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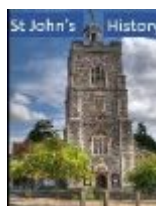
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The Cox Family

In the middle of the central aisle of the nave you will find the gravestone of Richard Henry Cox (1779-1863). He was part of the Cox banking family and the grandson of Richard Cox, founder of

the travel company [Cox & Kings](#). Also buried with him are his wife, his sister Charlotte and his daughter who were all named Charlotte!

In 1810 he purchased Hillingdon House (the large white house in St Andrews Park). He had 4 sons and 3 daughters and his eldest daughter Emily married Sir Charles Mills (who lived at Hillingdon Court) thus the 2 powerful and influential families of Hillingdon were joined by marriage. In 1840 or thereabouts a fire took hold at Hillingdon House on a Sunday morning, and some church members walking nearby on their way to church saw the flames. The Vicar on hearing the news, decided not to hold the service that morning and the congregation were encouraged to go and help. It would seem that the house was beyond repair and the house was completely rebuilt and finished in 1844.

On the last pillar of the North Aisle is a brass plaque in memory of Sir Charles Cox, who was the second son of Richard Henry Cox. He is buried in the churchyard along with other members of the Cox family. The tomb is very large and made of polished grey granite. Unfortunately it lies underneath a large Irish yew tree so it is constantly covered in pine needles and in the autumn red berries. It looks so nice when it is swept clean but it doesn't stay clear for very long. John Kellaway who was butler to Richard Henry Cox for 34 years has a small modest grave stone alongside the family tomb.

In the 1881 census, the following staff were employed by the Cox family: 1 butler, 1 under butler, 4 footmen, 1 usher, 1 coachman, 1 under coachman, 1 groom, 2 stablemen, 1 servant, 1 housekeeper, 2 laundrymaids, 3 housemaids, 1 stillroom maid, 1 cook, 3 kitchen maids and 3 ladies maids. Other information that we can glean from the census is that the occupations of most men in the family was "army agent". An army agent did everything for army officers not within the official remit of the army: for example they supplied or arranged for the supply of all kinds of personal goods, from new uniforms to furniture to books, trophies, even engagements rings!
Christine Bartlett.





Reading for Sunday 19th May 2024

Theme: Victory! **Title:** Peace, Presence, Power from on High.

Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

- 2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
- 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.
- 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
- 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.
- 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
- 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"
- 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?
- 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome
- 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"
- 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"
- 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."
- 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
- 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!
- 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- 17 " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
- 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Question: How can you learn to hear more clearly and consistently from the Holy Spirit?

Reading for Sunday 26th May 2024

Theme: Victory! **Title:** Receiving from the Trinity!

Reading: John 16:7-15

- 7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
- 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and

judgment:

⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Question: What does a Trinitarian life look like?



Themes and Readings for May 2024

5th May Easter 6 **Theme:** Victory! **Title:** "Life of Jesus" **Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

Question: *How does the Life of Jesus intersect with your life?*

12th May Easter 7 **Theme:** Victory! AGM **Title:** "Let the Lord build the House" **Reading:** Psalm 127:1-2

Question: *In what ways might have you laboured in vain in what you have built?*

19th May Pentecost Sunday **Theme:** Victory! **Title** "Peace, Presence, Power from on High" **Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

Question: How can you learn to hear more clearly and consistently from the Holy Spirit?

26th May Trinity Sunday **Theme:** Victory! **Title:** "Receiving from the Trinity!" **Reading:** John 16:7-15

Question: What does a Trinitarian life look like?



MAY -Green actions

Say no to the mower. Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals.

We can get to know what grows and lives in our green space, our churchyard. The event Churches Count on Nature takes place in June 8th -16th. We could sign up to take part. We could have a guided walk looking at the trees and wild flowers, perhaps listen for the birds. We could also have a guided tour of the grave stones to discover who is buried there and at the work that our garden group has done to repair and restore the stones.

If you have any ideas contact Members of the garden group or Nikki.

Hedges attract and help to conserve wildlife

Our Hedgerows are disappearing but we still have some close by in Coney Green and along Royal Lane. They provide habitats for many birds and insects as well as a great screen from traffic and noise pollution. Perhaps it is time to reintroduce a hedge where you live, if there is space instead of fencing to help wildlife and ourselves.

Many species of birds, insects and small mammals use hedges to provide shelter, safety from predators and food via the flowering and fruiting varieties. Hedges encourage wildlife and biodiversity, helping to conserve out native wildlife species, of which the most important species have declined by around 60% since 1970.

Today a quarter of UK mammals and almost half the birds recently assessed are now at risk of extinction due to loss of habitat and pollution.

Hedges popular with birds are Hawthorn, Laurel, Pyracantha or Holly. Insects beneficial to the garden love Lavender and Oleaster. Always check that fledglings have left the nest before clipping your hedge. The occupied nests of all wild birds are protected by law. *Chris Rodrigues.*



Please include in your prayers;

For all those Living in fear, suffering, injured, bereaved, displaced, caught up in tragedy and disaster around the world.

For those that are in need Beryl Rowles, Bill & Linda White, Gervase Craven, Joyce & Hughie Marshall.

For all students taking exams at this time.

For the Family and Friends of Daisy Anne who will be Baptised on Sunday 26th May 2024 during our 10:30am service.

For Jack and Maisie who are both busy preparing for their wedding with us on 8th June 2024.

NOTICES



Gillian Pearce is organising a charity cake sale taking place at St John's to raise funds for RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) and St. John's.

Date: Sunday 26th May 2024
Time: after the 10:30am service

Please join us to support these amazing charities.

If you would like to donate cakes please could we ask for shop purchased cakes only.



Cleaning St John's

The next big clean will take place on 8th June 2024 at 9:30am all cleaning supplies will be provided.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend on 8th and have some free time during the week please contact Nikki

or use the laminate sheet in the kitchen to look at what area/s may need some attention (Please do record what area you clean so that others are aware)

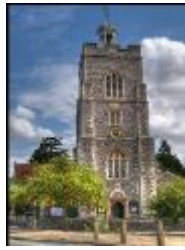


Art at St John's

If you get a chance please take a look at the new piece of art work which Chris Rodrigues has kindly displayed in the Cafe area.

This piece is called **Hedgerow**

Using mixed media, paper, paint, printing and other materials. It was inspired by observing a hedgerow in south Devon when visiting a friend who lives in Cullompton. *Chris Rodrigues*



Volunteering at St. John's

We are always looking for volunteers at St John's if you would like to help out, please speak to Nikki. No matter how small even 30 mins can make a huge difference. We are especially looking for individuals to help with our refreshments on Sundays at St. John's.



St John's Prayer

*Father God Almighty, we love you for your Majesty.
We are truly sorry for our thoughtless actions and deeds.
We ask for you to share your wisdom with us and grant us healing, peace and the ability to forgive, however hard it may be.
We promise to listen for you. We will sacrifice for others and accept your desire for us.
Thank you, God for the joy of your love. Amen*



Looking Ahead....

Sunday 19th 10:30am Service.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, 12noon, Private Prayer, 7pm Mandolin Monday, 8pm Bellringing Practice.

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

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki office, 10am WE Group, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm Knitting, 7pm Prayer Group.

Thursday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 12noon Jazz

Friday - 10am Let's Go, 12noon Jazz.

Saturday - 11:30am Music Tuition- Grundon Room.

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- 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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