

The Benefice of St Anne, St Paul and St Augustine



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JULY/AUGUST 2022 PASTORAL LETTER



A few weeks ago I went on retreat to St Beuno's in North Wales. I spent three lovely days in silence (other than going to Mass and having 45mins with a Spiritual Director) mooching around the beautiful house and gardens and walking around the hills of the Clwyd Valley. Sounds a bit like a holiday, right? Well as I am sure many of you know, holiday comes from the Old English 'hāligdæg' or 'holyday'. Marking the many feast days within the Christian calendar to allow individuals to tend to their religious duties, away from their normal responsibilities.

And for me the retreat, while sounding like a holiday, was a holy time for me. It is quite common to go on retreat at a time of change. When exploring with God, what's next? Or in the liminal space between ending one thing and starting something new. Instead, I arrived at a comfortable and confident place in my ministry, with no plans to change or move on. Both our churches are growing in different ways and I am excited about what God has in store for us and the work involved. Therefore, I was not sure what God would share with me as I arrived.

What I discovered was a time to be creative. My Spiritual Director suggested I spend some time exploring and imagining the 'hidden life of Jesus'. The time in Jesus' life that is not recorded in the Gospels. Imagining what Jesus was like between the ages of 12 and 30. So I spent time silently in my favourite Capel Y Coed (Woodland Chapel) and while hiking up and down hills imagining Jesus as a teenager and young man, particularly his relationships with his friends and family. This led me to doing some writing (which I was not really expecting, on previous retreats I have ended up in the Art Room) documenting my daydreams about Jesus. The three days of retreat became for me a time of recreation, and I returned to our parishes refreshed and re-energised.

July and August in our churches tends to be a bit quieter, as the usual term time activities stop and we tend not to have any big events (other than St Anne's Patronal Festival, this year on Sunday 24 July. It is also an opportunity for most of us to get away on holiday (I am off to Italy for a week) or have a few day trips away from Leicester. So, this summer, whatever you get up to, can I encourage you to actively spend a little bit of time with God. You don't have to travel to North Wales to do it. Just an hour in silence, with a cuppa in a sunny spot in the garden, or when visiting a church ten minutes sat quietly in a pew, or a short walk somewhere on your own. To allow the Holy Spirit to work within you on restoration, relaxation and recreation.

Rev'd Liz Wilson.



SERVICES FOR JULY

Please Note: Services in our buildings may change at short notice due to Covid 19

Saturday 2 July

4.00pm Children's Church, St Anne's Hall

Sunday 3 July 3rd Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

Tuesday 5 July

8.00am Silent Prayer and Breakfast, St Anne's Church and Hall

Sunday 10 July (4th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am All Age Worship, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm BCP Communion, St Anne's

Saturday 16 July

4.00pm Children's Church, St Anne's Hall

Sunday 17 July (5th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

Sunday 24 July (6th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Patronal Festival All Age Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Patronal Festival Evensong, St Anne's

Sunday 31 July (7th Sunday after Trinity)

11.00am Benefice Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

3.00pm Community Sing, St Paul and St Augustine's

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 2 August

8.00am Silent Prayer and Breakfast, St Anne's Church and Hall

Sunday 7 August (8th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

Sunday 14 August (9th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am All Age Worship, St Anne's

11.00am Communion by Extension, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm BCP Communion, St Anne's

Saturday 20 August

4.00pm Children's Church, St Anne's Hall

Sunday 21 August (10th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

Sunday 28 August (11th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am All Age Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church,

Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459#

3.00pm Community Sing, St Paul and St Augustine's

6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

Wednesdays

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

4.00pm Trinity Meditation, St Paul and St Augustine's

Thursday's

9.30am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's



READINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

The reference underlined are the readings for St Anne's and

Benefice Telephone Church



Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
3 July Eucharist/TC Evensong	Isa 66: 10-14 Gen 29: 1-20	66:1-8 65	<u>Gal 6:7-16</u>	<u>Luke 10: 1-11,</u> <u>16-20</u> Mark 6:7-29
10 July All Age Worship/ Eucharist/TC/ BCP	Deut 30: 9-14	25:1-10	<u>Col 1:1-14</u>	<u>Luke 10: 25-37</u>
17 July Eucharist/TC Evensong	Gen 18: -10a Gen 41:1-16, 25-37	15 81	<u>Col 1:15-28</u> 1 Cor 4:8-13	<u>Luke 10: 38-end</u>
24 July Patronal Festival/TC Eucharist Evensong	Gen 18:20-32 Esther 5	138 135	<u>Rom 8: 28-30</u> Col 2:6-15 2 Cor 7:2-end	<u>Matt 13: 16-17</u> Luke 11: 1-13
31 July Benefice Eucharist/TC Evensong	Eccles 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 Gen 50: 4-end	49:1-12 107: 1-12	<u>Col 3:1-11</u> 1 Cor 14:1-19	Luke 12: 13-21
7 August Eucharist Evensong	Gen 15:1-6 Isa 11:10 – 12:end	33:12-end 108	<u>Heb 11:1-3, 8-16</u> 2 Cor 1:1-22	<u>Luke 12:</u> <u>32-40</u>
14 August All Age Worship/ Eucharist/TC BCP	Jer 23:23-29	82	<u>Heb 11:</u> <u>29 – 12:2</u>	<u>Luke</u> <u>12:49-56</u>
21 August Eucharist/TC Evensong	Isa 58: 9b-end Isa 30: 8-21	103:1-8 119: 49-56	<u>Heb 12: 18-end</u> 2 Cor 9	<u>Luke 14:1, 7-14</u>
28 August Eucharist/TC Evensong	Ecclus 10: 12-18 Isa 33:13-22	112 119:81-88	<u>Heb 13:1-8, 15-16</u>	<u>Luke 14:1, 7-14</u> John 3:22-36

SOUNDS OF SILENCE



As I mention in my pastoral letter I recently went on a silent retreat at St Beuno's where only spoke with my Spiritual Director and the words of the responses during the daily Mass.

Silence can be a very scary thing. The first time I went on a silent retreat I was really scared by the thought of spending hours, even days without speaking to anyone. At home, even living on my own, I often have the radio on in the background to keep me company. Yet over the years I have found myself more comfortable with silence and even look forward to it on an annual retreat.

We rarely hear silence more. There is always some kind of noise.

Being silent, gives me an opportunity to really stop and listen. Listen to the sounds around me, birds singing, the wind blowing a bee buzzing, cars driving past. Listen to my inner voice, the stream of consciousness that most of the time I ignore. And most importantly listen to God.

Read: Psalm 46

Go outside: Sit and listen in silence

Take a moment to tune into what is happening around you and the noises you hear.

Try to identify one sound, label it in your mind, then move on to the next. Single it out, acknowledge it and move on. When you have identified and named as many as you can, listen quietly for God.

He may speak now but we may hear him later – but if we do not listen then we will never hear him.

Now remember this moment, this space to be near him. Look around and notice one thing. It might be a plant, or tree, or plant pot, or stone, or house, or car. Use this as a visual reminder, and tell yourself next time you see this thing you will be reminded to listen.

If you do not listen then we cannot hear.

Song: Sing or listen to *'Be still for the presence of the Lord'*

May you walk with God

This summer

In whatever you do

Wherever you go

Walking with God means...

Walking with honesty

And with courage,

Walking with love

And respect

And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God

This summer

And every day and

In every situation

Talking with God means...

Praying words of praise

For the beauty of creation

Saying prayers of thanks

For friends and good times,

Asking God's help

In all your decisions

Expressing sorrow

When you have failed

May you listen to God

Every day. Amen.

- Author unknown

The Blessed Trinity



**A Service of Meditation
St Paul's with St Augustine's
Wednesday at 4.00pm**



GREETINGS TO EVERYONE AT ST. ANNE'S, ST. PAUL'S AND ST. AUGUSTINE'S.



from the Plant family - Harriet, Cameron, Joel, Sharon, Matt and Chip the dog.

I'm just writing a few lines to introduce myself ahead of my curacy starting in July, which I'm very much looking forward to!

I'm married to Matt and we have two sons Joel (20) and Cameron (23). We're all super excited for June next year when Cameron will marry his girlfriend, Harriet. Chip joined us as a rescue 2 years ago, in Enderby where we've lived for the last 11 years.

I'm a true Leicester girl, in fact I was born in the benefice in Flora Street and was Christened at St. Paul's church. I attended the toddler group (my Mum Gwen was a founding member I believe) and Sunday school too. Aged 5, we moved house and I attended Holy Apostles Church. There I became a Christian, was Confirmed, and following a break from church in my late teens and a recommitment to God, was married. We moved to Wakefield for Matt's work, returning to Whetstone in 1998 with baby Cameron. I began to worship at St. Peter's, the village church, and became a member of the Junior Church team, a foundation governor at the primary school, and set-up the toddler group. When the boys were small, I worked in the community as a Pre-school assistant, before becoming the youth worker for the benefice of Whetstone & Cosby. My ordination training began in 2019 following several years of sensing a 'call', but not to traditional priestly ministry. The possibility of ordained pioneer ministry, with its outward facing focus enabled me to see what God was really calling me to.

I hope that's given you a little flavour of me, I'm really looking forward to getting to know all of you and the wider community in the coming months and years.

God bless,

Sharon Plant

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 2022

Putting together a review of the Jubilee celebrations reminds me of Jesus' disciples gathering 12 baskets of crumbs after Jesus fed five thousand. What started small grew into a gift to many. We have more leftovers than we started with.



Flower Festival at St Anne's: Feast for the eyes

Superlatively well-organized by Ann, the Mother's Union plus many others, the flowers, crafts, memorabilia, and information sheets were beautiful and engaging. Jan strong-armed/persuaded volunteers to do crowd control. How exciting to see people of all ages pouring in through the doors, bringing friends and neighbours. I did a short promotion on BBC Radio Leicester. With the Friday coffee morning, the street party and Cathy H providing a café on Sunday afternoon, we provided refreshment for helpers and visitors, with good conversation and friendships.



Street Party: Feast of friendship

Local people planning the Friday Street party said "keep it simple". Just give us space to bring a picnic and get together. Nothing complicated. The hall would provide wet weather cover, refreshments, and loos. Then, we organized the road closure to spread out and feel safe and added outdoor games. People put up gazebos, sound systems and organized local musicians to play all afternoon. Then, another tent with crafty activities. A corgi trail appeared. Then a grant, an invitation to the mayor. And cakes! Lot of cakes. And a tree for the Queen's Green Canopy. We were offered miles of bunting, and risk assessors, and first aiders appeared. A bar serving prosecco and Pimm's and the ice-cream barrow were welcomed. So simple but it all fell into place, the sun shone and by 2pm there was hardly room to sit on the grass. Who have I missed? I'm sorry if I have but it was splendid. And we are grateful to any unsung heroes.



Spiritual food

The jubilee fell on Pentecost Weekend. We had much to celebrate in the strong and public faith of the Queen and in the sending of Holy Spirit. We kicked off with the coronation of our children in Children's church. We made orbs and crowns and robed in mantles, processed into church to Handel's Zadok the Priest. We made vows of service to God and one another, anointed with holy oil and processed out regally to a fanfare of trumpets. We finished with jelly and sandwiches.





Sunday morning, we celebrated Pentecost at St Anne's with anointing and the Eucharist. At St Paul's every wall was hung with bunting, flags, wreaths (made by the St Paul's sweatshop band) and a big display of the life of the Queen put together by Paul Henry. A wonderful spread of food and one of Lilian's amazing cakes was part of the draw to the Jubilee Community Praise. A great crowd. Mary Lord was amazing on the piano.

We sang "By the waters of Babylon." in three parts. Thanks to Paul, Chris and Rachel for the tea, Irene for urn duties and Dave and David for tireless chair and people management.

Then, straight to St Anne's for Choral Evensong with the University Chamber Choir, the church and Tudor Choir. Rich and melodious songs of worship to sink into at the end of an amazing weekend.



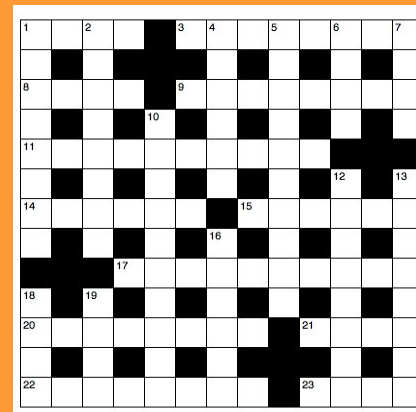
More than crumbs.

After the Jubilee, Revd Liz and I welcomed 100+ children from Dovelands for two happy afternoons at St Anne's. The school council and Eco-warriors planned refreshments, craft and planting activities. Staff organized games in the grounds. At the Community Hub, more tea and cakes and bunting. St Paul's was heaving with people.

The comments on social media, by email, and in conversation has been universally positive. I hope it will mean joyful memories of the Platinum Jubilee for years to come.

Revd Sharon Andrews





Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
 23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
 19 Rear(anag.)(4)



HIGH DAY AND HOLY DAYS JULY AND AUGUST

July	3	St Thomas the Apostle – confused and doubting
	4	Elizabeth of Portugal - compassion for prostitutes
	11	Benedict - author of the famous Rule
	15	St Swithun (or Swithin) - saint for a rainy day
	16	St Helier – losing a loved one to violence
	22	St Mary Magdalene - patron of repentant sinners
	25	St James the Great
	25	St Christopher - patron saint of motorists
August	26	St Anne Mother of Mary
	6	The Transfiguration of Jesus
	8	Dominic – learning
	11	Clare - prayer and simplicity
	16	The Blessed Virgin Mary
	28	Augustine of Hippo – great theologian
	29	Beheading of St John the Baptist
	31	Aidan - the great Celtic saint of Lindisfarne

11th August: Clare of Assisi - Prayer and Simplicity

In the year 1212 Clare, the 18-year-old daughter of a local Count, heard a young preacher called Francis. A few years earlier he had caused a sensation in the centre of the town where they both lived, Assisi in Italy, by stripping himself of his wealthy clothes and declaring that from now on he would live the life of a peasant. This, he said, was in obedience to the call of Christ, for whom the poor were 'blessed' and the rich were in peril of judgment.

Francis gathered a group of seven men prepared to embrace what he called 'joyful poverty' for Christ's sake, but that day he was to enlist a female disciple. 'You are a chosen soul from God', he told Clare, when she expressed her eagerness to embrace the same strict rule as his male followers.

In due course, after a period in a Benedictine convent, Clare and her sister Agnes moved into the church of St Damiano, which Francis and his friends had restored, and gathered there a group of like-minded women. Eventually Francis made Clare the abbess of a religious Order, at first called the 'Order of Poor Ladies', eventually, and universally, to be known as the 'Poor Clares'. Unable to operate an itinerant ministry like the men, Clare's sisters concentrated on a life of prayer and simplicity. In fact, their dedication to poverty was such that it affected the health of many of them.

Francis and Clare remained friends and colleagues over the next 14 years in this remarkable movement of renewal and mission. During the preceding century (as we can learn from Chaucer, among others) the religious Orders had in many cases substituted indulgence for discipline. Francis and Clare found this scandalous, and despite opposition from high places, set out to demonstrate that an effective Christian message required an appropriate Christian lifestyle. For them, poverty was not a burden but a joy - a release from the delusions of power and ambition. Their witness made an enormous impact on the poor people of Umbria and beyond, who saw an authenticity in their lives which spoke as eloquently as their words.

Clare helped to nurse Francis through his final illness, which lasted several years. She lived for 27 years after his death, like him suffering from the effects of long years of strict austerity. She died in 1253 and was canonised two years later. She is buried in the basilica of St Clare in Assisi, a few hundred yards from the basilica of St Francis. In life they proclaimed the same message of sacrificial love and service, and in their deaths they were not divided.

ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On why our church is safe from vandals



The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in renditions of 'Shine Jesus, Shine' and other such artistic gems.

It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying 'Thieves will be forgiven', although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. Especially as they also stole your favourite guitar.

Last year, we had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the church's 400-year-old oak door to get in. Shame about that. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the 19th century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the poor box had been broken into – although as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented the End of Civilisation as We Know It. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises, and a few even speculated about the possibility of having strategically placed land mines about the place. Mrs Beaufort offered to lend us her fierce Pekingese, and Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Parable of the Month



The Doctor and the Sick



THE PEOPLE JESUS CHOSE TO BE HIS CLOSE FOLLOWERS WERE OFTEN QUITE UNUSUAL.



ONCE JESUS STOPPED BY A TAX-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND SPOKE TO A MAN CALLED 'LEVI'.



LEVI'S LIFE WAS CHANGED BY MEETING JESUS.



LEVI WANTED ALL HIS FRIENDS TO MEET JESUS TOO, SO HE CALLED A BIG PARTY FOR HIS TAX COLLECTOR FRIENDS



IN JESUS' DAY TAX COLLECTORS WERE VERY UNPOPULAR. THE PEOPLE THOUGHT JESUS WAS MIXING WITH A BAD BUNCH!

...BUT I AM HERE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY!



SURELY IT IS THE UNWELL PERSON WHO NEEDS THE DOCTOR - NOT THE WELL?!



see Luke 5:27-32

ST PAUL'S WITH ST AUGUSTINE'S FUNDRAISING PAGE



The Table Top Sale held on June 11th raised £638 (including sales from the Community Hub) for Church funds with £100 being sent in support of the work of Rainbows Hospice (see Rainbows page on Website) and £100 in Contribution to Leicester Diocese.

The next Table Top Sales will be held on Saturday 9th July & Saturday 13th August.

Any donations for the forthcoming Table Top Sales will be gratefully received – contact Dave 07800746121

The 100 Fund draw took place after the service on 22nd May at St Paul's & St Augustine's Worship Centre.

Winning Number

£50 29

Congratulations to the winner and remember you have to be in it to win it!

*If you are interested in joining the 100 Fund then please contact Dave on 07800746121 or email dave1960king@hotmail.com

The winner of the June 100 Fund draw due to be held on Sunday 26th June and the winners of the July draw due to be held on Sunday 31st July will be announced in September's magazine



St Paul's and St Augustine's
Saturday 9th July & 13th August
10.00am to 2.00pm

Table Top Stalls In The
Worship Centre and Weather permitting out-
side in the Car Park

Donations during these events will given to The
Mothers' Union Charities
And The Missions to Seafarers.

Records — Books — Clothes — Bric-a-Brac

Tombola — Home Made Stall.

Free Tea and Coffee

Snacks are available



GAMES AFTERNOON

3PM – 6PM

SATURDAY

23RD JULY



COME AND JOIN US
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
FREE ENTRY
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

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COMMUNITY SONGS OF PRAISE



3 pm Sunday 31st July

&

3 pm Sunday 28th August

COME AND JOIN US! REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW!

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SMILE LINES



Baptism

A couple took their five-year-old young daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally, she turned to her father. "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"



US Holiday

A couple with three young children went on holiday to America, and eventually ended up waiting in line at San Francisco's Pier 41, to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them, to no avail. Finally they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."



The lady who wanted three hymns

One Sunday a minister announced that the church needed some extra money. He asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra, and as an enticement, added that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

The offering plate was passed around, and to the minister's amazement, someone had put in a cheque for £1,000. He shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to thank the person who'd given the cheque. A very quiet, elderly lady shyly made her way down to the front of the church. The minister told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed carefully to the three handsomest men in the building and said: "I'll take him, and him, and him."

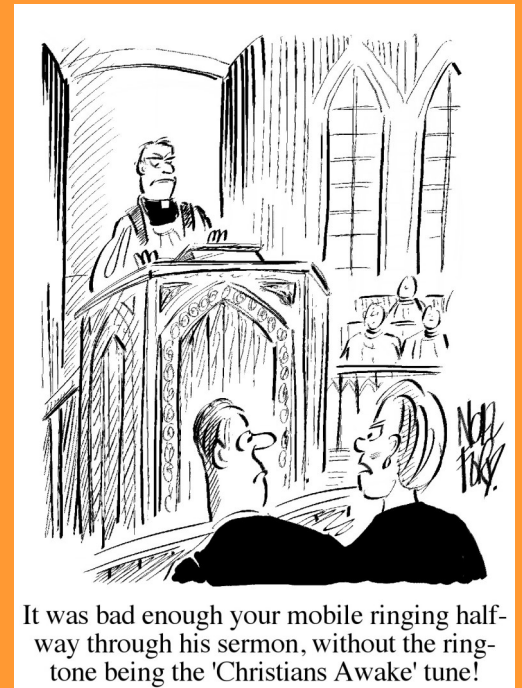
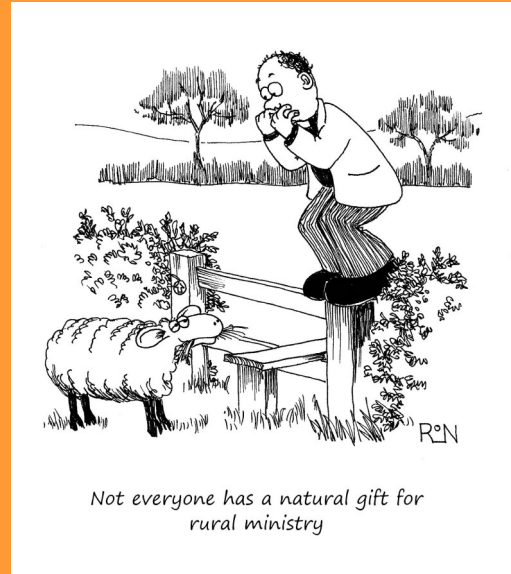




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ST. ANNE'S MOTHERS' UNION

DIARY NOTES FOR JULY AND AUGUST



So many wonderful events to report on - a hugely successful concert at the end of May by the Glenfield Ladies Choir, with tea and cake, and MORE cake, at the interval, and as this was a fundraiser we now have some more money for MU Charities. Then, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June - wasn't it splendid at both national level (all those ceremonial events which we were able to share, courtesy of our TV screens) and here at local level. A stunning Flower Festival in Church, devised by our Leader, Ann and a team of arrangers, depicting the outstanding events of the Queen's 70 Year Reign, drew many people from our neighbourhood (and beyond) to visit our Church. This was coupled with a Street Party on the Church Lawn - it was super to see lots of fresh faces at this event - and culminating with a special Festal Evensong THREE choirs on Sunday evening. As I write this, we still have our coach trip to Lichfield to look forward to.

But I need to remind you about future events. For our July Meeting on the 12th, our Reader and MU member, Margaret Gillespie will be coming to tell us about her Call to the Ministry; and for the August Meeting on the 9th which, incidentally is Mary Sumner Day, we are having a Garden Meeting, venue to be announced (but I can tell you that it will be either Glenfield Road or Hinckley Road - or Letchworth Road if the weather is bad, as the Hall has been booked "just in case"). There will also be a Bring and Buy at this Meeting. And then, I'm afraid, Summer will be over - looking ahead we shall be round to having our Annual Service again on September 13th! But do have a great summer - let us hope we can enjoy the warm weather, and longer days that the Summer will hopefully bring us.

Wednesday, 6th July at 9-30. MU Corporate Communion

Tuesday, 12th July at 2-30. Margaret Gillespie - Her Call to the Ministry

Wednesday, 3rd August at 9-30. MU Corporate Communion

**Tuesday, 9th August at 2-30. Garden Meeting & Bring and Buy
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THANK YOU

Dear Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC and people of St Anne's Church,

May I say a huge THANK YOU for your extraordinary kindness and helpfulness in allowing your Church to be used for the recordings over the past weekend, made by the Leicester University Chamber Choir. A number of my own compositions were recorded in the fine acoustics of this lovely building, and without your whole-hearted generosity and practical support the entire project would never have happened. The use of the Church Hall, with its excellent facilities, was also enormously appreciated, and I know that the choir members and the Directors of Music likewise valued this very greatly.

Such selfless goodness is of a rare order nowadays, and will not be forgotten. Thank you very, very much indeed.

Yours sincerely, with best wishes,

Paul Edwards

CHURCH SPONSORED WALK 2022



A sponsored walk took place on Saturday May 14th. Two routes were available to choose from an 11 mile and a 5.5 mile route from St Anne's Church were, Reverend Liz (Vicar) and Bill King (Leader) from St Denys Church, Evington were Michael Liz and Chris

Glorious sunshine prevailed throughout the day as we encompassed Swithland Woods, Bradgate Park and finally, with some heavy breathing Beacon Hill before returning to our starting point Woodhouse Eaves.

I would like to give a special thank you to Paul Archer who completed the 5.5 mile route, and their subsequent contribution to the total raised funds raised.

Total Finds raised £330.00p

Finally I would like to **THANK YOU** to all who sponsored us!

W. R. King (Walk Leader and organiser).

GOD IN THE ARTS

Enter My Rest



At this time of the year we are planning and looking forward to holidays: to that welcome break away from the pressures and responsibilities of daily life and work. The book of Genesis opens with a glorious account of God's work of creation and tells us that even God rested on the 7th day.



We all need to find that balance of work and rest, of activity and slowing down in our lives. And we are not always good at that because our world seems to be in the fast lane. We rush everywhere, we rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone around us is rushing.

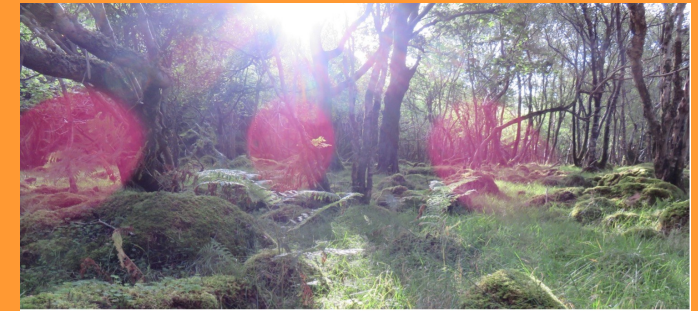
This month's painting, 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-François Millet, a 19th century French artist, portrays two peasants at work. They don't seem to be rushing, but Millet has certainly portrayed the hard toil of their work, digging in the earth from sunrise to sunset to eke out a living. Millet was the son of a farm labourer and many of his paintings convey the severe realism of peasant life. We can sympathise with the couple working on the land, and our eyes focus on them as they dominate the canvas.

But in the corner under the shade of a tree there is a donkey and a sleeping child. The donkey knows only too well the reality of toil and work, but here he is resting, enjoying the peace and the shade. Andy Merrifield, an American philosopher, has just published an account of his travels with a donkey, Gribouille. As they journey together, the donkey teaches him the value of patience, the importance of going slowly through the world, and the preciousness of tender friendship between humans and animals. They are all caught up in the little donkey in this painting.

The man and woman in the foreground may reflect our own lives with the duties, the expectations and the demands called of us at work. Take time to focus on the donkey, enjoying his rest. Take time this summer to find relaxation and recreation on holiday. The world may carry on spinning around us, but use that holiday to stand apart and enter into the rest that God enjoyed after His work of creation.

GOD IN THE SCIENCES

Wonder and Worship: Reflections in a Scottish Rainforest



It can be easier to notice things away from home, when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the same wonders are there in our own back yard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways.

I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings.

I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem.

Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city. I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for - thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150).

There is a growing call to take both our personal devotions and our church services outside from time to time, and there are a growing number of resources to help us do this. As you go through your week, can you find one new way to appreciate your surroundings, and praise God alongside the rest of creation?

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3 July	Rachel Spiers & Therese Morton
10 July	Gail Inskip & Ellen Bateman
17 July	Ann Bing & Sheila Skertchley
24 July	Judith Knox & Lesley Orris
31 July	Ivor Sutton & Maureen Sutton
7 August	Winifred Gibson & Val Clarke
14 August	Jean Dean & George Wilson
21 August	Paul Ward & Sally Morris
28 August	Paul Archer & Kathy Harrison

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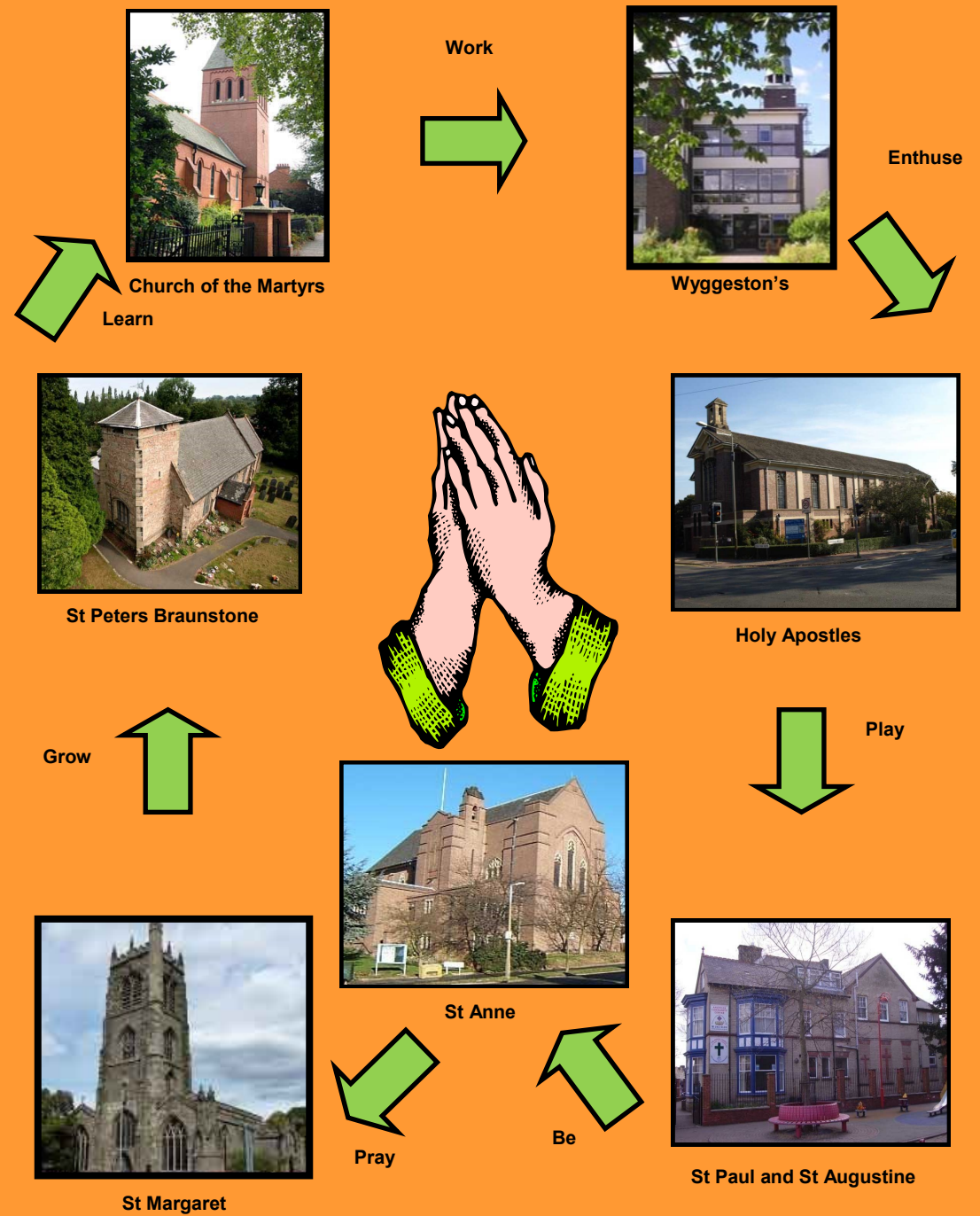
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