



The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed - it is the smallest of seeds, but when it grows, it is big enough for the wild birds to come and build nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:31-32

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# Letter from the editor

One of the rituals I go through when preparing for a service is to look through the hymn book to see what hymns we will be singing. I'm probably not alone. I know that when one of my favourites is on the list I am really pleased. I wonder why?

We all have our favourites, and I'm sure that if I asked each and every member of a congregation, the range of hymns would probably be quite large. Occasionally on 'Songs of Praise' they will ask those who watch to submit their favourite hymn, and we can probably hazard a guess at it being 'How Great Thou Art' or 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' to name two of the most popular. There are, however, hymns which are dear to us because they remind us of an event we have had in our lives. Perhaps it's the hymns that were sung at our wedding, or those we remember from our days at school. I know that when we told our parents of the hymns we had chosen for our wedding they were quite shocked, probably because they were not hymns that were familiar to them. We chose 'Lord of all Hopefulness' and 'Father Hear the Prayer we Offer' because the words of both were poignant to us, and we also sang them quite frequently during assembly at the schools at which we taught. Nevertheless, the hymn that has guided us through our lives together was the second of the two.

You are all aware that we lost our son Nicholas in 2001 which, as you can imagine was a very difficult time for us to get through, and yet the words in Maria Willis' hymn, in verses 2 and 4, are so meaningful, and helped us to get through that awful time, and still do today:

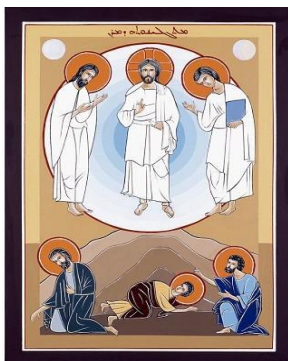
*Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.*

*Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through, endeavour, failure danger,  
Father, be at our side.*

Right now we are both going through a tough time, hoping against hope and praying that things will get better. Nevertheless we cling to this hymn's beautiful words knowing that whatever God is planning for us He will guide us through, as He always has.

I hope that your favourite, or most moving hymn, provides you with the words of comfort that the hymn above has done for us. Hymns are without doubt a source of inspiration for us all, at whatever stage of life we happen to be, and a reassurance that the heavenly Father is always at our side.

**David**



## 6<sup>th</sup> August: The Transfiguration - a glimpse of Jesus' future glory

The story is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36).

It was a time when Jesus' ministry was popular, when people were seeking Him out. But on this day, He made time to take Peter, James and John, His closest disciples, up a high mountain. In the fourth century, Cyrillic of Jerusalem identified it as Mount Tabor (and there is a great church up

there today), but others believe it more likely to have been one of the three spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to about 9,000 feet, and overlooks Caesarea Philippi.

High up on the mountain, Jesus was suddenly transfigured before His friends. His face began to shine as the sun, His garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses, of all people, suddenly appeared, and talked with Him. A bright cloud overshadowed the disciples.

Peter was staggered, but, enthusiast that he was - immediately suggested building three tabernacles on that holy place, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. But God's 'tabernacling', God's dwelling with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a cloud covered them, and a Voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was His beloved Son, whom the disciple should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our listening to Jesus.

Then, just as suddenly, it is all over. What did it mean? Why Moses and Elijah? Well, these two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they are handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.

Why on top of a mountain? In Exodus we read that Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the sacred covenant from Yahweh in the form of the Ten Commandments. Now Jesus goes up and is told about the 'sealing' of the New Covenant, or New Testament of God with man, which will be accomplished by His coming death in Jerusalem.

That day made a lifelong impact on the disciples. Peter mentions it in his second letter, 2 Peter 1:16 - 19 - invariably the reading for this day.

The Eastern Churches have long held the Transfiguration as a feast as important as Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension and Pentecost. But it took a long time for the West to observe the Transfiguration. The feast starts appearing from the 11th and 12th centuries, and the Prayer Book included it among the calendar dates, but there was no liturgical provision for it until the 19th century.



## Ladies Working Party – St Mary's

While our summer weather this year seems to vary from day to day, our Tuesday afternoon meetings never fail to provide warm friendship and fellowship, and we are delighted to welcome Gloria Englefield to our group. The structure is broadly the same each week, with short readings, prayers for those in need of comfort and compassion, planning for whatever event is next in the

calendar, followed by refreshments and a good chat. Former members of the LWP are remembered fondly, and often discussed and it was with great pleasure that we received from Nick Watterson a lovely painting of the church, which had been in Brenda's house, and which is now hanging in the church hall.

Our ladies have recently been involved in helping with the teas and cakes at the IOM Flower Festival in Kirk Christ and in providing our annual lunch for this year's party of Children from Chernobyl and their helpers on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We look forward every year to meeting them all and consider it a joy and privilege to be able to provide some hospitality during their four weeks recuperative visit to the island. This year's group were as delightful as ever; polite, mannerly, appreciative, with enormous appetites which we were thrilled by! Having thoroughly enjoyed the food prepared and served by the ladies, they gave us their traditional, and very loud, "Thank you very much", and presented us with a lovely handmade card, signed by them all, before Claudia escorted them up to visit Cregneash for the afternoon. Norman and Joan Rivers, the coordinators of FOCC (IOM), work tirelessly to plan a full programme of events for the children and we wish them a happy, healthy and sunny time, full of fun and enjoyment.

Our last meeting before our summer break is on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. To Cynthia, and her family, we send our loving sympathy for the loss of a dear brother, and to others not in the best of health, we send our fond love and prayers. We wish the Beach Mission every success during their forthcoming fortnight here in Port St Mary, and send our love and very best wishes to everyone for a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

**Pat Thomson**

### ***Sabbath***

*The story is told of how Queen Victoria was out walking one Sunday with her faithful servant John Brown. They saw someone fishing from a boat on the Loch, and she said: "Fancy people doing that on the Sabbath."*

*"But Ma'am," protested John Brown, "the Lord Jesus was in a boat on the Sabbath."*

*The Queen sniffed: "Well, two wrongs don't make a right."*

## ***“The Wild Side”***

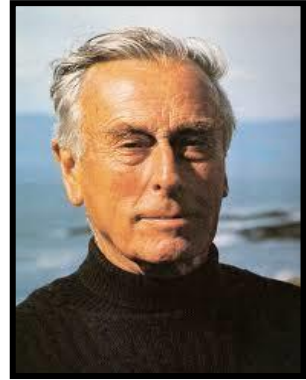
*Consider WILD flowers in their bliss,  
Displayed in such a World as this:  
Musk rose, a canopy has laid,  
O'er hedges in the woodland glade:  
Jostle for space on sweet Earth's floor;  
While Iris wild in sea of green,  
Paints a bold, spectacular scene.*

*Regard this “wild side,” while we may –  
Within a day it fades away.  
No more conformed nor confined;  
Delight in freedom of the mind!  
Uplift the soul! Fresh vistas find!  
Let go the “things” that bind and blind.  
Through winsome fragrance peace restore;  
Breathe, breathe more deeply than before.*

**Margaret Couper**

*“If that is how God clothes the grass  
of the field, which is here today and  
tomorrow, thrown in the fire, will He  
not so more clothe you. O you of little  
faith” Matthew 6 – 30 N.I.V.*

## **Louis Mountbatten 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death**



It was 40 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1979, that Louis Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was killed by an IRA bomb on his fishing boat Shadow V off the coast of Ireland in Donegal Bay. He was Viceroy of India (1947), Governor-General of India (1947-48), First Sea Lord (1955-59) and mentor of the Prince of Wales. Three other people died: his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas Knatchbull, the

Dowager Lady Brabourne and a local 15-year-old, Paul Maxwell, who was helping to crew the boat.

Lord Mountbatten, who was Prince Charles's great-uncle, often spent his summers at Classiebawn Castle, overlooking Mullaghmore in County Sligo, a family house of his wife Edwina.

The IRA showed no regret for the murder, claiming that it was justified politically. But at an interdenominational service in Mullaghmore to mark the 30th anniversary of the killings, a Church of Ireland cleric, the Rev Noel Regan, said: “It was a desecration of human life and also of a sanctuary – this sacred place set apart as a refuge by so many people over the years.”

Prince Charles however spoke of the importance of reconciliation, and of the compassion shown by people in the area after the event, which had “done much to aid the healing process.”

**Tim Lenton**





## News from St Mary's Junior Church

We are coming to the end of another church year for Junior Church. We have had a great time together hearing about the Good News of the benefits following Jesus can bring.

On 7<sup>th</sup> July we looked at the parable of The Good Samaritan in preparation for our Anniversary service on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We looked at a short video, acted out the story and practised our prayers. We drew around our hands and cut them out – we then wrote on them the ways in which we could “lend a helping hand”.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> the service was led by Joe. The children led the congregation in singing “Would you walk by on the other side” and dramatised the reading. Thomas made a very convincing robber – poor Alfie!! Sam came to the rescue as The Good Samaritan (also doubling up as the donkey!!) - and Rebecca made a very caring innkeeper. In the Learning Together section Joe talked about who we consider to be our “neighbour” - not just the person next door, but anyone we meet who might need our help in any way. The children read out the messages on their “helping hands” and arranged them on a display. Being the Anniversary – Joe presented the prizes to the children.

Still to come at the time of writing is our Junior Church Picnic. We will be meeting at Silverdale at 10.30am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We are hoping for good weather so that we can enjoy a morning of fun and games followed by a picnic.

The children are looking forward to their summer holidays and especially the SUMT beach mission from 28<sup>th</sup> July to the 9<sup>th</sup> August. Port St. Mary comes “alive” with children of all ages during this fortnight. We wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. Stay safe wherever you may travel and may God go with you.

With love from all of us at St. Mary's Junior Church

**Carole Coole**

### Take – and receive

Take, Lord, and receive all my freedom, my memory, my intelligence and my will – all that I have and possess. You, Lord, have given those things to me. I now give them back to you, Lord. All belongs to you. Dispose of these gifts according to your will. I ask only for your love and your grace, for they are enough for me. Amen

*A prayer of Ignatius of Loyala (1491 – 1556) founder of the Society of Jesus.*



## News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



July started off with excellent weather for the Island Flower Festival organised by Culture Vannin.

Over 900 people visited Kirk Christ for the festival, and altogether £1,500 was raised. This was the first time Kirk Christ has taken part in this event and many thanks are offered to all who supported it, the exhibitors, the providers of cakes, and the stewards who manned the church throughout the event. Thank you too to those who worked tirelessly to make it such a successful venture.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Melanie, Oscar and Ethan were baptised into the Christian family at Kirk Christ.

The summer concerts commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> July at St Catherine's Church, and will continue weekly on Thursdays until 26<sup>th</sup> September. All concerts commence at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Gerry Callister**

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

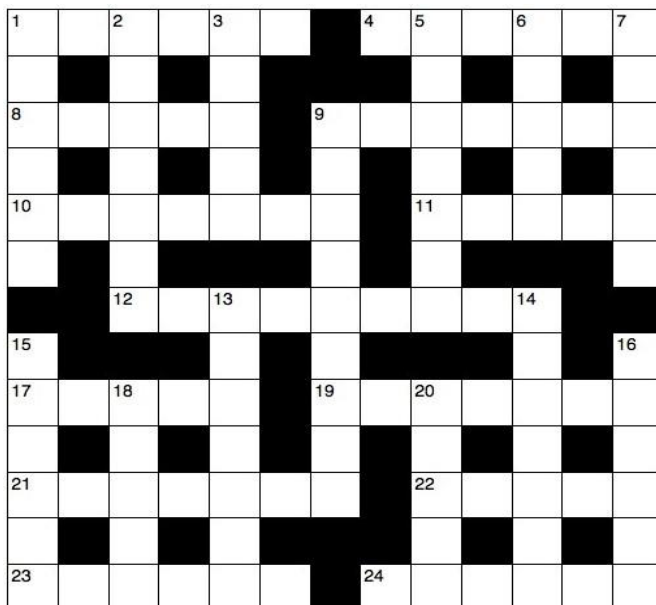
1 <sup>st</sup> August 2019:	Val Cowley's Concert Party
8 <sup>th</sup> August 2019:	Lon Vane Ladies Choir
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019:	Glenfaba Chorale
22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2019:	Gareth Moore and Friends
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2019:	Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band



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



# August Crossword



## Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 '— thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)

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'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

## Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is —' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grams (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them —, that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

## July Crossword Solution

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Only two readers submitted solutions for the June competition. I hope it wasn't too hard! The winner was Malcolm Hale whose entry was drawn by one of the Abbotswood nurses. Malcolm has won the competition for two months on the run! His £5 prize was sent to him through the post. Hopefully there will be more entries into August's competition which can be found on the back page. (Editor)

# THANK YOU!

Barbara Qualtrough would like to thank the lady who kindly left 10 jigsaws at her son's butcher's van on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. William didn't know the lady and felt that it would be so wrong if he didn't thank her in some way. Hopefully the Parish Magazine will help to do this.

## July Sudoku Solutions

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5	8	3	4	6	1	2	9	7
2	9	1	5	7	8	3	4	6
7	4	6	3	9	2	5	1	8

9	2	5	4	8	1	3	7	6
3	7	1	2	6	9	8	5	4
6	4	8	5	7	3	2	9	1
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1	8	7	9	4	2	6	3	5
2	3	4	6	9	5	1	8	7
8	1	9	7	3	4	5	6	2
7	5	6	1	2	8	9	4	3



Unfortunately, the vicar's idea to save on the cost of incense by allowing vaping in church proved to be impractical



## The Beatitudes: 'Blessed are those who Mourn'

*The Rev Paul Hardingham continues his series on the Beatitudes. This began last month, and will run for the next six months. (Editor)*

The Beatitudes, at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12), present the values of the kingdom of God. In 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted' (5:4), Jesus appears to be saying 'Happy are the unhappy'!

It's not wrong for Christians to be sad or grieve, as we can still experience God's blessing ('blessed'). Jesus promises God's comfort for our loss, mourning, pain and hurt. This is the work of the Holy Spirit into our lives. He is described as the 'Comforter' (John 14:16) i.e. 'the one who comes alongside us to help'. He assures us of Jesus' presence to share our sadness, make us aware of His love and strengthen us in our sorrows. Jesus has been in this place Himself, when He shed at the tomb of His close friend Lazarus (John 11:35).

There is also a godly grief which the Spirit brings into our lives, as we reflect on our messy lives. Peter wept bitterly after denying that he knew Jesus (Matthew 26:75). He makes us aware of our spiritual poverty, including our failures and shortcomings when it comes to loving and serving God. The Holy Spirit is also alongside to assure us of God's forgiveness and cleansing as God's children (Romans 8:16).

The Spirit also helps us to share the Father's broken heart for our suffering world and for the communities of which we are part. Jesus Himself wept over Jerusalem, because its inhabitants failed to see what was happening in their midst (Luke 19:41).

We can live under God's blessing in sadness, as He is able to turn our tears to joy, even though our comfort will only truly be complete in heaven. 'God comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable.'

### ***Washed away***

*A grandmother took her little grandson to the beach. They were having a good time until a huge wave came in and swept the boy out to sea! The grandmother fell on her knees and cried to the heavens: "Please, Lord, return my grandson! Please! PLEASE!"*

*Lo and behold, a wave swelled from the ocean and deposited the drenched child at her feet. She checked him over head to toe. He was fine! But the grandmother looked up to the heavens again and frowned: "He had a hat."*

## August: summer fun... or do you prefer winter?

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August brings a relaxed air of warmth that settles over homes like a drift of the most delicate silk organza. Outdoor life is woven into daily routine, charming all but the most ardent winter-type of personality. Is there such a thing? Indeed there is – in fact a surprisingly high number of people prefer winter.

Psychologists recognise that experiences affect moods via the subconscious mind. A winter-type of person likes the doors and windows to be firmly shut. Maybe the curtains drawn. The heaters are on and the outdoor world is closed for business. This is all down to the sense of security that enclosure brings. Then there's the reduced feeling of guilt that cold days bring. The weather provides the perfect excuse not to go out and about. Jobs that involve an element of outdoor-ness can easily be delayed. Most winter-lovers are introverts rather than extroverts and they prefer not to go out to mingle and meet people. They experience less stress by choosing not to do this. These people might not even realise that they don't relish the thought of mixing with other people.

How do you recognise a winter-person? There's a simple clue. Those who are lucky enough to have a front garden might allow their space to become overgrown and unkempt. Tending a front garden generally involves speaking to people, especially if it's located in a residential street rather than a rural idyll. Introvert people will prefer to concentrate on their back garden if it's more private than the front. Of course, there's more to it than this. Some people prefer not to look after any garden, not just the front!

Others will be outdoors this August, relishing every moment that the long, warm days provide. Many extroverts or even middle-of-the-road people in terms of sociability, will happily work in their front gardens and welcome every interaction with passers-by. It's what happens in summer – the warmth brings an air of relaxation which promotes conversation and friendship.

If you're a winter person or an introvert who likes privacy, there are always changes you can make to your outdoor space which will help to provide screening between you and the world beyond your comfort zone. Hedging is an efficient way to create a boundary. Even a low hedge can give you an almost invisible barrier that tells people to stay the other side. Lavender, rosemary and shrub roses will all give you an opportunity to plant an aromatic, low barrier. Or a line of larger shrubs such as Cornus can be trained upwards to provide a hazy disruption to sightlines, thus achieving partial privacy. Clumps of (non-running) bamboo provide an excellent screening opportunity and large pots filled with evergreens will also define your space. What you don't want to plant is a fast-growing conifer hedge (such as leylandii) that will involve regular trimming. If you want a more traditional or formal hedge, you can plant native tree species or evergreens such as yew, that will be happy with a gentle trim every year.

Choose plants to suit your personality – they can be friends that work to make your life more pleasurable. All you winter-lovers out there can then enjoy summer too!

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### ***Too high a price?***

*In June of this year we commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings in the knowledge that many of the veterans would not see another major celebration of that remarkable event. That brought an added poignancy to the proceedings.*

*I'm sure that, like me, you were touched by what many of the veterans had to say. 'We're not the heroes,' they said, 'the heroes are those who died or were terribly injured. We survived and have had another 70 years. We are not the heroes.'*

*No one watching the TV coverage or reading the media could fail to be moved, however, by the stories of sacrifice and bravery they had to tell, a generation of men and women for whom sacrifice and duty were instinctive. I was asked recently, 'Do you think the present generation would respond in the same way, with such self-sacrifice?'*

*I guess no-one can answer that question, but it did make me think about the costly call to discipleship that is at the heart of Christianity. We follow one who freely laid down His life to save us from our sin. 'No-one takes my life from me,' Jesus said, 'but I lay it down of my own accord.' (John 10:18). The Saviour calls us to a similar costly obedience: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.' (Mark 8:34)*

*Sacrifice is central to Christian devotion. We may not be asked to literally lay down our lives (although some are in other parts of the world) but we are asked to give God priority in our lives and to put His will before our own. This too can be very challenging and costly. Are we willing to pay the price?*

***Tony Horsfall***



## All in the month of August

**250 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1769**, Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France (1804-14, 1815) was born.

**200 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1819**, the Peterloo Massacre took place in Manchester. Up to 80,000 people gathered to demand a reform of parliamentary representation. Local magistrates called in the military to break up the gathering, and the cavalry charged into the crowd with sabres drawn. 15 people were killed and 400 – 700 injured. **Also on 19<sup>th</sup> August**

**1819**, James Watt, the Scottish inventor, died. His refinement of the steam engine was fundamental to the Industrial Revolution. **Also on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1819**, Prince Albert, husband and consort of Queen Victoria was born.

**100 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1919**, Afghanistan gained its independence from the UK.

**90 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1929**, Yasser Arafat was born. He was the first President of the Palestinian National Authority (1994-2004) and Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (1969–2004).

**80 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1939**, physicists Albert Einstein and Leo Szilard wrote a letter to US President Franklin D Roosevelt explaining the dangers of Germany building an atomic bomb before the USA, and urging the creation of an atomic weapons research programme. **Also on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1939**, during WW2 the evacuation of children from British cities began, in anticipation of war breaking out. **Also on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1939**, Adolf Hitler, leader of Nazi Germany, signed an order to attack Poland. German troops invaded Poland the following day, and WW2 began.

**75 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1944**, 15-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank made the last entry in her famous diary. On 4<sup>th</sup> August she and her family were arrested in Amsterdam where they had been hiding, and were taken to Auschwitz concentration camp. **Also on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1944**, Paris was liberated after French and US troops forced the German occupiers to surrender. The Germans had occupied the city for four years.

**70 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1949**, the North Atlantic Treaty came into effect, establishing NATO.

**60 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1959**, the British Motor Corporation (BMC) launched the Mini. It became one of the bestselling British cars in history.

**50 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1969 (until 31 July 2007)** The Troubles in Northern Ireland. The British Government sent troops into Northern Ireland to intervene in the sectarian violence between Protestants and Catholics and to restore law and order. The intervention was at the request of the unionist government of Northern Ireland. Initially intended as a temporary measure, it became the longest continuous deployment in British military history.

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**40 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1979**, Louis Mountbatten, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Mountbatten of Burma, died. He was Viceroy of India (1947), Governor-General of India (1947-48), First Sea Lord (1955-59), and mentor of the Prince of Wales. He was killed by an IRA bomb on his fishing boat off the coast of Ireland.

**30 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1989**, the Marchioness disaster took place on the River Thames. A dredger crashed into a pleasure cruiser, killing 51 people. **Also on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1989**, Sir Peter Scott, British naturalist, artist and broadcaster, died. He was founder of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and co-founder of the Worldwide Fund for Nature. He was the son of the polar explorer Robert Falcon Scott.

**25 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1994**, Sunday trading was legalised in England and Wales. **Also on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1994**, the IRA agreed to a complete ceasefire after 25 years.

**20 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1999**, Vladimir Putin became Prime Minister of Russia. (He became President in May 2000).

**10 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009**, the man accused of the Lockerbie bombing was released. Libyan intelligence officer Abdelbaset al-Megrahi was convicted of the bombings of Pan Am Flight 103 which crashed onto Lockerbie Scotland in December 1988. He was released on compassionate grounds after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. (Died May 2012)

### ***A page from John Wesley's diary (late 1700s)***

***Sunday Morning, May 5. Preached at St Ann's. Was asked not to come back anymore.***

***Sunday p.m., May 5. Preached at St John's. Deacons said, "Get out and stay out."***

***Sunday a.m., May 12. Preached at St Jude's. Can't go back there either.***

***Sunday p.m., May 12. Preached at St George's. Kicked out again.***

***Sunday a.m., May 19. Preached at St. somebody else's. Deacons called special meeting and said I couldn't return.***

***Sunday p.m., May 19. Preached on the street. Kicked off the street.***

***Sunday a.m., May 26. Preached in meadow, chased out of meadow as bull was turned loose during the service.***

***Sunday a.m., June 2. Preached out at the edge of town, kicked off the highway.***

***Sunday p.m., June 2. afternoon service. Preached in a pasture, 10,000 people came to hear me.***

***Sometimes the things we perceive as failures are  
actually the steps to breakthrough***

*(Article supplied by Inger Perkins who found it on Facebook)*

## *From the Registers*

### *Funeral (June 2019)*

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Adam James Kelly**

St Mary's Church @ 11am

### *Wedding (June 2019)*

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Lorraine A M Barden & Samuel J Watterson**

Kirk Christ @ 2pm

### *Baptism (June 2019)*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**George Louis Michael Newing**

Kirk Christ @ 9.30am

### *Upsy daisy*

*After morning service, the new curate slipped and fell on the path. A few seconds later a small girl burst through the throng of the concerned congregation around him, grabbed his arm and began to pull. Embarrassed, he waved her away with a smile. Loudly, she protested: "I can do it, I can do it! I've helped my father up when he was far drunker than you are."*

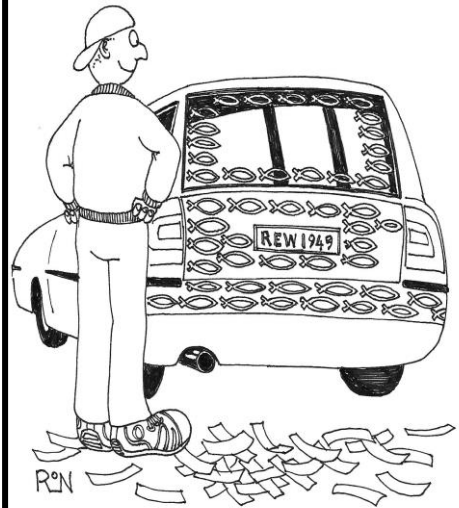
### **Safeguarding**

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)



*Terry was a Christian, and didn't care  
who knew it*



## **Mothers' Union – changing women's lives for the better**

*In praise of Mary Sumner (Editor)*

Most people have heard of the Mothers' Union, though it's not quite the force it was in its heyday of 70 years ago. This month the church celebrates its founder, Mary Sumner on 5<sup>th</sup> August, and it would be a pity if we forgot her contribution to the social wellbeing of women.

She was a vicar's wife in Hampshire in the late Victorian period. A young woman herself, she saw the emotional and practical burdens borne by most of her contemporaries. Before the widespread introduction of medical care during pregnancy and childbirth, natal mortality was high and for those who survived into childhood common but deadly diseases – measles and scarlet fever, for example, brought tragedy to many homes.

These childhood illnesses partly rose from poor living conditions. Life itself was often hard, in cramped homes and without the amenities we take for granted like piped water, electricity, sewage disposal.

Mary Sumner created a simple support group for these women where they could share their experience, support one another and learn the essentials, as she saw it, of a Christian home. The idea caught on, and by the beginning of the century there were many similar groups in various parts of Britain. By 1921 the Mothers' Union existed as a national and international resource for young mothers.

My own mother was a keen member in the 1930's. Of course, lifestyles change and today most women have a job, once their children start school. Churches tend to support families through mum and toddler groups with much the same agenda, but in a less formal style.

And so the Mothers' Union has effectively become a modern Grandmothers Union, which is fair enough in view of the active role of modern grandparents in childcare. In those ways, at least, the vision of Mary Sumner long ago is still fulfilled.

**David Winter**

## God in the Arts

### 'The Ambassadors' by Hans Holbein

*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, with the help of the **Rev'd Michael Burgess**, we are journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month. (Editor)*



'We can never know the secret of great art or music until we have learned to look and listen with a self-oblivious reverence.' Those words of Evelyn Underhill remind us that when we visit an art gallery, we are tempted to cram as much as we can into the experience. But then the value of what we see can easily remain at a superficial level.

This month's painting in the National Gallery is a famous work by Hans Holbein: 'The Ambassadors' of 1533. Holbein was born in Germany, and

then with the help of Erasmus gained the patronage of Henry VIII. Holbein has portrayed two young men: the one on the left wears sumptuous clothes, and the scholar on the right has become a bishop at just 25 years of age.

They are both learned men for we can see a variety of books and instruments between them. The upper table holds a celestial globe, a sundial and a quadrant to study the heavens above. On the lower table we see signs of this world – a globe, a hymn book, lute and flutes. All are beautifully portrayed against a background of rich damask. The two ambassadors are masters of heavenly and worldly knowledge: figures of wealth, education and authority.

But we need to look more closely. One of the strings on the lute is broken, and the strange shape at the front viewed at an angle is a skull. We see signs of life, but also signs of death. And then, just visible on the top left-hand side, is a crucifix. It is virtually hidden and unseen, but with the eyes of faith a sign that gives meaning to the realities of life and death that dominate the canvas. The two globes turn on their pivots, and Holbein is perhaps saying that the lives of these two men move on the pivots of growth, achievement and death. And to what end? The crucifix proclaims an eternal life and salvation for all who look and see their Lord and Saviour.

# Children's Page

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 3 and 4

Naomi and Ruth had returned to Bethlehem as widows. Ruth had worked during the harvest in the fields of Boaz, a near relative.

Naomi told her daughter-in-law Ruth

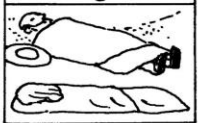
You need someone to marry and look after you. I have a plan

I will do all you ask of me

So Ruth went to where the grain was threshed. Boaz was on guard that night...

but she stayed out of his sight until he was asleep.

Then she uncovered his feet and lay down by them.



At midnight, Boaz woke, and was shocked to find her there.

As my relative who must look after me, will you marry me?

You have a closer relative; I will ask him tomorrow. If he will not marry you, I will do so gladly. Lie down now, and sleep.



Just before dawn, Ruth returned to Naomi.

All we can do now is wait.

Boaz went to the meeting place, and waited for the relative to pass.



Naomi wants to sell the land she inherited from her husband, and as nearest relative, you get first refusal.



I want to buy the land.

Then you must marry Ruth as the land must be inherited by her son

In that case, I don't want to buy it.

Then I will buy the land and marry Ruth.

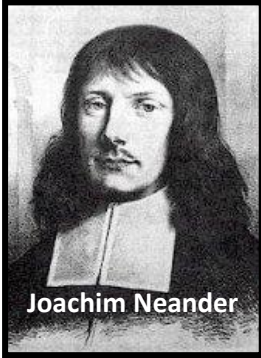
So Boaz married Ruth and they had a son.

My life is no longer bitter! and he was an ancestor of King David!





## The Story Behind the Hymn



### ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to His temple draw near;  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously  
reigneth,  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting sustaineth:  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy  
work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall  
daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If to the end He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in us  
adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now  
with praises before Him;  
Let the Amen sound from His people  
again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**Words taken from 'Hymns Old & New'  
Kevin Mayhew (2004)**

Joachim Neander's *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* is considered the foremost German, post-reformation, praise hymn. Neander was born in Bremen, Germany

When he was 16, he studied theology in Bremen. His heart was not in his studies and he was known as somewhat of a wild student until he heard a sermon by Theodor Underreyk, a leader in the German Pietism movement. It was right then, in 1670, his final year of school, that the Holy Spirit convicted him of his sin and changed his heart.

He moved to Dusseldorf and enjoyed going to a certain valley by the Dussel River, which inspired him to write many poems and hymns. He often gave sermons to those gathering there in the valley. His popularity with the common people caused problems with the local church administration, so he moved back to Bremen in 1679, finally becoming a clergyman.

Neander wrote about 60 hymns in his short life, dying of either the plague or tuberculosis in 1680, just one year into his Bremen pastorate in the German Reformed Church.

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* is based on texts found in both Psalm 103:1-6, and especially Psalm 150:1-2.

Catherine Winkworth published the first English version of Neander's hymn in 1863. All told, Ms. Winkworth translated more than 100 German hymns into English, none greater than this one.



## Rushen Parish Prayer Diary



*Dear Lord, we give you thanks for the month of August. As each day of the month dawns, we thank you for bringing us out of the shadow of night and into the light of morning. We also thank you for the joy of spending each day in your service, so that when the evening comes, we can once more give you the thanks that you deserve, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*



### August 2019

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Those who have lost loved ones because of conflict
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Families enjoying a welcome break whilst on holiday on the island
- 4<sup>th</sup> Those who work in financial institutions
- 5<sup>th</sup> Peace throughout the world
- 6<sup>th</sup> Families in debt, unable to find a solution, and in despair
- 7<sup>th</sup> Joe and his ministry in the Parish of Rushen
- 8<sup>th</sup> All sportsmen and women who enjoy partaking in sport rather than winning
- 9<sup>th</sup> The Port St Mary Beach Mission and its success during the 2019 season
- 10<sup>th</sup> All grandparents and their grandchildren
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Mothers' Union and its tireless work throughout the Isle of Man
- 12<sup>th</sup> All Christians to serve Jesus faithfully and to behave like He did throughout His life
- 13<sup>th</sup> The Salvation Army and its work with the homeless
- 14<sup>th</sup> Those receiving treatment in hospital
- 15<sup>th</sup> All parents and their children
- 16<sup>th</sup> Authors and the books they write which give such enjoyment to their readers
- 17<sup>th</sup> One parent families and the work of agencies which help them
- 18<sup>th</sup> The people who kindly buy and arrange flowers in our four churches
- 19<sup>th</sup> The coastguards who ensure the safety of all who venture on our beaches
- 20<sup>th</sup> The Royal Family and all it does for everyone living in the Commonwealth
- 21<sup>st</sup> Farmers preparing their crops for harvest time
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Teachers preparing for the new term in September
- 23<sup>rd</sup> The Southern Mission Partnership and its work in integrating parishes in the south
- 24<sup>th</sup> The work of the National Royal Lifeboat Institution in saving lives
- 25<sup>th</sup> The beauty of music in all of its forms
- 26<sup>th</sup> Those who entertain through the media of radio and television
- 27<sup>th</sup> The work of doctors and nurses throughout the world
- 28<sup>th</sup> Children preparing for the new term ahead
- 29<sup>th</sup> Those couples who have been married in the Parish of Rushen during 2019
- 30<sup>th</sup> The disabled and the work of those who try to help them
- 31<sup>st</sup> The continued success of Messy Church and for those who help to run it

## Services August 2019

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 Beach Mission Service
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer + Baptism (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
11 <sup>th</sup> August <b>(Trinity 8)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
18 <sup>th</sup> August <b>(Trinity 9)</b>	8am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer + Baptism (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
25 <sup>th</sup> August <b>(Trinity 10)</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)
1 <sup>st</sup> September <b>(Trinity 11)</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)
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(CW)

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## August 2019 Sudoku Competition

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As I mentioned earlier only two of you entered the competition in June. Nevertheless there was a winner and they received the £5 that is offered to those who win. The usual rules apply. You can send your entry through the post, give it to me personally, give it to one of the churchwardens, or post it to my address which can be found overleaf. The closing date for this competition is the last Friday in August, and hopefully the lucky winner will receive their prize during the ten days that follow. Do please have a go, it really is quite easy! (Editor)