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## Still lots of questions – but even greater joy



The day of Jesus' ascension into heaven brings to a close the time of his resurrection appearances following the victory of Easter Day. In the church calendar it's reckoned to be 40 days – it gives a sense of balance with the time of Lent before – and it's a fascinating time in the unfolding of God's plan.

From a scientific point of view, we might well be critical of the disciples for not asking more questions in that time. Jesus was clearly alive – he broke bread with them and ate – they could touch him and even poke the scars – but he certainly didn't look the same, and he seemed to appear among them when they thought they were locked in. This was some kind of resurrection body – human, but not mortal anymore. So many questions! But we can forgive the disciples for not daring to ask – it must have been a touch overwhelming!

Then the day of his "ascension" ( which we celebrate on May 5<sup>th</sup> this year) brings yet more questions! Did Jesus go "up" to heaven? We certainly know you can't get there in a spaceship! We're told a cloud hid him from sight – not a problem to the disciples who saw heaven as being above the clouds, but we know that heaven isn't just outside of this world – it's outside of the created universe of dimensions, energy and time as well. Immeasurable and invisible, yet around us and within us.

The answer?

Simply this. We are mortal beings and we cannot hope to begin to understand the world of things eternal whilst we are on this earthly journey. Jesus' resurrection, his glorious risen body, his ascension – all these belong to the eternal realm to which he ascended, and we can be sure that any attempt of ours to understand them will fall well short of the actual awe and wonder of the kingdom of God.

Yet God gives us a taste of these unseen things, and a deep and profound experience of the truth of Jesus' risen life, just as he gave to the first disciples.

Do we know everything? No.

Do we need to know everything? Certainly not.

But we do know that Jesus is risen and ascended and has taken our humanity into the heart of God himself. Alleluia!

With best wishes

Rod



## **Forthcoming Events**

**Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2.30 pm**

Lady Chapel, St. Andrew's Church

### **Ascension Day Service**

led by Revd. Mary Gubbins

**Thursday June 2nd, 2.30 pm**

Club Room\*

'Friends of Parents'

at Bristol Hospital

\*Change of venue due to  
sale of St. Catherine's Room

## **Christ is All-in-All**

We hold you and your treatment  
at the heart of every prayer,  
And we ask our God who loves you  
Just to hold you in His care.

May He make His presence known  
To you in every way He can  
While the healing balm of Christ is  
placed

In the hands of mortal man.

So may the good Lord bless you  
As He holds you in His grace;  
And may He ever let His peace  
Be known in every place  
Where your journeying will lead  
you;

In whatever may befall:  
That you will know in everything  
How Christ is all-in-all.

Sam Doubtfire

## **Beth Hathaway**

Beth Hathaway would like to say thank you to all her friends from St Andrew's for their kind messages, cards and prayers following her fall and hip operation..

## **Knitted Baby Vests for Africa**

Thank you so much for the many offers to knit vests for fish and chip babies in Africa. A first consignment has now been sent to Worldshare.

However, they inform me that this project is finishing on 29<sup>th</sup> April which is disappointing. It may be restarted later in the year.

I have made enquiries at the RUH in Bath and they may be able to use the vests but this is not definite.

Thank you for the vests and hats and I will let you know if and when we can start knitting them again.

Sue Haslop

## **Traditional upholstery done to raise roof funds.**

I use traditional materials - webbing, hessian, scrim, horse hair and calico. Tacks not staples! I am prepared to supply all except the top cover fabric. For charges please contact me.

**Angela Sammes (654608)**

## ***St Andrews Church Photographic Competition***

*A competition for all with sections for adults and for juniors under age 16.*



*Subject categories are:*

- ◆ *Animals*
- ◆ *Reflections*
- ◆ *Church activities*
- ◆ *Portraits*
- ◆ *Open (No Set Subject)*

*Closing date for entries is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Entry forms with rules will be placed at the back of the church in due course.*

*Results will be given out at the Autumn Fayre on 15<sup>th</sup> October.*

## **May 16<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup> National Smile Month**

National Smile Month is 40 years old this year. It is the UK's largest and longest-running campaign to promote good oral health, aiming to encourage people to brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, to cut down on sugar, and to visit the dentist regularly. Organised by the British Dental Health Foundation, the website offers the following snippets:

Some fun facts about your smile that you may not know:

- It takes 43 muscles to frown, but only 17 to smile.
- Some people admit to picking their teeth with keys, earrings, bank notes and even screwdrivers!
- The going rate given by the tooth fairy these days is £1
- 61% of us have been attracted to someone by their smile alone
- 24% of us would share our toothbrush with our partner, but only 6% of us would share our toothbrush with a celebrity (!)
- Two thirds of us have less respect for a boss with bad breath.

<http://www.nationalsmilemonth.org/>



# Music Matters



## The Principles of Bell Ringing

I suspect that quite a few people know that I'm a ringer – though I don't often get time to ring here at St Andrew's – Sundays tend to be busy with preparing the music, and the organ console, for the service, and the ringers' Wednesday evening practice nights coincide with rehearsals of a choir I conduct in Cheltenham.

Nevertheless, I've been a ringer, on and off, since 1971 – when, getting frustrated because an organ piece I was practicing wasn't going too well, I wandered up to the ringing chamber at Portsmouth Cathedral. (I could hear the impact of clappers on bells through the tower structure – under which is the organ itself.) As is the case with ringers, I was welcomed profusely into the ringing chamber. The Tower Captain showed me across to the opposite corner, where they had a board showing all 5040 changes of what is known as Holt's Original (composition) of Grandsire Triples (method). Someone had written out all of these changes, and then had it framed.

The process of ringing full circle (where the bell itself swings, on the ringer's impulse through the rope, through just over 360 degrees, starting from an upright – mouth up – position, allowing the interval between sounds of the clapper striking the bell to be varied by 'holding' the bell upright on the balance) was developed first in this country in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Later, with the spread of the empire, other countries started to hang bells this way in some of their towers, and ringing has spread. Full circle enables the process of 'change-ringing'.

### **First thing to learn is 'bell-handling'**

Portsmouth Cathedral, where I started to learn to ring, had then 10 bells – augmented a few years ago to 12. The tower captain back in 1971 noticed that I was interested in the complexity of all those changes and offered to give me lessons. Initially, these were concerned with 'bell-handling' – learning to give the correct strength of pulls on the rope to cause the bell to go from one 'top dead centre' to another safely and in a controlled way. It is also concerned with wielding the rope safely so as not to injure oneself or the ringers near one. Later, a learner-ringer moves onto ringing in 'rounds', that is, each bell following another, in a descending scale (the lightest bell gives the highest sound, and is called the 'treble'; the heaviest bell gives the lowest sound, and called the 'tenor'). The really important thing here is to use this stage really to develop a sense of what ringers call 'striking' – that the gaps between the sound of each bell are equal and rhythmic. If they are not, they tend to cause a



sense of unease at best, and often a sense of cacophony to the listener outside! It's easiest to assimilate the ability to ring rhythmically at this stage before going on to the, more complex, next.

### **Understanding 'change-ringing'**

To cut a long story short – the next stage is usually to start 'change-ringing'. Remember I talked about 'changes' above? Another,

and more helpful term is 'row'. Each bell has a number, increasing the heavier the bell. So here at St Andrew's, where there are eight bells, the treble is labelled number 1, and the tenor is 8. So, the descending scale is a row which is 12345678 – or each bell sounding once going down the scale. This is called 'rounds'. Change-ringing is the process of varying the order from row to row. There are some basic rules – the principal of which is that each bell may only move by one place from left to right (or 'down' to 'up' in ringers' terminology) between each row. So, to get the simplest 'change' to the next row could involve swapping each pair of bells to produce 21436587. If we then do the same again, to generate a third row, we would find ourselves back at the starting row. So, another simple thing is to fix the outer two bells (2 and 7) and swap the inner three pairs: 24163857. Alternating like this generates us 16 rows before getting back rounds.

### **The 'methods' of ringing**

Ringers then learn to ring 'methods' which are ways of altering the ends of each block of 16, to generate a new 16 – whilst still observing the rules. Ringers learn how to do this from memory (all methods are different) using a variety of ways of remembering. To get all the rows necessary for a 'peal' which, on eight bells requires 5000 or more rows) then needs a variety of lengths of methods to be joined together (all 5000 or more rows must be rung continuously one after another) in such a way as to achieve this – joining these together is achieved by a conductor (also ringing) calling 'bobs' and 'singles' [*of which more later*] to instruct the ringers to make a variation. This is called a composition – and there are many. The composition itself must also follow some rules – principally that it starts with rounds, and finishes with rounds, but no row may be repeated in between.

This all requires practice, just as playing a musical instrument does. I suspect that, if you want to find out more, any of St Andrew's Ringers (a group of ringers is called 'a band') would be very happy to talk to you about it. At all levels it can be a fascinating hobby.

*[To be continued in next month's magazine]*

David Dewar



## THE LADY & THE LAMP

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1820 a baby girl was born who changed the way that we care for people who are ill. Florence Nightingale grew up at a time when only the worst kind of person became a nurse but she had an idea of the way things could be. Her chance to change things came with the Crimean War.

Florence travelled there with a few others and started work in the military hospital at Scutari where conditions were dreadful: wounded soldiers were left lying in dirt without proper food or care and most of them died. The army doctors already there didn't want Miss Nightingale or her nurses, but gradually they improved conditions. The nurses scrubbed and cleaned as well as caring for the wounded and the soldiers began to recover.

Florence Nightingale was called the Lady with the Lamp because she would walk the wards at night, checking on patients. After the war, with the support of Queen Victoria, Florence was able to improve hospital care for everyone.

## Andy's @ 4

Come and join us for our monthly informal service for all the family

**May 8th**

at St Andrews church, Chippenham  
Stories - songs- prayers - refreshments

For more information phone

01249 651565

## WASHING WORDS

All the words in this wordsearch are to do with clean and dirty. Can you find them all? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

S P A R K L I N G A  
G I D Y O D A R V D  
R T U B B U I O A S  
U P S H B M V P C D  
B A T H E C A U V E  
B T E G N O P S U N  
Y R R I W I P Y M I  
L I U T A M R A U A  
A D E S S D B R O T  
D W T A H S K A O S

bath brush dirt duster dry grime  
grubby mud soak soap sparkling  
stained tap tub vacuum wash wet

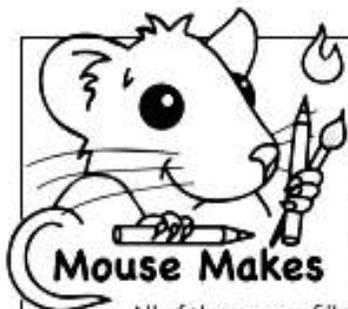
### What did the dirt say to the rain?

If this keeps up my name will be mud!

## Sunday Club Diary

8<sup>th</sup> May

22<sup>nd</sup> May (Cancelled)



## Mouse Makes

It was the festival of **Pentecost**, 50 days since **Passover** and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate.

The Apostles and other believers were all together in one place when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.

All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things **God** had done.

About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

### READ

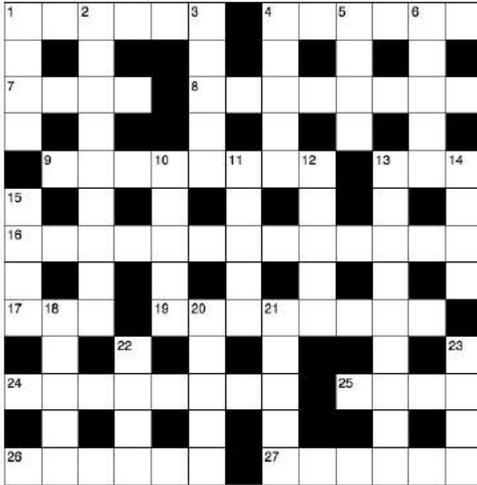
the story in Acts 2:1-11

Which countries did the crowd come from?



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the picture, can you unjumble them?

# May Crossword



**Across**

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

**Down**

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk,

- the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

**Answers on Page 19**

## St. Andrew's Coffee Shop

*Wednesdays Mornings*

*from 9.30 a.m. in Church  
Talk, Friendship, Refreshment*





**THE FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**‘A Musical Evening with CLOGS’**

**Theme: Heroes and Villians  
St. Andrew’s Church 7.30 pm**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**‘An Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan’**

**performed by the Swindon Gilbert & Sullivan Society  
St. Andrew’s Church 7.30 pm**

## **The Silent Sermon**

A member of a certain church, who had previously attended services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. He found the man at home all alone, sitting by a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him awkwardly, and led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The minister made himself at home, but said nothing. In the silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. But now the minister chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead bit of coal and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more, with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. With that, the minister smiled at his host, and quietly let himself out.

## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NOTICE BOARD**

### **Christian Aid Week**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> — Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

During this national major fund-raising campaign, our parish will be participating in door-to-door collections in the London Road and Bath Road/Lowden areas of the town as usual.

As the superstores have changed their policies on charity collections, there will not be an opportunity for St. Andrew's to cover a day in Tesco's this year. It is therefore urgent that as many people as possible join in the collecting in residential streets. Lists of the allocated roads will be on the shelf at the back of the North Aisle for volunteers to sign up.

Please consider offering to help, however short the time or small the section you can manage. Even if you have never done this before, be assured that your contribution is valuable to the total and much appreciated.

All necessary background information and detailed guidance is provided for each individual collector but if you have any doubts or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me at church or by telephone on 653394.

Beryl Fox

## **Children's exam papers**

*The following real life answers to various exams could explain why teachers need long holidays...*

*What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?*

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

*What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?*

Unusual names.

*Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.*

Learning to speak Latin.

*State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.*

All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

*What is a vibration?*

There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s.

St Andrew's Church, Chippenham

# 2016 Informal Lunchtime Concerts

**4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1:10PM**

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 26th April     | <b>CLAIRE BEATON</b> <i>(organ)</i>   |
| 24th May       | <b>CHRIS KIPPIN</b> <i>(organ)</i>  |
| 28th June      | <b>DAVID CHANDLER</b> <i>(organ)</i>  |
| 26th July      | <b>GARETH BENNETT</b> <i>(organ)</i>  |
| 23rd August    | <b>JUDITH BEVERIDGE</b> <i>(violin &amp; piano)</i><br><b>HILARY DEWAR</b> <i>(viola &amp; piano)</i> |
| 27th September | <b>WENDY SMITH</b> <i>(recorders)</i>   |

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[www.choir.muscatchippenham.org.uk](http://www.choir.muscatchippenham.org.uk)

Concert duration : approximately 40–45 minutes

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## From the Registers

### *Christian Burial and Cremation*

8<sup>th</sup> March Gwynnant Morris

18<sup>th</sup> March David Ludley

*'I am the resurrection and the life'*



St. John 11.25

## Church of England publishes prayers for Syria

The Church of England has published prayers for Syria as the fifth anniversary of the Syrian conflict has come and gone – and the fighting continues.

### Prayer for peace in Syria

How long oh Lord? How long?

We have been crying to you for peace in Syria; for an end to killing and despair, an end to hostilities on all sides. We thank you for the current cessation of hostilities and pray it may turn into a long lasting peace.

We cry to you for humanitarian aid to reach those most in need.

We beseech you for the rebuilding of ruined homes, businesses and communities.

We long for the repairing of the breach and the restoration of streets where your children may dwell in harmony.

We cry out that justice, truth and love may prevail for all the people of Syria.

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## The Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association of Change Ringers Quarter Peals at St Andrew's Church, Chippenham



Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

1260 Grandsire Triples

1 Jean Carey  
2 Morley Bray  
3 Sara Bye  
4 Bob Mustow

5 Nick Watts  
6 Ruth Beavin  
7 Andrew K Woolley ©  
8 Rodney Brown

Rung for evening service;  
And to congratulate Gary Moss and Carolyn Cripps  
following their marriage yesterday

## Diary for May

Sunday 1	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church 10.00 am All Age Service St. Andrew's Church 11.15 am Holy Communion 6.00 pm Rogation Service, St. Andrew's Church
Monday 2	<i>St Philip and St. James, apostles (transferred)</i>
Thursday 5	<i>Ascension Day</i>
Saturday 7	9.30 am St. Andrew's Singers, St. Andrew's Church
Sunday 8	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church 10.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church 4.00 pm Andy's @ 4, St. Andrew's Church
Sunday 15	<i>Pentecost -Whit Sunday</i> Start of Christian Aid Week 8.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church 10.00 am All Age Eucharist, St.. Andrew's Church 6.30 pm Blessing of Light, St. Andrew's Church
Monday 16	7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visit, St. Andrew's Chutch
Saturday 21	10.00 am Safeguarding Training, St. Andrew's Church
Sunday 22	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church 10.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church
Tuesday 24	1.10 pm Lunchtime Concert, St. Andrew's Church
Friday 27	Chippenham Folk Festival Weekend
Sunday 29	<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church 10.00 am Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church
Tuesday 31	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin</i>

**The Ministry of Healing**  
will be offered at St Andrew's on

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30 pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.00 am



# Concert of Electroacoustic Music

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham,

7.30 pm

with works by

Tom Williams and Yiorgis Sakellariou,  
(members of the INTIME research group  
at Coventry University)

More Details to Follow soon!



## ST ANDREW'S AUTUMN FAYRE

SAT 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016

10 am – 2 pm

Have you got the date in your diaries?

Please save all the usual items for the day

Autumn Fayre Expenses

Coffee Morning

will be held in Church on

SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

10 am – 12 noon

## The Way I See It :

### Three in One and One in Three

A story is told of a Jewish man who collapsed in the street with a heart attack. A passing Roman Catholic priest rushed over and knelt beside him. "Would you like to have your sins forgiven?" he asked. The man nodded weakly. "Right," said the priest. "Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?"

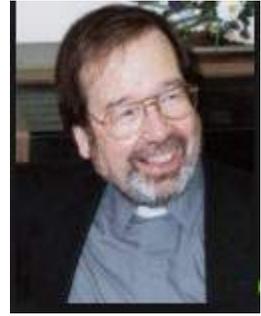
The Jewish man rolled his eyes and moaned, "I'm dying, and he's asking me riddles!"

Well, it's Trinity Sunday later this month, so if you go to church you may well hear the preacher trying to explain the riddle. Most church-goers know that it's part of orthodox Christian faith, and like singing about it in hymns, but haven't any idea why it's so important. Surely, they think, there's only one God, so why make it so complicated?

Yes, it is complicated, but not incredible. Over the last century scientists have discovered that almost everything is more 'complicated' than we had thought. It seems, for instance, that pretty well nothing we know is a simple unity.

Think atoms, and then protons and neutrons. Energy and activity flow from dynamic relationships. So doesn't it make sense that the Creator God is a Relationship – the source of all energy and activity – rather than a simple 'unity'? Thought of like that, a God who is 'Father' (Source), Son (Action) and Spirit (Application) makes good sense. The Father made us, the Son loves us and the Spirit 'sheds that love abroad in our hearts'. Makes sense to me.

Canon David Winter



### Promise of the Father

(Lk24:44-53, Heb 11:1-3)

Blessing led to leaving,  
and leaving to a new coming,  
a coming in power and joy  
to worship and to witness  
to God's plan fulfilled  
in the reality of Jesus, living.

This is the promised day,  
the day of clothing  
with power and presence,  
and a fresh sending  
of those with opened eyes  
in every generation,  
releasing hope and faith-filled certainty,  
making sense of everything.

Come Holy Spirit, clothe me, send me.

Daphne Kitching

# A Letter from Uncle Eustace

## On dealing with summer fetes

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

So you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate - and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now

time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

**Crossword Answers**  
**(Based on NTV)**  
**ACROSS:** 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened. 9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius. 24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astray. 27, Dinner  
**DOWN:** 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarm. 5, Aged. 6, Elect. 10, Rabbi. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step. 18, Acres. 20, Gandy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.

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Times will be posted on our web-site later -

[www.chippenhamartists.co.uk](http://www.chippenhamartists.co.uk)

## ST ANDREW'S 100 CLUB:

### Prizes every month

The 100 Club is just entering its 12<sup>th</sup> year and during this period, some £17,500 has been raised for church funds.

We offer three prizes per month, £100, £25 and £10 and the cost is £5 per month per number.

We would love to have some new members to continue this valuable fund raising effort and with three chances of winning per month, - it could be you!

Subscriptions may be paid by bank standing order, cheque or cash and the draw takes place on the first Wednesday each month, during Coffee Shop.

Margaret Harrison

## 'Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults'

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 10am in St. Andrew's Church there will be a presentation on this subject and all persons who have connections with children and vulnerable adults, even peripherally, will be welcomed.

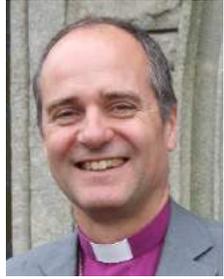
It will be an opportunity for all of us to understand our responsibilities and to also ask questions.

Refreshments will be freely available.

Daphne Jefferies  
Church Warden

# Bishop's Letter

## Holy disruption and the prayer which Jesus taught us



*This month Bishop Lee reminds us that God's Kingdom is often unsettling and messy. If we are going to pray 'Your Kingdom come' in spirit and in truth let us be ready to welcome rather than resist this.*

For fans of science fiction the term 'disruptor' may well bring to mind the weapon used by the Klingons in Star Trek. For business people the term is likely to evoke a thrill or a shudder and a practice which can be as lethal to a company as the Klingon weapon was to the Starship Enterprise. Disruption has become a new *modus operandi* in commerce and describes the impact which radical and game-changing approaches can have on whole industries.

Disruption has come through the advent and application of technology which creates very different ways of operating and connecting with markets. Most of us are familiar with how smartphones have transformed consumer electronics. One small box now replaces an MP3 player, an electronic organiser, a satnav, a video player, and the remote for your TV. In fact, a smartphone can replace the TV itself. Companies such as Amazon and Google have recast an entire sector at the expense of former giants such as Sony. This is disruption.

Disruption has also been applied to the learning process and recognized as an essential requirement for learning itself. At the outset of the new leadership programme aimed at resourcing CofE bishops we were introduced to 'disruptive learning' – the immersion in new thinking and behaviours which may be enjoyable but can also confuse and produce anxiety. Disruptive learning affects how we see what is and generates fresh ways of seeing and acting which can be very uncomfortable.

In one of the parables of the Kingdom of Heaven recalled in Matthew chapter 13, Jesus compares God's Kingdom to a mustard seed which grows to become a tree in which the birds of the air make their nests. Through comparison with other texts of that period, some scholars are now questioning whether this seed was more akin to a weed than a cultivated plant. Paula Gooder likens its nature to mint in swiftly spreading beyond the patch in which it was planted. Such a mustard seed has

a further disruptive quality about it in attracting ‘the birds of the air’, not usually great friends of the farmer and a term used in Jesus’ day of the Gentile nations.

Through the lens offered by this parable, praying ‘Your Kingdom come’ means to invite and welcome disruption; God’s Kingdom is neither neat nor predictable and once it takes root it may lead to a great deal of untidiness. We see this clearly with Jesus who was better known for attracting tax collectors and prostitutes than the reputable and respectable. And Jesus’ disciples experienced highly disruptive learning, discovering for themselves that transforming work of God which was both exhilarating and deeply disturbing.

If we are serious about creating connections with God, with each other, and with our communities; if by the grace of God we are to make disciples, grow leaders, and engage with younger generations; this will not come without disruption - in our church life and in our personal life. To pray the Lord’s Prayer with integrity requires you and me to invite and welcome God’s disruptive work among us. I wonder whether this month you would dare to ask the Spirit of God to do a disruptive but holy work in you and your church fellowship before you utter those words which begin, Our Father..?

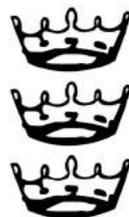
+Lee



*...er, if I could just tear you away from your mobile phones for a moment...*

# News from Bristol Diocese

## The Power of Praying for Friends



As part of ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, the Church of England is encouraging every Christian to pray for their friends who don’t yet know Jesus. Not just once in a while, but regularly –persevering with discipline, and with joy.

There was a great preacher called D.L. Moody who had a hundred friends who didn’t know Jesus. He prayed for them every day—and when one of them became a Christian he’d just tick their names off the list. By the time he died, 96 of those hundred had given their lives to Jesus. And at his funeral, the final four also became Christians.



D.L. Moody certainly set the bar high with his hundred friends. But just imagine if every Christian prayed for just five of their friends who don’t yet know Jesus. To help with this, special prayer bracelets are being given out. They are a piece of leather that you tie around your wrist, with a knot to remind you of each person you are holding in prayer.

To find out more about ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, and to order your bracelet, visit [www.thykingdom.co.uk](http://www.thykingdom.co.uk)

## Parish Share Proposals

Proposals for how Parish Share will work in the future are to be discussed and debated at May’s Diocesan Synod.

The Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance and Diocesan Synod will meet at Freshbrook Church in Swindon on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Bristol Diocese has prepared an information sheet to answer any commonly asked questions you may have about Parish Share:

<http://www.bristol.anglican.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Parish-Share-FAQ-2016-Final-v3.pdf>

# Marking Our Way



Anyone used to hiking and climbing mountains will be aware of cairns - collections of small stones heaped upon each other. Cairns are markers along a route and ensure that walkers don't head off in the wrong direction or succumb to danger.

Cairns have been used as trail markers for thousands of years, and exist not only on mountains but also on many kinds of terrain. They can vary in size from a low pile of pebbles to elaborate stone monuments and large sculptures. Sometimes they are specific landmarks or memorials to some historic event.

Cairns are mentioned in the Bible usually as 'memorial stones'. Jacob made a small mound at Bethel and Moses ordered a more decorative construction on Mount Ebal. These were markers so that people would remember the blessings God had given them in the past. Joshua's twelve stones at the River Jordan was a marker commemorating God's miraculous demonstration, and in generations to come it would make people stop and think about His almighty power.

Today, we have markers to remind us of God's provision and love and these are presented as the Liturgical Year. This consists of the cycle of seasons, feast days and celebrations of saints. Alongside these, some churches, use distinct liturgical colours to cover the altar as a visual reminder of a season or a day on the Christian Calendar.

Of course, not all churches use a liturgical calendar and perhaps miss out on seasons such as Lent, to spend some time for personal reflection and spiritual growth. We may not all observe Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day or Trinity Sunday, but in one way or another we all observe Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

In the Bible narrative, the Israelites and later the Jewish nation, were often forgetful of God's counsel and care. They needed visual markers of stones and their year of festivals to constantly remind them that God was always with them.

The principle is the same for us. We can be forgetful, neglectful and negligent of God as we go about our busy, daily lives. What then are our *personal* markers? What can we use to help us stay on the right path with Him? Let's identify *our* markers so we do not stray from God's guiding and protective hand.

## Elizabeth Sexton BEM



Congratulations to Elizabeth Sexton, on being presented with her British Empire Medal certificate by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire at Bowood on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016, for services to the community of Chippenham.

The citation read out at the presentation

mentioned her many years of service to The Friends of Chippenham Hospital, her service to politics, and her service at St Nicholas' Church Tytherton Lucas.



## TIME 2 LIVE

At Pewsham Community Centre

Have time for yourself

Chat over a cuppa

Meet with Your Community

Coffee, Tea, Cold Drinks, Biscuits

(Donations to Pewsham Community Centre)

May	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2-4 pm
	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 noon
June	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 noon
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2-4 pm
July	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 noon
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2-4 pm

# St Nicholas' Church

Tytherton Lucas



## Service Times at St Nicholas'

Care of the Church

1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00 am	Morning Service	Canon Brian Pettifer	Robbie Toomey
8 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jim Scott	Robbie Toomey
15 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Matins	Eryl Spencer	Petrina Drewett
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jeremy Bray	Petrina Drewett
29 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Rev. Rod Key	Petrina Drewitt

## All in the month of MAY

It was:-

100 years ago:- on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1916 that Albert Einstein's theory of General Relativity was published in the physics journal Annalen der Physik. It describes how space-time is affected by energy, gravity, matter and momentum.

90 years ago:- on 3<sup>rd</sup> May (to 13<sup>th</sup>) 1926 that the General Strike occurred in the UK. About 1.7 million workers went on strike in support of miners who faced pay cuts and worsening conditions. The strike was unsuccessful.

80 years ago:- on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1936 that British aviator Amy Johnson made the fastest-ever solo flight from Gravesend, England to Cape Town, South Africa.



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## **REGULAR EVENTS (contacts above)**

Sunday Club	Teaching/activities for Primary School children in the Hall, Sundays 9.50 am	
Choir Practice	Friday, 7.15 pm	
Bell ringing	Practice night: Wednesday evenings in the Tower	
Mothers' Union	First Thursday in month, 2.30 pm in the Hall	
Coffee Shop	Wednesdays 9.30 am—12.00 noon in St Andrew's Church	
Christian Meditation		
Group	Thursdays 7.30 pm at 2 Baydon's Lane	
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to book the Hall and church  
(for concerts and events etc.)

[bookings@standrewschippenham.org.uk](mailto:bookings@standrewschippenham.org.uk)

# Church Services

## at St Andrew's Parish Church

### Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday A Service for All ( *followed by a shortened Eucharist in the chancel at 11.15*)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Parish Eucharist  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday All Age Eucharist  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays Parish Eucharist  
(*Sunday Club - see Andy's & Nic's page*)
- 4.00 pm Andys@4 (A Service for All the Family, followed by refreshments - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
- 6.30 pm Blessing of the Light & Ministry of Healing  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month - see diary page)

### Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday

- 8.00 am Morning Prayer

### Thursday

- 8.30 am Holy Eucharist

## at St Nicholas' Church, Tytherton Lucas

### Sundays

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)
- 10.00 am Morning Service (1<sup>st</sup> Sundays)
- 10.00 am Matins (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)
- 3.00 pm Evensong (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Winter months)
- 6.30 pm Evensong (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Summer months)