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Editorial

Dear readers, the month of June, as one of our articles says, really is the loveliest month (see Harriet Carty's piece on Flowers of the Meadow on page 11).



The future Queen holding Prince Charles at his baptism

This year it has a special focus, being a time of celebration for the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen.

In the book of Leviticus, a jubilee was declared every fiftieth year. It was marked by releasing people from their debts, releasing slaves, and giving land and property back to their owners.

The details of the Jubilee celebrations in our communities are detailed in the sections of news from the parishes.

Sunday June 5th, is also Whitsun (or Pentecost as it is often called, see page 13) - it is in fact one of the three major Christian festivals, often eclipsed by the other two, Christmas and Easter. At Whitsun we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which gave birth to the Church, and is a gift which is constantly being renewed. This theme of renewal goes very well with the celebration of jubilee.

Have you ever wondered how our increasing reliance on science can be compatible with having a Christian faith? This month, two of our contributor's explore this subject: Steve Alston, our curate, writes in response to children's questions at Weston Lullingfields Primary School (see page 4), and Nigel Coatsworth, follows that on page 21, with reflections following a question from the mother of a physicist. I hope you find these articles interesting, stimulating and helpful.

Thank you to all our contributors—please keep your pictures, news and thoughts rolling in!

Roger Paul (Editor)

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

How can you believe that?

The children at Weston Lullingfields Primary school asked me some great questions last term. They were related to science and faith. The assumption for some of them was that science and a faith in God can't go together. These children were quite surprised when I explained that I once worked as a research scientist in the Zoology Department of the Natural History Museum in London and that I have a PhD in Biology from London University.

I think the media have a lot to answer for in this perception that science and God don't mix. Scientists like Richard Dawkins get a lot of air time when they comment on God and comedians with an atheistic world view, like Dara Ó Briain and Robin Ince, always seem to be asked to present popular science shows on TV and radio.

But is atheism really what most scientist believe? Well according to a 2016 'Religion Among Scientists' survey of nearly 10,000 scientists, the vast majority of the world's scientists saw no conflict between religion and science. Even in the secular UK 62% of scientists saw no conflict. In fact, around 20% of UK scientists had a very strong belief in God or some higher power. The lead researcher, Prof Ecklund, said the results of her survey showed that 'The public's view that science and religion can't work in collaboration is a misconception'. Basically, in the scientific community you get the same range of views on God as you do in the general population. Some are atheist like Prof. Richard Dawkins, some are agnostic like palaeontologist Prof. Stephen Jay Gould while others like Dr Francis Collins and one my old professors of genetics Sam Berry have a strong belief in a personal God.

For some people the idea of anything supernatural and beyond the material world or physical laws must be wrong. The thought of a deity does not make sense; the possibility of God becoming a human being in the person of Jesus and rising from the dead certainly does not compute. But this rejection is based on an assumption that may not be true. C. S. Lewis put it this way:

'In all my life I have met only one person who claims to have seen a ghost. And the interesting thing about the story is that she disbelieved in the immortal soul before she saw the ghost and still disbelieves after seeing it... Seeing is not believing.

For this reason, the question whether miracles occur can never be answered

simply by experience. Every event which might claim to be a miracle is, in the last resort, something presented to our senses... and our senses are not infallible. If anything extraordinary seems to have happened, we can always say that we have been victims of an illusion. If we hold to a philosophy that excludes the supernatural, this is what we shall always say.’ (Miracles p.7)

This was illustrated a few years ago when I worked as sixth form science teacher. I worked with Nick – he was a science technician in my school and an ‘evangelical’ atheist. One lunchtime he, as usual, was giving me a hard time about my faith in Jesus and I responded by telling him that I had seen answers to prayer. He replied with a challenge. For many years he had had a skin condition that meant that his fingers would split, and bleed and he challenged me to pray healing for his hands and prove that prayer worked. Nervously, I agreed, and the other technicians looked on with interest as I said a short prayer of healing. Nothing happened, which Nick immediately made very clear to me and the other staff. Over the next week I forgot about the incident, however, after a month I remembered my prayer and wondered why Nick was not still rubbing my face in its failure. So sheepishly I asked him how his fingers were. He was a bit embarrassed and told me that they were completely better, but that he didn’t think it was the prayer – he said he reckoned that it was because he was eating ‘less taramosalata’ dip! The other technicians disagreed and his departmental nickname became ‘miracle man’. I think God healed Nick and I am certain that God can and does impact this world as we give him room in our lives. It is funny how ‘coincidences’ seem to happen when people pray.

Psalm 34 verse 8 says, *‘O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.’* Sometimes, if we are to find truth, we need to put our assumptions aside and open ourselves to a different way of looking at the world. Why not test the assumption that God loves you and wants to communicate with you by taking time to talk to him and inviting him to speak to you?

Rev. Dr. Steve Alston

A young curate who had just been ordained stepped in to take the sermon at very short notice, because the vicar was ill. At the end of the sermon, he explained apologetically: “At such short notice I’m afraid I just had to rely on the Holy Spirit. Next week I hope to do better.”

ALL SAINTS BASCHURCH NEWS

Flower arrangers wanted, please

Do you have an artistic streak or just an interest in flower arranging? The small band of flower arrangers at All Saints would welcome new members willing to make an occasional arrangement or help decorate the Church, for example at Harvest (with ample supplies of tea/ coffee and cakes provided!). A donation towards the cost of flowers would be available and oasis, foliage and so on would be provided.

If you are interested please contact Chris Balmer on 01939 260112. You will be assured of a warm welcome!

All Saints "100 Club" Winners

May 2022 No 40 Pam Elson; No 69 Emma Wood

All Saints Porch Pantry

Many thanks to all who are generously donating to the pantry in the Church porch. It is being well used and people seem to value it. We are aware of an ever-growing need within the village but understand how difficult it may be for some people to take items. If there is any way in which the Church can make it easier, please let us know. Deliveries could be arranged.

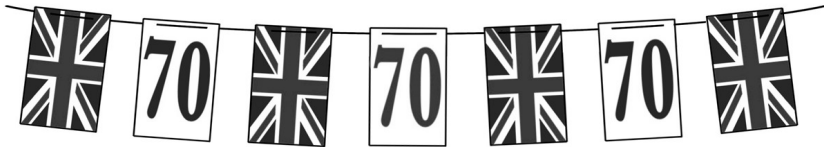
*The Porch Pantry in
action at All Saints*



Children's Society

I will be collecting the proceeds from The Children's Society Home Collection Boxes at the Sunday morning services at All Saints Baschurch from Sunday 5 June 2022 to Sunday 26 June 2022. As last year please empty the contents of your Home collection Box into a sturdy envelope clearly marked with your name.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me, Pauline Nelson, on 01939 260647.



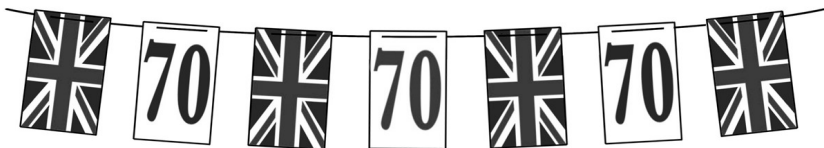
Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
with a

Cream Tea

at All Saints' Church

Saturday 4th June 2pm - 4pm

No charge - just come along



ST MARY HORDLEY NEWS

Party Time

On Saturday 16th July there will be a **Beef Bap and Pudding Party** held at Sycamore House by the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Edward Jones. The time is 5.30 pm and tickets are available from the church wardens, Mr Edward Jones and Mr John Willis. The price is £12.50 to include food and soft drinks, tea and coffee with BYO alcohol if desired. We much look forward to our first social event for over two years.

Mary Jones Walk

At the time of writing the Team Thomson walk is going well, with fantastic weather and wonderful views of Cadair Idris and surrounding mountains during the first day and a mixed forecast for the rest of the week. This time the team includes Jamie, from Australia, who is attempting to do the walk barefoot. Day 1 of 5.2 miles was completed by him entirely barefoot, including a long hill on a gravel track through the forest that he said was rather unpleasant! Andrew, Mary, Jamie and Lorna are so grateful for all the support and encouragement they have received and donations have reached £1,200 with promises of more to come. The total amount will be shared equally between St Mary's and Severn Hospice.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-thomson28>

May Lottery Draw

The winner of the lottery draw in May was Malcolm Evans with number 39.

HOLY TRINITY WESTON LULLINGFIELDS

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Jubilee Café

Many people from the church and village have been working hard with preparations for the weekend of 4th and 5th June. You should all have had an invitation through your doors. The church will be providing refreshments in the village hall on Saturday 4th and there will be craft and produce stalls. The village hall are having a family BBQ on Sunday 5th. The church social committee would be very grateful for contributions of cakes, scones, cheese scones, etc. as well as helpers on the day to help in the kitchen. We would also be grateful for raffle prizes please. Thank you.

Flower Festival

Over the same weekend, Holy Trinity Church, Weston Lullingfields will also be having a Flower Festival in the Church to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Contact Jackie Jones on 01939 260946 for further information.

BARN DANCE SATURDAY 18 JUNE

There will also be a Barn Dance at Stanwardine Hall (**please note correction to the venue**) on Saturday 18th June at 7.30. There will be a hog roast and the music will be provided by Wild Eric Ceilidh Band. Tickets are £20. Contact Nicky Hey on 07443 939451 with enquiries and to purchase tickets.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTIES

Churchyard working parties continue throughout the summer on the second Saturday in the month. The next is June 11th 10.00am to midday and including a break for coffee.

DROP IN CAFE

Drop in Café, a chance to meet others and chat, is on the third Wednesday in the month, 10.00am until midday. Coffee and cake £2.00. The next will be on June 15th.

**Holy Trinity Church
Weston Lullingfields, SY4 2AF
Flower Festival
To Celebrate HM The Queen's
Platinum Jubilee**



Free Entry into the Church

**Jubilee Café (Licensed) at Weston
Lullingfields Village Hall**

Opening times (Church & Village Hall)

Sat 4th June 10:30am – 4:30pm

Sun 5th June 11:00am – 4.30pm

**Parking at the Village Hall together with
Light Lunches, Afternoon Tea, Cakes and
Drinks**

Also family BBQ on Sunday 5th

From 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Craft & Produce Stalls in the Village Hall

Come and join in the fun with family, friends and neighbours



Flowers of the Meadow



June really is the loveliest month for meadow flowers. Hopefully many of you will have left an area of churchyard grass to grow long, either for No Mow May or else in preparation for some nature spotting as part of Churches Count on Nature.

One of the most showy flowers in a meadow is the Oxeye Daisy, also called Moon Daisy and Moonpenny; the large white petals drawing pollinators in to the bright yellow centre. Look out for a variety of vetches, members of the pea family. You may find Tufted Vetch – look out for 6-spot burnet moths on this one. Bush Vetch and Common Vetch are likely too and a great many churchyards contain Bird's-foot-trefoil also known as Eggs and Bacon because of the mix of yellow and orange on the flowers. Richard Mabey, in his fantastic book *Flora Britannica* lists many names for Bird's-foot-trefoil including Hen and Chickens, Tom Thumb, Granny's Toenails, Cuckoo's Stocking and Dutchman's Clogs.

Lady's Bedstraw is often found in churchyards. It smells sweet when dried and would be added to hay stuffed in mattresses, particularly when preparing a bed for childbirth. Look out for the froth of yellow flowers (other bedstraws have white flowers) and the scent of honey. The Lady in the name is the Virgin Mary.

Perhaps your churchyard contains orchids, the most common one flowering in June is Common Spotted Orchid. The presence of orchids indicates an old grassland which has matured over time and developed a range of species within the soil. All orchids depend on a fungal partner, feeding the plant underground via the threadlike mycorrhizae.

Your churchyard meadow areas act as pitstops or cafes for insects and can buzz with life. Try and spend a little time enjoying them and seeing which

pollinators are using them. Please join in with Churches Count on Nature and tell us what you find in your local churchyard.

All the best, **Harriet Carty**

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk,

Notes and Observations

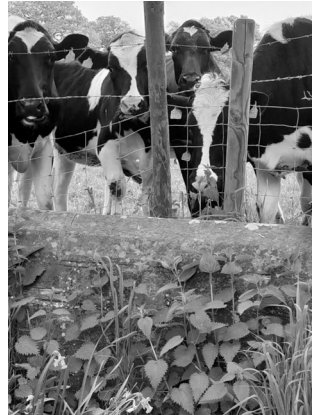


Where would we be without nettles.....?

We all love to see a wild flower meadow, as Harriet was describing in her article *Flowers of the Meadow* on the previous page. We know they are great for pollinators—especially the butterflies and bees. But we must also think of the food

plants of so many insects, which are less glamorous and regarded perhaps as weeds to be drastically controlled—like nettles, for example.

Above is a photo of a nettle leaf with a small caterpillar—probably of a nettle-tap moth. Many other butterflies and moth larvae feed on nettles, including the flamboyant tortoise shell, red admiral and comma butterflies.



It is good to see this clump of nettles (above) by the back wall of churchyard in Weston Lullingfields—with a number of on-lookers who came over to see what was happening!

And here (left) is a view at ground level of the sward in no-cut May, again at Weston Lullingfields—with the grasses and flowers coming into their own.

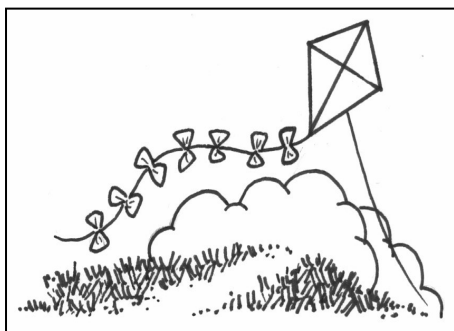
Whitsun—the Day of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

This was the promise that Jesus gave to his followers before his Ascension. So they waited in Jerusalem, not really knowing what to expect. When the day came, on the Jewish festival of Pentecost, this is what happened:

...suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2.2-4)

Wind and fire—two ancient symbols of the Spirit of God:



A mighty wind blew over the face of the waters at the beginning of creation and animated the dry bones in the prophecy of Ezekiel—it is a **symbol of power and renewal**.

Moses encountered God in a fire burning in a desert bush encountered. Fire refines precious metals in the furnace —it is a **symbol of purifying and transformation**.

A prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children
with the gift of faith,
revive your Church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



From the Registers

Baptisms:

On Sunday 1st May **Dorothy Alanna Prescott** was baptised at All Saints' Baschurch

Marriages:

On 23rd April **James Woods and Holly Stewart** were married at All Saints' Baschurch

Funerals:

On Wednesday 11th May the funeral service for **Kathleen Embrey** aged 62 took place at All Saints' Baschurch.

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers and kindness during our son Simon's illness and recent death.

Sy had ten months longer than expected and during that time we, his family, and friends, made many good memories.

Sy's 'bucket list' was severely dented in these last months.

Pat and Mike Lister.



Star of Bethlehem, found in Hordley Churchyard

St James the Least of All

Beware all donations!

The Rectory

St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

This has been an unusual month: we have moved from hysterical excitement to deep disappointment within the space of days.

For many years, our vestry has displayed an oil painting generously donated by the Dowager Duchess of Stansby – given to us, I suspect, because her son, the tenth Duke, would not allow it in his house. It was supposed to depict Daniel in the lions' den, although I always thought it looked more like a prospective adopter visiting a dog rescue centre. The Dowager was less than pleased when it wasn't made the centrepiece in the sanctuary, but we managed to persuade her that her exceptional work of art would be safer from theft if locked away.

Then - our cleaner happened to knock it off the wall. If it had landed in her bucket of disinfectant and been totally destroyed, it would have been a sadness I suspect I could have learned to bear. But something more interesting happened. Some of the Dowager's oil was chipped off – to reveal a painting underneath of what looked like a cherub.

The cleaner told the churchwarden, who instructed her not to tell anyone about the find. This inevitably meant that, within the hour, the entire parish knew of the discovery of what had already been transformed into a priceless pre-Raphaelite treasure. Our churchwarden has yet to learn the fact that if you tell someone something in complete confidence, they assume it means they can only tell one other person at a time.

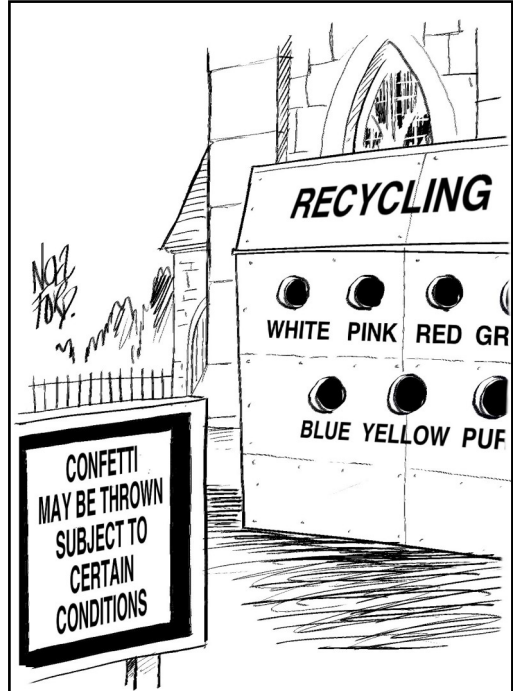
By evening, mutually opposed camps had already formed. Miss Timmins wanted the treasure to be placed in a side chapel, as a shrine, preferably with candles permanently burning beside it. She envisaged St James the Least of All becoming a place of pilgrimage, and that this yet-to-be revealed cherub may work miracles of healing. She was already asking for opinions about where the car park should be built to cater for the thousands of tourists who would soon be flocking here. Another group wanted to sell it as soon as possible and use the money to repair our church tower. A third group insisted the fortune it would raise be given to African missionaries. Meanwhile, the tenth Duke was consulting his solicitors to see how he might get the canvas back to his castle.

We compromised by getting the thing X-rayed, to see what work of art lay underneath. It turned out to be by a local artist who had painted an advert for the village pharmacist to sell his own brand of gripe water.

Shrines, towers and good deeds were quietly forgotten and the last we heard of the tenth Duke was that he was consulting a second set of solicitors to see if he can get out of paying the first set for the work that they had done to retrieve the painting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



SAINT OF THE MONTH

22nd June St Alban, Britain's first Christian martyr

Alban was the very first Christian martyr in Britain - or at least the first we know of. A 'martyr' is someone who has died for the faith - the word literally means 'witness'. He was probably killed during the persecution under the emperor Diocletian in the early years of the fourth century, in the late stages of the Roman occupation of Britain.

The church historian Bede, writing six hundred years after Alban's death, records that Alban was a Roman citizen (possibly a soldier) who gave shelter to a priest who was being hunted by the Romans. During the priest's stay in his home, Alban was converted to the Christian faith. When the soldiers eventually tracked the priest down, they arrived at Alban's house and insisted on searching it. What they found was Alban dressed in the priest's clothes, while their real prey escaped. They arrested Alban and demanded that he make a sacrifice to the Emperor - a common test of loyalty. He refused. He was then condemned to death and taken into the amphitheatre, which still stands in the fields below St Alban's Abbey, to be put to death. One of his executioners was converted, Bede claims, but the other one took a sword and beheaded him.

I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things.

The prayer of St Alban

He was buried nearby, on a site where a shrine was later erected. In the early fifth century two Continental bishops, Germanus of Auxerre and Lupus of Troyes, were sent to Britain and record that they visited the shrine of Alban at Verulamium. The date of their visit was given as 429.

The martyrdom of Alban is a reminder that Christianity was planted first in these islands during the Roman occupation, though it was all but extinguished in England in the dark centuries that followed, until people like David, Cuthbert and the other Celtic missionaries restored the faith in many parts of the land - especially in the north. The fact that his shrine existed and was venerated right through to the time of Bede also demonstrates that the faith did not die out completely, even in the south of England.

Services for June

Thursday 2nd June

11.30am Holy Communion – Shortened service – All Saints’ Baschurch
7pm at All Saints’ Baschurch – A service of celebration for Her Majesty
The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Sunday 5th June – Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 & John 14:8-17 [25-27]

8am BCP Communion – All Saints’ Baschurch
9.30am Worship for All – Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields
11am Holy Communion (CW) – All Saints’ Baschurch
6.30pm Contemporary Worship – All Saints’ Baschurch

Tuesday 7th June

7pm Archdeacon’s Visitation for the Swearing in of Church Wardens at
St Mary’s Ellesmere

Thursday 9th June

11.30am Holy Communion – Shortened service – All Saints’ Baschurch

Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15
9.15am Worship for All – St Mary’s Hordley
11am Holy Communion (CW) – All Saints’ Baschurch

Thursday 16th June

11.30am Holy Communion – Shortened service – All Saints’ Baschurch

Saturday 18th June

12.30pm Wedding of Ben Wood & Chelsea Harper – All Saints’ Baschurch

Sunday 19th June

Readings: Galatians 3:23-end & Luke 8:26-39

8am BCP Communion – All Saints’ Baschurch

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) - Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields

11am Worship for All – All Saints’ Baschurch

Thursday 23rd June

11.30am Holy Communion – Shortened service – All Saints’ Baschurch

Sunday 26th June

Readings: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 & Luke 9:51-end

9.15a Holy Communion (CW) – St Mary’s Hordley

11am Holy Communion (CW) – All Saints’ Baschurch

4pm Forest Church – All Saints’ Baschurch

Thursday 30th June

11.30am Holy Communion – Shortened service – All Saints’ Baschurch

Deanery Synod Meeting—Thursday 23rd June

Ellesmere Deanery Synod 7.30pm at St Andrew’s Welsh Frankton

New Testament Daily Prayer Readings for Morning Prayer in June

DATE	READING	DATE	READING
1	Luke 8:16-25	16	Luke 11:14-28
2	Luke 8:26-39	17	Luke 11:29-36
3	Luke 8:40-end	18	Luke 11:37-end
4	Luke 9:1-17	19	Acts 27:1-12
5	1 Corinthians 2:6-end	20	Luke 12:1-12
6	Luke 9:18-27	21	Luke 12:13-21
7	Luke 9:28-36	22	Luke 12:22-31
8	Luke 9:37-50	23	Luke 12:32-40
9	Luke 9:51-end	24	Luke 12:41-48
10	Luke 10:1-16	25	Luke 12:49-end
11	Luke 10:17-24	26	Acts 27:[13-32] 33-end
12	Revelation 4	27	Luke 13:1-9
13	Luke 10:25-37	28	Luke 13:10-21
14	Luke 10:38-end	29	Acts 11:1-18
15	Luke 11:1-13	30	Luke 14:1-11

The Church of England Daily Prayer App, where you can follow and join in, can be found at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Science and Faith 1: Exploring and Enjoying

A friend recently emailed me with this question: *“My son is a physicist working at the Einstein Institute in Germany. His life is made up billions of light years and billions of galaxies and trillions of planets. People ask me, ‘How can you know all this and still believe in Christ and all he stands for?’”*

Here is my attempt at an answer.

I believe that my knowledge of God is not dependent on the cosmos, etc. I know him because **he has made himself known to me**, and because there is within me (and in every human being) **this hunger for love, for purpose, for intimacy and belonging, for justice and peace, for wholeness** – and Jesus alone meets those needs – either directly or through fellowship with other believers who meet those deep needs and desires.

We live in an incredible world.....

However, we have an incredible world: an ever vaster and more complex cosmos; the amazing history of earth – its geology, its tectonic plates shifting this way and that, and the amazing evolution of life from the simplest unicellular creatures through more complex ones to the present day; and we have humanity. How do we get our minds round it?

In the last two hundred years the amazing discoveries of scientists, both in finding out how things worked and in the incredible changes those discoveries made to human life, for example: from medicines to computers, from technological advances to television, gave many – and not only scientists but also ordinary folk – a sense that science was the **answer to everything**. If something could not be observed and measured with such tools as they developed, then **it did not exist**. This material world is all that there is, and religions of all kinds are left-over superstitions from the non-scientific dark ages.

Many scientists are committed Christians.....

Yet there are many scientists who are committed Christians who see no conflict between their scientific work and their Christian faith: there are people at the cutting edge of physics or neuroscience, of medicine or microbiology, who see God at work in their chosen discipline.

It was Johann Kepler, who first worked out the orbital laws of planets in the seventeenth century, who said that he was thinking God's thoughts after him – "Oh! So that's how He did it!"

Scientific method is a powerful tool.....

The scientific method is an **extremely powerful tool** with huge benefits for humanity. Taking things to pieces, whether literally as at CERN or in a biology lab, or metaphorically in computer simulations or scientific discussion has enabled us to discover so much about our world and has opened the way to the countless technologies – such as the creation of the vaccines against Covid – that have transformed our lives.

Having an enquiring and analytical approach to life is essential not only for scientists but for all humanity, if we are not to be taken for fools and never learn. We begin to ask questions in childhood and should never end. Of course there are times of wonder and admiration – perhaps you remember the story of Euclid jumping out of his bath shouting "Eureka" (I've got it!) when he solved a problem; and there were cheers at CERN when the Higgs boson was discovered. But the bread and butter of the scientific process is enquiry – gathering and analysing evidence to discover patterns so as to reveal the inner working of things.

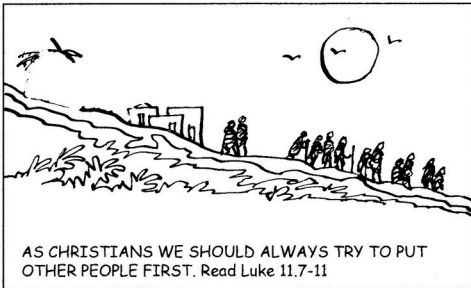
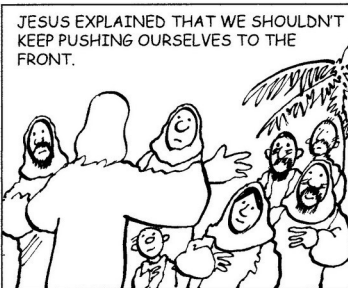
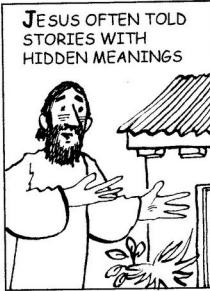
Scientific knowledge is not everything: we also relate to one another as persons....

Yet at some point in our lives as human beings, we have to engage with our world and with one another **as persons**, whether as farmers or business people, carers or artists, parents or siblings, friends or colleagues, without dissecting each other; what Martin Buber characterised as 'I-Thou' rather than 'I-It'. For at the heart of all human life – what makes us human beings and not animals or things – is each person reaching out to other persons.

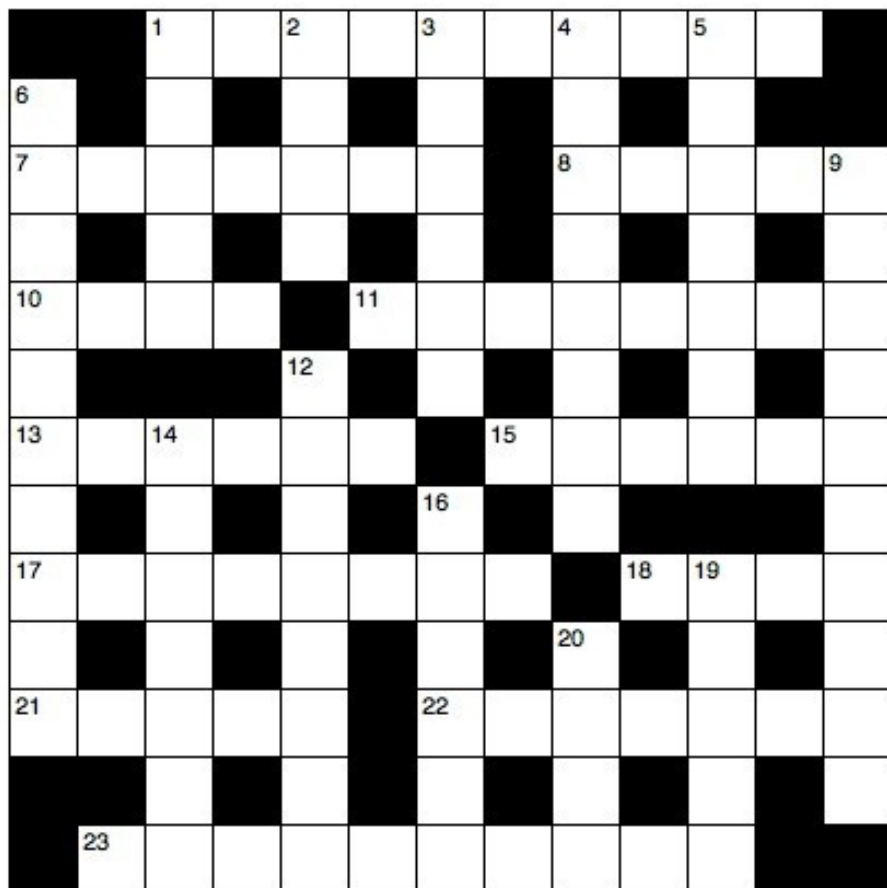
We are made to **know** one another, person to person. Whether in our families, with friends, work colleagues or neighbours, knowing and being known is what makes life rich and gives us life. Why are TV soaps so popular? Surely because they show us that face to face interaction which is the 'stuff of life'.

Revd Nigel Coatsworth

PICTURE PARABLE



CROSSWORD



Crossword Clues

Across

1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)

7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)

8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)

- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2 Corinthians 4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man,his days are like—he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19)(8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3)(6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7)(4)

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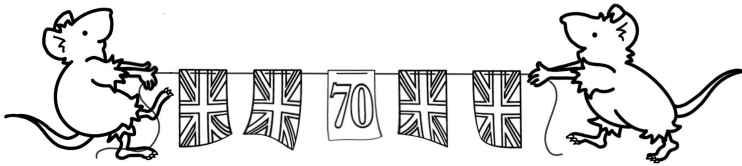
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Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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In the 1980's the bed of the river was dredged to a metre below its former depth, and the drying out of the peat has accelerated.

The structure in the photograph below is near the river on Baggy Moor. At this point the old Rednall Airfield lies just over the river, so it could be that the structure has something to do with the

airfield —perhaps an observation tower? If you have any information about it, please contact the editor.

Further down the river, the plaque below is on the bridge between Stanwardine and Wykey. Here the terrain changes from flat to undulating, with steeper banks, as the river wends its way to Ruyton.



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