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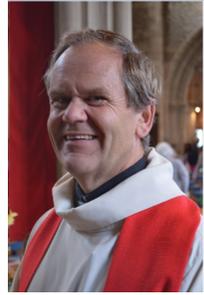
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Sunday 30th September: “Come and See Sunday” *what is it all about?*



“Back to Church Sunday” has been around for over 20 years now, and it’s been a remarkably successful invitation, based on the conviction that there are a fair number of people in any community that have a feeling at the back of their mind that they’d like to go to church one day. We’re using the same idea this year, but calling it “Come & See Sunday” so as not to seem to only be aimed at people who used to go to church in the past.

For someone who might like to give church a try, there are so many anxieties that can get in the way: “Will I know anyone?” “Will they make me feel uncomfortable for not coming before?” “Will it all seem strange and hard to understand?” “No one has invited me.” “Will they pressurise me to come each week?” And I’m sure there are plenty more to add to that list. It’s not at all easy to step through the door of a church for the first time – and many people would like to, but never quite make it.

“Come and See Sunday” is designed to put those fears to rest. It’s a normal Sunday service at St Andrew’s – our Harvest Festival in fact – where we’ll do our best to explain everything that happens, won’t make anyone feel uncomfortable or out of place, but will simply offer a friendly welcome, a relaxed service and the chance for anyone to “come and see” if it’s an experience that helps them come close to God.

There are many people who have valued church in the past but stopped attending for various reasons and never found their way back. There are even more people who have never had any experience of church and base their opinion of it on the caricatures they see on telly. I wouldn’t go to church if it was as awful as that!

But most of all, people respond to *being invited*. So that’s where our regular congregation comes in! Is there someone – a friend or neighbour – that you might invite to come with you on 30th September? There will be invitation cards available in church from the beginning of September. Or could you put some leaflets through doors in your area? We’d like to deliver at least a thousand invitations to “Come and See”

– simply offering a chance to see what church is like without any pressure or expectations.

The Christian faith began with a simple invitation – “Come and follow me” – and it could be that someone you invite could find “Come and See Sunday” an experience that they’ll value forever.

Best wishes,
Rod

Recommendations for England's Cathedrals welcomed

Widespread support has been received for ideas recently set out by the Church of England to ensure the future of England’s Cathedrals. At the heart is the retention of Chapter as the governing body of a cathedral, but with changes in its composition. The aim is to ensure a majority of non-executive members are present, so that its governance responsibilities are carried out effectively. Cathedrals are also advised to establish a separate senior executive team who will oversee day-to-day cathedral operations.

The Group’s final report, containing comprehensive governance and financial management recommendations, was debated by General Synod in July. The majority of changes are expected to be implemented over the next three years, with legislative changes to the Cathedrals Measure expected to be introduced in February 2019.

What must we do? (Jn6:28-29)

Rushing,
serving on this committee or that,
attending courses, meeting to
pray,
committed to study
and give thanks for each day.
Trying so hard,
trying so hard,
longing to get it right for you,
Lord.
How can we know what we must
do?

*Stop trying,
stop doing,
stop stressing.
Be still and believe.*

The whole work of God
is to believe in the one He has
sent,
then thoughts, words and actions
will be the natural fruit of that
believing-work.

Believe in Jesus –
That’s it!

By Daphne Kitching

St Andrew’s 100 Club

**The winning numbers in July
were 36 (£100) 34 (£40) 2 (£25)**

The next draw will be on
Sunday 12th August
St Andrew’s Parish Eucharist
Margaret Harrison (01249 652148)

News from St. Andrew's PCC

(Parochial Church Council)

May 2018



1) Election of officers:

Vice Chairman – Norman Fox,

Treasurer – Chris Norris,

Secretary – Becky Harding.

2) Fees for parking in the churchyard were discussed.

3) A revised Safeguarding Policy was agreed

'Named person' - Elizabeth Blum,

Policies – Daphne Jefferies,

DBS checks – Sue Key.

(Note – a hard copy of this policy is available if desired).

4) Agreed Angela Sammes becomes a Chalice Administrator

5) Arrangement for the 'Quiet Day' (12th July) were noted. A weekend retreat in 2019 was discussed.

6) Setting up a group to discuss ways to engage people beyond the church congregation was debated and the composition of a 'Communications Committee' was agreed.

7) Hall refurbishment progressing – increased car parking to be considered.

8) Discussions with the Arch Deacon and the DAC regarding the faculty for the Memorial Garden were continuing.

Daphne Jefferies

Elephants

Sign spotted in a safari park: *Elephants, please stay in your car.*



**Canon David Winter:
The Way I See It :
‘Rating the Experience’**

‘How did we do?’ (on a scale of one to ten, where ‘ten’ is excellent and ‘one’ is poor?)

‘Would you recommend us to your friends?’

You can hardly buy anything now, or make use of a service, without an email popping up asking such questions.

Some go further into detail about delivery, courtesy or satisfaction with the ‘experience’, as they call it. Frankly, buying a hand towel is not an ‘experience’ for me but an everyday transaction, but perhaps some people get a kick out of it. Obviously enough of them fill them in to make it worthwhile, but it begs the question why do they want to know how we ‘feel’? It’s surely not a need to be loved and admired ; and fairly sure it’s not really about improving the service.

Basically, they are gathering material for their PR team and their advertising agency. It will all be used online or in advertisements. ‘90% of our customers rate our service ‘very good’ or ‘good’. 86% of people using our face cream found it ‘helpful’ or ‘very helpful’. Of course, one wonders what the other 16 % said. ‘It gave me a nasty rash?’ ‘My skin was dry for weeks?’ Of course, we shall never know.

This continual request for ‘feedback’ is a relatively recent development, which has spread to doctors’ practices, hospitals and charities. Soon, perhaps, your church will start doing it. ‘How did we do? Did you like the hymns? Were you made welcome? Rate the sermon on a scale of one to ten, where ‘ten’ is spell-binding, and ‘one’ is incomprehensible. Actually, there could just be the germ of a good idea there!



Slow

A curate consistently arrived late for work until his long-suffering vicar asked him what was wrong.

My problem,’ explained the curate, ‘is that I sleep very slowly.’



Arts and Cultural Events Group re-launched in Chippenham

On 5th July the Arts and Cultural Events Group (ACE) for Chippenham was officially re-launched at a reception held in the Jubilee building.

ACE is a group for anyone interested

in the Chippenham Arts and Culture scene, amateur or professional. The aim is to organise a monthly ACE group Culture café, and to organise some useful training events to go alongside these meetings.

A smaller group of Arts professionals - the Chippenham Arts Team (ChAT) will also meet regularly to discuss ideas for improving the arts scene in Chippenham. Their preliminary discussions have confirmed a lot of what we already know - collaboration and marketing is the priority for most people, alongside more events for the 16-30 age group.

This group provides a good opportunity for St. Andrew's to promote itself as a venue for events within the Arts community.

The Borough Lands charity have now financed a new role of an Education and Arts Co-ordinator, which has been filled by Laura Graham-May, who will be organising the re-launch of ACE and ChAT.

They have a Facebook group, Chippenham Art, Culture and Events Group, to which members can upload their events.

Jenny Norris

Ken Harrison (a Postscript)

With the introduction of the Memorial Garden (for cremated remains) in the Churchyard, Ken's family decided that a portion of his ashes should be kept and interred there. We are delighted that he will be remembered, not only on the South Coast where he spent such happy times, but also closer to home in St Andrew's Churchyard, another place where he gave and received so much.

Margaret Harrison



Dominic - the saint who believed in learning

If you enjoy reading the Bible and in encouraging others to have faith in God, then Dominic is the patron saint for you. His passion for helping Christians to learn and proclaim their faith led him to found the Order of Preachers, or Black Friars, because of the black cape they wore over white habits.

Dominic was born in Castile in 1170. Becoming an Austin canon of Osma cathedral, Dominic spent seven years as a priest, devoted to prayer and penance. In 1201 he became sub-prior to his community.

In 1208 the Papal Legate was murdered which sparked a crusade or 'holy war' against the Albigensian heretics. Dominic worked for reconciliation, refusing to join in the violence and massacres against them. Instead he used instruction and prayer to

Andy's @ 4

No Meeting in August

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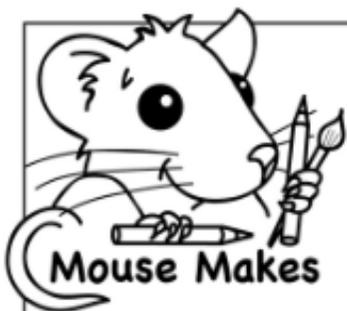
woo the heretics back, which led to him playing a leading role in founding Toulouse University. That became the foundation for his work in establishing the Friars Preachers at Toulouse in 1215, which occupied the last seven years of his life. Dominic's 'order' provided communities of sacred learning, with monks devoted to study, teaching and preaching as well as the usual prayer. He believed monks should do more than just commune with God; they should proclaim God's love to others. Dominic was an excellent organiser, and soon his order spread rapidly all over Italy, Spain and France.

Sunday Club Diary

No Sunday Club in August

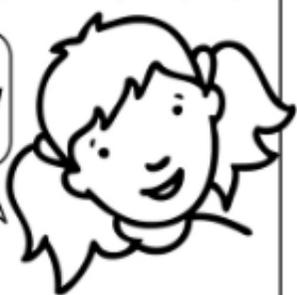
Next meeting

9th September



What do you say when you pray?

When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God



When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me



I pray for my **FAMILY** and my **FRIENDS**



I pray The Lord's Prayer from *Matthew 6:9-13*



PATER NOSTER is Latin for 'Our Father'
How many other words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER** ?
Here are two to start you off
SON **PEAS**
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.....
.....
.....



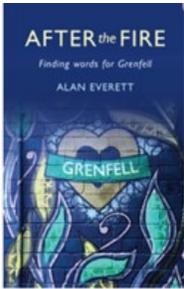
When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask Him to help me

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!



What do you pray to God about?

BOOK CORNER



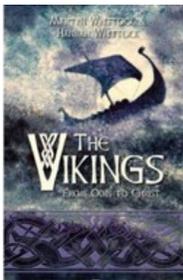
After the Fire - finding words for Grenfell



By Alan Everett, Canterbury Press, £12.99

In the immediate aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire, the local parish church became a focal point of the relief effort, and a gathering place for a traumatised community. Subsequently, it worked closely with other community and faith groups to provide a compassionate network of support. In this bold challenge, Alan Everett shows that the church's response was possible only because it had opened its doors long ago, building relationships with the most marginalised in the community.

Through gripping reportage and searching theological reflection, *After the Fire* demonstrates how parish ministry can be a living symbol of God's love, and a vital sign of hope.



The Vikings - From Odin to Christ - The forgotten story of the 'Christian Vikings'

By Martyn and Hannah Whittock, LionHudson, £9.99

We are all familiar with the fierce pagan warriors that burst out of Scandinavia, plundering, ravaging and shedding blood wherever they went. A lesser-known fact about these infamous pillagers is that the majority converted to Christianity in the centuries that followed.

In England, children of the Vikings who had martyred the Christian king of East Anglia minted coins extolling his holiness. In Normandy, the pagans became loyal supporters of the Catholic Church. In the east the former raiders founded the first Russian state and converted to Orthodox Christianity. Martyn and Hannah Whittock suggest that the Vikings had as much impact as converts as they did as deadly marauders. So how and why did this radical transformation happen, and what is their legacy today?

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring various autumn-themed illustrations: leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown, acorns, and pumpkins. The background is a light green with vertical stripes.

AUTUMN FAYRE

Sat 13th October 2018

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GRAND DRAW

(Winners announced at 1.30 pm)

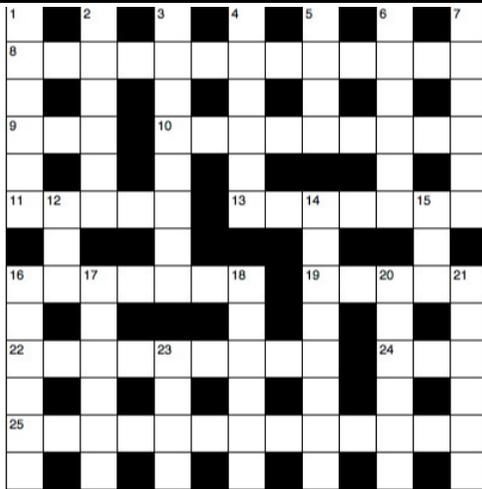
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August Crossword



- 1 I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings 12:11) (8)
 4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
 5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
 6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
 12 Run(anag.)(3)
 14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
 15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm 12:4) (3)

Across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
 10 Single(1Corinthians 7:27)(9)
 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
 13 Treachery(2Kings 11:14)(7)
 16 Of India(anag.)(2,3,2)
 19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
 22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)
 24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
 25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord;

- 16 Earnings(1Corinthians 16:2)(6)
 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that — you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)
 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)
 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel 11:4)(6)
 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)
 23 This month(abbrev.)(4)

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism



3rd June Mila Pope

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

Romans 15.7

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



Sunday, 17th June 2018

1280 Rutland Surprise Major

1 Morley Bray
2 Dave Orledge
3 Sara Bye
4 Richard Iles

5 Jenny Hancock
6 Richard Gray
7 Ruth Beavin
8 Julian Ferrar ©

For evening service

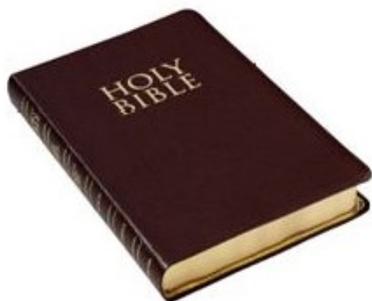
When children write to their minister:

Dear Mr Minister...'

- I know God loves everybody but then he never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.
- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.
- My father should be a minister too. Every day he gives me a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, age 11.
- I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10.
- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.

Diary for August

Sunday 5	<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church	10.00 am All Age Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church	
Monday 6		1.30 pm Art Group, St. Andrew's Church		
Saturday 11		10.00 am Children's Society Coffee morning, St. Andrew's Church		
Sunday 12	<i>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church	10.00 am Parish Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church	
Monday 13		1.30 pm Art Group, St. Andrew's Church		
Wednesday 15	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Sunday 19	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>	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
Monday 20		1.30 pm Art Group, St. Andrew's Church		
Friday 24	<i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>			
Sunday 26	<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00 am Said Eucharist, traditional language, St. Andrew's Church	10.00 am Parish Eucharist, St. Andrew's Church	



Help in choosing a Bible

How do you choose a new Bible among all the translations available?

If you have ever wondered what the differences are, and which translation is best for you, you may find a new guide produced by Bi-

ble Society to be of use.

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THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Diary of a Momentous Year: August 1918:

The Battle of Amiens

Many historians of the First World War consider that two battles in the summer of 1918 were the final turning points in the eventual outcome of the war and of the settlement which followed it.

The second Battle of Marne was in July, and the even more significant Battle of Amiens was in August, exactly a century ago this month. The Germans had launched an attack in the Amiens area, a strategic target in northern France near the Belgian border. The Allies were ready for it and responded with devastating force. Hundreds of tanks, soldiers from at least four nationalities, and – a new development in warfare – ground attack aircraft, drove the Germans out of the city.

In the first few hours of the battle the Allies took 17,000 prisoners of war. Commentators consider that at least some of them were German soldiers who had had enough of a war they were obviously going to lose. The city of Amiens and much territory beyond it were recaptured, but the impact of the victory was greater than territory taken. The whole balance of military strength had changed beyond dispute.

In 1946, a year after the second World War ended, my older brother invited me to join him on a visit to France. A family he had been billeted with in Amiens, as a member of the British liberating forces, had invited him to come and spend some time with them in more peaceful circumstances. At 16 I'd never been abroad, so gladly agreed to go. When we got off the train in Amiens I saw for the first time the consequences of what they called 'total war'. We picked our way past ruined buildings and homes in a city that had endured both invasion and four years of enemy occupation.

I had seen the after-effects of the Blitz in London, but this was worse. Even outside the city, the landscape bore all the scars of war. There were few trees, for instance, the long-term result of endless shelling over two wars. As M. Deladier, our host, pointed out, Amiens had been a battle-ground four times in his life (I guess he was about 60) – twice

in the first World War and then twice in the Second. The experience helped me to appreciate what the people of northern France had gone through. No wonder in 1945 they were adamant that there should never again be war in Europe like this. The embattled city of Amiens, too often a scene of brutal warfare, reminds us of the preciousness of *peace*.

Canon David Winter

The march of the unicorns

Is there a unicorn in your home? If you have children (or even if you do not?!), there is bound to be one prancing towards you. From cupcakes to stationery, bagels to inflatable plastic pool toys, headbands to slippers, t-shirts and even the new Kellogg's Froot Loops cereal, glittery rainbow coloured unicorns have taken the country by storm. They are expected to head up the Christmas present wish-list this year.



It is all a far cry from the ancient Greek myth of a pure white unicorn whose touch brought you a lifetime of happiness and joy. Or is it? 'They represent every happy dream that we've ever clasped our little hands together and tried to wish into reality', says one poetic internet forum user.

Crossword Answers
(Based on NIV)

ACROSS:
8, Prince of Peace; 9, INF; 10, Un-
married; 11, Gulag; 13, Treason; 16,
In aid of; 19, Arena; 22, Calvinist;
24, Pad; 25, Moses and Aaron.

DOWN:
1, Spring; 2, Sinful; 3, Scourged; 4,
Commit; 5, Spur; 6, Matins; 7, Feed
on; 12, Urm; 14, Erastian; 15, Own;
16, Income; 17, At last; 18, Friend;
20, Empire; 21, Adding; 23, Inst.



After inspection, Callum was allowed into the Animals' Service



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Sam Sheppard: the youngest priest ordained in the UK



On 1st July, Sam Sheppard was ordained at Bristol Cathedral. He completed his three years of training for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddleston and had been working with the churches in the Kingswood Team Ministry, mostly with the Church plant All Souls Southey Park and in the estate it's planted in through different community projects.

Sam's Christian journey began at St. Andrew's, Chippenham:

I became a Christian when I was a teenager in St Andrews Chippenham and felt pretty much straight away that God was calling me to ordination, I'd look up at the vicar and feel God say "You should do that". It was a nagging sensation that I ignored for years because I felt I must be wrong, like I didn't have it in me.

When I eventually did go to my vicar and then my DDO to tell them that I felt called to ordination I was really frightened. Because I knew I was young, people always feel the need to tell young people they're young. And I'm not very well spoken, I didn't go to university, I don't say many clever things or speak Latin or anything, my Dad works in a factory not an office. I didn't think I was the sort of person the Church would want with a collar on.

But the DDO at the time took my sense of calling seriously and gave me a fair chance. We discussed my vocation and I went through the stages like anyone else, eventually going to a Bishops Advisory Panel which recommended me for training. I started my training when I was 21.

The best thing about what I do now is knowing that I'm becoming who I was made to be, and doing what God made me to do.

Everyone at St. Andrew's wishes Sam well in the next stage of his Christian Ministry.

A VERY PRECIOUS GIFT

Walking beside the very poorest in our world and taking them from door to door in a Christian Aid Week House to House Collection can be a very rewarding and humbling experience.

I had climbed the stairs of a Housing Association block of flats, somewhere in Chippenham, and had reached the top floor landing - usually a waste of time and energy. A very plain door faced me and I pressed the bell. The door opened on to a very bleak and sparsely furnished interior. I was greeted by a young lady of slight build who was simply dressed. My immediate reaction was that here was someone who needed help from Christian Aid, not me asking her to place some money in an envelope. "I want to put something into your envelope" she said, "but we have only £1 to last us to the end of the week." I quickly explained that I understood and that I could not therefore expect her to put anything into the envelope.

Her partner came to the door. "But we do want to give" he said. I saw a compassion and pleading in their faces and suggested that if they did want to give something that it be 10p or 20p and no more. They had a quiet and short discussion. "We want to give the whole of what we have" he said, and without fuss placed the coins (a 50p coin - no doubt for the electricity meter - and some silver) into the Christian Aid envelope.

Before they handed the envelope over to me they explained that they had both been homeless for long periods and had often been without anything to eat. They knew what it was like to be without shelter, to be cold, wet and hungry. Recently they had been given a roof over their heads - their flat. They were now fortunate, but they knew there were many in this world who were not as fortunate as they now were. They wanted to give what they now had so that others who were currently homeless or hungry might also share in the blessings that they had recently been given.

I humbly accepted their envelope and I told them that theirs was the most precious gift I had ever received for Christian Aid. By the time I

got down to the ground floor my eyes were streaming with tears. That young couple had, unknowingly, placed into true perspective my small sacrifice of time and legwork during Christian Aid Week and the monetary contribution that I from time to time make. That young couple will remain in my memory for a very long time to come.

Alan Scotford

**‘He gave us eyes to see
them’
Michelangelo’s Sistine
Chapel**



‘You need hands to hold someone you care for’ – that song of 1958 reminds us how hands can convey a wide range of gestures and meanings. Hands to

embrace, hands to signal ‘Stop,’ hands to sound out applause, and hands to show welcome. In the life of the church, we can think of sacraments that mark out the individual Christian with the laying on of hands at confirmation and ordination. We can look at the priest at the eucharist where hands offer the peace, take bread and wine, and bless. In church windows and paintings, we often see the right hand of God emerging from a cloud: a sign that takes us back to the opening chapter of Genesis and God’s mighty work of creation.

It is the theme of that incredible ceiling in the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo: 65 feet above the ground and showing a vast array of 300 figures - sibyls and prophets and scenes from Genesis. On the far wall of the chapel the hand of Jesus is raised in judgement, but at the centre of the ceiling the hand of God reaches out to bring life to the body of Adam. Later, the right hand of God will draw forth Eve from the sleeping form of Adam: the only panel in which God stands on the earth. In this central panel God is like an elemental force soaring through the sky and surrounded by 12 figures. Adam looks up, patient and expectant, meeting the concentrated gaze of God, who reaches out to animate and inspire.

As his patron and ally, Pope Julius II was not at all well at this time, and so Michelangelo worked at breakneck speed to complete the ceiling. This scene took just three weeks in 1511.

A Letter from Uncle Eustace

On the delights of a working party in the churchyard

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

A few weeks ago, some visitors to our church congratulated me on the decision they thought we had taken to let our churchyard run wild, so it could provide a natural habitat for the local flora and fauna. While assuring them that thoughts of rabbits, moths and nettles were rarely out of our minds, I made a mental note that it was time for a working party to be drafted; our local flora and fauna needed reminding who is really in charge.

The request for volunteers produced the usual crop: those young farmers who saw it as an opportunity to compete with one another to prove who was the fittest, the recently retired who were determined to prove that they were just as able as those half their age and those whose main intention was to tell the rest how much better the job used to be done in their day.

I explained to them all that naturally I would have been only too delighted to help, but my poor back excluded me. I did, however, offer to sit in the sun and keep watch over their jackets. We all have our own particular ministries.

We were all more than a little surprised to see that Lord Euxton had put his name down on the list; the only exercise I have ever seen him doing is lifting a large whisky and soda. But on the day we found that his interpretation of offering his services meant sending round the undergardener.

I never realised that Dr Tomkins could run so quickly until he accidentally scythed the top off a wasps' nest. Hotly pursued by several thousand irate insects, he cleared the churchyard, vaulted the wall and headed across the green to the village pond. Having spent the last three decades complaining about young people in the village diving into it, I suspect he will now be the first to contribute towards its upkeep.

The moment of high drama was when a tree stump was dragged up us-

ing a tractor. Such force was needed that if the chains had snapped, a substantial portion of the men of the parish would have been decapitated. When the stump finally gave up the struggle, it emerged with several long-forgotten headstones and a portion of the church's water main. The new feature of a churchyard fountain looked rather charming, until the water board arrived to cut us off.

During the lunch break, most had brought packs of sandwiches or flasks of soup – apart from Major Mitchell (retired) who dragged a picnic hamper from the car boot and set about a three course meal washed down with a bottle of chilled Chablis. His decision to have a little nap, empty hamper and bottle beside him, when all the others returned to work was not entirely surprising. Three hours later, with the job completed, we all left for home, with the Major still enjoying his siesta. I woke him up at 6pm when I returned to church to say Evensong.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



What is breeding on your tea towel?

You will never look at your kitchen tea towels in quite the same way again: they could be harbouring bugs which will give you food poisoning.

Here are the gruesome details: recent tests on tea towels found that *E.coli* is more likely to be found on towels which have been used for both dishes and drying hands. Damp tea towels are the worst - with up to a third growing *E.coli* on them.

The bugs found were of *coliform bacteria*, (a group which includes *E.coli*); *enterococcus spp*, and *staphylococcus aureus*. Food poisoning bugs can be fatal for the elderly, the very young, or infirm.

Government guidelines recommend changing and washing tea towels, dish-clothes, sponges and oven gloves on a frequent basis, and letting them dry well before re-use. Homes that are vegetarian have fewer bugs on their tea towels. The study was carried out at the University of Mauritius.

Strawberry Tea at the Vicarage

On Saturday 7th July, Rod and Sue invited all at St. Andrew's to a strawberry tea in their garden.

Everyone who came, both young and old, had a great time on what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year.

Football fans who came along were able to watch the big match indoors and see England beat Sweden 2-0 in the Quarter Finals of the World Cup



St Nicholas' Church

Tytherton Lucas



Service Times at St Nicholas'

5 th August	10.00 am	Morning Service	Mrs. M. Gubbins
12 th August	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. J. Bray
19 th August	10.00 am	Matins	Rev. D. Copeland
26 th August	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. B. Pettifer

August wars



August is a month when wars tend to start. For example, both the First and Second World Wars erupted in the month of August. Also, on 13th August 1961, East Germany's Communist regime built the Berlin Wall, separating the city's eastern and western sectors.

Then on 20th August 1968, tanks invaded and crushed Czechoslovakia, ending the 'Prague Spring'. And on 19th August 1991, a clique of eight Communist hard-liners overthrew the reformist President Gorbachev in a coup to shore up the sagging Soviet State. (It collapsed three days later.) More recently, even the Russian/Georgian conflict of 2008 began in August.

So – August may be the holiday month, but it seems when leaders go on holiday, bad things happen.

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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		
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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*)

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