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### A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



Dear All Saints and All Sinners, (Martin Luther did say we were simultaneously both)

For hundreds of years, the Church of England has played a central part in British culture. Christianity was state religion, Christianity was taught in schools, everyone knew the 10 Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, and Christian morality was taken for granted as a basis for public life. However, around 70 years ago, in the 1960's, church attendance started to diminish. At the current rates of decline, the Church of England will cease to exist this century.

Yet the Lord hasn't changed. And nor have humans. We still need saving. A friend of mine's 15 year old son has just converted. But not to Christianity, to Islam. He was taught about Islam in his Church of England Primary School and was attracted to it. Many of his friends at school are Muslim. He has started going to Mosque, stopped eating his mother's delicious pork stir-fry, and has cut his (previous long) hair. Why? He was attracted to Islam because of its strict rules, ritual cleansing, strong male identity and roles, and I suspect the confidence Muslims have in what they believe. He wanted the challenge. Years ago, when my wife volunteered in a refugee camp in Sudan, her concerned Muslim friends would gently and sincerely out of love tell her she would go to the fire unless she converted.

Meanwhile not all churches in the UK are declining. Some are growing. Which ones? Surprisingly it's not the liberal ones that emphasis universal love and live how you want. It's the strict ones that are growing, the ones with rules, that still believe things in the bible that are counter-cultural and offensive in modern society. Such as original sin and man's need for salvation, in heaven and hell, in two genders, and that sex is for marriage, and marriage is between a man and a women. For some reason, people are drawn to churches with strong beliefs, that call people to receive Jesus as Lord and a life of service.

I do love our Church of England. I like the fact that historically it has been ambiguous about some issues, in a way that gives space and grace, that it is a 'broad church'. Many of you will be aware that that General Synod has, by a single vote, approved prayers for same-sex blessings, as a step towards approving same-sex marriage. But my sense is that we increasingly preach love without truth, the resurrection without the pain of cross, licence not law, human choice over the Lordship of Christ. And I am sure I am guilty of this too. But the danger is we are becoming no different to secular society, and if salt is not salty, it has no reason to exist.

I like preaching about the Lord's unconditional love, that we were made for a reason, that in Christ we have purpose, a hope for the future, and forgiveness for our sins. But we need to remember the bible also says there is a cost to following Christ, that he died on the cross for our sins, and that has implications for all of us.

Have a wonderful Christmas season, as we celebrate Christ's birth on earth

**Revd Ulric** 



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Christingle Family service Saturday 23rd December @ 5pm



Midnight mass Family Service Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December @ 11:15 pm



Christmas Day Family Service Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am service only

# ...it's just what you do.

Since September 2022, you have said to visiting Clergy "Thank you" for taking the service today, to help us sing and praises and pray.

You place the welcome board by the North Door for the Wednesday 10 am and Sunday 8 am services and at the Main Entrance for the Sunday 10 am service, and do so much more at All Saints Church.

The new format of weekly Bulletin prepared and folded, ready to read. During the Intercessions prayers for those in need.

The monthly Saints Alive now in colour too, with a history of those 90 years for the congregation members.

You arranged a family "Baby name Blessing" from around the Font, something special that the family and friends preferred to want.

You check the Readers have their list and **NOT** a lesson or Intercession is missed! But maybe you should leave for someone else the lighting of the candle in front of the



Statue of Mother Mary, for I fear that one day you will set fire to your cassock sleeve as you reach into the blue glass vases with the flaming tapper.

You carry out your Head server duties seamlessly, lighting the candles before service starts, carry the cross along the Aisles, swinging the incense, and with a cute Boat Boy (young Jack Arnold) the youngest for a while with you for Revd Ulric installation service.

You arranged the three weeks reading of wedding Banns for two sets of bride and groom in the Summer, and also with much sadness you managed two funeral services for those who joined the Heavenly Host during the Interregnum window.

The year has brought many challenges too, and accepting them on our behalf, it's just what you do.

Rosemary Bounden

We say goodbye to Fr Dioynisious Cicily Antony Assistant Curate (SSM) at All Saints' Church since 1st September 2019.

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# "Remembering a precious Friend, Diane Parris"

Yes, I was one of our friends of Diane who heard the unbelievable news of her passing in early August. I still mourn her loss and am remembering all of the lovely things she taught me about being positive and so kind to people. I am blessed with many friends, but Diane was unique in the way she lived her life and cared for so many people, friends, and of course her daughters. When we would cross a Zebra crossing, even with lights, she would always smile and wave at the driver, thanking them for stopping. She never had a negative word to say about anyone...and she was so interested in my family, always asking about each one and how they were getting on. I miss her so much! There are things I want to tell her that she would be so interested in.

I was amazed how she just grabbed at life...going to many interesting places. When I attend All Saints now, I miss her doing the sacraments and processing with the others at the beginning and end of the service. I am sure that we all struggle why God took her so suddenly. I just have to believe that she is enjoying a life with God, which is far greater that this life. Like Diane, we all have to be prepared to meet our God at the end of our life.

So my lovely dear, sweet Diane. You are brightening up Heaven with your lovely smile. May our lives be changed for the better just by knowing wonderful you.

Charlotte Bergdahl





### Simple stuff but still fit for Christmas nibbles or sides.

I had been planning to write a few recipes since Summer but missed the timing of the submission date, chasing sunshine and all the lovely things of summer.

Now, as the nights lengthen, to help us along, we have among other pursuits, the splendid series of the Bake Off on TV. I enjoy these participants with such admiration as I could never master the precision, nor the strict time management required for one to stand a chance of any success, so no entry from me this time. It is interesting to see how the standard has kept climbing year

upon year.

Our household has also been enjoying programmes of a reputable, Cornish, chef exploring some rather interesting cities for the weekend and he samples the cuisine of various places like Spain and Portugal, on our behalf. These shows often celebrate simple food; using good base ingredients that are executed produce great results. One is encouraged to be proud and daring, to use favourite and traditional ingredients/ flavours with confidence and to sometimes apply these in new ways. These programmes have triggered my memories and have taken me back to foods of my own Caribbean heritage.

The offerings we have in this edition include a popular drink that can be boozy or not, as it's the

festive season after all.

#### **Sorrel Drink**

Although "sorrel "is the name we would use in the Caribbean for this vibrant red drink, it is more widely known as hibiscus. I was pleasantly surprised to be introduced to sorrel as a tea by an Egyptian. Of course they also have another name for it too.

Method: Put two heaped tablespoons of the dried sorrel/ hibiscus into a saucepan: pour on two cups of hot water, 2 sticks of cinnamon, about five cloves, a pinch of mace. Bring this to a boil and leave it overnight.

Strain and add sugar to your taste, 3 or 4 tablespoons (or more) and a dash of mixed essence. Remember this need to be sweeter than your usual taste to balance the ice that you will add. Pour your drink on lots of ice in a glass to show off this claret drink with a stick of cinnamon. You can add a dash of lime juice or even lime cordial and decorate with slices of lime. To give your drink an additional pizazz and buzz, add about four tablespoons of good rum or more to each glass.(4tblsp:150 ml) My preference would be Eldorado, of course!



Pamela Henry

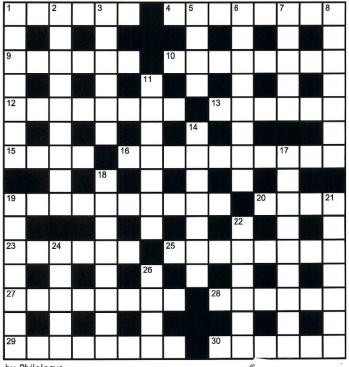
## BIBLE CROSSWORD IV

#### Across

- 1 Express sorrow (6)
- 4 Anticipated (8)
- 9 God with judge people with this (6)
- 10 Sore ants (anag); In the White House? (8)
- 12 Kept confined (8)
- 13 Times Peter denied Christ (6)
- 15 Noah became this by faith (4)
- 16 Last book of the Bible (10)
- 19 God's angels (10)
- 20 Mix up (4)
- 23 Thin length of material (6)
- 25 It never comes (8)
- 27 Soothed (8)
- 28 Money lender (6)
- 29 Counted (8)
- 30 Rigid sheets of metal (6)

#### Down

- 1 A dimension of God's love (7)
- 2 Himalayas, for example (9)



- by Philologus
  - 3 Gain, reach or arrive at (6)
  - 5 Sesame worked! (4)
  - 6 A faithful minister of Christ (8)
  - 7 Mother in law of Ruth (5)
  - 8 Sun sets in this sky (7)
  - 11 Retaliation (7)
  - 14 Scripture is profitable for this (7)

- 17 Magicians couldn't do this for Pharaoh's dreams (9)
- 18 Jerusalem how her house is left (8)
- 19 Disease of cattle (7)
- 21 When Jesus comes these will be with Him (7)
- 22 Fragment of food (6)
- 24 Booms (anag) (5)
- 26 Not there! (4)

# PRAYER WORD SEARCH

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3RD PRIZE	SHELAC MANCIURE VOUCHER	GREEN 149	J BURRIDGE
4TH PRIZE	£20 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER	GREEN 105	B ARNOLD
5TH PRIZE	BOTTLE WHISKEY	PINK 39	D BURLES
6TH PRIZE	HAMPER	YELLOW 86	JEAN
7TH PRIZE	HOTTER CLUTCH BAG AND PURSE	BLUE 97	M HAMLIN
8TH PRIZE	ESTEE LAUDER LUXURIOUS DUO SET	WHITE 114	KAROLYN
9TH PRIZE	WHIZIWAND	BLUE 111	S NEWBEY
10TH PRIZE	BOX OF THREE CANDLES	PINK 135	ONKAR
11TH PRIZE	BOTTLE WINE	GREEN 98	LOUISE
12TH PRIZE	BOX OF QUALITY STREET	BLUE 106	ONKAR
13TH PRIZE	NUTCRACKER TIN OF DELICIOUS COOKIES	YELLOW 83	CARMEN
14TH PRIZE	WINE AERATOR	PINK 62	PAMELA
15TH PRIZE	100 PCS FLAG TRAVEL GAME	GREEN 163	S NEWBEY
16TH PRIZE	CUDDLY TOY	GREEN 148	K SCHLACTER
17TH PRIZE	ADDRESS BOOK	YELLOW 100	LOUISE

# **BAZAAR PRIZE WINNERS (2)**

HAMPERS			
1ST PRIZE	FOOD	BLUE 875	JACK
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3RD PRIZE	TOYS	BLUE 891	DENICE
4TH PRIZE	SWEETS	YELLOW 865	H HAMLIN
5TH PRIZE	LADIES	PINK 965	C RIVA
6TH PRIZE	MEN'S	PINK 945	NATALIE
7TH PRIZE	MINI LADIES	YELLOW 845	CALAB

<b>GUESS MY NAME???</b>		
TINKER	WINNER	S NEWBEY

HOW MANY CHOCOLATES?			
181	WINNER	SAMANTHA	



WELL, THIS IS AWKWARD ...

## Carols by Candlelight at Kew Gardens

On a bitterly cold November night, mum and I went to a fabulous evening of Carols by Candlelight at Kew Gardens.

It was set in the Nash Conservatory – a glasshouse on the border of the gardens that was originally built in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and moved brick-by-brick to Kew in 1836.

We were entertained by nine incredible choristers called the L'Inviti Singers, with a varied programme which journeyed through Advent, right into the Christmas sings we all know and love.

The evening's performance started with a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach called Zion hört die Wächter singen, the words of which are traditionally associated with the season of Advent. Vox dicentis, a work from 1911 by English composer Edward Naylor continued the Advent theme, with its references to the second coming of the Messiah.

Passing quickly through the season of Advent, they started the Christmas element of the evening's concert with two of the UK's best-loved carols – the Sussex Carol and In dulci jubilo (you will definitely know the tunes if the names aren't familiar). Although the words of what is now known as the Sussex carol are thought to derive from the writings of a 17<sup>th</sup> century Irish bishop, the well-known tune of the carol was first written down by composer Ralph Vaughan Williams who heard it sung by a folk singer in around 1919, in Sussex – hence the carol's name.

The singers then went on to sing four Christmas motets by Francis Poulenc. His Christmas motets, composed in 1952, celebrate the events of the Christmas story – the mystery of the incarnation, the visits to the manger by the shepherds and the magi, and a joyful celebration of the birth.

After a short interval, and a warming glass of mulled wine, we moved on to a trio of beautiful numbers by John Rutter, including All Bells in Paradise, which you will have heard our own choir singing before.

Then it was time for the finale and some real Christmas classics that the audience much enjoyed singing along with, starting with a version of Jingle Bells, performed this evening in the famous arrangement by Sir David Willcocks.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing, O Come, All Ye Faithful (my personal favourite), Silent Night, and a unique interactive version of The 12 Days of Christmas completed a brilliant night of festive entertainment.

#### **Anne Robinson**



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### BIBLE CROSSWORD III - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Despair, 5 Resting, 9 Purer, 10 Galatians, 11 Neglected, 12 Siege, 13 Alrns, 15 Ordained, 18 Promises, 19 Days, 22 Amber, 24 Protector, 26 Existence, 27 Gnash, 28 Strange, 29 Treason.

Down: 1 Depend, 2 Straggler, 3 Agree, 4 Righteous, 5 Ruled, 6 Satisfied, 7 Image, 8 Gospel, 14 Samaritan, 16 Dishonest, 17 Egyptians, 20 Camels, 21 Orphan, 23 Brier, 24 Pence, 25 Eagle.



I thought I'd better check, and the main results of my web-search were the 'truth-or-fiction' sites! Their main findings are that it was probably a French 'memory-game' for Twelfth Night. One child sang a verse, the next added a verse and repeated the first, and so on....

This makes a lot of sense if we replace the 4 calling birds with the original 'colly' (ie black) birds, and the 5 golden rings with ring-necked pheasants. Then the first 7 verses are all about birds.

#### According to 'truthorfiction.com':

there are several sources that list the song as being of probable French origin. The most notable is the prestigious New Oxford Book of Carols which not only cites the French roots of the song, but says it is based on a game that children would play on the Twelfth Night, the eve of Epiphany. In the game, each child would have to try to remember and recite the objects that were said by a previous child. If successful, the child would add another object to the list for the next contestant to recite. If not, the child dropped out. The game would continue until there was a winner.

One final note is that the first printed version of the song is said to be in the children's book "Mirth Without Mischief" published in 1780 and that describes the song in similar terms as the Oxford Book of Carols.

Never mind, I enjoy singing it anyway,

<u>Jane T</u>

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