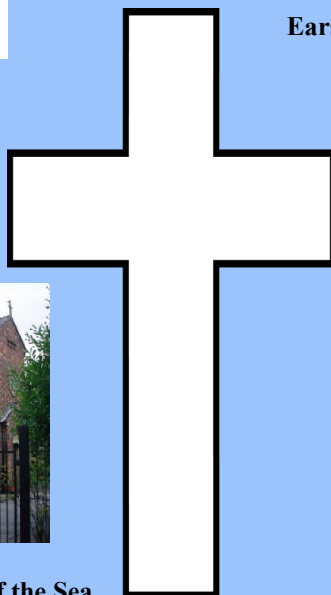




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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

June 2022

Dear All,

On Thursday May 19th 2022, four members of St Alban's reached a decision. It was one that, we felt, marked another step on the long journey out from the shadow of Covid. We decided it was time to stop using what we had come to call 'The Pandemic Prayer'.

Some back-story... Back in March 2020 when suddenly – unthinkably – the churches were closed, lots of us moved our lives further online. I don't know about other churches in our group, but at St Alban's and St John's 'Zoom Worship' was our main Sunday service for fully thirty Sundays.

Alongside Sunday 'Zoom Worship', a smaller group met on weekdays for 'Zoom Daily Prayer'. This is something which has continued beyond the various lockdowns. It probably will continue for the foreseeable future.

Soon after this group started praying together online, I felt we needed a special prayer. It would gather up lots of the things we would want to pray at this time of global crisis. So I wrote a first version, and other parts were added along the way. Eventually, the prayer reached this form...

Healing God, we cry out to you in this time of pandemic.

We hold before you the people we love.

We pray for our Queen, for her government,

and for everyone involved in the vaccination programme.

We pray for the NHS, and for those who work in care homes.

We pray for our armed forces, for the emergency services.

We pray for our postal service,

and for everyone involved in the supply of food.

*We pray that you would help us to be generous,
to work together, and to look out for one another.*

*We pray for those parts of the world
which do not have the resources we enjoy.*

*And we pray that, from this turmoil,
you would be working to create a better future.*

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

I have lost count of the number of times we have prayed ‘the pandemic prayer’. But I always knew that the time would come when it felt like we had moved beyond it. If the Covid outbreak followed the shape of previous pandemics, it would eventually fade and start to move into history. At that point, it might begin to feel as if ‘the pandemic prayer’ was itself now part of history.

That moment was reached at Zoom Daily Prayer on Thursday May 19th 2022. As Cathryn Richardson was praying the prayer, I sensed that its time had come. When Daily Prayer finished, I put that instinct to the rest of the group. Interestingly, Cathryn had had exactly the same reaction while praying it. Liz [York] and Ali [Griffiths] agreed. The time had come. When I compiled ‘Daily Prayer’ for the week beginning Monday May 23rd 2022, it would no longer contain ‘the pandemic prayer’.

I tell you all of this for two principal reasons. The first is that what happened at Daily Prayer on Thursday May 19th was a gut-level, instinctive marker. We really do feel as if we are coming out of the pandemic. We’ll continue to pray, of course. But we no longer need to pray ‘the pandemic prayer’.

And the second reason for telling you this is to give thanks to our listening God. God reassures that when we pray, he listens. *God of grace thank you for hearing our prayers. Thank you for bringing us through this pandemic. We continue to cry to you for everyone who has been adversely affected by it. And we continue to cry to you for the needs of your world: for a quick, just peace in Ukraine... for a miracle of reconciliation between Israel and the Palestinians... for the urgent action our descendants need us to take in responding to the threat of climate change.*

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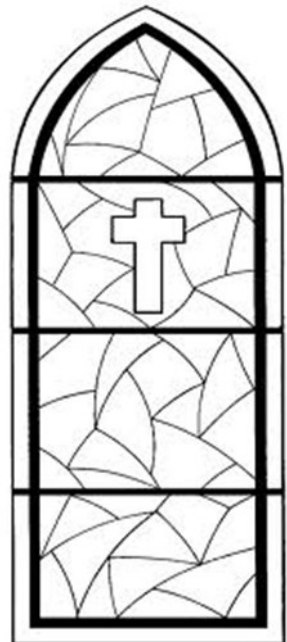
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Forthcoming events

The Parish of Earsdon and Backworth organises a number of social events throughout the year to raise funds and encourage fellowship.

Earsdon with Backworth Mothers' Union:

In May, Mothers' Union were delighted to welcome Paula Yarrow, Doreen Shaw's granddaughter. We were treated to the most fascinating talk about her charity work in South Africa with 'Waves for Change'. The charity aims to address the stress suffered by children living in shanty towns by teaching them to surf. Working along side psychologists and psychiatrists the children learn how to control anger and gain a sense of self worth.

A collection was taken and the generosity of St Alban's and St Johns was seen once more, as we were able to present a cheque for £150 to Paula.

Our June meeting on the 15th is the deadline for booking and paying for, the Summer Outing in July.

St Alban's:

Everybody loves a garden and as Summer is approaching, St Alban's people have organised a series of Open Gardens. On about ten Saturdays there will be a local garden open for you to visit. A Season Ticket can be purchased at a cost of £5 which will admit one person to all of the gardens. These tickets give the date of the open day, the opening times and the address of the garden. There may be refreshments offered and we would request a donation for this in aid of The Netty Fund.

Season Tickets will be at St Alban's or contact Joan 0191 2529239. Why not come round and get ideas for your garden!

The first Open Garden is on Saturday 18th June and is open from 12.00 until 4.00 so make sure you have your ticket before then.

St Alban's Ramblers group is back again for the summer, meeting every Tuesday outside the Vicarage, at 7pm. All are welcome to come and join us.



If you have any suggestions, comments or requests regarding the magazine, or for anyone thinking of sending in their contribution for publication, please email it to **magazine@StAlbansEarsdon.org.uk** or call **Jean** on **0191 2377273**.

Thank you.

Sunday 5th June 2022,
At 10am

St Alban's is hosting a
special service to mark

Her Majesty's
platinum jubilee.



During the afternoon of Sunday 5th June, to
continue the jubilee celebrations, there is a
three-course lunch in the Eccles Hall.

Tickets are £10.00 each and can be obtained
from the back of the church.

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It was...

100 years ago, from 28th June 1922 to 24th May 1923, that the Irish Civil War took place. Led to Pro-Treaty leading to confirmation of the Irish Free State.

80 years ago, from 4th – 7th June 1942 that the Battle of Midway took place. The USA defeated Japan in the most important naval battle of the Pacific Campaign.

65 years ago, on 1st June 1957 that the first premium bond prize draw took place in Britain.

Also 65 years ago, on 27th June 1957 that Britain's Medical Research Council reported that there was a cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

50 years ago, on 17th June 1972 that the Watergate Scandal began when five men

were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee HQ at the Watergate complex in Washington DC.

40 years ago, on 14th June 1982 that the Falklands War ended. Argentine forces surrendered to the British in Port Stanley and a ceasefire was agreed. Argentine president Leopold Galtieri resigned on 17th June.

Also 40 years ago, on 21st June 1982 that Prince William of Wales was born. Son of Charles and Diana, he is second-in-line to the British throne.

25 years ago, on 12th June 1997 that Shakespeare's Globe Theatre opened in London. It is a reconstruction of the original theatre of 1599.


Also 25 years ago, on 26th June 1997 that J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, *Harry*

Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was published in the UK.

15 years ago, on 29th June 2007, that Apple released the first iPhone.

10 years ago, on 19th June 2012 that the founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange, sought political asylum in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, after publishing classified documents. He remained in the embassy for seven years, until he was arrested and imprisoned.

10 years ago, on 24th June 2012, that Lonesome George, the male Pinta Island tortoise died. The last-known member of his species, Lonesome George serves as an important symbol for conservation efforts around the world, and particularly in the Galapagos Islands.

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Welcome Return

Monsignor Faley has returned to the parish and is recovering well following his ankle replacement. Parishioners were delighted when he celebrated the Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday evening last week and Mass on Sunday morning at St Edward's. He will continue to celebrate those weekend Masses for us. Monsignor Andrew thanked everyone for their good wishes and cards, but most of all for their continued prayers. We are happy to welcome him back and wish him a full and swift recovery.

Summer Berries Afternoon



OK, the picture is a fib from a previous summer, but we lived in hope of a warm day just like this. Last Thursday on 26 May, the parish celebrated a get-together at Immaculate Heart of Mary with an afternoon sharing a summer berry treat. Everyone enjoyed strawberry cake, shortbread, scones and catching-up with the news of friends they hadn't seen for a while. All the proceeds were divided

between the Disasters Emergency Committee and the Bay Food Bank. The usual Food Bank donations, more a lifeline than ever these days, may still be left at the church on Monday mornings.

Holy Island SVP Children's Camp

The Camp is seeking volunteers to prepare food, help in the kitchens, wash up and so on. That will free up more time for the leaders to help the young visitors to enjoy themselves safely. It's now a very well organised centre with eight dormitories. I can still recall the 'Father and Son' weekends organised there by the parish Cub and Scout groups many years ago. Not very woke, I know, but a lot of fun.



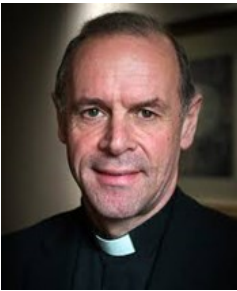
Walking Group

The parish Walking Group is now spreading its wings (and boots) so on 9 June they will take an eight mile walk along the waggonways, and even enjoy a visit to a well-stocked duck pond. On 23 June the walk will be from St Andrew's Church in Bolam and back via St Andrew's in Hartburn. There has been a church on the Bolam site since Saxon times, but it had a fortunate escape in 1942 when a German aircraft jettisoned



its bombs after being damaged by a night fighter. One bomb went through a church window but didn't explode. In 2005, Willi Schludecker, the pilot who had survived the war, visited Bolam at the age of 83 to apologise and say how delighted he was not to have caused it any damage!

Lindisfarne Pilgrimage and Day of Prayer



On Saturday 4 June the traditional Stella Maris Pilgrimage and Day of Prayer will resume, led by Bishop Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter for England and Wales, and also Bishop of the Forces. Stella Maris, formerly the Apostleship of the Sea, is based in ports throughout the world and supports the spiritual and practical needs of seafarers, fishers, and peoples of the sea.

The day will begin at noon with prayers on the Green and conclude with a concelebrated Mass in the Church of St Mary the Virgin.

Thanks from CAFOD

The parish has received a letter from the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development thanking us for our generous cash donations of £3056 to its Ukrainian Appeal.

Smile –lines

The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with ‘The Lord be with you’, he said: “There’s something wrong with the microphone.”
Not hearing this, the congregation responded: “And also with you.”

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

Maths lesson: The only place where you can have 64 lemons without anyone wondering why.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with trying to find a place to park your car near the church.

‘Ecclesiastic’: material used to fasten a minister’s robes.

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. “Put your weight on it,” said the vicar.
So the groom complied: ‘John Smith (12 stone, four pounds)’

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."
He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

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Quotations

A father is a banker provided by nature. – *French proverb*

The child had every toy his father wanted. – *Robert C. Whitten*

Directly after God in heaven comes Papa. – *Mozart as a boy*

I haven't been abroad in so long that I almost speak English without an accent. - *Robert Benchley*

I dislike feeling at home when I am abroad. - *George Bernard Shaw*

Fashion: A form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months. - *Oscar Wilde*

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but to be able to hold your tongue in one language is priceless. - *Anon*

Job cursed the day he was born. Most babies can't even speak till they are at least 18 months old. - *Anon*

I think that God's works are so beautiful that I am amazed that people can admire them but deny that they have a Maker. - *Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth*



Earsdon Methodist Church

Preachers for June 2022

Sunday	5th	Anne Morrell - Chapel Anniversary.
Sunday	12th	Rev'd. John Mason - Holy Communion.
Sunday	19th	Rev'd. Rob Hufton.
Sunday	26th	Mr. John Bedigan.

We are very pleased to welcome Anne Morrell to our Chapel to celebrate our anniversary on Pentecost Sunday. I have never found out why we celebrate our anniversary at Pentecost, but I know that in the 'old days', because of it being a bank holiday, celebrations were held on the Saturday, Sunday and the Monday, with people coming from other chapels in the area.

Although we may be fewer in number now, I know we will lift our voices in singing the hymns with gusto and listen to God's word through the preaching.

Once again we have been saddened by the death of one of our members. Ethel Gleghorn was in her nineties and living in Emmerson Court in Shiremoor until recently but had become frail and taken into care. Ethel (nee Redman) was brought up in Garden Terrace in Earsdon and went to Sunday School as a young girl, taking part in the Sunday School anniversary services. She will be sadly missed by our church members and by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.

Ethel's funeral service will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, 8th June, at 11.15am.

SPIDER

The more I argue with my pal Spider (a nickname because of his long legs and his illegible writing) the more uncertain I become about my point of view – because Spider can be very convincing and he has an uncanny and mischievous way of being surprisingly correct.

He once read to me extracts from his late Aunt Mollie’s notebook, which she had bequeathed him in her will.

“How to cure whooping cough

Take a caterpillar, wrap it up in a small bag of muslin and hang the bag around the neck of the affected child. The caterpillar will die; the child will be cured and all will be well.

Alternatively, you could take the child on a steam train journey; open the window and hang the patient’s head out of it. The coughing will cease.

(Presumably one way or the other!)

Or if you prefer a safer option – pour a bowl of milk – persuade a black cat to lap from the bowl; then pour the rest down the throat of the cougher and rest content that there will be no further trouble.”

“Of course,” I told him, “These are all old wives’ tales ~ mere superstition.”

But then Spider turned another page where it was clearly stated that ‘those who wish to give birth to a baby boy should eat bananas.’ And before I could object he produced a very old newspaper article that was lodged in that page telling of a university scientific survey of over 700 women’s eating habits that stated that as boys have a higher potassium level than girls and bananas are full of potassium, it had calculated that the number of women they studied who ate a lot of bananas during pregnancy more often than not produced a bouncing baby boy. So Spider beamed when he produced this apparent ‘proof’ of this old wives tale.

I am still not as sure as Spider (or the old article) of the efficacy of this statement, but on that occasion, I had done it again, I had fallen into Spider’s trap – he is certainly well named. I had made a hasty judgement based on the fact that something belonging to the realms of the outrageous and sounding so preposterous could not be true. But the article suggested otherwise.

When I next talk to Spider I really must think before I speak; not contest something before I am certain and be prepared to consider carefully what he says ~ but then I should do that with everyone.

Wes Blakey

St. Alban's and St. John's

Diary Page for June 2022



Wednesday	1st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Sunday	5th		<u>Day of Pentecost</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Thursday	9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
Sunday	12th		<u>Trinity Sunday</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Wednesday	15th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Sunday	19th		<u>1st Sunday after Trinity</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Thursday	23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
Sunday	26th		<u>2nd Sunday after Trinity</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Wednesday	29th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Alban's
Sunday	3rd July		<u>3rd Sunday after Trinity</u>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	St John's
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Alban's

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Sunday Gospel Readings for June 2022 :

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12th

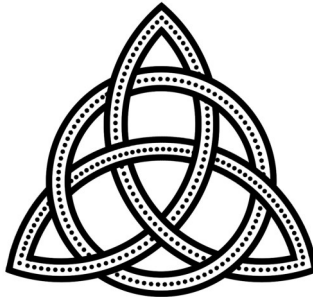
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Marti's Musings 99

The walks have started again! I'm so excited! I love going on our little tootles round the various woodlands. I'm fully expecting to see some wildlife on our jaunts. We have some new faces joining us and it would be great to see more of you. We meet outside the vicarage every Tuesday and leave at 7pm to drive to our destination. We may end the evening at a local drinking establishment too!

It was lovely to see so many people get confirmed at the recent service at St Alban's and even better to chat to everyone at the pooled lunch afterwards. I managed to snaffle a couple of sausages which were yummy. I hope to see you all at the Jubilee lunch next weekend in your royal finery!

Lots of snaffles
Marti xxx



WORDSEARCH

This year Her Majesty The Queen becomes the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Celebrations will include **The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)** on 2nd June when more than 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together. Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade, joined by Members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The Parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by Members of the Royal Family from the Buckingham Palace balcony.

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