

# **Saint Peter's Church, Woodmansterne**

**August 2020**

## **Monthly Newsletter**



*Welcome to this month's newsletter! If you have an activity or something uplifting to share please do get in touch: [office@saintpeterschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@saintpeterschurch.org.uk) We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter.*

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Service sheets and accompanying You Tube messages are being produced and distributed every week. You can catch up with the weekly messages at St Peter's Church, Woodmansterne You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9hrwcOXgd7q8lg9WVqg7A>

We have two Sunday services 9.00am via Zoom video conferencing and 11.00am in church. So please do get in touch with us for details.

If you want to receive more information about any of the above or would like to have a chat with someone please do get in touch with us: [rector@saintpeterschurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@saintpeterschurch.org.uk) or ring 01737 423892.

**Praise and Prayer** - now fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. The September Praise and Prayers will be Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Zoom details to follow nearer the time. If you have trouble accessing Zoom or want to join by phone contact Rachel: [cfm@saintpeterschurch.org.uk](mailto:cfm@saintpeterschurch.org.uk)

### **Woodmansterne Charities**

A local charity, which can help people who are struggling to pay fuel bills. To qualify, you must live in the Parish of Woodmansterne. If you would like to be considered for assistance then please contact us: [office@saintpeterschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@saintpeterschurch.org.uk) or 07816293554.

### **Foodbank at St Matthew's Redhill**

St Matthews are accepting donations of money for the foodbank. Please make cheques payable to St Matthew's PCC, marked 'Foodbank' on the back. Send to Foodbank at St Matthew's, c/o The Parish Office, 71 Station Road, Redhill RH1 1DL. More details are available at: <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

## **A word from Susan Knight**

For some, the August hot weather has been a delight, for others (like me) it has been challenging, sapping all physical and mental resources. When we find ourselves in such circumstances where do we find refreshment? Perhaps in a long cool shower, a cup of tea (my mother's remedy), listening to a favourite piece of music, losing ourselves in a good book or looking at a beautiful landscape.

The writer of Psalm 42 has reached a point when all his resources are spent as he cries out: 'As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.' (v1) He is desperately seeking restoration. Through out the psalm he pours out his heart. Even though he is downcast and God seems far away he makes a conscious decision to trust God; 'Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.' (v5) Relief does not come immediately just as I have experienced waiting for the oppressive heat to pass. Sometimes we just have to wait and trust.

The Samaritan woman who encountered Jesus at the well (John 4) had probably waited until a time when she knew nobody would be about. She was living an immoral life and was no doubt in need of her life being refreshed. Jesus certainly acknowledged the things in her life which need to change but he also offered her the way she could be restored. He told her; 'Everyone who drinks this water (well water) will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' (John 4:13-14)

So, whether you are enjoying or enduring the heat, remember Jesus' promise of refreshment and restoration.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES UPDATE

Things have been a bit different for everyone lately and this has meant children and families ministry has looked a bit different too! Here's a few of the things we've been doing.

Instead of going into **school** to deliver a transition session for year 6 pupils, Rachel and Abi (children and families lead at St Margaret's Chipstead) recorded a short video with tips on preparing for secondary school which was sent to Woodmansterne Primary school. Rachel and the team are beginning to plan virtual harvest service and RE lessons for the Autumn term. Also the Open the Book team has recorded their first virtual assembly via Zoom which will be sent to Chipstead Valley School in September.

The **Hopscotch toddler group** team began by keeping in touch with families and carers via email with activity suggestions and a link to a You Tube Bible Story time. In May the team launched singing time via Zoom which attracted small numbers of families but was enjoyed by those who attended.

**Messy Church** also went virtual with instructions for the activities sent out via email with an accompanying You Tube Bible story. Themes have included Jesus calms the storm, with activities to make edible boats and make your own storm picture; and Jesus says do not worry which involved making marshmallow flowers and a knock down your worries skittles game.

**Lighthouse Sunday club** children and leaders were set a few 'Lighthouse challenges' such as creating a Bible story out of Lego or their toys (see one entry below – can you guess the Bible Story? - answer is on the next page). We held a couple of Lighthouse sessions via Zoom with a Bible story and games. At then at the end of the Summer term each Lighthouse and Messy church family received a party bag with a pass the parcel, some bubbles and a Bible story activity book.







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## **PRAISE AND PRAYER**

The Praise and Prayer meeting has taken place once a month in church for several years. It is about an hour long and includes singing one or two hymns and songs and praying for the world and our community.

In April the meetings moved on to Zoom. This has been working really with more people attending and feeling comfortable to pray out loud (all though this is not compulsory!). We are now meeting twice a month. The next meetings are Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm. If you would like to find out more contact Rachel:

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## **DISCIPLESHIP GROUP UPDATE**

St Peter's church has six discipleship groups which meet regularly for Bible study and prayer. Over the past few months some of the groups have continued to meet. Initially groups met via Zoom and when restrictions eased a few have met for socially distanced groups in an outdoor space.

The groups study a range of different themes. One group has followed an online retreat series produced by St Augustine's college, another has started a series related to a book called Sensible Shoes which looks at different ways to engage with prayer and scripture, and a third is reading through St John's Gospel.

If you would like to find out more about joining a group please get in touch with Susan:

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## **ANSWER TO LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE STORY CHALLENGE:**

The Bible story is Noah's ark.

## **Update from St Peter's CMS partners Andrew and Maria Leake**

(taken from CMS Prayerlines August to September issue)

### **SLOW-GROWING FRUIT BY ANDREW AND MARIA LEAKE, ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE FOR MARGINALISED INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICTS IN ARGENTINA**

For those whose missional calling is to Bible translation and environmental advocacy and action, results only become clear over long periods of time. If we just look at what we have done recently, especially bearing in mind recent travel restrictions, it would be easy to despair. We get the sense we are doing nothing. Yet, looking back over 30 years of service, first with Tearfund, then SAMS, CMS, and more recently Compassion International, it is abundantly clear that the fruits of our service, combined with that of many other people and organisations, tend to come over the long haul.

With Tearfund, we spent four years in Honduras. Our mission was to establish and develop a programme that would enable indigenous communities to secure legal rights to their ancestral lands and forests. We did what we could, but no land titles had been acquired by the time we left. Unbeknown to us, and some 23 years later, those claims we helped start resulted in the Honduran state ceding communal land titles to more than 10,000 square kilometres of jungle-covered territory in the region of La Moskitia. Some of our work even contributed to the creation of the Patuca National Park (3700 km<sup>2</sup>), something we did not consider even in our wildest dreams at the time!

A similar pattern has just occurred in Argentina. A struggle for indigenous land rights is only now yielding results after more than fifty years. This process, which began with initial land surveys conducted by SAMS mission partners Bishop Pat Harris and Kevin Bewley and was often led by Anglican missionaries, has just recently yielded a high profile ruling by the Inter American Court of Human Rights. This puts significant pressure on the Argentine state to provide not only land titles but also ensure the ecological restitution of forests degraded by cattle and illegal lumber extraction.

Bible translation is another of those tasks that requires a commitment to the long term. Andrew's grandfather started to translate portions of the Bible into Toba back in the late 1930s. Here again, these efforts, with support from SAMS and CMS, have yielded significant fruits only after decades of effort. The New Testament has been translated into Toba and Chorote, and the whole Bible into Wichi. Interestingly, the work around these tasks, which in the case of the Toba translation of the Old Testament are still ongoing, has also served to strengthen the recognition of indigenous languages and cultural identity within national society.

**Praise God for Andrew and Maria's work in this vital area and pray for others like Andrew and Maria to continue to invest in this Kingdom work, despite not seeing results immediately.**



## **THIS MONTHS RECIPE - SALMON AND TARRAGON SLICE WITH WATERCRESS SAUCE**

Serves 4

100g button mushrooms very thinly sliced

About 25 g butter

1 500g pack of puff pastry

4 salmon fillets

Bunch of fresh tarragon finely chopped or alternatively 2 teaspoons of dried tarragon

1 egg beaten

2 shallots very finely chopped

Bag or bunch of watercress, stalks removed and chopped

200ml crème fraiche

Gently cook the mushrooms in half the butter until soft.

Roll the pastry out to make 8 rectangles, to the size of the salmon fillets. Put 4 slices of pastry aside, the other 4 make cuts  $\frac{1}{4}$ " intervals in the middle leaving a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gap around the edge.

Divide the cooked mushrooms between the 4 uncut pieces of pastry, top with a salmon fillet and spread each fillet with  $\frac{1}{4}$  of tarragon. Brush the pastry edges with water.

Top with the cut pastry. Seal the edges, crimp and scallop. brush with the egg and cook in a preheated oven 200°C, 400 F, gas 4 for 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

To make the sauce.

Slowly fry the shallots and watercress in the remaining half of butter until soft. Add the crème fraiche, give it a good stir and season with salt and pepper and squeeze of lemon juice if liked.

Serve with either new potatoes and green vegetables or a salad.

If this all sounds too much trouble, our local supermarket in Banstead is selling it in it's 'Ready to cook' chiller cabinet exactly the same dish. As I haven't tried it I can't say whether it is as good as home made but it is rather expensive and you only get 2 portions.

Ann Kayser



## **YOUR GARDEN BY A WOODMANSTERNE GARDENER**

Once upon a time September signalled the beginning of autumn, but is it now? The Indian summers we remember from the past seem now to stretch through late September into early October and where once frost threatened to destroy our dahlias and summer bedding they now carry on into November.

There are plenty of routine jobs to do such as deadheading and, depending on the trees in and around your garden the great autumn leave gathering will begin. Do not put them in your garden bin but try to find an out of the way spot to make a store for fallen leaves. Black plastic sacks do not look beautiful but if damp leaves are gathered up and stored in the sacks you can look forward to some great leaf mould in a couple of years time.

Pests and diseases are still active so do not add rose leaves showing signs of black spot to your leaf mould making bags and also try to remove as many fallen leaves as possible.

If you are trying to garden organically order and apply nematodes from early this month. They can control vine weevil larvae (so destructive to many plants i.e. fuchsias, polyanthus, heuchera etc) while others control slugs and lawn pests such as chafer grubs and leather jackets.

Autumn lawn care can begin if the grass is growing strongly - if not leave until later in September when heavy dew may bring it back to life. Raking out thatch (dead grass), spiking and topdressing/reseeding will definitely improve the appearance of the lawn and no doubt improve your fitness and waistline!

If you have stood your houseplants outside this summer bring them indoors now, giving them a thorough inspection and if required a top dressing of fresh compost.

Plant spring bulbs now, except tulips which can wait until November. If you want bulbs flowering indoors at Christmas, September is the latest month to get them in pots and bowls.

Please remember our wildlife. If you are beginning to cut down perennials, consider what could be left to provide winter homes and food for insects and birds without leaving the garden looking untidy. Teasels in out of the way corners, golden rod and sea holly can all look attractive through autumn into winter.

Keep bird baths clean and top up with fresh water every day.

If you have a pond try to remove leaves floating on the top, and most of all, enjoy your garden in this month of mists and mellow fruitfulness.



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## LAUGHTER LINES

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," admitted the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," the politician pointed out in triumph, "somebody had to have created the chaos in the first place!"

A boy was sent by his parents to a school a long distance from home. He had been strictly told to write home regularly and tell them all about himself and his new life. At the end of the first week, his first text arrived: "There are 370 boys here. I wish there were 369."

Teacher: We borrowed our numerals from the Arabs, our calendar from the Romans, and our banking from the Italians. Can anyone think of other examples?

Student: Well, we borrowed our lawnmower from the Smiths, our ladder from the Browns, and our hose from the Jones....

Being the office supervisor, I had to have a word with a new employee who never arrived at work on time. I explained that her tardiness was unacceptable and that other employees had noticed that she was walking in late every day.

After listening to my complaints, she agreed that this was a problem and even offered a solution. "Is there another door I could use?"

## CALENDAR QUOTES

God is easy to please, but hard to satisfy.

Just talking about things will not make them improve.

You cannot fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren.

There is nothing new except what has been forgotten

## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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## Has lockdown damaged your eyesight?

Are you suffering from 'coronavision'? It is perfectly possible.

Lockdown led to many of us staring at our television or computer screens for long periods of time. And that could have strained our eyes, warns the College of Optometrists.

By this summer one in five adults in Britain had reported a deterioration in their eyesight. Symptoms include blurred vision, difficulty in focussing, and red or painful eyes.

As one optometrist explained: "Working from home, video calls with friends and family, watching more TV, time spent looking at your phone – all that screen time adds up. The good news is that this is unlikely to cause any permanent harm to your vision."

Nevertheless, the College urges people to get their eyes checked if they feel on-going discomfort. They also advise that when you are looking at a screen, you rest your eyes every 20 minutes, blink regularly, use eye drops, position your screen below eye level and increase the size of the text.

## **PANDEMIC 'TRANSFORMS THE CHURCH INTO NETFLIX'**

The Covid-19 pandemic has "propelled the Church into the contemporary world," says a new report from CPAS, an Anglican evangelical mission agency working with UK and Irish churches. 'Everyone Welcome Online' looks at the lockdown's impact on churches and concludes, "Last month we were the Odeon, today we are Netflix."

"In the 1950s, the Odeon was okay, but then along came consumer choice, individualism and crowded complex lifestyles. Then came TV film channels, and now Netflix, Prime and others, where you can watch whatever you want, whenever you want, wherever you are on whatever you've got."

The authors, Bob Jackson and George Fisher, say "The Government has shut our 'Odeons' down, so in response we have stumbled into 'Homespun Netflix' and it's looking promising."

"Most churches going online have discovered that far more people are accessing their services than ever came to the building. What seemed initially to be a devastating blow to churches may actually generate growth."

The authors, who devised the popular 'Everybody Welcome' course published by Church House Publishing, include feedback from churches experiencing increased numbers of people logging in for online services, both live and recorded.

One church reported "We've had a huge number of hits, many more than the number of people in church on a Sunday, connecting with people who would not come to a regular service."

The report analyses who is responding and detects groups ranging from friends and family of church members, to the housebound with links to the church, people linked by christenings, weddings or funerals, people who have moved away, occasional churchgoers and people who have found the church through a denominational or diocesan link.

The authors encourage churches to make contact with people who are 'dropping in' to the services, suggesting "Contact as many people as you can to say hello and how nice it was to see them connect with the church, and ask how they are and how the church can help them."

People are finding it easier to access church online because they can join in the services without feeling concerned about 'doing the wrong thing' – like standing or sitting at the 'wrong' time – they don't have to enter a strange building and meet new people and they can access the services at a time that suits them.

One church reported: "One previously non-churchgoer said that online she felt comfortable, fully part of the service and so more welcomed than if she had been in the building unsure of how to behave."

**The 'Everyone Welcome Online' report can be accessed free at:**

**<https://www.cpas.org.uk/church-resources/understanding-christian-leadership/everyone-welcome-online/everybody-welcome-online/#.Xs-E7UBFxPY>**

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## **Louis Pasteur – ‘father’ of microbiology**

A tiny invisible thing that brings disease and death .... where have we heard that before?! But Louis Pasteur, who died 125 years ago next month, on 28th September 1895.

Pasteur made some outstanding breakthroughs. He discovered the principles of vaccination, and then created the first vaccines for anthrax and rabies. His medical discoveries provided support for the germ theory of disease and nullified the theory of spontaneous generation.

But Louis Pasteur is best known for his invention of the technique of treating milk and wine to stop bacterial contamination, a process that was named after him: pasteurisation. In doing so, he saved the French beer, wine and silk industries.

All in all, this gifted French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist well deserves his title as the ‘father of microbiology,’ and to be seen as one of the three main founders of bacteriology.

## **All in the month of September**

400 years ago, on 6th September 1620, that 102 English Puritans (now known as the Pilgrims) set sail aboard the Mayflower from Plymouth, for a new life in America. After a perilous journey they landed in what is now Provincetown Harbour, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on 11th November. They had intended landing in Virginia, but were unable to reach it because of heavy seas.

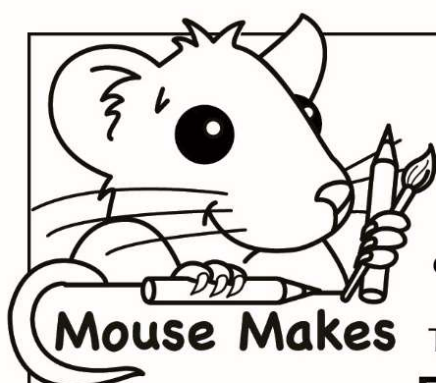
150 years ago, on 20th September 1870 that Rome was captured. Italian forces defeated the Papal States and captured the city of Rome at the end of the wars of Italian Unification. The Papal States were dissolved. Rome was annexed, and it became the capital of Italy in 1871.

65 years ago, on 22nd September 1955 that Britain’s first independent television channel, ITV, was launched. It ended the BBC’s monopoly. Regional franchises were rolled out across the whole country by 1965.

60 years ago, on 27th September 1960 that Sylvia Pankhurst, suffragette leader, died.

## **Dame Olivia de Havilland (1916-2020)**

Dame Olivia de Havilland (1916-2020) the actress who, until her death last week, regularly read the lesson at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, in Paris: I think I prepare in a way the Church would not approve. I add punctuations. The punctuation marks help me to get the right inflections. I start on the preceding Monday by reading the texts I am assigned. The next day I re-read them, and I think the night’s sleep often helps me see things I hadn’t noticed at first. You have to convey the deep meaning, you see, and it has to start with your own faith... But first I always pray. I pray before I start to prepare, as well. In fact, I would always say a prayer before shooting a scene, so this is not so different ... I once asked Jimmy Cagney, ‘Just what is acting?’ He said at first, ‘I dunno!’ But then he said, ‘All I know is that you have to mean what you say.’



The **Bible** is a collection of **books** that took over 2,000 years to write! The books were written by many different people, all helped and inspired by God. The Bible has books about:

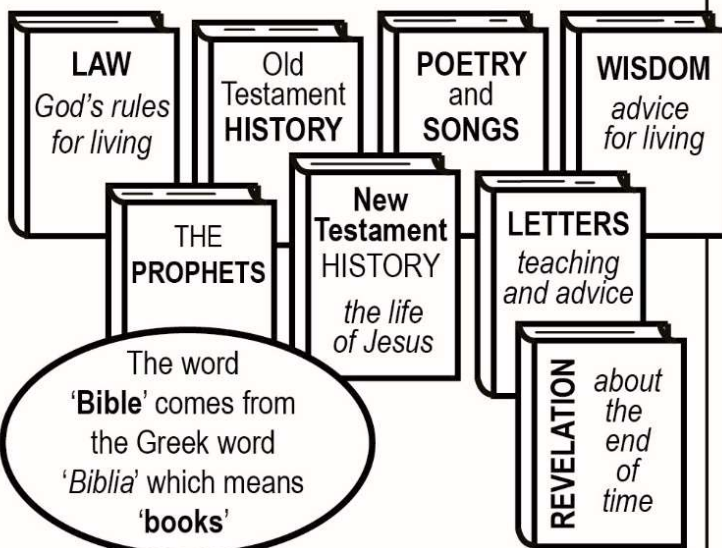
There are **66** books in the Bible. How many can you name?



### BIBLE WORDS

The Bible words in **BOLD** type on this page are also hidden in the word search, can you find them?

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The word '**Bible**' comes from the Greek word '*Biblia*' which means '**books**'

God speaks to us today as we read the Bible. The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live, it also describes itself as:



**Mirror**

James 1:23



**Food**

Hebrews 5:12- 6:1



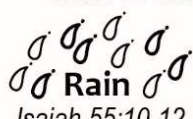
**Honey and Gold**

Psalms 19:10



**Light**

Psalms 119:105



**Rain**

Isaiah 55:10-12



**Seed**

Mark 4:14



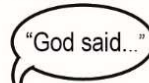
**Hammer**

Jeremiah 23:29



**Fire**

Jeremiah 20:9



**Living Word**

Hebrews 4:12



**Sword**

Ephesians 6:17

...but most of all The Bible teaches us about **God** and how we can be friends with Him.