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The Parish Letter

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter on the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend. Some of you may remember when I preached at the special service to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth last September, that I recounted my earliest memory, at the age of 3, was being taken into a hall by my mother, being given a mug and my mother explaining that this was because we had a new queen.

Seventy years later on coronation day, I did not go into a hall to be given a mug, but instead I watched the whole service on television. What a wonderful spectacle it was: the horses, the marching, the gold carriage, the wonderful ceremonial at Westminster Abbey and seeing all those famous people and those less famous who were there because of their service to the community.

There were two things that particularly struck me about the service in Westminster Abbey. The first was that the coronation service was set in the context of a Eucharist. When we have a baptism at All Saints' we fit it into the Eucharist. In the same way the crowning was fitted into a Eucharist. If you were paying attention, and I'm sure you were, you will have noticed all the elements of our Sunday Eucharist at All Saints'. There was the sung Gloria, the collect, the bible readings, the sung alleluia before the Gospel, the Eucharistic Prayer, the Agnus Dei, the post communion prayer and the blessing. This meant that the coronation service of King Charles was not a civic ceremony, it was a deeply religious service. How good it was that at his coronation, King Charles met the risen Lord in word and sacrament, just as we do Sunday by Sunday at All Saints'.

The second thing that resonated with me at the coronation service was the anointing with the oil of chrism. Again, this is familiar to the All Saints' Sunday congregation.

When I baptize a child at the Eucharist, the first thing I do is to invite the family to the front of the church and I anoint the child with holy oil. Similarly, King Charles was anointed with oil at his coronation. The oil was in an eagle shaped gold ampulla and was poured on to a silver gilt anointing spoon. This part of the ceremony is regarded as so sacred it takes place behind a screen. The one used at the coronation had a design on it based on a stained glass window at St James' Palace. When King Charles was anointed with the holy oil he was marked as a special person and given a task in the name of the Lord. That task was to serve the people of this land. To show forth in his earthly kingdom, the values of God's Kingdom, love, justice and peace.

King Charles then at his coronation, met the risen Lord in word and sacrament and was anointed with oil to mark him as a special person who was given a task to do in the name of God. We, like Charles, meet the risen Lord in word and sacrament at the Sunday Eucharist and we too

have been anointed as special people with a task to do in the name of God. Our anointing was at our baptism. Let me remind you of the words used, "Christ claims you for his own. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified." This is the part that marks everyone of us as someone special. Then comes the task we have been given. "Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life." At his coronation, King Charles was anointed with oil and given the task of serving the people in his earthly Kingdom in the name of our Lord. At our baptism,

when we were anointed, we were given the task of revealing God's Kingdom wherever we find ourselves.

What an exciting and challenging task Charles was given when he was anointed at his coronation.

What an exciting and challenging task we were given when we were anointed at our baptism.

We surely need to pray for the help of the Holy Spirit for both King Charles and ourselves to fulfill God's will.

With very best wishes

Father John

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX & EAST LONDON



Bradwell Pilgrimage is on Saturday 1st July!

Do come and join us at Bradwell for the Pilgrimage on Saturday 1st July from 10:30am - 4pm. The Theme this year is "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We are delighted to have a range of speakers including Archdeacon Mike Power, Rob Purnell from Love Essex and Patrick Regan from Kintsugi Hope.

The day will start at St Thomas' Church in Bradwell-on-sea at 10:30am, followed by walking to St Peter's Chapel and then time for worship, workshops and of course a picnic!

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UK FOODBANKS BUSIER THAN EVER


More food parcels were given out in the UK this past year than ever before. During December 2022, an emergency food parcel was handed out the equivalent of every eight seconds. These are the most recent figures from the Trussell Trust, which supports more than 1300 foodbanks in the UK.

In all, the charity says it gave out nearly three million food parcels between April 2022 and April 2023. More than one million of these were for children. Soaring inflation and energy costs have driven the increase in demand. The charity reports an unprecedented rise in the number of employed people using their foodbanks, because they are “no longer able to balance a low income against rising living costs.”

The problem now, says the trust, is that food donation levels are not keeping up with the need. “This is putting us under a lot of strain.”

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY SPEAKS ABOUT DEPRESSION – AND WINNIE THE POOH

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said that he takes antidepressants so that he can maintain an “Eeyore status”, instead of “something much worse.” He referred to his depression during a recent lecture he gave in Canterbury Cathedral, where he also spoke of having sought professional help for his mental health. Archbishop Welby said: “As the psychiatrist I see tells me, the aim is not to make me so laid back that I’m horizontal, but just to settle things enough that I react like an



average sort of human being. I'm sad when things are sad, and happy when they're happy, and so on and so forth."

The Archbishop went on to say that he likens human emotions to the characters in Winnie the Pooh, and compared himself to Eeyore, the often melancholy donkey, as opposed to a "bouncy" Tigger. The Archbishop said that taking antidepressants "restore me to Eeyore status from something much worse." He went on: "Some of us are Tiggers, some of us are Eeyores. Probably, some of us are many of the other characters in Winnie the Pooh."

Archbishop Welby then recalled a conversation he'd had with a former Archbishop of Canterbury. "Rowan Williams once said to me: 'There is almost no human situation that cannot be explained with the hermeneutical tools of Winnie the Pooh.' Only Rowan could say that and be both humorous and profound at the same time."

DEATH OF GEORGE VERWER, FOUNDER OF OM

George Verwer, the founder of **Operation Mobilisation**, died on 14th April, aged 84, in his home near London. He had been ill for some time.

Verwer was known worldwide for his commitment to evangelism, and he made **Operation Mobilisation** one of the world's leading mission charities for more than four decades. He has been described as one of "the most outstanding North American missionary statesman of the last 60 years." He handed out more than one million free books during his lifetime.

Since his retirement from OM in 2003, he managed special projects, spoke at church events, and wrote more than a dozen books. He never shied away from admitting his own imperfections and honouring God, who graciously forgives and works through people, despite their mistakes. He called it "messiology."

'LOVE MATTERS': ARCHBISHOPS' COMMISSION ON FAMILIES &

HOUSEHOLDS PUBLISHES ITS FINAL REPORT

In a recently published report ('Love Matters'), the Archbishops' Commission on Families & Households has made a series of recommendations about how families and households can best flourish. It calls on institutions – from the Church of England to the Government – to put 'family' at the centre of their thinking; and individuals – whether married, single, or in a couple – to commit to relationships of all kinds that lead to the flourishing of one another.

'Love Matters' says that the quality of family relationships matters more than the form a family takes. It argues that although for many the concept of family has evolved, the essential values underpinning flourishing family life remain the same. Drawing on a rich body of primary data collected through extensive research, the Commission outlines five ambitions to support and strengthen family life. It urges that society must:

Value families in all their diversity, meeting their basic needs by putting their wellbeing at the heart of Government policy-making and our community life, including religious communities.

Support relationships throughout life, ensuring that everyone is able to develop and maintain loving and caring relationships, manage conflict well and promote the flourishing of individuals and families.

Honour singleness and single person households, recognising that loving relationships matter to everyone.

Empower children and young people, developing their relational skills and knowledge, recognising their value and agency, and protecting them from harm and giving them the best start in life.

Build a kinder, fairer, more forgiv-

ing society, removing discrimination, division and deep inequality for the sake of every family and household.

Established in March 2021 by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Families & Households Commission was asked to explore what families and households of all shapes and sizes need in order to flourish. The report lays out a number of -recommendations to the Church of England and the Government about how this can be achieved.

Welcoming the report, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby said: “‘Love Matters’ encourages us to prioritise the hopes, needs and aspirations of families – in all their diversity. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to share the overflowing love of God... As this report demonstrates, there is much to celebrate but there is a great deal still to do if we are to ensure the flourishing of every family and household.”

BIDS INVITED TO HELP IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF LANDMARK REPORT ON RACIAL JUSTICE

Dioceses, parishes, and other Church networks are being invited to submit applications for funding to help implement the recommendations of a landmark report into racial justice in the Church of England. A newly-formed panel approved by the Archbishops’ Council will decide on grants to fund work aimed at ensuring the recommendations of *From Lament to Action*, the report of the Archbishops’ Anti-Racism Task Force, become a reality.

C OF E RESPONDS TO THE BLOOM REVIEW ON HOW GOVERNMENT ENGAGES WITH FAITH

‘Does government “do” God?’ That is the title of the Bloom Review, a four-year independent review, which has recently been published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Now the Revd Dr Malcolm Brown, the Church of England’s Director of Faith and Public Life, has responded to the Bloom Review.

“Faith is at the centre of people’s lives and churches and other faith groups are at the very centre of communities, providing both inspiration and practical support. The Church of England alone is involved in more than 35,000 separate initiatives in communities and works to tackle deprivation and promote social cohesion through church schools, chaplaincies in places such as prisons and higher education and in thousands of practical programmes in its parishes. We welcome the recognition in the report of the need for religious literacy and a greater public understanding of the major world faiths. It is a fact that the majority of people in England Wales identify with a religion, so faith is not a minority pursuit.

“Everyone has a belief-system which guides their lives so it is important to enhance understanding of religions without treating religious people as ‘other’. There is, of course, a huge diversity of faith in this country and faiths are not all the same. We look forward to hearing how any training and education in the field of religious literacy can be done in partnership with religious communities and from a perspective that sees faiths in the round.”

ARCHBISHOP OF SUDAN FORCED TO FLEE

According to recent reports from Sudan, the Archbishop of the Province of Sudan, Ezekiel Kondo, was forced to evacuate from the Anglican Cathedral in Khartoum when the fighting began. The archbishop and 42 people, including his family members, had to walk to safety amid the fighting in the city.

Sudan Cathedral is linked to the Diocese of Salisbury, where churches across the diocese have been praying for reconciliation and peace in Sudan.

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“ She (Bishop Guli) came originally from Iran in the Middle East, not a place that has a good press at the moment. Between and betwixt worlds. Her father was a Muslim convert, and her mother the daughter of British Missionaries in Iran (her grandparents as well). Born in the 1960s striving towards discovering its identity as a Persian Christian Church with roots in Missionary worship. Later the church came under the influence of local Persian leaders. Her father became a Bishop with the smallest diocese in the Anglican community spiritually but largest geographically. Churches scattered across the desert. Bi-lingual in Persian and English, education in Persian with both eastern and western influences brought together by the missionaries. She said she had a very secure childhood, but her father travelled a lot when she was a child, as he was presiding bishop of Jerusalem and the east.

Life changed dramatically in 1978 when the revolution swept across the country and its impact was really felt. She came to England in 1978 for her father to attend the Lambeth Conference. When they went back in August/September it was to a different country, where curfews had been imposed and all was in a state of chaos. The view from flat roofs was of fires and dissent.

During 1979 lives changed very rapidly, partly because of what was happening in the country generally – schools were closed, the church targeted very heavily. Ancient churches – Assyrians, Armenians, RCs are seen as ‘people of the book’. Christian churches seemed very new and to have converted was a crime. The family found they were being followed; revolution gave the opportunity to those who had been waiting to destroy the church in Iran. The earliest indications of this were when one of the clergy in Shiraz was found murdered in his study by two men who knew him. After that hospitals and schools were closed down, and there were raids on diocesan offices and the bishop’s house, which was ransacked, and papers confiscated. They

BISHOP GULI

Instead of the Warden’s Waffle this month Vicky has passed on the minutes of the Maldon & Dengie Deanery Synod meeting of 27th April 2023.

In these minutes Bishop Guli talks about her past and how she became the Bishop of Chelmsford.

Read on -

were looking for evidence that the church was placed there as a nest of spies by western governments – a British institution. There was a great deal of anger and hatred against those who had converted. Assets were frozen or stripped and her father was imprisoned.

On his release he was due to set out for 6 -weeks’ worth of work around Jerusalem and the Middle East when he was attacked in the early hours of the morning and his assailants fired five shots and ran away. They missed him, but it was later discovered that there was a ‘halo’ of bullet holes in his pillow. Her mother had thrown herself over him and took a shot in her hand. If she hadn’t had that she would not have been believed. However, her father decided to continue with their travels, Guli, the youngest of four siblings was left in the care of her elder sister. Her brother was studying at the University of Tehran. While their parents were away the situation got much worse – any semblance of law and order disappeared, and her father was advised not to return or he



would be arrested and executed as an enemy of the regime. Daily newspapers on their front covers showed pictures of bodies of the previous days' executions. All missionaries had left by now, and the church group was very vulnerable and fearful and needed their bishop alive. Her mother returned by Christmas, no other 'foreigners', and the family had no idea of what the future held. They carried on for the next few months hoping all would blow over, but by early spring it clearly wasn't sustainable. 1st May 1980 her father's secretary, a frail Scottish lady was shot at point blank range, but survived. Her mother went to look after her in Tehran and

stayed for a week beside her. On 6th May her brother went to save her but his car was ambushed and he was killed. This was either an act of revenge, or the authorities thought his father would return for the funeral. At that point it was clear her father couldn't return, so they buried her brother and two weeks later left. They were able to buy tickets but had to leave their passports with the authorities. However, they got away on last BA flight for many years – a massive 747 with only seven people on it. The family assumed they would be back within the year, but of course it was not to be and 43 years later she is still in UK 13 going on 14 when she left.

She worked at the BBC for the World Service and Domestic Radio, then back to university for an MA and PhD, then got married to a man from Northern Ireland. She was then ordained. She has three children – Gabriel, Helena and Samira. Both her parents are now dead and to date she has not gone back to Iran. This is how her theology has been shaped and influences how she operates.

Diocese – she arrived here as Bishop of Chelmsford much to her surprise. Ministry had not followed a path that would lead her to be a bishop. As a Non-stipendiary, she took several years out, then went back part time. She was asked to go for Bishop of

Loughborough as she had a different background, and she was three years there before being asked to train for discernment process for Chelmsford.

She came to a vast and diverse diocese that had been through the wars. The whole world had been through the pandemic but also interregnum and financial crisis, and the Diocese was coming to terms

with this and the pressure on clergy numbers. Decisions taken during this time had left several people being hurt and angry, and she tried to listen. There were levels of exhaustion that had to be taken seriously, and the usual thing of coming in and coming up with an idea of going forward wasn't appropriate. A period of quiet and discernment of

where God was taking them, along with meetings with fellow Bishops, Area deans etc. ended up as 'Travelling Well Together.' This, she hopes, articulates our purpose and different expressions of that one faith and that what we want to do is empower local entities to do what it takes to love God and serve your neighbour.

The current proposals include the following:

Enlarged public spaces to the west and south of the Cathedral and a new public space to the east.

Improved street furniture would be provided throughout.

Two areas of cycle parking added.

Landscaping would be simplified with the removal of non-native species and an informal layout to allow the Cathedral to be the primary feature.

New tree planting and soft landscaping.

Improved hard surfacing throughout, including the Duke Street entrance.

Existing routes to be maintained, with the main thoroughfare between Tindal Square and New Street to be widened.

The dangerous pedestrian access on New Street to be closed off.

Existing steps toward Waterloo Lane widened and a new path created towards the south porch.

Alter the northern boundary wall with a new ceremonial route to the west door.

An infrequent ceremonial vehicle route would be created.

Chelmsford Cathedral Enhancement Plan

We are working with Chelmsford City Council on plans to improve the Cathedral precinct, a highly significant public space at the heart of the city centre. We have developed some plans and are now looking for public feedback.

The Cathedral precinct, for the purposes of this study, includes the area defined by the buildings fronting onto the churchyard in New Street, Church Lane, Church Street and the back of Tindal Square, also including the approach spaces off of Duke Street, adjacent Shire Hall, the Chapter House and the courtyard adjacent the Cathedral Offices.

The Cathedral is a thriving religious and cultural centre for the city, which makes use of the outside space during events such as graduation ceremonies. The churchyard acts as an important public open space and thoroughfare, with the space maintained by the City Council and is crossed by a number of public footpaths. There are pedestrian routes to the Chapter House to the northwest and the Cathedral Offices to the east. The area north of the Cathedral building is used to house the builders' compound during repair works. Within this space, there is also an area where in the long term there is potential for a further extension.

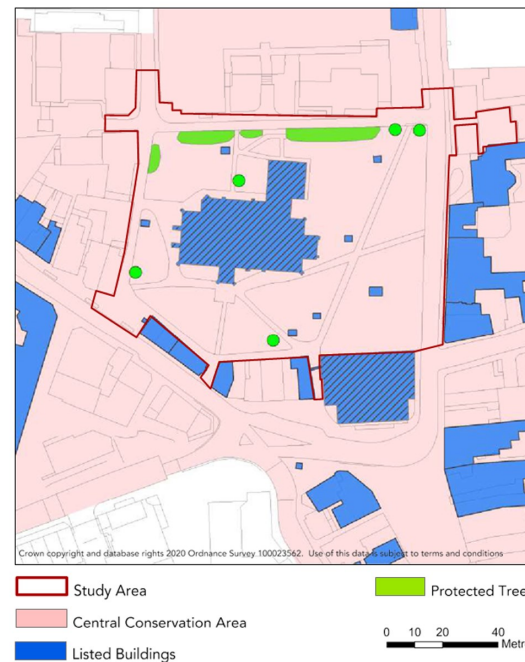
The Cathedral is classified as a Grade I listed building, with a number of the monuments within



the churchyard classified as Grade II listed. Shire Hall, located to the south, is Grade II* listed. The buildings to the south and east of the precinct are Grade II listed. The whole site is within the Chelmsford Central Conservation Area.

The churchyard is currently well maintained with colourful planting schemes, but lacks a ceremonial route to the west end and a focal public space. It has a mixed quality of surfacing materials and street furniture and some inappropriate trees. There is therefore an opportunity to enhance the space, providing an improved area for public enjoyment and a befitting setting for the Cathedral.

We have worked with landscape consultants to draw up the proposals, with input from key stakeholders.



The diocese of Chelmsford stretches from the east coast to the Thames. It comprises the county of Essex, the unitary authorities of Southend and Thurrock, and the east London boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, and Waltham Forest.

All Saints' **NEWS & VIEWS**

1st Maldon Scout's **St George's Day** Parade



Rev. Jordan
arranges the
new
St. George's flag
at the church
altar in prepara-
tion for its dedi-
cation later in
the service

Beavers 6-8yrs
Cubs 8-10
Scouts 10-14
Explorers 14-17



“hello mum !”

The 1st Maldon Scouts - Beavers - Cubs - Explorers after their St. George's Day Parade and Service on Sunday April 23rd at All Saints'.

Although the weather wasn't very kind to them and it was raining pretty hard, the Parade went ahead as planned, but with one or two modifications. Instead of parading the flags outside the church as normal they paraded them inside, proving that the troop was up to it's motto "BE PREPARED" - and here they all are preparing to wish their mums a very happy day.

For more information email: agsi1stmaldonscouts@gmail.com

The Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the King
To help other people
And to keep the Cub Scout law.

**A JOB WELL
DONE**



The flowers -
There isn't enough space in this magazine to show them all - and these photo's couldn't do them the justice they deserve, they had to be seen .



All Saint's - **Flowers for a Coronation**



The church
was decorated
with flowers
from top to
bottom



Sunday May 6th Our **Coronation** Brunch

The weather was against us from the start as far as using the vicarage garden for a garden party celebration was concerned. It had rained quite heavily on the days leading up to the Coronation weekend, and the grass was still wet, the ground muddy. On Sunday the weather was cold and didn't look very promising, and the D'Arcy Room was looking more and more inviting as an alternative.

So that's what happened—the D'Arcy Room came to our rescue and we had our '*bring and share*' brunch there. As you can see there was no shortage of bringing and sharing and we all had a good old get together - sharing what we had seen yesterday and comparing it with what we saw in 1953 (those old enough of course).



Maldon Pioneers

Hello, again.

I thought I would like to share with my church family the lovely time mum and I had at Wilkinson's at Tiptree. We went for a lovely afternoon tea and entertainment with Sarah Mal, who had us all singing along for the afternoon. It was the Friday before the Coronation, a lovely way to start a weekend and mum was on Anglia news!

Hope you all had a nice time celebrating.

Take care.

Love Helen



The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish of All Saints with St Peter, Maldon in the Deanery of Maldon.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the above parish held on Monday 22 May 2023

The following were elected as **Churchwardens**:

Colin Brown

Vicky Tropman

The following were elected to serve on the **Deanery Synod** for three years:

Jenny Clinch

Barbara Gale

Vicky Tropman

The following were elected as **Lay Members of the Parochial Church Council**:

Elisabeth Blyth (3 years)

Elaine Brown (3 years)

Julie Ovenden (3 years)

Mary Stebbens (3 years)

Dennis Johnson (3 years)

Mike Kneller (3 years)



TEN to TEN The RAMBLING GROUP 13th May 2023

Woodham Walter is always a lovely area to walk in and this was our choice for the May walk. Parking in the layby opposite The Bell four of us walked up Little Baddow Road then turned right up Stivvy's Road and then picked up the footpath off to the left. This led us up through a series of paddocks and eventually onto Spring Elms Lane. Here we followed the bridleway behind the road sign down to the entrance to Woodham Walter Common. This is a very pretty area of woodland to walk through, quite undulating in places, eventually coming out on to the path that runs along the edge of the Warren Golf Club. We stopped for a coffee break on the bench in front of the old cricket pavilion, then carried on crossing the road into Thriftwood. Here the bluebells were still looking good, probably helped by the recent rain. At the end of the woodland path after walking on the field edge and crossing Old London Road we cut into another lovely woodland area called the Wilderness. Here we took an interesting little short cut that skirted the remains of Woodham Walter Hall. Nature had taken over, hiding any evidence of the old building but there was an information board quoting a reference to a visit by the writer Robert MacFarlane, best known for his books on landscape and nature. He had included impressions of walking this very path in his book *Wild Places*, published in 2008.

After this exciting discovery we made our way back to the Warren club house where we had a delicious lunch get-together sitting out in the sunshine. We were joined by three other walkers from our group which made for a very enjoyable social time together. The next walk will be on Saturday June 10th. This will now be led by John Mayes and will start from Gosbecks Archaeological Park off Maldon Road. This will be a morning walk with the opportunity of a pub lunch. For more information please ring John on 01245 222530. An email will be sent round to regular walkers the week before. Everyone welcome!

Sue Smith

Reader's letters

I enjoyed reading Ken Downham's article even though I don't approve of gay relationships. If that is what some people prefer to a normal heterosexual relationship then good luck to them, but surely this is anything but normal? I was annoyed at the Gay Pride flags in our shops and was very pleased that my letter to the local newspaper was published. Marriage in my opinion is for the procreation of children and should the Church of England ever support gay weddings then my conscience would tell me never again to enter the church I love.

Regards, Geoff Dixon.

If you have a point of view or comment and you would like to write about it please feel free to email the editor on:- bigglesworth@btinternet.com. Edit.



If a vicar asks you for money...

If you are contacted by a clergyman asking you for money, beware! It is a scammer.

Scammers have been impersonating various clergy, including even the Archbishop of York, to ask priests and other church people to buy them Amazon vouchers and online gift cards.

The scammers use either emails or texts, and their message is along the lines: "I have a request I need you to handle discreetly." They then say: "I am currently busy in a prayer meeting, so no calls – just reply to my email." Then the message asks the intended victim to send them financial help, usually in the form of vouchers or gift cards.

The police reckon that the scammers have trawled church websites for the contact details of clergy and parish officials. At least one person is believed to have been fooled – and lost £1000 in a scam.

As diocesan spokesman said: "It seems this is a national trend." The police are looking into it, and meanwhile, advising people that: "Clergy will *never* ask you to give them money, vouchers, or personal banking details directly, even to help someone in need.... it is a scam."

MEMORIES

1953

I read with interest the piece last month from Ken Russell when he recounted his memories of the coronation in 1953 which was while he was doing his National Service in the REME. It got me thinking of what I was doing at that time, and it was not nearly as exciting as Ken's memories. In 1953 I was a seventeen year old student apprentice with a shipping company based in the Royal Victoria Docks in East London. My family had been involved with the same Company for generations before me, and outside of his family, my father's only great interest was his employer, Royal Mail Lines Ltd. He lived and breathed the Company and managed to get me lined up with the apprenticeship in Electrical Engineering which would ultimately lead to becoming a seagoing Electrical Officer with Royal Mail Lines.

The actual coronation was spent in my parent's house watching the nine inch Ferranti television that my father had bought a few years previously. Television then was more hit and miss than it is now. It was quite common to have breakdowns in transmission and there was only one programme to watch, the BBC. ITV did not start until 1955, and I can remember watching avidly the whole of the BBC broadcast of the coronation of Queen Elisabeth 2 in the company of my mother and my younger sister as well as a host of neighbours who did not yet have a television. People brought in cakes and my mother made tea and it was a magical occasion. On this wonderful day and with this marvellous invention of television. Looking back it was not nearly as exciting for me as it had been for Ken Russel, but still it was one of the great events of our

time and a most joyous one at that.

My apprentice life did eventually lead on to me becoming a seagoing officer for my Company, and I spent five years in this mode. In those days of conscription, for any fit young man the choice was to do two years in one of the three armed forces or to join the Merchant Navy until one was twenty six years of age. As an apprentice, I was given a deferment until I was twenty one when I finished my training before I had to make the decision. I chose the Merchant Navy, as my family had this long history of doing that. My oldest brother had made the same decision six years earlier and seemed to have enjoyed it, so it was, again, natural for me to follow suit. We were the first two to have been officers, as my father, like many of his generation, had gone to sea as a thirteen year old to help his family's finances which were always dire before the war, with a large family, and a poor education. I was seagoing for the next five years, some of it interesting and some of it very boring but it did pave the way for me to have a career in design and construction of ships which lasted until retirement. Only two incidents during this five years were in any way exciting, the first being when transiting the Panama canal and one of the ship's generators exploded and unfortunately for me, I was the nearest to it when pieces of metal started zooming across the engine room and hitting the side of the vessel. This happened immediately after a 'Catherine wheel' of sparks was given off at one end of the machine where I happened to be. Fortunately nobody was injured but I was temporarily blinded by the 'electrical



arching'. I was taken off the ship and put into hospital in Panama City where a truly brilliant array of doctors and nurses tended to my eyes and after twenty four hours I was able to re-join my ship and was able to resume my duties within a few days. The second incident was when I was sailing on the maiden voyage of the Company's newest passenger and cargo vessel and one of our destinations was Rio de Janeiro. We had to sail for a couple of miles up the river to the docks and it was early morning and misty. Suddenly, another vessel came toward us and we could not avoid a collision. We swung away as did the other vessel but we brushed sides and some portholes on the other vessel were ripped

out by our derrick posts from the winches which had all been rigged for cargo work and were pointed over the side of the ship. I was on deck and near the bow of our vessel which was my usual position when entering or leaving port so I saw all of this, but because I was a junior officer I was not asked to be a witness nor was I ever told of what happened at the ensuing enquiry, I think our ship was at fault because we were going a bit too fast and we were passing on the wrong side of the other vessel, but of course the other vessel was on the wrong side of us, so who knows? The most important sight for me in Rio was sailing in at an early hour when it is misty and the Statue of Christ the

Redeemer seems to be hovering in the sky and at first it does not seem like a statue. Breath-taking and magnificent. I have been lucky enough to observe the statue from land, sea and air on many occasions and it never fails to impress me and make me feel very insignificant against what the statute means.

I missed the coronation of King George Sixth as I was only a baby at the time although the parts of it outside of the Abbey were televised by the BBC. In any case, my family could not afford a television in 1937. My thanks to Ken Russell for rekindling some memories for me and I am sure, for others.

Ken Downham

From All Saints School

the **BIG** question

The Big Question is something All Saints School does every week on a Monday. In collective worship we have a different theme each week and we have a big question linked to the theme. Anyone can answer the question and there is no right or wrong answer. We put our answers on our school website but we would like to share some of them with you too. You could think of your own answers too. Here are our last Big Questions:

what would you answer?

“What is so good about the world anyway?”

The best thing in the world is my guinea pig. I love him and his friend Gerald, my brothers guinea pig. **– By Charlotte**



The world is good because if we didn't have it then we wouldn't be here, and if you think about it you would be nothing. **– By Ivy-Rose**



How most people take care of the world. How everyone is unique. How people enjoy the world. How people have friends. **– By Scarlett**

How people take care of the world and how most people enjoy it. How everyone is unique and kind. How we have friends to play with. **– By Sky-Marie**

Every month, we hope to give you news about our school! We are excited to share with you what is happening!

other news in school

Year 3/4 and their visit to The Moot Hall

By
Francesca and Izzabella
Year 3

On Tuesday the 9th of May we went to the Moot Hall.

The moot hall was built about 600 years ago. It was originally built for wealthy families. The house was built out of bricks. It was really rare since the Romans made them but then left and everyone forgot how to make them in Maldon, but in Belgium and Holland they still had bricks. Lord D'Arcy decided that he would go to Holland to hire a brick maker; it cost a lot of money. It ended up as a 4 storey house counting the roof made of bricks.

Committee / jail room

The committee room was used for a dining room then got turned into a jail/prison; it didn't have 2 jail cells; they had to share 1. The prisoners could carve boats and their names into the door if they were bored. Surprisingly, we could see some on our trip there. We were very lucky. There were no toilets so they had to go on the floor. Urrgh!! On the floor there was hay. Also there were only 2 beds with string mattresses so some prisoners would have to sleep on the hay. No matter what they had done they had to share a cell. You could be in there for one night or 6 months depending on your behaviour and what you did.

The Court Room

The people back in the day believed that children could go on trial. In our opinion we felt pretty scared at first because we could have been on trial but that doesn't happen anymore so then we were calm and very relieved.



The Council Chamber

The council chamber is where you have council meetings and the mayor would sit on a chair bigger than the other chairs. The mayor would wear a special wig and robe and on the right would be the scribe (the person who writes things) and they would write important things that people were saying. We felt happy if we got to sit on the bigger, more important, chairs as if we were the council/the scribe/the mayor.

The Rooftop

On the rooftop there was a bell which would ring every 15 minutes. We could see the horizon of Southend and the Plume School. Also the All Saints Church. We felt scared of falling off the top of a 4 storey building!

The whole trip was mind blowing for us. WE HAD THE BEST TRIP!! Thank you to the people at the Moot Hall and our teachers for letting us have this experience.

When a little bit more exercise can help a lot

A recent study suggests that for every additional 500 steps you take each day, you may be lowering the risk of heart issues by 14 per cent.

To put it another way, this recent study found that adults who took fewer than 2,000 steps a day were 77 per cent more likely to experience a cardiovascular event in the following three years than those who took about 4,500 steps a day.

"We were surprised to find that every additional quarter of a mile, or 500 steps, of walking had such a strong benefit to heart health," said one professor of epidemiology at the University of Alabama. "While we do not want to diminish the importance of higher intensity physical activity, encouraging small increases in the number of daily steps also has significant cardiovascular benefits."

Visiting the sick

Nowadays people are generally not in hospital for long. Even a major operation only earns you a few days' stay in one of their beds. With almost embarrassing enthusiasm they get you out of bed, walk you up and down the ward and duly announce that you're 'well enough to go home'.

Visiting the recovering sick is a simple art. They want to be told how well they look, how bravely they've endured their treatment, and how good it is to see them about to return to the normal business of life. They'd like to be brought up to date on the local news and gossip, of course. Often, they value a little prayer of thanksgiving for recovery. Gratitude is never inappropriate!

A spell in hospital reminds us how 'shut off' patients tend to be, even in the very best institutions. Those who have recently experienced it are well placed to remind the rest of us that friends and fellow church members in hospital are not transferred to another planet. They may not expect frequent visits from those who are not close friends or family, but it's often quite easy to pick up the phone and speak to them on the ward - just the sort of contact we would have with them at home.

The same kind of simple contact can work very well when they are eventually back home - a brief call simply enquiring if everything's OK, with perhaps the offer of practical help with shopping, for instance, or a lift to the GP surgery. Thus, the nearly-well become the completely whole!

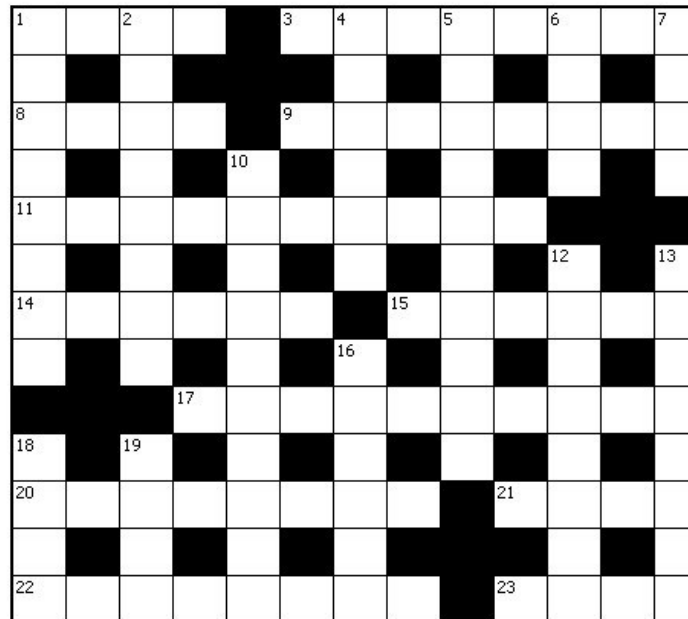
THE CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 See 23 Across
 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
 8 Invalid (4)
 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
 23 and 1 Across
 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
 7 Swirling current of water (4)
 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)



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THE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL

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THE REV. LAURENCE WASHINGTON AND HIS BURIAL PLACE

In All Saints' Churchyard at Maldon was buried the Rev. Laurence Washington, who died, presumably, in Maldon in January 1652. A facsimile of the burial entry in the parish register is given below:-

This Laurence Washington was the great-great-grandfather of the immortal George Washington, first President of the United States.

He was rector of Purleigh in Essex, four miles south-west of Maldon, and that (according to Newcourt) he was presented to that living on March 14, 1632-3, by Mrs Jane Horsmanden, widow, to succeed the Rev. John Horsmanden (possibly her husband) who had died. Newcourt adds in a note:-

Laur. Washington was ejected by **sequestration for his Loyalty in the late Rebellion** of 1642.

The actual year of his ejection seems to have been 1643.

The living of Purleigh belonged to the Horsmanden family from about 1625 onwards. It was a valuable living. The village is very large in area, more than 50 per cent larger in acreage than the Borough of Maldon. Laurence Washington had held no other living in the London diocese.

It is evident that he was ejected from Purleigh solely because he was a supporter of ., says of the Rev. Laurence Washington:-

A Gentleman, a Justice of the Peace in this County (Essex), who personally knew him, assures me that he took him to be a very Worthy, Pious man; that as often was in his Company he always appeared to be a very Modest, Sober person; and

Below is another re-discovered booklet found in All Saints' archives. It is too long for the June edition of this magazine only, so it has been serialised for the next couple of months

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WINDOW

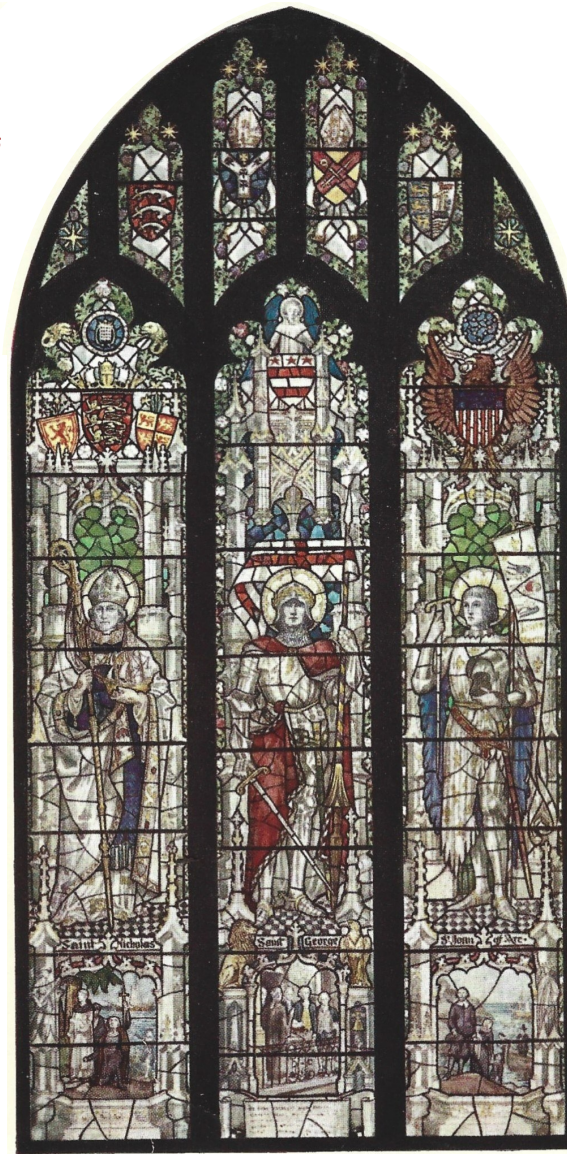
that he was recommended as such by several Gentlemen.

"The only cause of his expulsion," we are further told, "was that he was a Loyal person"; and the before-mentioned Justice of the Peace for Essex, "also said that another Ancient Gentleman of his neighbourhood agrees with him in this account."

The Rev. John Walker makes this further statement:-

Mr Washington was afterwards permitted to have and continue upon a Living in these parts, but it was such a Poor and Miserable one that it was always with Difficulty that anyone was persuaded to Accept it.

This may refer to a curacy at Maldon or its neighbourhood. There is no evidence that Laurence Washington held any other "living" in Essex or elsewhere, after his expulsion from Purleigh. As, however,



he died at Maldon ten years after the expulsion it is probable that he had some kind of ministerial duty there or in the neighbourhood.

There accompanies this Souvenir a coloured photograph of the magnificent stained glass window unveiled at All

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL WINDOW



Saints' Church, Maldon, on the 5th July, 1928 by the Official Representative of the Ambassador of the United States of America, and dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford to the memory of Laurence Washington. This Window, which will be seen in the Chancel of the D'Arcy Chapel on the South side of the Church, was the joint gift of the **Citizens of Malden, Massachusetts**, and the **Sulgrave Institution, U.S.A.**, and is rightly regarded as a presentation of International interest. The suggestion of the gift emanated from the Vicar of All Saints, the Revd. I.L. Seymour, who, by invitation in 1924, attended the 275th Anniversary of the founding of Malden, U.S.A. The American donors expressed a desire that their gift should be an outstanding expression of friendly relations among English-speaking peoples.

The Window was designed by Mr. A.K. Nicholson, of 105, Gower Street, London, and his aim has been the expression of the strong tie of brotherhood existing between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon Race, exemplified in a measure by the old and young Maldon on either side of the Atlantic. With this object in view, three figures symbolical of the common characteristics of the Race form a nucleus on which the Window has been designed. These characteristics are "Patriotism," "Freedom" and "Colonisation."

"**Patriotism**" is represented in the centre light by the figure of St. George, the Patron Saint of the Anglo-Saxon Race; "**Freedom**," in the right-hand light by St. Joan of Arc, and "**Colonization**" in the left-hand light by St. Nicholas, the Patron Saint of Sailors and also of those who settle in far lands.

St. Nicholas appears in full episcopal vestments and holds in his left hand a

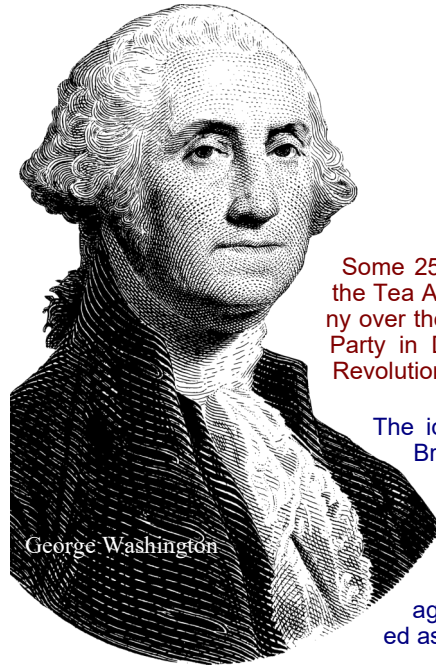
model of the "Mayflower." **St. George** is in Gothic armour holding his red cross banner in one hand and his drawn sword in the other, and **St. Joan of Arc** holds aloft in her right hand the sword of Fierbois and in her left the embroidered banner on which is depicted Our Lord in Majesty with two attendant Angels and the word "Jesu Maria." Other lights in the Window represent the Landing of Columbus, the Lion of England, the Eagle of America, the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia, the Washington Monument at Washington, George Washington signing the Declaration of Independence, the Arms of America, the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers and the Statue of Liberty outside New York Harbour. The tracery lights show the Coat of Arms of the County of Essex, of the Borough of Maldon, the Province of Canterbury and the Diocese of Chelmsford.

A Tablet has been placed outside and beneath the Window bearing the following inscription:-

"In this Churchyard was buried the Rev. Laurence Washington, Rector of Purleigh, the great-great-grandfather of George Washington, the first President of the United States of America, January 1652. This Window was erected to his Memory by the Citizens of Malden, Massachusetts, and a Committee of the Sulgrave Institution U.S.A., whose names are inscribed in a book deposited in the Archives of this Church 1928."

A handsome book bound in vellum containing the names of the donors has also been placed in a case under the Window inside.

Continued next month



How an argument over tea led to the founding of **America**

Some 250 years ago, on 10th May 1773, Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies. This led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.

The idea of the Tea Act was to help the struggling British East India Company to dispose of its vast holdings of tea profitably in the American colonies, where much of the (inferior) tea came from Dutch sources and was smuggled in. But the colonists reacted strongly against the attempt to manipulate their tea-buying, and against British taxes generally, which they regarded as taxation without representation.

Later the same year this led to what has become known as the Boston Tea Party, where a large group of citizens, calling themselves the Sons of Liberty and dressed as Mohawk Indians, boarded the British tea ships and threw 92,000 pounds of tea into the harbour.

This was not a violent insurrection. No-one was injured, and it was reported that the Sons of Liberty swept the decks of the ships afterwards. But British politicians of all sides were appalled, not least because many of them had substantial holdings in the British East India Company.

Added to the ill-feeling resulting from the Boston Massacre in 1770, in which five people died after British troops had been taunted (the comparison with Ulster is obvious), this led in two short years to the American War of Independence, which changed everything.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across

1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores; 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden

Down

1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 Eddy; 10 allegiance; 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA



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Beware the church microphone

The Rectory
StJames the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Despite my assurances that it was unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan us your sound equipment, so we could experience the advantages of using radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does *not* necessarily want to do so.

I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary "Here beginneth..." to "Testing, Testing" before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the verger dash outside to check if yet another medieval gargoyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew "I thought I read that rather well" did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of

their lives reverently carving the Lady Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have looked more at home in an aeroplane cockpit.

However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came about an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a horse and rider going by. The horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, having ripped off a great deal of old fencing.

Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel's flower-filled front garden, where they spent a comfortable night slicing his velvet turf with their sharp cleats, and chomping everything in sight.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



The pothole crisis DEEPENS



If you drive, you already know this: the potholes are getting worse. Some experts have warned that one in five of our roads will be undriveable in the next five years, unless we get to grips with the crisis.

In its recent annual survey on the state of the country's roads, the Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) has found that about 37,000 miles of road, or 18 per cent, are in very poor condition. Without intervention, these roads have less than five years of 'life' left in them.

But intervention costs billions of pounds. This latest 'Alarm' report estimates that now more than £14

billion is needed to fix all of England and Wales' potholes, and generally get the country's roads back up to standard.

Looking further ahead, the AIA predicts that while just over half of all local roads are in good structural condition, the remaining 100,000 miles of roads may need to be rebuilt in the next 15 years, unless adequate maintenance is speedily introduced.

It is not as if the government is ignoring the problem. Jeremy Hunt has provided an additional £200 million one-off payment to fix potholes on our roads. That is in addition to the Government's annual £500 million pothole fund. This

means that in 2023/4, the Government is going to pour an eye-watering £700 million into holes in our roads.

Meanwhile, research by the RAC Foundation has found that one in 24 road bridges across the country are substandard, and therefore unable to carry heavy vehicles.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "Whether it is potholes or bridges, there is only so long that councils can continue to patch things up before bigger cracks literally start to appear in the road network."

PP Jun 23



And the pavement in Spital Road

Residents in Spital Road, Maldon are having to put up with a tar ridden pavement after work on installing cables left them in a messy state. Anyone walking here could end up having an accident.

Whatever happened to "pride in your work"

Residents said they had contacted Chelmsford Council who told them to speak to Maldon Council who said that they don't come out for things like that.



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THROUGH THE FURNACE

BY F.E. READE

The story so far ...

After the funeral of her mother Margaret has the idea of earning a living for her and her father by opening a shop and letting one of their largest rooms. The Vicar visits them and tries to help by suggesting respectable people that might make suitable tenants. During one of his visits he leaves a book for Margaret's father to read, on the surprising subject of self examination.

"Self examination!" exclaimed Margaret, "why has the Vicar left such a book as this here?"

"To help me," replied her father in a low tone. Margaret gazed at him in blank astonishment for a moment, and then opened the book and glanced through the pages.

"Father, I call this quite an insult," said she warmly, closing the book and throwing it upon the table. "Does the Vicar expect a good man like you to ask yourself all those questions and worry yourself about every little thing that you may have done in the course of your life. I can tell him, and I will too, that I have never known you do anything wrong."

"Sins that appear above the surface are not always the greatest sins, my dear," said Mr. Harvey, gently and humbly; "besides, I have to account not only for what I have done, but for what I have left undone. Sins of omission, the Vicar has already taught me, are far more in number, as a rule, with respectable people than sins of commission."

"Oh, father, indeed, you need not make yourself miserable," said Margaret; "I know that you are always blaming yourself about letting the insurance run out, but please do not think about that any more. We shall be quite happy and comfortable without that money."

"That is far from being the only thing that I have on my mind," said Mr. Harvey, who was bracing himself up to speak plainly, in the hope that his child might some day accept the Vicar's teaching as well as himself. "I have to account for prayerless days, an unread Bible, and the neglect of sacraments and all religious privileges; in

fact, for a life lived to self instead of to God, and this is almost the eleventh hour with me: I have received a solemn call today, from the lips of God's servant, to work for Him in His vineyard before it is too late, and I must obey it."

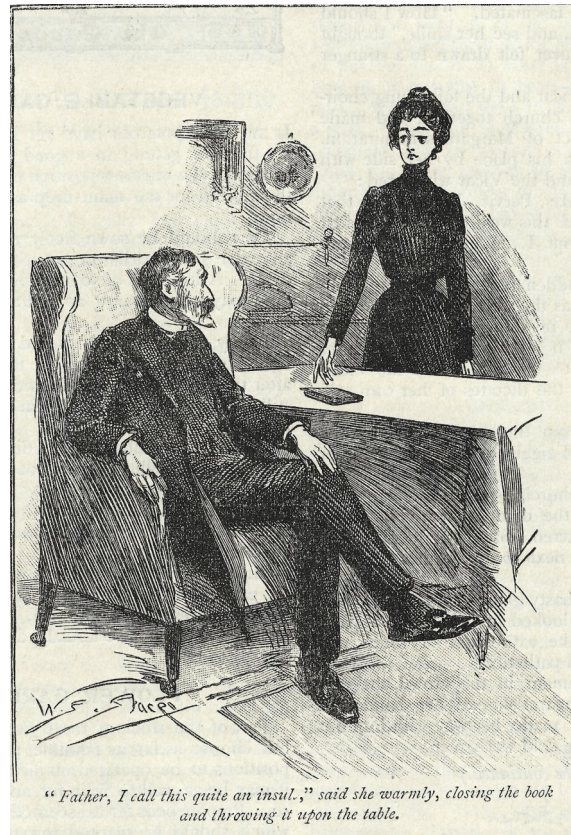
"But why trouble about the past? That is over and done with," said Margaret.

"God requireth that which is past," replied Mr. Harvey. "That text is the motto of the little book which I am now going to use humbly and on my knees, for I am glad of anything that will help me. I cannot start my new life without repentance and forgiveness, my dear child."

He took up the book from the table, and turned to leave the room. Margaret watched him in silence, for she felt overcome by her father's gentleness and humility, which, far from lowering him, seemed to give him a dignity which he had never had before.

The door closed behind him and he did not return for a long time. Margaret sat down to her needlework, but strange and uncomfortable thoughts came to mind, so she put it aside and went into the kitchen to stir up Sally and to make hot cakes for tea.

On Sunday Mr. Harvey, contrary to his custom, went to the morning service. Margaret did not accompany him, but stayed at home and devoted herself to cooking a very dainty kind of dinner. She was disappointed by finding that her father did not appear to notice that there was anything unusual about it, for he ate it in a preoccupied manner, as though his mind were taken up with other things.



The afternoon was wet, and Margaret found the time hanging on her hands, and when the evening came she felt quite inclined to go out with her father to church. She could not, however, fix her mind upon the service, her thoughts wandered incessantly, and her eyes also. Just in front of her were sitting Amy Brandon, her brother, Mr. Bond, and another young man. The latter was well dressed and had a slight upright figure, and she felt a conviction that he was to be the future inmate of her household.

Her attention was also attracted by a very tall man in the choir. He had a frank, open countenance, and his behaviour was peculiarly devout and attentive. Margaret wondered whether he were the young

man whom she had disappointed by refusing to receive his mother. When the service was over, it was found that the rain, which had been falling somewhat heavily for some hours, was now coming down in torrents.

There was a blockade in the porch, for some people would not venture out at all, and others waited until they could array themselves in cloaks and mackintoshes. Margaret and her father were obliged to wait at the end of the church for some time. A refined looking woman in black was standing near them, and Margaret's eyes, when they had once rested upon her face, could hardly be turned away from it. There was such a combination of power and sweetness in the countenance of the elder woman that the girl felt quite fascinated. "How I should like to hear her speak, and see her smile," thought Margaret, "I have never felt drawn to a stranger in this way before.

After a while the Vicar and the tall young choirman came down the church together, and made straight for the object of Margaret's admiration. The young man took his place by her side with an air of protection, and the Vicar whispered: "Good evening, Mrs Pervis, I am sorry that you should have had this weather for your first Sunday in Ranford, but I am glad that you are comfortably lodged." Margaret felt a sudden pang of fear and self-reproach. So this was the woman whom she had rejected. Had she, in doing so, cast away a blessing? Would it not have been better, after all, to have listened to her father and the Vicar, instead of following the dictates of her own self will?

to be continued



Do you remember the **JOYSTRINGS**

It was lunch time on the 26th May 1964, the weather was sunny and warm and I was walking from the offices of Fredrick Muller, publishers, in Fleet Street, where I worked. (Fred Muller were the publishers of "Peyton Place" by Grace Metalious you may remember). Anyway, as I walked up Ludgate Hill towards St. Paul's Cathedral I could hear the very loud, high pitched sound of a guitar. It was introducing an up-tempo and very modern version of 'Joshua' - as in 'Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho'.

As I hurried on I could see an enormous crowd around the steps of St Paul's, and on them, instead of the usual brigade of Guards band, I saw four girls and three blokes dressed in Salvation Army uniforms. The girls were singing into microphones and the blokes were playing guitars and a double bass and there was another girl playing the drums. They were the Joystrings, a new, Christian, rock band which had been started in a hurry. A hurry because of the Salvation Army's new

26th May 1964 was the only time the Joystrings performed on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral

The group consisted of Salvationists Joy Webb, who wrote the first song, Peter and Sylvia Dalziel, Bill Davidson and Wycliffe Noble, plus, from time to time various other singers all from the William Booth Memorial Training College, in London.

Commissioner, Frederick Coutts' comments that a more modern way of reaching people with the Gospel was on the cards and that coffee bars and clubs could echo to the sounds of S.A. guitarists and singers.

Not long after this statement "It's an Open Secret," shot up the charts in March of 1964 reaching #32. This was a big deal! No religious band had made this sort of impression on the UK record charts before—so it was big news. Their next record released around Christmas time reached #34. Then followed a number of other recordings published in 1965 and 66.

Their music was played in schools, prisons, and clubs including the Playboy Club in Mayfair. They toured various parts of the country and played at venues like Butlins in Clacton and Margate, the Vauxhall car factory in Luton, at the Royal Albert Hall and other concert halls, and of course the steps of St. Paul's, where I saw them. They also visited parts of Europe - France, Holland, Belgium, Sweden and they appeared on TV meeting the Queen.

There was opposition to this type of music. Some didn't think it was appropriate. But generally the opinion was that it had been worthwhile. Their 'ministry' had changed the lives of the people who heard them, many becoming Christians and committing their lives to the Lord. It had prepared the way for more forward thinking in the Salvation Army and in the music industry.

The Joystings finale was on July 1968 in Croydon. Today there are thousands of Christian rock bands in existence. The exact number listed on Wikipedia is too many for me to count! (See website below.)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christian_rock_bands

The Salvation Army Christian rock band The Joystings from November 1963 until July 1968

Their Singles

*"It's An Open Secret" (1964)
UK Number 32*

"Million Songs" (1964)

*"A Starry Night" (1964) – UK
Number 34^[5]*

"All Alone" (1965)

"The Only One" (1965)

*"No Time To Lose"/"Love That's
All Around"*

*"Christmas Can Be Every Day
For You" (1966)*

The final appearance of The Joy Strings was in July 1968 in the Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

It was the Salvation Army hierarchy who disbanded the Joystings, and Bill Davidson was known to have said, 'I felt our work wasn't finished'.

Many fans were distraught when the Joystings disbanded, before their time, and when they were at their peak.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

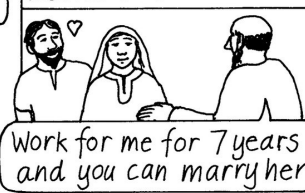
It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis ch 25:19-33, 27:1-42

Jacob had cheated his father and brother, and had run away to stay with his uncle Laban. On the way there..

Jacob saw angels and heard God.



At Laban's house, Jacob met his cousin Rachel



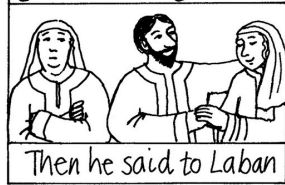
7 years later



But Laban tricked him into marrying her sister Leah



So Jacob worked 7 more years to marry Rachel



As you aren't paying me wages, can I have the black sheep?



Laban agreed, but that day he moved all the black sheep far away



But God blessed Jacob and his black flock grew



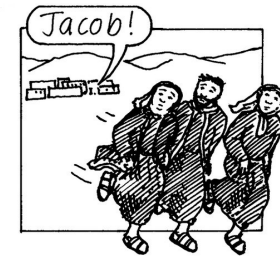
Laban became very jealous of Isaac



Your father doesn't like me any more. We need to go back to my home.



They waited until Laban was away..





**FATHER'S
DAY**
SUNDAY
JUNE 18th

FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2023

	All Saints 08.00	All Saints 09.30	All Saints 18.30 <i>April-October</i> 16.00 <i>November- March</i>	St Giles 09.30	St Andrew's 11.15	St Georges 09.30
1st Sunday 4 June Trinity Sunday	Holy Communion Rev Julie	Worship for All Rev Jordan & Adrienne		Morning Prayer Gerald & Irene	Holy Communion Fr John	
Monday 5 June						Morning Prayer Julia
2nd Sunday 11 June Trinity 1	Morning Prayer Adrienne	Holy Communion & Baptism Fr John & Rev Jordan	Evensong 6.30pm Alan	Holy Communion Canon John Brown	Holy Communion Rev Julie & Rev Jordan	
Monday 12 June						Holy Communion Rev Julie & Rev Jordan
3rd Sunday 18 June Trinity 2	Holy Communion Fr John	Holy Communion Rev Noelle		Holy Communion Fr John	MP&P Lynne	
Monday 19 June						Holy Communion Fr John
4th Sunday 25 June Trinity 3	Morning Prayer Rev Jordan	Holy Communion Fr John		MP&P Rev Jordan	Holy Communion Fr John	
Monday 26 June						MP&P Julia

Prayer Diary June 2023

1		Peace in Ukraine
2		Members of the Royal Family
3		Countries in conflict
4	Trinity Sunday	Our Eucharistic Ministers
5		The residents of Hailey House
6		All Churchwardens
7		Prison Chaplains
8	Corpus Christi	All Priests and teachers of the faith
9		Those who receive Holy Communion at home
10		Members of our PCC
11	Trinity 1	All Church Choirs and Musicians
12	St Barnabas	Churches dedicated to St Barnabas
13		Members of Parliament
14		Our Police Force in the County
15		Those responsible for the appointment of a Priest in Charge for this, and the Heybridge Parishes
16		General Practitioners
17		Children estranged from their Father
18	Trinity 2	All Fathers
19		Our Town Council
20		Employees of Maldon District Council
21		The work of the London City Mission
22		J's Hospice staff and supporters
23		Nurses and Midwives
24	Birth of John the Baptist	Churches dedicated to John the Baptist
25	Trinity 3	Our Servers
26		Playgroups and nurseries
27		The Trustees of The Plume Library
28		All Priests in our Diocese
29	St Peter and St Paul	Churches dedicated to St Peter or St Paul
30		All who live in our Parish

ACTIVITIES

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Prayer Group		
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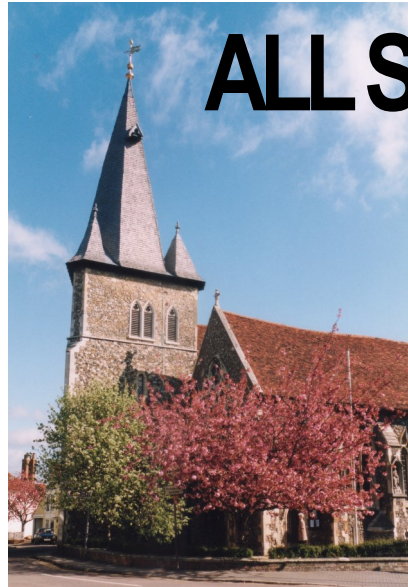
27th April Funeral - Alan Raymond Perrett

13th May Wedding - Philippa Jane Arnold
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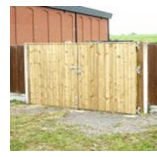
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