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It's all very frustrating!

As we reach the End of April, our readings in church on Sundays have also pretty much reached the end of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. We've stood with Mary Magdalene outside the empty tomb, we've travelled the road to Emmaus, watched Thomas learn the truth and sat with the disciples on the lake shore eating fish with Jesus. And in every single one of these accounts, we have every right to feel extremely frustrated with the gospel writers. All four of them need a good talking to!



We're told each time that something prevented them (Mary, Cleopas, Thomas – the whole lot of them) from recognising Jesus. *But they don't tell us what that something was!* Why didn't they recognise him? Did he now have red hair or freckles, since his resurrection? Was he taller, shorter, chubbier than before? No one tells us!

All the accounts are full of fascinating details – just not the ones we would like to know. We know where the linen cloths were lying, we know how far Emmaus is from Jerusalem, we know how many fish the disciples caught – *but we don't know what Jesus looked like!*

I plan to take all four of them, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, to task about it when we meet. “Now look here!” I'll say, “it's just not good enough! We're very disappointed in you all.” (That's assuming that I gain a great deal of courage when I reach heaven). But I have a hunch that they'll just smile pityingly at my short-sightedness and explain:

“When you meet the risen Jesus, you can't begin to describe what he looks like because it's not about his face or hair colour or even his eyes. It's about the fire that burns within you when you see him, and when that happens, you can hardly even recall what he looked like, you just know you are in the presence of God's victorious love. When it happens to you, you'll understand”

And, actually, I think I do.

Rod



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A WellBoring well at Bungu Kokwach School



Canon David Winter: The Way I See It : Telling the Time

I was having a little button problem with the ATM. A message appeared on the screen. ‘Would you like more time?’ I clicked the ‘yes’ button, eventually collected my cash, and spent the rest of the afternoon thinking

about that profound question. Well, would I? As an elderly man, do I really want *more* time, or am I content to face the fact that time is the raw material of our lives and eventually it runs out?

We exist within a framework of time: days, weeks, months, years. We can’t imagine life without it, and yet God, the Creator, is eternal, He simply and gloriously *exists*. That’s his Name – ‘I AM’. So if the end of time for us is to be with him, will we at last be free from its tyranny?

Most of my working life was dominated by time, so that seems a pleasant prospect. But in an unpredictable world our hearts break for those who lose a child or who die as we say ‘prematurely’. Sometimes those of us of riper years feel a kind of guilt: why not us? Thankfully, age will not be an issue in heaven. God doesn’t grow old. There will be no more dying, young or old. Like Him, we shall just sublimely *be*.

All of that, of course, is a matter of faith, and may seem irrelevant to those whose immediate concern is living in the here and now. But time simply ticks on, and one day that question may arise: Would you like more time? It’s easy to answer when life is full of promise, or as yet unfulfilled goals. It’s not quite so simple when early onset decrepitude threatens. For me, every hour of life is a gift of God, so it’s still the ‘yes’ button until a wiser hand intervenes: ‘your time is up’.

Don’t like having an injection?

Here’s a tip: try coughing to minimise any pain you might feel. Researchers have found that jabs often cause less discomfort if you cough just as the needle pierces your skin. Hope it works for you!



How can we change the world?

Since forming WellBoring in 2011, our Chippenham-based charity has brought clean water to more than 40-rural African schools, usually in the form of a well with a simple hand-pump. This work has already transformed the lives of some 40,000 people, about the population of Chippenham.



What's the problem? Some 10 million Kenyans lack access to a reliable supply of clean water. Imagine that instead of having ready access to clean water, we had to go to the Avon each day. On a good day, we might be OK, on a bad day, we would get sick. Perhaps the most surprising thing is that this problem can be fixed. In most places, enough rain falls from the sky to replenish a healthy level of water underground, and this can be reached by drilling a borehole.

We place all our wells in schools, because children are most susceptible to water-borne diseases, resulting in over 80,000 deaths of Kenyan children per year. We work with the local Head Teachers and Chairs of Boards of Management and train them in well maintenance.

Each well changes lives immediately. Non-attendance at schools falls from over 20% to close to zero. In a 500 pupil school, this means another 100 children at school. Taking our 42 schools as a whole, this means 4,000 more children at school every school day. Enrolment increases, academic performance goes up, the teachers are hydrated, and water is agree with the community. Some schools are starting kitchen gardens.

Our immediate goal is to get clean water to 100 schools, and we hope to accomplish this sometime in 2020. At that point WellBoring will have brought clean water to 100,000 people, which means we will have successfully addressed, in terms of providing clean water, about 1% of

Kenya's water problem. All being well, a life-changing WellBoring first decade.

How is WellBoring funded? By individuals who attend events like the Sing Out Concert at St Andrew's during the WellBoring Weekend of [12-13 May](#). By people who make donations, sometimes giving the £3,500 it cost to fund a well. And we are starting into legacies.

An easy way to start is simply to join WellBoring. It will cost you £3 a month, which is what it takes to supply one person with clean water for the life of a well, which can be decades, and you can do so at [WellBoring.org](#). And if you would like to help us start our first project in Uganda, at Bukatabira School, you can donate at [WellBoring.org](#) today.

Together, we can change the world.

Nigel Linacre
co-founder, nigel@wellboring.org

COATES FLORIST

A little late, but the MU committee members would like to acknowledge the generous donation from Coates Florist of the 200 daffodils that they supplied for the Mothers' Day posies in March. We were able to create 100 posies for distribution.



Crossword Answers
(Based on NIV)

ACROSS:
1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incline. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

DOWN:
2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Op-portunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hin-du. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Forthcoming Events

Thursday May 3rd, 2.30pm

Lady Chapel, St. Andrew's Church

Debbie Beatson will speak about

**'Collective Legal Solutions
concerning Tax and Care'**

All are welcome to attend as it is an open MU meeting.

Andy & Nic's Page



Andy's @ 4

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

May 6th

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

For more information phone

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What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is a very special time in the Bible when the disciples and other Christians received the Holy Spirit.



God didn't just pick any day for this to happen. Like everything God does, he has a specific time, purpose and reason for it and Pentecost is no exception. Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter. Just before Jesus was taken up to heaven he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and they'd be his witnesses in the whole world (**Acts 1:8**). Even more, he told them much earlier that the counselor (or Holy Spirit) would be sent by the Father, that He would teach them all things and remind them of everything he said to them (**John 14:26**).

So, the Holy Spirit is super helpful to us! He becomes a part of us when we become a Christian and understand that Jesus died and rose for us. When we're ready to try to live a life pleasing to God the Holy Spirit becomes part of us so we have a part of God with us all the time.

PENTECOST WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the grid below:

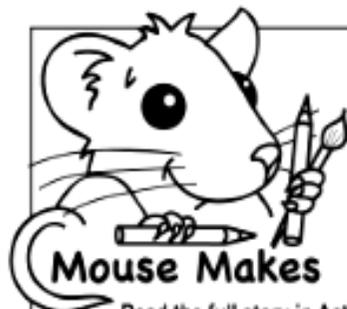
- PENTECOST FILLED HEAR
- HOUSE HEAVEN FIRE TONGUES
- LANGUAGE DAY HOLY SOUND
- SPIRIT WIND OTHER SPEAK

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Sunday Club Diary

6th May

20th May



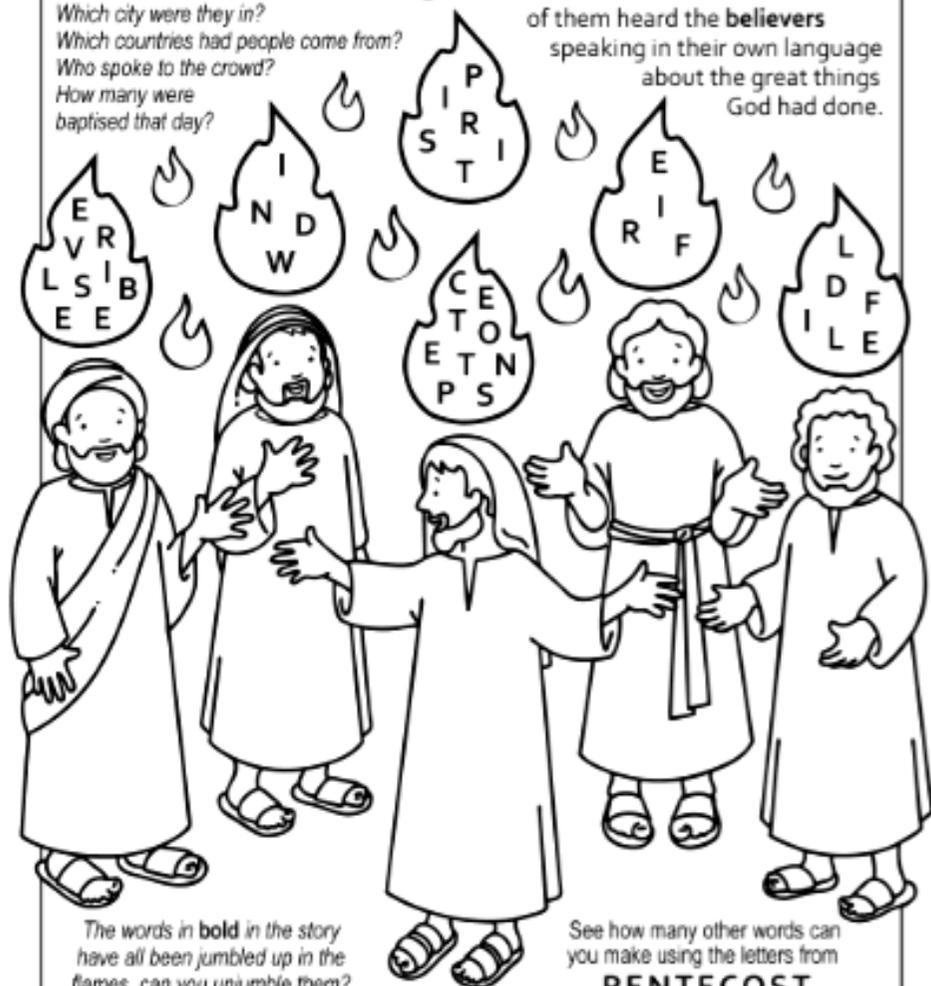
Mouse Makes

Read the full story in Acts 2

Which city were they in?
Which countries had people come from?
Who spoke to the crowd?
How many were baptised that day?

It was the festival of **Pentecost** and 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 flames of **fire** which spread out and touched each person. They were all **filled** with the Holy **Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

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



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

See how many other words can you make using the letters from **PENTECOST**

BOOK CORNER

Reimagining Britain – Foundations for Hope By Justin Welby, Continuum, £14.27

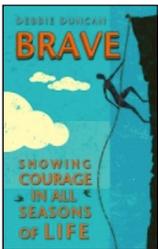


In a time of political turbulence, and as the Welfare State totters under the strain in a country that has changed dramatically since 1945, Archbishop Justin Welby sets out to identify the values that will enable us to reimagine, and to enact, a more hopeful future.

The thesis is that the work of reimagining is as great as it was in 1945, and will happen either by accident – and thus badly – or deliberately. The author draws on Britain's history and Christian tradition to identify this country's foundational values, and the building blocks necessary to implement them in a post-Brexit, multicultural society.

He explores the areas in which values are translated into action, including the traditional three of recent history: health (especially public, and mental), housing and education. To these he adds family; the environment; economics and finance; peacebuilding and overseas development; immigration; and integration. He looks particularly at the role of faith groups in enabling, and contributing to, a fairer future.

When so many are immobilised by political turmoil, this book builds on our past to offer hope for the future, and practical ways of achieving a more equitable society.



Brave – showing courage in all seasons of life By Debbie Duncan, Monarch, £7.99

Hollywood's definition of bravery often centres on superheroes and death-defying feats, and the Bible also includes acts of incredible courage. However, these examples can often feel far from our day-to-day lives.

In *Brave*, Debbie Duncan assures us that God's definition of courage is not limited to liberating a nation like Moses or fighting a giant like David. Indeed, facing everyday situations requires bravery. Perhaps you're facing redundancy, ill health, or strife in your family. Giving examples from her personal life, Debbie takes us on a journey that will help us endure the challenges that come our way with our heads held high.

Understanding what real-life bravery looks like will encourage you to step out of the boat like Peter, or simply to get out of bed when you're struggling. *Brave* will help to reassure you that God is with you in every season of life, and that you are braver than you think!

ANNUAL HERITAGE LECTURE

Chippenham Civic Society

'Mills and Manors of Chippenham'

Professor Richard Hoyle

7.30 pm

19th June 2018

St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham

Use it or lose it!

If you are retired, or about to retire, beware: brain function declines rapidly as soon as people stop work and decide to put their feet up. Recent research that tracked 3,400 retired civil servants found that short-term memory declined nearly 40 per cent faster once employees become pensioners. It seems that when you stop being regularly stimulated to think, your cognitive function slows down, and your memory loss and risk of dementia speed up.

And so, experts at University College London and King's College London advise older people to keep physically and mentally active, and to make sure they also interact with people on a regular basis.



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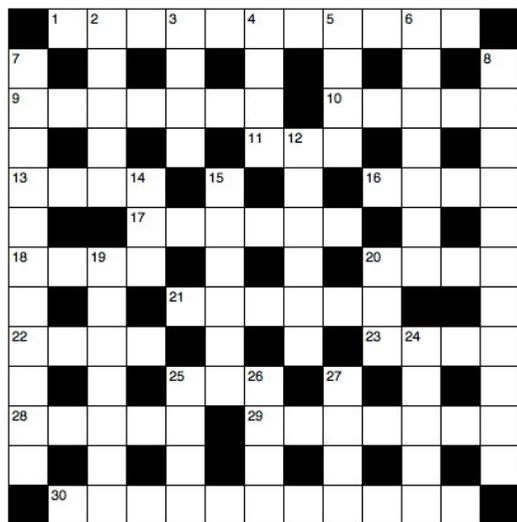
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May Crossword



Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 2:27) (5)
 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)
 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
 25 Has (anag.) (3)

- 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth,— sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on—!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)
 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
 25 'Give to everyone who— you' (Luke 6:30) (4)
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

Answers on Page 7

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism



4th March Oliver James M^cCarthy

'Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you'

Romans 15.7

Christian Burial and Cremation

15th March Frederick John Dauncey

'I am the resurrection and the life'

St John 11.25

First Communion

We were delighted that

Jacob Tiner Thomas Bury
Verity Sivewright Andrew Bury

were admitted to Communion on Easter Day, 1st April

Best wishes to them all

'This is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me'

Luke 22:19



Christians from East and West working with one purpose

A representative from SAT7 will be preaching
at

10.00am Eucharist Service
St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham

Sunday 24th June 2018

SAT7's mission is to provide the churches and Christians in the Middle East and North Africa an opportunity to witness Jesus Christ through inspirational, informative, and educational television services

Diary for May

Sunday 29 Apr *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
- 10.00 am All Age Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church
- 6.30 pm Young Musicians Concert, St. Andrew's Church

Sunday 6 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
- 10.00 am All Age Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church

Thursday 10 *Ascension Day*

Saturday 12 7.30 pm Well Boring Concert, St. Andrew's Church

Sunday 13 *Sunday after Ascension Day*

- 8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church
- 4.00 pm Andys@4, St. Andrew's Church

Friday 18 7.30 pm 'The Importance of Being Earnest', St. Andrew's Church

Sunday 20 *Pentecost*

- 8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
- 10.00 am Family Worship, St. Andrew's Church
- 11.15 am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's Church
- 6.30 pm Ministry of Healing, St. Andrew's Church

Saturday 26 10.00 am All Day Coffee Shop, St. Andrew's Church

Sunday 27 *Trinity Sunday*

- 8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church

St Andrew's 100 Club

**The winning numbers in April
were 8 (£100) 19 (£40) 18 (£25)**

The next draw will be on
Wednesday 2nd May
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Margaret Harrison (01249 652148)

St. Andrew's Coffee Shop



*Wednesday Mornings
from 9.30 a.m. in Church*

Talk, Friendship, Refreshment



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Diary of a Momentous Year: April 1918:

Not just canon fodder

If, like me, you wonder how on earth people coped with the sheer horror of the carnage on the battlefields of the First World War, two pieces of writing suggest an answer. One, the poem 'For the Fallen', I wrote about last month. In this article I would like to consider

the poem, subsequently an enormously popular hymn, 'O Valiant Hearts'. It was written by John Stanhope Arkwright and published in a collection of his work in 1919. It seems to me to reflect tellingly the emotional response of a nation in deepest mourning for half a generation of young men.

Its best known tune is by Charles Harris. It was my father's favourite hymn, sung every Remembrance Sunday. But I can remember our new young vicar, fresh from service as an army chaplain in the nineteen-forties, explaining that we would not be singing it again. It confused, he explained, two entirely different things, the sacrifice of so many soldiers' lives in war with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. The heart of the problem was verse 4, which directly compared the two acts of sacrifice. On the cross 'in the frailty of our human clay/ Christ our Redeemer passed the self-same way'. It is seldom sung now, but I noticed the tune was played by the military band at last Autumn's Festival of Remembrance.

I have rediscovered it while researching these articles. It is a beautiful hymn, full of passion, grief and hope. Whatever its theological naivety, it offered enormous comfort to a generation reeling from the ghastly slaughter of a war which brought bereavement to virtually every family in Britain. The hymn told them what they needed to hear, that their loved ones were not victims of a senseless conflict; their lives and deaths had meaning and a spiritual dignity. Perhaps once a year we should get it out and read it through their eyes.

Canon David Winter

What makes your heart sing?

Revd Trudie Wigley, Priest-in-Charge of Dorcan, Swindon, considers the outrageous love of our God

The buzzer goes. The chair spins round. The judge sees for the first time the person whose voice has captured their heart. ‘I want you!’ For the singer it’s their dream moment of recognition, and the opportunity to be coached by a famous star. Of course, it is not quite as straightforward as that - this is after all “The Voice”, one of those reality television



competitions - but at least there is the attempt to strip away some of the glossy showbiz razzmatazz. It focuses on the music which has an incredible power to stir emotion, as Hans Christian Anderson said “Where words fail, music speaks”. This competition is not about the looks, gender or glitzy outfits, it is about focusing on the singing and stirring of the heart enough for a voice coach to turn and say “I want you!”

The outrageous love of our God is that we don’t have to persuade him to say “I want you”. Indeed God’s chair is already turned towards us and his team has room for everyone! God’s heart is already stirred in his love for us yet he want to hear the music of our heart. He looks past the fronts we pose to the world, instead listening intently to the music of our hearts for a love which recognises God as the source of all love and goodness, and which wants to reflect thast love. I wonder does your heart sing for him?

In the time of lent and Easter we have journeyed again throufh the story of God’s love shown through Jesus. It is a true story of God unwaveringly turned towards the world and saying “I want you”. So whether for the first time or in a renewal of love, will your heart sing for him?

“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything” Ephesians 5:19b-20

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NOTICE BOARD

Walking those extra miles

As we move into these delicious days of early summer - the trees laden with blossom, the air full of birdsong - many of us may be tempted to walk a little more. Some of us may be preparing for the annual Christian Aid sponsored walk (this year in aid of Haiti) with its beautiful route up to Maud Heath's monument, or perhaps be signing up to pace the local streets delivering and collecting Christian Aid donation envelopes.

One of the things I admire so much about Traidcraft is that it is at once a business (Traidcraft plc) and a charity (Traidcraft Exchange). While Traidcraft plc is responsible for setting up and maintaining fair trading relationships with its many skilled producers across Asia, Latin America and Africa, Traidcraft Exchange is the body which does the groundwork, seeks out the most vulnerable producers in the most remote areas, offering support and advice, walking hand in hand with them on their journey: extra miles par excellence!

Traidcraft Exchange's 2018 appeal - launched in January - has borne the name Hidden Entrepreneur and, as the name suggests, it's focused on precisely these kinds of producers: producers in Kenya, Senegal and Bangladesh who have talent, ingenuity and determination in abundance but who lack opportunity simply because of where they live.

The good news is that your ongoing support of the Traidcraft stall at St Andrew's has enabled us as a church to contribute to this appeal. By way of a Millennium Pledge we send 10% of our annual purchase total back to Traidcraft Exchange and this year that amounts to an amazing £340. Better still, in fact, the UK government has promised to

match all donations made by mid April, so we're actually talking £680 to unlock a brighter future for these hard-working but struggling producers by offering support in such areas as: the introduction of new, hardier crop varieties, crop rotation, better ways of conserving water, ways of adapting to changing weather patterns. My heartfelt thanks then, as always, for all your purchases and encouragement.



In turn, some of these hidden entrepreneurs have sent some messages to encourage us in our walk of solidarity:

I want to leave something that can give my grandchildren a better life. Providing for my family is what motivates me the most.

Charles Njiru Mwathi

At first, people were not understanding why we were farming this land. They idled whilst we worked. But now we are succeeding and they see it is possible.

Julia Muthoni

I hope that my family is able to eat well without struggling like we do now. I want my children to get a good education and go to university.

Titus Nzano

As a final 'footnote', should you feel the need for some extra comfort in your walks, I shall be offering an attractive range of fair trade bamboo-mix socks on the Traidcraft stall; the

sustainably-grown breathable bamboo makes for an extremely soft sock which is warm in winter and cool in summer. And each pair purchased (at a mere £5.90) will mean, of course, a donation of 59p towards Traidcraft Exchange's next appeal.

Happy walking and God bless!

Debbie Warren

CHRISTIAN AID WALK: MAY 12th 2018

"AFTER THE HURRICANE: HIKE FOR HAITI"

Yes - you've guessed- the theme for this year's Christian Aid sponsored walk and cycle ride is Haiti. As you will recall, Haiti has suffered greatly in recent times. Its tribulations range from being ruled by Papa



Doc Duvalier who used brutality, fear and superstition to control the population to the destruction caused in the last 20 years by at least 12 hurricanes, an earthquake and a cholera epidemic.

This is your chance to help the Haitians by joining our annual excursion to Maud Heath's monument, by any non-powered means. So why not put the date in your diary and join us for a convivial day out in the country, finishing with a good lunch and by doing so, help a people who have endured so much.

If you would like full details and have not received them yet, then contact me on rspencer321@btinternet.com or call 01249 651565 or 075 5499 5441

See you on the 12th at St Pauls Hall at 9 am for a 9.30 am start!

Dick Spencer`

***Autumn Fayre Expenses
Coffee Morning
will be held in Church on
SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 2018***

10 AM – 12 NOON

Raffle, Bring & Buy, Bric-a-brac, cake stall etc

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

***Autumn Fayre will be held on
Saturday 13th October 2018***

National Doughnut Week 12th – 19th May

Eat some doughnuts – and help raise money to help desperately ill children through the Children's Trust.

That is the aim of National Doughnut Week, and this year you will find about 600 participating bakeries, cafes and



shops,
all over

the country. There you can choose from all sorts of doughnuts with various toppings and fillings.

Through the support of these bakeries, cafes and shops, National Doughnut Week has raised more than £755,000 in the past 23 years for children's charities. And it is hoped that at

least £30,000 will be raised to make this the best year ever.

The Children's Trust is a national charity working with children who have multiple disabilities and complex health needs.



A Letter from Uncle Eustace

On church towers, rock cakes, scaffolding and the merits of confirming bats

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

We are finally about to start repairing our medieval church tower. Would that we still paid medieval prices for having it done; there would be a degree of satisfaction in giving the builders a hogshead of ale and 10 sheep once the work was completed. I would even be prepared to throw in an Indulgence, sparing them 100 days in purgatory (the architect probably claiming 15% of them for himself).

After several endless jumble sales, coffee mornings – where we were obliged to eat Mrs Jarvis's rock cakes (many of us would have been happier to make a substantial donation to the fund provided we didn't have to eat them) – sponsored events (Mr Peat has yet to return, five years late, from his sponsored cycle ride across the Sahara – but fortunately, we had his sponsor money collected before he departed) and a substantial loan from the bank that makes the National Debt seem trivial (and has the same probability of being repaid), we are now able to begin. The only sponsored event I regretted not having was paying to have Lady Trotter remain silent for a month. Even sponsoring her to keep quiet for half an hour would have been pleasant.

We received a substantial donation from a local manufacturer. It was suggested that as a sign of appreciation we advertise their products from the top of the tower – until it was gently pointed out that they produce nuclear warheads. I would have had no objection; knowing that council members possessed tactical nuclear weapons would make discussion at meetings rather brisker.

Scaffolding has now been erected around the tower, with the first 20 feet covered in sheet metal in order to stop the Young Farmers, after refreshing themselves at their Tuesday meetings in the pub, from trying to see who could be the first to reach the top. Personally, I suspect it is to stop the more athletic members of the Ladies' Guild from attempting the same feat. 80-year-olds these days can have fearsome energy and determination.

Fulfilling current safety regulations, there is now a security cordon around the tower of approximately 10 square miles. “Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone”? These days, a dashed foot would involve court proceedings and damages of several million pounds. Inside the church, the organ has had to be covered in polythene sheeting in order to protect it. Parish relations were somewhat strained last week when our deputy organist, Mrs Ffrench, while playing for Even-song, overheard me refer to the large bag on the organ and got quite the wrong impression.

The greatest inconvenience will be caused to our population of bats, but if it dissuades them from flying into church so much the better. The only other possibility is to get them all confirmed; we will then never see them inside church again.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Some miscellaneous one-liners ...

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

The Church: under the same management for over 2000 years.

Soul food served here.

Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.

Satan subtracts and divides. God adds and multiplies.

What he lacked in depth as a preacher he made up for in length.

Mark Twain

Was Noah's wife called Joan of Ark?

Lead me not into temptation. I can find it myself.

The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.



**ALL DAY COFFEE SHOP AT ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH
MARKET PLACE, CHIPPENHAM
FOR THE FOLK FESTIVAL**

ON SAT 26TH MAY 2018 10 AM – 5 PM

**Tea, Coffee, Cakes,
Light Lunches (Soup, Salads)
Teas**

**(The All day Coffee Shop is to raise funds for St.
Andrew's Church)**

**Volunteers required to serve tea/coffee/
refreshments: If you can help, please see Dorryta
(Tel. 653322) & add your name to the list at the
back of church.**

St Nicholas' Church

Tytherton Lucas



Service Times at St Nicholas'

Care of the Church

6 th	May	10.00 am	Morning Service	Margaret Gubbins	Mary Hobbs
13 th	May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. R. Key	Mary Hobbs
20 th	May	10.00 am	Matins	Rev. D. Copeland	Pat Holtham
27 th	May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. R. Key	Pat Holtham

All in the month of May

It was:

- 400 years ago, on 23rd May 1618, that the Thirty Years' War (Central Europe, mainly present-day Germany) began. One of the longest and most destructive conflicts in European history. Millions of people were killed. Finally ended on 15th May 1648.
- 200 years ago, on 4th May 1818 that Britain and the Netherlands signed a treaty on the prevention of the slave trade.
- 150 years ago, on 26th May 1868 that the last public execution in England took place. Irish nationalist Michael Barrett was hanged at Newgate for his role in the Clerkenwell explosion in London in December 1867, in which 12 people were killed.
- 75 years ago, on 16th & 17th May 1943 that the Dambusters Raid took place. Britain's RAF launched Operation Chastise, deploying bouncing bombs to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, causing catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.
- 70 years ago, on 14th May 1948 that Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end.

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REGULAR EVENTS (contacts above)

Choir Practice	Friday, 7.30 pm	
Bell ringing	Practice night: Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Tower	
Mothers' Union	First Thursday in month, 2.30 pm in St. Andrew's Lady Chapel	
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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Mondays, 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

to make arrangements for
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to book the Hall and church
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Church Services

at St Andrew's Parish Church

Sundays

- 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.00 am 1st Sunday All Age Eucharist (*with baptisms*)
2nd Sunday Parish Eucharist
3rd Sunday Family Worship (*followed by a shortened Eucharist in the chancel at 11.15*)
4th & 5th 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 - 2nd Sunday*)
- 6.30 pm Sung Evensong, Ministry of Healing and Celtic Service
(*3rd Sunday of the month, in 3 month rotation - 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 (*2nd & 4th Sundays*)
- 10.00 am Morning Service (*1st Sundays*)
- 10.00 am Matins (*3rd Sundays*)
- 3.00 pm Evensong (*5th Sunday – Winter months*)
- 6.30 pm Evensong (*5th Sunday – Summer months*)