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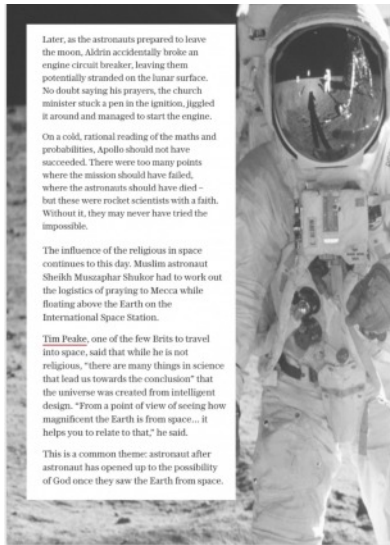
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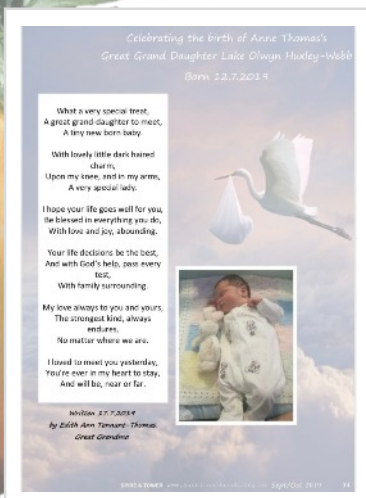
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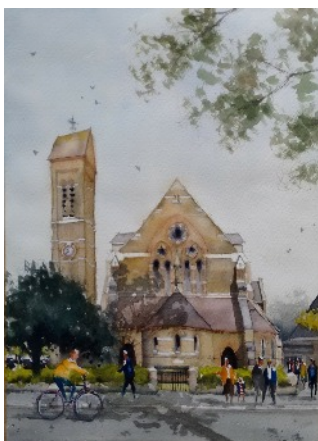
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A VIEW FROM THE VICAR

By: Robert Stanier

In the summer, we screened a series of lectures about faith and science, given by Professor Alister McGrath. Originally given at Gresham College, Professor McGrath explored the way that an explanation of the universe that is essentially atheistic may be coherent of itself but can never be seen as inherently more reasonable than an explanation that comes from a theistic or religious point of view, and vice versa. The logic, he seemed to say, was a score draw between the two positions.

It pushed me to consider a further question. If a position of faith isn't inherently more logical or reasonable than that of agnosticism or atheism, then what might tip someone into faith instead of the agnosticism that is prevalent in society today? Ultimately, it must be dependent on one's experience of a faith encounter that is life-giving and vital in a way that makes other descriptions of life seem pale and insubstantial.

Sunday by Sunday, this is hard to achieve. A 'regular' Sunday service can be nourishing, but to expect it to be life-changing is to set a very high bar. That's one of the reasons I am so glad that Brother Sam of the Franciscan community is coming to talk to us about prayer: from my knowledge of him, he will be both accessible to people who are 'prayer beginners', but also he carries such spiritual depth that those who have followed the faith for decades will still draw inspiration from what he has to say. This can act as a change to the dimensions in which we pray.

Furthermore, it has prompted me to explore with more urgency the chance for the parish to visit some of the places of great spiritual renown that exist in the world. Since Janice Price has been away on placement, we haven't been able to offer pilgrimages as regularly as we did a few years ago, but I am keen to change this, so look out for the chance to go to Walsingham, Hilfield Friary or some such place of deep Christian community. It seems to me that to develop a deep faith, at some stage, what can be transformational is the experience of a community where people place faith at the absolute centre.

Probably more than most people, I have had opportunities to share (briefly) in the Benedictine and Franciscan communities when I visit Turvey Abbey and Hilfield Friary, when I take short retreats from time to time. Sharing prayer with people for whom the Daily Office is just that, their main office or work, can be both humbling and transformational.

We can't expect to be on a Christian 'high' all of our lives: I just do not believe that that is possible. But equally, we need moments of depth from which to draw in more mundane times, and exploring this from time to time is important for all of us, however we do it.

For more information on Further details of Brother Sam's visit and prayer workshop c

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NEWSLETTER 10 SUMMER TERM – 8TH JULY 2019

School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament

Learning about the democratic system is at the heart of our School Council. Continuing the yearly tradition, the School Council visited the Houses of Parliament last Friday. Fabian, Daria and Yusuf write:

The school council across the school went to the Houses of Parliament. When we arrived at the Houses of Parliament, we watched a film about the history of it all. After we watched the film, we had a very thorough guide show us to the houses. We went into the room where the Queen changes once a year; we learnt that she needs around four people to help her change as it's so heavy what she wears. After that we went to her office: it was really big. We also got to visit the House of Commons and the House of Lords!



And God said, Let there be light:

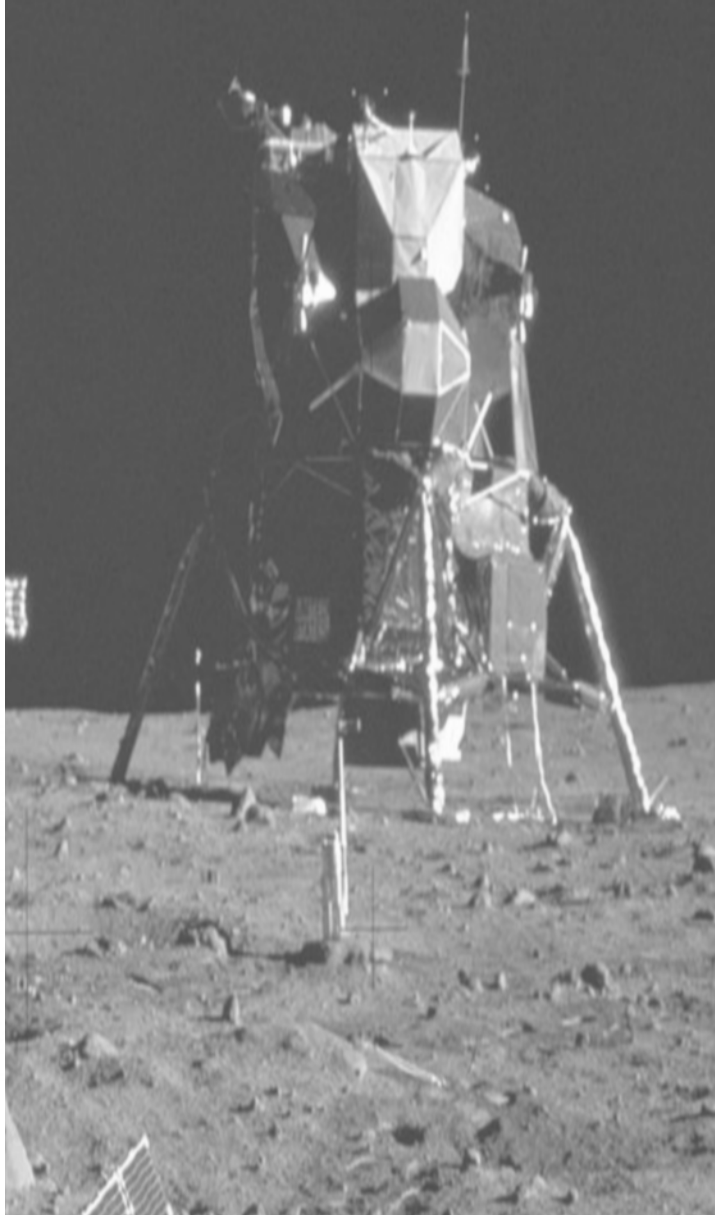
On Christmas Eve 1968, a message was broadcast to Earth from the orbit of the moon: “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” The words were spoken by Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders, as he and fellow crew members Jim Lovell and Frank Borman recited Genesis chapter one in a broadcast watched by one billion people.

The moving footage reveals an often ignored fact of the success of the subsequent Apollo mission to the moon, which celebrates its 50th anniversary today: that it was one compelled by faith as much as science.

Many of the 12 men to walk on the moon were Christian. Two moonwalkers, Charlie Duke and James Irwin, went on to devote much of the rest of their lives to their faith; another returned to Earth convinced of God’s existence, and a fourth was a Presbyterian minister.

The last of those was the wonderful iconoclast Buzz Aldrin, a man who recently shared his paperwork from the 1969 moon landing mission: a travel expense claim to NASA for \$33.31.

It was Aldrin who ensured that one of the first acts on the moon was a spiritual one. After landing on the surface, in the silence of the lunar module, he took out some bread and wine, and gave himself Communion. Among the first words spoken on the lunar surface were those of Christ.



On July 20th we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first humans landing on the moon as part of NASA’s Apollo 11 lunar mission.

The following article first appeared in the Daily Telegraph on 20th July 2019.

Written by Daniel Harkins and reproduced by his kind permission.

And there was light.

Faith ran throughout the US space programme. John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, said on his return from a second voyage: "To look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is to me impossible."

This is not surprising. The Apollo programme was so ambitious that it took men of faith to even entertain its possibility.

Neil Armstrong, for instance, whose parents were devout Christians, defied the odds throughout his life. He flew fighter jets at a time when there was a 23 per cent probability that a Navy pilot would die in an aircraft accident. He brushed with death as a test pilot, almost died in an early space mission, and came two-fifths of a second away from death while training to go to the moon.

Most astronauts rated the chance of the Apollo 11 crew successfully completing the mission at just 50 per cent. As the astronauts prepared to land, Apollo 11's Flight Director back in Houston, Gene Kranz, a Catholic, went to Mass and prayed for "wise judgment and courage".

That judgement was called upon as the lunar module descended to the surface of the moon, and the Apollo 11 computer began sounding a mystery "1202" alarm. Kranz's team made the call to ignore it, and the lunar module landed with seconds to spare.



Later, as the astronauts prepared to leave the moon, Aldrin accidentally broke an engine circuit breaker, leaving them potentially stranded on the lunar surface. No doubt saying his prayers, the church minister stuck a pen in the ignition, jiggled it around and managed to start the engine.

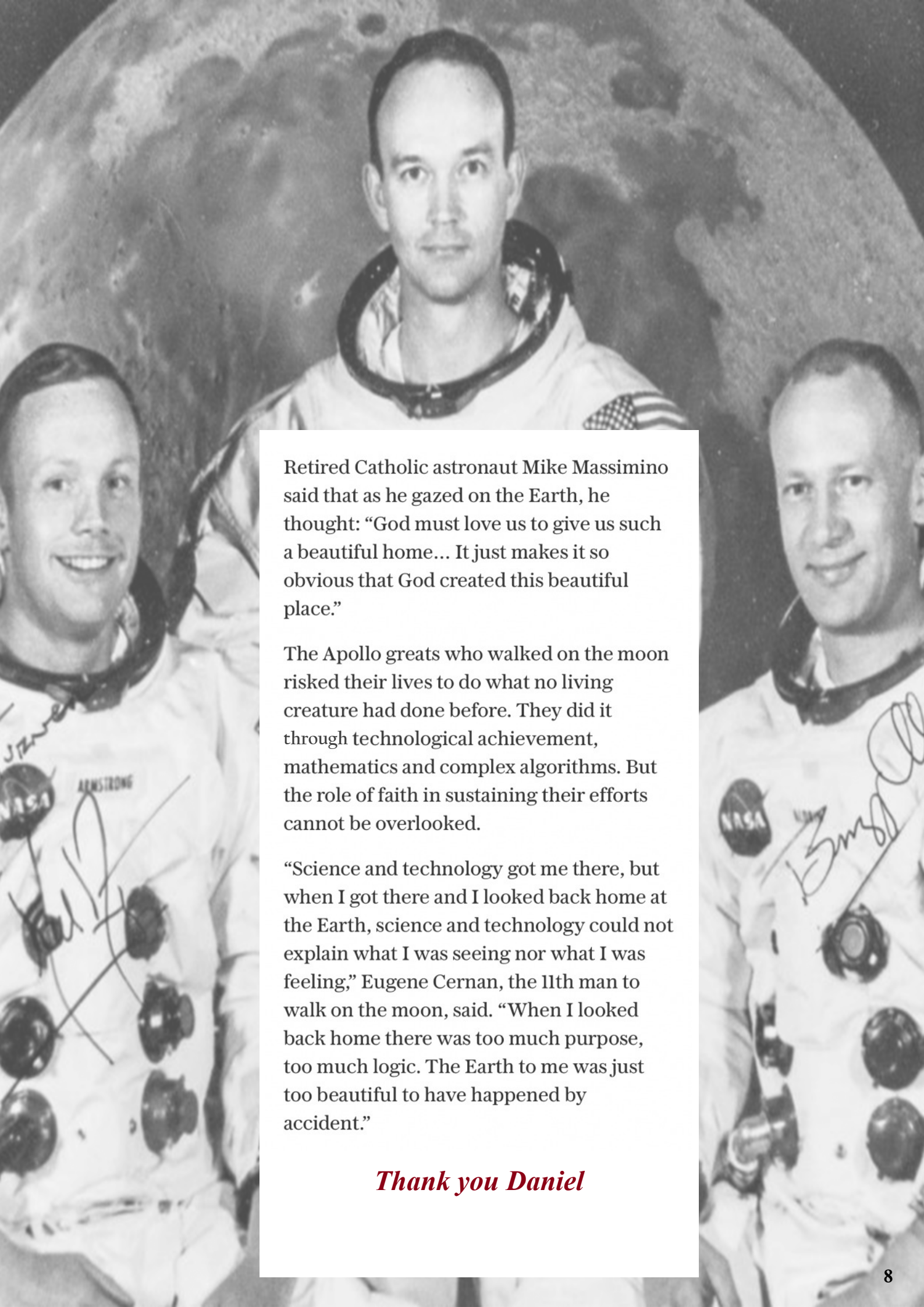
On a cold, rational reading of the maths and probabilities, Apollo should not have succeeded. There were too many points where the mission should have failed, where the astronauts should have died – but these were rocket scientists with a faith. Without it, they may never have tried the impossible.

The influence of the religious in space continues to this day. Muslim astronaut Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor had to work out the logistics of praying to Mecca while floating above the Earth on the International Space Station.

Tim Peake, one of the few Brits to travel into space, said that while he is not religious, “there are many things in science that lead us towards the conclusion” that the universe was created from intelligent design. “From a point of view of seeing how magnificent the Earth is from space... it helps you to relate to that,” he said.

This is a common theme: astronaut after astronaut has opened up to the possibility of God once they saw the Earth from space.





Retired Catholic astronaut Mike Massimino said that as he gazed on the Earth, he thought: “God must love us to give us such a beautiful home... It just makes it so obvious that God created this beautiful place.”

The Apollo greats who walked on the moon risked their lives to do what no living creature had done before. They did it through technological achievement, mathematics and complex algorithms. But the role of faith in sustaining their efforts cannot be overlooked.

“Science and technology got me there, but when I got there and I looked back home at the Earth, science and technology could not explain what I was seeing nor what I was feeling,” Eugene Cernan, the 11th man to walk on the moon, said. “When I looked back home there was too much purpose, too much logic. The Earth to me was just too beautiful to have happened by accident.”

Thank you Daniel

QUESTION HOUR

What is your name?

Geraldine Nixon.

Where were you born?

Whitchurch Shropshire, so I am a Shropshire Lass.

What family do you have?

Two children and three grandchildren. My son who was born in Lancaster, lives in Melbourne and has two daughters aged 5 and 2 years. My daughter who was born in Melbourne lives in London and has a little girl born on St Valentine's Day this year.

What is your occupation?

I retired in December 2018! I am an Anglican priest ordained in October 1992 soon after the bill passed in Melbourne Synod allowing women in the Diocese to be priests. Women became deacons for the first time in Australia in 1986, so by the time I was made a deacon in 1989 finding curacies and ministries for women had become problematic as the number of placements for deacons was small. I was sent to Melbourne Girls Grammar to be assistant chaplain and took over from a male priest who went in to parish work, at the end of my two-year curacy I was asked to stay at the school. In the middle of my third year the Senior Chaplain left to become Dean of Hobart and the Principal asked me to assume the leadership role as it was hoped that the priesting of woman would be resolved soon and, if it was, she would offer me the position of Senior Chaplain and then seek an assistant for me. In the meantime, a retired priest would come to the school to celebrate the Eucharist with me taking all the other services. Well of course the bill passed, I was made Senior Chaplain, but I never got an assistant, so I also say I did the work of two men!

My ministry at Melbourne Girls Grammar lasted 13 years and during that time the school supported me in gaining a Diploma of Education, a Master of Education, Postgraduate Diploma in Education Administration and a Postgraduate Diploma in Loss and Grief Education and Counselling. I loved Melbourne Girls Grammar and when one of my former colleagues was on holiday in London recently, we caught up for lunch and a concert at St Martin's in the Fields. In 2002 my arm was twisted by the Principal of Perth College and the Archbishop of Perth to make a move, and in January 2003 I became Chaplain to Perth College. Perth College was founded in 1902 by the Community of the Sisters of the Church whose mother house was at Ham Common until their move recently to Gerard's Cross. Whilst at Perth College I helped to set up a program of friendship between the Community of the Sisters of the Church in the Solomon Islands and St Nicolas Anglican School in Honiara and made several visits to the Islands with small groups of students; we had some amazing experiences.



In 2009 the principal of St Mary's Anglican Girls' in Karrinyup Perth, Lynne Thomson offered me a challenge at a time when I was old enough to know better and was contemplating retirement. I took up the challenge and became Chaplain to St Mary's, initially agreeing to a five-year ministry but stayed nine. Lynne and I both retired in December and I will be catching up with her and her husband in London when they are holidaying in the UK this summer. In my time as a priest I served on a number of committees, was an Examining Chaplain and Canon of St Georges Cathedral, Perth.

Before ordination I was a Stage Manager and Costume Designer in theatre and film but that is now in the distant past although I still have some good friends from that period of my life.

How long you have been attending St Andrew's & St Mark's?

I moved to Kingston upon Thames in March and have only just started to worship at St Andrews & St Mark's. After some uncertainty as to where to worship I found myself feeling comfortable with the style of worship at St Andrew's and St Mark's and Robert's theology. It is a very different experience sitting in a pew than being in charge surrounded by teenagers or children!

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

I don't think I have one, I enjoy many things and happiness can only be felt if one has experienced moments of sadness. My faith helps me to make sense of life but some of the moments of joy in my life have sat alongside times of tragedy and sadness.

How do you relax?

I love ballet, opera, concerts, theatre and reading and I am also now enjoying television as I have now many free evenings which I have not had for years!



QUESTION HOUR

What are your favourite Bible verses?

I don't have any favourite verses, but Luke is my favourite gospel as it has many passages about women.

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

Being settled in my own home; currently I am renting but I hope to buy a flat or house next year.

What is your favourite meal?

I love a traditional Christmas dinner.

Most enjoyable book?

I like biographies and thrillers but one of my favourite books in recent years has been "Chocolate Wars: The 150 Rivalry Between the World's Greatest Chocolate Makers" by Deborah Cadbury. It is a good read, surprisingly gripping with some good insights into the Quaker principles of altruism ending with the hostile takeover of Cadbury in 2009.

Where do you like to go for holidays?

Until recently my holidays were in December/January – the summer holidays in Australia – and I would spend them in the UK visiting family and friends coupled with a side trip into Europe somewhere. Last year it was Iceland but **who knows now I am back in the UK.**

What is the most important lesson life has taught you?

That you can always make a fresh start. We all experience change and transitions and face the sense of excitement for the new, but one may also feel a sense of loss for the past and what we leave behind. This this can happen with new relationships, new jobs, and new homes; I think the words of Seneca are helpful "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Schools are a series of endings and beginnings.

Academic years begin and they end. Terms begin and they end. I would tell my students, that if they had a bad year or term, they could approach the next as a new beginning.



GOD'S GARDEN



Guess the place!

Answer on page 28.

Photographs by Michael Smith.

Friday's



Drop in for a coffee or tea on a Friday morning at St Andrew's Glass Room



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Sonore! will be giving its next concert on Sunday 22nd September 2019 at 7.30pm and will be performing works by Schubert, Mozart and Kodaly at St Andrew's Church.

This new local orchestra is already building itself a reputation for the highest standard of non-professional playing, and for engaging the very best conductors and soloists.

The Symphony No. 4 was subtitled "Tragic" by Schubert himself but it is really a joyful work with just a little pathos, written by a 19-year-old composer with so much to say. We will follow this with Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24 K491 in C minor and to perform it we welcome our soloist, Viv McLean. Viv has played with all the major UK symphony orchestras, appeared at many Festivals around the world and broadcast for Radio 3.

Our programme will conclude with Kodaly's virtuosic Dances of Galanta and we welcome Philip Hesketh to our roster of guest conductors. Philip holds directorships with Opéra de Bauge, Opera Vera, London Children's Ballet, West London Sinfonia and Norfolk Symphony Orchestra, and is in demand as a guest conductor for many orchestras in London.

Tickets: £15 (£13 concession) £2 discount with advance purchase. Under 18s free

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Sonore!



HANGING FOR THE LADY CHAPEL AT ST.ANDREW'S

Some of you may remember the making of the Laudian Frontal for St. Andrew's church in 2012, which was a co-operative project both for members of the congregations and also other interested residents. It is proposed to have a similar project beginning this autumn. We hope to make a large hanging for St. Andrew's Lady Chapel depicting the animals leaving Noah's Ark, based on the murals in the baptistry.

The general idea is to have the children make the animals, birds and fish, and those with a little more skill, trees, flowers and other features. There will be a workshop in St. Andrew's on Saturday, 28th September, (time to be announced) principally for the children, but open to anyone interested. Children aged five and upwards, whether members of the congregations of SASM or not, are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

More information will be available nearer the date from Janet Jones.



AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

In aid of

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(Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability)

Saturday 28th September 2019

7:30pm

St Andrew's Church

Surbiton



Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability



‘Exploring Prayer’

A workshop with Samuel SSF
(Franciscan Brother)

Saturday 12th October

10.00am to 3.00pm

St Andrew’s Church, Maple Road,
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Cost: £5 (to include lunch)

To book a place, contact the Parish
office:

Tel: 0208 390 9129
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*Pictured: Nigel Knowles on ladder, bottom
left Roger Jones and right Martin Taylor.*

WORK BEGINS ON ST ANDREW’S ROOF

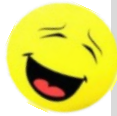
For we are God's fellow workers.
You are God's field, God's building.
1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

JOKES & QUOTES



**Q. Where is
medicine first
mentioned in the
Bible?**

**A. When God gave
Moses two tablets.**



**Q. Who is the greatest
investor in the Bible?**

**A. Noah: He was floating
his stock while
everyone else was in
liquidation.**



"YOU'VE GOT TO TESTIFY!

TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT IT.

GOD IS GOOD!

I PITY THE FOOL THAT DON'T GET IT."

MR. T B. 1952



"WE ARE THE BIBLES

THE WORLD IS READING;

WE ARE THE CREEDS

THE WORLD IS NEEDING;

WE ARE THE SERMONS

THE WORLD IS HEEDING."

BILLY GRAHAM 1918-2018

QUESTION HOUR



What is your name?

My name is Rosemary Bridger.

Where were you born?

I was the second white child born on a mission station in the lower region of the Belgium Congo, (now Democratic Republic of Congo.) My parents were teachers, and the first British Baptist missionaries in Congo to keep their children with them rather than sending them home to boarding school in England. So glad they did.

What family do you have?

I'm married to Neil, we have 4 children: Jonathan, Mark, Philippa and Mati. (Mati came to England as a young asylum seeker from DR Congo at 16 years of age. I met him while working at Kaleidoscope.) All are married and we now have the pleasure of being grandparents to a blend of 8 grandchildren with an additional one arriving in June.

What is your occupation?

Good question! I trained as a nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital, worked at Kaleidoscope for 26 years, then a Learning Support Assistant for 9 years at Stanley Primary School. Now I'm fully involved with supporting family with childcare and anything else I might be useful at.

How long have you been attending St Andrew's and St Mark's?

I have attended since the beginning of 2018 and joined the choir in September.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Firstly having a home and being part of a diverse community of family and friends. I like being challenged ideologically and creatively. Mostly I enjoy losing myself: this can be through creative activities, or sitting reflecting on the natural world around me such as on a mountain top watching rare birds or in contrast the thrill of speeding across iced lakes on a snowmobile under the moonlit nights of the northern hemisphere.

How do you relax?

When pottering in the garden or cooking in the kitchen, I like listening to music of a jazz style with raw African beats and sounds. It brings out the sunshine for me and lifts my spirit.



QUESTION HOUR

What are your favourite bible verses?

I confess I haven't been an avid bible reader but I have always liked Psalm 121 "I lift up my eyes to the hills- where does my help come from? My help/strength comes from the lord, Maker of heaven and earth." Where I was born was at the foot of a range of mountains. It was a rare treat to climb to the waterfall and swim in the pool. Matthew 5: The Beatitudes, but in particular verses 43-48, where we are called to love our enemy!

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

If I didn't have Arthritis/fibromyalgia, I'd have more energy to do the things I like doing within the time we have on this earth! Probably less procrastination and some spare money too!

What is your favourite meal?

Steak, sweet potato chips and salad plus a chocolate brownie and ice-cream!

Most enjoyable book?

Marmaduke the Very Different Dragon! By Rachel Valentine.

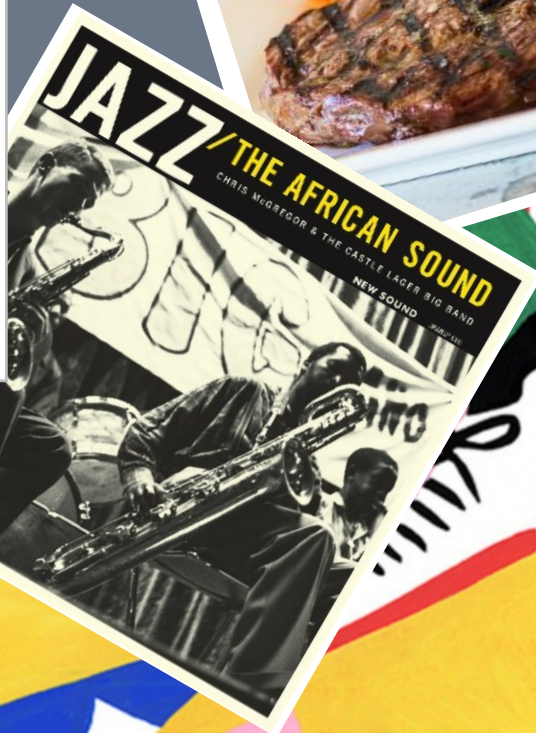
Where do you like going on holidays?

Anywhere that has good scenery, interesting culture, pottery, and wildlife if possible. Warm weather with no wind is essential.

What is the most important lesson that life has taught you?

Never be complacent, enjoy what you have now and make the most of what comes your way. God has many surprises, which can be sad and difficult but also humorous too. Patience and humour have served me quite well so far.

*"I LIFT UP MY EYES TO
THE MOUNTAINS-
WHERE DOES MY HELP
COME FROM/
MY HELP COMES FROM
THE LORD,
THE MAKER OF HEAVEN
& EARTH."*



We are starting an occasional series of personal life events called "It Happened To Me": and hope people will support it by writing short articles. We are looking for no more than about 400 words (a page or so) plus a few images if you are able. A few examples of the type of things we are looking for could include unusual jobs or tasks, travel experiences (not a travelogue), an enlightening, chance encounter with a stranger or a life changing event, walking or cycling tales, taking a balloon flight, working or volunteering abroad, life with a new baby etc. Ideally, we would like to hear what the experience taught you.

Our Curate, Michael Johns-Perring kicks off with a story about his life as an agricultural Stone Picker!

Thank you very much Michael.

Some of the eagle-eyed amongst you spotted in my parish profile (*Spire & Tower*, May/June 2019) that, whilst working on a farm, I "was paid to stone pick by hand". Let me explain. While there are machines that can do this job nowadays, stone picking by hand is hard work. For me, it involved walking through fields, with a group of other workhands, picking up stones larger than my fist and throwing these stones into a trailer pulled by a tractor, or into the bucket of a digger (which, once emptied, sometimes served as our transport back to the farm!). The same fields, year after year, yielded thousands of stones, and the exercise often felt futile. Especially after several hours. In the rain. Sometimes great boulders would have appeared since the previous year – and if we were lucky, we could roll these into a nearby hedge or into the bucket. The stones were often used to firm up the ground in areas of farmland that get a lot of (literally) heavy traffic: around gates between fields, for instance. The primary reason for stone picking is to protect machinery – mowers and combines and so on – from being damaged by the stones.



Stone picking by hand is a very old job. While we may live in an age of industrial farming, we still tend to have a rather romanticised view of farmland, as being an integral part of the countryside. Stone picking, however, reminds us of a time when the countryside was the backdrop against which backbreaking work was undertaken in all conditions. Interestingly, stone picking was once considered an occupation for women and children, who were not necessarily paid for their labour.

It ought not to be forgotten that farming is still one of the most dangerous occupations in terms of injury and accidental death. Sadly, this is something I am well aware of. While I did not work for him, Reg was a farmer, whose family had tended the land around my parent's house for about 100 years. Reg kept sheep, grew crops and vegetables.



The Lord will
indeed give
what is good
& our land
will yield its
harvest.

Psalm 85:12

At Christmas, he would leave produce outside the house. He was involved in organising the local agricultural show and sat on the Parish Council, alongside my father. Over two years ago, however, Reg climbed into a grain silo, fell and was killed.

When we say grace before meals, we must remember, with thanksgiving, all those who work hard to bring food to our tables. For those, like Reg, for whom farming is in their blood. And also for casual labourers – those in the original “gig economy” – such as fruit pickers and packers. Stone picking gave me a real appreciation for “honest graft”.

Life can seem pretty precarious. The weather and seasons are often used in the Bible to speak to the seeming fickleness and fleetingness of human existence, in comparison to God’s providence and timelessness. Agriculture features heavily in Biblical narrative and metaphor, as in Jesus’ parables. While life can be hard, it is not without its rewards – as when the harvest comes in.



“for everything
there is a
season”

Stones feature too – to represent lifelessness, for example. 1 Peter, however, speaks of our being “living stones”, built into a spiritual house. According to Ephesians, Jesus is the cornerstone of this dwelling. And, in Ecclesiastes, from which we learn that “for everything there is a season”, there is a “time to gather stones together”.

SMILE

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too

I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic
And get the world infected

By Spike Milligan



Spike Milligan

1918-2012

Thank you Olga for this amusing
and truthful contribution.

PAST TIMES



The Coronation Hall was a purpose built cinema which opened on 21st June 1911.

The Ritz cinema was still operating until its closure on 17th May 1966.



Nobody can forget this vast shop front & scouting for bin liners & rolls of PVC at 43-45 Brighton Road.

PAST TIMES



Who remembers popping into 15a Claremont Road for tools & hardware pieces?

B&Q Surbiton ceased trading in July 1988.



I think we all felt the blow when 73 Victoria Road, Woolworths left us & ceased trading in Surbiton on 5th January 2009.

SASM CHILDREN'S CORNER BY CHARLOTTE NEW

Focus on: Water

As we start back to school after the end of the Summer holidays, we can be thankful for the break and some restful weeks away from school: hopefully having new adventures, seeing friends, reading books, playing games or, you may even have been lucky enough to go on holiday or receive a postcard from someone who was away. Many of you may have had trips to the seaside, the swimming pool, walks along the River Thames or had a paddling pool outside. All of these things are great fun, but also involve water.

Water is an important element for us. It is life giving – we need water to survive (we can go for much longer without food!). Water is also important for us as Christians, so in this edition, we're thinking about water in the Bible & our church.

BAPTISM & WATER

Were you christened as a baby or young child? Or have you seen Robert carry out a baptism at St Andrew's or St Mark's?

At a baptism, parents and godparents make promises at a service in relation to how to bring a child up within the Church. If you were christened, you would have had water poured over you and the sign of the cross made on you with special oil.

At a baptism it is special water, blessed in the Church's font, that is poured over a child's head. This symbolises a new beginning and a child becoming part of God's family.

Do you know where the fonts are in St Andrew's and St Mark's?

Older children and adults can also be baptised, but make their own promises.

WORDSEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH WATER AND THE CHURCH IN THE GRID BELOW? THEY CAN BE HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL, DIAGONAL, BACKWARDS OR FORWARDS!

NILE FISHERMEN CHRISTENING

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SASM CHILDREN'S CORNER BY CHARLOTTE NEW

MISSING WORDS

Water in the bible : can you complete these phrases with the right words connected with water?

1. At the wedding in Cana, Jesus turned water into _____
2. Jesus is said to have fed five thousand, using five loaves and two _____ from a boy in the crowd.
3. Moses held out his staff and divided the Red _____ .
4. Baby Moses was found in a basket, hidden in the Nile, amongst _____ and bulrushes.

Choose from REEDS, MILK FISH , WINE, SEA, CHEESES...There are two red herrings thrown in! Good luck!

VERSES OF THE BIBLE TO LOOK UP OR LISTEN TO

One of the most famous Psalms of David, Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd), says:

'He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters'. What a lovely image.

It has also been set to the music Crimond and at church it is a hymn we sing: *'He leadeth me, the quiet waters by'.* What another really lovely image of water.

Also, in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, the creation of God's World is described. Water is one of the earliest things described, created before land, heaven and even life.

A JOKE AND A RIDDLE

What did one ocean say to the other? Nothing, it just waved.

When will water stop running downhill?

The answer to the riddle is below.

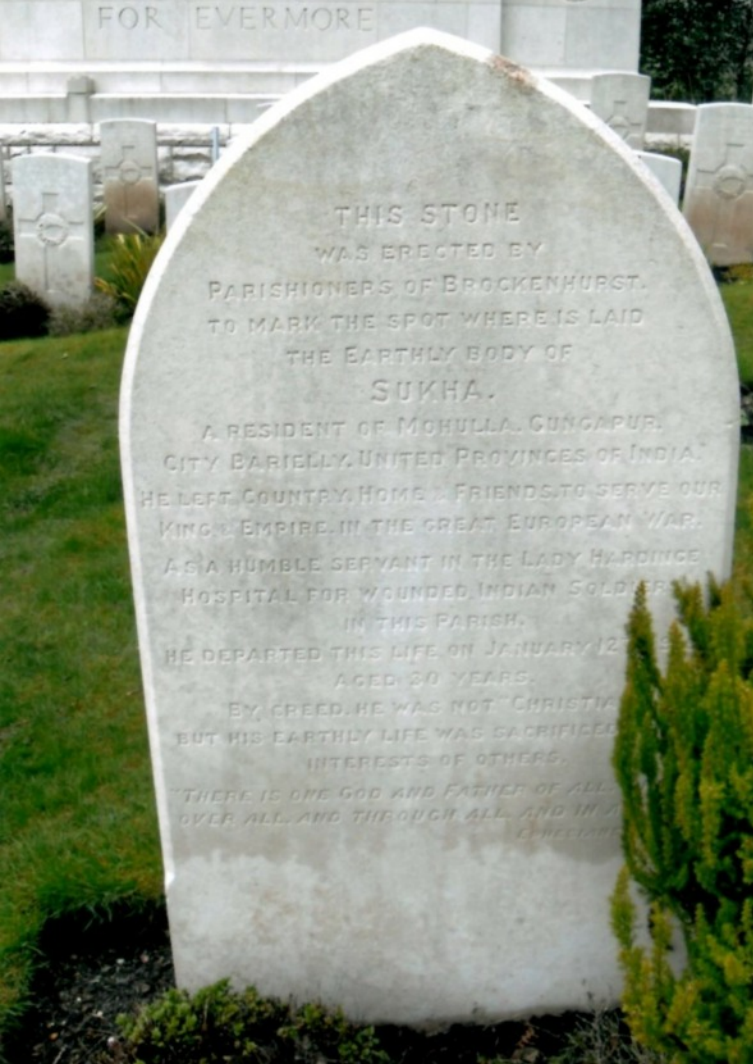
Riddle answer: When it reaches the bottom!

A RATHER SPECIAL WAR GRAVE



A country lane near Brockenhurst in the New Forest has a sign indicating War Graves. This lane leads to the old church of St Nicholas and the village graveyard, which also contains Commonwealth War Graves from WW1. The graves are mostly of ANZAC soldiers who were treated in the No1 New Zealand General Hospital, located nearby. Brockenhurst was selected because of its proximity to south coast ports and railway connections. Originally known as The Lady Hardinge Hospital, the hospital was set up by the War Office in 1914 for the care of soldiers of the Indian Army Corps injured in France and Flanders, but after they were posted to Egypt, they were treated elsewhere. The New Zealand authorities took over the site in 1916. Approximately 3,000 Indian and 21,000 New Zealand casualties were treated in the hospital complex, which mainly consisted of tents and galvanised metal structures on the ridge overlooking the village – known as ‘tin town’.

The graveyard contains 93 New Zealand graves, 1 Australian grave, 3 Indian graves and those of 3 unidentified Belgian civilians, who were apparently working in nearby woods.



Amongst the usual gravestones, one stands out. It was erected by the people of Brockenhurst in memory of Sukha Kalloo, who was posted to England with the Indian Army Corps, to work as a latrine sweeper in the hospital. He died far from home at the age of 30 in January 1915. This young man, was of a race and religion, that must have been very unfamiliar to the residents of a rural community at that time and this was a significant gesture.

More than 100 years later, we are beginning to welcome diversity of religion in our multicultural nation. In May this year, St Pauls Cathedral hosted an interfaith event to mark Ramadan. The Rt Rev Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, and Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, welcomed young people of different religions and of no faith. Perhaps a lesson can be learnt from what the people of Brockenhurst did over a hundred years ago. More recently, we have welcomed Muslim families into St Andrews – but there is still a long way to go before there is real understanding and acceptance of all faiths in our country.

Written by Sue Sabourin.

Thank you Sue for this touching and thought provoking article.



WERE YOU CORRECT?

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

We celebrate Harvest Festival this year on Sunday 6th October 2019.

On the following two pages you will see a collection of paintings celebrating this special time in the Christian calendar.

**ASK THE LORD OF THE
HARVEST THEREFORE TO SEND
OUT WORKERS INTO HIS
HARVEST FIELD.**

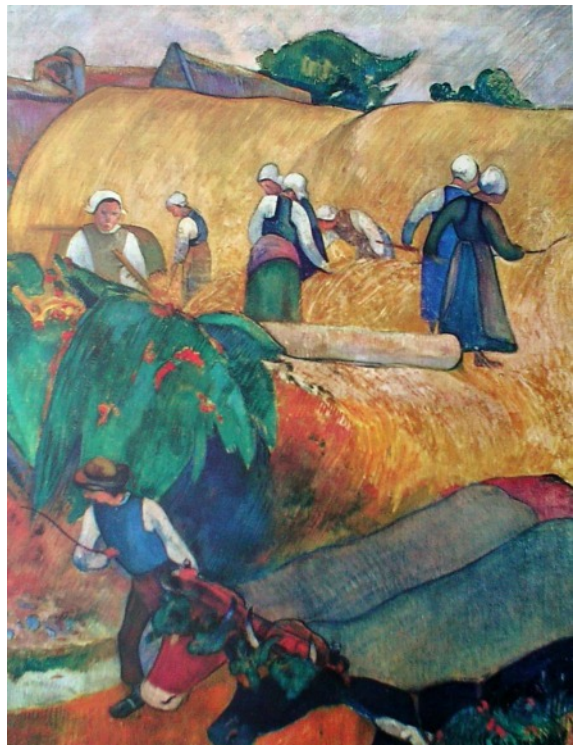
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Haystacks Series by Claude Monet 1890-91



Wheat Fields Series by Vincent Van Gogh 1888



Harvest Scene by Paul Gauguin 1889



Corn and Cantaloupe by Raphaele Peale 1813



The Pumpkin Patch by Winslow Homer 1878

A FARMER'S PRAYER

Bless me with friends who come when I call,
Land that's fertile so my crops will grow tall,
Reliable equipment that doesn't breakdown,
Weather that's perfect sunup to sundown,

A bountiful harvest I will not regret,
For I am a farmer on this you can bet!

Amen

Taken from Farmer's weekly



The veteran in a New Field by Winslow Homer 1865



Haymaking by Julien Dupre 1880



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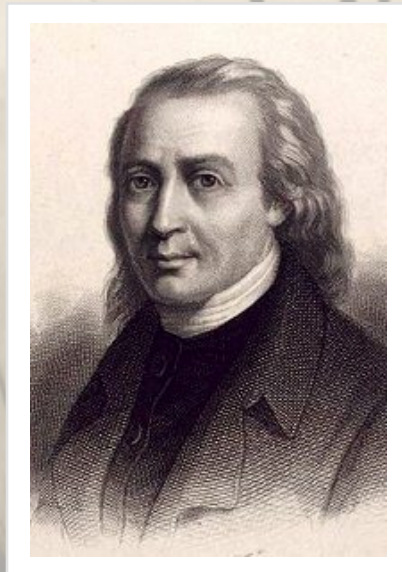
HYMN FOR THE SEASON

*We plough the
fields,
and scatter*

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:
All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread:

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts:



Matthias Claudius 1740-1815

IMOGEN NAY'S INDUCTION SERVICE



On Sunday 16th June Imogen Nay, (previously a Vicar at St Andrew's and St Mark's) had her induction service as Canon for Evangelism and Discipleship at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Congratulations Imogen on this very special occasion.



ST ANDREW'S & ST MARK'S MOTHERS' UNION

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Revd Justin Welby, commissioned Sheran Harper as Worldwide President of the Mothers' Union at a service in Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 27th February 2019. During his address he said "Mothers' Union was the greatest gift, yet best kept secret in the Anglican Communion, and we needed to be much more visible to make people appreciate our worth."

On 12th July 2019, Sheran addressed the Church of England Synod, and said she would take on the Archbishop of Canterbury's challenge to make Mothers' Union known, and ensure it is visible throughout the length and breadth of the Anglican Communion and beyond. She went on to say "that the gift of Mothers' Union is one of the greatest assets of the Anglican Communion. We are still existing even after 142 years with a vast network like no other ... strategically placed at the heart of every community ... well-positioned in 84 countries around the world ... with a membership of 4 million ... making us the number one, oldest and largest women's movement in the world ... all actively concerned with lasting transformation of individuals and communities, and working with people of all faiths or none."

Mothers' Union is a pro-active organisation employing over 300 workers from local communities around the world who develop and encourage self-help projects, provide education on health care and run training seminars for local Mothers' Union members and the wider community. Mothers' Union is involved in campaigning and lobbying on a number of issues such as parental rights, international debt and child poverty. We work in partnership with various organisations including the United Nations and other ecumenical groups.

Here in Southwark Diocese, we have around 1,800 members: men, women, single, married and divorced, within more than 85 local branches. Members are often consulted and asked for views on various government White Papers relevant to aspects of family life.

Our branch supports the Southwark Diocesan project **Away From It All (AFIA)** by collecting 5p coins. Donations of 5p coins would be gratefully received by our Branch Leader, Audrey Eldridge, or other MU members. Although not set up by the branch our members are involved with the Joel Project, the Night Shelter, The Parish Christmas Fair, Christmas Party, Sunbeams, foodbank collection, parish refreshments, Sunday Club, etc.

The 2019 Mothers' Union theme is 'Listen, observe, act – in step with God'.

We pray for the flourishing of Mothers' Union as we adapt to the needs of this present age and entrust ourselves to God to lead us forward. We pray for open ears, eyes and hearts that we may act with insight and integrity to make a difference in our world.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday 18th September, at 20:00, in St Mark's Church – A presentation by Rosie Paige (Christine's 16 year old granddaughter) on her recent expedition to Dominica.

Wednesday 16th October, at 20:00, in St Mark's Church – Autumn Buffet.

If you would like more information, please telephone Audrey Eldridge 020 8399 4867, or talk to her in Church.

By: Christine Waller

*Celebrating the birth of Anne Thomas's
Great Grand Daughter Lake Olwyn Huxley-Webb*

Born 12.7.2019

What a very special treat,
A great grand-daughter to meet,
A tiny new born baby.

With lovely little dark haired
charm,
Upon my knee, and in my arms,
A very special lady.

I hope your life goes well for you,
Be blessed in everything you do,
With love and joy, abounding.

Your life decisions be the best,
And with God's help, pass every
test,
With family surrounding.

My love always to you and yours,
The strongest kind, always
endures,
No matter where we are.

I loved to meet you yesterday,
You're ever in my heart to stay,
And will be, near or far.

Written 17.7.2019

by Edith Ann Tennant-Thomas.

Great Grandma



COLOURING PAGE





SERVICE CALENDAR

Sun September 1st

8am BCP Holy Communion St Andrew's
9.15am All Age Eucharist St Mark's
11am Morning Worship St Andrew's
6pm Evening Prayer with silence St Andrew's

Sun September 8th

8am BCP Holy Communion St Mark's
9.15am Family Worship St Mark's
11am Choral Eucharist with Blessing of backpacks St Andrew's with Sunday Club
6pm Compline St Mark's

Sun September 15th

8am BCP Holy Communion St Andrew's
9.15am Holy Baptism St Mark's
11am Choral Eucharist St Andrew's with Sunday Club.
4pm Pet service St Mark's
6pm Service of wholeness and healing St Mark's


Sun September 22nd

8am BCP Holy Communion St Mark's
9.15am Family Worship St Mark's
11am Choral Eucharist with Tudor music St Andrew's with Sunday Club.
6pm Evening Prayer with silence St Mark's

Sun September 29th

8am BCP Holy Communion St Andrew's
9.15am Holy Baptism St Mark's
11am Choral Eucharist St Andrew's with Sunday Club
6pm Taize service St Mark's

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Sun October 6th: Harvest Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion St Andrew's
9.15am All Age Parade Eucharist St Mark's
11am Morning Worship St Andrew's with Baptism
6pm Choral Evensong St Andrew's

Sun October 13th

8am BCP Holy Communion St Mark's
9.15am Family Worship St Mark's
11am Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club at St Andrew's
6pm Compline St Andrew's

Sun October 20th

8am BCP Holy Communion St Andrew's
9.15am Holy Baptism St Mark's
11am Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club at St Andrew's
6pm Service of wholeness and healing St Andrew's

Sun October 27th

8am BCP Holy Communion St Mark's
9.15am Family Worship St Mark's
11am Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club at St Andrew's
6pm Taize service St Andrew's

1. **Pet service** - Sunday 15th September, St Mark's at 4pm.

2. **Tudor Music Choral Eucharist 11am** - Sunday 22nd September, St Andrew's.

3. **Surbiton Festival** - Saturday 28th September St Andrew's Church open during the day.

4. Charity of the Month event - **ABCD Evening of Entertainment** St Andrew's on Saturday 28th September 7pm.

5. Next **Choral evensong** Sunday 6th October at St Andrew's at 6pm.

6. **Children's Choir:** Rehearsals start Friday 4th October (11th, 18th, 25th October & 1st Nov) at St Mark's at 4:30 - 5:30pm, with the choir singing on Sunday 3rd November at All Age Eucharist at St Mark's.



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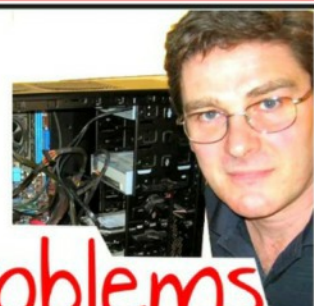
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