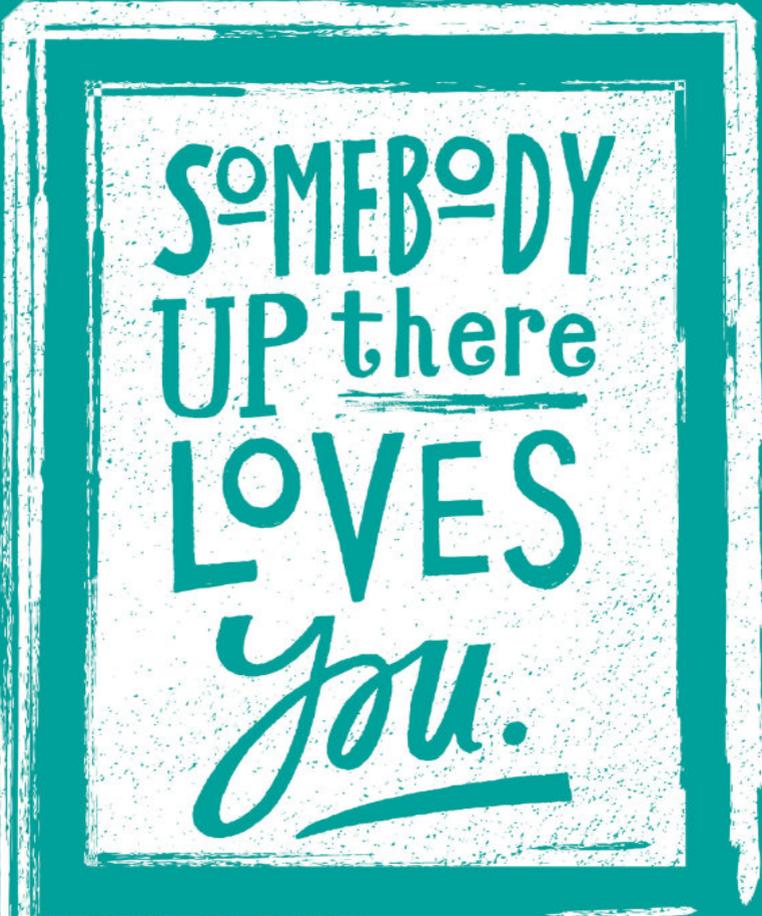


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Dear Friends

Important milestone flagged-up

The first Sunday in October is traditionally when we celebrate the Harvest Festival, and marks the start of the season of Autumn, as we watch the changes in colouring of the leaves on the trees around us in this beautiful part of Swansea. I have been ordained in the Church-in-Wales for thirty two years now. It was always my intention to retire when I reached the age of sixty five years, I see this as an important milestone in my life. I feel this marks the beginning of a new season, my Autumn years, as it were. As the colours of the leaves change, we too change and develop as time progresses.

Consequently, I have informed the Archdeacon of Gower (in the absence of a Bishop), our Area Dean, Ministry Area Leader, and members of both Parochial Church Councils of my intentions. I shall therefore retire from full-time stipendiary ministry at Easter. There will be more to say on this as we enter the Spring.

It has been an interesting experience, running two parishes, with three churches and hospital chaplaincy services at Singleton for so many years. All these things have provided variety, new (and often challenging) experiences – and opportunities to meet with so many and varied individuals, with a wide range of gifts and talents, in so many different contexts.

Enough of that now, there is Christmas to begin thinking about, with the uncertainty of current (and fast changing) Covid restrictions – will we be able to sing Carols once again? Who knows!

It is good to now have all three churches in the group fully open and worship continuing. It has been a difficult two years, with all churches closed, then live-streaming of worship from an empty church, to slowly open first one, then two, now all three of our churches. We are slowly moving towards a new and different normality. A normality that is even stranger with no Diocesan Bishop yet identified. I hope to have more news about this in next month's magazine (perhaps!).

I wish you all well, as I seek to continue to serve you as pastor, preacher and spiritual leader across these two parishes, as I enter my Autumn years.

Your Friend and Vicar
Canon Phillip

On 19th September St. Martin's reopened after its last service on March 15th 2020.

Canon Phillip took the service, the brassware was gleaming and the flower pots were full and the morning sun was shining on us.

The service was well attended and our new organist Milly performed admirably. The service was followed by Tea and Coffee and (very nice but naughty cakes)

The 100 club draw took place and was drawn out by two birthday girls Joyce Hoskins and Elaine Graves. Special thanks to Elaine who drew out Roger Draisey's no.56 first prize £35; second prize £15 went to no. 9 Ken Ellis.

Nice to be Home but we missed seeing our friends at St. Hilary's who we will now see on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Roger Draisey



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End: Sylvia & S O Else

November

Start: Geraldine & Roger Rees

End: Beryl Harris & Roy Chapman

Readers

3rd Chris Allen

10th Sheila Betts

17th Huw Thomas

24th Lay Leaders

31st Angela Reed

Nov 7th Margaret Draisey

Eucharist Assistants

3rd Mike Powell

10th Alan Pickard

17th Catherine Swain

24th Family Worship

31st Roy Chapman

Nov 7th Mike Powell

Altar Flowers

3rd In memory of Barbara Horsey

10th In memory of Terry Reed

17th Sheila Kelly

24th In memory of Roy Roberts

31st Carole Pickard

Coffee

3rd Val Beynon, Christine Williams

10th Nansi Evans, Chris Allen

17th Barbara Roberts, Sandra Banks

24th Sue Mapp, Sally Bowen

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24th Barrie & Jan Huxtable

Holy Dusters

Margaret & Roger Draisey





Parish News



We pray for those who are ill at home, in hospital or nursing homes. Our thoughts are also with those who lovingly care for them by day and night. Jeff Bowen: Margaret Harris: Ken James: Margaret Jones (as she prepares for surgery): Doll Lee: Eunice Miron: Olwen Nicholas: Kenneth and Jan Peebles: Nell Pugh (recently joined our Mothers Union from Sketty) hope that she will soon be discharged from Hospital.

And all others known to Him who need our prayers.

Sad to record the death of Mrs. Madge Ellis. Madge and Gwyn came to St. Hilary's Church some years ago from All Souls, Tycoch. They were warmly welcomed as they had many old and new friends in the Church. Our sympathy to Gwyn and their son Mark and his family.

Also our sympathy and thoughts at this time are with Fr. Roy Blewett and his daughters and their family. Fr. Roy was a true and faithful servant of both St. Hilary's Church and St. Martin's Church. He administered the Sacrament with dignity and grace and was always interested in the well being of the Parishioners. Fr. Roy came to Killay from Cornwall to live near his daughter Ruth; he settled here and made many friends and was well known and much liked by the traders and staff in Killay.

Now that we are back with our Magazine and the Parish News please let us know of anyone who is unwell, in hospital or who needs our prayers.

NEWS

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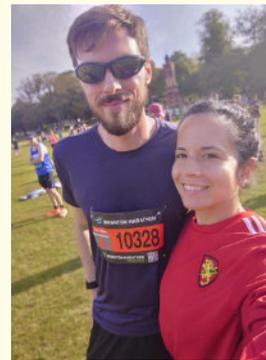
PEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

wonderful to record good news:

Love and congratulations to Julie and Tom Cole - their grand daughter Tamzim has a baby boy — Rider Cole Gabone. May Rider have a long and healthy life.

Love and congratulations also to Alex and Nicola Swain — we enjoyed their wedding and now we rejoice in



the birth of their son Henry Thomas Swain. May he too have a long and healthy life.

Catherine saw him for the first time on Friday so we can only imagine the celebrations that took place in the Andrew/Catherine household.

The new addition to the Swain family arrived on 17 September 2 weeks earlier than expected.

Henry Thomas Swain a son for Nicola and Alex weighing 6lb 8 oz. Mum and baby are doing well and grandparents Catherine and Andrew are really thrilled.

Sam Swain completed the Brighton Marathon

on 12 September after the event being delayed 3 times due to Covid19. He seems to have been training forever but it paid off as he completed the 26 miles in 3hrs 24mins 25 secs.

Best birthday wishes to Betty Nutt who was 93 on the 25th of September.

Nansi Evans grandson, Tom George, got a first at Bath University last year and this year has passed his Pharmacy Registration Exam.

He is now working at the Heath/ Llandough Hospital as a Pharmacist.

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Parochial Church Council:

A meeting was held on September 21st. The following is a brief report on some of the matters discussed.

A letter was received from Mrs. Pamela Richards asking permission for a stained glass window in memory of her father, the late Mr. Ivor Howell, to be placed in church adjoining the memorial window to her mother. The Council acceded to this request.

A donation was received from Mr. Mervyn Bramley towards the purchasing of suitable books and pamphlets to be placed at the back of the church which could be borrowed by parishioners. It was also agreed to spend a further £5 from church funds towards this project.

The date of the Christmas Bazaar was confirmed. It will be held on Saturday, 20th November and will be opened by Mrs. Pamela Richards, of Bettws, Ammanford. It was agreed to make a house-to-house visit of those newer parts of the parish that had not been previously visited, viz Summerland Park, Hen Parc Close, Gwelfor and Maes-yr-Efail. It was hoped to do this on Monday, 27th September.

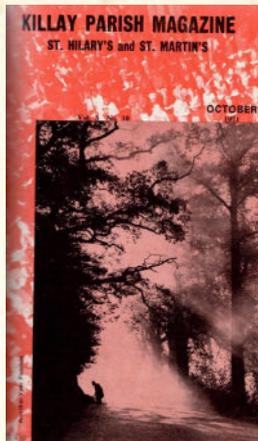
It was reported that the oak altar that had previously been part of the original furniture of St. Hilary's, and had been modified for use at St. Martin's had now been placed in the sanctuary there. The church people of St. Martin's had expressed their gratitude for this gift.

St. Martin's Harvest Supper:

The Harvest Supper was held in a marquee at Killan Farm. About 70 people sat down to a splendid meal. The Vicar welcomed as our guests Mr and Mrs Bryn Parkyn and the Rev. and Mrs Islwyn Davies. During the evening the draw was made for the lovely painting of Three Cliffs, which had been painted and donated by Mr Bryn Parkyn. The winner was Mrs. Marion Smith, St. Hilary Drive. We are grateful to Mrs. Eric Williams and Mrs. Geen for organising and distributing the draw tickets. Our thanks are also due to Mr and Mrs Reynolds for the use of their farmhouse and to the ladies for serving the meal, and not least to Mr A. D. Morgan for being in charge of all the arrangements. It is hoped that about £45 will be made as a result of the draw. The entertainment during the evening was provided by Paul Clements, who played excerpts on the accordion.

St. Hilary's Harvest Supper:

After a short service of Thanksgiving in church the Harvest Supper was held in the Church Hall. About 160 people enjoyed a splendid buffet supper organised by the members of the Parochial Church Council and their wives. This was followed by a most enjoyable programme of entertainment organised by Messrs. Randall Nutt, Eric Thomas, Graham Trew and their wives. The panel game 'What's the Sense' was thoroughly enjoyed and we would like to thank the six couples who took part – the winners being Mr and Mrs Gerald East. Also included in the programme were two most enjoyable acts presented by members of the Young Wives' Group.



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Mothers' Union

On the first Tuesday in September 2021, Mothers' Union met for the first time in eighteen months. Canon Philip welcomed members including those who joined us from the former St Paul's branch, conducting a short informal service. Carole, Branch Leader, introduced our speaker, Barbara Rowe, a branch member.

Barbara is a prolific writer of poetry, saying that her mind is seething with words and rhymes just waiting to be written down. A personal tragedy and sleepless nights prompted her to write. Her poems are about most every day things from grief to shopping. Her first poem was about the funny and peculiar life of cats, followed by thoughts on shopping in LIDL or Tesco.

Barbara was raised in Townhill so a poem about the tight-knit community and the local shop resonated with some members. The four seasons, flowers and herbs featured in her readings and walking the old railway line. More serious subjects were solace and care, plus Barbara's strong faith and trust in God.

Carole thanked Barbara for her sensitive collection of poems and reading.

The second speaker this month was Marian Williams, our Vicar's Warden, who has attended St Hilary's since 1969. Marian talked of her career in teaching for 20 years in Alderman Davies School, a voluntary aided primary church school in the centre of Neath. Religious Education is the core subject, the curriculum being based on the bible, church, Jesus, other faiths (as are some pupils), festivals and Christian life and values. All staff and pupils attend worship daily and mission and witness is the ethos of the school. Christ is the foundation. Pupils and staff are nurtured and the school maintains strong links with local churches and the community. Parents are invited to participate in events.

Marian showed photos of her classroom containing a worship table, a calendar of the religious year and a prayer box for pupils to write their prayers. There are liturgical artefacts displayed in the school; photos too of the spiritual garden and Katherine Jenkins, a former pupil, visiting.

During her talk Marian showed 'the rapport' and love she had with her pupils and her obvious enjoyment and satisfaction during her time at the school.

The Secretary thanked Marian for sharing her story with Mothers' Union.

Meetings for October:

Tues 5th in the Parish Centre 2:00pm
- a talk on Music & Prayer
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Tues 19th in the Parish Centre 2:00 pm
'Some Different Views of Old Swansea' -
by Bob Mapp.

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Time to reclaim the sabbath, says new report

Home working, zero hours contracts, the switch to home deliveries and online retailing, and an 'always on' culture - the world of work is changing fast and massively, and the Covid pandemic has accelerated the upheaval.

Now faith-based think tank Theos has come up with key proposals aimed at helping modern-day workers survive and thrive despite both the current changes - and the major challenges coming down the track. One proposal suggests 'recovering the sabbath.'

In a new report, 'Just Work: humanising the labour market in a changing world', Theos identifies three 'great disruptions' facing the world of work. They highlight: the technological - Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, and automation; the ecological - climate change and loss of biodiversity; and human vulnerability, as seen through the pandemic, mass migration and declining birth rates.

Paul Bickley, one of the report's authors, explains: "The issue is not work itself, but rather what happens when we make work, rather than the people who do it, our focus. We are disconnected from a healthy sense of work, and severing the needed boundaries between work and rest has set us adrift. The biblical idea of Sabbath is an ancient answer to

modern anxieties. It's time to rediscover it."

During the pandemic, increasing numbers of people have shifted to working from home, from in-person shopping to ordering online, having take-aways delivered, and watching streaming services instead of going to the cinema.

But people working from home or in the 'gig economy' delivering food or online orders, have discovered they are being watched - and watched closely. Software fitted to home computers or installed in vehicles is monitoring when and how people are working. The move to home working has meant an increased erosion of defined working hours, with 'the boss' able to make demands round-the-clock.

In response, Theos makes three key proposals:

1. First, a focus on a full work, rather than full employment economy.

Paid employment is the main - but not the only - form of work, and unpaid labour, such as caring responsibilities and volunteer work, need greater esteem and focus from a policy perspective.

2. Recognition of the human person as central to any healthy understanding of work.

Investors, and first and foremost church investors, have achieved tangible changes through activism in areas such as climate change and governance. They should add clear requirements on the fair handling of wages, benefits, agency work, outsourcing and employee surveillance to the social criteria they look at within environmental, social and governance investing.

3. Recovery of shared practices of rest to counter our culture of overwork.

Dissolving boundaries between our employment and our leisure - exacerbated during the pandemic - have negatively affected many workers. Overwork is literally killing people. For many, a combination of technology and the pandemic have broken the link between work and particular places and times - leading to an expectation, even if it is only an expectation of ourselves, that we will always be available.



Callum meets Max Boyce

Callum was at Glynneath recently to support his brother Sam playing for Duvant against Glynneath and bumped into Max....OGGI OGGI OGGI oi oi oi !!



Music Society

St.Hilary's Church Music Society starts back (post Covid) on Monday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Their first meeting will be Desert Island Discs, presented by Margaret Williams of St.Martin's Church. All are welcome to join us. A varied and mixed musical programme will be presented during the coming session.

For more information contact Babs Roberts Tel: (01792) 299160.

The Smartie Challenge

Over the past 16 months, the church's income has been seriously reduced. There has been hardly any fund-raising activities and lettings in the church hall.

On Sunday September 5th we started the "Smartie Challenge" If you would like to join in, please proceed as follows:-

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3. Fill the empty tube with cash, (£1 coins happen to fit perfectly).
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Many thanks,
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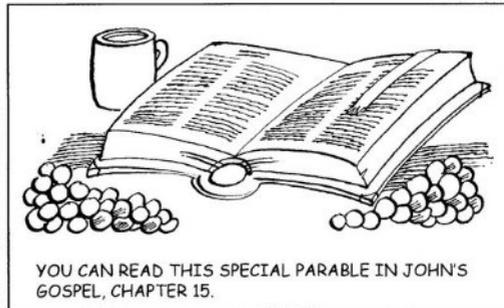
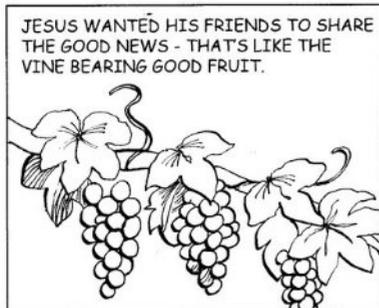
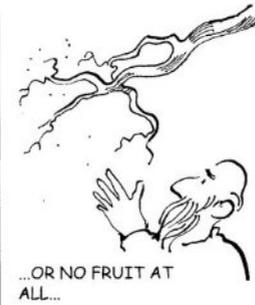
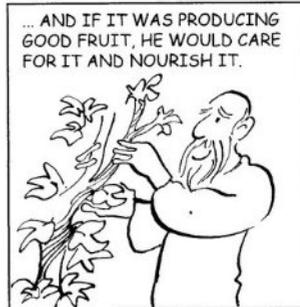
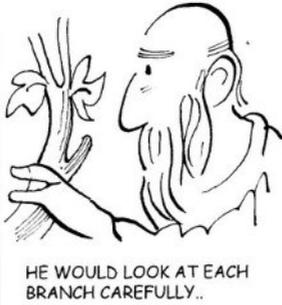
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The Draiseys Sail Away

We boarded the ship at **Southampton** - the "**Marella Explorer 2**" after a lateral flow test and a covid vaccination pass. First impressions were how clean the ship was and all the staff were masked & gloved. All passengers were also required to wear masks except when outdoors or eating. Returning from any excursions, with masks mandatory on buses, we had our temperature taken before re boarding.

Ports of call were **Torquay** where we visited some of the oldest caves in the world, then on to **Holyhead** where we boarded a train from **Caernavon** which took us through the **Snowdonia National Park**, finishing at the pretty town of **Llanberis**. Next was **Greenock** for a visit to **Edinburgh Castle** and a city tour. After this was **Belfast** dock yard and museum where the **Titanic** was built - very impressive. We could appreciate the hard work of the ship builders who took over 3 years to complete. They must have been very saddened because 12 days later she was at the bottom of the Atlantic. Next stop was **Liverpool** where we visited the **Fab Four Museum**. That was excellent and we took advantage of the lovely weather to walk around the **Albert Dock** area and have some lunch. Back on board for a flying visit to **Portland and Weymouth**. The last excursion was **Dover** and a visit to the Cathedral City of **Canterbury**.

Overall only a third of passengers were aboard and no inside cabins were allowed to be used and halfway into the cruise our cabins were deep cleaned. Daily temperatures were taken by QR code and all food was served by staff wearing PPI. The entertainment was very good and we felt so safe - would not hesitate to book another cruise.

Regards Roger and Margaret



Ladies Guild

St.Hilary's Ladies Guild starts back on WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

The first meeting will be a short service by our Vicar Rev'd Canon Phillip Gwynn followed by a general chat regarding our programme during the coming season and refreshments!!

A very warm welcome to everyone.

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St James the Least of All



The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

When the film makers come to church

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St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble of going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project - which is about Elizabethan poverty.

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College to elect new bishop ends with no decision

The next Bishop of Swansea and Brecon Diocese will be chosen by the Bishops after the Church's Electoral College ended without a result.

No candidate was able to secure the necessary two-thirds majority vote of the College during its full three-day meeting at St Mary's Church in Swansea.



The decision will now be taken by the Bench of Bishops in due course.

The President of the Electoral College, Bishop Andy John, said the appointment would be high on the Bishops' agenda.

He said, "Whenever we have engagements like this and there is rigorous debate and close engagement, a decision is a very difficult thing to achieve. As the College hasn't come to one mind, it has asked the Bench of Bishops to take responsibility for the next appointment. So that is now very high on our agenda. We will be consulting together, both with the diocese and amongst ourselves, in the hope we can provide for the diocese someone who can take it forward. I am really confident that we will be able to do that soon."



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The Reeses Go On a Road Trip

Not having had a holiday since Feb 2020 (when we went to Manchester to do the Coronation Street Tour!) and no sign of going abroad any time soon, we decided we should have a short break somewhere not too far. Several places were considered and we eventually decided to combine a few of our favourites in a 'Road Trip'.

First on the list was **Stratford upon Avon**. The weather was glorious and it was difficult to find a shady spot to sit. Lying under a tree one afternoon, reading and people watching, we had a visit from a friendly goose looking for any scraps of food on the grass. We had been to Stratford several times before so we didn't have to do any of the Shakespeare tourist trail. We took a boat on the river one afternoon and Roger showed his rowing expertise. Didn't quite manage the full hour though - he'd had enough after half an hour. I got him to go on the Big Wheel where we had wonderful views over the town. One lovely evening the boating club was holding some sort of regatta and we watched the locals participating in some races along the river. The cheering was loud and the atmosphere was happy.



Our second stop was **Oxford**. We had been there before too but were not quite as familiar with it as we were with Stratford. Our hotel was a fair walk out from the city centre so we bought daily runaround tickets and used the local buses to get around. Our first visit was to the church on the main street, St Michael at the Northgate. It is Oxford's oldest building and our daughter-in-law's parents were married there 50 years ago so we had promised to go and take pictures. We climbed to the top of the bell tower and, again, had great views over the city. The architecture of the city is spectacular and it is no wonder it is called 'The City of Spires'. We didn't go in any of the Colleges but they were impressive in their grandeur and, I'm sure, each one would be a magical experience. We were going to have a punt on the river but it was £25 for an hour and they wouldn't let us have just half an hour so we decided it wasn't worth the money and we had already done our sailing in Stratford anyway! Roger found a barber shop with no customers so he went in to see if they could give him a trim. After nearly 2 years of DIY jobs at home, he came out with the best haircut in a long time! We did a lot of walking, as you do in any city and loved meeting the delightful longhorn cattle on Christchurch Meadow - never seen these before.



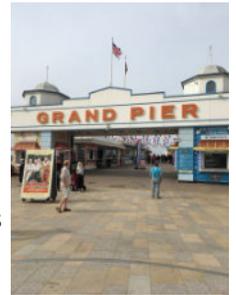
From Oxford we drove through the Cotswolds stopping briefly in the pretty town of **Burford**. We had stayed there previously too but there were 2 old inns on the street and neither of us could remember which one we had stayed in! It was a Sunday but the car park was full to bursting. Lucky we had got there early and got a spot but there was a long queue for our space when we left.

Our last visit was to **Weston super Mare**. Our son lived there for a couple of years when our grand-daughter was a baby and we used to go down for visits and take her out. It was nice to remember those days. The tide in Weston goes waaay out and I don't think I have ever seen it when it was up but we were lucky this time and even managed a paddle. Of course you have to go on the pier - it is very long, usually has a train taking passengers out to the end but, due to Covid restrictions, this wasn't running so we walked out for

our coffee. They obviously cater for our generation as the piped music was all popular music from the 60's and brought back memories of the golden years. You can see Cardiff across the water from Weston and we were told that, on a clear day, you can see the Millennium Stadium. Lots of walking here too with a visit to Grove Park where there is 'Jill's Garden' built in memory of Jill Dando who was from the town.

That was it then - 8 days away; just a drop of rain as we drove home so we were very lucky. Our phone app told us we had walked 5-6 miles each day so it was nice to get home for a rest. Not quite the same as a holiday abroad but a very pleasant break after so long not going anywhere.

Roger & Geraldine Rees



View Oxford from the tower of St Michael at the Northgate

New Chair for Christian Aid



The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, the former Archbishop of York, will be the next Chair of the board of international development agency Christian Aid.

Dr Sentamu – who has been outspoken on issues of poverty and justice in the UK and globally for many years - served as the Archbishop of York from 2005 until 2020. He was created by Her Majesty the Queen, Baron of Lindisfarne in the County of Northumberland and Masooli in the Republic of Uganda. He is a member of the UK Parliament, in the House of Lords.

Born in Kampala, Uganda, Dr Sentamu will be the first person of African descent to take up the position of Chair in Christian Aid's 75-year history.

Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and current Chair, will stand down at Christian Aid's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November, having served two full terms of office.

Announcing the appointment today, Christian Aid's CEO Amanda Khozi Mukwashi said: "This is wonderful news for Christian Aid. Dr Sentamu brings with him a passion and energy for global justice, a deep love of the Church and a profound theological understanding that will be able to speak into the crises of climate change, Covid, conflict and debt that are affecting the world's poorest communities. We look forward to welcoming him to the Christian Aid family."

Who'd be a landlord?

Excerpts from real life requests sent by tenants

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2. This is to let you know that there is a smell coming from the man next door.
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Good reasons to have a church magazine

After a year of lockdown, should we still bother with church magazines now that church life is picking up again? Yes!

It is read by lots of people. If each issue is read on average by two people, then more people see it than ever go to church. So, it is a very good way of putting Christian values and ideas into people's hands, whether they come to church or not.

It is a service to the community. Communities need local networks to thrive. Magazines are a great way of binding the people who live in one place together. Just delivering the church magazine is a way to get to know the area and the people.

It helps build bridges with other Christian churches in the area. We can share some details of their meetings and events.

It can make money. Well, enough to cover the costs of production! Let's aim for a revenue balanced on paid subscriptions and advertising.

It is seen by those outside the church family. Think of the people just moving into our area, or those who live here already and want to get married or to baptise their child. Our magazine can help them see the sort of community we are, and that we would welcome them to join us.

It is read by people who do not go to church, but who know someone who does. This is a major way of how groups, including churches, grow. Not many people walk into a church off their own bat. Most people are invited, or already have a connection.

It supports local businesses. Local businesses who advertise locally, can thrive.

It helps people develop skills. The editorial team will learn about design, marketing, GDPR, editing, copyright, writing, selling, artwork - and apologising.

It can help inform our community about itself – especially if we include a local history or local natural history section!

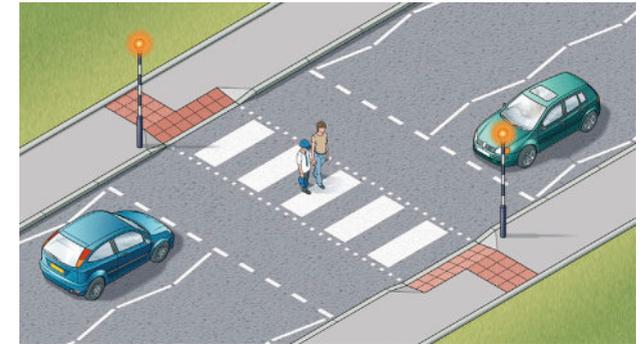
So, don't believe it if someone tells you that print is dead. It is not. Many people still prefer to read something they can hold in their hands. The future is not EITHER print OR digital, but BOTH AND. People will flick through a magazine that arrives through the door, even though they may never dream of visiting their local church's website.



Zebra crossings – saving lives for 70 years

Seventy years ago, on 31st October 1951, zebra crossings were introduced officially in the UK. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

The crossings had been trialled over two years at 1000 experimental sites, but in 1951 the black and white striped pedestrian crossings were approved, with their flashing Belisha beacons, and all drivers were required by law to stop as soon as a pedestrian set foot on them.



The crossings were the brainchild of Yorkshireman and traffic engineer George 'Dr Zebra' Charlesworth, a physicist who had worked on the Barnes Wallis-designed bouncing bomb during the war. His zebra crossings were certainly responsible for saving many lives.

The Belisha beacons, an integral part of the crossing but used since 1934, were introduced by Leslie Hore-Belisha, who served as Minister of Transport at the time.

Zebra crossings were adopted throughout the world, from continental Europe to North America, Singapore and Australia. They have now been superseded to some extent in the UK by pelican crossings, which are controlled by lights. These were introduced in 1969. While zebras were named because of their appearance, a pelican crossing (originally pelicon) is so named as a contraction of the phrase 'pedestrian light controlled'.

Musings on everyday life

- If you can smile when things go wrong, you probably have someone in mind to blame.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person was once a sperm and an egg. Those two unique germ cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. One of the most important stages of this process is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity.

In this context, identity means what shape it takes, and which limbs or internal organs grow there: legs or arms, lungs or pancreas, and so on. The source of that physical identity is DNA: the networks of genes that are switched on or off in each segment of the body, making all the proteins that are needed to grow and develop in the right way. The master-genes that control the whole process are called homeobox, or Hox genes for short.

The most beautiful thing about the process of body patterning is the way it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a tidy way. The Hox genes are organised into several clusters on the chromosomes, in the order in which they are needed during development *and* the order in which they appear on the body.

As the embryo develops, the cells near the head end activate the first genes in the Hox clusters. The cells just below the head then switch on the second genes in the cluster, and so on. A wave of gene activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

Once a Hox gene is switched on it can stay switched on in the next few sections of cells, and it is the overlapping activity of the genes which gives each section of the body its proper identity.

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb...your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth."* The story of the tidy Hox genes is very relevant to these verses, bringing out the hidden beauty in the process.

The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, *"I am fearfully and wonderfully made"*!



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The Parish Magazine - a welcome back

It is so good to have the Parish Magazine back again.

I have missed it during the past pandemic problem.

A big 'thank you' to Roger & Geraldine Rees for their expertise and hard work. It is so useful to have information about Parish officials, services and, hopefully, more social occasions. I am sure the advertisers appreciate the publicity which they get.

Also thanks to the people who deliver the magazines throughout our area. Many thanks to all, including the varied mixture of contributors.



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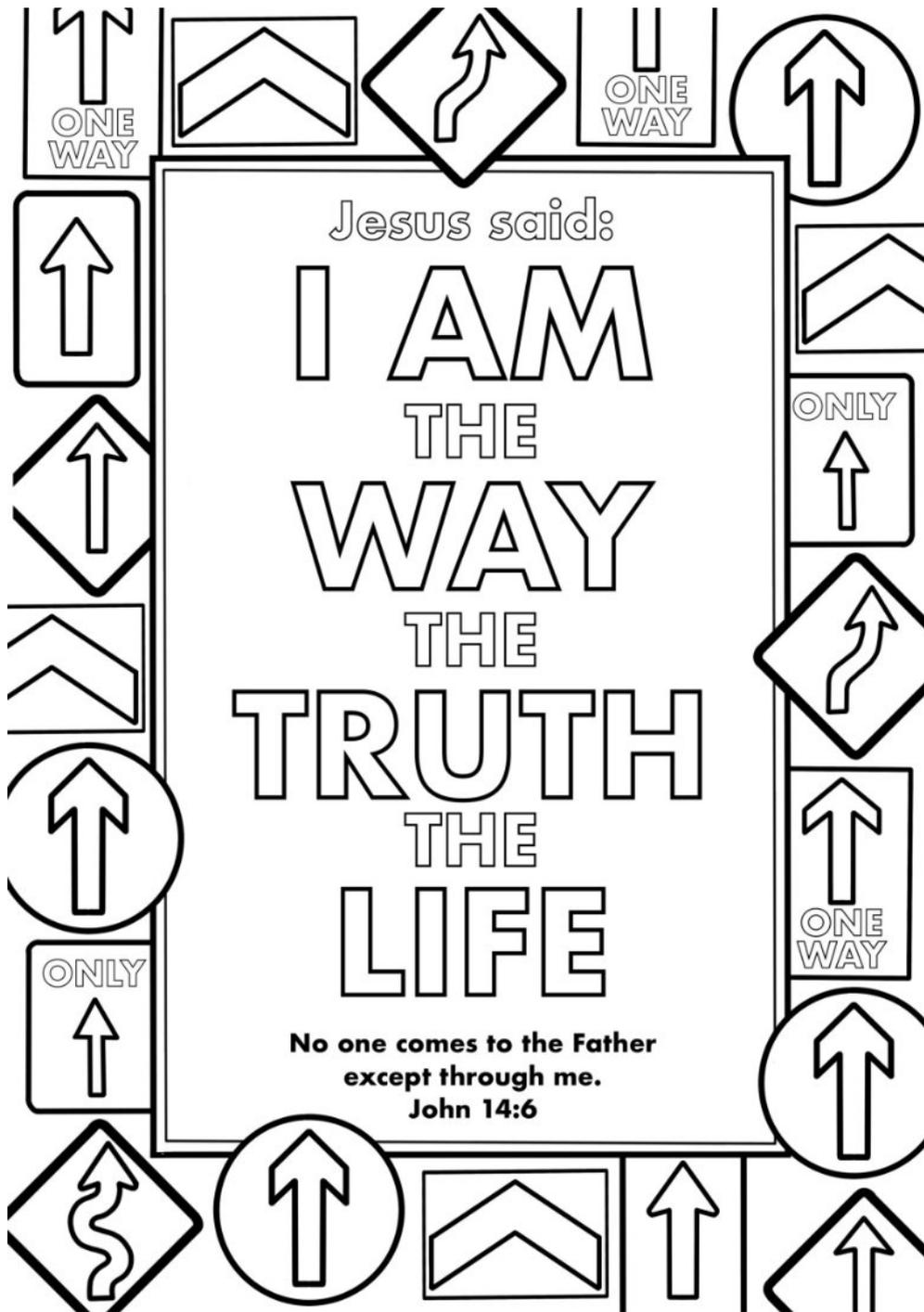
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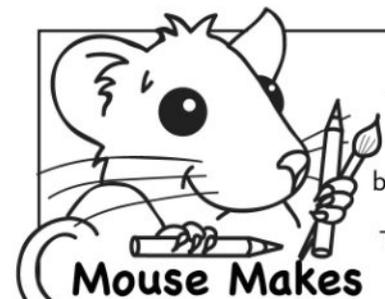
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"Come with me across the lake," Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept. A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great danger**. The disciples went to Jesus and woke him. They said, "Master, mater, we are going to drown!" Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, "*Be still, be calm.*" The wind stopped and the lake became calm.

Read the story in Mark 4: 35-41

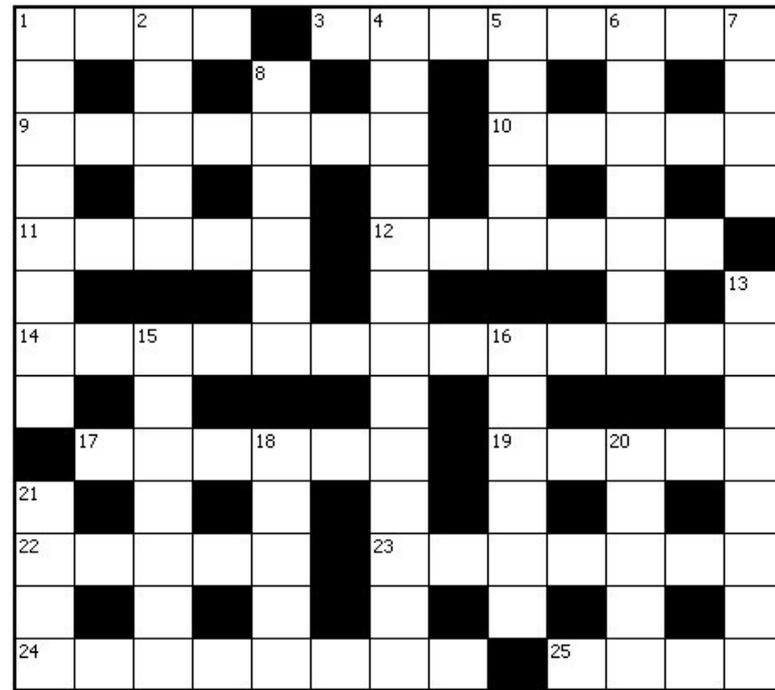


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Crossword Clues

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Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You – to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the – of – , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, – the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I – – the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other – – and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a – priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little – come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were – – their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly – a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us – his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

.....was it the Summer Fayre or the Autumn one?.....no matter what it was called....it went ahead on a cloudy Saturday in September (even the rain held off until 3.30pm)after only being organised by the Social/ Fund raising committee in around twelve weeks and so ably coordinated by Angela Reed and Sue Dimblebee. With strict Covid guidelines and no chance to involve schoolchildren who had only recently returned to school, and no outdoor clubs, we carried on regardless with a bouncy castle, the messagebus (thanks to Simon G), and stalls selling cakes, savouries, Teas, Welsh cakes, M U stall, Ladies Guild bottle stall, books, toys, jigsaws, miscellaneous, cds/dvds, tuck shop, ticket entry admissions...with 150 plus passing through plus a marvellous raffle.....all in all....at the time of writing...amassing a wonderful income of £1,600+....an amazing total given the circumstances.

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So whatever your contribution....thank you so much for your effort . With having little or no income during Covid 19 with Parish Centre being closed for around 18 months....the happiest faces around the Fayre were the Wardens and Treasurer!

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1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

DOWN

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA



Setting up - ready for the Summer Fayre





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24 <i>Bible Sunday</i>	11.00am Family Worship - Lay led Followed by coffee	11.00am Eucharist
28 Thursday	11.00am Eucharist	
31 <i>First Sunday of the</i> <i>Kingdom</i>	11.00am Eucharist Followed by coffee	No Service ◀ <i>you are welcome at</i> <i>St.Hilary's</i>

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