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SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

3.00PM



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FOUR LEGS, TWO LEGS OR NO LEGS!
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"September whispers to the soul, reminding us of the beauty in change and the joy in new beginnings."

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Rev Liz writes

Dear friends,

September - that month of back to school and the start of a new term for families. September - that month of long awaited summer holidays for those without children! Actually I am writing this letter, behind as usual on my summer holiday in the middle of August. Thank goodness for internet albeit intermittent and my laptop. We are enjoying a few days near Weymouth in Dorset in our touring caravan - the weather either extremely hot or extremely cloudy and chilly - the usual British seaside holiday weather, along with the wasps, as I am constantly telling my grandchildren! We haven't been to Dorset in a very long time and it is wonderful to revisit old haunts and new ones. Such a beautiful county and coastline.



So September beckons and so does the beginning of our Autumn services and events. We are very much looking forward to another thrilling Murder Mystery Play and Supper later on in October, advertised elsewhere in the magazine.

Sylvie and I have chosen it together and it's called 'Where there's a will there's a way'. You don't need to be much of an expert to guess its the perfect context for a murder and along with a two course supper, it will be an evening of great fun and guessing. For two nights only, at Ockley Village Hall on the Friday and at Capel Memorial Hall on the Saturday. A stella cast as usual will entertain us and a special reminder to Capel readers to book early if you wish to see it at Capel. Tickets sell out fast for Capel!

Meanwhile our church services will reflect the turning of the season and St Margaret's at Ockley will be celebrating their harvest this month. Capel will celebrate harvest in October, this time with Bob and the band, Cafe Church style. The usual dried and preserved produce will be very welcome for donating to Dorking Foodbank and Leatherhead Start project. A perfect time to join us for our lovely harvest festival services for all the family and we hope our local uniformed groups will be with us. Finally the month ends with another Parish Pet Service. Again, please see the details advertised elsewhere in the magazine. This year it will take place in the afternoon on Sunday 29th September at Ockley village Hall. All are welcome, whether you have a pet or not as we celebrate and bless God's animal creation. The animals steal the show as you can imagine and it is one of the most loveliest parts of my vocation to go and bless each animal in God's name. They seem to love it!!

Whilst being away at the moment we visited Durdle Door, a horrendous slippery climb down to the most beautiful natural rock formation. But it was worth it and I even ventured into the turquoise clearest sea ever. I wish I hadn't as the beach drops very suddenly almost casting you into the brink - in fact its true to say I did fall into it - but to try to get out of it?! That was a different story altogether. There is a very hilarious video of me trying to do just that and being constantly thrown back with my daughter hysterically laughing. (It is only viewable at the right price!! One way of fund raising :) Anyway the point I want to make is that there was such a great atmosphere on this tiny beach, of people of different colour, race and religion, all laughing and enjoying themselves that it really felt a treat to be part of. This following the awful events of the summer in Stockport and the far right demonstrations which followed. Here we were all one together. Jesus prayed this the night of his arrest that 'we would all be one.' One of God's greatest commandments is to love one another and especially your neighbour as yourself. That of course we did see in the aftermath of the terrible stabbings; the local community together against the violence of the protestors.

With my love and prayers as ever.

Liz

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Vicar St John the Baptist, Capel and St Margaret's, Ockley

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2024 at St John the Baptist, Capel & St Margaret's, Ockley

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	1st	Trinity 14
	9.30am	Matins - Ockley
	10.30am	Family Communion - Capel
Friday	6th	Wedding - St Margarets Ockley
	12.30pm	Jenny and Ben
Sunday	8th	Trinity 15
	9.30am	Holy Communion CW - Ockley
	10.30am	Cafe Church at The Crown Capel
Sunday	15th	Trinity 16
	9.30am	Parish Morning Worship - Ockley
	3-5pm	Church Teas - Capel
Sunday	22nd	Trinity 17
	9.30am	Harvest Festival - Ockley
	10.30am	Morning Worship with Baptism - Capel
Sunday	29th	Trinity 18
	10.30am	Parish Communion - Capel
	3.00 pm	Parish PET SERVICE - Ockley Village Hall

OCTOBER

Sunday	6th	Trinity 19
	9.30am	Parish Matins - Ockley
	3-5pm	Church Teas - Capel

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October ... don't forget the murder mystery play 'Where there's a will there's a way!' See page 14 for details and how to get tickets!

Read InSpire but don't come to services? Come back to our church on 29th September!

Have you ever been to our church before? Perhaps for a wedding, a baptism, or funeral? Or how about if you visited us even longer ago – when you were a child? Whoever you are, and whenever you came to us, we would love to see you back again on 29th September, which is **Back to Church Sunday!**

You will be given a warm welcome, and coffee and biscuits after the service. Or come along to a **Café Church** and enjoy free croissants and coffee! **YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME!**

*Don't forget you can find details of all events & services on
our website!*
<https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/>



Café Church— SEPTEMBER 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL.....

September - that annual celebration for all parents when, after 6 to 8 weeks of summer holiday, their children go back to school and, for a few hours at least, there's a chance to take a deep breath and relax. Well, maybe not *all* parents. What about those teachers who are parents themselves and move directly from having to keep their own small brood at home in order to having to engage thirty or more children who are reluctantly returning to school after weeks of relative freedom? We should be praying for them every day!

It got me thinking about the importance of education. Without climbing onto any particular political soap box, it seems clear to me that almost all of the problems we face in the world - social; political; ecological etc. - are the result of a lack of education. In an era when there has never been more information instantly available to us through our smart phones, we seem incapable of producing smart people!

The bible is, of course, all about education. The first five books of the Old Testament are known as the Torah. Torah is usually translated as "law" but a more accurate representation of the word is "instruction". So, right from the beginning, God was in the business of teaching His people. In fact, right at the beginning of the first book of the bible, Genesis, He tries to teach Adam & Eve that they can have all the freedom they want "*but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.*" Suffice to say that they thought they knew better than the "teacher" and we all know how that worked out!

Even the son of God, Jesus, was a Rabbi (teacher) who did His best to instil in his followers a sense of justice and righteousness. What happened? Well, the disciples quarrelled about who was Jesus' favourite, Peter denied Jesus was the Christ having said he would *never* do such a thing and the religious authorities who should have known exactly who Jesus was turned against him to protect their own interests. But God's plans will not be frustrated by man's arrogance. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection was God's opportunity once and for all to show His power will *always* triumph over our selfishness.

But what were those lessons that Jesus was trying to teach that so infuriated those in power at the time. In no particular order - love one another; love your neighbour; love your enemy; don't be judgemental; accept people where they are and for who they are. I'm sure that those are the very lessons we all hope are being taught today as our children and grandchildren go back to school. Perhaps we should also be praying that, unlike Adam, Eve, the Pharisees or the Sadducees, our children will take on board those teachings and so become the men and women that God intends them to be.

Bob Cranham



NEWS from the Pews

From the Registers

We welcome into the family of the
Church by Baptism

Imogen Nora Jorgensen
28th July 2024

Robby Henry Caldecott Crook
4th August 2024

We mourn the loss of

Yvette Sarah Lago
14th July 2024

Norman Lee Myall
1st August 2024

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Capel Christmas Fair

This year's Fair will take place on **Saturday 16th November 2024 from 12–4pm** at both the **Parish & Memorial Halls in Capel.**



We have 30 stalls coming and many are local and handmade producers! There will be refreshments available throughout the Fair and entry will be £3.00 once more which is split equally between our two Parish churches in Capel & Ockley and the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND).

We will be looking for volunteers to help on the day and there will be a sign up list in church at the end of September/early October. If you can help distribute flyers anywhere before the Fair, please do let Suzanne know on the email address below or telephone 01306 711449.

We look forward to our fourth Fair and hope it continues to build on its success over the last couple of years!

Thank you
Suzanne Cole
on behalf of the Capel Christmas Fair committee
Email: info@capelchristmasfair.co.uk

The Pavilion Café



Every Wednesday at Ockley Cricket Club Pavilion
9 am until midday

Come and enjoy a warm welcome and a delicious range of homemade cakes and savouries - including gluten/dairy free. Bacon butties every fourth Wednesday and freshly made teas and coffees.

The Pavilion Café was originally the idea of Kindred Spirits, the women's outreach group from Ockley, Okewood and Forest Green Parish, 11 years ago. It is run by a team of volunteers in support of charities, local charitable causes and Ockley events.

If you would like to volunteer, please let Liz know on either 07951 710176 or lizthorne2053@hotmail.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

This notice will appear each month in InSpire

'The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding Officer: Leigh Smith 732825908
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or Revd Liz Richardson 01306 711260 liz@hostmyserver.co.uk

Update January 2024: New diocesan contact number for reporting safeguarding concerns:
safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Change Ringing

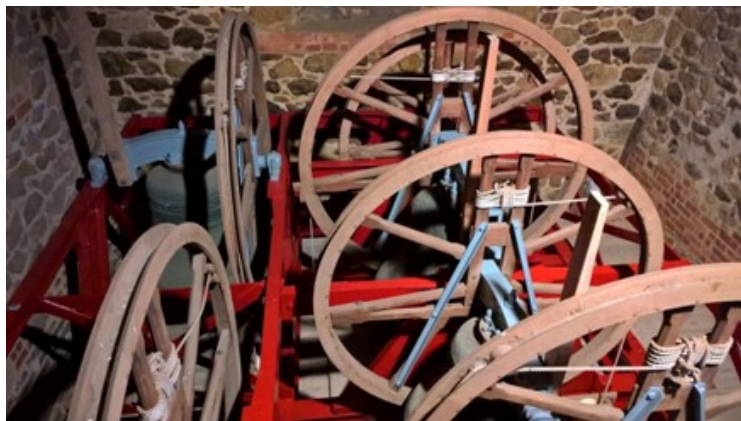
When ringing changes the bells strike in different orders to the rounds of 1-2-3-4-5-6 and this is achieved by altering the speed at which the bells swing. Bell mechanics limit the amount of variance, especially with a heavy bell so movement is mostly restricted to one place at a time, where adjacent pairs of bells swap places. It's a bit like people walking one behind the other, one speeds up and the other slows down in order to switch position, while still moving in the same direction.

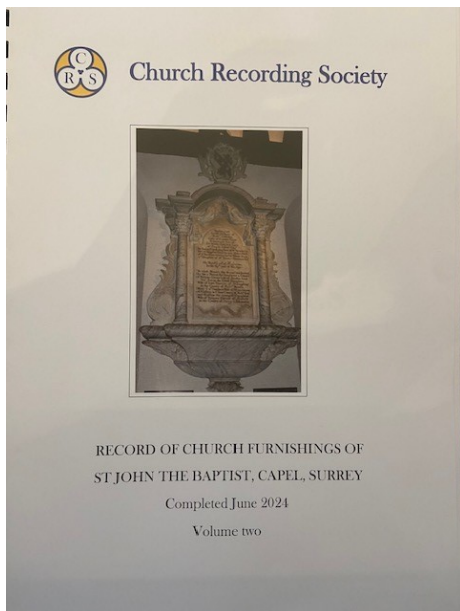
The ringer still needs to strike the bell accurately each row but must also think about the position of the bell – 1st, 2nd 3rd, etc., and what place to move to in the next row, as well as any change of speed required to get there. Moving a place forward requires you to ring quicker by catching the sally earlier or shortening the tail end of the rope and conversely, moving a place back will need a firmer preceding pull to hold the bell up to wait.

There are broadly two types of change ringing; call changes, where the order is changed periodically by a conductor calling the changes to swap 2 bells in a row and methods, where the order changes continually according to an established pattern. Method ringing is much more dynamic because all of the bells involved change places most of the time 'Plain Hunt' is the first basic step in learning to ring methods and the treble is sometimes the only bell to plain hunt in more complicated methods. This basic method involves moving the bell continuously in one direction, for example, 'Hunting Up', the bell will strike one place later each time, moving, say, from 1st place to 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place and then 'Hunting Down' again striking one place earlier each time until back in first place. Meanwhile all the other bells will carry out similar movements, the even placed bells hunting down and the odd placed hunting up, in order to continually swap places, until they have all 'Come Round' to their original position.

If you would like to find out more, please come and see for yourself. Practice nights are at St. Margaret's in Ockley on Wednesdays from 7.45 to 9.15, apart from the 1st of each month when we visit Capel.

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com





The Church Recording Society

Record of Church Furnishings of St John the Baptist, Capel

Completed June 2024

On Sunday 25th August, we welcomed Wendy Woods and her team from the Church Recording Society who have been recording items of interest within our parish church of St John the Baptist in recent months. They presented us with the completed Record and told us a little about their work. Many of these ladies had worked on the Church records for Newdigate and Rusper churches too. We thank them for their time and dedication to producing this wonderful record for us.

Pictured are some excerpts from the Record. It is a wonderful and detailed publication to have and is available to view. We hope to share more details from the Record in future issues, or if anyone would like to write a piece using the Record, please email it to the editor. It would be very gratefully received!

History of the Church Recording Society



CHURCH RECORDING SOCIETY CIO

Church Recording was launched by NADFAS in 1973 in response to the challenge from the V&A: *"would it be possible for groups of volunteers to acquire the expertise to record and archive the artefacts inside churches to a professional standard?"*.

Since then, the process for recording the contents of our places of worship has been perfected. Many of the Recorders are now experts in their field, sharing their knowledge with the Church Recording community and beyond.

In 2021 Church Recording Society was formed by the Church Recorders themselves to take over being the national society

for the church recording project. Most Church Recording Groups have been a volunteering activity of one of the UK wide decorative and fine arts societies affiliated to The Arts Society (NADFAS's operating name). This continues to be the case.

For more information on the Society go to:
<https://www.churchrecordingsociety.org.uk/>



Right: Some of the hassocks in St John the Baptist which are detailed in the Church record.



Ofsted recognises Church’s ‘exceptional’ school leadership training

The Church of England’s Education Office has achieved 'Outstanding' in all categories following a recent Ofsted inspection covering its delivery of NPQs (National Professional Qualification).

NPQs are professional development courses for teachers and leaders to develop skills, progress careers and improve school outcomes. The Church of England began as lead provider for NPQ training in September 2021.

The inspection highlighted the “exceptional quality” of professional development, training, and leadership that is provided by the Church of England.

Ofsted went on to commend the Church’s policy of inclusivity and diversity, which ensures that leaders from all backgrounds, including those from small schools and minority ethnic backgrounds, have access to appropriate NPQ programmes.

The report also said that safeguarding and participant support are given the “highest priority”, with “robust policies” and procedures in place.

New anti-bullying guidance for Church of England schools published

The Church of England has published new anti-bullying guidance for use in its 4,700 Church schools.

The document, entitled ‘Guidance for preventing and tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying’ is the first of a new suite of resources and will come into effect from September 2024 after a consultation period.

This suite, named ‘Flourishing for All: Anti-bullying guidance for Church of England schools,’ will expand with additional sections in the coming months.

In total, five resources will address bullying on the basis of protected characteristics, including race, special educational needs and disability, religion and belief, as well as sexist bullying and sexual harassment, alongside the anti-HBT bullying guidance released today.

With a consultation now open, schools, parents, or other stakeholders are invited to respond individually or on behalf of a group.

The guidance is informed by a range of statutory and non-statutory frameworks and guidance documents for schools, including the recent draft government guidance on Gender Questioning Children (2023) and by the final report and recommendations to NHS England from Dr Hilary Cass (2024).

The new Church of England guidance will reflect any changes in the final Government guidance once published.

The Church of England’s Chief Education Officer, Nigel Genders, added: “The Anti-Bullying Alliance has recently revealed that nearly 1 in 4 children in England report frequent bullying. Over the last ten years, the terminology has changed, and with the rise of social media, the debates on gender and sexuality have become polarised, which does nothing to help the young people whose wellbeing should be our first priority.

“We hope these new resources will help to support anti-bullying efforts in schools, ensuring dignity and fairness for all children, which reflects the Church of England’s vision for education”.

General Synod backs day of prayer for persecuted Christians around the world

The C of E's General Synod has voted to create a day of prayer for Christians who face oppression and violence around the world.

A background paper highlighted the plight of millions of Christians worldwide facing high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith. In North Korea, where Christianity is illegal, believers risk imprisonment, torture, or execution. Similarly, in parts of the Middle East like Iraq and Syria, extremist groups like ISIS have targeted Christians, leading to mass displacement and atrocities.

In China, the government imposes strict regulations on religious practices, frequently raiding and demolishing unregistered churches. Sub-Saharan Africa also sees severe persecution, with Nigeria's Boko Haram attacking Christian villages, churches, and schools, resulting in countless deaths and abductions. In Pakistan, blasphemy laws are often misused to unjustly imprison Christians and incite mob violence against them.

A 2024 report by 'Open Doors' concluded that 317 million Christians face 'very high or high levels of persecution' across its ranking. This equates to one in seven Christians worldwide. Geographically, it found that one in five Christians face persecution in Africa and two in five Christians face persecution in Asia. The top five countries are: North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea and Yemen.

Background information provided to Synod members also highlighted existing initiatives to highlight the plight of persecuted Christians, including #RedWednesday and The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – together with initiatives more broadly aimed at promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) such as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief.

The Pew Research Centre has reported that overall FoRB is in decline, paralleling the global deterioration of democracy and human rights in general. Its 2024 report found that government restrictions on religion – laws, policies and actions by state officials that limit religious beliefs and practices – reached a new peak globally in the year it covers (2021). Harassment of religious groups and interference in worship were two of the most common forms of government restrictions worldwide in 2021.

As a response to this crisis, the Synod backed the motion from the Diocese of London which highlighted the issue, and has proposed a national ecumenical day of prayer and action dedicated to the Persecuted Church.

The Bishop of Winchester, Philip Mounstephen, said: "The biggest threat is from overbearing, authoritarian nationalistic governments who are bolstered by their own particular theology: so Putin's regime in Russia is bolstered by the concept of Russkiy Mir: a theology shamefully expounded by the Russian Orthodox Church.

"President Xi's ambitions for Chinese hegemony are bolstered by the ancient concept of Tianxia: literally 'all under heaven' – a geopolitical system with China at the centre and Xi at the centre of the centre.

"All these ideologies are very bad news for minorities of every sort, and bad news for the wider world too."

Did you know?

40 years ago, on 10th Sept 1984 that British geneticist Alec Jeffreys discovered genetic fingerprinting, also known as DNA profiling. It allowed criminals to be identified from hair, blood, or sweat left at crime scenes. It also allowed families to trace their lineages or determine the paternity of children.

National charity which helps parishes to grow receives award to expand training for church leaders

A national mission charity is to receive more than £700,000 to help Church of England parishes attract more children and young people and increase the size of worshipping communities.

Leading your Church into Growth (popularly known as LyCiG), has been awarded £755,100 by the Strategic Mission and Mission Investment Board (SMMIB) to increase its provision of training for parishes in mission, attracting and nurturing new congregants.

Over the next three years it will support 1,000 parishes hoping to lead their churches into growth. The grant will also fund more courses for church leaders run by LyCiG in children's work and joint working with the Youthscape charity to train church leaders - lay and ordained - in effective and sustained youth outreach.

Bishop Mike Harrison, Bishop-Elect of Exeter, said: "LYCiG provides some wonderful tools for mission and growth and has proved effective not only in increasing the size of worshipping congregations which participate but also in increasing numbers of young people engaging with such churches and increasing the probability of new worshipping communities emerging from such churches."

Church leaders who attend LyCiG courses report growth in their worshipping communities, including a significant rise in children's attendance, that is 10 per cent above the national average per year. They are also twice as likely to start a new worshipping community or fresh expression of Church."

England's largest festival of history and culture – 6th to 15th September

Heritage Open Days is England's largest community-led festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations.

Every year in September (6th to 15th) it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see unexpected places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE!

For more details on what's on offer this year, go to: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>



Did you know?

80 years ago, from 17th to 25th Sept 1944 that **Operation Market Garden** took place. The Allies attempted a massive airborne invasion of German-occupied Netherlands, but they were forced to withdraw. The story was told in the film *A Bridge Too Far*. The operation included the Battle of Arnhem – German victory.

How could God let all these bad things happen?

A journalist once asked Billy Graham's daughter why God allowed all the problems in the world today. Here is what Anne Graham Lotz replied:

"I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives.

"And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

"In America some years ago people complained that they did not want prayer in our schools. And we said OK. Then someone said: 'you better not read the Bible in school ... the Bible says thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbour as yourself.' And we said OK.

"Then Dr Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said OK. "Then someone said teachers better not discipline our children when they misbehave. The schools feared bad publicity, and said there was no difference between proper discipline and cruel humiliation. And we said OK.

"Then some of our top elected officials said it doesn't matter what we do in private, as long as we do our jobs. Agreeing with them, we said it doesn't matter to me what anyone, including the President, does in private as long as I have a job, and the economy is good. And we said OK.

"Then the entertainment industry said, 'let's make TV shows and movies that promote profanity, violence, sadistic cruelty and illicit sex. Let's record music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide, and satanic themes.' And we said it's just entertainment, it has no adverse effect, nobody takes it seriously anyway, so go right ahead.

"Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why our society is so violent and dangerous, why no one seems to know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother people to cheat, threaten and even kill each other. Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out.

"I think it has a great deal to do with 'WE REAP WHAT WE SOW'."

Fundraising Activities

Congratulations and a huge well done to those who worked tirelessly at the Church burgers stall at the recent Capel Show. We especially thank the team who organised and ran the stall. It was very popular! Having taken £3,200, after expenses we will have £1,700 towards our Parish share - THANK YOU!



The next fundraisers are the **Murder Mystery** play in October - see page 14 for more details and the **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 16th November 12—4 in both the Parish and Memorial Halls. We will be asking for a team of volunteers to help on the day of the Fair once more!



Harvest Supper – The Murder Mystery Play Returns Again

Tickets for the Harvest Supper entertainment, which will once again be a murder mystery play, are available from 16th September.

'Where there's a Will there's a Way' written by Gary Diamond and directed by Sylvie Beckett will be performed in Ockley Village Hall on **Friday 25th October** and in Capel Memorial Hall on **Saturday 26th October**. The box office is Corinne Jay on 07718 346294.

Tickets cost £15 for adults and £8 for children under 16.

Doors open at 7pm for curtain up at 7.30pm and a two-course supper will be served on both evenings. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Get your team together or join others on the night.

Book your tickets so that you can come along and see people you know taking roles in the play, including two very strange detectives, and have a go at guessing "whodunnit".

Don't leave it too late and be disappointed!

This is an amateur production presented by arrangement with Scripts for Stage.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear friends,

September 2024

Welcome to the September 2024 issue which is full of news, both our own as a Parish and that of the wider community and world. I'm afraid there is no Crossword or Quiz this month as they weren't available in my regular resources, but there are the regular sudoku puzzles and Wordsearch for word lovers like myself!

Following on from a very successful few days at the Capel Military show, we again donned our aprons for the Capel Show 2024 to run a Burger Stall. It was very successful and after expenses we have approximately £1,700 towards our Parish Share. A HUGE thank you to our organising team who planned the stall and ran it on the day. Also a thank you to the volunteers who helped on the day. Our next fundraiser to look forward to is the Harvest Supper and Murder Myster play ... see details on the opposite page! Once again, our very own Sylvie Beckett is directing it and many members of our congregations are taking part! Do get your tickets in advance as it is usually very popular! After that, we will have our fourth annual Capel Christmas Fair in aid of our two parish churches and the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). This will take place on Saturday 16th November from 12—4pm and we will be putting a sign up sheet in church later in September for anyone who can spare us some time on the day. Duties include entrance desk, raffle and helping our stallholders arrive and depart! Oh and very importantly ... clearing up! It always astounds me that after the time it takes to set up the whole Fair, it is usually dismantled by about 6pm, just two hours after the finish! We have had an amazing team of volunteers each year and hope we can call on some helpers once more! We have approximately 30 stalls lined up for the day.

Last Sunday (25th August), the local Church Recording Society members who have kindly visited our church over the last year and created a Record book of the furnishings of our church - notable monuments, hassock covers, alter coverings and much more! It really was a wonderful document and will be available to view. There are some details about it and the Society in general on page 9. We hope to share more snippets from the Church Record in future editions.

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series 'Reflecting Faith' by looking at our church interiors and architecture. This month she considers **Arts and Crafts Churches**. I'm sure that many of you reading this will have visited the wonderful Watts Gallery over at Compton near Guildford. There is the wonderful nearby Watts Cemetery Chapel (see picture below) which is an amazing example of Arts & Crafts. The Chapel is a true labour of love and the final resting place of George and Mary Watts. It is a unique Grade I-listed terracotta building and is the work of artist and designer Mary Watts. Over 70 people from the local community helped her create it between 1895 and 1904. It opened in 1898 and remains a working chapel to this day. If you're in the area, it is well worth a visit.

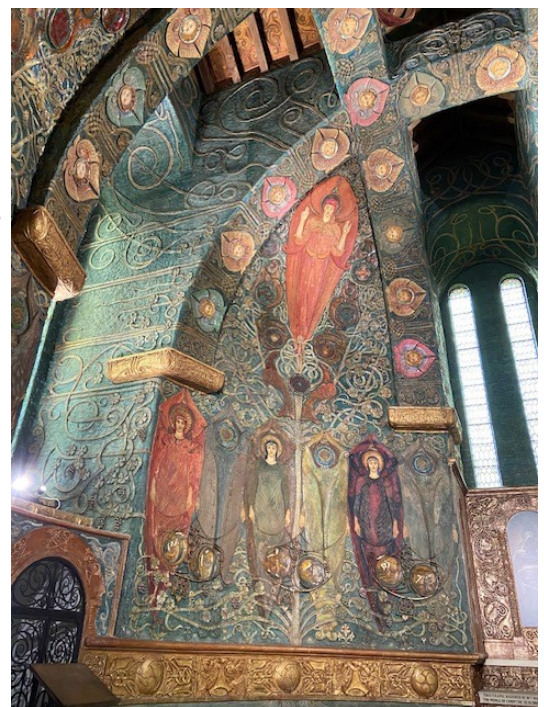
We are about to go to Corsica on holiday in September for a fortnight, so I'm afraid there will be no October issue of InSpire. Equally, October is bound to be busy leading up to the Fair, so it is unlikely that I shall be able to produce a November issue. If anyone would like to guest edit an issue, I am happy to provide the basic resources I receive from Parish Pump each month?

I hope that everyone who is going back to schools, colleges or universities in September, whether they are pupils, students or academic staff feels refreshed after their summer break. It will be an anxious time for many starting at new schools, universities and colleges, not to mention an anxious time for their parents! I wish them all every blessing in the academic year ahead.

With my best wishes,

Suzanne

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The interior of the Watts Cemetery Chapel at Compton near Guildford

Photo: Suzanne Cole

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series which will run until the end of 2025.

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the Bible: An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

This month we turn to the New Testament and look at Matthew, the first of the gospels. Although linked to Matthew the apostle, it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke).

Matthew, in writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He connects Jesus' birth, life death and resurrection with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy which traces Jesus back to Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use God's name; and in the way he portrays Jesus as the *Son of David*.

The whole gospel is structured around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division reflects the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in Him. At the end of his gospel, Matthew records Jesus' commission to His disciples share this good news, promising to be with them:

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (28:18-20)

No accompanying Quiz this month—sorry!

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers the needs of children.

Education Sunday

Education Sunday takes place on 8th September, as our children return to school after the summer break. It's good opportunity to ask what God thinks of children and how we can reflect this in our schools, churches and families.

Children are valuable to God: 'Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' (Matthew 19:13-14).

Jesus' action shows the importance of children to God. In many cultures around the world, children are often abused, exploited or disregarded. God is committed to caring and protecting them and calls us to do the same.

Children need nurture and guidance:

'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.' (Proverbs 22:6 ESV). Gardeners will often attach plants to a pole or trellis to guide their growth. Children also need solid structure to keep their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual growth on track. We can support them in their growth and development, and we can be a godly example to them.

Children need discipline:

'Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.' (Proverbs 29:17). This is not easy and requires the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Discipline is a sign of love, reflecting how God deals with us (Hebrews 12:7). In this way, they'll become adults who fulfil all that the Creator wants them to become.

As Jesus said, *'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me'* (Mark 9:37).

Champion net zero churches to help others through demonstrator projects

More than 100 of the country's highest carbon emitting churches will be given funding for net zero projects which others can learn from as part of a new project.

The £5.2m Demonstrator Churches project from the Church of England's Net Zero Programme aims to help 114 churches in 2024 and 2025 pay for items such as solar panels, heat pumps, insulation, secondary glazing, LED lighting and infrared heating systems.

As work progresses, the network of Demonstrator Churches - representing many different types of community and situations - will share what they have learned more widely with dioceses and parishes so that all Church of England churches can learn from their experiences.

Abi Hiscock, Project and Grants Manager for the Church of England's Net Zero Demonstrator Churches Project, said: "Ultimately, we want to demonstrate that with the right support and infrastructure, churches from diverse settings and facing a variety of challenges can reach net zero by 2030.

"By the end of this project, we will have over 100 case studies on what to do and when, and what not to do. Along the way, the supported churches are all required to act as champions to other churches in their dioceses or geographically near to them, or simply to other churches working from similar baselines to them, so that the learnings from these projects engage, influence and support this vision."

It is hoped the project will reduce carbon emissions by 6,615 tonnes by 2030 – targeting some of the highest emitting churches across the UK.

The Demonstrator Churches project is part of the Church of England's ambitious Net Zero Carbon Programme which aims to equip, resource and support all parts of the Church to reduce carbon emissions from the energy used in its buildings, schools and through work-related transport by 2030.



How having faith in God can help you here on earth

Anglicans are more likely to say that they are satisfied with their lives, and many older churchgoers say that they never feel lonely.

A recent survey for the Belonging Forum, which supports dialogue between faiths, has found that there is a strong association between belonging to a faith group and having greater well-being and health.

The survey found that religious people have higher levels of 'social connectedness' and friendships than the general population. They are more likely to speak with their neighbours regularly, and to have on average more friends than non-religious people do.

It seems that faith communities can play an important role in providing a sense of belonging and purpose in the UK.

PRAYERS, PROSE & POEMS

A Harvest Prayer

Loving God,
Thank you for the many ways in which you
provide for us:
Food, family, friendship,
Housing, health, happiness,
And ways to use our time and talents.
We lift to you too the ways in which we remain in
need of these things.
God of generosity,
May your kingdom come.

We pray for people in our community and beyond
Who are facing unemployment, ill-health, isolation
or money worries at this time,
And especially for those who are unable to afford
enough to eat.
We pray for supportive relationships, practical
provision and real hope.
God of compassion,
May your kingdom come.

Thank you that you call us to play our part,
Working with you and with others to bring about
change.

We pray for political decision-makers and leaders:
Give them courage and insight to develop policies
and systems that support the
flourishing of all,
So that even in challenging times, no-one goes
hungry and everyone has dignity.
God of justice,
May your kingdom come.

Thank you for those who are serving and caring for
others,
In churches, in charities, and public services,
In our neighbourhoods, in our homes, and in many
other contexts.
Would you give them strength, rest and
perseverance.
As they work to support others, we ask that they
too would receive all they need
to thrive.
God of love,
May your kingdom come.

Amen

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Lord of the Winds

Lord of the winds, I cry to Thee,
I that am dust,
And blown about by every gust
I fly to Thee.
Lord of the waters, unto Thee I call,
I that am weed upon the waters borne,
And by the waters torn,
Tossed by the waters, at Thy feet I fall.

By Mary Coleridge (1861 – 1907)

A September Prayer

Lord, here we are in September – a beautiful month at
the end of the summer, but before the autumn has
taken hold. A month of excitement and new starts for
many, a month when courage is needed for our
children and young people.

And Lord we pray for courage, compassion and
integrity for our new Prime Minister and our new
government. We pray for justice and peace in our
country and in the world.

Help us Lord, to know that you are Lord of
September; you are Lord and giver of every new
month, every new day, every new minute. Help us to
put our trust in you for our adventures and for our
mundane everyday routines.

You are our generous, loving Father and promise that
you will never leave us or forsake us when we trust in
you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching
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For the new school year ...

Dear Lord, as we embark on a new school year,
we ask for Your guidance and blessings. Grant us
the wisdom to embrace new challenges and the
courage to face them with confidence. Help us to
grow in knowledge and character, and to be kind
and compassionate to others. May Your presence
be felt in every classroom, and may Your love
shine through our actions. We trust in Your plan
for us and look forward to the opportunities that
lie ahead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE POTENTIAL SCOTT -BROADWOOD INFANTS SCHOOL MOVE

At a walk-up stall at Capel Show, 49 people answered a short Straw Poll, with 3 questions:

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Comments/questions included:

- This 'accountant's proposal' completely misses what the school means to the village.
- It's a shame they want to do this, without asking if the village can help.
- With new houses to be built, with extra families moving in, is this move needed ?
- We should fight this, and if need be, manage the school ourselves.
- The village would fund-raise to keep the school.
- If the school did go, could we put 'properly Community housing' on it ?

Some people also signed up to be kept posted as this progresses.

Phil Partridge

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Junior InSpire

A Back to School Prayer

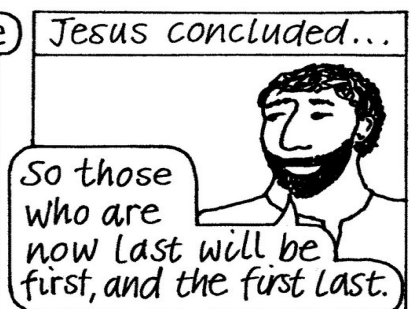
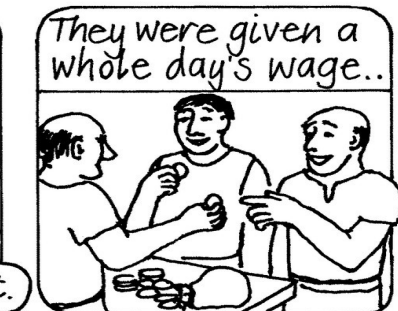
Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Amen

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom. A vineyard owner went to the marketplace at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.



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New network of worshipping communities in schools and colleges launches pilot phase in 40 locations

The Church of England has recently launched a new network of 40 worshipping communities, furthering its vision of becoming younger and more diverse.

The new FLOURISH network will establish partnerships between schools or Further Education colleges and their local churches, aiming to engage a large number of children, young people, and their families.

An initial two-year pilot programme will introduce these worshipping communities through churches partnering with primary schools, secondary schools, and FE college settings across 12 Dioceses: Bath & Wells, Birmingham, Bristol, Chester, Derby, Lichfield, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Salisbury, Southwark, Southwell & Nottingham, and Truro.

The FLOURISH network builds on the momentum of leaders dedicated to strategic partnerships between church, school, and home, inspired by the pioneering efforts of the Church of England's Growing Faith Foundation. This foundation has been instrumental through its programmes, networks, research, and events.

As part of the pilot, 200 adult leaders from schools, colleges, and churches, along with 800 young leaders from the schools and colleges, will receive training and development. This initiative will be led by The Church of England's Education team in collaboration with Ministry Development colleagues.

The FLOURISH worshipping communities will be based on five core principles:

Young people's voices are instinctively at the centre of all leadership decision-making and implementation

Clearly articulated and shared purpose to grow a younger and more diverse community of Christian disciples

Strategic leadership partnership between school/college and at least one church community (with appropriate long-term governance and resource commitment)

Intergenerational faith development experiences involving children and their families of all ages

Worship that is fully integrated into the regular rhythms, practices, structures and resources of the school/college's vision for flourishing of children and adults.

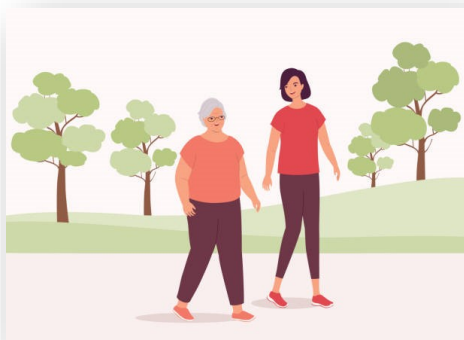
The 40 pilot locations will share their insights at local, diocesan, and national levels to assess whether this innovative approach to worshipping communities in educational settings could be a viable opportunity for Dioceses to consider in future strategic funding plans.

While many pilot locations are in Church of England schools, the initiative also includes community (non-CofE) schools, Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs), and FE colleges, with over half serving communities with above-average disadvantage metrics and a significant proportion serving highly diverse populations.

The worshipping communities will begin their pilot phase in Autumn 2024, with research into the growth and effectiveness of this approach shared throughout the two-year pilot.



Walking is a great way to exercise



You may be young or old, working endless hours, or retired. But there is one exercise you can still undertake almost anywhere, for however long or short a time: walking.

According to health specialists, the simple act of walking “ticks so many boxes – improving our brain, mental and musculoskeletal fitness, as well as our physical fitness.”

Here are five reasons why:

Walking raises your heart rate and makes you breathe faster.

It gives you the benefit of a moderate aerobic workout – without the stress on your joints. As for your blood sugar levels, consider this: after a meal your blood sugar level rises and your pancreas releases insulin to bring it down. But even a five-minute walk can help by blunting the spike in blood sugar. Try and keep your pace brisk – aim for 100 to 130 steps a minute.

Walking improves your bone density

Walking briskly engages the muscles along the back side of your body – the glutes, hamstrings and calves. They in turn put a bit of pull on your bones, which stimulates your bones to produce osteoblasts, which improves your bone density and reduces your risk of osteoporosis.

Walking improves your mood

It stimulates your parasympathetic nervous system (nerves that relax the body during stress) and stimulates your amygdala (that part of you which controls your emotions). And if you can walk near water (rivers, coast, in the rain) you get exposed to negative ions in the air. These electrically charged molecules are excellent for your mental health.

Walking helps your brain

You will sleep better, and your brain will be in better shape for memory and cognition. Walking also stimulates creative thinking – studies have found walking is a great time for problem-solving.

Walking helps your body shape

An instant way to look younger is to stand tall. So walk with your head up, shoulders back, and lengthen your back, to stand up straighter. And with firmer muscles, your overall body shape will improve, which in turn will boost your confidence!

Congratulations!

Many Congratulations to Sue & Phil Partridge who renewed their wedding vows in a lovely service in July at St John’s in Capel to mark their Silver Wedding anniversary. We very much enjoyed celebrating with them and thank them for kindly provided special refreshments afterwards to celebrate! We wish Sue & Phil many more years of happiness and every blessing in their marriage.



BOOK REVIEWS

by Parish Pump



Enduring Wisdom – Words of Hope and Inspiration by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II By Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, SPCK, £10.99

A unique anthology of over 80 inspiring quotations from the late Queen's Christmas speeches, offering an intimate insight into the values she embodied and faithfully promoted throughout her 70-year reign.

This treasury of quotations speak of the qualities that were closest to her heart: courage, empathy, forgiveness, hope, humility, love and respect. These are the qualities that she encouraged in others and that she hoped would endure among all people of goodwill, whatever their religion or race.

Including seven memorable portraits - one from each decade of her reign - this exquisite giftbook offers an inspiring tribute to a world leader whose wise and gracious influence will live in our hearts forever.

Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022) was Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries from 6 February 1952 until her death on 8 September 2022. Her reign of over 70 years is the longest of any British monarch and the longest verified reign of any female head of state in history.

Elizabeth II was queen regnant of 32 sovereign states during her lifetime and remained the monarch of 15 realms by the time of her death. She was also Patron of more than 600 organisations and charities.

Signal Fire - A guide to putting prayer into practice By Martin Saunders, SPCK, £11.99

This book explores the myriad of different ways in which we can connect with God, both together and alone. This handy guide provides opportunities to try out different aspects of prayer, equipping young people with a prayer life of their own.

Prayer is a refuge in times when everything else is failing; it's a compass when we're lost and a firework when we're joy-struck. Prayer is the subject of a thousand distinct metaphors, and they're all both true and insufficient. Why? Because prayer is direct connection with God, and the pathway to making sense of life itself.

Signal Fire encourages young people to develop a life of prayer and connection with God and invest in this key practice of lasting faith. Martin Saunders, Director of Innovation at Youthscape, writes an accessible and practical book for teenagers with some points for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter.

This book can be used alone by a young person or used by youth workers to work through with a group.

The Quiet Path - Contemplative practices for daily life By Andrew Rudd, Canterbury Press, £12.99

The Quiet Path is a book for the walker, or the armchair traveller, the clear-sighted tourist, or the bewildered wanderer. Blending reflection and poetry, it shows how the simple practice of walking can become a quiet path of wonder, and how a brief pause in a busy day can turn into contemplation.

It explores how the ordinary practices of walking and noticing, recognising and writing can help us discover depth and spirituality in everything we encounter and find a deeper awareness of a Presence in all things.

This book is not about the big idea, the motorway, the A-road, the bypass. It's about snickets, byways, bridleways and gentle lines across the map. Every page is a signpost pointing down a quiet path, ready for you to take a walk through the landscape of the heart.



End the ‘scandal’ of the need for food banks, General Synod hears

Public policy needs to address the ‘root causes’ of rising levels of poverty, the General Synod was recently told, in a debate where members voted to express concern over increasing levels of dependence on food banks.

Synod members noted the ‘major contribution’ to social welfare being made by churches and others in the provision of food banks, but said that some organisations providing emergency food aid were being driven to ‘breaking point’ by demand.

Members welcomed the help provided under the previous Government to less well-off households, but noted that this had not solved dependence which is being driven by ‘serious inadequacies’ in the social security system.

The Synod voted to back a call for the Church of England bishops to press the Government for a review of the adequacy of social security provision, and to consider the feasibility of introducing an ‘Essentials Guarantee.’

The Guarantee would tie the rate of benefits to the cost of essentials, measured annually through an independent process.

The Synod voted further to urge the bishops and in particular those in the House of Lords to engage with the Government and “strongly encourage” the Government to do “everything possible” to bring about an immediate end to the two-child benefit limit.

Introducing the debate, on the Sheffield Diocesan Synod motion, Ven Malcolm Chamberlain, from the Diocese of Sheffield, told the Synod that the need for food banks was “nothing short of a scandal”.

He quoted figures from the Trussell Trust charity that their food banks had distributed more than 3.1 million emergency food parcels during the year ending in March.

This was the biggest number of parcels ever distributed in a single year, he said, and nearly double the number distributed five years ago. More than a million of these were to households with children, he added.

He said The Children’s Society expects the number of children living in poverty in the UK to reach five million this year.

“Foodbanks are an essential provision, but the Trussell Trust and others agree that they and other social initiatives are not a satisfactory way of tackling the underlying problem of poverty in our society,” he said.

“Public policy needs to go further upstream to address the root causes.”

He added: “Poverty is causing too much suffering and damage for us to simply accept it as an unavoidable inevitability. Despite the financial challenges, we are not a poor nation incapable of caring for our most vulnerable citizens.”



Harvest Appeal 2024

As usual we will be collecting Harvest gifts for Dorking Area Foodbank and Leatherhead Start as well as for those in need in our local community. There is a preferred list for Harvest which you will find on information tables in both St John’s in Capel and St Margaret’s in Ockley.

Thank you

Editor: *The Revd Dr Jo White considers the highest part of our churches...*

Reflecting Faith: Arts and Crafts Churches

Originally, the theology behind church building was to build church buildings on higher land, so that people would have to lift their heads to look upon them; with the tower or spire giving it extra height.

This was reflecting the faith of lifting our eyes to God and recognising our place in His Creation – and yet He still came to earth for us.

Often a clock would have been placed on the tower or spire for the local people who would not have had personal time-pieces, and again they would have lifted their eyes heavenward to see it. The clock might have chimed, or would have been connected with the church bells to enable illiterate people to know the time.

There were 612 Commissioner churches built in the early 1800's, when society was becoming industrialised, and folk were moving away from rural life and into towns.

By the middle of that century the Arts and Crafts Movement was well under way, and church buildings were being 'targeted'.

Between 1884 and 1918 there were about 5000 churches built in the UK, of which around 350 can be identified as Arts and Crafts churches. Much depended on the Patron of the church and their generosity.

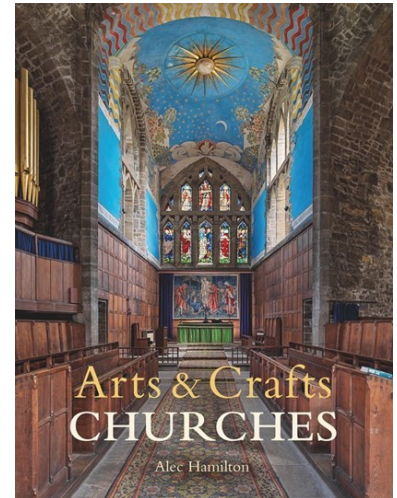
In East and North Yorkshire there are a set of 17 churches which were restored or built by the local patron(s) – father and son of the Sykes Family of Sledmere House – between 1866 and 1913. They say they are unparalleled elsewhere in Britain.

This month:

Have a look at a church near you and see if you can see the influence in it of this Arts and Crafts Movement. It was intended to make buildings less austere, more decorative, more 'emotive'. Do you think it does?

If you'd like to read more about Arts & Crafts Churches, you can read the book 'Arts & Crafts Churches' by Alex Hamilton.

Arts and Crafts Churches
Alec Hamilton
 Lund Humphries £45
 (978-1-84822-321-9)



Easy Sudoku

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High Days & Holy Days

New for 2024 15th September - St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyred 258

Cyprian is the saint for anyone who has given up a successful career in order to serve God in a difficult Christian ministry.

For, before he became a Christian, Cyprian 'had it all'. He was a renowned Orator of Carthage, teaching rhetoric and advocacy. But then, in AD 245, when he was in his mid 40s, Cyprian became a Christian, and it turned his career - and life - upside down.

For Cyprian's new commitment to Christ was absolute. He renounced his secular position as an Orator and renounced his inheritance as a landowner, giving the money to the Church in Carthage. He was ordained a priest, and became a student of Tertullian, the great African Christian scholar. Only three years later he was consecrated Bishop of Carthage, in AD 248. As Bishop, Cyprian cared for the poor, and his character, way of life and preaching were outstanding.

Unfortunately, Cyprian had become Bishop at a time of great hardship for the church. In 250 Emperor Decius led a great persecution, and its aftermath caused problems for the church leaders of north Africa.

For by 251, some of the Carthage Christians had caved in, and offered sacrifices to the pagan idols. Others had bought certificates saying that they had done so. But now these 'lapsed' Christians were 'repentant' and wanted to be readmitted to the church in Carthage.

So, Cyprian had to decide if and how to readmit these believers. The decision was a difficult one, and he disagreed with the priest Novatius, who wanted to admit them straight back into the Church, without making any requirement of penance of them.

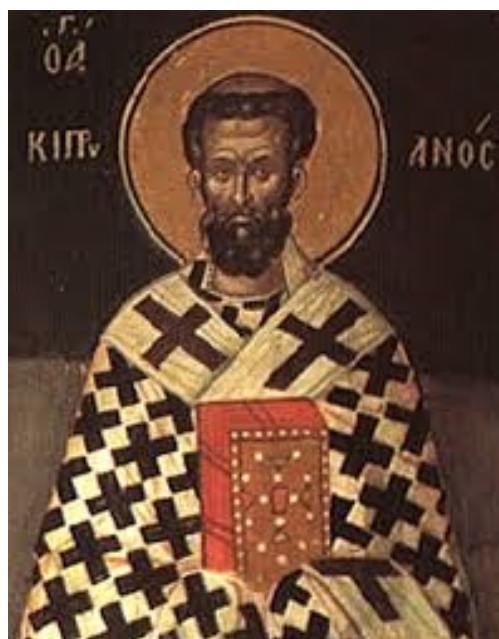
Another argument then erupted, when Cyprian disagreed with Bishop Stephen of Rome, over the validity of baptism if it had been administered by schismatics or heretics. Cyprian rejected its validity and demanded rebaptism; Stephen accepted it.

These two disagreements were to colour the whole of Cyprian's difficult time as bishop. His desire to have a unified church was equalled only by his passion to preserve the purity of the church.

Gradually, Cyprian united the Church in Carthage behind him. And by the time of Valerian's persecution in 257, the African church was not only standing up against the Church in Rome in some theological matters, but also standing with the regional government, which was beginning to seek freedom from the overbearing influence of the emperor.

Valerian's persecution led to Cyprian's martyrdom that same year of 257. An imperial order stated that all bishops had to participate in pagan ceremonies. Cyprian refused. After a year of exile, he returned to Carthage, was rearrested and subsequently beheaded.

But even after his death, the African Church was unwavering in her faith in the face of persecution.



Miscellaneous observations on our Christian pilgrimage

Holy means set apart. Not like a set of cutlery, that comes out only on Sundays. More like a Swiss army knife – remove a splinter, cut a rope, open a bottle, anytime, anywhere. Whatever the boss needs. – *Milton Jones*

Desert and mountain places located on the margins of society are locations of choice in luring God's people to a deeper understanding of who they are. – *Belden Lane*

The new birth is a change of direction and change of affection. It's a union of the soul with Christ. Christ comes to you through the Holy Spirit, and you become a partaker of God's life. – *Billy Graham*

If we complained less, and praised more, we should be happier, and God would be more glorified. Let us daily praise God for common mercies. – *Charles Spurgeon*

To become a disciple means a decisive and irrevocable turning to both God and neighbour. What follows from there is a journey which never ends in this life, a journey of continually discovering new dimensions of loving God and neighbour. – *David J Bosch*

At least bear patiently, if you cannot bear joyfully. – *Thomas a Kempis*

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning, but for the desperate. – *J Denney*

How many Christians live their lives packed up and ready to go? – *J I Packer*

Confessing your sins is no substitute for forsaking them. – *Anon*

It is religion without love that has been responsible for most of the misery of the world. – *Anon*

The spirit which loses reverence for God turns naturally to sinning. – *John HerCUS*

Whom God calls He qualifies. – *Richard Sibbes*

Church Tea dates 2024

Please note that all teas will take place
between **3.00 and 5.00 pm**
(with the exception of 4pm on Sunday 3rd November)



Sunday 15th September

St John the Baptist Chapel

Sunday 6th October

St John the Baptist Chapel

Sunday 3rd November All souls service 3pm
TEAS START AT 4PM

St John the Baptist Chapel

Sunday 24th November

St John the Baptist Chapel

Michael and All Angels

The Church remembers angels this month, with the feast day of Michael and All Angels on the 29th. The Bible is full of angels, where they often had a key role in crucial events. It seems that Michael is their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in the Book of Revelation he leads the angelic host who fight and defeat Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, angels make numerous appearances. Just two examples: Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the coming of her baby, Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. Another angel was sent to sit in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5)!

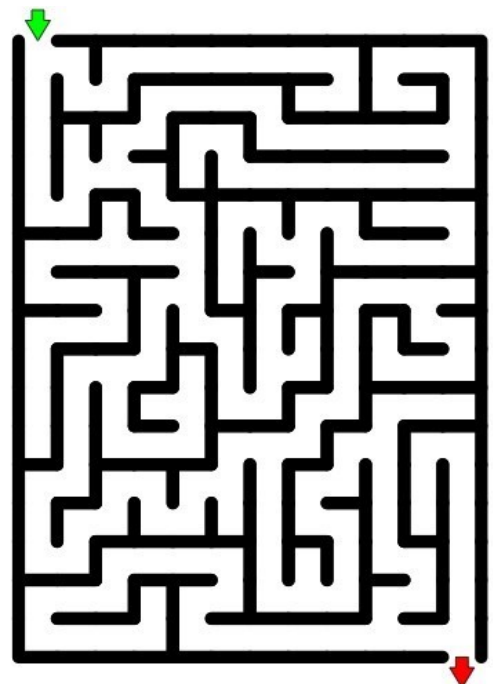


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| Michael | Leader | Host | Mary |
| All | Stained | Defeat | Baby |
| Angels | Glass | Satan | Jesus |
| Key | Sword | Appearances | waiting |
| Crucial | Angelic | Gabriel | Angel |

Puzzle solutions on page 30



The vicar was already regretting ordering the new stained-glass window from IKEA



Puzzle Solutions

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Wordsearch
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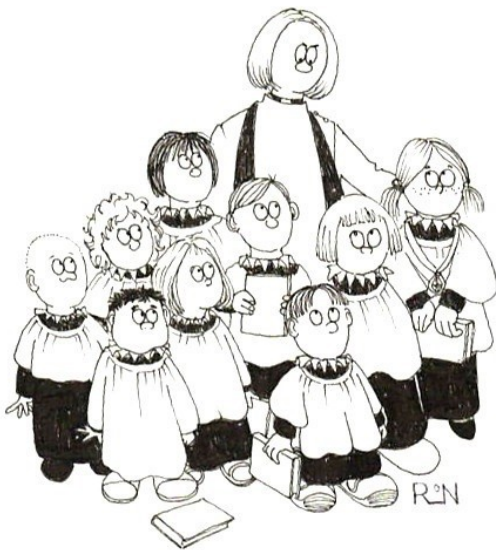


Easy Sudoku solution

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6	3	9	5	4	2	8	7	1
5	1	4	8	7	6	9	2	3
1	9	8	3	2	7	4	6	5
7	4	6	1	9	5	3	8	2
3	2	5	6	8	4	1	9	7
8	7	3	2	1	9	6	5	4
9	5	2	4	6	3	7	1	8
4	6	1	7	5	8	2	3	9

Medium Sudoku solution

7	4	2	8	9	1	3	6	5
5	9	6	4	3	7	2	8	1
1	8	3	6	5	2	9	4	7
4	2	7	9	8	3	5	1	6
6	3	1	7	4	5	8	9	2
9	5	8	1	2	6	4	7	3
2	7	4	3	6	9	1	5	8
3	1	9	5	7	8	6	2	4
8	6	5	2	1	4	7	3	9



Shirley reminded them they were going out there to praise the Lord, not to kick ass

Junior InSpire Wordsearch
Solution

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p	g	x	n	l	n	a	z	e	s	u	s
m	a	r	k	e	t	p	l	a	c	e	s
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"September is the month of renewal, a time to harvest dreams and plant new seeds of hope." — Unknown

"Every September, the trees remind us that shedding is a part of life." — Unknown

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