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They should reach the Editor by 22nd July.

The August magazine will be on sale by 29th July.

July

July is the time when we turn our thoughts to Holidays. Either we are looking forward to one that we have already booked, or we are planning one. Derek and I, being officially retired, have the luxury of taking holidays at any time. We are really into cruising and are going on a few this year. Yes I did say 'a few'.

“ I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky”

This is the first line of the poem 'Sea Fever' by John Masefield. I love this poem. It talks about Tall Ships, the changing skies and the challenging seas. I have always been called to the seas and as we now live about 200 yards from the beach, we are living my lifelong dream. I can even see the Isle of Wight. I have travelled to see the Tall Ships, and will get onto the water in any sea-going vessel that is on offer. Rowing boats, ferries, liners, speed boats. Yes, really anything. I also swim in it. Not so long ago, the sea was the only way of getting to other places. The plane is a recent development in the World's timeline.

Ships and small sailing vessels have been around for many hundreds of years. The art of ship building is an amazing gift. Sailing on the huge liners gives you an insight into a whole other world. The skills of the Captain and his crew, the extra skill of the pilot getting you in and out of port, the maintenance teams, the entertainment team, the chefs and your cabin steward to name but a few. For a 3,000 person sailing vessel, you need at least 1,000 crew

members. As I said a whole other, fantastic, world. One of the things you notice is the different languages you hear, especially amongst the maintenance crews. Everybody knows some English and have learned 'good morning' or 'Hi' with a smile. Our Cabin steward, on our latest cruise, Hannah, spoke excellent English, she came from the Philippines.

Jesus knew about the sea. The Sea of Galilee or Lake Tiberius. His first 2 Apostles were fishermen, working boats on the sea or lake. There was the storm, that Jesus quelled, also on the sea. Fish was hugely important to feed the people in the area and there are about 18 different types in the Sea of Galilee. Most of them are very tiny. Jesus blessed fish and bread and managed to feed thousands. Again we are looking at the sea. Sunday the 8th of July 2018 is Sea Sunday where we think of those on the sea, out in all weathers and in all conditions. I said that on board a Cruise ship there are many nationalities and many languages. This is true of many sailing vessels around the world. So what happens when things go wrong? Where do you go for help? Who helps the helpers?

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit descends on the Disciples and allows them to understand and speak in other tongues. How great a gift is that, that in their new lives they would be able to minister to everyone. How great a gift would it be to all seafarers that they could speak and understand other languages immediately. Some people indeed can speak other, and sometimes many, languages but this applies to the few, not the many. In steps the Mission to

Seafarers. They can be true lifesavers. Imagine you are a sailor and you have just docked in port. You don't know where you are and you don't talk the language. You get off the ship with your papers and you are free. Free to wander, free to eat and drink anything you want. Sounds great after days at sea. You turn down a side street and you are lost. Now what? What you may not know is that in the sailors papers is a card and on the card is a phone number and this is for the Mission to Seafarers. All ports recognise the card and will help you get in touch with them. They can find someone who speaks your language. They can get you a bed for the night and a meal. They will contact your ship for you and they have a Chaplain on hand night and day. If you need hospital attention, someone will go with you. In the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells us of an inn keeper who helps a man who has been attacked. He does not know the man and probably cannot speak his language but it does not matter. The man is looked after anyway.

This is the Mission to Seafarers. It does not matter who you are, you will be looked after. John Masefield's Sea Fever ends with these lines: 'And all I ask is a merry yarn from a fellow-rover And a quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long tricks over'

Jackie

Editing the Magazine

I am delighted to announce that a new editor for the magazine has been found: following the publication of this issue, I will be handing over to Elizabeth Shipton. I have full confidence that she will continue to deliver the quality that the parish magazine deserves.

Articles should be sent directly to her, or if this is not possible to the Church Office.

It has been an honour to edit the magazine, and I wish for every success in the foreseeable future.



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Baptism of Sophie Wang

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Clive Davis tells another story behind the names on our War Memorial.

Researching **Lionel Theodore Clemence** provided many questions – some still not answered. What we do know is that Lionel's parents, Herbert and Caroline were married in March 1890. In 1891 it is recorded that he was living on his own means – not working. They started their married life at 30 Bath Road, Bedford Park.

Lionel's elder brother was born in 1893. I could find no birth records for Lionel. I do know he was baptised at St Mary's Church, Stamford Brook on 3rd September 1898. The 1901 census shows that on the day of the census the brothers were at home with their cousin. I could not find where their parents were.

By April 1911 Lionel and his brother were living with their father, their grandmother and two aunts at 66 Twyford Avenue.

Lionel's service records seem to be incomplete. On the 3rd February 1917 he was stationed in Dundee and was a Flight Sub Lieutenant with the Royal Naval Air Service. When the RNAS merged with the Army's Royal Flying Corps in 1918, Lionel was recorded as a Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force.

Records show he was "unfit for further service" on 22nd May 1918. What is curious is that records state he was Gazetted out on 19th July 1918. Other records give his address as 6 Beaumont Mansions, West Kensington.

His service records state he died on 27th July 1918 followed by a note "see file 62435/21". I have not yet a copy of that file. By this time his parents were living in Camborne. Lionel was buried at Holy Trinity Church in Penponds (near Camborne).

Interestingly his gravestone seems not have been one provided by the War Graves Commission. Indeed on the original listing Lionel's grave

is not recognised as an official War Grave. Indeed I found a document dated 5th January 1995! This document contains the following sentence:

"The above casualty was not previously recorded by the Commission but has now been accorded war grave status in the above mentioned churchyard."

So what were the circumstances of Lionel's death? He does seem to have been killed whilst on active service. Perhaps that will remain unknown.

In 1921 his brother William became a US citizen. However, he was living in England in 1928 at Beaumont Mansions with his father. In 1930 he married and disappears from all records. It is likely he returned to the US and lived out his life there. Lionel's father died in 1934 in Putney and his mother who disappeared from their lives before the War died in 1953.

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A Message from Ken Bartram

Dear all,

I really must express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all my friends and associates at St. Martins for all your kindness and prayers during my recent period of time in hospital and subsequent heart surgery. I'm pleased to say that the road to recovery is now well travelled, and despite the longevity I can see a time over the next few weeks when I'll be fully fit and back to good health. Meanwhile, once again, my thanks and love to everyone. I look forward to seeing you all again when the medics say I'm a free man.

Many blessings,

Ken Bartram.



James, the Apostle

James, often called “the Great” was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother, John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him. They were with Jesus at his transfiguration and in the garden of Gethsemane. They were witnesses to his resurrection. James was put to death by the sword on the orders of Herod Agrippa, who hoped to stem the growth of the Way, as the earliest Christians were called, by killing its leaders.

In medieval Spain, a cult of St James (Santiago) arose. He was seen as a warrior saint as the defender of Christianity against the Moors. His reputed burial place, at Compostela, became one of the three great places of pilgrimage, with Rome and Jerusalem. In our window, he is dressed as a medieval pilgrim, wearing the pilgrim’s hat and scallop shell that became his emblems. Santiago de Compostela still attracts many thousands of pilgrims every year.

FEAST DAY: July 25th

PRAYER:

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen

Martin - Bishop of Tours

Born about 316 in Pannonia (in modern-day Hungary), Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and a Christian. He found the two roles conflicted:

"One day, in a particularly cold winter, he was on duty. In the gateway of the city of Amiens, he met a poor man who was destitute of clothing. He was begging for help, but all passed by the poor man without even acknowledging his presence. When Martin, that man full of God, saw the poor man, he questioned himself what best to do. He had nothing left save his cloak he was wearing, having already given away the rest of his clothes to the destitute. Unsheathing his sword, he cut his cloak in two, giving one half to the poor man, and wrapping the remaining half round himself."

from The Life of Saint Martin by Sulpicius Severus

Under the influence of Hilary, Bishop of Poitier, he founded a monastery, the first in Gaul, which was a centre for missionary work in the local countryside, where, previous Christian activity had been centred on cities. In 372, Martin was elected Bishop of Tours by popular acclaim and continued his monastic lifestyle as a bishop, until his death in 397.

FEAST DAY: November 11th

PRAYER:

God all powerful,
who called Martin from the armies of this world
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:
give us grace to follow him
in his love and compassion for the needy,
and enable your Church to claim for all people
their inheritance as children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen



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A form has been sent to members of the electoral roll; it must be completed in order for further communication to be received from St. Martin's Church. Please open and fill in the online form at your earliest convenience.

As many events are publicised by email, this is especially important for keeping up to date with Church activities.

Editorial



July seems to be a month of finality; everything coming to an end in the middle of the year. Schools start their holidays, and the annual attempt to get away from the stress of daily work to a beach or foreign country begins. In fact, the origin of the school summer holiday began because students decided to stop studying due to the tremendous heat.

However, July is a month of change in my eyes. As I hand over the reigns of editor, I do wonder about what the future may hold; however, I do well to remember the words of Sir Thomas Edison; "When one door closes, another opens; however, we are often too preoccupied with the door that closed to notice the one that opened".

I wish you all the best, and thank you all for the appreciation I have received.

Quiz Page

Below are the answers for last month's quiz. It has been an enjoyable experience to research and come up with these, at least for me, and I hope you all feel the same way.

Many thanks,

Alex

1. *Black Mirror*
2. *Peaky Blinders*
3. *Downton Abbey*
4. *The Crown*
5. *Victoria*
6. *Doctor Who*
7. *The IT Crowd*
8. *Outlander*
9. *Broadchurch*
10. *Sherlock*

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