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By the time you're reading this I will hopefully be sitting in the Italian sunshine having been offered

the chance to join my friends on their holiday. On the other hand I may not have made it out of Stansted Airport if the current news reports remain the same!

Either way June 19th is Father's Day so a very Happy Father's Day to all of you who that applies to. However, much as on Mother's Day, these special days dedicated to celebrating our parents can be difficult for some. We may be desperately missing our father or the relationship may not have been the one we'd hoped for.

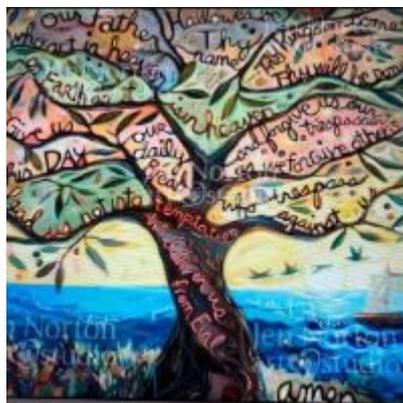
It is about this time of year that marks the passing of my beloved step-dad, Tony, who many of you will remember. This man was not related to me in any way, nor did he play a part in my childhood yet he is the person I will always cherish and be thinking of this Father's Day. I would often describe our relationship in this way: If you could write a wish list for the perfect dad and list all the things you'd want from that relationship; someone to really talk things over with, someone to give you good advice, someone who would always be there for you and someone you could really laugh with; you would get the name Tony Gray at the bottom of that list.

If you were to write your own wish list for the ideal parent what would your requirements be? One thing I truly believe is not a requirement, is the need to be related. We can all seek to be a good 'parent' to those that God puts in our path and sometimes we will find ourselves with an opportunity to 'father' or 'mother' someone who needs our help, our love or our friendship.

I am always greatly moved by the account in John's gospel when, although nearly at the point of death, Jesus makes provision for both his mum and his friend to be looked after: "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home (John 19: 26-27). I like to think that Mary became John's step-mum, as he became her step-son and they both cared for one another.

I can often find my two grown-up sons 'parenting' me! With all that said, for some the father/child or parent/child relationship will never quite work out, relationships are complicated, as Jesus well knew. Yet when asked by his disciples how to pray, with prayer being at the very heart of our relationship with God, Jesus gives us the prayer which begins "Our Father." It is to this perfect father that we can pray this most perfect of prayers. It encompasses our every need and manages to combine giving God all due reverence whilst at the same time addressing the creator of the universe as our Father.

I stumbled across the image below of the Lord's Prayer and wanted to share it with you, along with the words of the artist Jen Norton. So I would invite you to take some time after reading my ramblings and do as Jen suggests, in celebration of Father's Day and in acknowledgement that at the bottom of all our wish lists for the perfect father, we all receive the words - Our Father. **Caroline**



So, imagine you're under an olive tree, along the Sea of Galilee. You are sitting with Jesus one morning while the fishing boats go by and the sun is rising, wondering, "How should I pray?" And in the whisper of the breeze, under the shady branches, on the banks beside the cool waters, your friend Jesus shares with you the answer to your question:

Our Father Who Art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name
Thy kingdom come Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day, our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen



Sunday 19th June- Fathers Day
Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Sunday 26th June
The Cost of Following Jesus
Luke 10:25-37

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them, ⁵⁶ and they went to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first

let me go and bury my father.”⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.”⁶² Jesus replied, “No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”



St. John's Services Update

Following the recent Government announcement of relaxation of some of the Covid measures, St. John's PCC reviewed, discussed and decided:

Front Doors- We are now using the main front doors as the weather is getting better.

Face Masks - This is now a personal choice. For those that wish to wear your mask you may prefer to sit at the back in the last rows, to help you feel more comfortable around those singing without a mask. However, you are equally free to sit anywhere you would like.

We will still have face masks available for those that wish to take them. We ask that you continue to be mindful to others.

Space - After a review on Wednesday 6th April We are trialling different ways for Holy Communion so that we can make full use of the church pews.

Zoom- Will continue.

Testing prior to attending church- Not now needed however if you feel unwell then please stay home, you may wish to test if you have any of the coronavirus symptoms and connect via zoom.

Refreshments - This is now up and running. For this to continue we really need more people to sign up for volunteering please see Nikki or Alan if you can help in anyway.



Helping our bees

There are approximately 20,000 bee species in the world. In Britain we have over 200 species of bees. There are three groups of bees; Honey bees, bumblebees, and solitary bees. Bees pollinate 1/3 or the world's food source, without them we wouldn't be able to grow most of the fruit and vegetables we eat. The decline of bee populations is a worldwide problem. Across the UK bees are in decline. Three species of bumblebee are now extinct and the honey bee population is drastically declining.

THE HONEY BEE Live in a colony .The average sized hive is 20,000 bees. They do not hibernate but work together to keep warm over winter.

THE BUMBLE BEE There are 24 species in the UK. Colonies are smaller than the Honey bee with 50 to 40 in one colony. Bumblebee species have different colours and patterns. They can be seen through spring, summer and autumn but are inactive in winter.



THE SOLITARY BEE There are 240 species of solitary bee. They are the most effective species for pollinating. About 70% are called mining bees and nest in the ground. Others are called cavity bees and nest in the gaps in brick walls.

Some things to help to create an insect friendly garden

Plant nectar rich plants in a sunny position to encourage pollinators such as butterflies to bathe in the warm sunshine whilst pollinating!

Choose species that flower in spring, summer and autumn as a good way of providing for pollinators all year round. Even in small spaces you can help the process of pollination.

Why not encourage pollinators into your outdoor space by adding wildflowers to window boxes and balcony pots. It's not lazy gardening; some pollinator larvae feed on grasses, nettles, thistles and ivy.

Let some parts of your garden go wild and welcome new creatures in. Leaving fallen fruit provides food for butterflies as some species will feed on the sugar of rotting/over ripe fruit.

Include water, a shallow area in a pond or even a bowl full of pebbles and water; the pollinators can stand on the pebbles without getting wet whilst they have a drink! Avoid pesticides and try growing organically.

Companion planting is a great way of dealing with unwanted pests in an environmentally friendly way. Some bee species will nest in the ground, so a spot of empty soil or a grass lawn could be the perfect home.

Dead wood provides nesting areas for a variety of pollinators such as bees, wasps, beetles and ants. You could even create your own bug hotel from recycled garden materials. *Chris Rodrigues*



It was wonderful to see so many people join in the Queens Platinum Jubilee Picnic in church on Sunday 5th June a couple who will always have a special place at St John's joined us too.

Christine and Brian. I couldn't resist the opportunity to ask Christine a question I received from one of our wedding couples.

Christine of course was delighted and swiftly obtained some very interesting information that I thought would be good to share with you all.

Baptism Font

The perpendicular font with carved octagonal bowl supported by lions and savage men, is nineteenth century and a replica of a font in St Mary's Church, Happisburgh, Norfolk. As you will see in the 2 photos below they are very similar. We do not yet know why St. John's would have replicated St. Mary's font but there must be some connection! Does anyone know this connection?

The shields en faced in colour are those of the Borough of Uxbridge (Uxbridge Council), Mills Family (Lord Hillingdon), De Salis Family - who lived at Dawley Court, and the Tyler Family. This information Christine was able to obtain from a guide book written by Rev Tyler in the 1970's.



St John's Baptism Font



Baptism Font St Mary's Happisburgh, Norfolk.



De Salis Family Shield



Mills Family Shield





Busy Mum

The Busy Bees,
We're out in the garden 'cos Autumn is here.
Surrounded by roses and scented sweet peas
Yellow plums and red
And the perfumed greengage
We're picking and sorting
To make jam if you please!
The wasps and flies
And the bumble bees
Buzz all around us
So we're not at great ease.

The shelves are all heavy
With the varied preserves
Green beans in brine
Silicated eggs
And bottled tomatoes
A very bright red.
Wrinkled green apples
for puddings and pies
And potatoes with eyes
For a wintry surprise.

Fight the Good Fight
And to mother three cheers
She's so resourceful
And full of ideas.
The wheel of her singer
Never seems to stop
She makes all the clothes
For her three little tots.

No time to waste
She thinks "Food for thought"
But says "Food for force!"
She's hoarded up sugar
For weeks in the past.
To make cakes and sweetmeats
So we don't fast.

Churchill says "We'll win
If we all join in."
Work in the garden
Work in the kitchen

This poem was sent in by Judith Cook. It's by Mary Emery, an English lady of 90 years young living in Grenoble- full of nostalgia for her childhood in England during the war.



Please include in your prayers;

The ongoing situation in the Ukraine. For all those in fear, suffering, injured, bereaved, displaced.

For Joyce Marshall

Please continue to pray for Joyce her faith is strong and she is asking for your prayers for her, for her husband Hughie and the family at this time.

For The family and friends of baby Chay who sadly went to be with God. The Funeral was held at St. John's on 13th June.

For those that are struggling to come to terms with recent loss of loved ones

Dear Lord,

You hold time within your hands,
and see it all from beginning to end.

Please keep and carry these precious people
in their sadness and loss.

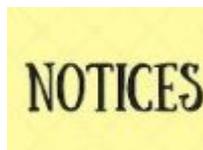
cover them with your great love
give their weary hearts rest
and their minds sound sleep.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

For those getting Married at St John's:
8th July- Benjamin and Annmarie

For the next PCC Meeting on 21st June 2022



Elevate Kids is back this Sunday 19th June at 10:30am -John Locke Academy Bader Way UB10 0FW.

Come with a Parent/Guardian and enjoy some fun for Children 0-11years old.

Voices in Accord

Conducted by Alison Elcoat

Present:

Melodies for MND

(A concert in aid of the Ann Payne MND Tribute Fund)

On Saturday 16th July 2022- 2:45pm

At North Hillingdon Methodist Church

260 Long Lane UB10 9PB

No tickets required but there will be a retiring collection for MND

Donations may also be made online please click the link <https://ann-payne.muchloved.com/fundraising/>



Please [click here](#) to see a PDF file of the latest copy of the Hillingdon People Magazine.

A reminder about the Hillingdon Restart Party from Friends of the Earth Hillingdon.

Taking place on Saturday 2nd July 12noon to 3pm at Ruislip Manor Library Linden Avenue HA4 8TW.

Admission is free Just bring along your broken small electrical or electronic items and they will do their best to help you repair them. Simple sewing repairs are available too. Details are also available in the above magazine.



Looking Ahead....

Sunday 19th 10:30am Service in Church,
10:30am Elevate Church- Kings Kids.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing,
12noon Jazz, Private Prayer. 8pm Bellringing
Practice, 8pm Mandolin Monday.

Tuesday- 9am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz,
7:30pm PCC Meeting, 7:30pm Accordion
Band.

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 11am
Funeral, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm
Knitting Group.

Thursday- 9am Nikki Office, 9:30am Church
hire, 12noon Jazz.

Friday - 10am Let's Go, 12noon Jazz.
Bellringing District Practice 7:30pm- 9:15pm

Saturday - 11am- 4pm Music Tuition-
Grundon Room.

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How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)

- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.

- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key

- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key

- There is no password. If you are asked for one, then just press the # key.

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