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## A True Story of Compassion by the Editor

Those of us who have had the privilege to bring children into the world will, when they were born, have had the intention to nurture them through growth, and hopefully into level-headed and well respected human beings. We will have used all sorts of strategies to ensure that they knew right from wrong, to respect others, and to be well-mannered individuals, to name just a few of the values we hoped to pass on to them.

Having worked in education throughout my working life I have met many children, some of whom have been a credit to their parents, and others who, through no fault of their own, have found conforming to the normal rules of society, somewhat difficult to achieve. Unfortunately, such children tend to find the conflict between what is expected at school, and at home, too difficult to comprehend, and quite often they fail to succeed as they should. I have found that it is the period between birth and school which determines how children will cope with the future, and how they will become upstanding members of society.

With this in mind I would like to mention something I have witnessed at Abbotswood Nursing Home, where Pauline my wife now resides. I have nothing but praise and admiration for the staff who work at the home looking after people who would find life at home quite difficult to achieve. One such member has a daughter named Poppy who is about 5 years of age. This little girl has qualities which I have never witnessed in a child of such tender years. She is full of compassion, patience, and understanding, and her care for the residents of Abbotswood is to be commended. In the afternoon residents are offered refreshments, tea, coffee, or whatever they fancy. Unfortunately not all the residents can have this drink without assistance. I have watched Poppy help these people by holding their cup for them, wiping their faces if there are any drips, and generally coaxing them with compassion to have this much needed sustenance. All this with a delightful smile and a genuine concern for the people she helps.

Billy Graham once said: *'The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith'*. There is no doubt that Poppy's parents have given her the beginnings of a life full of kind-heartedness for the others around her. They are to be commended for this, because Poppy is destined to make a huge difference in society. God has given us a child who, without doubt, will light up the world in whatever she does in the future. Thank goodness for parents who have brought into the world a child who, in her first few years of life, has been nurtured into a delightful young lady, and thank you Abbotswood for giving its residents the love of a child with such benevolence.

**David**

## The Bible that was Thrown Away



The story is told by Brother Andrew, who worked for many years with the Persecuted Church, of a Christian pastor who was travelling some years ago on a train in the old Soviet Union.

There was just one other passenger in the railway car, and soon the two men were chatting. The subject of religion came up, and the other man extolled the logic of atheism and criticised religious belief. Then the Christian bravely expressed his own views, and even took out his Bible to show the man some relevant verses. But the atheist was both unmoved and annoyed.

As the futility of their argument became clear, the men lapsed into silence. When a little later the Christian was nearing his stop, he left the compartment for a few moments to get his suitcase. He returned to find his Bible was missing. The atheist was just closing the train window and sneered at him. It was clear that he had thrown the Bible out.

The journey continued the final few miles in stony silence.

A few months later, a stranger came to call upon the Christian pastor in his village. It was a man from a neighbouring village who asked to be baptised. The pastor was astonished and asked him what he knew about such things. The stranger told him this story:

“Until a few months ago I knew nothing of Christianity. I am just a local builder, working on a site near the railway track. Then suddenly one afternoon a book came flying out of the window of a passing train and landed in the dust nearby. I walked over and picked it up. It was a Bible – the first I had ever seen.

“So I took it home and out of curiosity began to read it. I was amazed by what I read, and I have become a Christian. Now I want to be baptised and meet with other Christians. I have heard rumours that you are also a Christian, so I hoped that you would help me.”

The astonished Christian pastor did indeed baptise the builder, and also confided his side of the story of the flying Bible. Within a few years the builder had converted several of his neighbours, and a tiny Christian church had been planted within his own community. All because of a thrown-away Bible.



## Ladies Working Party – St Mary's

We had all been shocked and saddened to hear the news of the sudden death of Adam Kelly, at home on 30<sup>th</sup> May. He was a man for whom the church family had the highest regard and much love. We were delighted to see Margaret, and her

daughters Ruth and Miriam, for whom we had been praying, at what was a joyous service for Pentecost on 8<sup>th</sup> June. We extend our thanks to Margaret Galloway and the Sunday School who had gone to a great deal of effort in preparation for this service, to which we were also pleased to welcome some from other congregations.

Despite a dismal spell of weather for the TT fortnight this year, on 8<sup>th</sup> June we got the weather we had prayed for. Michael and Dorothy Kewley organised and cooked a delicious BBQ, the ladies prepared the food table and Claudia arranged an impressive table of drinks for our Parish Pentecost lunch. All contributions were much appreciated and enjoyed after the service, and the music and dancing on the grass afterwards even enticed our vicar Joe to join in.

The church was full on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, for a Service of Thanksgiving in celebration of the life of Adam Kelly, conducted by Rev Joe Heaton, the Address by Canon Duncan Whitworth, and the wonderful volume of singing ably led by Mike Porter, the church choir and also Meadowside, two of the choirs of which Adam had enjoyed membership. Our grateful thanks to Margaret, Ruth and Miriam for organising the delicious refreshments in the church hall after the beautiful service, to which we were all invited.

It is 20 years since the 'Friends of Chernobyl Children (IOM)' began in November 1999, the first group of 22 children coming to the Isle of Man in July 2000. Those "children" are now in their mid to late twenties, some are now married with children of their own. Many of them have achieved success in their education and work and are quite open about how the charity, assisted by the Manx people, gave them the hope for a brighter future. We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide lunch for this year's group from Belarus, and look forward very much to meeting the 18 children and 7 helpers, in the church hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

We send our love and prayers to everyone, but particularly to those who are experiencing difficult times, who have lost a loved one, who have worrying health concerns, and those who are now unable to get about as once they might.

**Pat Thomson**





## The Beatitudes

### ‘Blessed are the Poor in Spirit’

*The Rev Paul Hardingham begins a series on the Beatitudes*

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). The word **blessed** describes how we can live under God’s blessing. Jesus talks about the ‘*beautiful attitudes*’ (Billy Graham), that characterise followers of Jesus. They speak more about ‘*who we are*’ than ‘*what we do*’ and reflect perfectly the character of

Jesus that He wants to develop in us.

‘*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*’ is the first beatitude (5:3). To be ‘*poor in spirit*’ is not simply being poor economically, as the word used means ‘*being dependent on others for support*’. It is the opposite of spiritual pride, recognising that we all fall short of God’s standards in our thoughts, words and actions.

It’s not just about what we do for God, but what He has done for us through Jesus’ death on the cross. As we bring our sin, guilt, shame and failure to Him, in grace He offers us His love, acceptance and forgiveness. We come with empty hands: ‘*Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling*’ (Augustus Toplady).

This is well illustrated by the tax collector in Jesus’ parable: ‘*God have mercy on me, a sinner*’ (Luke 18:13). It is cry that says ‘*O God, I am in a mess. I’ve got nothing to offer. I haven’t begun to pray or hear you properly. I am spiritually poor*’ To those who cry out like this, Jesus says ‘*theirs is the kingdom of heaven*’ (v3). The kingdom of God flings opens its doors to beggars!

‘*There is nothing we can do to make God love us more; there is nothing we can do to make God love us less.*’ (Philip Yancey: *What’s So Amazing About Grace*).

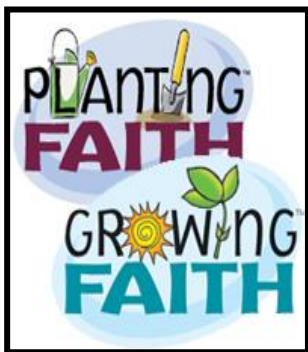
### **Signs found outside churches**

- *It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.*
- *If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.*
- *Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.*
- *This is a ch\_\_ch What is missing? (U R)*
- *Forbidden fruit creates many jams.*
- *In the dark? Follow the Son.*
- *Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.*
- *If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.*





## St Mary's Junior Church



The children had two weeks holiday for the TT, however, the weather was nothing like last year when we had a fortnight of sunshine. Junior church members took advantage of the holiday by jetting off to Tunisia, Turkey and the U.K! Those of us who were still on the Island came together on 2<sup>nd</sup> June to prepare for our Pentecost service. We looked at a short animated video of the day of Pentecost when the apostles received the Holy Spirit. We talked about how the Holy

Spirit is always with us to help and to guide. We ran through our drama for the All Age service and prepared red, yellow and orange streamers along with “flames” for the service.

The following Sunday dawned warm and sunny, if a little breezy. Margaret Galloway led the service and explained that Pentecost was the “birthday” of the church. There were balloons on the pulpit, Margaret lit candles on the birthday cake, and we all sang “Happy Birthday St. Mary’s”. Junior Church dramatised the reading from Acts 2 vs 1 – 21 – the congregation joining in with the sound of the rushing wind, they held “flames” over their heads and spoke in different languages!! During the Learning Together section Margaret talked about all the ways in which the Holy Spirit can help us. She ended by saying that when you were filled with the Holy Spirit it was like an explosion. She was about to demonstrate with a can of Coca Cola (which she had shaken up vigorously!) - the congregation thought this was a bad idea. She then asked several members of the congregation to come forward to make an explosion by letting off party poppers! We ended the service by singing the last hymn in our hymn books “You shall go out with joy” which is what we did as we went out into the sunshine to enjoy our Barbecue and Faith lunch.

As usual we had a wonderful time with delicious barbecue food and many more savoury and sweet offerings in the hall. Special thanks go to Michal and Dorothy Kewley who every year set up the barbecue – cook all the food – then clear everything away. We were blessed with glorious weather and we all enjoyed the music and dancing. Thanks to the musicians and to Caroline H for her expert tuition. We had demonstrations by Lukas, Hannah and the two Graces who were then joined by some “not quite so expert” but very willing participants. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, especially the ladies in the kitchen.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> we learned more about Daniel and how he refused to stop praying to God and was thrown in the lions' den. We acted out the passage and were happy that God protected him. King Darius declaring that Daniel's God “was the living God, enduring forever”. We completed some crosswords and word searches and made some lion masks.

There will be Junior Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> June but on the 30<sup>th</sup> will join together at Kirk Christ as it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Where did June go?

With love from St. Mary's Junior Church

**Carole Coole**



## News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



June, once again, is proving to be a very hectic month with the preparations at Kirk Christ for the Flower Festival being perhaps the busiest. It appears that those of you who have requested to display one of the Kirk Christ windows are getting quite excited. Unfortunately I can't report on the outcome of the displays that they created as this article is being written prior to the event itself. Nevertheless I would like to thank everyone who has, or has been, involved in any way, and especially Glenda and Joyce who are offering advice to the exhibitors, as well as displaying themselves.

As I write this I am looking forward to the joint Flower Festival Holy Communion Service on 30<sup>th</sup> June which hopefully many of our parishioners, from all the four churches, will attend.

St Catherine's once again has had many visitors.

The 'Messy Church Summer Picnic' on 15<sup>th</sup> June was a great success. It is hoped that all the families who attended have a happy summer holiday. It will be good to see them again, and many more, at the first meeting in September.

**Gerry Callister**

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alone**

**Children's  
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I hope that you are inspired by reading about the impact your support is having.

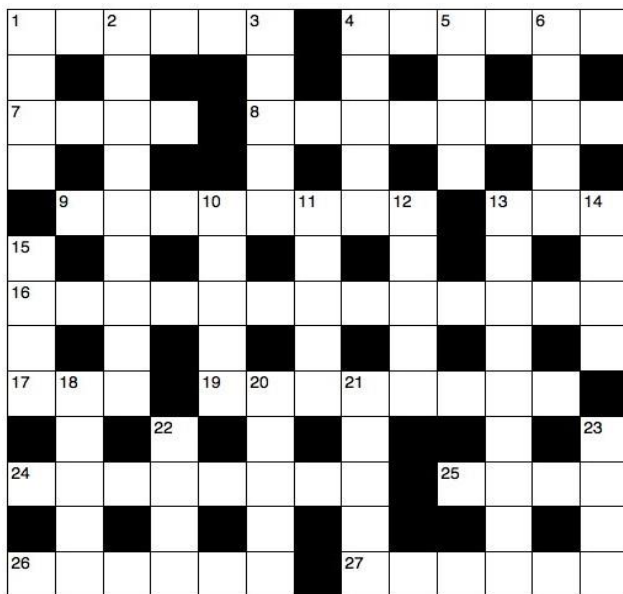
It is now time to open your boxes and help make this work possible. If you would like to give your boxes to Gerald or to me I would be very appreciative, or I could collect them. My phone number is 487784.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is inspiring.

**Doreen Callister**



## July Crossword



### Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

### Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)

- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 **and 8 Across** the Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

## June Crossword Solution

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In May I only received six entries (12 solutions) to the monthly sudoku competition. Malcolm Hale was chosen as the winner by my neighbour. He received his prize money of £5 through the post. There are two more puzzles for you to try and solve on the back cover of this magazine. Please do have a go if you can. After all, it's only a bit of fun! (Editor)

## June Sudoku Solutions

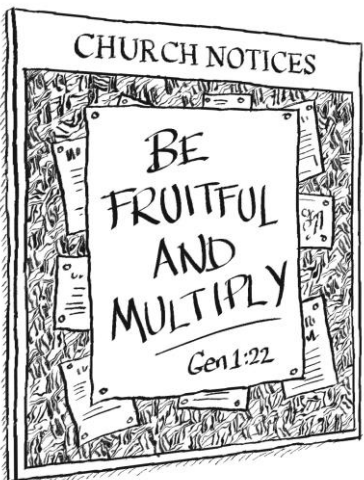
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**Nigel Beeton writes:** 'This year, we don't have a gardener to help us with our biggish garden. My shortfalls as a gardener are becoming all too apparent!' (Editor)

### A Garden Mystery

A garden is a mystery  
It makes me question 'why?'  
The plants I nurture with such care  
Just shrivel up and die?  
While seeds that I don't know about  
All vigorously thrive  
And grow like fabled beanstalks  
From cracks within my drive!



The vicar's attempts to increase the number of children attending services were becoming less and less subtle...



## In praise of stalwarts

**Tony Horsfall** reflects on the strong quiet folk who keep our churches going...

In the church I belong to we recently suffered two deaths in quick succession. Two of our older members (both in their eighties) passed away within a short time of each other, and we will miss them dearly.

Doreen was with us from when we first started the church some 27 years ago. The matriarch of a large family, she was quiet and unassuming, yet deep in her faith and she never missed a Sunday. Kath was full of life, a woman of prayer who witnessed keenly to anyone she met, and whose constant prayer was for revival. They will leave a huge gap in our fellowship, because they were both 'stalwarts'.

Stalwart' is a Scottish word usually applied to someone who is physically strong, hardy, robust and courageous. It is used nowadays to describe someone who is loyal and reliable, hard-working and deeply committed to a cause, especially over a long period of time. At the same time, it may give a slight suggestion of someone who is not very exciting, even a little boring because they never seek the limelight or do anything particularly dramatic.

Most churches would not function without a good number of stalwarts because they are foundational people. They are the ones we all rely on to do the jobs that need doing without fuss. They are always there, and we can depend on them, but it is easy to take them for granted. And that is the danger.

Stop and think for a moment about the stalwarts you know. Who are they? How can you encourage and appreciate them? And if you are a stalwart yourself, don't undervalue your contribution. You are vital to your church's stability.

*Oh how we will miss Adam Kelly, his inspiration, wit, and wonderful sermons. Similarly we will miss, and are still missing, those who have died from within our church community and their contributions to it, during the past few years. (Editor)*

### Say a prayer

*Young Brian and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When Brian received his plate, he started eating right away.*

*'Brian! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always pray before eating at home.'*

*'That's at our house,' Brian protested. "This is grandma's house, and she can cook!"*

## Taking Offence at a Fence

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Is there anything appealing about a standard, timber fence? Close-boarded, featheredge, palisade, waney edged, overlap... a fence's purpose is to dictate a boundary and to provide some sort of screening and security. It's just about essential in every garden, so this is not intended to show any disrespect to fencing specialists! We all need fences, and most properties have fairly basic examples. There are more decorative timber options such as picket, hazel weave, post and rail, railway sleepers and other variations of imaginative fencing. And less desirable wire options such as chain link, stock fencing or chicken wire.

Whatever you have in your garden, it doesn't have to look you in the eye. A collection of basic fence panels, however well erected, is no great thing of beauty. But it's a starting point and you can make your fence work to your great advantage. What it provides is a vertical surface which can be decorated in oodles of ways. You could use it to hang a garden mirror, thus making your space look larger and brighter. You might want some sort of artwork out there, perhaps. But, most importantly, the planting potential is enormous. Clothe a fence in a variety of climbers and you will extend your garden upwards. In the process you'll blur the boundary and help the garden blend into the surroundings. Hiding a fence will also allow you to 'borrow' the landscape beyond as you'll, effectively, take away the barrier, allowing the eye to roam beyond the space.

In simple terms, just one fence panel of standard 1.8m height and width (6ft x 6ft) provides more than three square metres of planting space. So in a garden measuring 9m x 9metres, which is fairly typical for a modern property, that's 15 fence panels, amounting to nearly 50 square metres of potential. Wow!

Here's a selection of climbers suitable for growing up your boring fences:

- Clematis: you can have one flowering every single month of the year. Just make sure that you choose a variety suitable for the position – i.e. some are happy in a north-facing site and others need more sun. Check the height and spread potential too: you might not want one that grows to a height of 8m as it will be free-ranging in your neighbour's garden too.
- Honeysuckle: choose a scented variety if it's to be planted near the house. You'll get the benefit of a natural perfume wafting through your windows on warm days.
- Star jasmine, *Trachelospermum jasminoides*. This is not a member of the normal jasmine family but this evergreen climber does produce wonderfully scented, star-shaped flowers in summer. It's a great plant that likes a sunny, sheltered spot. You might need to keep it pruned as it can reach a height of 6m tall. There's a variegated version too.
- Roses: there are many different climbing roses. Be prepared to tie in the stems to a support as they will flop if they're not anchored firmly. Climbing roses have the capability of flowering repeatedly throughout the summer, provided you deadhead them. Rambling roses tend to flower just once per year.
- Shrubs such as *Ceanothus*. Choose an evergreen, slower-growing variety such as *C. 'Concha'* and plant in full sun. The vivid blue early summer flowers contrast well with the glossy dark green foliage. This plant is also useful as a support for Clematis too – extending the flowering period.
- Ivy: this is perfect for a north-facing fence. You don't have to have the dark green variety, there are many variegated forms too.
- Passion flower (*Passiflora*): choose your variety carefully as some are more hardy than others. The flowers are captivating and they come in various blues, purples and even white.
- *Actinidia kolomikta*, the decorative relative of the kiwi wine. This really is eye-catching as the green leaves appear to have been dipped in white paint, with splashes of pink too. There are hardy kiwi vines which can produce edible fruit too, although they might be a little too vigorous for your fence.
- Half hardy climbers are well worth finding a space for. *Campsis radicans*, the trumpet vines, are particularly colourful and *Abutilon 'Kentish Belle'* is a fine climber that produces the most unusual pendulous clusters of orange/yellow and red flowers right through until the first frosts. Consider *Thunbergia*, the black-eyed Susan, for their long-flowering season. Also the bluebell climber, *Sollya heterophylla*, for its unusual blue flowers.

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## All in the month of July

**200 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1819** the Cotton Mills and Factories Act 1819 was passed in Britain. It placed restrictions on the number of hours children could work in cotton mills. It was virtually unenforceable and had little effect, but it paved the way for later legislation.

**175 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1844** William Archibald Spooner, British clergyman and educator, was born. Known for his absent-mindedness, he often accidentally mixed up the syllables of words, to comic effect. These are now known as spoonerisms. **Also on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1844** Gerard Manley Hopkins, British poet and Jesuit priest, was born.

**100 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1919** Sir Edmund Hillary was born. This New Zealand mountaineer and Antarctic explorer, along with the Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay, were the first two people to conquer Mount Everest. (Died 2008.)

**90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1929** foam rubber was invented by British scientist E.A. Murphy at Dunlop Latex Development Laboratories.

**80 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1939** Winston Churchill urged the governments of Britain and France to form a military alliance with the Soviet Union.

**75 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1944** the July plot took place. The German Resistance movement attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler in Berlin and remove the Nazi Party from power in a coup. The attempt failed, and the movement's central figure, Claus von Stauffenberg, was executed the following day.

**65 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1954** the BBC launched the first daily TV news programme in the UK.

**50 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1969** Prince Charles was invested as the Prince of Wales. **Also, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1969** the American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin became the first people to walk on the surface of the Moon.

**25 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1994** Tony Blair was elected leader of Britain's Labour Party. He became Prime Minister in 1997.

**20 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1999** the Scottish Parliament was officially opened.

**10 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009** Sir Bobby Robson, British footballer and manager, died. He played for, and managed, several teams, and managed the England national team between 1982 and 1990.



## The extraordinary Sarah Chang



When, in 2010, 4000 delegates from 198 countries gathered in Cape Town, South Africa, for the Lausanne Movement's Third International Congress on World Evangelization, one unlikely speaker stood out from the rest. She was a young North Korean orphan, dressed in her high school uniform, who told the story of her family's escape from the regime and of her desire to take the Gospel back to North Korea herself one day.

Her name was Gyeong Ju Son, now known as Sarah Chang. She had been brought to Cape Town as a last-minute speaker and was utterly shocked at the size of the gathering—she had been expecting to speak at a small church. Little did she know how her life would be changed from that moment on.

For her testimony went viral online, and she was offered a full scholarship to Biola University in California as soon as she left high school. And during her last year at school in South Korea, Sarah met a Miss Yoo, who became an *unnie* (older-sister figure) to her while they attended Sarang Church together. It was through Miss Yoo that Sarah began to realize God's specific calling on her life.

For Miss Yoo owns and runs a major restaurant in South Korea. She uses it to reach out to North Korean refugees living in South Korea. She hires and trains them as her employees and sees how a steady income gives them a chance for education, friendship, and integration into South Korean society. Most importantly, their hearts begin to stir for God. They wonder, 'Who is this God that these kind-hearted people serve? We want to know Him too.'

"Before I met my *unnie*, I had thought only missionaries or pastors could do missions," says Sarah. "But through Miss Yoo, I realized you can also serve God's kingdom through business - and sometimes, you can reach people whom missionaries and pastors cannot."

While at Biola, Sarah met and married a South Korean called Paul Chang. Their dream is to do business as mission, to start their own cosmetics business in South Korea within the next five years, reaching out to North Korean refugees.

Christians in North Korea continue to be among the most persecuted in the world, but Sarah and Paul are sure of their calling. Sarah tells of how God once spoke these words to her in a dream: 'Walk with me . . . I am your heavenly Father, and whatever has [and will] happen to you is because I love you.' As Sarah and Paul look Northward, the words of this promise go with them still.



## From the Registers

### *Wedding (May 2019)*

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Jessica Rose Creer & James Keith Lashmar

St Mary's @ 1pm

### *Baptism (May 2019)*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

William Winstanley

St Catherine's @ 11am

## The Parish of Rushen Thursday Summer Concerts 2019 St Catherine's Church, Port Erin

- 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Meadowside Choral Society  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Castle Rushen High School Big Band  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Manx Saxophone Ensemble  
25<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Regal Singers



**Concerts commence at 7.45pm**  
**Admission Free - Retiring Collection**  
**Refreshments in Church Hall following concerts**

### Safeguarding

The Parish of Rushen is committed to the safeguarding, nurture and care of **everyone** within our church community. If you, or someone you know, are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk or has been harmed, or are concerned about the behaviour of someone towards children or vulnerable adults, please contact:

**Rushen Parish Safeguarding Officer, Claire Jennings** (Tel. 830850)

The **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser** has now been appointed. For more details contact the diocese.

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan website: [http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding\\_inclusion](http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding_inclusion)

The rector had been unwell and a parishioner asked his housekeeper how he was. She replied: "It's his head you know, it's been on and off all the week."



## “Dear Vicar....”



### ***When children write to their minister (Editor)***

- I know God loves everybody but then He never met my sister. ***Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.***
- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson.  
***Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.***

- I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance?  
***Love, Patty. Age 10.***
- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. ***Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.***
- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there.  
***Stephen. Age 8.***
- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. ***Loreen. Age 9.***
- I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money, but I still want a raise in my allowance. ***Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12.***
- Please pray for all the airline pilots on Sunday. I am flying to California on Monday.  
***Laurie. Age 10.***
- I hope to go to heaven someday, but later than sooner. Love, Ellen. Age 9.
- Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new goalkeeper. ***Thank you. Alexander. Age 10.***
- My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. ***Joshua. Age 10.***
- I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. ***Ralph. Age 11.***
- How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him, or does He read about it in the newspapers? ***Sincerely, Marie. Age 9.***
- Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? ***Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9.***
- Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. ***Carla. Age 10.***



## God in the Arts

### 'Beach Scene' by Degas

*The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world, with some 2,300 works spanning the centuries. During this year we are journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month. (Editor)*



'Mindfulness' seems to be the 'in' word. In a world where people are moving faster and faster, we are called to slow down, to attend to the present moment and enjoy it for its own sake, whatever the pressures of work and family around. For Christians it is a call to live a simple and sacramental life, and an invitation to attend to what is holy there in front of us: it might be a meal, the countryside, a piece of music, family and friends, a pet or a painting. They are all avenues for God's refreshing grace to touch us.

In this month of July we are probably planning our holidays. It may be in this country or abroad. Sometimes a holiday can be a frenetic rush of journeying and queues, or it can be a 'mindful' time, when we can relax and allow the days to refresh and renew us. Degas has captured that sense of rest and enjoyment in his painting of 1870 which is in the National Gallery: 'Beach Scene.'

He is famous for his studies of ballerinas and racehorses, but he was also fascinated by the advent of the snapshot camera. This painting is like a holiday photograph. We see a maid combing the hair of a young girl. Her hat and swimming costume are nearby, and we can see bathers in the distance where the shore meets the sea. Families and a dog, yachts and a steamer: they are all captured in this moment.

The sky looks misty but warm, and for those on the beach, it is a time to lie and relax, to bathe and swim – to live simply, enjoying the sun above and the sand beneath. The ordinariness of a restful day calls us to be patient and enjoy the good gifts of God's creation. Wherever we are on holiday this summer, I hope we find time to savour the delights of the world around, as we see young and old doing exactly that in this painting.

# Children's Page

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' \* because God has made my life bitter.



\* 'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.

She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived

Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

I worked in Boaz's field.



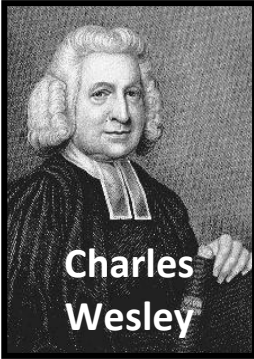
He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.





## The Story Behind the Hymn



### **Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

Ye servants of God,  
your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad  
his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious  
of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious  
and rules over all.

God ruleth on high,  
almighty to save;  
and still he is high,  
his presence we have;  
the great congregation  
his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation  
to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God,  
who sits on the throne!"  
let all cry aloud,  
and honour the Son;  
the praises of Jesus  
the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces  
and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore  
and give him his right:  
all glory and power,  
all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing  
with angels above  
and thanks never ceasing  
and infinite love.

We are familiar with stories of Christians being persecuted by Roman emperors and representatives of particular religions. We are less aware of Christians being persecuted by other Christians. That, sadly, has too often been true. A recent example is the conflict between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland, but we could name many other examples as well, too many.


The differences leading to Christians persecuting Christians are often more political than religious. That was certainly true for the Wesley's, John and Charles. They led a religious revival that shook up the religious establishment, something likely to attract hostility. Perhaps that was the reason that people accused them of trying to overthrow the king, of supporting a Pretender to the throne. Whatever the reason, the hostility was thick. On one occasion, a mob dragged John down the street by his hair. They threw rocks to break up evangelistic meetings.

It was during this time of persecution that Charles Wesley wrote the hymn, "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim." Wesley included this hymn in a pamphlet entitled "Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution." In its original form, the hymn included verses not found in our hymnals today, verses having to do with faithfulness in the midst of persecution.


Wesley's hymn also called for worship of the true king, the king of the universe, our master, our God. It is these verses that we find in our hymnal today. The amazing thing about these verses is their triumphant note:

*"Then let us adore and give Him his right,  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honour and blessing, with angels above,  
And Thanks never ceasing, and infinite love."*





## Rushen Parish Prayer Diary



*Lord Jesus Christ, you have said  
that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
Do not allow us to stray from you,  
who is the Way,  
not to distrust you, who is the Truth,  
nor to rest in anything other than you,  
who is the Life. Amen*

**July 2019**

***This is your invitation to pray day by day for:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Children with special needs and their families
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peace between peoples of different faiths
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Mary's Church choir as it seeks to enhance our worship through music
- 4<sup>th</sup> Young people, preparing to leave school, and seeking employment
- 5<sup>th</sup> The ability to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves
- 6<sup>th</sup> Judges, magistrates and all who work in the legal profession
- 7<sup>th</sup> Local organisations for children and young people
- 8<sup>th</sup> Those known to us who are unwell and need our prayers
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wendy, and Harry in their work as Readers in the Parish
- 10<sup>th</sup> All couples preparing for marriage in July, and their future lives together
- 11<sup>th</sup> Children and adults who have been, or are about to be, baptised this year
- 12<sup>th</sup> Children preparing to leave primary schools and the doubts they may have
- 13<sup>th</sup> Families getting ready for annual holidays abroad and in this country
- 14<sup>th</sup> Fair trade and sustainable development in the Third World
- 15<sup>th</sup> The charitable work undertaken by many of the island's organisations
- 16<sup>th</sup> The meeting of the PCC taking place this evening in St Mary's Church Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> The work of the Salvation Army
- 18<sup>th</sup> The Diocese of Sodor and Man and its links with parishes within its boundaries
- 19<sup>th</sup> The work of retreat houses and places of pilgrimage
- 20<sup>th</sup> Food and clothing for those afflicted by war and famine
- 21<sup>st</sup> Single parents, teenagers living alone and families on low incomes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Chaplains in the armed forces, hospitals and prisons
- 23<sup>rd</sup> All pets and the pleasure they give to so many both young and old
- 24<sup>th</sup> Farmers as they look forward to the harvest of their crops
- 25<sup>th</sup> Good weather for all families when they go away on holiday during the summer
- 26<sup>th</sup> Those who have been bereaved recently or remembering the death of loved ones
- 27<sup>th</sup> Family life throughout the world
- 28<sup>th</sup> Those who have died for their faith in Jesus Christ
- 29<sup>th</sup> Those who work in the holiday industry in their quest to make people happy
- 30<sup>th</sup> Victims of abuse, cruelty and violence
- 31<sup>st</sup> Young people preparing to receive exam results which may mean so much to them

## Services July 2019

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	11.15am	Southlands Holy Communion (CW)
	2pm	St Mary's Play & Praise
7 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(Trinity 3)</b>	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer + Baptism (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion(CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
14 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(Trinity 4)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's All-Age Service (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
	6.30pm	Kirk Christ Alternative Service
21 <sup>st</sup> July <b>(Trinity 5)</b>	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer + Baptism (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
28 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(Trinity 6)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
4 <sup>th</sup> August <b>(Trinity 7)</b>	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion(CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
7 <sup>th</sup> August	11.15am	Southlands Holy Communion (CW)
	2pm	St Mary's Play & Praise

*(Dates and times of services correct at time of publication)*

(CW) Common Worship

(BCP)

Book of Common Prayer

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## July 2019 Sudoku Competition

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Another two puzzles for you to solve. The take up has not been too good of late with only a few of you taking part. Of course, you don't have to, but if you do, and you win, you will receive a £5 prize. All you have to do is complete one, or both, of the above puzzles and then let me have your solutions before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. You can either post them, push them through my letter box (address overleaf), or give them to one of the wardens. If you win you will receive a letter from me enclosing the £5 prize. I really wish you the best of luck! *Editor*