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A Revelation

In May last year we visited Chester for the first time. I went inside the cathedral and spent some time wandering around this wonderful old building. After this experience of being immersed in muted colours and traditional ornamentation I stepped into a room at the end of the cloisters and the impact was astounding. There was an exhibition of textile pictures entitled 'Threads through Revelation'. The colours were bright and vibrant and there were 14 huge panels depicting scenes from the book of Revelation.



I have always been interested in collage and embroidery, but something on such a large scale as this was amazing! It was the work of a talented textile artist called Jacqui Parkinson. She started the work in 2013 and, with the help of many sponsors, she completed it three years later. She says 'I have always been fascinated by the book of Revelation – and always mystified. It can seem a muddle of images – but it is also a vision of a wonderfully Holy God who has a wonderful plan for each of us and for the whole of creation. I present these images as a personal response. I hope visitors will find them intriguing and thought provoking.'

The first panel depicts the figure of Jesus dressed in a long white robe, with hair like snow, eyes like blazing fire and feet like bronze in a furnace, with a two-edged sword coming from his mouth. He is striding through seven golden candlesticks holding two keys in his left hand and seven stars in his right. This larger than life picture is very striking.



There are so many other image - to many to describe here. The most memorable for me are; the four horsemen of the apocalypse, a mighty angel, a seven-headed dragon, a New Heaven and a New Earth, Armageddon, the fall of Babylon, the Last Judgement and finally a New Creation.

This wonderful exhibition is touring cathedrals in the UK and this year it will be in Guildford Cathedral from 20 August to 12 October. For more information and to see all the pictures in detail visit the website: www.revelation-threads.co.uk. It is certainly inspirational.

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As members of St. Augustine's and St Luke's, we seek to follow Jesus' command—to share God's love with our community.



Alpha at St Augustine's with St Luke's and Holy Trinity Churches January 17 – 1 April 2018



For more details: check the website
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At the time of writing we are looking forward to welcoming nearly 50 people to The Alpha Course at St Augustine's. It is exciting to be working alongside St Luke's and Holy Trinity. As the New Year begins, it is good to reflect on our lives and ask those deep questions of life, meaning and faith. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes pudding or cake, a short talk and a discussion where you can share your thoughts. It is not a course where you are told what to think but space for anyone to explore and ask questions in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Who is it for?

Alpha is for anyone who is curious about what Christians believe and the basis for this faith. This course is suitable for adults of any age, those with faith and those with none. You are all welcome.



Is it too late to join?

Although the course began in mid-January, you are still welcome to join us. Details of the sessions are below. No pressure, no follow up, no charge.

Wednesday Evenings 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Friday Mornings 10.00 am – 12.00	Course – session titles
17.1.18	19.1.18	Who is Jesus?
24.1.18	26.1.18	Why did Jesus die?
31.1.18	2.2.18	How can I have a faith?
7.2.18	9.2.18	Why and how do I pray?
14.2.18 No meeting	16.2.18 No meeting	Half term
21.2.18	23.2.18	Why and how do I read the Bible?
28.2.18	2.3.18	How does God guide us?
7.3.18	9.3.18	How can I resist evil?
Alpha Day Away Saturday in March 17		The Holy Spirit?
14.3.18	16.3.18	How and why should I tell others?
21.3.18	23.3.18	Does God heal today?
1.4.18 Easter Day – Alpha Celebration 10am @ St A's		What about church?

God's Gift of Rest

There was a pastor who told a story of a time that he took his family to Israel. They landed in Tel Aviv around 7pm on a Friday night and got to their hotel about 8.30pm. After they checked in, they walked down to the lifts to find a line of orthodox Jewish people waiting in a very long line outside one of the lifts with Hebrew writing over the top, while the other lift had zero people standing next to it. The pastor asked someone in line if the other lift was broken and one of the men said no. The pastor then asked why everyone was standing in this line when there were two lifts available. The man pointed to the sign and said this is the Shabbat lift and Shabbat (the Hebrew word for Sabbath) started when the sun set. The man went on to explain that this lift stops on every floor automatically on the way up and down, so no one had to break the Sabbath rules by pressing a button of the lift, as it would constitute work. The pastor turned to his family and said "Ok everyone, we are taking the Jesus lift!" As the pastor and his family got in the lift, several Jewish people from the other line piled in behind them, each one asking the pastor to push the button for them to stop at their floor.



Most of us have never had to experience things like that, as the Sabbath rules don't apply to us, but there is something that we can learn from this type of Sabbath-keeping. When was the last time you sat down and did nothing? We often forget that God gave us the gift of rest. After he had created the world he took time to rest. Now I don't know what he got up to on that day, but I like to think that he spent time enjoying the things that he had just made.



We live in a time that pressures us to be productive 24/7. Everything we do has to look good and accomplish something. Nothing encourages us to stop. The word 'Sabbath' literally means stop, pause, cease, desist. This year I urge you to rest more, spend at least a day a week without 'work' - without needing to get something done. A day free of multitasking, free of striving for perfection and productivity. A day to rest in God's goodness. In the words of Ferris Beuller "life moves

pretty fast. You don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it"!

Now, sit back and relax!

*Love and hugs
Helen*

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If you stay for coffee after the morning service in St. Augustine's on the third, fourth or fifth Sunday you will see Mark Gill in the Barnard room with his Traidcraft stall. Mark has been selling a wide range of Traidcraft products in our church since 1983 He also sets up a table at the Petts Wood Methodist Church on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month. On the second Sunday you will find him at Holy Trinity Church. He is certainly a busy man. He also runs a stall at Hayes Village Summer Fair. Mark has a huge selection of products throughout the year, ranging from food and household supplies to beautifully unique crafts and gifts. He is also willing to order anything from the Traidcraft catalogue if there is something that he hasn't got.

What is Traidcraft?

Traidcraft is a UK-based Fairtrade organisation, which was established as a Christian response to poverty in 1979. The organisation has two components: a public limited company called Traidcraft plc, which sells fairly traded products in the United Kingdom; and a development charity called Traidcraft Exchange that works with poor producers in Africa and Asia. Traidcraft plc aims to tackle poverty by creating a market for fair trade producers and to show the commercial viability of the fair trade model. Fair trade is when the price we pay for products gives enough to producers for them to afford life's essentials – like food, education and healthcare.



For more information visit their website at: www.traidcraft.co.uk

So next time you see Mark with his table set out with goodies, take time to look, knowing that when you buy something you are doing your part to help individual producers to maintain a decent standard of living, as a good proportion of the money you give for your item will go straight to the person who produced it.

Sue Goodger

I believe in Pantomime

Crowds, sounds of cheering, boos - the residents of Homemead Road could have been excused for thinking a riot was taking place.



It was, of course, the annual Scout pantomime and the Scout hut had been transformed into Never-Never Land. Indians, Lost Boys, mermaids, fairies and pirates gave the chance for whole families to take part in 'Peter Pan', which they did with gusto. As usual, the lighting and effects were amazing. I shall remember the flight over London for a long time.

Well done to all involved in this annual treat. I am looking forward to next year already. We are, after all, children at heart.

Ann Hanrahan

Can you spot Alison Ancrum, Nathan and Duncan?

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In God's Hands



I am sure that many people reading this magazine would agree with me, when I say that I know that our concerns or feelings are safe in God's hands. I can tell you that I take comfort every day knowing that to be the case.

A recent family situation meant that A Little Girl I Know had to spend a lot more time than normal with just me. Bedtimes were a particular challenge as she would often question how long it would be before Daddy came home. I was often unable to say as I really didn't know, the M25 being such an unpredictable road to travel on.

Twice this last week as we have said night time prayers together she has asked about my day. I would tell her the edited highlights and even some of the low lights, after all I really wanted her to go to sleep and be refreshed the following morning. On both occasions I had to explain to her that the events that we were praying about were in God's hands. There was nothing at that point that I could see to do other than let God take control and that, whatever the outcome, it was what He thought best.

Later that evening A Little Girl I Know came down to see me as I worked late at my desk long after she should have been asleep. She wanted to know why the situations were safe in God's hands. I explained that I am learning as I travel through life that God knows best, even if at the time I just wanted to scream and shout at Him and tell Him that I didn't like the way things were going. I told her that my time carrying her was one of the worst times of my life - I often felt so rough that I just wanted to get into a corner and stay there until the time of her arrival. The whole situation was in God's hands. I met some lovely people during that journey and the relief of her birth meant that the previous months were forgotten in that first Mother and Daughter cuddle. Believe me she was and continues to be worth every difficult moment of the pregnancy.

I guess the words to the old hymn *God holds the keys to all unknown and I am glad* ring true, as I know that my life, past, present and future are safe in His loving hands. Praise God!

Social Committee Spring St. David's Day Meal



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Bellringing at St Luke's

The amalgamation of the congregations of St Luke's and St Augustine's offers new opportunities for everybody in the combined parishes. Bellringing is one of them; hitherto not directly available at St Augustines.

The spire of St Lukes on Bromley Common dominates the approach to Bromley on the A21. Its iconic four-faced clock provides a welcome beacon on a dark and misty night and chimes the hours and quarter-hours to keep the locality up to time. The striking of the clock is made possible because, beneath it, the spire houses a splendid peal of Taylors bells, recognised as one of best peals of eight in the south London area. Donated to the Church by a grateful parishioner in 1910, the bells have been rung for practices and services at St Luke's almost without interruption ever since.



Change-ringing, as it is called, is a uniquely British activity, and combines skills in bell handling, rhythm and memory in much the same way as learning to play a musical instrument does. Physical strength is not required; rather, average coordination and a sense of rhythm. Age is no barrier to change-ringing (many ring beyond the age of 80), and once mastered, you will be welcomed anywhere in the country where bells are rung, and have a skill and interest which will serve you well for life. We practise on Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9.15pm, and if you are interested in seeing how it is done or perhaps having a go yourself you would be most welcome. Just ring either Chris

Lawrance (Tower Captain) on 0208 462 3485 or myself Alastair Scott on 0208 460 6230 and we will arrange to meet you and show you the ropes.

Good News

The **good news** is that there were **18 different 'events'** during the Advent/Christmas period which were attended by over **1,020 people** - not bad when there are only 140 people on the Electoral roll.

These events included: a National Gallery visit, Christmas Journey for local primary schools, Three Cs with children sharing carols with adults with additional needs, a service at the Queen Elizabeth care home, Messy Christmas for families, 'Bits and Pieces' welcoming new Toddler parents, carol singing in Chatterton Road, a film festival, Southborough school carol service, an amazing carol service at St Luke's, Christingle with the church packed full of families and Christmas praise on Christmas morning itself.

Hilary Chittock

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Parish People

Congratulations to Sheila and Richard Humphreys on the birth of their second grandson **Jackson Richard** born on 6 December 2017 to their daughter **Nikki** and son-in-law **Sean Murphy** and elder brother **Maxton**.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christingle service on Christmas Eve and donated so generously. A donation of £558.28 was sent to the Children's Society. This was almost £200 more than last year.

Thank you to **Mandy James** for all her help with the Three Cs coffee morning. She is standing down from the rota due to other commitments. I am therefore looking for some people to volunteer to help set up the tables and tidy away afterwards. I also need a coffee maker or two and an additional cake maker or two.

We send our love and sympathy to **Pam Poynter**, **Nigel Pope** and **Dave Skinner** on the recent loss of their mothers, Catherine, Margret and Doreen.

From the Parish Register

Funerals

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of:
 Ida HOSBAND
 Ellen LILLYCROP
 Melitta (May) BARBER
 David BRIGHT

Zero to Hero Runners

Have you ever wondered who all these people are who run past the church in their blue t-shirts? In September 2014 Richard Griffin set up a group in Norman Park to train people from absolutely zero running to be able to complete a 5K Parkrun 10 weeks later. The initial course was attended by 12 people who all successfully managed to complete the course and most still run today.

Zero to Hero Runners has gone from strength to strength and now regularly attracts over 100 runners every Wednesday morning at 10am. There is always a brand new runners course taking place but also classes for all those runners who have previously completed the 5k and now wish to improve by running further or faster.



Liz Carter is a regular member of this group and her Parkrun times have got better and better and she is a great example of what can be achieved by determination and hard work. Liz has now completed the Parkrun 31 times. Sheila Griffin also completed the course and has run Bromley Parkrun 10 times. The group were nominated as London Sports Club of the Year in 2016 and finished joint runners up and this year Richard was awarded "Bromley Coach of the Year".



All abilities are welcome and best of all the course is completely free. If interested please speak to Sheila and she will tell you the date of the next course.

Richard Griffin

Keep your news coming to me either by seeing me in church on Sunday morning or at The Three Cs on a Tuesday morning. Alternatively you may like to email it to me at jackysskinner@gmail.com. Thank you.

Church Directory

Dates for Your Diary

13 Feb	Trefoil AGM	8 pm
21 Feb	Mothers' Union AGM	2 pm
2 Mar	World Women's Day of Prayer at Southborough Baptist Church	2 pm
3 Mar	St David's Day Meal	6.30 pm

Children and Youth Activities

Club JC	Helen Baker	07795 007724
Parent and Toddler	Mandy James Helen Scothern	07963 721309 07909 824099

Scouts & Guides

Joint Group Scout Leaders	Jenny Owens Sandra Goodwin	020 8467 4702 01689 831654
Beavers' waiting list	Claire Pester	07810 426666
Brownies	Ruth Higginbottom	01689 818104
Rainbows	Helen Scothern	07909 824099

Visit the Scout website— www.23rdbromleyscouts.org

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Mothers' Union	Christine Sanger	0208 249 7199
Church Rooms	Liz Carter	020 8467 8155
The Three Cs	Jacky Skinner	01689 878452
Roundabout Manager	Lorna Murray	020 8467 0536
Singing Group (Thursday evenings 7.45pm)	Lucy Adcock	020 8467 4535

Worship with us on Sundays

8am Holy Communion	St Luke's Every Week
10am Morning Worship	St Augustine's 1st and 5th Sunday
10am Holy Communion	St Augustine's 2nd and 4th Sunday
10am Family Service	St Augustine's 3rd Sunday
6pm Holy Communion	St Luke's 1st Sunday
6pm Evening Worship	St Luke's every week except 1st Sunday
6.30pm Holy Communion	St Augustine's 3rd Sunday

Join us during the week

Mon - Sat 9.15 am	Morning Prayer (not Wednesdays)
Wed 11.45 am	Holy Communion (except 2nd Wed)
Tues 10.00 am	The Three Cs
Wed 10.00 am	Parent and Toddler
Thurs 10.30 am	Sally's Exercise Class

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