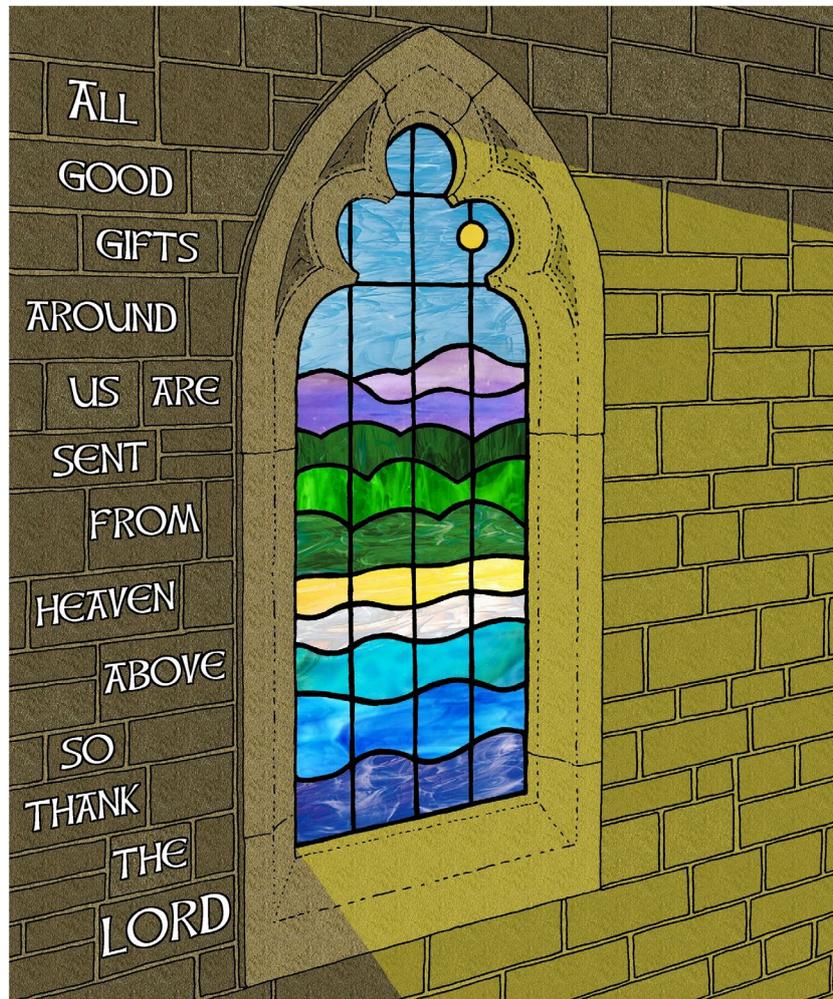


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From the vicarage

Dear friends and neighbours,

Touching to be together again

We are still consciously enjoying the return to public worship, singing, sharing communion and the company of different generations in church. Gathering still feels precious after two years' disruption and frustration. It is moving to share the cup again. For touch to be so absent from priestly ministry for so long has been very strange, leaving a curious ache.

During lockdown I was allowed to visit Eileen Pearson's bedside as she approached the end of her life. (The care home manager, being a Muslim, typically really understood the importance of prayers marking the end of life and allowed me in.) I anointed her to send her on her way. After such a long time without putting wafers in hands, without resting my hand on anyone's head for a blessing, without shaking hands at the peace and without touching a child's forehead marking the cross at their baptism, when allowed to pray for Eileen that day, even through the medical gloves I had to wear, I felt the tender sacramental tremor like gentle electricity. It was precious touch.

We learn and receive differently through our different senses. Cerebral processing of ideas matters hugely to me, but it is incomplete without these other signals and connections. Our all age communion services in years past have always involved different kinds of learning and we have waited until we felt free to move and interact again before restoring that monthly habit. From September, then, our 10am Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month will once again be celebrated with all ages together. Come with open heart and mind as we explore scriptures and share the sacrament in diverse ways, reflective activity and conversation.

Then, in the evenings, rather than simply put back the simple Evening Prayer that we have indeed valued over the years, but only very few of us, the Church Council has agreed that we should open up new opportunities for learning and worship. On Sunday evenings we introduce a new pattern of services at 6:30pm opening our hearts and minds with conversation, story, music and art:

First Sunday

Making Room for Scripture: A simple, traditional, said service of Evening Prayer, responding to Psalms and Old and New Testament readings in prayer.

Second Sunday

Making Room for Each Other: Prayerful space to explore our humanity, experience, dilemmas and concerns, including conversation with people about their work, life, expertise, and how we shape our ordinary life around God.

Third Sunday

Making Room for Growth: A service in the Iona tradition, responding to the seasons, prayerfully bringing the needs of creation and human society before God.

Fourth Sunday

Making Room for God: Worship dwelling on different characteristics of God as revealed in Scripture.

Themes for these services will be publicised in advance. We invite you to come and share in the evolution of these new opportunities for learning and growth in faith. Anyone who would like to be involved in crafting worship, please talk to Tariro or David.

We look forward to exploring together.

David



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Mr A Cocks
Kings Heath All Saints

22 August 2022

Dear Anthony,

Thank you for your incredible support, prayers and generosity this Christian Aid Week. Together, Kings Heath All Saints has raised £1,920.55 to help families around the world transform their own lives.

Your generous gift will help women like Jessica Mwedzi in Zimbabwe grow drought-resistant seeds and learn how to grow food in the changing climate. She now hopes to provide her children with fresh food, and a full life, free from hunger.

You only need to look to Janet Zirugo, who lives in a nearby community, to see the lasting impact gifts like yours can have. Like Jessica, Janet experienced desperate hunger. But with help from our local partners, she turned her life around. Using drought-resistant seeds, Janet now maintains a flourishing vegetable garden. She has also built a storeroom to help her bounce back in future droughts.

'This project is lifting us up. We are thankful. It makes me happy to see my family are strong and well fed.' Janet sings with joy, and we rejoice with her. It's thanks to people like you that this amazing change is possible.

Thank you again for standing alongside your global neighbours this Christian Aid Week. Together, we can restore justice to our world.

With heartfelt thanks,

Kate Ormerod
Church Engagement Fundraising Manager & CEFO

PS Thank you for letting us know how much money you raised by sending your Form A. We'll be in touch to thank you for any further funds you raise online, for example through JustGiving.

Christian Aid and Zimbabwe

All Saints has a proud tradition of supporting Christian Aid. However, due to Covid, street collections virtually disappeared in the last two years all around the UK. This has resulted in different ways of raising income for Christian Aid. We had a bucket collection at the Farmers' Market in May, and we did an envelope delivery only, whereby people could return envelopes to Rourke's or to church. We also had a church envelope collection over a number of weeks.

Each year Christian Aid highlights a different part of the world's problems and how it is helping. This year was Zimbabwe and of course we are blessed by having Tariro, our own curate from Zimbabwe. The problems of Zimbabwe have been compounded by climate change – once the breadbasket of Africa, many families (led by the women of the family) now survive by subsistence farming. Many of the crops die due to drought. Christian Aid has been helping by supplying drought-resistant plants.



On Saturday 16 July Tariro and family hosted a Zimbabwean evening of song, dance, joyous entertainment, food, a quiz and some history and politics thrown in: 50 people attended, and



Tariro and her family had cooked lots of Zimbabwean food, three different types of rice (introduced to Zimbabwe by the British), lots of meats, and fried caterpillars for those who wanted to try them (I thought they were just crunchy like black Monster Munch!). It was a fun-filled evening including history, learning and lots of music. The event raised £356 towards our total.

We will finish this year's fundraising with a Christian Aid quiz (twice delayed) on Saturday 22 October in the Hall. Admittance includes pie (meat and vegetarian options), mash and peas from Rourke's (bring your own drinks). Tickets are just £10 or £8 concessions; teams are of up to 6 but don't worry if you are on your own – we can find you a team to join. We have so far raised a grand total of £2,114.05 (including Gift Aid) to help Christian Aid with its great work.

Des Workman

From the PCC

The last PCC meeting was held on 19 July and there was no meeting in August as is the custom.

The July meeting was a lively one and a number of issues were discussed. It was particularly hot at the time but the proceedings were improved by the thoughtful provision of lashings of orange juice and water by one of the members.

Finance: As ever, our treasurer gave us a comprehensive update on the financial position of the church. In essence, while there has been some over-expenditure compared with that predicted on some items, there have been savings and under-expenditure in other areas so overall, the church was able to meet its commitment with the common fund payment to the diocese which has been fully paid.

The treasurer was pleased to be able to report that he had applied for and received tax relief on the tower repair works of circa £7,000 because the building is Grade II Listed. This effectively means that the net cost of the repairs is £19,000.

Income and expenditure overall: This was currently in deficit to the amount of circa £12,000. However, if the tower repair work is excluded, as it is necessary to secure the building for future generations, overall the account is in credit to the amount of £14,000.

Regular giving: The treasurer reported that the average for the past 12 months was some £200 up on the average for the previous 12 months. He went on to explain that there are currently three ways for regular giving, being by covenant, the blue envelope scheme, and cash collection. Also, giving by debit or credit card is shortly to be available (see later).

The treasurer explained that there are two ways by which covenant giving can be done, as follows:

- **Standing Order:** This is set up by the donor and pays directly to the bank account of the church. Any changes to amounts are instigated by the donor, as and when. The disadvantage of this is that the tax relief has to be calculated and claimed by the church finance team and can be quite time-consuming.
- **Parish Giving Scheme:** This has been set up by the Diocese of Gloucester via an agency. The arrangement is via a direct debit. Any changes to amount are instigated by the agency but donors are given advanced warning and can adjust amounts as they wish. The agency claims the tax relief on behalf of the church which is done on a monthly basis and paid directly to the church account.

The treasurer commented that there would be a great benefit if those currently giving by blue envelope or standing order could be encouraged to use the Parish Giving Scheme instead.

Counting: The blue envelopes have to be opened and each one checked to ensure that the contents match the amount the donor has agreed to pay on a weekly basis. This money and the loose cash collection has to be counted, bagged in individual denominations, recorded and then deposited at the bank. This is currently done mainly by the churchwarden with some assistance and involves a significant amount of work by volunteers, as can be appreciated.

The churchwarden said that he wished to reinstate a more regular counting regime than at present, and reintroduce a rota system. Those present were in agreement to this and some members were happy to be on the rota which would be set up in due course.

Long-term debtors (Development Company): This has now reduced to circa £6,000 and it was expected that it would be fully paid in the next three months.

Overall net worth: The treasurer reported that overall, at this time, the church balance net worth stood at circa £182,000.

Vision Review: The group preparing the Vision Review has now made a presentation to the congregation. The review has been summarised in an A5 cream-coloured booklet entitled *Refreshing Our Vision – 2022 to 2030* which is available at the back of the church for all to read and consider. The review invites us all to re-examine the values that we hold in common, appraise the assets that we steward for the church and community, and refresh our vision for the next season of our life together. There is also a questionnaire associated with the review which invites readers to consider and comment on the various aspects of church life. At the time of the meeting in July only a small number of completed questionnaires had been received and it was decided that final submission date should be extended to September 2022 and the questionnaire also made available online.

Safeguarding: This has had a regular slot on the PCC agenda, being a very important aspect of church activities. Monthly reports continue to be prepared by the safeguarding committee for discussion by the PCC. Completion of volunteer forms are now a mandatory requirement for any volunteers within the church environment including sidespeople on welcoming duty at church services and all volunteers. The completion of a form helps the safeguarding committee to identify whether an individual in a particular circumstance may need a DBS check. There was some discussion regarding the format of the form which is standard for whole site and perhaps variations should be available to suit particular types of volunteering.

Churchwarden: The churchwarden is hoping to arrange a church clean, probably for September, including the tower – advanced notice of the date would be forthcoming. As there are now no regular cleaners in the church, it is important that the whole of the interior of the church is given a thorough clean including high-level surfaces, windowsills, windows, polishing wooden panelling, doors, pulpit and the pews; Pew runners to be brushed, floors to be swept and carpets to be vacuumed. This is a big task and the more people who can be involved, the quicker and more thorough the job and the better the result for the ensuing period. The smell of freshly-polished furniture when entering the church is always very uplifting and puts people in a good frame of mind for the service to follow. It goes without saying that all are welcome to come and help for an hour or two so please look out for any announcements as to the date and time and any equipment that it would be useful to bring along to assist with this essential task.

Updated church website: as far as can be ascertained, the updated church website seems to be running well and any feedback would be welcome. It is understood that the regular Morning Prayer at the church has now also been uploaded to the website.

Christian Aid: It was reported that the final amount collected for Christian Aid this year is circa £2,100. This includes the money from the Zimbabwe evening which was a great success. There was some discussion regarding whether the deliver envelopes-only scheme had been effective as relatively few envelopes had been received compared with those delivered. However it was

considered that there is a likelihood that receiving an envelope through their door would possibly prompt people to give online, or by some other method. On balance keeping this scheme was probably beneficial but there would be further investigation of the results from other churches operating the same scheme to help decide whether to continue with the scheme next year.

6:30pm Sunday services: There had been no further news of the proposal to hold weekly evening services principally aimed at those of age 20 and 30 years. It was expected that these may commence in the Autumn on a trial basis.

New wifi in church: Wifi has now been reinstated in the church. This will make it much easier to stream live services such as weddings, funerals and also regular services. It was clear from recent experience using Zoom that there is already a demand. Consideration was being given as to the best location for a camera or cameras and microphones etc. It would also provide an additional means by which people may donate online. It was intended that a card reader would shortly be made available in the church for people to use to donate. The gifts would be collated in a JustGiving page for subsequent transfer to the church bank account.

That just about rounds up what was discussed in the July meeting. I trust that readers have enjoyed the summer and managed to survive the hot spell in early August.

Next meetings: These are scheduled as follows:

SC Meetings: 18 October, 20 December 2022

PCC Meetings: 20 September, 15 November 2022

Tony Cocks
PCC Secretary

A reminder that you can sign up for the All Saints newsletter here:

<https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/o7a2q4>

From the registers

	<p>Baptism – we give thanks for: David and Matilda, baptised on 10 July</p>
	<p>Funerals – we remember: William Gardner, whose funeral took place on 27 May Andrew Craig Turrell, whose funeral took place on 28 July Mary Cole, whose funeral took place on 16 August Cheryl Gudge, whose funeral took place on 24 August</p>

Warden's musings

I've just finished putting away the sleeping mats, and dropped off a few tables and Stuart's trusty green cart back at the church after another wonderful weekend at Greenbelt. I think someone will be writing a Greenbelt review article for the magazine when she has finished eating chocolate – so maybe it won't be in until October...or November? Anyway, I'd better not steal her thunder (or her chocolate) – suffice to say it was great to be back in the fields camping and enjoying the talks, beer, music, food, red wine, sun, beer, camaraderie, chemical toilets, beer, red wine, yoga to ease the back pain from a night on a sleeping mat, black feet from wearing flip-flops and playing frisbee barefoot on the grass and everything else that makes Greenbelt such a rejuvenating experience. Did I mention the beer in the Jesus Arms (the on-site pub)?

If you haven't been yet to witness the spectacle and decadence of the All Saints camp with its capacious gazebo and collection of tents, lively discussions around the long dinner table – then I thoroughly recommend coming next year, which will be the 50th festival. My maths is failing me as it was started in 1974 and next year will be the 50th but it's 2023. So they must have slipped two in one year. Or maybe I just can't add up. My brain is still slightly in shock from having had to suddenly start grappling with nuclear energy safety cases after a weekend enjoying itself – either that or it's still suffering from drinking too much red wine and beer on Sunday night. I blame the vicar persuading me to drink too much. That's how I remember it anyway. Yoga and packing up camp on Monday with a slightly fuzzy head was not a highlight but it was soon forgotten watching Harry and Chris sing about Aloo-Gobi-Obi-Wan-Kenobi-Phobia (the fear of spicy potatoes shaped like Jedi) and ladders (those rungy beasts).

Speaking of ladders, having been away on and off over the summer I am glad to see that the church is still standing. I will be planning a weekend of cleaning and a big clearout sometime soon – maybe to be held in October to give adequate time for planning. The aim will be to have a good sort-out of the area above the Marjorie Allen Room, the now-very-inaccurately-named 'organ space', the pretty-inaccurately-named 'North Vestry' (the 'north' bit is right, but not sure about 'vestry'), the reasonably-accurately-named 'boiler room' (it does have a boiler in it) and maybe the children's area too. And a good tidy-up and clean. Plus I still need to remove the wheelbarrows of pigeon poo from the tower, so if you have a good head for heights, can climb ladders and fit through a small trapdoor and love buckets and rope and shovels, let me know... (I promise this is the last guinea pig picture).

We were lucky enough to go to Crete for a week this summer. After Becky had been working so hard on the Commonwealth Games preparations, we decided (partly to entice the youth to come with us at least once more) to go abroad on holiday. We normally save our pennies to go skiing in winter and stay in the UK for summer. I love the UK – it's so green and usually the weather is pretty good. And I love camping and walking. But I must admit, swimming in the sea without a wet suit and your fingers going blue was pretty special. I was worried about the Mediterranean Sea being dirty, surrounded as it is by countries on all sides, but the beaches were pretty clean and the water was beautifully clear and blue. Crete was lovely. We were staying in a small village with a quirky beach which had a main road passing over it on stilts – doesn't sound great but actually it wasn't too intrusive and did act as a good sun-umbrella for part of the afternoon. The beach was quite busy with locals and not too touristy. We visited some other beaches including really touristy ones – it's nice to know there



is a good mix on the island. We had some interesting conversations with fellow Europeans from Ukraine, Poland, Greece and France and, as is probably our lot now, accepted their commiserations about leaving Europe. Apparently that blond-haired, scruffy looking bloke who engineered our departure was also enjoying holidaying in Greece – luckily for us not on Crete.

The landscape was sort of rugged and arid but still quite verdant. Seeing figs, pomegranates, lemons, grapefruit, oranges and of course olives, growing wild was pretty special. The food was lovely, and we had some great meals out in tiny family-run tavernas. It led me to ponder what foods, if I had to choose, I would live on for the rest of my life? A sort of *Desert Island Ingredients...* So maybe you can think of yours too? If you had to choose 10 ingredients that you would live on, what would they be? I didn't ask the kids, but to set some ground rules, the following are not considered ingredients: burgers, pizza, chocolate, KFC (other brands of high-fat deep-fried, battered fowl are available).

So – without giving it too much thought – my list was: olives, tomatoes, chickpeas and tahini (to make houmous), cheese (I know I'm stretching it there), peppers, figs (or maybe I'd substitute dates), red wine (or the raw version known as 'grapes'); and then I kind of ran out of steam, partly due to the thought of pressing my own olives to make oil and treading the grapes. Quite exhausting just thinking about it.

While there I was reading Stephen Fry's excellent book *Mythos: The Greek Myths Retold*. Being an engineer who went to the dodgiest of Lichfield's three secondary schools, I don't have a classical education. So I found this book fascinating. It is amazing how much of our language has come from ancient Greek and Roman and how these stories and myths have been woven into our modern life, becoming names for stars and planets and inspiring many of our sayings. If you had to sum it up, it seemed to be that the Olympians and Titans before them spent most of their time mating with each other (and indeed with pretty much anybody) or murdering people or, because they are immortal, coming up with gruesome punishments. Zeus, who legend has it was raised on Crete, seems to have been particularly prolific in the seduction department. No wonder, as mentioned in one of David's sermons this year, that the Greek language has at least four words for love. We might have to go back next year so I can read the sequel *Heroes*. I'm still finishing *Mythos* but it's not quite the same in the British weather...

Anyway, I thought I'd leave you with a little quiz. As I mentioned, the Greek gods gave their names to the planets but using the Roman names. So below are the Greek names and the planets for you to match up. Some are obvious. Some not so or maybe they are, except to uneducated engineers like me...

Mercury	<i>Ares</i>
Venus	<i>Poseidon</i>
Earth	<i>Ouranos</i>
Mars	<i>Hades</i>
Jupiter	<i>Kronos</i>
Saturn	<i>Aphrodite</i>
Uranus	<i>Gaia</i>
Neptune	<i>Zeus</i>
Pluto	<i>Hermes</i>

Next month I'll tackle the moons and constellations... or maybe not.

Chris Pearce
Churchwarden

Fancy a moment in the spotlight – or behind the spotlight?

As mentioned in last month's magazine, we will be putting on a production of Dick Whittington on Saturday 11 February 2023. Will this be the year Chris Peace *finally* gets to wear a tutu on stage?

We would be delighted to welcome more people to our happy band of (very) amateur dramatists, whether on stage, behind the scenes or front of house.

We will be having a 'casting' session on Sunday 25 September at 3pm in church, where we will read through a few scenes, learn about the characters and what the parts entail, and get a feel for the silliness that will ensue. If a speaking part isn't your thing, or you can't commit to a the schedule of rehearsals (generally Sunday afternoons between October and February), we also need a singing chorus (children and adults!), stagehands, technical crew, front of house volunteers; and anyone who's handy with a sewing machine would be very useful...

If you are interested in taking part in whatever way, please do speak to me, Fiona or Ben in the coming weeks, or drop a line to players@allsaintschurchkh.org to find out more. All are welcome!

Clare Noakes



Retreat in Daily Life

Ever wanted to go on a retreat but don't have the time to go away?

Would you like to experience a retreat but can't afford one?

A home-based Retreat in Daily Life could be for you.

A Retreat in Daily Life is an opportunity for people of Christian faith, and people open to it, to deepen their spirituality and come closer to God through prayer. During the period of one month participants will learn techniques to deepen their inner life, alongside weekly meetings with a personal guide trained in prayer, arranged at a time to suit you. A retreat can help us develop a regular spiritual practice and become more present to God in the dynamic of the everyday. The retreat will be run in conjunction with Manresa Link. **Interested?**

Taster Sessions will be on the following dates:

Saturday 1st October 10.15-11.15am - St Anne's Church, Moseley, Park Hill

Tuesday 4th October 10.30-11.30am - St Mary's Church, West Room

Thursday 13th October 7.30-8.30pm - All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath, Marjorie Allen Room

You are welcome to come to one or all of the taster sessions.

If you would like to book a place on the retreat or a taster session please speak to

Revd Magdalen Smith at St Anne's Church, Moseley.

Email: assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk or telephone Moseley Parish Office 0121 449 2243.

Or speak to Jenny Warbrick at All Saints Church, Kings Heath - Email: warbrickja@gmail.com

Or telephone All Saints Parish Office 0121 444 0760.

For those who are able to afford it, we ask for a contribution between £5 - £20



The Parish of Moseley
St Mary's & St Anne's



Music Matters

A timely, not to say urgent, plea: 'O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.'

As has become our habit, following on from Clare's dad doing similar as choirmaster at her home church at this time, we included the hymn *Eternal Father, strong to save* in an August service this year. Perhaps almost better known by the final line of its first three verses, 'For those in peril on the sea', it is a seasonal reminder for us to keep in our thoughts all those travelling during the traditional holiday period, and to pray for their safe return.

The words were written in 1860 by Englishman William Whiting, who had grown up near the coast and felt himself spared by God when a storm nearly took a ship he was travelling on. He published volumes of poetry and became Headmaster of the Winchester College Choristers' School where some years later he wrote this hymn following a conversation with a student fearful of a forthcoming voyage across the Atlantic. Whiting was inspired by various passages from the Bible, in particular some later verses from Psalm 107:

*"Those who go down to the sea in ships
and ply their trade in great waters,*

*These have seen the works of the Lord
and his wonders in the deep.*

*For at his word a stormy wind arose
and lifted up the waves of the sea.*

*They were carried up to the heavens
and down again to the deep;
their soul melted away in their peril. ...*

*Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.*

*He made the storm be still
and the waves of the sea were calmed."*

The hymn was first published the following year in *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, with the text going through various revisions by its editors and subsequently by Whiting himself. The tune **Melita** (an ancient name for Malta) was composed for this publication by John Bacchus Dykes. **Melita** provides an appropriately solid and reassuringly sturdy accompaniment to the text and is perhaps more interesting than many other 'standard' hymn tunes of the age, particularly the rising, dotted melody and shifting harmonies of the penultimate line 'O hear us when we cry to thee'. Writing on the website www.hymnary.org, Tiffany Shomsky notes that 'there is quite a bit of chromaticism throughout, which adds intensity to the mood'.

Dykes was clergyman and prolific composer of hymn tunes, a number of which are still sung today: **Dominus Regit Me** (*The King of love my shepherd is*), **Gerontius** (one of the tunes we use for *Praise to the Holiest*), **Nicaea** (*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty*), **Rievaulx** (*Father of heaven, whose love profound*), **St Bees** (*Hark, my soul, it is the Lord*)... Whiting, however, was more of a one-hit wonder – writing in the *Dictionary of Hymnology* in 1907 (nearly three decades after his death), John Julian noted that 'his reputation as a hymnwriter is almost exclusively confined to his *Eternal Father, strong to save* ... Mr Whiting's hymns, with the exception of *Eternal Father*..., have not had a wide acceptance.'

All sorts of hymns refer to 'travel' in some way or other (from *Ride on, ride on in majesty* to *One more step along the world I go*), but *Eternal Father...* offers an unusually direct plea, in return for which those singing will 'ever let there rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea'. Given its theme, it is not surprising that *Eternal Father...* has been adopted by numerous armed forces both in the UK and the US. It was popularised by the Royal Navy and the United States Navy fairly soon after its publication, and in one of the more detailed entries on a single hymn on Wikipedia it is also pointed out that 'the hymn has a long tradition in civilian maritime contexts as well, being regularly invoked by ship's chaplains and sung during services on ocean crossings'. Additional verses and variants have been used for specific relevance to different branches of the services over the years, and the US Episcopal Church has a version also referring movement over land, in the air and even into space.

In more recent times, sadly, the words have taken on a further urgency and desperation, as we think of the many refugees who have lost their lives trying to cross the English Channel and other bodies of water. For those who succeed in making their journey we must hope – and do what we can to ensure – that, in the words of the hymn, the 'sacred Spirit' will 'give, for wild confusion, peace'.

Ben Noakes
Music Co-ordinator

*I mentioned in the last issue that in 2021 we sang 100% of the entries in our hymnbook beginning with the letter U – admittedly there is only one... Points were promised if you could name it, so please award yourself some if you knew that it is Unto us a boy is born. At the other end of the scale, we sang 0% of the one V hymn, which is Virgin-born, we bow before thee (although we did use its tune, Ralph Vaughan Williams' arrangement of the German carol melody **Quem pastores**, with the words Father, who in Jesus found us) and an equally poor 0% of the two K hymns – more marks if you knew that these are King of glory, King of peace and the (to us, less well-known) King of kings and Lord of lords. In fact, if you have knowledge like this, feel free to set the next music puzzle in these pages!*

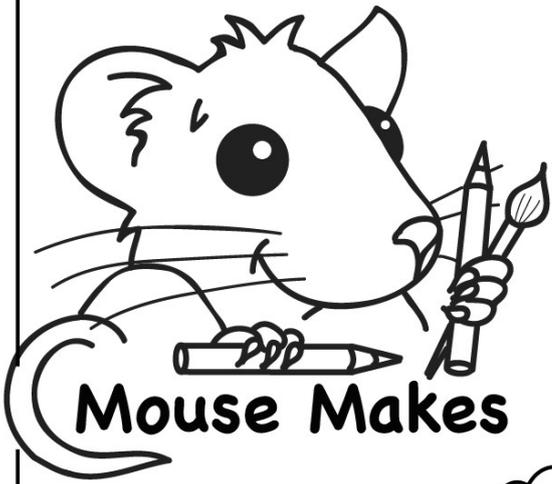
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We are always pleased to receive contributions for the magazine – including reviews, tales of what you were able to do over the summer, and reports about activity across the church campus and beyond.

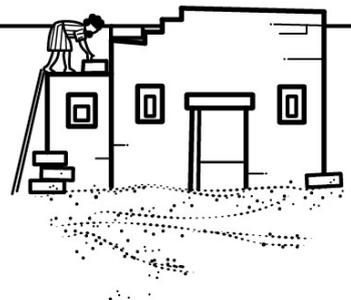
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Everyone who hears Jesus' words and **does** them will be like a



Everyone who hears Jesus' words and does **not** do them will be like a

The _____ fell,
The floods came and the _____ blew.

Matthew 7:25



On what did he build his house?

Matthew 7:24

On what did he build his house?

Matthew 7:26



Matthew 7:24-27
and
Luke 6:46-49

What happened to the houses?

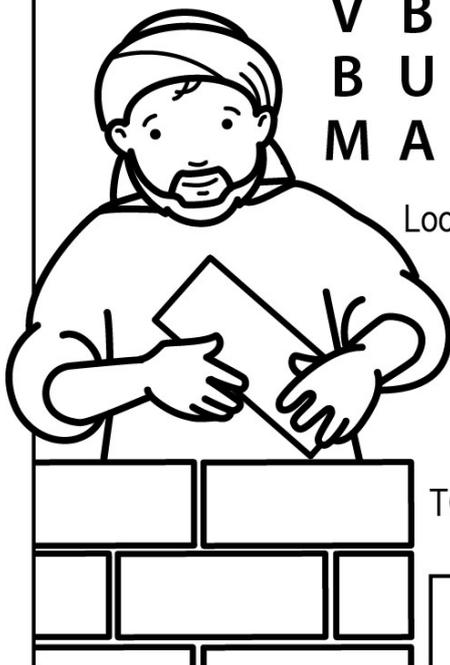
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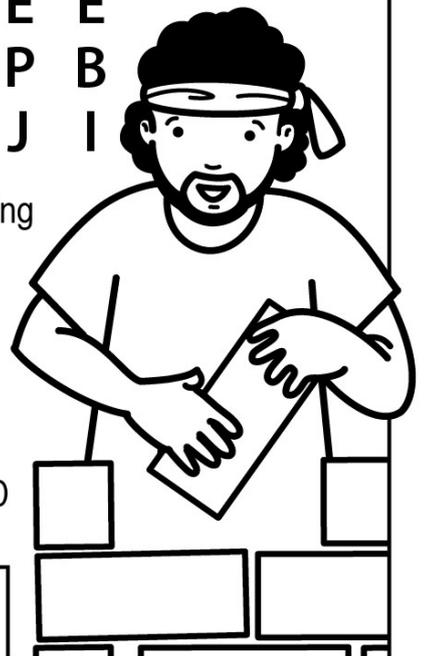
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Matthew
7:28-29



Look up the Bible references to find the missing words then look for them and the words below in the word search

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DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND
STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS
TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED
RUIN • DESTROYED

How many other words can you make from the word
FOUNDATIONS



A quiz for really bright people!

Here are the answers to the quiz from the last issue of the magazine, which came from Helen Hingley's sister in Australia; the introduction for the quiz read: 'There are only nine questions. This is a quiz for people who know everything! They are straight questions with straight answers.'

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.

Boxing.

2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards?

Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.

3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

Asparagus and rhubarb.

4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

Strawberry.

5. In many liquor stores you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.

6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.

Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.

7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

Full stop, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation mark, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces and ellipses.

8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

Lettuce.

9. Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter S.

Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts...

High days and holy days

8 September – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In both eastern and western Churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due *hyperdulia*, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or *latria*, due to God alone.

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her song, or *Magnificat*, appears in Luke 1:46-55. The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the Gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the 5th century she was called *Theotokos*, The Mother of God, and from the 7th century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2 February), the Annunciation (25 March), the Assumption (15 August) and her Nativity (8 September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the Church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her. During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council in 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

20 September – The Martyrs of Korea

Korea is known for its thriving Christian Church. But it was not always so – in fact no Korean had been baptised there as late as 1784. Christianity arrived in Korea through Christian books sent from China, and the Koreans responded warmly as soon as they heard the good news. A Chinese priest who visited in 1794 found 4,000 Christians. This despite hard times: the Chinese priest was killed in 1801, and the Koreans were left without a priest for 30 years. Then Pope Pius VII sent a bishop, Laurence Imbert, who arrived in disguise in 1837 and who worked with two other priests of the same Paris Missionary Society. Christianity was strictly forbidden by this time and so the missionaries worked in complete secrecy, rising at 2:30am and ministering at unusual times in conditions of extreme poverty.

And the Korean Church grew! Soon there were 9,000 Christians, who could not remain secret forever. Violent persecution broke out, and the three French priests allowed themselves to be taken, in order to avert massacre and apostasy. There were beheaded at Seoul on 21 September 1839; 78 Korean Christians died in the same persecution, among them Agatha Kim and John Ri. The first Korean priest to be martyred was Andrew Kim, in 1846. These shining Christians of the Korean Church were beatified in 1925 and canonised in 1984.

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Ministry of healing: Laying-on of hands and anointing – last Saturday in the month at 09:15 as part of Morning Prayer, occasional Sunday evenings (as announced), and at home or in hospital as requested.

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We have reopened for our Sunday services (said at 8am, sung at 10am and an evening service at 6:30pm), and 11:30am Wednesday service.

We will continue to provide an online order of service via the website and newsletter for those at home.

Up-to-date information can be found at www.allsaintschurchkh.org and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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