

THE PARISH CHURCH OF

**ST JOHN**



**THE DIVINE**

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**May 2019**

## ***From the Editor***

May already. Two Bank Holidays! Hurray. Easter was only a few days ago and I hope that you enjoyed your Easter eggs (sustainable of course) and didn't go mad as your Lenten observance ended. More than that, I hope that you participated in one of our many, varied services and felt the Lord's presence and the joy of Easter Sunday.

As ever, plenty of things to read this month. Richard looks ahead to Ascension Day and Pentecost. Isabel reminds us of the wonderful outreach that we do at Seconds to Spare and Crafty Chat. There is an interesting piece that reminds us of the magnitude of God's love and how he knows the number of hairs on our head. Somewhat cruelly, the Editor was recently told that God has an easier job of that with some people. The Archive slot shows that 100 and 50 years ago there was a focus on money (nothing changes); we read about a favourite hymn; and some reflections on St Paul in Malta. So lots here.

This e-edition has more colour and some extra pages so please do pass on the link to friends and family or circulate it via social media.

As ever do pass on any thoughts, ideas, articles etc. **Deadline for June edition is 15th May.**

The Editor

PS Apollo 10 was launched on 18th May 1969 as a dress rehearsal for the eventual lunar landing. Next stop Moon.

PPS Don't forget Christian Aid Week. 12-18 May.



## Richard writes...

*How* was your Easter celebration? My reading for Holy Week this year was a book by Fleming Rutledge *The Undoing of Death* which was an excellent preparation for the Triduum, and especially our Easter Sunday services.

I hope that as we celebrate the Eucharist upon Easter Sunday you encountered the Risen Christ in a life-transforming way. I also hope that our use of incense helped to deepen your encounter with the Easter mystery as our earthly worship echoed the heavenly pattern, which we discover in the Revelation of St John the Divine.

Easter Sunday may be over, but the flame of the Easter candle continues to flicker until Pentecost, the story of which we find in Acts 2 when the gift of the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, transforming them from the inside out and empowering them for mission.

Recently I stumbled across this fantastic quote: “It’s not called the book of thoughts. It’s called the book of acts.” It is all too easy for us to think of our Christian faith as a Sunday thing, but throughout the New Testament we are encouraged to connect our faith with our daily life, indeed the purpose of our gathering to worship upon a Sunday is to be sent out into the world as witnesses to God.

It is also important to reflect upon what preceded the acts we read of in the Book of Acts. The descent of the Spirit was preceded by a time of preparation! Jesus had risen and ascended, now the disciples prepared for the coming of the Spirit. Likewise, for us, this month of May offers us a time of rest following the busyness of the January to April. If I’m honest, as we move into Eastertide, I feel somewhat like those bones in Ezekiel 37. May will be a time to stop and rest, to seek physical and spiritual refreshment, renewal, and revival.

At the end of May, *Thy Kingdom Comes* begins. During these nine days between Ascension Day (30<sup>th</sup> May) and Pentecost, we shall be praying for the renewing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

May I invite you to pray that God's Spirit might be at work in your life as you come to know God in a deeper and more intimate way as your relationship with God grows.

I would also encourage you to make daily prayer a priority throughout Eastertide and join me for an evening of prayer on 4<sup>th</sup> June as we wait and pray.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.*

*Richard*

## **“We belong here ...”**

I met up with Freda and her sister Frances recently and it was a joy, as always, to listen to them reminiscing on the ‘olden days’. They spoke of their lives at St Paul’s Church, near Pendlebury, when every Sunday, they were dressed in their best clothes to go to church with their Mum. Dad didn’t go, but he read the Bible to the family every night. Francis said they really belonged there, and were very happy. Throughout their lives they have held on to their faith, and now they thank God that they have been welcomed to St John’s. ‘It’s just like it was at St Paul’s all those years ago. We belong **here** now, and we love coming!’

The ladies’ introduction to our church was a visit to the ‘Good as New’ Thursday coffee morning. Freda said, “Everyone was so friendly and we look forward to coming every week now.” It wasn’t long before Chris invited them to the Crafty Chat group, which they love, and they now come regularly to Sunday worship.

A warm welcome has been offered to visitors attending our weekly coffee mornings since 1993. Over the years, apart from finding good bargains and enjoying delicious cakes, many have found friendship and company. The lonely have appreciated a listening ear, those going through difficult times have been encouraged, comforted and reassured by meeting someone who cares - or someone who will pray with them in the quietness of the chapel. Times of celebration and happiness have been shared too. Pam Tallis, one of the longest serving members of the GAN ‘staff’, has become a good friend to whole families over the years.

Five years ago, the Crafty Chat group of twelve with Chris, our leader, met for the first time. There are now over 30 members, sharing fellowship and fun, and supporting each other. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, gender, or creative ability. (Some of us spend more time chatting than crafting!)

People from our community and beyond come to St John's ... people of faith, those with none and others whose faith is known only to God. Those who visit, do so for a variety of reasons. Let us pray that our church may be a place of welcome for all - a loving, caring community, that through our lives we may help others to know God's love, and that many will echo the words of Frances and Freda...

'We belong here, and we love coming!'

*Jesus said: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13: 34 - 35

If you have concerns for someone in need - at home, in hospital or nursing home, please ring me on the number below. Also, if you are able to offer transport occasionally to someone who lives near you, who may be unable to come to church, please let me know.

*Isabel*

Tel: 0161 980 5762



## 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.

28 April

Arthur Hargreaves in memory  
of his wife Jill.

## From the Archive

### May 1969

The church magazine for May 1969 made reference to the ordination of 2 people known to the St Johns congregation. The Curate, Reverend D.S. Jones, was to be ordained on Trinity Sunday at Manchester Cathedral. Additionally, John Ellis who had also spent time at St Johns, was to be ordained Deacon at Newport I June. Reference was also made to a confirmation service to be administered by the Bishop of Middleton where more than 30 people from the parish were to be confirmed.

The magazine had a large section entitled 'Money Matters'. It commented that as the construction of the new Hall had been the financial priority, giving for ordinary business had declined. There is a lovely sentence that will mean little to those under 60 which gave an additional reason for the decline. "As half-crowns go out of circulation, florins tend to take their place." The Church needed £90 a week to make ends meet. Slightly less than we require today

Elsewhere, three young people from the congregation had attended a youth conference at Bangor over Easter. And finally, it was reported that the Young Mums had enjoyed a talk and demonstration on how mathematics would be taught in schools in the future

### May 1919

By coincidence the main item in the May 1919 magazine also related to finance. The financial elements of the church were very different 100 years ago and in honesty the Editor has struggled to understand some elements of it. Reference is made to the 'living' of the parish which sounds like something from Jane Austen. But, in common with virtually every other missive written about church funding, it makes the point that there is not enough money being contributed and asks the congregation to give greater support. One curiosity is the following, obviously good, news, " You will all be pleased to know that the application which was made to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners by the Trustees of the Jubilee Endowment Fund for a grant to meet our benefaction of £1000 has received their consent, and that they have offered to the Trustees £1000 at 4% on the condition that our benefaction of £1000 be handed over to them, remaining in War Stock at 5% " This financial exchange seems to have increased the income of the church by £90, perhaps the accountants in the congregation might be able to explain how. But it was a different world.

Finally, hopes were expressed that the peace terms negotiated between the warring powers would be accepted and signed in May. It was in fact the following month when this happened.

St John The Divine, Brooklands

# Summer Fair



**Sat 29 Jun**

**Time: 2:00 – 4:30 pm**

Entertainment   Raffle   Tombola   Beer Tent

Face painting   BBQ   Cakes   Bouncy castle

Afternoon Teas   Childrens Stalls   Plate Smashing

**Adults: 50 pence   Children: Free**

## Love Me to the Moon?

Do you know the story of little nutbrown hare? His father cared for him so much that the only thing big enough to describe his love was the enormous distance between the Earth and the Moon - and back again. It's a wonderful story, but it pales into insignificance compared to the love that the Creator of the entire universe has for each one of us.

When Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he said that he prayed they would be able "to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge". So what sort of scale could you use to capture the size of a love like that?

I have heard professional astronomers say it is impossible to keep the enormous scales of our universe in mind all the time and keep functioning normally. But every now and again it is worth trying to wrap our heads around these distances, and feel a sense of awe at our smallness compared to the vast distances of space.

One way to connect more personally with astronomical scales is to consider the total amount of DNA in our bodies. This long thin chemical carries all the instructions needed for building and maintaining each cell - every tiny building block - in your body. A human cell contains two metres of DNA, coiled up very tightly. If it were possible to take this long thin molecule out of every cell, unroll it, and line up every piece end to end, how far would it reach?

The average adult has about 3 trillion (3,000,000,000,000) DNA-containing cells in his or her body. Multiplied by two metres, that makes around 6 billion kilometres of DNA, which is immense compared to the distance to the moon. The sun is around 150 million kilometres from earth, so our DNA could take us there and back many times. Pluto is, on average, around 6 billion kilometres away from Earth, so with our string of DNA we could take a one-way trip to the very edge of the solar system.

God is the Creator of the vast spaces of the universe, but when Jesus described how God cares for us He said that 'even the very hairs on your head are numbered'. You could also say that He knows every molecule of DNA in your body. Jesus' death on the cross showed that His love for each one of us is more unbreakable than the love of a parent for a child. So what might He say in today's language - I love you to Pluto and back?

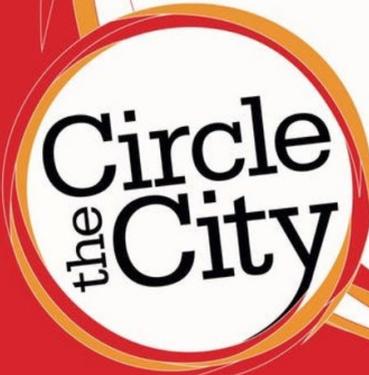
*Article written by Dr. Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday*

# christian aid week

**12-18 MAY**

Our intrepid walkers 'Encircled the City' on April 27th to raise money for the poorest in the world. If you have your magazine delivered there is an envelope in this magazine, do please make a contribution. For others there are envelopes at the back of church. There will be no house to house collection this year but please do help this important work if you can.

Thank you.



the Circle  
the City

Circle the City and  
step up the fight to  
end poverty.



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## 40 Acts Lent Challenge

*At the time of writing this is only a little over half way through but I am persevering. Some challenges have been more difficult than others but I thought a flavour would be of interest. The short reflection has at the end a few ideas of how to respond. I've decided to do something related to the Green option but it won't happen for a while. More next month to follow on this.*

### **Act 18: Brothers and Sisters by His Eminence Archbishop Angelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London**

If the church is a family, we have a lot of brothers and sisters living in desperate need of our help. Persecution is real, and the stories are alarming. It can feel like there's no way to help, or that these are people beyond hope. But with a God who is powerful, we have access to the most effective, destiny-making help we could bring: contending in prayer.

"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."

**(2 Corinthians 4:8–10 NKJV)**

As Christians, we sometimes struggle to grasp and feel the joy that we intellectually know we are promised by our Lord Jesus Christ in John 16:22: 'your joy no one will take from you'. This is especially the case for many of us when we focus our attention on the struggles of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East and beyond, who often pay the ultimate price for their faith in the same Lord who promises us unchallenged joy. Suffering, however, is certainly not the end of the story, and the joy promised by our God is not mutually exclusive with the reality of struggle.

In looking at the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord, we see that challenges and struggles were ever-present throughout, and yet formed only part of the journey. The pain of the cross was ultimately a vehicle to the joy of the glorious resurrection, and a promise to us all of life after death. We also hear Saint Paul resolutely convicted of the

glory of the cross, in Galatians 6:14: "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ". Coptic Orthodox Christians in Egypt will often proclaim their faith in a similarly bold and courageous way, viewing martyrdom as something that is of course painful and yet, in the end, something to be immensely proud of, through which they come to a greater comprehension and appreciation of the strength of their faith and witness.

So, what can we do in witnessing the persecution and suffering of others? Firstly, we do all we can to alleviate their immediate suffering and need, and become their advocates. We then pray for God's will, and his hand to be upon all suffering tribulation, victims of persecution, and even perpetrators, so that their hearts and minds are changed. Lastly, we learn from that faithful witness that, even if we undergo trial and tribulation, we are by no means defeated by it, for the promise of resurrection is real to all who believe it

## Choose how to complete this act...



**GREEN  
OPTION:**

Read some stories from the persecuted church. Look up Open Doors or Release International – their websites are full of stories that will



**YELLOW  
OPTION:**

Come up with a plan for how you'll pray for the persecuted, daily, for the next few months.



**RED  
OPTION:**

Look into taking a mission trip with a persecuted church charity.



## Thank-you...

To our flower fairies for their stunning Easter displays.

*Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Luke 12:27*

## Mary Webster Writes

By the time you are read this Easter will have come and gone. I find it an unsettling time when thinking of what Jesus had to suffer but another way of looking at it is that it is a new beginning and brings much to look forward to and enjoy.

That brings me neatly to the guest speaker for our Women's Fellowship Meeting in March whose name was Alistair Bryce Clegg. The title for his talk was 'From Manchester to Mayuge' (pronounced MY UGI) and boy, I could not get my tongue round that word! I can say it now, but I should have written it phonetically but it's a bit late for that.

Anyway, Alistair was riveting, interesting and so obviously passionate about his subject.

He told us his friends, a husband and wife team of Missionaries, had arrived in Mayuge to find that there was no Medical Services within at least a day's walk away and neither were there any facilities other than a shop. Not a supermarket or a convenience store, it was in fact a single building with some basic foodstuffs.

It was soon realised that the very young children had no access to childcare or learning other than accompanying their mother to the fields, so it was decided to set up a creche or nursery school. Unfortunately, before this could happen the man's wife, who was a great organiser, sadly died and the project stalled.

Alistair's friend invited him to assist, along with local volunteers and a paid employee of the Charity establishing the nursery.

He showed us slides of how that was achieved and believe me it was no picnic, but the sheer joy it brought to everyone from the village was astounding. 'Smile for the camera' wasn't in it, and that wasn't just the children.

The other, and in some ways more important, aspect was the setting up of a clinic where the people could access medical services. Anything from vaccinations to maternity care and essentially an education programme about HIV. A doctor, if you needed one was a long walk away. A cookhouse was also built which meant the children had access to at least one, or more likely two, meals a day.

Thank you, Alistair for allowing us to share in some small way what you all experienced and continue to do so. It opened our eyes and minds to another world.

On 22 May we are fortunate to have our own Pat Foy on the piano when we will be enjoying a musical quiz and, I'm sure, other musical entertainment. I hope so as you could fit my musical knowledge on a postage stamp.

I hope that you had a Happy Easter and, be they chocolate or otherwise, enjoyed your eggs in moderation.

Ed's note: Alistair is Isabel's son-in-law.

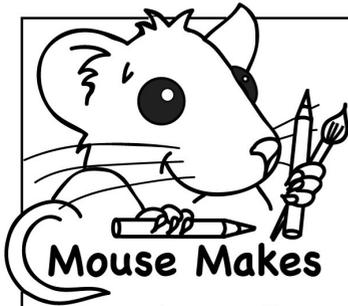
## Words of Wisdom

From *At Set of Sun*  
By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

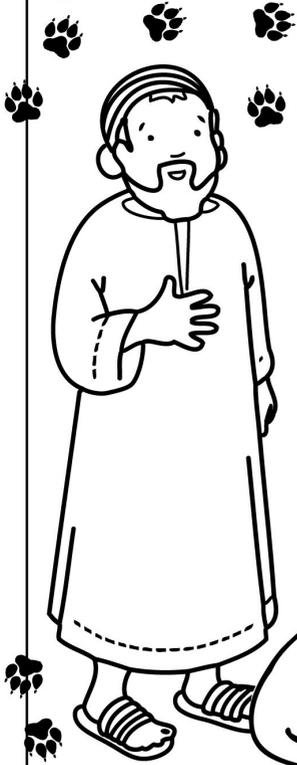
If we sit down at set of sun,  
And count the things that we have done,  
And, counting, find  
One self-denying act, one word  
That's eased the heart of him who heard,  
One glance, most kind,  
That fell like sunshine where it went-  
Then we may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the lifelong day,  
We've eased no heart by yav or nay;  
If, through it all  
We've done no thing that we can trace,  
That brought the sunshine to a face-  
No act most small  
That helped some soul and nothing cost-  
Then count that day as worse than lost.

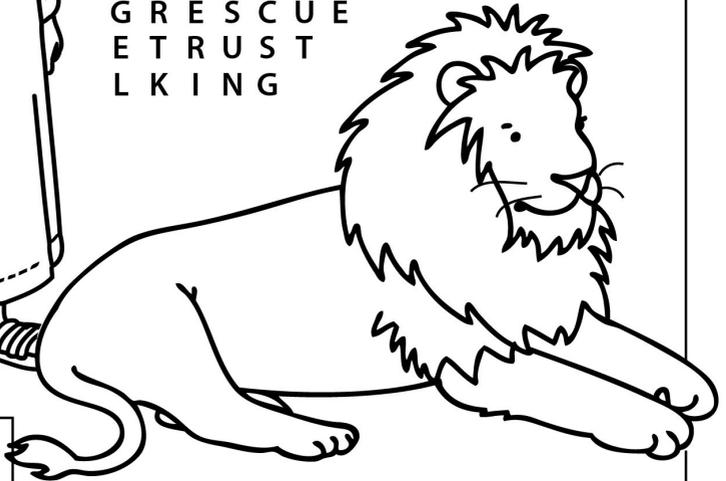
This verse was shared by a member of our congregation . If you have a poem or an article to contribute please email it to the editor ([brooklandsmag@gmail.com](mailto:brooklandsmag@gmail.com)) or leave a copy in the red folder at the back of church.



You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions'** den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing** on the wall, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



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 Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?  
 KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASHPENAZ  
 HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE  
 IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS  
 DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL

## *In the Footsteps of St Paul*

We did think that the holiday curse that has dogged us for some years had passed, but no. We had what locals called ‘unseasonal weather’ on our recent trip to Malta. 40 mph winds and heavy rain. Just what you want in a Spring Mediterranean walking break, especially when the weather forecast didn’t mention it when we were packing.

The town that we stayed in was close to St Paul’s Bay, the place where, by tradition, St Paul was shipwrecked. In truth there is some debate about whether that happened on Malta and, if it did, where, but on our first day on the island we had lunch overlooking the place where the shipwreck is claimed to have happened. That was good enough for me. The story of the event is told in Acts Chapters 27-8, where the island is referred to as Melita and its inhabitants described as barbarous but kind. On Melita, Paul survives being bitten by a viper and performs acts of healing and converts many of the people to Christ.

There is something quite awe inspiring about being in such places. Being able to walk in the footsteps of the Biblical greats provides a link to the past in a tangible way. Sadly not all such stories prove to be accurate. Where we stayed was near the site of the oldest church on Malta. The Sanctuary of our Lady of Mellieha was constructed in the sixteenth century but contains within it a small cave in which is painted a fresco of the Virgin and Child. This was long claimed to have been painted by St Luke, but sadly was found to have originated from the early 13<sup>th</sup> century. It has though been painted over several times during its life so maybe it does originally date back to AD 60. Still old though. Readers online can see an image of the Mellieha Madonna and Child and also the place where St Paul is reputed to have been shipwrecked.

## **May Baptismal Anniversaries**

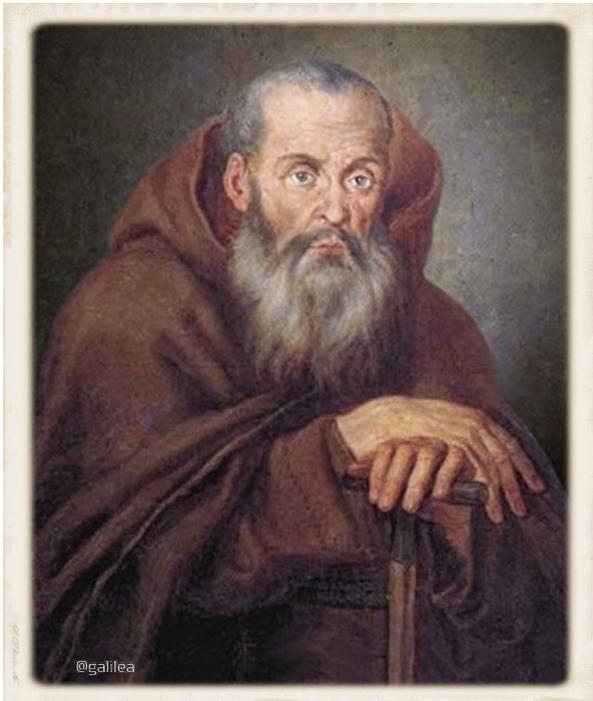
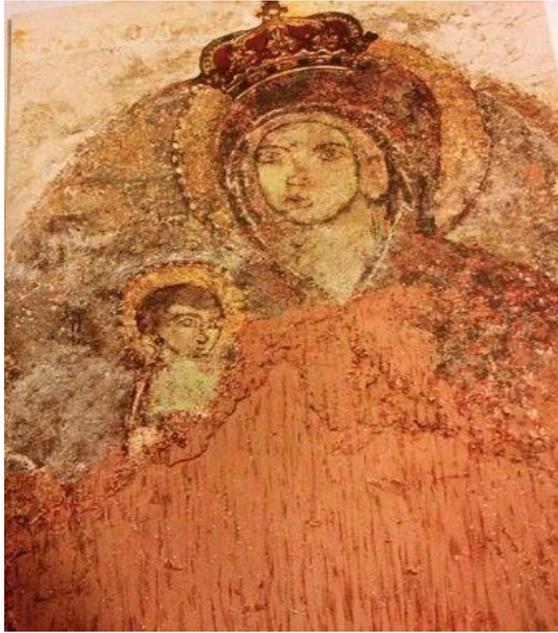
Samuel Edward Clayton  
Fleur Ava Norris  
Georgie Leonie Griffiths  
Charlie Owen Wynne  
Ethan George Platt





St Paul's Island, where the saint was reputed to have been shipwrecked. On the next page is a fresco reputedly painted by St Luke. Sadly, the evidence says the contrary although as it was painted over several times who knows what might be beneath this image.

Below the Madonna, is a picture of this month's saint, St Crispin of Viterbo.



## God in the Arts

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

### **Still Life with Strawberries, Gooseberries and Asparagus: Adriaen Coorte**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is traditionally Rogation Sunday, when we give thanks for the fruits of the earth and pray for all who work on the land. Rural churches often celebrate nature's cycle from seeds sown to crops harvested with Plough Sunday, Rogationtide, Lammas and Harvest.

Jesus in His teaching pointed out the miracle of that cycle in the seed - sown in the soil, but springing up to new life; a small beginning that becomes a great plant; a single seed that is multiplied. This month of May marks two seasons in that growth: the harvesting of asparagus and the gathering of strawberries.

They are two signs of the fruitfulness of nature depicted in this beautiful, intimate painting that was given to the National Gallery two years ago by the Dutch collector, Willem van Dedem. It was painted in 1703 by Adriaen Coorte. We know little about him apart from the fact that he lived in Holland and has left us a garland of canvases, all displaying what has been called 'a wondrous tenderness.'

This painting is an ordinary, unpretentious scene. There is no moral lesson here, no symbolism: simply a depiction of the beauty of creation in miniature. The bowl of strawberries and the bunch of asparagus lie on a stone ledge with some gooseberries and a plum. Each a gift of nature to enjoy and share, and to find there a token of God, the giver of all good things.

‘For everything there is a season,’ and in this month of May with Adriaen Coorte, we give thanks for this bounty of the earth and we pray for farmers and agricultural workers. But more than that - as the hymn tells us, ‘we thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good.’



## From Around St John's



As I write this we are still in Lent, however, the season of Easter will be well under way when you read it. I hope you are all well and had a good Easter Day. Our April meeting, saw us visited by our former organist Neil Provost, who gave us his reflections on Lent.

We are going to have a games afternoon on 8 May. Bring along a small jigsaw or a game, e.g. scrabble, and enjoy some fun.

*Sharon Marlow*



### Saint Crispin of Viterbo

Crispin was a lay brother, at Viterbo in Italy. He was born, Peter Fioretti in Viterbo, becoming apprenticed to his uncle, where he learnt shoemaking. In 1693 he joined the Capucin community and took the name Crispin after the patron saint of shoemakers. Despite being small of stature, he was welcomed into the community, where he gardened, cooked and visited the sick. Whilst there he was appointed quaestor ( the brother who collected alms). Crispin was well liked and of a joyful disposition. He counselled many, restoring their courage, and taught the Christian faith to mountain peasants.

He died in Rome aged 82, in 1750.  
Feast day 19 May

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

### **Top Ten Silliest Questions asked on a Cruise Ship**

- Paul Grayson, Cruise Director for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

1. Do these steps go up or down?
2. What do you do with the beautiful ice carvings after they melt?
3. Which elevator do I take to get to the front of the ship?
4. Does the crew sleep on the ship?
5. Is this island completely surrounded by water?
6. Does the ship make its own electricity?
7. Is it salt water in the toilets?
8. What elevation are we at?
9. There's a photographer on board who takes photos and displays them the next day... the question was asked: 'If the pictures aren't marked, how will I know which ones are mine?'
10. What time is the Midnight Buffet being served?

### **Some Signs of the Times**

*In a launderette:* "Automatic Washing Machines: Please remover all your clothes when the light goes out".

*In a Safari Park:* "Elephants please stay in your car".

*In a Pharmacy:* "We dispense with accuracy".

*In a Jeweller's:* "Ears pierced while you wait".

### **Difference**

What is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy?  
One is a strong will, and the other is a strong won't.

### **Misheard**

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered that it was Mary. The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

A little boy said, "Verge." □ Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The boy said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

### **Coffee**

Please don't criticise our church's coffee. You may be old and weak yourself someday.

## “Have you a computer problem? If so, I am local and here to help...”

Here are just a few of the services I can offer

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or simply watch & chat.

No previous skills are needed.  
The chat is as important as the craft.



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**EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.  
2.00 – 4.00PM.**

**£1.00 PER MEETING  
INCLUDES TEA / COFFEE & BISCUITS**



## 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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## Hymns We've Sung Recently: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

I'm sure we must have sung this in the last few weeks. If not maybe we can re-title this as 'Hymns I've Sung Recently'. Written by Isaac Watts and published in 1707, not only is it a wonderful hymn it is also of some musical significance. It was one of the first hymns to use 'I' and to consider the gospel story from a personal perspective. Hymnody in the seventeenth century and before comprised psalms and the setting to music of biblical passages.

Isaac Watts, like his father was a Congregational Minister but ill health forced him to abandon full time ministry at an early age. He concentrated afterwards on writing and study and always felt that his greatest contribution to the church was his hymns.

'When I Survey' is little changed from its original publication. There was a minor change of the second line from 'Where the young Prince of Glory died' to the more familiar 'On which the Prince of Glory died'. There is also a fourth stanza which has been optional almost since initial publication and which is now rarely sung. Any other tweaks are minor. The hymn is sung by virtually all Christians and has appeared in hymn collections since the mid eighteenth century.

The tune we normally use, Rockingham, is named after a three time British Prime Minister. I recently sang it to a more contemporary tune at a worship service. There are several versions of this on youtube, and one I enjoyed is by Kathryn Scott. So, if you feel the need to unwind for five minutes, it is perfect.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ulg\\_yxPtEDk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ulg_yxPtEDk)

## Parish Diary May 2019

1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Midweek Communion
	2.00	Crafty Chat
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	4.30	Café Church
	6.30	Evensong
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Midweek Communion
	2.30	Mothers' Union
12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	All Ages Together
	4.30	Café Church
	6.30	Evensong
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Midweek Communion
	2.00	Crafty Chat
19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	4.30	Café Church
	6.30	Evensong
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	Midweek Communion
	7.30	Evening Prayer and Women's Fellowship
26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	6.30	Evensong



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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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