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Anne's Blog

**Have you ever been to a fast food 'drive thru'?**

We went to one on our journey last week. We then parked in a space and realised we were in a

position to watch people as they gave their orders. It was interesting to see their faces and mannerisms as they spoke to the voice through the intercom, unaware that they were being seen. Some of them seemed quite serious, whilst some were laughing and joking with others in their car. Some were looking puzzled, staring at the menu on the screen ahead.

I watched how they gave their orders. Some kept looking straight ahead. Some looked at the menu then straight ahead. Some looked at the menu and then looked at the intercom. Some just looked at the intercom. Some even smiled at the intercom whilst talking to the voice coming through the speaker.

It made me think about how we are when we go through a 'drive thru'. I then realised that I'm a person who looks at the intercom speaker grill where the voice comes out, and that I smile at that metal grill. Even though I'm just looking at the intercom, my actions are as if I am face to face with the owner of the voice.

It also made me think about how we are when we listen to God and how we respond to his voice. Do we approach God like a 'drive thru', quickly giving our requests, with our eyes ahead? Or do we look towards his voice, with our heart open and our face turned towards him? Next time you pray or read the Bible, turn your face towards listening to God's voice. Open your heart to hearing from him. Don't be in a rush to 'drive thru', but stop and listen to his voice.

**Anne xx**



### **Sunday 5th September.**

#### **The Call of Abraham**

##### **Genesis 12:1-9**

12 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

9 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

### **Sunday 12th September.**

#### **Flood and Promise**

##### **Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12 & 9:8-12**

5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with

them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord.

9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence.

12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.

16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.” 22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

6 After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark 7 and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.

9 But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. 10 He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark.

11 When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. 12 He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9 “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:

13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,

15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” 17 So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”



## COP26

### **What is COP26? COP26 is the 2021 United Nations climate change conference**

For nearly three decades the UN has been bringing together almost every country on earth for global climate summits – called COPs – which stands for ‘Conference of the Parties’. In that time climate change has gone from being a fringe issue to a global priority.

This year will be the 26th annual summit – giving it the name COP26. With the UK as President, COP26 takes place in Glasgow.

In the run up to COP26 the UK is working with every nation to reach agreement on how to tackle climate change. World leaders will arrive in Scotland, alongside tens of thousands of negotiators, government representatives, businesses and citizens for twelve days of talks.

### **A Rocha says**

Climate change is the biggest threat to humanity and a growing threat to nature. But nature can provide important solutions for addressing climate change. What can Christians and churches do to make a difference?

In November the UK government will host the critical international climate negotiations known as ‘COP26’ – the 26th Conference of Parties (signatory countries) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Much is at stake at this conference, and it has been described as the last best chance to avoid global climate catastrophe. Hosting and chairing it is a unique responsibility for the British government. It also presents a unique opportunity for British Christians and churches to understand the key issues better and *act* on them, in service of our creator God, nature and all people.

**Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury says** (taken from international faith leaders ahead of COP26 climate change conference 05/02/2021.)

"Climate change is an issue in which greed, fragility, justice and interconnectedness come together. There are signs of hope and consolation. In the UK, we are preparing for COP26 in Glasgow in November.

Sometimes, God pulls the threads of circumstance together and our lives are changed forever. This year has been an extraordinary example of such a moment.

I speak as a Christian. Jesus teaches us that there are no greater commandments than to love God and love our neighbour. To abide by those commandments as a Christian today is to step up to the challenge of climate change and connected environmental crises.

To live out my Christian faith is to follow Jesus. That must include standing alongside the most vulnerable and marginalised on the frontlines of the climate emergency. As faith communities, my prayer is that we might stand together, emissaries of hope and love, calling for God’s justice and peace upon this precious world. Now is the time for action."

**Prime Minister Boris Johnson says (in a brochure entitled ‘[COP26 explained](#)’)**

“Securing a brighter future for our children and future generations requires countries to take urgent action at home and abroad to turn the tide on climate change. It is with ambition, courage and collaboration as we approach the crucial COP26 summit in the UK that we can seize this moment together, so we can recover cleaner, rebuild greener and restore our planet.”

**A Rocha** have highlighted the National "**Great Big Green Week**" For Climate and Nature 18th - 26th September, There is more information on the GBGW website [greatbiggreenweek.com](http://greatbiggreenweek.com) but some ideas they suggest for groups/individuals are:

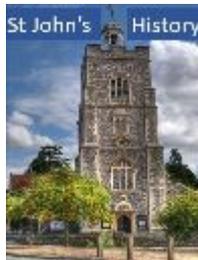
A litter pick, a nature walk, a nature table (people to gather items and bring them to church to be displayed), photos, poems and artwork. **We hope to bring some of these to St John's for that week. Look out for more information in the next Online Link that will be sent on 16th September.**

**Hillingdon Friends of the Earth** are having a stall in Uxbridge on 18th September to include useful information and children's activities.

**Tearfund** - We have registered St John's for the UK church service on 7th November.

They also have a Prayer Chain "Renew our World". that churches/individuals can sign up to for a one off prayer on a certain day/time - or for a recurring prayer. Info on <https://renewourworld.net/year-of-prayer/>

*They say - "Alongside our friends at CAFOD, Tearfund, Christian Aid, and people all over the world, we will fill every day with prayer for a world where everyone can flourish and creation can breathe easy again. We will praying right up to COP 26 which will take place in November 2021. To join this global prayer chain pick a slot and fill in your details." Brenda Thomas*



### Hussey

The next monument on our tour is yet another intriguing one. It records the burial of "three old inhabitants of this parish" namely Thomas Hussey, his wife Lady Mary Hussey and her sister Lady Katherine Walpole. All three died in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

All we know about Thomas Hussey is that he lived at the Rectory House (which stood where Bishopshalt School now stands.) We only know this because Rachel De Salis writes in her book that after Thomas Hussey died there was a bit of argument about who would have the right to sit in his pew.

The two sisters were grand-daughters of the third Duke of Devonshire, (on their mother's side) whose home is Chatsworth House in Derbyshire. I have taken the liberty of sending an email to Chatsworth House, asking if there is any more information about the two sisters in their archives.

If I receive a reply, I will let you know. Their father was Horatio Walpole 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Orford, a whig politician and M.P. for King's Lynn. He was also godfather to Horatio Lord Nelson who was named after him.

A portrait of their mother, Lady Rachel Cavendish can be seen online: [Lady Rachel Cavendish, Countess of Orford \(1727-1805\) 1129191 | National Trust Collections](#)

What a well connected family!! **Christine Bartlett**



Memorial of Thomas Hussey, Lady Mary Hussey and Lady Katherine Walpole.



Renewing God's Earth

**Dear Lord,**

*Thank you for making this amazing world.*

*Thank you for making it so beautiful.*

*Thank you for loving every person you've made in the whole world.*

*Please help us to look after our world.*

*Please help us to look after each other.*

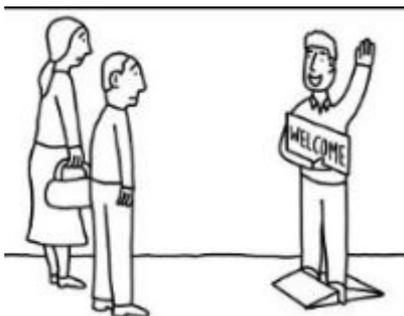
*Please stop climate change hurting people and all your creatures.*

*Please help us not to be greedy, and trust you to give us enough.*

*Please help us to share what you have given us. **Amen***

*From Tearfund "Hope for Creation"*

## NOTICES



**Volunteers Needed**

At St. John's we are very fortunate to have a fantastic team of people who work very hard to make sure St. John's is at its best all the time.

We always receive such wonderful feedback from visitors!

Do you enjoy cleaning, gardening or meeting new people?

Perhaps you would like to learn a technical or office based skill?

Whatever your interest/skill might be I am sure this could be put to use at St. John's. We always welcome extra help.

If you can spare a few hours a week to help at St. John's then please get in contact with me email: [stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com) or Phone: 07972618584. *Nikki*

### **\*\*Congratulations, Jacque!\*\***

If you would like to support Jacque Shalloe as she is Collated at The Church of the Ascension on 8th September, please let her know by

emailing [j.shalloe123@gmail.com](mailto:j.shalloe123@gmail.com)

[Click here](#) for pdf details.

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