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From the Editor

At the time of writing, the Government has lost the Brexit vote by an eye watering margin but won a vote of no confidence. As you read this, who knows where we will be or if we'll have a Government. The acrimony that is being generated over this is something that we need to be aware of and the call of our bishops (printed on page 19) to respect opponents in the debate should be heeded.

Elsewhere we have the usual mix of reports and news, archive content, jokes and information. And the answers to the Christmas Quiz.

This edition is also marked by some farewells. Parishioners will remember, with great fondness, Rex Collins, who sadly died recently. His daughter, Jo, delivered an address at his funeral which reflected Rex wonderfully. An abridged version is given which is in part the history of a generation, a love story and an account of a well-lived life.

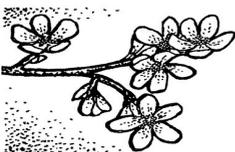
We also say farewell to Llew, from his role as Verger and to Betty, a faithful magazine distributor who has had to retire from the role. Thankfully we can do it in person to them both.

I came across a worship song that resonated with me, so have given the lyrics. It's worth a listen and can be found on Youtube. If you can't access it yourself any self-respecting 8 year old can assist. On the download front, anybody remotely interested in the Apollo 8 piece in December can find more on it via the BBC iPlayer radio app.

We do need to generate some more revenue for the magazine so if anybody has any ideas for advertisers please let me know.

The Editor

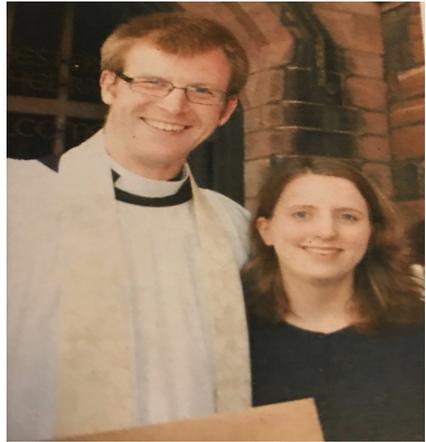
PS Deadline for the March edition is Monday 19th February.



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Richard writes...

There is something magical about seeing the first snowdrops pushing their way through the ground, their white flowers being a welcome sight reminding us that winter is coming to an end, spring is on its way. Snowdrops, also known as Candlemas Bells, are also a reminder that one of my favourite festivals will shortly be upon us: Candlemas. Not only does it provide a handy excuse for not taking down Christmas decoration by Twelfth Night, it is a wonderfully multi-layered feast with its focus on Jesus being the light of the world.



After Jesus is presented at the temple, Simeon praises God with a prayer now known as the *Nunc Dimittis*. Following this Simeon blesses Jesus and in his words to Mary, foretells of his death: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' In this way Candlemas is a Janus-like feast: it looks backwards to the birth of our Saviour celebrated at Christmas as well as looking forwards to Jesus' death and resurrection, to Good Friday and Easter. The light of which Simeon speaks is also the source of salvation for the world since it is at the cross that we discover the love of God in its fullest expression. God's love is meaningless without the Crucifixion.

February presents us with an opportunity to reflect on God's love, but it also provides an occasion to remember the gift of human love; an imperfect expression of God's love, the source of all love. Valentine's Day is a wonderful occasion to celebrate romantic love and to spend time with your husband, wife, or partner. May I encourage you to pray for those who have been married recently at St John's and for those who will be married here this year. May I also encourage you to consider invest in your relationship by taking part in a Marriage Course or Marriage Preparation Course, speak to me if your interested. ,

For many, however, February 14th will be a painful time and so we hold those in our prayers those for whom this is true.

As Valentine's Day fast approaches may we celebrate love, may we be reminded once again of God's deep and sacrificial love of us demonstrated in the cross. May we rejoice that through his death *for us* we now have eternal life, and may we be challenged to love others as God loves us.

Richard



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Children & Communion Update

In October 2018 Bishop David granted permission for St John's to admit children to Communion before Confirmation and approved our Communion Policy. In his letter he wrote: "I am pleased that your PCC has given this important area of ministry to children such careful consideration and may I assure you of my own prayerful support."

As a parish we are committed to the view that baptism constitutes full sacramental initiation, however, we recognise that there is a wide variety of views and practices. A such our new policy seeks to offer individuals freedom and choice, providing several possible pathways that can be chosen. None is 'better' or 'worse' than another, and it is for parents along with their children to discern what is right for them as they seek to grow in Christ.

Our new policy comes into effect at Easter 2019 and to help us prepare for this as a parish, we'll be having a Spring Sermon Series between 27th January and 24th March. This will afford us an opportunity to take an in-depth look at the Eucharist. There will be five core sermon topics:

(1) Paul, Church, and Communion - this will look at Paul's most detailed discussions of the eucharist in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11. We'll think about the socio-historical context of these chapters and explore what Paul meant by the requirement to 'examine themselves' and 'discerning the body of Christ'.

(2) Jesus and the Last Supper - Paul's mention of the 'Lord's Supper' in Corinthians leads us to look at the account of the Last Supper in the Synoptic Gospels. We'll explore how Jesus' last meal related to the gift of the Eucharist to the Church. We'll also look at the differences in the Institution Narratives found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. We'll also ask how the Last Supper relates both to the Lord's Supper and other meal traditions during the first-century.

(3) Covenant Meals and Israel's Festivals - This sermon will help us see how the eucharist as the meal of the New Covenant relates to the covenant meals of Israel and we'll reflect on what it means to discover that children ate the sacrificial meals at the Passover (Exod. 12) and Peace Offerings (Deut. 12), and ate Manna in the wilderness (Exod. 16). Does the description of children of believers as 'holy' (1 Cor. 7:14) contribute to the discussion?

(4) The Eucharistic Kingdom of God - we'll explore how the kingdom of God embodies eucharistic values and the ways in which the consummation of all things at the end of this age is described in both Isaiah and Revelation, in terms of being a Eucharistic feast.

(5) Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist - this will look at how baptism, confirmation and the eucharist have related to one another across churches at different times and in different geographic locations. We'll see that there is divergence amongst churches: in current Catholic practice children receive First Communion before being Confirmed and in Eastern Orthodoxy infants are baptized, confirmed and receive communion all within the same service. How might this shape contemporary discussions?

These sermons will only be able to scratch the surface of a fascinating and important subject. It is hoped that as we explore Communion afresh and interact with the biblical witness, we shall deepen our understanding of and renew our appreciation for the eucharist and its place in the life of the church as we seek to live out what it means to be a eucharistic people.



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Some farewells and thanks

From Llew Morris

At the stroke of midnight, on Monday 31st December 2018, I ceased to be the vergger at St John the Divine, Brooklands. This could be said to be out with the very old and in with the new. During the last twenty-five years, I have been very well assisted by a fine and diverse group of very willing volunteers, who, through the endeavours, have been a tower of strength and have ensured that St Johns has continued to thrive. I am deeply in their debt, for all their assistance.

A sincere thank you to those who contributed so generously to me retirement gift.

Llew



The church heating fund could only stretch to buying a copy of 'Boiler Repairs For Dummies'

Betty Belwood

Betty Belwood's name may be unknown to some people but she is one of the unsung heroines of the Parish. She has recently retired as a magazine distributor; a task she has undertaken since the early 1980s, making her one of our longest serving volunteers.

A big thank-you to Betty from the magazine team.

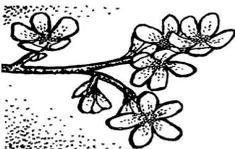
Prayer and Praise

Going Against the Grain

A small group of men from St John's joined over 100 other male worshippers from around the North West at an event organised by Christian Vision for Men (CVM). This is a movement which does what it says on the tin, namely it aims to support men in their journey to Christ by seeking to connect with them in what might be called a 'male' way. The title was to show that there are times when we have to go against the general flow of conformity to make a mark. The event showcased some of the work of CVM and included some powerful testimonies and speakers. One described how a former terrorist had turned to the Lord through witnessing the actions of one of the police officers assigned to him. The group produces a whole range of resources aimed at men to support them in their lives.

CVM runs an annual weekend event called 'The Gathering' which it describes as a cross between Top Gear and Songs of Praise which pretty much describes the approach; blokey but with an underlying spirituality. The event we attended included a band and some worship songs. One of the band members told me how good it was to be hear 150 men singing at him and it was certainly a joyful experience. It was also thought provoking and inspiring and gave food for thought as we consider how we might develop ministry to men within the Parish. And on the subject of food, there were bacon butties and doughnuts. What wasn't to like!

NB There is a Men's Breakfast event on Saturday 2nd February at 8.30, to see how we could establish a Men's Group . Please let Richard know if you can attend so he knows how much bacon is needed.



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I came across this at a service just before Christmas. You can find it on Youtube and it is worth a listen. I particularly like the verse on the top of the next page. We do need reminding sometimes that even if we don't forgive ourselves for past mistakes, we are forgiven. Do listen.

So Will I (100 Billion X)

God of creation
There at the start
Before the beginning of time
With no point of reference
You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak
A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapor of Your breath the planets form
If the stars were made to worship so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You've made
Every burning star
A signal fire of grace
If creation sings Your praises so will I

God of Your promise
You don't speak in vain
No syllable empty or void
For once You have spoken
All nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice

And as You speak
A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath
Evolving in pursuit of what You said
If it all reveals Your nature so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You say
Every painted sky
A canvas of Your grace
If creation still obeys You so will I
So will I
So will I

If the stars were made to worship so will I
If the mountains bow in reverence so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I
For if everything exists to lift You high so will I
If the wind goes where You send it so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

God of salvation
You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created
The light of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die

And as You speak
A hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here
If You left the grave behind You so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You've done
Every part designed in a work of art called love
If You gladly chose surrender so will I
I can see Your heart
Eight billion different ways
Every precious one
A child You died to save
If You gave Your life to love them so will I

Like You would again a hundred billion times
But what measure could amount to Your desire
You're the One who never leaves the one behind

Songwriters: Joel Houston / Benjamin Hastings / Michael Fatkin
So Will I (100 Billion X) lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

From the Archive

Not surprisingly the February 1919 magazine was still dominated by the aftermath of the Great War with two items of note. The first was notice of a meeting to be held to consider 'the best and most useful form of Memorial of those who have fallen in the war'. The second was a report on a special service held as a commemoration of those from the Parish who had died in the conflict.

“A very solemn Service of Commemoration of those of our friends from this Parish, who have given their lives during the Great War, was held upon the first Sunday of the new year, January 5th. Unfortunately, attendance was made difficult, if not almost impossible, by the very heavy snowstorm which raged throughout the country during this weekend. It was deemed advisable to carry through the service according to arrangement, and we were able to pay our last tribute of respect, and love and honour to the memory of those who sacrificed their young lives for us and for our country. The names of departed friends and heroes were read out during the service...”

The list of names given was that inscribed on the memorial now inside the church.

Rex Collins: A Life Well Lived

My Dad Rex was born on 26th July 1926 in Leicester. Rex's father, the Rev. Owen Mountain Collins was a Welshman born and bred who had been a coal miner until he saved enough money to train for the Methodist ministry. He was a Primitive Methodist and moved to a new circuit every four or five years. Married to Ethel, Dad was their 3rd child.

When he was 13 Rex went to Kingswood, a Methodist boarding school founded by John Wesley. The school is located in Bath, but just before Rex went, war broke out and the whole school was evacuated to Uppingham in Rutland.

In the Spring of 1945 Dad went up to Brasenose College, on a Naval Scholarship. He always said he was accepted into Oxford for to his ability on the rugby pitch and not for his brains. He read maths for 2 terms, but said he spent far more time playing rugby and hockey rather than attending any lectures. It was during these two terms that he met my Mum, Irene, who was at St Hilda's College reading history. He always claimed that she winked at him, and he was immediately smitten. This she always denied, and told the story rather more demurely that they met at the Methodist Society meetings.

After two terms, Rex was drafted into the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. He trained at Portsmouth and was commissioned as a Midshipman in November 1945. He always joked that Hitler had seem him coming so had given up the fight. Dad spent the next couple of years on "cleaning up operations" as a sub-lieutenant, minesweeping in the Mediterranean and around the top of Scotland. Dad returned to Oxford after being de-mobbed in 1947 this time studying Chemistry. He finally persuaded Irene to accept him, and they got engaged in August 1948. He graduated in 1950, and they married in March 1951 in Lightcliffe Parish Church.

In the summer of 1964 Dad transferred to Manchester as a buyer of dyestuffs, and he remained happily in this role until he retired on his 65th Birthday in July 1991 (after 41 years). Dad's move to working in central Manchester brought us to Brooklands. It was that summer of 1964 when we first began our relationship with St John's Church. Over the next 54 years Dad was sidesman, treasurer, warden; he served on the PCC and ran 2 stewardship campaigns. I remember him laughingly saying he felt he'd really "made it" when a letter arrived addressed to 'St John the Divine, 67 Brooklands Rd'.

Hardly a week went by when Rex and Irene weren't involved in something or other at the church. He was a born fund-raiser : full of ideas - And a great 'joiner-in' with everything. There were Parish Garden Parties, Christmas Fairs (with Collins' famous bookstall), the Good-as-New. Then there was the Men's Society and the Gardening Shows; Parish lunches; and in later years, 'open days' and 'heritage weekends'. He acted in various church productions at 'Summer suppers' and in the famous Parish Pageant (where he rode up the centre aisle on a tricycle as the Rev. Hugh Bethell Jones).

There were other occasions when Rex dressed up as a clergyman - this time as Mr Collins from *Pride and Prejudice* when attending various functions of

the Jane Austen Society both in the UK and abroad, when accompanying Mum.

Dad had a keen interest in church architecture and particularly in ecclesiastical stained glass. He was hugely knowledgeable on the subjects and very wide-read. We used to travel around England photographing churches and their windows. When Mum was collating the Parish archives in order to produce the *Parish History*, he wrote two chapters - one on Alfred Waterhouse, and the other describing the magnificent stained-glass windows here at St Johns. He also wrote 2 of the 5 *Brooklands Past & Present* pamphlets in the early 1990's in which he not only wrote the text but also drew the illustrations.

Dad loved more or less every genre of music but in particular opera and sacred choral singing. He had no training and never fully learnt to read music, but would listen intently, and would follow a vocal score singing along to his records. He was a loyal member of the Salford Choral Society for many years, and it was with great pride he got to sing in all the big oratorios. He used to wait with huge excitement during any rendition of the Mozart Requiem for the "Rex!.....Rex!" in *Rex Tremendae Majestatis*. As I was growing up we had season tickets for the Hallé Sunday evening concerts, and every year when the D'Oyle Carte came to the opera house we would attend the Gilbert and Sullivan productions.

A few years before he retired, Dad decided he should go on a cookery course, never having cooked anything more than baked beans. I, by this time was working at Marlborough College in Wiltshire where they held a marvellous Summer School every year. Dad attended the "cookery for men" course, learning to make such practical things as 'profiteroles'.....It was here that his love of cake-baking was born. The first cake he ever made was my 3 tiered wedding cake in 1987. His cookery course had not included the art of icing -but this he scientifically worked out by balancing pans of water on the cake-stand 'legs' and working out the PSI; and he made absolutely sure that the colours wouldn't leach out when mixing the food dye. Following this triumph, he joined the St John's baking team and collected and swapped recipes for both cakes and soups (which were served at all family and Church events thereafter).

Rex always said that "men are put on this earth to look after their women-folk". This was his mantra in life, and he certainly carried this out to the fullest extent with his devotion, pride and support of my Mum Irene over the 64 years of their marriage. They were always seen as inseparable, and certainly when I was looking for care for my parents I had two criteria: firstly, that their home was located as near to St John's Church as possible, and secondly, that they should be able to live together despite their differing care needs. Allingham House Care Centre has continued to provide patient and loving care of Dad over the last 3 and half years since Mum died. His dementia steadily worsened - the only comforting thing that can be said about this hideous disease is that we believe he forgot that Mum had died and so his grieving was minimal.

I'm sure that everyone here today, and those who are with us in spirit, will remember Rex for his great kindness, his gentlemanly courtesy, his inexhaustible enthusiasm and enormous sense of fun and ready laughter. He will be much missed.

From Around St John's



Greetings to everyone. I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

Our meeting in December took the form of an Advent carol service, taken by our Vicar, Richard Sherrett. During this, Richard and Anthony Marlow, performed a short play, entitled The Keys. It was a conversation between Jesus and Peter in heaven, many thanks to them.

Our January meeting saw us entertained by Father Michael Burgess, who talked about his life and ministry. Two things are worth mentioning. Firstly, being a Christian involves faith, fun and fellowship. Secondly, he has an excellent singing voice, and sang 'The Maid and the Curate', for us without accompaniment. The song was taught to him by two ladies he visited.

Dates for 2019 Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Sept 11 Oct 9, Nov 13 and Dec 11. All are welcome at our meetings.

Saint Oswald of Worcester d. 992

Oswald was a bishop and a monk. He founded several monasteries, notably at Evesham, Pershore and Ramsey, which was his favourite place to stay. Whilst Bishop of Worcester, he was given the see of York. During this period, Oswald tried to save Ripon as a monastery, but failed. However, he remained an influential bishop until his death.

In the autumn of 991, Oswald visited Ramsey for the last time, to reopen the church. There was a great feast afterwards. He returned to Worcester, for the winter, knowing he was near the end of his life.

During lent Oswald, was noted for his washing of the feet of 12 poor men. It was after one of these sessions, he died. He was reciting psalms, at the time.

Feast day 28 February

Mary Webster Writes

I trust you all had a good Christmas break and are raring to go.

New Year is a new beginning, and it is, but I must confess that after 2 weeks away from home being waited on hand, foot and finger I feel a bit lazy. What I need is a good old laugh and a bit of fun.

With that in mind it is just as well that next week, on 23 January we ladies will meet to enjoy an old-fashioned Beetle Drive, or maybe you will remember it as 'Beetle' from your childhood. Laughter and good companionship will lift anyone's spirits. Bring it on!

On 27 February we have the pleasure of the company of our Vicar, Richard, at our meeting. We will welcome the opportunity of possibly getting to know him a little more and are looking forward to hearing about the journey that brought him, and his family, to our Church. It will, I hope also to give him a chance to get to know we 'silver-surfers'. I like that description although I realise that not all of us are computer junkies, it has a nice ring to it, nonetheless.

It is a very short 'chat' for me this month as I have run over the deadline for submission of this article. That sounds serious but it is really my slowness in getting down to some work and I apologise to John, our Editor for my tardiness. (You are forgiven. This time. Ed.)

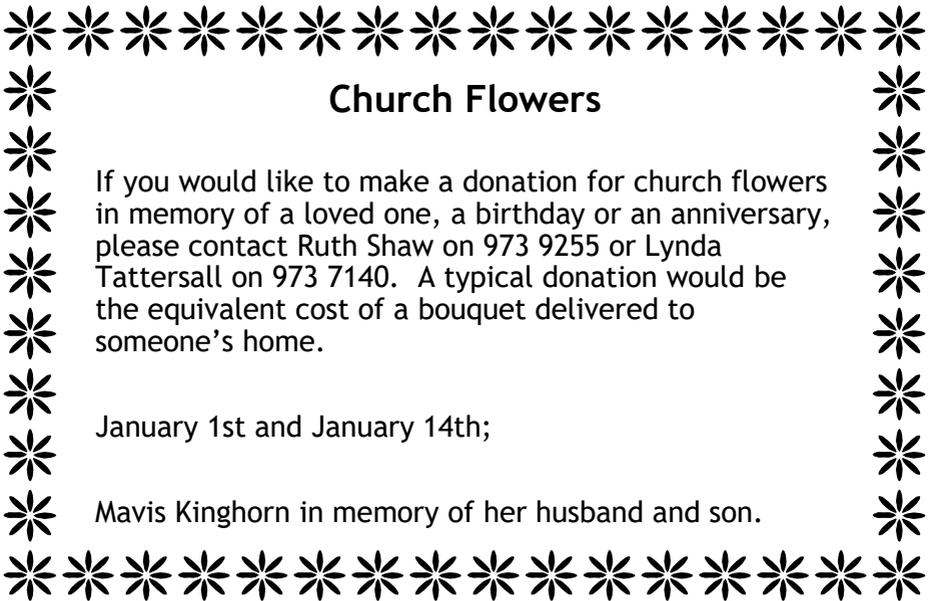
Sanctuary Guild -

Volunteers in the Sanctuary Guild take turns to clean the brasses in church, such as the altar cross, candlesticks, offertory plates and lecterns.



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	15 th	Mrs D. Ellerton	Mrs Z. Spark



Church Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for church flowers in memory of a loved one, a birthday or an anniversary, please contact Ruth Shaw on 973 9255 or Lynda Tattersall on 973 7140. A typical donation would be the equivalent cost of a bouquet delivered to someone's home.

January 1st and January 14th;

Mavis Kinghorn in memory of her husband and son.

Christmas Quiz: The Answers

I know this is the first page that everybody will turn to. How did you do? Obvious weren't they.

1. What goes oh oh oh? **Santa walking backwards**
2. Who delivers presents to sharks at Christmas? **Santa Jaws**
3. What did Adam say in the Garden of Eden on December 24? **It's Christmas, Eve**
4. Why do turkeys never go hungry at Christmas? **Because they are always stuffed**
5. Which Christmas carol is most popular with new parents? **Silent Night**
6. Where do mistletoe go to become famous? **Holly-wood**
7. Why is turkey so popular at Christmas? **Because it is warmer there**
8. Why do Mummies like Christmas so much? **Because of all the wrapping**
9. How do snowmen get around? **On their icicles**
10. What does Santa call reindeer that don't work? **Dinner**

Congratulations to Sharon who won the selection box. Assuming we haven't eaten it first.

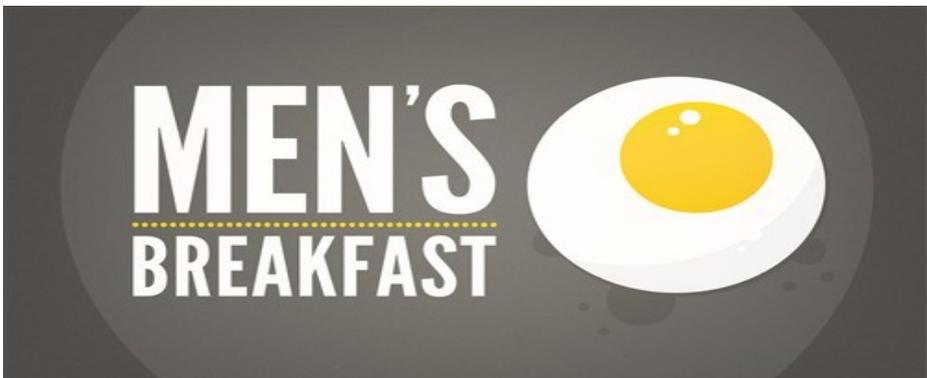
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And in case you thought there were no funnies...

Rice

A man who had been dating a girl for a number of years took her out to a Chinese restaurant. As they studied the menu he asked: 'How would you like your rice, fried or boiled?'

She looked at him sadly. 'Thrown.'

Be my Valentine

Young man: Do you love me?

Young lady: Yes.

Young man: But can you live on my income?

Young lady: Certainly. Though what will you live on?

Brilliant

First man: Did anyone in your family ever make a brilliant marriage?

Second man: Only my wife.

The mystery of marriage

First woman: I don't see Charlie half as much as I used to.

Second woman: You should have married him when you had the chance.

First woman: I did.

Valentine present

Man in car showroom: I've come back to buy that car you showed me yesterday.

Sales assistant: That's fine, I thought you'd be back. Tell me, what was the dominant feature which made you decide on this car?

My wife

Sign seen in a restaurant

One of the greatest mysteries of life is how the idiot your daughter married can be the father of the most beautiful and intelligent grandchildren in the world.



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Baptism

December 2018 - Elijah Hall-Gardiner

January 2019 - Joshua Richardson

Anniversary:

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Amelia Ashton

Katie Durose



Bishops call for a change of tone on Brexit debate

The Church of England bishops who recently met in London made the following statement:

‘The bishops of the Church of England pray for national unity - and courage, integrity and clarity for our politicians. We call on the country to consider the nature of our public conversation. It is time to bring grace and generosity back to our national life.

‘At the heart of the Christian message is Jesus’ command to love our neighbour. This includes those with whom we agree and disagree - at home, in Europe, and further afield. We urge everyone - our political leaders and all of us - to bring magnanimity, respect and reconciliation to our national debate.

‘There is now an urgent need for the United Kingdom to recover a shared vision and identity to help us find a way through the immediate challenges.

‘Regardless of what happens next with Brexit, the Church of England, alongside many other churches and other agencies striving for the common good, will be at the heart of local communities; educating one million children, providing 33,000 social action projects and running 16,000 churches across the country. Above all else, we will continue to support the most vulnerable and share Christ’s love with all.’

Church of England calls for better deal for asylum seekers

A recent Parliamentary report that berates the Government’s housing for asylum-seekers has been supported by the Church of England’s refugee welcome co-ordinator, Nadine Daniel.

Ms Daniel said that the entire asylum-housing system was crippled by a ‘perfect storm’ of insufficient funding, a paucity of housing stock, and a surge in asylum claims in the past six years. All in all, ‘there’s an attitude of not really seeing the human being,’ she said. Meanwhile, many asylum seekers end up in mouldy, damp, vermin-infested conditions.

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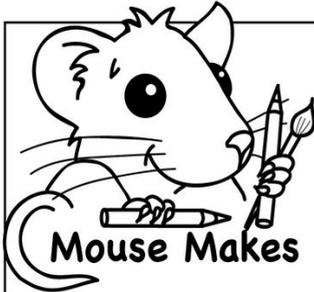
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"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota,
rota... do I see a hand...?"



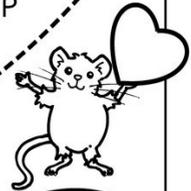
*That old tea urn had served the
church well*



WHAT IS LOVE?

Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP
CGHUADPBTFEKRA
FJOMUORD
VWEURDSKEV
TOEGNP



God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp
uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu
ibwf fufsobm mjgf."
Kpio 3:16



How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

su rot **love** aih bewred God
otni no2 aih gnibred yd
the word, so that we
etih evar trpim
miH rpuortt
e:4 noh 1

HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the xxx to find out!

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"The steadfast **love** of
the Lord *never* ceases"
Lamentations 3:22



Parish Diary February 2019

2 nd	8.30	Men's Breakfast
3 rd	5 th	<i>Sunday before Lent</i>
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	4.30	Café Church
	6.30	Evensong
6 th	10.00	Holy Communion
	2.00	Crafty Chat
10 th	4 th	<i>Sunday before Lent</i>
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	All Ages Together
	4.30	Café Church
	6.30	Evensong
13 th	10.00	Holy Communion
	2.30	Mothers' Union
17 th	3 rd	<i>Sunday before Lent</i>
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	4.30	Café Church
	6.30	Evensong
20 th	10.00	Holy Communion
	2.00	Crafty Chat
24 th	2 nd	<i>Sunday of Lent</i>
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	4.30	Café Church
	6.30	Evensong
27 th	10.00	Holy Communion
	7.30	Evening Prayer and Communion and Women's Fellowship

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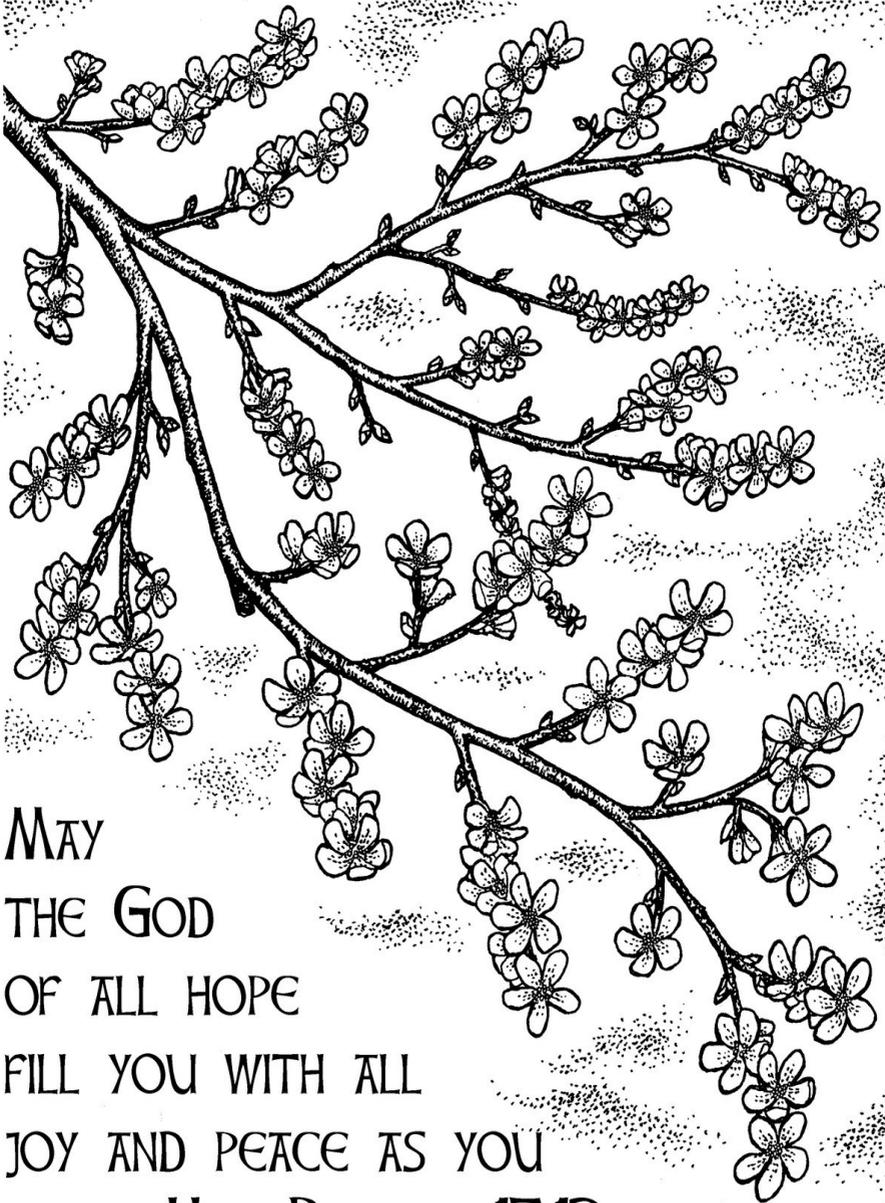
SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Communion
 (Second Sunday of the Month All-Age Worship)
5.30pm Choral Evensong

Holy Communion is celebrated on Holy Days and Saints Days as announced.

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TRUST HIM. ROMANS 15:13