKRAINE. Single items welcome or boxed with contents labelled:

At Roxane's (07594 711037) Spout House, Pilley Hill (in porch),

At the Vicarage, Pilley Hill SO41 5QF (or porch) SO41 5QF

At St John's Church, Boldre, SO41 5PG (porch, daily collection)

At Annetta's, 25 Avenue Road, Lymington, SO41 9GP opposite N F Council. **THANK YOU** for all the donations that left Lymington last week. Cash donations welcome towards petrol & ferry crossing & top up items bought in Poland.

ST JOHN'S BOLDRE

Fourth Sunday after Easter (Fifth of Easter)

15 May 2022

Matins



WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN 145

Please stand

In the Name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *(1 Peter 1:3)*

Let us humbly confess our sins
to Almighty God..... *(please kneel or sit)*

O God our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open thou our lips,
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

(All stand)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord,
the Lord's name be praised.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

I Give you New Commandment: P Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

INTERCESSIONS

sit or kneel

HYMN 138

SERMON

please be seated

HYMN 612

NOTICES

please be seated

BENEDICTION

please stand

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen**

ST JOHN'S VOLUNTEER GUIDES

Voluntary Guides have been welcoming visitors to St. John the Baptist at weekends for a number of years. The aim is to spend a couple of hours at the church between 2pm and 5pm to welcome any visitors and offer help them in any way we can. There is a guidebook and other information at the church which can be shown to visitors if they have particular interests.

St John's has a long history and is a much loved church. It can be very rewarding. New volunteers are always welcome, for more Information contact Pam on 679675, or the Benefice office.

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Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary : Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you,
and with thy spirit

Let us pray:
(sit or kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

(Sung)

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us,
and grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen,
**and mercifully hear us
when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness,
and make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people,
and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
**because there is none other
that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VENITE

Come with all joy to sing to God
our saving rock, the living Lord;
in glad thanksgiving seek his face
with songs of victory and grace.

In holiness and light arrayed
above all gods that we have made
he is the one almighty King,
and his the glory that we sing.

The earth is his from east to west,
from ocean - floor to mountain - crest;
he made the seas and formed the lands,
he shaped the islands by his hands.

Come near to worship! come with faith,
bow down to him who gives us breath:
God is our shepherd, he alone;
we are his people, all his own.

So to the God of earth and heaven,
the Father, Spirit, Son, be given
praise now, as praise has ever been
and ever shall be praise – Amen!

PSALM 148

- 1) O praise the | Lord of | heaven:
praise | him | in the | height.
- 2) Praise him all ye | angels of | his:
praise | him | all his | host.
- 3) Praise him | sun and | moon:
praise him | all ye | stars and | light.
- 4) Praise him | all ye | heavens:
and ye waters that | are above the | heavens.
- 5) Let them praise the | Name of the | Lord:
for he spake the word and they were made,
he commanded | and they | were created.
- 6) He hath made them fast for | ever and | ever:
he hath given them a law | which shall | not be |
broken.
- 7) Praise the Lord upon earth:
ye | dragons and | all | deeps.
- 8) Fire and hail | snow and | vapours:
wind and | storm full|filling his | word;
- 9) Mountains and | all | hills:
fruitful | trees and | all | cedars;
- 10) Beasts and | all | cattle
worms and | feath|ered | fowls;
- 11) Kings of the earth and | all | people:
princes and all | judges | of the | world;
- 12) Young men and maidens, old men and children,
praise the | Name of the | Lord:
for his Name only is excellent,
and his | praise above | heaven and | earth.
- 13) *(2nd part)* He shall exalt the horn of his people,
all his | saints shall | praise him:
even the children of Israel,
even the | people that | serveth | him.
Glory be to the Father, and| to the | Son :
and| to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and |ever
|shall be: world without| end.|A|men.

THE FIRST LESSON*Please be seated**The First Lesson is written in the The Acts of the Apostles chapter 11, verses 1-18 (all sit)*

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

*Here ends the First Lesson***TE DEUM***Metrical Version*

God, we praise you, God, we bless you,
 God, we name you sovereign Lord!
 Mighty king whom angels worship,
 Father, by your Church adored:
 All creation shows your glory,
 Heaven & earth draw near your throne
 Singing "Holy, holy, holy,"
 Lord of hosts, and God alone.

True apostles, faithful prophets,
 Saints who set their world ablaze,
 Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
 Join one growing song of praise,
 While your Church on earth confesses
 One majestic Trinity:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
 Everlasting Son of God,
 Humble was your virgin mother,
 Hard the lonely path you trod:
 By your cross is sin defeated,
 Hell confronted face to face,
 Heaven opened to believers,
 Sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
 You will judge the world you made;
 Lord, in mercy help your servants
 For whose freedom you have paid:
 Raise us up from dust to glory,
 Guard us from all sin today;
 King enthroned above all praises,
 Save your people, God, we pray.

THE SECOND READING*A reading from the Gospel according to St John, chapter 13 verses 31-35 (all sit)*

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

*Here ends the Second Lesson***JUBILATE** *stand & sing*

- 1) O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands :
 serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before his | presence | with a | song.
- 2) Be ye sure that the Lord | he is | God :
 it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves,
 we are his| people| and the| sheep of his| pasture.
- 3) O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
 and into his| courts with| praise : be thankful unto
 him and | speak good| of his| Name.
- 4) For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is| ever| last-
 ing: And his truth endureth from gene|ration
 to | gene| ration.
 Glory be to the Father, and| to the| Son :
 and| to the| Holy| Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and| ever| shall
 be: world without| end.| A|men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED*remain standing*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of
 heaven and earth : And in Jesus Christ his only
 Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy**