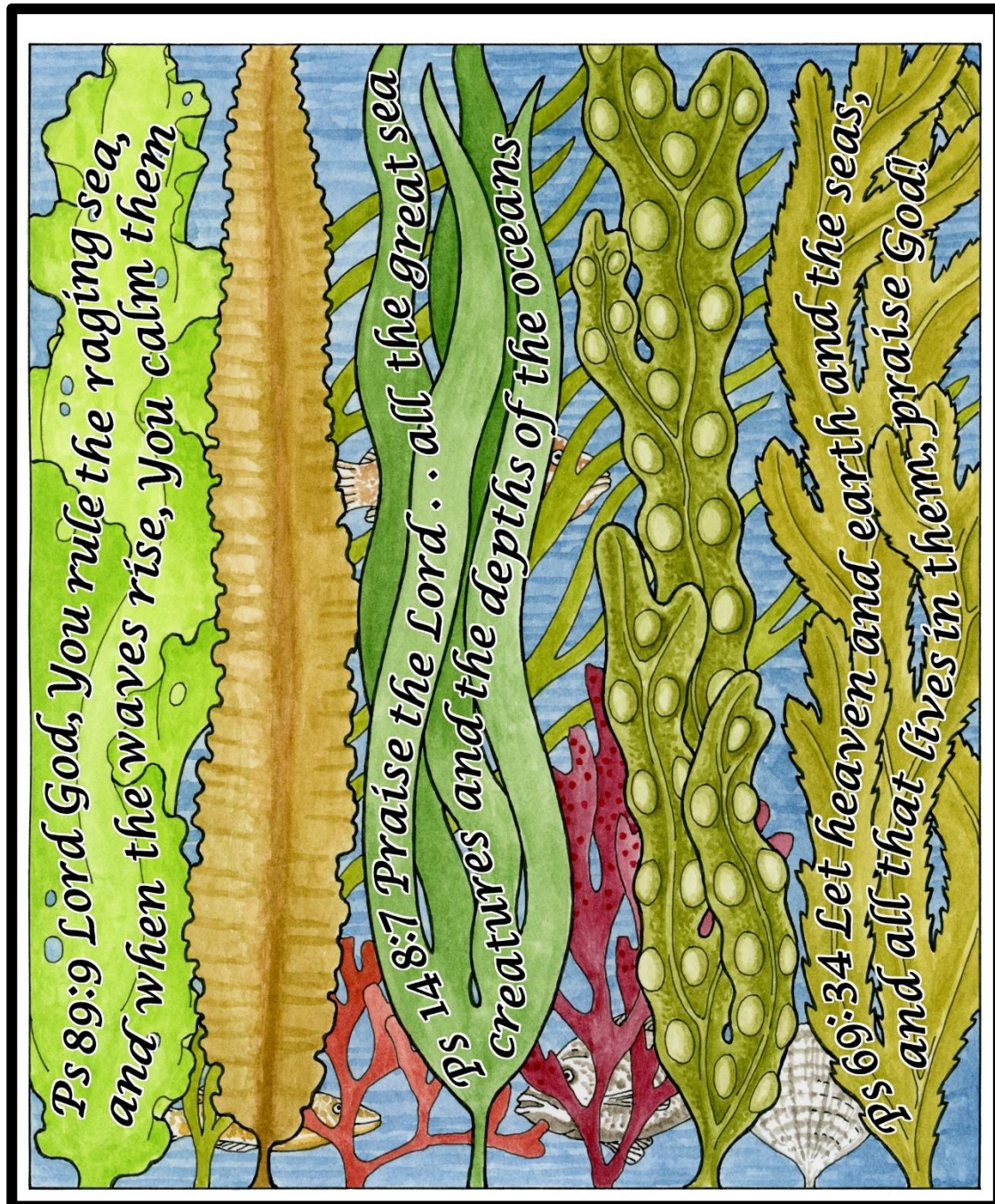


News and Views from St Peter's Church and The Parish of Redcar



July 2026

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WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

Sundays 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

3rd Sunday of the month

**10.00am ALL AGE WORSHIP—a family friendly
Service with Holy Communion**

1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the month

**10.00am ST PETER'S ARK—a service for children
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**Sunday 7.00pm NIGHT PRAYER (Compline) on Zoom (fortnightly)
Meeting ID: 930 2516 0828, Password: 1234**

Monday 7.00pm BIBLE BOOK CLUB – digging deeper into God's Word

**Tuesday 4.30pm FAMILY FAITH – worship, crafts, songs, games, and
food for all the family**

Wednesday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

**The last Wednesday of the month is also
Mothers' Union Corporate Communion**

**Wednesday 6.30pm REFLECTIONS—an opportunity to reflect
on the big questions of modern life in a
safe, comfortable, and friendly space**

**Thursday 10.00am PRAM SERVICE—a time of worship and play for
babies, toddlers and their parents, grandparents, and carers**

**Thursday 11.30am PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S – a short service of prayers
for the ministry of St Peter's**

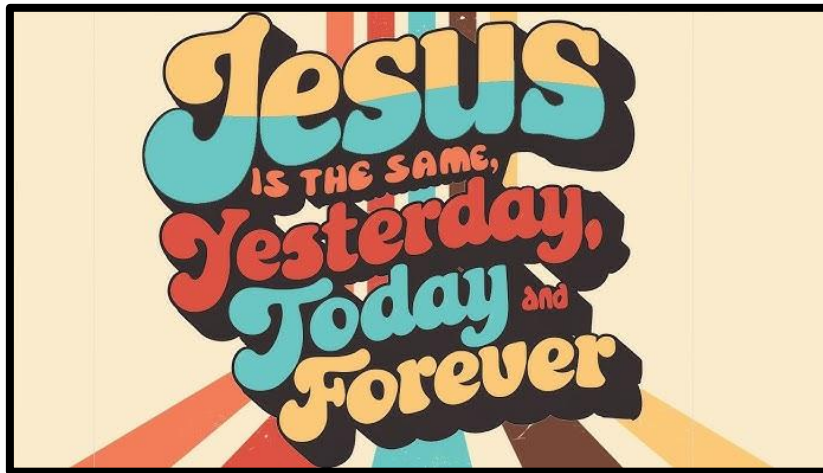
**Sunday services are live-streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube
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Prayers, reflections, and notices are posted on St Peter's Facebook page.



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News and Views from St Peter's Vicarage



As I write this, we are going through a bit of a heatwave with the occasional thunderstorm and rain like stair rods; the England football team have made it into the next round, and in politics, Starmer is on his way out and probably Burnham on his way in as PM. When you are actually reading this, things might have changed. The weather never stays the same for very long, England usually crash out of world cup competitions (often on penalties), and in politics, well, they say a week is a long time in Westminster.

Things always move on, nothing stays the same for long, even time itself seems to speed up the older you get, rubbing it in that the moment we feel we have got everything worked out things change.

In Psalm 103, a Psalm attributed to king David, it says,

***As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.***

It's as if David is emphasising that everything has its time, things move on, changes happen and we don't always like it when it does. We often long for the old days when all was wonderful, when fish and chips were a shilling a portion, when policemen clipped rascals around the ear, when there weren't so many cars on the road, when Redcar was a thriving seaside town. Life seemed simpler.

A man once walked into a church; he breathed a heavy sigh of disappointment. The Vicar, noticing this, asked what was wrong.

“I grew up here”, he replied, “I came here as a kid, it used to be a proper church, when it had pews with ornate light fittings on the end of each one, and we used the Book of Common Prayer, Now there’s carpet on the floor and comfy chairs, it’s not like a church any more”.

The Vicar asked, “In your journey through the town where you grew up, did you go to the dentist? And if you did and you had to have a filling there today, would you prefer if it hadn’t changed since your childhood?” The old man shook his head remembering the pain and fear of dentist trips in the 1930s. Change is a built-in part of life BUT there is something (or should I say someone) who never changes.

Psalm 103 goes onto say,

***But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children’s children, To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.***

Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever! (Hebrews 13:8)
No matter what happens in the world, or in our own personal lives.
His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Trust him!

Blessings, Andy



LECTIONARY JULY 2026

Sunday 5th July

5th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45.10-17 *or Canticle: Song of Solomon 2.8-13*

Romans 7.15-25a

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Sunday 12th July

6th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 25.19-34

Psalms 119.105-112

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Sunday 19th July

7th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalms 139.1-11,23,24*

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Sunday 26th July

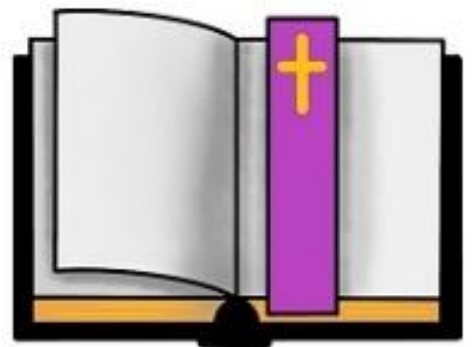
8th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 29.15-28

Psalms 105.1-11,45b* *or Psalm 128*

Romans 8.26-39

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the church

21st June Christine Harker-Gullan

Wedding Blessing

We pray for the home and happiness of

5th June Claire and Danny Todd-Jacobs

Funerals

1st June Kenneth Chisholm

10th June Kenneth Fawbert

We pray for their family and friends

Sea Sunday - 12th July

Sea Sunday is the day each year when churches worldwide come together to pray for seafarers, and to support The Mission to Seafarers' frontline ministry to them.

Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers an opportunity to pause, and give thanks for the men and women who keep our world moving.

The Mission to Seafarers works in ports across the world. In 2025 alone, it made over 48,000 ship visits, provided shore leave transport for more than 150,000 seafarers, and ran programmes on family support and suicide prevention.

These moments of care — a visit on board, practical help ashore, or someone to listen — can make a profound difference to seafarers far from home.

For Sea Sunday 2026, the theme is 'Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarer', inspired by Matthew 25. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope — a community offering both spiritual and practical safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice.

More information can be found at: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org>

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MU Diary for July 2026

TUESDAY 7th JULY 2.00pm 'CELEBRATING 150 YEARS of MU' in the UK and the world. Tickets £5.00; all money raised will go to the 'MU 150 Summer Appeal'. For catering purposes, numbers are needed by Sunday the 5th of July.

WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 7.00pm EMU's are planning a meal out in Redcar. Interested? Let Daphne know

WEDNESDAY 29th JULY 9.30am Corporate Communion Join us for Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel and remember to wear your MU badge

Hi Everyone!

Great turnout at last month's branch meeting! Thanks to Lynne for our worship reflecting on the Aim and Objectives of the movement to which we belong; it was also good to hear from Val about our ongoing support for the Rise Up campaign and also to hear about the Spring Retreat at Wydale Hall. I was expecting to hear how everyone utilised the next cucumber that they purchased; I have to admit I eat (and grow) cucumbers because I like them very much, not because of the 13 vitamins they contain or the other many uses we heard about. I'm not sure they'll replace WD40 for that squeaky hinge (I did try it) but it was a quick and handy substitute for shining up my leather shoes for church parade the following Sunday!

Many thanks for supporting the Toiletries Stall at the summer fair, to Diana for setting it up on Friday and Margery and others who helped on the day. Well done!!

We are now half through this celebratory year for MOTHERS' UNION and I know a few of you have managed to get involved by following the travels of the Prayer Capsule down to St Paul's for the national service of Thanksgiving and others joined the lovely service online! Please do try to make Tuesday 7th July and spread the word to others.

Every blessing, Anne x



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www.mothersunion.org

Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House,
24 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3RB

EMU's Visit the Arc, Stockton Arts Centre - Thursday 18th June

After recently visiting a Baby Group at the Baptist Church in Redcar, as part of my role within the community, I met a lady called Rachel Stockdale. Rachel was chatting to the parents and helpers about their thoughts on what it was like to be a Mother.

I had a lovely conversation with her about the difference in my two pregnancies. My first pregnancy being a twin birth and being very early with my babies weighing 4lb 4oz and 4lb 14oz and my second pregnancy being over a week late with a bigger baby of 9lb 8oz.

Rachel explained she was going around different areas from Stockton to Hartlepool, Darlington to Newcastle and all across the Northeast, including our town of Redcar, asking parents for their stories around raising a child, as she wanted to turn life experiences into a play.

I instantly thought what an amazing production this would be for Evening Mothers Union

to attend! So Daphne, Tracey, Fiona, Julie and Andrea set off for an unexpected night of humour, honesty, real life situations and above all something that everyone could relate to in some shapes or form!



One of the popular quotes we hear often when working with the early years is:
'It takes a Village to Raise a Child'

but Rachel put a twist on this by saying:

'It takes a village to Support a Mother, not just to Raise a Child!'

Being a parent can be challenging as it doesn't come with a manual of what is right and wrong! It's all about support, not trying to be perfect but just trying to survive the day then learn each following day after that!

This amazing play with the input and interviews from over 100 Mams, Mums and primary caregivers told stories of birthing experiences, adoption stories, foster parent journeys, midwives' tales and even a chat with a nun from Whitby!

As a group of Mums ourselves it gave great conversations on our journey home about our experiences of childbirth and the early days of bringing our children up! It made us feel lucky to have our own little 'village' at St Peter's Church where we all met at Pram Service then carried our friendships into Mothers Union!

It ended with Julie and I being interviewed at the end asking our views about various parts of the play so watch out, you may see us on some form of media!!!!

Tracey Allen



ST PETER'S 100 CLUB



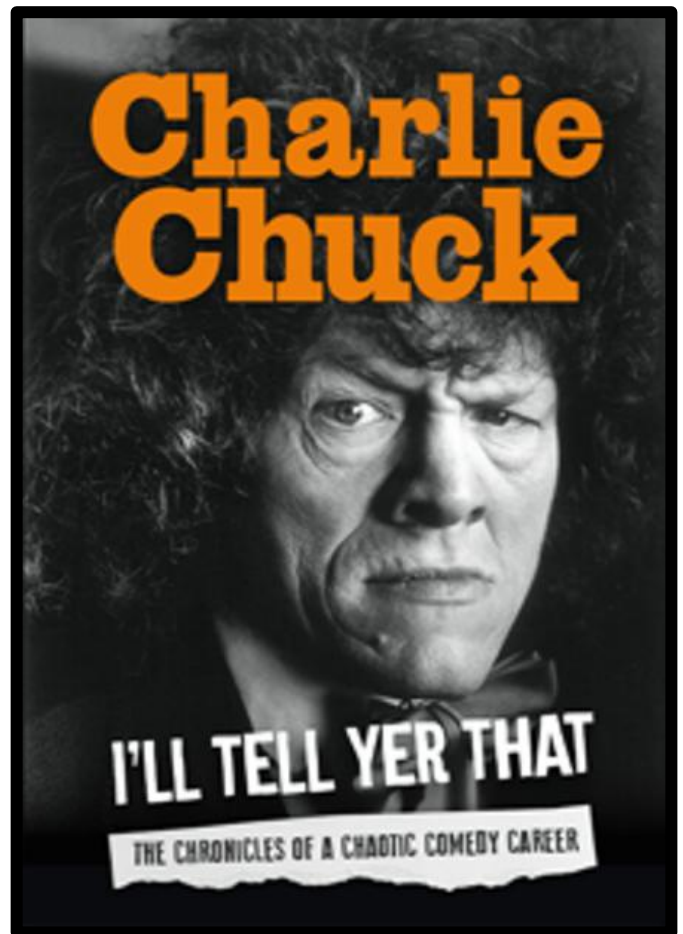
RESULT OF THE JUNE 2026 DRAW

1st Prize No. 35 Lilian Overton

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Keep on Keeping on

In the church year, we've now come to that long season- it seems to go on forever- variously called 'Trinity' or 'Ordinary time'. Each of those labels tells us something about the approximately six months between Pentecost and Advent Sunday. 'Trinity' reminds us that with Pentecost, God has made Himself known to us in all His fullness (or at least as much as we can bear) as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 'Ordinary time' tells us that this is the season where, now armed with the insights and power of the Holy Spirit, we can revisit the life of Jesus with new eyes, new heart, see new things in the faith, see new opportunities to serve God.

This is the time when those words of Jesus (John 15 v15) 'I have made known to you everything I have learned from the Father' come into play. It may seem a long season, it may feel like the drudgery of 'Keep on keeping on' without the excitement of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost to lift our spirits, but it is ordinary time charged with the knowledge that we have everything we need in the resources of God. The love of the Father, the words and works of the Son, the power of the Spirit will energise us as we 'keep on keeping on' through this long season.

This long season up to the end of November is a reminder that working out our love for God in our community is probably more about perspiration than inspiration. Few are called to be heroes of the faith, but all are called to faithfulness, and somehow or other, with the transforming power of the Spirit, we are all able to keep on keeping on, doing little things with great love.

Here's a lovely prayer I learned from our son's godmother which captures some of the mindset of the Trinity season/Ordinary time; it may help you 'keep on keeping on' through the months ahead;

"Let not our soul be busy inns that have not room for thee and thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where thou mayest find fit company; where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet space is kept for thee."

Amen to that. Ordinary- but challenging!

By the Revd Roy Shaw, taken from The Parish Pump



The summer months are our busiest, as there is lots to do in the cemetery, with the very different weather and holidays to fit in for the volunteers.

We are having our social this month, organised by Soo, as we usually don't overlap very much with the gardeners and the fundraisers. This is a way of getting to know each other better. We are holding the event in Zetland Park and part of it involves a scavenger hunt with a twist. This is something to look forward to. We are looking for an ice cream seller to visit too.

We are starting our first TreeTrail in the cemetery after a lot of preparation work naming the trees and linking them with some history pieces around the cemetery. We have a very enthusiastic teacher accompanying 15 children from Zetland School. Our small tree team are very much looking forward to the experience. It can only be a good thing introducing young people to the cemetery.

We have been invited to the Festival of Thrift and will be going on Sunday 5th July. We are getting the dominoes out and preparing some sustainable prizes. It will be a very busy event and good for us as we will be meeting some new people. We are looking for some new volunteers to join the fundraising team. Then we are off to the Station Square at Saltburn on the day of the Food Festival, at such a busy event, I am sure we will do well.



We are negotiating the repair of another 20 headstones in the old section, the ones you see when you come through the arch. We hope we can manage it as it will make a big difference to the look of the entrance. First impressions are very important.

Thank you all at St Peters for your continuing support, it does make a difference. For further details contact Dot Ahmed, email: dotahmed@btinternet.com

Time Choices

(Lk 10:38-42)

Martha is distracted,
too busy
preparing for the needs of the day.
Not enough time... not enough time.

Mary is focused,
taking time to meet the needs of the heart.
Sitting still,
seeing through the paraphernalia of every day
with a new clarity that changes her world.
Mary listens to Jesus.
She chooses life.

There is time...there is time.
We all have our life time.
What will we choose?

Time Prayer

Father,
We are all so busy. We rush here and there, trying to meet deadlines, trying to fit more and more into our already full days. So often we seem to run out of energy and time. Sometimes we wonder what it's all about.

Help us, Lord to recognise that we *have* time. You have given us every day of our lives. Help us to choose wisely how we use our life time. Help us to spend time with you first; to learn your ways; to encounter the living Jesus in the Bible and in prayer. And everything else will fall into place. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Both by Daphne Kitching, taken from The Parish Pump

Why our ‘crumbling infrastructure’ is hurting older people

Poorly paved roads, unsafe crossings and poor public toilets are slowing people down. Especially older people. Rather than getting out and about in their communities, they tend to feel safer staying inside.

But the lack of regular, positive exercise is a danger for them. Such is the verdict of a recent report from MPs serving on the Health and Social Care Select Committee.

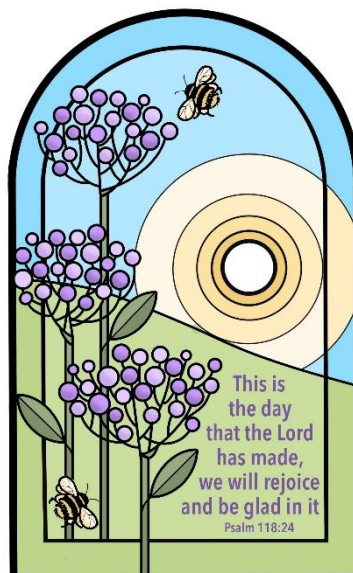
The MPs stress that what they call Britain’s ‘crumbling infrastructure’ is leading to many preventable health conditions, ranging from obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cancer, the onset of frailty, dementia and disability.

Figures suggest that 44 per cent of people aged 75 or older are doing less than 30 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. In the UK, lack of activity is associated with a staggering one in six deaths and is estimated to cost £7.4bn a year.

So, the MPs are calling for local action to fix streets and crossings, and to put in more toilets and public seating, as well as better national transport.

Layla Moran, the chairman of the health select committee, said: “Staying physically active can help older people to live not just longer, but healthier, happier, more sociable lives.”

Taken from The Parish Pump





Appropriate baby names...

Lawyer's daughter: Sue
Thief's son: Rob
Lawyer's son: Will
Fisherman's daughter: Annette
Meteorologist's daughter: Haley
JCB operator's son: Doug
Hairdresser's son: Bob
Gourmet chef's son: Herb
Sound stage technician's son: Mike
Gambler's daughter: Bette
Gambler's son: Chip
Exercise guru's son: Jim
Astronomer's daughter: Skye
Cattle thief's son: Russell
Iron worker's son: Rusty
TV star's daughter: Emmy
Movie star's son: Oscar

Adopted...

A teacher was discussing a picture of a family with her class.
One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members.

One of the children suggested that he was adopted.

A little girl said, "I know all about adoption; I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mummy's heart instead of her tummy."

Bucket list...

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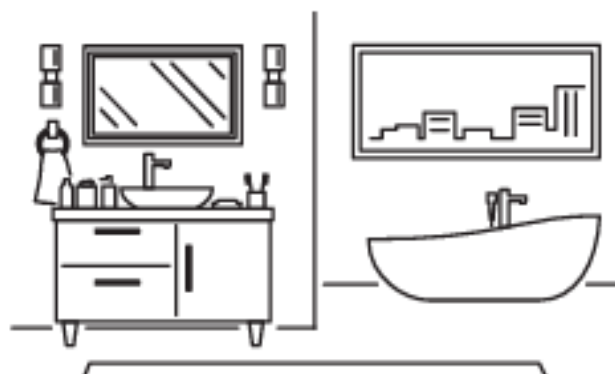
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