



# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**JULY/AUGUST 2021**



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Baschurch

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**ST MARY'S**  
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*Front cover:* Bishop Sarah Bullock and Rev'd Steve Alston at the ordination of priests on 24th June.

## THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Having spent a good deal of time recently looking at the passage of Jesus in the boat on Lake Galilee with his friends, when a storm blew up, I thought I'd talk a little about storms this month. You might think why on earth would she want to talk about storms in the summer. Well, summer months are renowned for storms as the air pressures change, in fact it's only a week ago that we were expecting one that didn't materialize for us, but did for others further south. Storms happen not just in nature, but also in our own lives. I'm sure we've all experienced times when we are churned up inside, either through anger, disappointment or worry and fear. The disciples in their fear in the boat called out to Jesus, I wonder what you do at such times.

I share with you today a story about a particular storm in my life:

It was my first year at theological college, I'd finally listened and heard God's call on my life and now I found myself attending theological college and studying for a degree. Three quarters of the way through my first year my dad, who had been struggling with what we thought was a lingering chest infection, was diagnosed with lung cancer. He was a non-smoker and the diagnosis devastated our family, it felt like an enormous storm had blown up and I was in danger of drowning, but my dad remained positive even when they said the tumour was too big to operate. They began chemotherapy with the hope that it would shrink enough to be able to attempt to remove it. The treatment was progressing well and the doctors were pleased with the results, the tumour was indeed shrinking. Then a month or so later my dad suddenly appeared to have had a stroke, it wasn't, it was the cancer, which had now spread to the brain. It was like being hit by another enormous wave. My dad died two months later aged 69 years, 3 weeks before Christmas.

I spent the next few weeks and months not really knowing what I was doing, I attended lectures but nothing went in and I withdrew into myself. It was an intensely painful time and I shut most people out as I tried to deal with the waves that were threatening to drown me. Then one morning I woke early and decided I needed to go for a walk, I was still living for most of the week at college in Birmingham. I walked until I reached a small lake, it was cold and the lake was frozen and I walked



around the lake, crying and questioning all that had happened. As I glanced up at the cloudy sky I saw a circle open in the clouds and through it poured the sun's rays, in that moment I heard God's voice saying 'I'm here for you, I hear you' and I knew peace, the first proper peace I had known for some time.

As I walked back to college I realized that I had been crying out but I hadn't heard the answers. My colleagues had been there in the storm with me, supporting me, ensuring I ate, listening to me when I hadn't a clue what I was saying. God hadn't deserted me, he was with me through those colleagues and friends, I only had to trust in him and as someone said to me at the time 'All will be well.' It was a phrase I didn't like to hear then and probably didn't understand in my grief, but they were right, in the end all will be well if we trust in the Lord.

God is with us in not only the joyful times in our life, and I hope this summer as restrictions lift and you are able to meet with family and friends and maybe get away somewhere, that you will experience some joyful times, we need them. But God is also with us in the difficult, sad and painful times, he hears us when we call out to him.

Trusting anyone when life is tough is not easy, even more so if we don't really know them. But Jesus asks us to trust him; to lean on him; to call out to him; he does hear us and although we might not get the answer we want or even when we want, He is with us. Jesus wants us to know he is close by, that he watches over us and as Christians that is what gives us hope and ultimately peace.

Over the last 18 months the world has faced a huge storm, many of us have felt battered by it and some have asked where is God in all of this? God has been in the boat with us, tossed by the waves, and listening for the cry of His people. As Sandra said recently Jesus hasn't got onto the life raft and taken off, he's stayed with us.

This summer I pray you have enjoyment and refreshment and that you manage to avoid any stormy weather. Life, though, continues and we know that we will again have to face those storms. As we do, may you know Jesus in the boat with you and may his presence bring you peace and hope.

With my love & prayers

*Linda*

## Services in July/August

This month sees the return of our **6pm Evensong Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**, although for the time being like other services we will not be singing. However as I write this I see the news that Wales are introducing singing with masks, so hopefully it won't be much longer and by the time you read this things may have changed for the better.

The **Thursday morning** service of Holy Communion will not resume until the Autumn when we hope that we will be able once again to open the lunches at the same time. In the meantime if you or anyone you know is still not receiving Holy Communion and would like to, please let me know as we can deliver Home Communion.

### **4<sup>th</sup> July / 1<sup>st</sup> August**

8am BCP Communion at Baschurch

9.30am Worship for All – Weston Lullingfields

11am Communion at Baschurch

4pm Online

### **11<sup>th</sup> July / 8<sup>th</sup> August**

9.15am Worship for All at Hordley

11am Communion at Baschurch

4pm Online

6pm Evensong at Baschurch

### **18<sup>th</sup> July / 15<sup>th</sup> August**

8am BCP Communion at Baschurch

9.30am Communion at Weston Lullingfields

11am Worship for All at Baschurch

4pm Online

**25<sup>th</sup> July / 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

9.15am Communion at Hordley

11am Communion at Baschurch

**29<sup>th</sup> August (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

**11am**United Service of Holy Communion at Baschurch

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**BASCHURCH NEWS**

**All Saints' "100 club" Winners**

May 2021 : No 17 Jane Ing

June : No 91 Barbara Price

No 27 Jean Gasser

No 106 Ruth Hodson Walker

**All Saints Summer Draw**

1st Prize: £100

2nd Prize: £50

3rd Prize: Luxury Hamper

plus many other prizes

Tickets £1.00 each - available from David Morgan on 260955 or

Pat Davies on 261081

The Draw will take place on Baschurch Village Green on Sat 4th Sept - hopefully at the Fete (pending decision on lifting of Covid restrictions).

# Sunday Bible Readings for July/August

## 4<sup>th</sup> July

Ezekiel 2: 1-5

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13

## 11<sup>th</sup> July

Amos 7: 7-15

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

## 18<sup>th</sup> July

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

## 25<sup>th</sup> July

Acts 11: 27-12: 2

Gospel: Matthew 20: 20-28

## 1<sup>st</sup> August

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

## 8<sup>th</sup> August

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Gospel: John 6: 35, 41-51

## 15<sup>th</sup> August

Isaiah 61: 10-end

Gospel: Luke 1: 46-55

## 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

## 29<sup>th</sup> August

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## Hordley News

Team Thomson completed the Cotswold Way Walk between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May as planned. Some of you will have received Andrew's daily bulletins, which also appeared on the church website thanks to Linda and Fenella. Andrew, Mary and Lorna would like to thank all their supporters for the many encouraging emails they received and for the many generous donations. As a result over £3,000 has been raised, which will be divided equally between Hordley church and Marie Curie Nurses. It was a good team effort, the hours of planning and preparation paid off, the walk took them through delightful and unspoilt Cotswold hills, valleys and villages and the whole week was much enjoyed by the trio. Photographs are included on page 35.

The next event planned (subject to Covid rules) is the Strawberry Tea, now moved to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, at Sycamore House by the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Edward Jones. For details see the poster on page 36.

St Mary's will soon be the venue for two weddings: on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>. We send Charles and Grace, Julie and Craig all good wishes for their future lives together.

The winner of the lottery draw in June was John Willis with number 17.

### **From the Registers**

#### **Baschurch**

Marriage: of Adamo Cipollaro and Stella Lovell at All Saints' on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

#### **Funerals**

#### **Baschurch**

Mary Dovaston died on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 aged 71. Funeral on 8<sup>th</sup> June at Emstrey Crematorium

#### **Hordley**

Derrick James died on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 aged 76. Funeral at St Mary's on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## Who do you say I am?

July sees a new intake of curates begin their ministry, and a time for all to check up on how we serve our communities, churches and God.

At the end of June we celebrated the ordinations of deacons at Lichfield Cathedral and the ordination of priests in churches throughout the diocese. At the same time, we are busy in the Vocations and Training Team thinking about and preparing for all those who will begin training for ministry, both lay and ordained, in the coming months. At the heart of all we do is the question “who do you say I am?” which Jesus asks in the three synoptic gospels (Matthew 16:13-16, Mark 8:27-29, and Luke 9:18-20.)



The last 15 months have been, for many of us, a period of self-discovery. We may have rediscovered our strengths and our weaknesses or a new reliance on God and God’s unbounding love for us; we may have been astounded at our resourcefulness and adaptability, learning new skills and courageously finding new ways of being Church. We may also have found moments of stillness where we have wondered what God is calling us to do and be. Alongside this we have perhaps also rediscovered what it means to be part of community; as the old saying goes ‘absence makes the heart grow fonder’.

Vocations are never formed in isolation. In the Vocations and Training team we come alongside people as they discern their calling and in the case of those exploring ordination and lay licensed ministry we represent, alongside an individual’s local community, the wider body of Christ in which the individual stands before God in the discernment of who is to be sent (Isaiah 6:8). The question of ‘who do people say that I am’ is writ large over the work that we undertake within the team, and our starting point has to be in discipleship. There is something in exploring our vocations about the need to remain open to the Spirit at work and that may come from surprising quarters. There is something about the need to remain open to the ways in which God speaks through others to affirm or to challenge. At its heart preparing for any form of ministry, living out our vocation, is about the qualities we inhabit as disciples of

Christ; how open we might be to the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of others. It's an ongoing process. Our vocations may change as we grow in discipleship, and the gifts that God has equipped us with for God's service grow and develop over time. That is what makes it such a joy!

**Revd Dr Jeanette Hartwell**  
*Vocations and Training Team Lead*

Find out more about the many kinds of vocation and training in the Church of England via [www.lichfield.anglican.org/vocations-and-training/](http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/vocations-and-training/) or the team's Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Lichfieldvocations>



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

A lively young damsel named Menzies  
Inquired: "Do you know what this thenzies?"  
Her aunt, with a gasp,  
Replied: "It's a wasp",  
And you're holding the end where the stenzies."



*(If this does not make any sense to you, please turn to page 33)*

## **WESTON LULLINGFIELDS**

Following the success of the Christmas Hamper Raffle, there will be another Hamper Raffle in the summer. Proceeds will help with a bill for repairs to the church tower. The draw will take place in church on Sunday 18 July. The prizes will be 2 Food Hampers, a Pamper Hamper, a Gardening Hamper, a Drinks Hamper and some smaller prizes. I am very grateful for all the help in distributing the raffle tickets (I already have quite a few counterfoils and payment). I have had some brilliant donations for the hampers. The hamper prizes look really good already.

There is still time to donate if you wish. Food items will be very welcome as will bottles for the drinks hamper. Nearer the time contributions of baking for the food hampers will also be most welcome. Please return all counterfoils and money by Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July ready for the draw on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please ring me if you need any more information.

Anita Weeks 01939 261293

## **COVID CONTEMPLATIONS**

I wonder if you have thought about what you have missed most during the lockdowns and restrictions (visits to the hairdresser?) and what you feel might have been improvements or changes for the better? Of course we have missed seeing our families and friends. Over the school half terms for England and Scotland we were able to meet up with both families and enjoyed spending time with our grandchildren. In both cases we were able to join them at National Trust properties and enjoy walking together round the grounds and gardens. We have missed travelling to see friends and family, and going on holiday, but on the plus side our car mileage has been greatly reduced. But we have been able to enjoy bird watching in France, Spain, Greece, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Costa Rica! All without leaving the house. One of the travel companies we have used offered live, on-line bird watching. We have seen some amazing birds, and the Peru session even included a guided tour of Machu Picchu - as you never see it - without crowds of tourists. The travel company accept donations which cover their costs and enables them to give some income to their guides while they are unable to work without tourists.



We have continued to walk (almost every day) making us fitter and healthier. We have been able to travel by car further afield enjoying visits to Packwood House (Warwickshire), Acorn Bank, near Penrith, Beeston Castle, Llyncllys Common (sightings of orchids), as well as our weekly visits to Attingham Park. On a recent visit we found that the Attingham hay meadow was open which can be accessed by passing under Tern Bridge. As you walk through the mown pathways there is a fantastic array of wild flowers – cowslip, buttercup, cuckoo flower, daisies, ragged robin, speedwell, red clover, red campion, white clover, dandelion, stitchwort, yellow vetch, poppy. As we passed a stretch of the river Tern we spotted a goosander with 7 young scooting through the water as if they were being chased. We have always listened to radio, but over the past 18 months we have followed BBC replays of detective series like Peter Wimsey, Poirot, Paul Temple, Sherlock Holmes and several new ones. It has been interesting to see the dates they were first broadcast and to recognise some well known actors.

**Anita Weeks**

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## **Holy Trinity Church Summer Hamper Raffle**

**This year we are repeating our Hamper Raffle  
and hope that you will be able to support us!**

**All proceeds will go towards repairs to the church tower.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Food and Drink Hamper**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Food and Drink Hamper**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Gardening Hamper**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Pamper Hamper 5<sup>th</sup> Drinks Hamper**

**Tickets are £1 each and available from**

**Anita Weeks - 01939 261293 or**

**Anne Roberts on 01939 260633**

**Prizes will be drawn in church on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

## Ordained a Priest

Roughly a year ago I came as curate to Bachurch, Weston Lullingfields and Hordley and have really enjoyed being part of the community despite all the covid difficulties. Thank you for the welcome and friendship so many of you have extended to me, it is nice to feel valued and wanted! I have been inspired by Linda's heart for the community and am sure that God is up to something good in the benefice and will draw us into his plans if we are willing to take risks and follow him.

Soon after I started my work here, I was ordained as a deacon. One of my key roles of a deacon is to help God's people look outwards to the wider community. The aim of this is that God's amazing story of love is shared in words and actions so that people will come to know and follow Jesus. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at All Saints' Baschurch I, along with three other curates, had a second ordination when I was ordained as a priest by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. This second ordination does not mean I no longer have the deacon's role (sharing Jesus' love and story in the benefice will always be central to my ministry), but my work is expanded especially in leading worship and helping God's people to grow in their relationship with him. Practically this means I will be leading Holy Communion and conducting weddings and also that I act as Jesus' representative in speaking his words of forgiveness and blessing over people.

The priest's ordination service was a very significant moment for me. I was commissioned as a priest in my home church with friends and family around me and praying for me. As Bishop Sarah prayed for the Holy Spirit to fill me with God's grace and strength for my role as priest there was a tangible sense of God's presence. It felt as if he was giving me what I will need for my new role. When God calls us to do a job, he promises to be with us and equip us as we trust him (even if we are a bit scared or daunted!).

Someone recently asked me if what I am doing now feels more important than my former life as a science teacher. I can honestly say that it does not. As a teacher I was doing what God wanted me to do and I tried to live for him in the school. I know he wanted me to include him in my work and my dealings with the children and other staff. All of us are

called to be his representatives, little Jesus's if you like, wherever we are. At home, at work or out and about we are called to live and share God's story of love, repentance and forgiveness, as Paul says we are *'ambassadors for Christ'* (2 Corinthians 5.20).

We are certainly all far from the perfect love and wisdom of Jesus, so to be what he calls us to be we need his Holy Spirit to fill us, to energise us and to help us in all situations. We need to pray and invite him into all aspects of our lives and relationships. A priest's role may be more public in its helping of people to look at Jesus than many other vocations, but regardless of whether you are a stay-at-home dad, a university professor, unemployed, a nurse or a retired person you are called to follow Jesus and reflect him in your life and dealings with others. In a very real sense, God wants us all to be his 'priests' wherever he has placed us, and he will give us the grace we need for this as we open our lives to him.

**Steve Alston**, June 2021



*Sharing the Notices while keeping a social distance was proving tricky.*

## The Salt Path

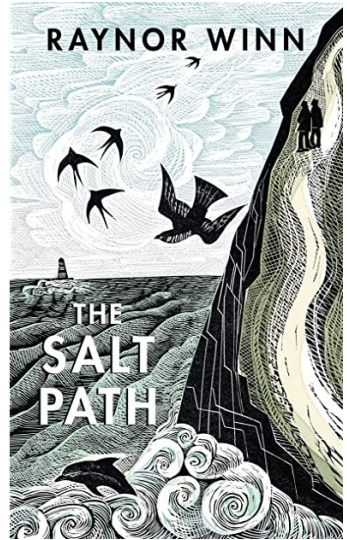
The Salt Path is a book, published in 2018, giving the true story of a couple in their fifties who followed financial advice given by a lifelong “friend” and ended up losing everything. They had bought shares in a company that subsequently ran up huge debts so, being shareholders, they became liable to repay their share of those debts. After numerous court cases they had to surrender the home in which their now grown-up children had been brought up and leave within seven days of the judgement, taking little more than what they could carry.

Within those seven days Ray, the wife, took her husband of thirty-two years, Moth, to a medical specialist who told them that his condition, corticobasal degeneration (CBD), was incurable and that his increasing immobility would only get worse.

What could they do? They had no home and very little money. After some discussion they decided to walk The South West Coast Path which runs from Minehead in Somerset, along the north coast of Devon and Cornwall, round Lands End and finishes at South Haven Point near Bournemouth; a distance of some 630 miles. They had to carry everything with them: food, camping equipment, spare clothing and so on. Some people they met on the way, on hearing that they were homeless, were kind and friendly, but many treated them as if they were stoned-out druggies and avoided them.

The book describes the landscape they were walking through and also the wide-ranging thoughts that passed through their heads. This book is no gripping thriller, but once you get going it can be hard to put down. The most remarkable result of their efforts was the effect on the terminally ill Moth: he gained in strength and endurance quite against what the doctors had predicted.

If you enjoy this book, as I did, you might like to read the sequel, “The Wild Silence.”





# St James the Least of All

## On why the clergy should avoid computers

The Rectory, St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for the kind offer of your old computer, but I do not want it. I know you find it a fundamental basic of daily life, but I do not, and I intend to keep things that way.

This is despite the fact that our diocesan office now takes it for granted that all of us clergy have a computer. Indeed, the diocesan secretary and I have had several awkward phone calls upon this very subject. He can't believe that I really don't have one, and suspects that I am simply hiding my email address from him so that he cannot send me the daily diocesan briefings, weekly questionnaires, and constant notification of all sorts of meetings and training days. But I remain firm: I have survived in ministry for nearly 50 years without a computer, and I don't intend to change now. When he gets tetchy with me, I take the high moral ground and remind him that St Paul did not have a computer.

Besides, it would not end with just a computer. Next, I would be obliged to get a printer and then ink cartridges and then maybe some sort of virus would attack me. As I have no idea about any of this, I might have to allow someone into the vicarage to sort it out, and even worse, I might even have to *pay* them. My money can be far more usefully spent on good claret.

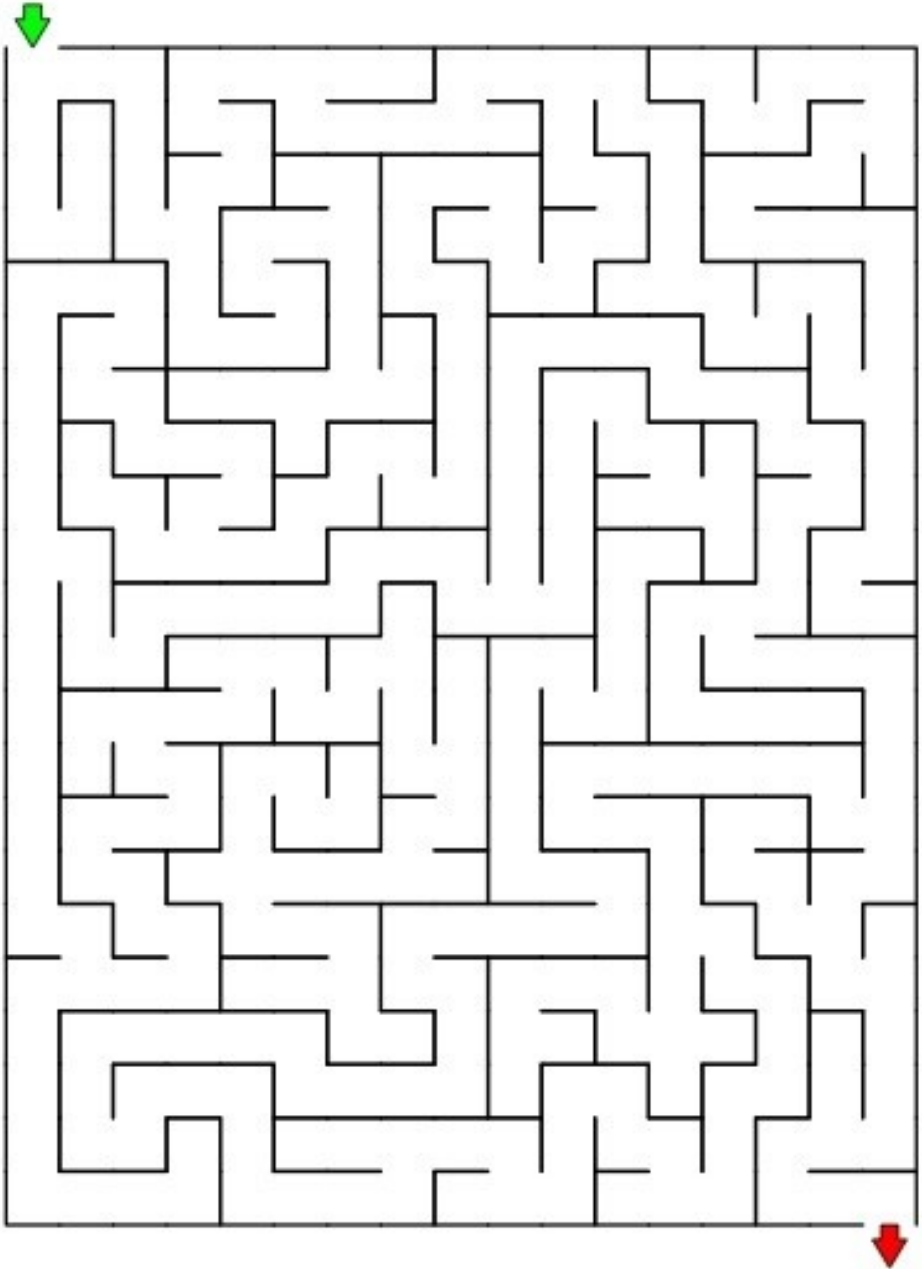
Being without a computer also saves me much aggravation. From what I can gather, most computer owners spend significant parts of their lives either trying to get their machine to do something that it refuses to do, or else getting help from someone in a remote part of the world who speaks a jargon only distantly related to English, who assures you that whatever you did, it would have been better if you hadn't.

So I have decided that should I ever REALLY need to use a computer for something, I will visit our local primary school and get a six year-old to do the job for me, which they do with effortless efficiency, speed and accuracy.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Can you find your way through this maze?



# The Doctor and the Sick



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



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



LEVI'S LIFE WAS CHANGED BY MEETING JESUS.



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



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

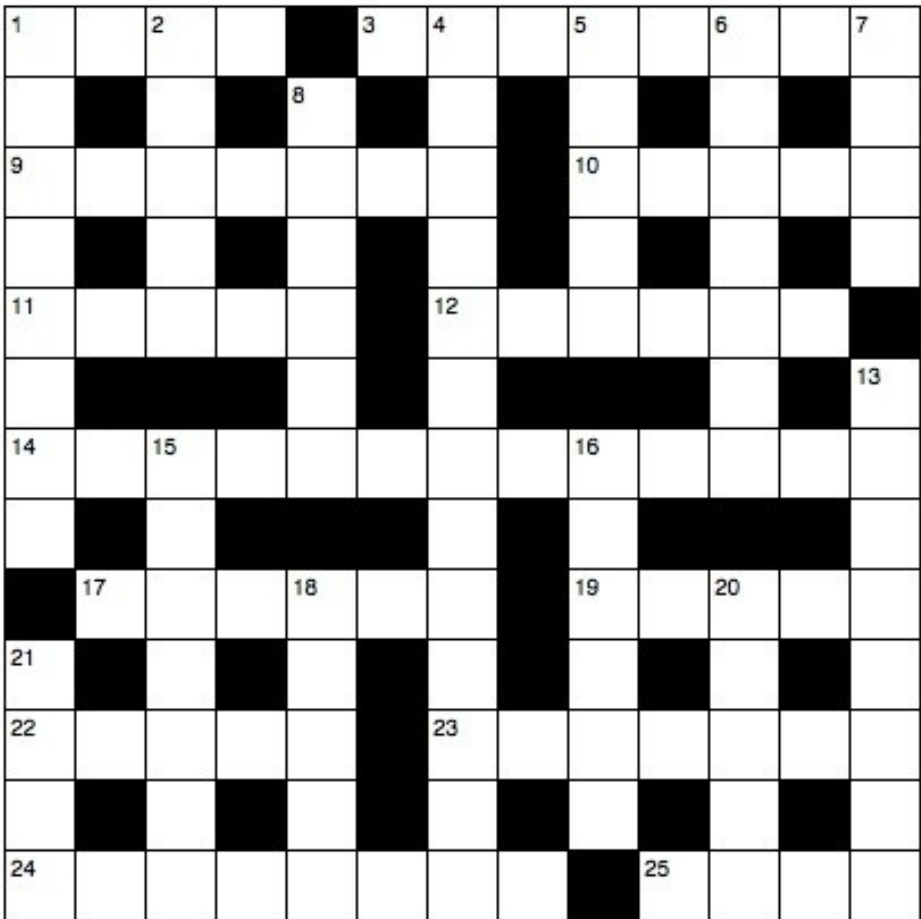
...BUT I AM HERE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY!



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



see Luke 5:27-32



**ACROSS**

1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah’s ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)

3 ‘The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives’ (8)

9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as ‘the Devil in solution’ (7)

10 ‘Whoever — his life for my sake will find it’ (Matthew 10:39) (5)

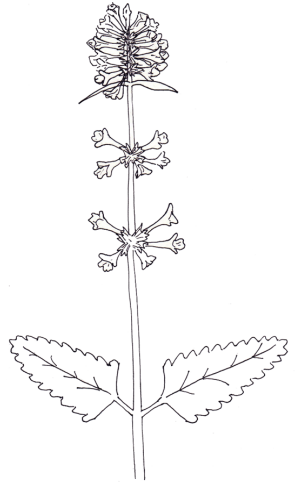
11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)

12 Gideon’s home town (Judges 6:11) (6)

- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)



Depending on the weather, July can be a month full of grassland flowers or one where many of them are now over, having peaked in June. It is certainly the month when you need to start to cut and rake your long grass, particularly if it did not receive a spring cut.

Have a look out for late flowering plants however; do you have betony present? If so, then consider delaying the cut or cutting around the betony plants allowing them to flower. It is one of our most attractive wildflowers. Betony is a member of the woundwort family, close also to the dead-nettles. It has an angled stem, which if you were to cut it, would be square in cross section, has distinctive toothed leaves and lovely deep pink flowers.

Betony has long been prized for its curative powers, in the Medieval times it was viewed as an 'all-heal' or panacea. The Italians had a saying: 'Sell your coat and buy Betony'; and the Spaniards used the compliment 'He has as many virtues as Betony'.

Antonius Musa, chief physician to the Emperor Augustus, wrote a long treatise, showing it was a certain cure for no less than forty-seven diseases! It is still used by herbalists for a variety of ailments including headaches.

Betony is found in ancient woodland and undisturbed grasslands, so its presence may indicate species-rich grassland; please look out for the many other species found in this special habitat. It was also planted in churchyards, in part for its medicinal uses and also because it was believed to be effective against sorcery, warding off ghosts, goblins and any other unwelcome spirits.

Please let us know if you find betony in your churchyard.

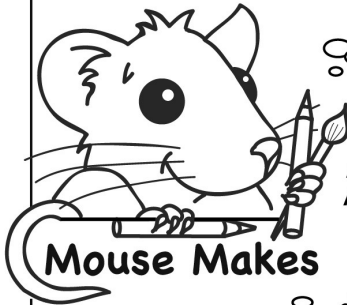
All the best, **Harriet Carty**

*Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor.*

## **The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion**

Our Curate, Revd Steve, in his Trinity Sunday sermon referred to the first of the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion concerning Faith in the Holy Trinity. I've been asked many times in the past what the Thirty-nine Articles actually are, particularly as The Book of Common Prayer, where they are listed at the back, is not so widely used these days. So for any who are not sure of their meaning, I will try to explain. The Articles form the basis of the Church of England's doctrines and practices under Canon Law and originated at the time of the Reformation when Henry VIII broke with the Roman Catholic Church in 1533. At that time, new forms of doctrine and practices would be needed to form the basis of the new Church of England with Henry at its head. Over the following 30 years, many revisions took place resulting in the final version in 1571 in the reign of Elizabeth I which were then incorporated into The Book of Common Prayer. In the main they cover the doctrines of The Holy Trinity and Incarnation, the Crucifixion and Resurrection, the Scriptures and Creeds, Original sin, the Sacraments, ceremonial practices and much else. Canon A2 states that 'The Thirty-nine Articles are agreeable to the Word of God and may be assented unto with good conscience by all members of the Church of England'. Interestingly, some single-breasted cassocks often worn by priests of the Anglo Catholic tradition have 39 buttons signifying the Thirty-nine Articles. When you have a few moments, do read through them as they make interesting reading.

**David Morgan**



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Luke 10:25-37

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this parable:

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A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

*Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?*



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