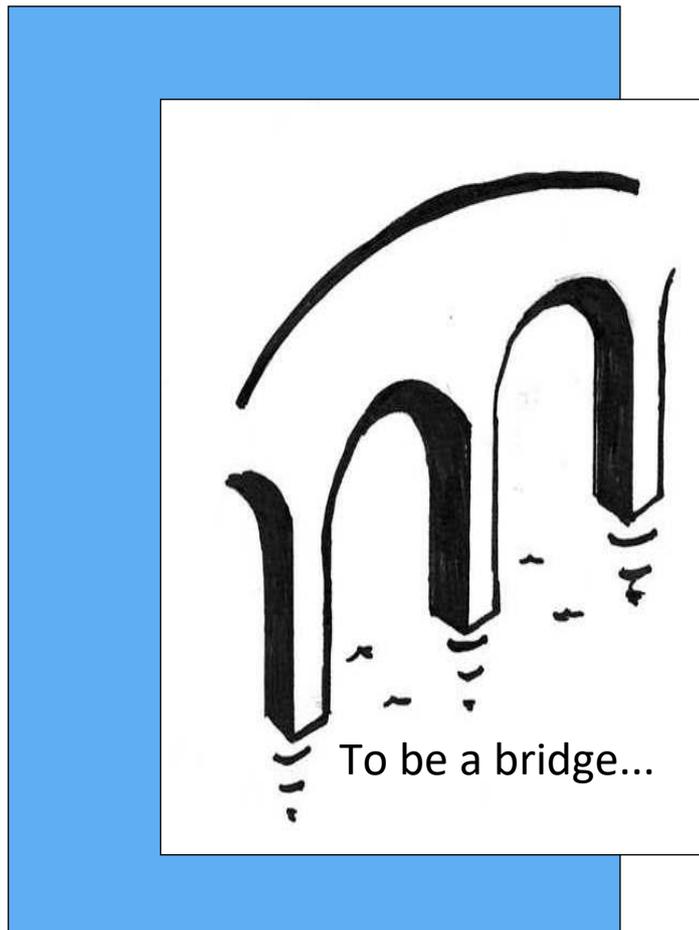


FORWARD MOVE

Summer 2017



Free Parish magazine for St Mary Church, Kippington.

Please take a copy.

Our mission ...
To be a bridge between God and our community
sharing the love of Jesus and
growing in worship, welcome and witness

Home groups and prayer opportunities for you to join us

Home Groups:

If you are interested in joining either of the groups listed below, do please phone the designated leader. You are always assured a warm welcome. Please remember that our groups meet on a fortnightly basis, unless otherwise indicated.



Tuesdays at 8.00pm

Lisa Cornell

11th and 25th July then 8th and 22nd.

Any new members are very welcome.

Wednesdays at 10.00am

Joan Taylor

12th July, then again on 20th September

We are studying the Book of Hebrews and would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Hour of Prayer at 7.30pm

David Kitley

The monthly hour of prayer is normally held on the last Tuesday of the month in the Vicarage. We regret that because of holidays this will not happen in July or in August but will resume in September on Tuesday 26th.

We invite you to join us to pray for our church family, that we may grow in faith and love and be an increasing blessing to our neighbourhood and our town.





I was intrigued recently to hear a story about a former member of this church. Murray McKenzie was elderly when I arrived in 2009, and not long afterwards he moved into Emily Jackson House and began instead to worship at St Luke's Church. He was, the vicar Mark Griffin told me, extremely generous. He had been brought up to tithe his income. On one occasion he had had a lot of bills and invoices come in, and decided to stop giving away a tenth. His life began to unravel! When he spoke to his father about his difficulties, his father asked 'Have you stopped tithing?' 'Yes', Murray replied. 'Well,' his father said, 'that's why things are going wrong!' This was recounted at his funeral; Murray began tithing again and, we understand, his life began to come back together.

I am passionate about encouraging us all to give a tenth of our income. It is a practice we find in the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, where Abraham gives to Melchizedek, the 'priest of God Most High' a tenth of 'everything'. When Jacob was fleeing from his elder brother, whom he had cheated, he had a vivid encounter with God in a dream. He then made a commitment: 'If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the LORD will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.' (Genesis 28:20-22)

Later, as the Israelites were being prepared for settled life, they were told to tithe. 'Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.' (Deuteronomy 14)

Always with the instruction to tithe, comes a promise of God's blessing! 'Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.' (Proverbs 3:9-10) In the words of the prophet Malachi, God promises to those who obey this instruction 'more blessing than you will have room to receive!' And even Jesus calls us to give away a tenth – as recorded in Luke 11:42.

What does this sound like to you? If it sounds a bit much, how about giving away each year an amount equivalent to what you spend on holidays? The Bible says that God sees what we give away. 'He who gives to the poor, lends to the Lord, and the Lord will pay you back', it says in Proverbs 19:17.

Why am I writing about this? Because this month we are including a statement about our finances, as requested by some of you. Chris Saunders, our church treasurer, has kindly put this together.

Along with this I would also like to say that from my experience, as my wife and I have worked to give away a tenth throughout our lives, we have been abundantly

supplied with all our needs and more! We have always had what was needed, for example, when we needed to replace a car. And lots of doors have opened to us for holidays – in particular one Swiss family who have let us use their Alpine chalet in a stunning location no less than six times over the years for no charge at all...

So do tithe, see what God, who sees all our life, will do. And be prepared to be pleasantly surprised and encouraged! He is faithful and will do as he promises!

With love in Christ,



Here is a summary of the presentation given by our Treasurer, Chris Saunders, to the annual Church Meeting on April 30 this year, covering what happened in 2016. 'The good news is that we had a surplus of income over expenditure of just under £3500. There are four main reasons for this:

1. A shortfall in Planned Giving was more than compensated for by collections in the Plate at Church and by a small number of generous one-off donations during the year
2. Our Parish Centre Lettings exceeded budget by more than £3500
3. There were no major unplanned items of maintenance or 'other' expenditure.

The total level of funds was up by slightly more than £23,500 compared to last year. The bulk of this came from the generous donations for the Rose Window, and there was also an increase of almost £4000 (just over 7%) in the value of our Charifund units. Income from cash deposits was negligible. By the end of 2016 the Rose Window Fund stood at £14,275 after having paid out £4285 mid-year for the initial remedial work.

While the overall level of regular giving was on budget, this was achieved largely thanks to a small number of generous one-off donations. The Planned Giving Scheme, however, was 4% below budget: between 2015 and mid-2016 we lost 15 from our Planned Giving community and gained only four.

Efforts were begun in the Autumn to bridge the gap in our Planned Giving, as we felt it was wrong to rely on ad hoc donations to bridge the gap between income and expenditure. The PCC produced a leaflet entitled 'How St Mary's Works' to describe the wide range of activities in which the church family is involved, and hence the need for additional giving. This was included with 'Forward Move', handed out to church attendees, and supported by an appeal from the Treasurer during Church notices in November. By the end of 2016 we had received additional pledges representing £2,850 in a full year and welcomed one new planned giver (59 in total). However, this still represented a drop of ten in our planned givers - while the average number of adults in church had **gone up** by the same number.

The 2017 Budget shows a potential shortfall of £3,000, even after allowing for the impact of this appeal and for revenue from the triennial Christmas Fair which is scheduled for November 2017. Following further appeals in early 2017 the number of planned givers has risen to 65 - but this is still the lowest number for many years.

Furthermore, a number of significant items of expenditure (which had been postponed in 2016 due to the Rose Window requirement) need to be addressed: in particular the Glazed Door, Centenary Room Heating and Choir Robes, for which specific donations have been requested. The PCC is very conscious of the need to 'balance the books', so these (and any currently unforeseen needs) will be prioritised and potentially supported by additional fund-raising activity.'

Chris Saunders

David Kitley adds:

I am grateful to Chris for his article and especially grateful to him for being our treasurer!

Thank you to each one of you who gives regularly and generously, enabling us to cover our commitments in 2016!

Thank you to the six who have started giving through the Scheme during 2017.

A number of you are dedicated, regular givers through the collection plate and yellow envelopes – would you be willing to commit to joining the planned giving scheme? Just six new givers, pledging £5 per week, would enable us to reach our Planned Giving target and restore Planned Giving numbers to levels of 4-5 years ago. Let us to give to God what is **right**, not what is **left**!

In view of the preceding articles and the new choir robes, we enclose a letter for your interest a letter written in 1965, at the beginning of a stewardship campaign, by a previous vicar, the Revd Barzillai Beckerleg!

"My dear People,

The 1960 "80TH Anniversary Appeal" launched by Canon Thornhill produced a capital fund which enabled us to put a new roof on the Church, to have new electric lighting, replace choir robes and to deal with some other small but essential items which could not be squeezed out of income.

That was five years ago.

The time has now come for us not only to put our house in order, but to keep it in order out of regular income. If I may speak frankly I cannot face spending a number of years here running our Church's affairs in a hand-to-mouth, unbusinesslike fashion. Quite a number of people are spasmodically generous. We are grateful to them for what they feel able to give. But I know that no one will feel offended when I point out that no one can pay their way in spasms. If they would but join those who already give steadily over the years (many on covenanted subscriptions) it would enable me, and those who with me safeguard the Church's finances, to plan and to budget. To this end we have taken the best available counsel and have called in experts to advise and encourage us forward.

*So that you may know what it is all about I ask you to read this pamphlet * – please do so now!*

*Yours sincerely,
Barzillai Beckerleg"*

- Pamphlet available on request from the present vicar!

NEW BEGINNINGS IN JUNE



12th June Funeral of Barbara Shuter, aged 96, aunt of Chris White

25th June Lynette Leithead begins a new journey as our Associate Vicar at St Mary, Kippington.

Our warmest congratulations and may God bless her in her life and ministry here, with us.

25th June Naomi Bowman is being baptised and confirmed, at All Saint's, Orpington.

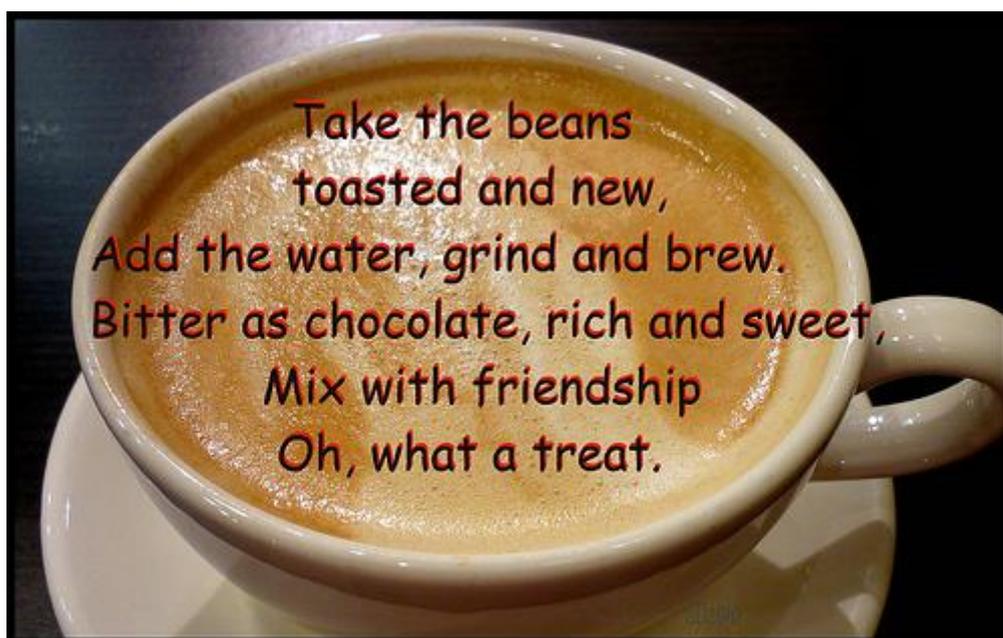
Coffee Rota



Coffee and tea are served after the 10.30am services each Sunday in our church centre, along with drinks and biscuits for the children – and grown-ups! This is a great way for us to get to know one another and to welcome newcomers.

It is staffed by volunteers! Please consider helping, telephoning Caireen with your offers.

With grateful thanks from everybody!



EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO CALENDAR FOR JULY

Saturday 1st July

3.15pm Retiring farewell ceremony for Archdeacon Clive Mansell and his wife, Jane, in Rochester Cathedral

Sunday 2nd July Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Family Holy Communion Service in the Parish Centre.
Crèche available

Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

6.00-8.00pm Youth Group Summer Barbecue – venue to be announced

6.30pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Wednesday 5th July

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre

Thursday 6th July

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Sunday 9th July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche

Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 12th July

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre

Thursday 13th July

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

11.15am Holy Communion Kippington Nursing Home

Saturday 15th July

2.00pm Wedding of Christian Swaisland and Sophie Porter



Sunday 16th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche

Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

Monday 17th July

8.00pm PCC Meeting in the Wreford Room

Wednesday 19th July
10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre – the last
one before the summer break.
Monkey's resumes on 6th September



Thursday 20th July
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Sunday 23rd July **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship) with Baptism of
Aneka Baddeley, also of Melody Gamble
(great grand-daughter of the late Mrs Joan Gamble)
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 25th July
7.30pm No prayer meeting this month

Thursday 27th July
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Sunday 30th July **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion with prayer for healing
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Thursday 3rd August
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Sunday 6th August **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Family Service in the Parish Centre.
Crèche available
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
6.30pm Evening service with 'North-West Fellowship' of Churches –
Meeting at St John's United Reformed Church – led by
'The Drive' Methodists

Thursday 10th August
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre
11.15am Holy Communion Kippington Nursing Home

Sunday 13th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship]
 Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
 Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
12 noon onwards – Church Family picnic in the Vicarage garden – you
 may like to bring a rug or chairs to sit on!
6.30pm Evening Service with 'North-West Fellowship' of Churches –
 Meeting at St John's United Reformed Church – led by
 members of St Mary, Kippington



Thursday 17th August

- 10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Friday 18th August

Deadline for articles for the September issue of 'Forward Move'

Sunday 20th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
 Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
 Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
6.30pm Evening Service with 'North-West Fellowship' of Churches –
 Meeting at St John's United Reformed Church –
 led by St John the Baptist's church

Thursday 24th August

- 10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Sunday 27th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
 Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
 Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
2.00pm Wedding of Joshua Groom and Kayleigh Tivey
6.30pm Evening Service with 'North-West Fellowship' of Churches –
 Meeting at St John's United Reformed Church – led by
 members of that congregation



Tuesday 29th August

7.30pm No prayers this month as David & Cathie are in Switzerland

Thursday 31st August

- 10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.30am Family Service in the Parish Centre. Crèche available
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre
- 6.00-8.00pm Youth Group – Games Night
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Wednesday 6th September

- 10.00am St Mary's Monkeys resumes in the Parish Centre



Thursday 7th September

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.45am Coffee and tea in the Parish Centre

Saturday 9th September

- 12 noon Wedding of Daniel Cumber and Emily Clarkson



Sunday 10th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Guest preacher – Raj Patel for the Church Mission Society
A special collection today for Kylie and Bhim, our mission partners
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee and tea afterwards in the Parish Centre

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10th September

Friends' of Kent Churches 'ride and stride' – see article





- Saturday 9th September 2017 -

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

Anytime Between 10am - 6pm

This year the Friends of Kent churches annual "Ride & Stride", sponsored event is on Saturday 9th September.

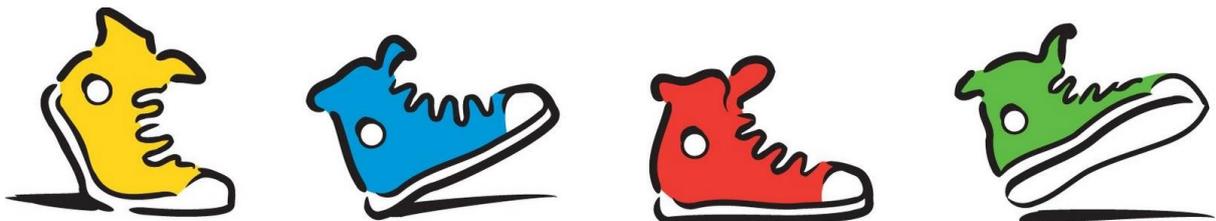
If you would be interested in cycling, walking, running or can help for just one hour, to sign in visitors to our church, then please contact me.

Sponsorship forms and a list of over 700 churches that will be open on the day, will be available shortly.

Last year David Kitley along with Martin and Carolyn Bush had a great ride and raised £1060 in support of this charity. They plan to cycle again, of course!

Fifty percent of any money that we raise is returned to us for the maintenance of the building and fabric of our church.

Glynn Hicks.





Christmas Fayre

Jam, Jam Jam!



I know that Christmas seems a long way away but the Christmas Fair is on November 25th.

If you are making any jam this summer can you spare a pot for the Preserves Stall which I am running? If not, any donations of sugar would be helpful as I shall be making as much jam as I can.

Many thanks.



Avril

Readers and Intercessions Table for July

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| Sunday | 2nd July | 3rd Sunday after Trinity | |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 22:1-8 Matthew 10:37-42 | |
| 10.30am | Family Service in Church | To be decided <i>Intercessions</i> | <i>Nicholson Family</i> |
| Sunday | 9th July | 4th Sunday after Trinity | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 24:34-38, 42-50 Matthew 11:25-30 | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) | Genesis 24:34-38, 42-50 Matthew 11:25-30 <i>Intercessions</i> | Wendy Young Dorothy Ashpitel <i>Stephen Day</i> |
| Sunday | 16th July | 5th Sunday after Trinity | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 25:19-34 Matthew 13:1-9 | |
| 10.30am | Morning Prayer (BCP) | Genesis 25:19-34 Matthew 13:1-9 <i>Intercessions</i> | Laura Daniels Ed Daniels <i>Rich Morrow</i> |
| Sunday | 23rd July | 6th Sunday after Trinity | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 28:10-22 Matthew 13: 24-30 | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) With Baptism of Charlotte Baddeley and Melody Gamble | Genesis 28:10-22 <i>Intercessions</i> | Helen Lawson <i>Dorothy Ashpitel</i> |
| Sunday | 30th July | 7th Sunday after Trinity | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46 | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) with Healing Prayer | Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46 <i>Intercessions</i> | Caroline Howe Patrick Howe <i>Irene Rea</i> |

Readers and Intercessions Table for August

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| Sunday | 6th August 8th Sunday after Trinity | | |
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 32:22-31 Matthew 17:1-9 | |
| 10.30am | Family Service in Church | To be decided <i>Intercessions</i> | <i>Dowell Family</i> |
| Sunday | 13th August 9th Sunday after Trinity | | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 37:1-11 Matthew 14:22-33 | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) with Baptism of Freddie Window | Genesis 37:1-11 <i>Intercessions</i> | Carolyn Bush <i>Laura Daniels</i> |
| Sunday | 20th August 10th Sunday after Trinity | | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 39:1-10 Matthew 15:10-20 | |
| 10.30am | Morning Prayer (BCP) | Genesis 39:1-10 Matthew 15:10-20 <i>Intercessions</i> | Stephen Day Janet Eilbeck <i>Richard Revers</i> |
| Sunday | 27th August 11th Sunday after Trinity | | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Genesis 41:1-16 Matthew 16:13-20 | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) | Genesis 41:1-16 Matthew 16:13-20 <i>Intercessions</i> | Alan Chart Amanda Eyre <i>Ed Daniels</i> |



The story behind the hymn: Eternal Father Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless
wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The author of these words, William Whiting, was an Anglican clergyman in Winchester, which is hardly a seaside town. Yet Whiting had not only grown up by the sea, but had nearly died in it. As a young man he had been on a ship that got caught in a violent storm, and afterwards he felt certain it was only God who had saved the ship from sinking that night.

Some years later, as headmaster of the Winchester College Choristers' School, Whiting was approached by a student in distress. The student was due to sail to the USA, and was simply terrified at the thought of 3000 miles of ocean. To try and reassure the student, Whiting decided to share his experience. And so he wrote this poem, basing the description of the power and fury of the sea on Psalm 107. It is not known if it helped the nervous student or not, but within a year the poem had become a hymn, and sailed into the influential first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* of 1861.

Another Anglican clergyman, John B Dykes, wrote the music for it. He was already a successful composer, with 300 hymns to his name. Dykes named this tune 'Melita', after an old name for Malta, where St Paul was once shipwrecked. Whiting released two more versions of the lyrics, in 1869 and in 1874.

During the rest of the 19th century the hymn became a favourite with the Royal Navy and the United States Navy. Other Services adapted it, including the Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force, the British Army, and the United States Coast Guard. Above all, it became known as the Royal Navy Hymn.

Well into the 20th century, it was the favourite hymn of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had served as Secretary of the Navy during the Second World War. In 1963 *Eternal Father* was played by the Navy Band, as President John F. Kennedy's body was carried up the steps of the U.S. Capitol to lie in state. (Kennedy had been a PT boat commander in World War II.)

Parish Pump



PRAYERS TO SHARE

*“Blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise,
more than I can utter, more than I can understand,
be yours, O most glorious Trinity, Father, Son & Holy Spirit,
by all angels, all people, all creatures, now and for ever.”*

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626

In July and August we travel through the weeks following Trinity Sunday, so we begin today, as often before, with these words of Lancelot Andrewes expressing joyful thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity. Thinking about the mystery of the Trinity we read that David Adams wrote, *“You, Lord, are in this place. We are in the presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,”* and he quoted these Celtic words where encompassing means encircling:-

*“The compassing of God be on thee
The compassing of the God of life.
The compassing of Christ be on thee
The compassing of the Christ of love.
The compassing of the Spirit be on thee
The compassing of the Spirit of grace.
The compassing of the Three be on thee, and preserve thee.”*

And so we go on our Summer journey, following on from the Day of Pentecost when we celebrated the gift of the coming of the Holy Spirit and now, while our hearts may sing “Breathe on me, breath of God,” our minds are busy facing many uncertainties, and we are only too well aware of the trouble and misery so widespread in our broken world. Remembering that whatever changes happen around us, God never changes. Here is a positive forward-looking prayer:-

*“Lord may I be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you,
cheerful at sunset for having done my work for you, thankful
at moonrise and under starshine for the beauty of the universe.
And may I add what little may be in me to your great world.” Amen*

Some of us may travel away at various times during the summer but we can continue to pray for one another with this little hymn:-

May the grace of Christ our Saviour
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord
And possess, in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford

D.M.A.

Oratory of St John the Baptist, Urbino, Italy

This early 14th century chapel is an absolute gem. Situated high above the main square in Urbino, you have to walk along cobbled alleyways to achieve your goal. Believe me it is worth the climb. We had to wait a few minutes for the guy with the key to open up. He arrived on his Vespa! If you have visited Urbino you will know how narrow the streets are and that scooters are a must.

Inside the chapel the walls are covered in many frescos, twelve of them show the life of St John the Baptist. One wall is very well preserved, however the opposite wall, the one that gets all the weather thrown at it, has only fragments. The story begins with the Annunciation to Zacharias and continues in two registers. The stories include the meeting between Mary and Zacharias, St John preaching to the multitudes and also preaching in the presence of Herod. As usual everyone is depicted in the costume of the period. The colours are spectacular considering the age of the frescos. Behind the altar on the south wall is one of the largest and most detailed crucifixion scenes.

Well worth puffing up the hill to see and you can always award yourselves a gelato afterwards. We did – delicious.



Pat Campbell

Dear Readers

I can't believe that we have reached the double summer issue already. The year is just flashing past.

Before we break for the summer, I would very much like to thank all my magazine distributors and deliverers for cheerfully pounding the pavements month after month on my behalf. The magazine would not be so widely read and enjoyed if I had to deliver them all myself, so thank you very much indeed.

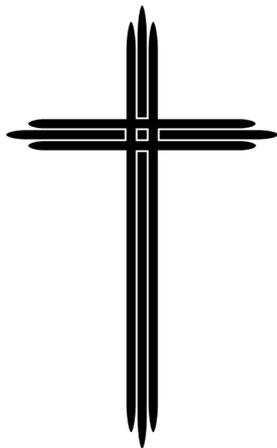
Thank you also to all of you who have contributed articles or photographs over this year. I am extremely grateful to you, as you provide the stuffing (so to speak).

Lastly, I am going to leave you with a little something to make you smile.

I wish everyone a very happy, relaxing Summer. If you are lucky enough to be going away, I wish you safe travels.

God bless you all.

Sue Shepherd
Editor



The Church Mouse meets his Foe

Here among the neat-hung cassocks
Amidst the rows of tidy hassocks
I dwell, a mouse of notoriety
Of whom the poet wrote a diary.

But since that day, my life is meaner
For now the church has got a cleaner!
The congregation come on Sunday
But do not know that, on a Monday
The muck and mess that they created
By her is swiftly dissipated!

She races hither and rushes thither
Efficiency that makes us quiver!
She scrubs and cleans and mops and hoovers
She cleans the windows, dusts the louvres;
And any food that's left around
Is very swiftly run to ground.

Her industry's so very great
That we shall have to emigrate!
So you, who come to church on Sunday
Remember those who clean on Monday!

By Nigel Beeton

ST. MARY KIPPINGTON



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