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## ***The Rector's letter***

1 February 2021

The Rectory  
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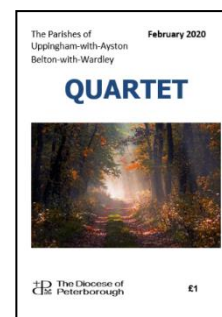
Dear friends,

We have barely said 'goodbye' to the Epiphany season this year before we say 'hello' to Lent and our journey through to Easter. January is seen to be in normal times the most depressing month of the year; and this one has provided more reasons than usual for us to feel down, anxious and weary. The weather has not given us opportunities to get out and about as much as we would have liked, we don't have the same family memories of Christmas to look back upon, and the news has left us staggering from the sheer size of the loss to Covid-19.

Just like the season of Epiphany, however, January has also brought us a few moments of light and hope. The vaccinations are being run out swiftly and successfully, (I know many of you have already had your first jab); the snow gave a little time to pause, and for the children to smile and have fun.

As we move into February and the season of Lent, let us hold as much as we can to the positives, and make this a season of prayer and reflection, but also a season for looking for the glimpses of God all around us. Many moons ago, when I was at college, we did a course called "the Death of Christ". I was at the college house in Manchester and we also had a reflective and practical part of the course. The four of us at the house, and our tutor, walked around >

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the areas of high deprivation and social need where we were living, asking the question “What did Christ die for in Manchester?”, looking for signs of his presence in holding the community, and evidence of his resurrection.

I have been thinking again of those questions during this pandemic. What are the things that Christ died for? Where is his love most needed? And where, in the midst of all this, do we see his hands at work and evidence of his resurrection? I think that when we begin to see those instances of God’s love, in the midst of all the pain, it becomes easier to look forward with hope, and backwards with repentance and forgiveness.

I will be running a Lent discussion group, starting later this month, to look at where God is to be found in this changing landscape. Please look for information in the weekly mailing (if you don’t get the weekly mailing please let me know and I can give you further details). We shall begin by reflecting on all that has happened, and look forward in faith to what might be next for ourselves, our Church, our communities and our world.

Every blessing  
Rachel

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**Turn over the page to find a quick guide to signing up, by Geoff Thompson.**

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Rachel



February 2021

*Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,  
is 17 February*

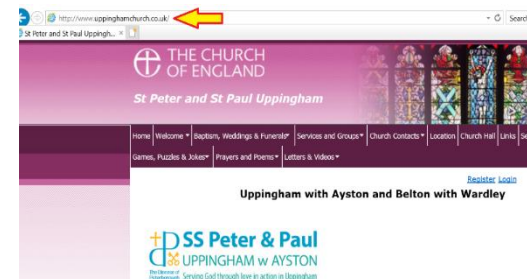
***As we go to press, there are no services in church.***

The situation will be reviewed at this month’s meeting of the PCC.

As new information becomes available we will publish it on the website, through our mailing and on Nextdoor at Uppingham.

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Hopefully, in the next issue, we should be able to share some photos of newborn lambs – as all the ewes are in their pens, waiting for them to arrive...

Jeff Whelband

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## *Places where they sing*

### *A brief history of parish church choirs*

In place of my customary survey of the month ahead – which would be very brief indeed for February, given that we have no guarantee of being able to sing live for you at any time during the month – I offer a few thoughts about the history of music in parish churches.

The current practice of having a robed choir seated in choirstalls in the chancel, in imitation of cathedral usage, dates in one sense from the mid-nineteenth-century ‘Catholic Revival’ in the Church of England, also known as the Oxford Movement; but in fact this can be seen to be a revival of a much older state of affairs. In the century or so before the Reformation, it became quite common for parish churches to have small choirs (often led by chantry priests) singing plainsong and faburden from memory, and sometimes simple polyphony from written copies, accompanied by an organ; and at least one London parish church (St Mary-at-Hill) had a choir school attached to it, founded on the very eve of the Reformation in 1523.

Such choirs, of course, perished at the Reformation, along with the chantries which had supplied the trained musicians to lead them, and there was little music under the new Protestant regime other than metrical psalms sung in unison. The next musical high came with the development of the ‘west-gallery’ choirs of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, when groups consisting of singers and instrumentalists (often playing home-made instruments) performed more elaborate versions of such psalmody as well as simple anthems in the style of the day. Standards of performance would no doubt have varied considerably, but some of the music is well worth performing, and the West Gallery Music Association, formed more than thirty years ago, now includes a large number of ‘quires’ devoted to bringing it back into use.

One drawback, in the eyes of the clergy at least, of this set-up was the fact that the musicians were not directly under the control, or even the eye, of the parish priest, and consequently were liable to develop a strong sense of their own independence which was not always conducive to devotion; so it is not too surprising that many clergy welcomed the change brought about by the Oxford Movement, which returned the singers to the chancel and dispensed with the motley band of instrumentalists in favour of an organ.

‘What goes around comes around’, and a robed choir in the chancel is now taken for granted as normal practice in the Anglican Church. Let us hope that before long we shall be able to perform our function again, wearing our new robes, which are currently in the making, and once more making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

*Succentor*



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## A Zoom 'Questions' Event

### ***Where is God in the Pandemic?***

with invited guest speaker

**Roger Morgan**

Director of the Mathetes Trust

**Tuesday 23 February, 18:50 – 20:00**

or

**Wednesday 24 February, 13:20 – 14:30**

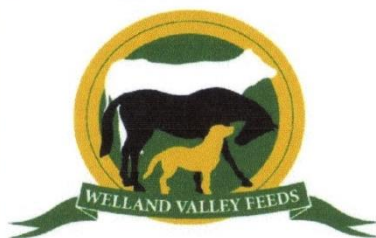
Everyone is welcome to join our zoom meeting when we will hear from Roger, and those who wish to will have the opportunity to discuss further in small groups.

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To receive Zoom meeting details, or for any other query, please contact:  
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### ***Roger Morgan***

*Roger was a teaching and department head of the School of Business at Cambridge University. Following his ordination in 1984, his ministries grew dramatically in Corby, then in Leicester. In 2008, together with his wife Alison, they moved to Somerset, where he worked with ReSource as a specialist for mission and mentoring. In 2016, they established the Mathetes Trust. They continue to successfully support and see growth in ministries throughout the UK and in Africa.*



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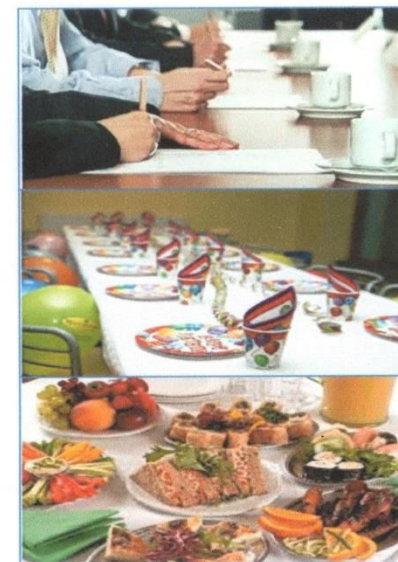
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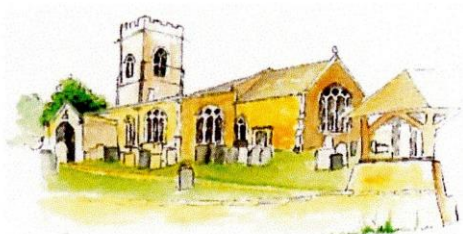
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## Belton Blind Auction

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## Church Electoral Roll

Although we failed to hold our annual church meetings in 2020, resulting in your current PCC serving two years, we now look forward to the 2021 elections in the spring. While any parish resident or regular attendees at St. Peter may vote for the churchwardens, you MUST be on the Church Electoral Roll if you wish to take part in the elections for the PCC.

Please consider joining the Electoral Roll if you have any interest in the future mission of St. Peter's Church, or the development of additional facilities, for which we are now raising funds, and seeking grants.

Nomination forms are available from the Electoral Roll Officer,  
Mr. Bob Atkinson (01572 717464)

## Services and Events in February

**Note:** *All services are subject to current Covid-19 restrictions*

Date	Location	Time	Details
7 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Sunday next Before Lent</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
21 <sup>st</sup> February <b>First Sunday Of Lent</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
28 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
7 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
<i>Wednesday Morning Prayers are suspended until further notice</i>			
<i>All Care Home services are suspended until further notice</i>			
<i>Please check with "Parish Notes" for any late changes</i>			

St. Peter's website: [www.belton-wardley.org.uk](http://www.belton-wardley.org.uk)

St. Peter's church, Belton with Wardley website, may be accessed via the above URL or by scanning this QR code using your mobile phone. The calendar lists all services and related events and meetings, and is updated regularly..



Unclued lights form a traditional group of three (5, 4 and 4, the last replacing the older 7)

## Across

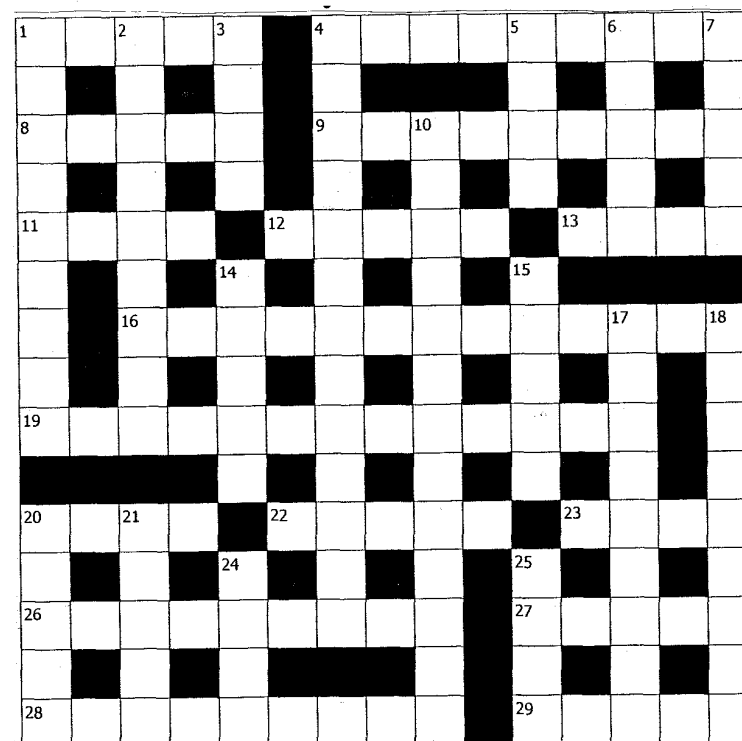
- 1 See preamble
- 4 Papa in a cell, disorderly and unaccompanied (1,8)
- 8 Prepared after dream is destroyed (5)
- 9 'Their enemies \_\_\_\_ them, and had them in subjection' (Ps 106) (9)
- 11 See preamble
- 12 Party for the comic (5)
- 13 'Leave it alone!' says the proofreader (4)
- 16 Indian American novel? (5,3,5)
- 19 She presses head to drop article constituting 'Bo Peep & Co' after revision (13)
- 20 Cultivate sphere of 19's activity? (4)
- 22 Club that chap follows to have a swim (5)
- 23 Heard on behalf of a number (4)
- 26 'There go the ships, and there is that \_\_\_\_' (Ps 104) (9)
- 27 In position for start? (5)
- 28 Liquids you're looking for (9)
- 29 Rented out (but student banned) and made more comfortable (5)

## Down

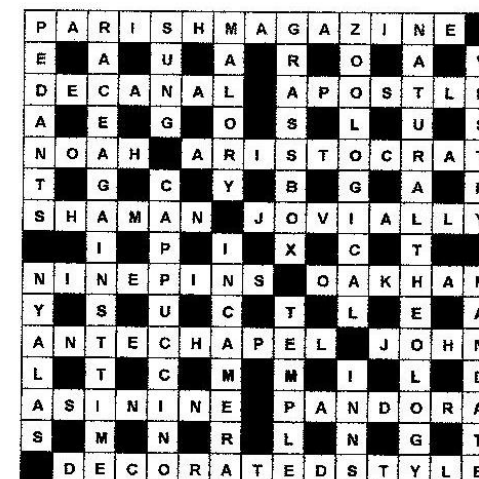
- 1 Weaknesses apparent when excellent trifles are served up (9)
- 2 I'm open to persuasion – or not, depending how you look at it (9)
- 3 Conceal skin (4)
- 4 Brave poacher reformed with love has nothing to be ashamed of (5,8)
- 5 Quarry to appeal to God, it's said (4)
- 6 Composer's aide-mémoire picked up (5)
- 7 Examination of car found before beginning of term (5)
- 10 Animals rose in alcoholic hallucinations? Quite the contrary (4,9)
- 14 Grain mixed with top of hay should be kept (5)
- 15 Dance to deceive (5)
- 17 Returns of service? (9)
- 18 Given a medal, having done up the house (9)
- 20 Manipulates homes for 19's charges? (5)
- 21 Composer in party at start of lockdown (5)
- 24 Ship's component eaten by swine (4)
- 25 See preamble

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Greetings to you all! John and I have just watched another excellent service, led by Rachel and Debbie, and brought to us by Nick – how fortunate we are! This week brings us Candlemas, after which we begin to look forward to Lent; as a Christian I feel blessed and reassured that our annual calendar continues its unalterable path, though there might be different ways of worshipping.

If it's not one thing, it's another..... Joy and I have tracked down the last few outstanding subs, and now it's time to hunt the GDPR forms! No, it's not a new game; we ALL need to complete a new registration form, giving the MU permission to hold our data. I have received nineteen completed forms – thank you so much to all those members who have responded – which leaves 24 of you needing to take action! Please hunt for your original form; if necessary I can supply a replacement form online, or you can 'order' a paper copy. I am happy to collect your completed form from you at home, if you are not venturing out; our Deanery is **Rutland** (don't worry if you put Peterborough!).

There will be changes made in our diocese at the end of this year. Our current President, Jill Cannings, will step down and we shall need a new President. The post needs to be filled at the March forum meeting, whether real or virtual, and I have a copy of the proposal form, should you wish to nominate someone.

However, it's an ill wind, and I am delighted to announce that from January 2022 our new Deanery Leader will be Jill Cannings. The Deanery has taken a back seat in 2020, and no-one can be sure what will happen this year, but I trust and pray that circumstances will be in our favour by next year and that we can begin to meet again.

At the time of writing, the EU is causing stress and embarrassment by stating that they are not receiving the vaccines to which they claim entitlement. Vaccines are needed not just by us, or our neighbours, but world-wide. Let us pray that everyone can pull together to share the benefits of living in the richer part of the planet – after all, we can all catch Covid-19 just the same! This sharing is at the heart of the MU overseas projects – what else can we do?

**Janet Wardle**



## ***Celebrating Mothers' Union***

*Jill Cannings writes in her role as Diocesan President*

As I write this article, we have once again been plunged into lockdown and there does not seem to be much to celebrate as we start this New Year. However, I wanted to use this opportunity to share a brief summary of what I've been up to in my 3-year role as DP, to thank you for your prayers and support, and talk about some cause for celebration past and present.

My main aim in the role has not been so much to promote the Mothers' Union, but to use it as a means to contribute with others, lay and ordained, to building God's Kingdom and sharing the gospel. Prayers have been answered along the way as people have come into roles to help me cover our large diocese.

My first year of the triennial, 2019, was very busy. Highlights included hosting our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper of Guyana. Many of you had the opportunity to meet this amazing woman of faith. I spoke at MU branches and attended and preached at special services across the diocese. My 70 kilometer prayer pilgrimage proved very successful.



My second year started with the blessing of spending a month in Antigua. Whilst enjoying the sun and sea, I was able to join in a number of MU activities. It was wonderful to see how faith and fellowship had spread worldwide. After March, of course, I was not able to get out and about around the diocese. However, we found other ways of keeping in touch. Zoom proved invaluable, and will remain important for the future.

This year, MU celebrates 145 years since it started in a small Hampshire village, and it has grown into a worldwide charity with over 4 million members in 84 countries. In the light of a worldwide pandemic MU has never been more important; acting and praying. I have pledged myself to undertake 145 events, actual and virtual. We also celebrate 100 years since the death of our founder Mary Sumner. As I am spending a lot of time walking at present, I have come up with the idea of walking laps of the length and breadth of the diocese. The distance north to south from Whissendine to Aynho is 135 km, west to east from Boddington to Eye is 80km, making a total of 215 km. As I starting daily walks in Weymouth when staying with my daughter during the last lockdown and over Christmas, I have already completed the first lap, and well into the second.... I will therefore just keep walking rather like Forrest Gump!!

I have set up a Just Giving site

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jill-Cannings7>

The funds raised will contribute to our worldwide work and also in the diocese. In particular, I would like to support the work led by our very own Anne Touchin and Margareta Hallam. AFIA (*Away from it all*) has traditionally sent families away on holidays by the sea. This may still be possible this summer. However, in current circumstances they have been offering flexible packages of support to families. The feedback has been amazing.

My DP role comes to an end in December 2021 so I hope to fit in a great deal before then. There is a great need for prayer and action in this country and across the world, as families struggle with the multiple impacts of the Coronavirus. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

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## Lent – more of the same or a time for renewal?

**W**ell, here we are once again on the cusp of Lent – traditionally a season of penitential preparation for the great feast of Easter; 40 days of self-discipline with the promise of a party at the end of it.

Except, of course, that this year is different. This year, we approach Lent having already been subjected to a period of almost unyielding restraint and self-denial. We have been deprived of so much that for so long we took for granted: the freedom to go wherever we wanted whenever we wanted; to enjoy unhesitatingly the company of family and friends; to shake hands, hug, be at ease with one another. As Christian people we have been permitted to “assemble and meet together” (at least after the rigours of the first lockdown were eased), but our offering of worship has been muted by the need to keep safe. We have been socially distanced, separated from one another, masked; no sharing of the peace, no common cup, no after-service fellowship or coffee (who thought we could mourn the church coffee?!) and, possibly worst of all, no singing. For all the beautiful music offered by our Cathedral choir and other musicians, Christmas without carols felt (at least to me) an especially harsh deprivation.

And it feels like such a long haul now – indeed we are fast approaching a year of life under Covid, and we are all wearied of it. Like Narnia in CS

Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, it feels as if this winter of the soul will never end.

Well, of course, like all things, this will pass. The programme of vaccinations is beginning to pick up pace and maybe by Easter, life will be that bit easier; the “thaw” will be underway, the spring will come and we may begin to breathe again.

In the story of Narnia, it is the return to life of the great Lion, Aslan, after a cruel death, that breaks the power of the White Witch and ushers in the end of Winter. CS Lewis is of course writing an allegory of the Christian story, and the death and resurrection of Jesus.

So as we brace ourselves for Lent, that extraordinary hope stands before us as a guiding light. New life will come – for our Church, for our society, for our world. It may not look like the old normal – and perhaps that's a good thing – but God's unconquerable love is offered to us all.

So may we embrace the challenge of this coming Lent, and not see it as an unbearable continuation of what has been but a time to hope, pray and reflect on how, under God, things might be and (by his grace) shall be.

May he richly bless you this Lent.

The Very Revd Christopher Dalliston  
Dean of Peterborough

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