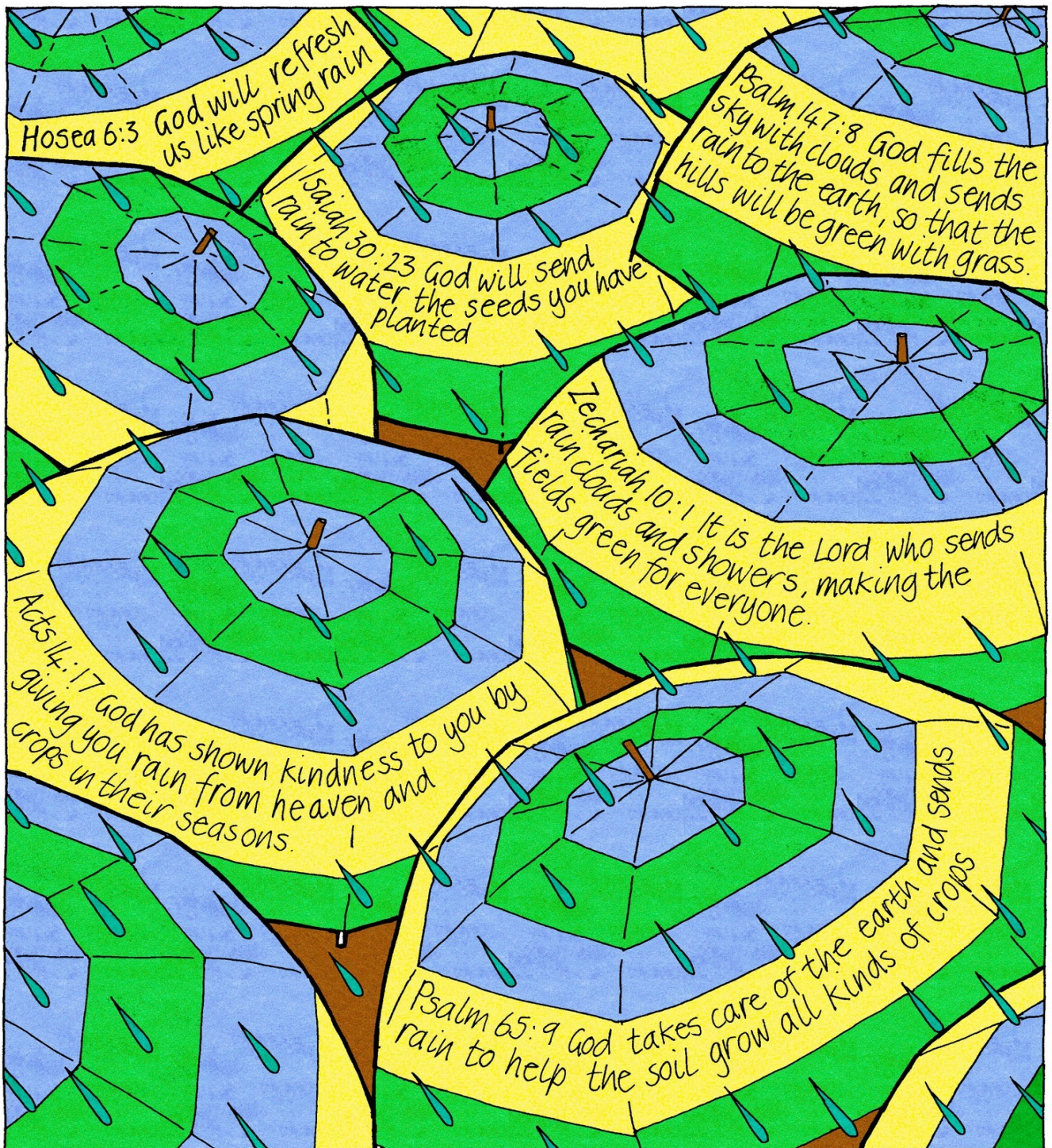


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Marvelous May *at St. Mary's*

A very creative meeting was held at the end of February with many good ideas for our church being open during May.

We discussed many dimensions of a programme that will take us through the month and culminate with the Bank Holiday weekend for The Queens' Platinum Jubilee.

A key thing will be to have the church open for people to be able to drop in to see our marvelous building and enjoy refreshments. This will require people to be present to welcome visitors and make refreshments available.

There will be a poster in the church with details and you are invited to be part of the hospitality team. Please look at the scheme and sign up in any way that you can.

There will be a further planning meeting which is open to all by Zoom between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday 16 March. The Zoom login will be:

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You will have heard that there is an old motto for Saint Marys "at the heart of the community". May will be a time to show a fresh example of the life of St. Mary's which has always been close to our heart.

Alan Keeler

Welcome to the March edition of the Parish Magazine.

The first snowdrops have appeared in my garden tubs. Hopefully Spring a time of new beginnings is on the way. A time to change the way we live to burst out of the Covid Bubble and to take up new interests.

Could this be a new start Post-Covid (maybe a little optimistic?). For the Parish Magazine another Editor with fresh ideas about new topics etc would be more than welcome. With three of us or maybe four one would be tasked with the work perhaps once every three or 4 months

Lent will soon be upon us. What are you going to do for Lent? I have done "Dry" January and continued into February so giving up alcohol should not be a problem for me. Long ago a member of the Clergy said to me that it is better to embark on something positive for Lent rather than give something up! What are you going to do for Lent? Writing an article or producing a photograph for the April magazine would be something positive. THINK ABOUT what positive actions you could do during Lent.

Jo Clark

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Memorial Book

St. Mary's Church has a memorial book in which may be inscribed names of people associated with the parish. If you would like to know more details please contact Alan or Jean Read on 020 8402 0886.

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Let's celebrate Easter with a 'Real Easter Egg'. These are now available to order through St. Mary's, please complete the form at the back of church or contact Anne Yolland anne.yolland@outlook.com

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Precious Gems



At the heart of our towns and cities there are the high streets with a wide variety of shops. One of the most dazzling is that of the jewellers. There is a great array of attractive items in the window made of precious metals and valuable stones. They are all displayed to look enticing and gorgeous. The most exclusive shop do not even have price tags on the items for sale!

I have often looked in these shopwindows at the rings, earrings, brooches, necklaces and much more. Not only are there the wonderful materials to see but there is also great craftsmanship and design on display.

These items all show off the wonder of the beautiful jewels. There is the sparkling clarity of the diamond with its carefully crafted facets. The beautiful blue of a sapphire. The warm red of a ruby. The creamy iridescence of pearls. Each of these will have been mined or in the case of pearls cultivated as wonderful raw items to be worked into a thing of wonder.

I recently wanted to buy a new watch. This was to be part of an important celebration and so I was looking at prices quiet outside my normal interest. I noted a few in the window of the jewellers shop that caught my attention. I went in and asked if I might be able to see the pieces close up. The shop assistant was very helpful and described the features of the watches I was looking at.

At one particular item the assistant described the 'glass' had been made of sapphire. I was puzzled and doubtful. All the time I have been aware of sapphires they were small stones with a blue colour. In my mind I wondered if 'sapphire' was just a metaphor for beauty or it meant a coating on a piece of glass. I said I would think a bit more about my purchase as it wasn't going to be cheap.

Later at home I did some research on sapphire as a material. I discovered it is a crystal material of aluminium oxide. The blue colour comes from other minerals. At the beginning of the 20th century a chemist called Auguste Verneuil discover a process to make artificial sapphires which could be very

great size. This sort of sapphire is clear because the impurities that provide the colour are not present. So indeed, watch faces can be an item of sapphire which has a hardness close to that of diamond and so is far more durable than glass. In fact the size of sapphires can be so large that mobile phones can have screens made of sapphire.

There is a lovely parable of Jesus about a person who is passionate about pearls. The meaning of the parable is about finding what is of true worth and possessing it. I like to think of God as a bit like a person walking along a High Street but they're not looking for shops or for precious stones. God he's looking at the people and each one is precious in his sight, more than pearls or jewels.

When we walk in a high street we can assess people by the values of our society. We can look at a person's apparent wealth, position in society, style of dress or even their fame. I once met an actor in a television programme I enjoyed, I was quite overwhelmed, should that be right?

But God does not simply value people, God knows how vulnerable and doubting people can be too. He longs for people to be fully alive as he has always intended them to be. Dare I say that God wants us to realise human life is like a wonderful jewel. But God takes human life and like Auguste Verneuil is able to create whole new possibilities.

Saint Paul can talk about people becoming Christians and being completely transformed 'So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!' (2 Corinthians 5:17). This fits in with the whole understanding Saint Paul has that we are not to be imagining this or struggling to achieve it but to receive it as a free gift.

I bought my new watch and the 'glass' which is really sapphire has a lustre about it which is delightful and I anticipate will never be scratched! But as much as that is a delight it is the gift of a new humanity that we received from God that is the great treasure. God knows this is possible and shows what it can be in Jesus Christ. God offers this reality to us because he knows how precious we are and that this is only just the beginning.

Best wishes

Alan Keeler

Book Reviews



Two books I have read recently have really engaged me and moved my thinking on in new ways, so I invite you to consider them as possible good reads. The first one is **'No Future without Forgiveness' by Desmond Tutu** (*first published in 1999 by Rider an imprint of Ebury Press, Random House*). The second is **'all's well that ends well. From Dust to resurrection :40 days with Shakespeare' by Peter Graystone** (*published by Canterbury Press 2021*).

I was prompted by the recent death of Archbishop Desmond to read 'No future without Forgiveness' because it is an account of the work to rebuild and renew the fabric of post-apartheid South Africa, and the thinking behind the processes of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of which Archbishop Desmond was the chair.

I was not paying attention at the time, and came to realise only later just how remarkable the transition to a constitutional democracy had been given all the violence racism and injustice that had gone before. The problem of how to avoid retribution, revenge and further retaliatory violence was urgent, in order to build a future, without avoiding the outstanding issues, the shocking legacy of grief and death of the apartheid years. It required difficult decisions from the victims and truth from the perpetrators. Tutu realised that standard models of punitive and retributory justice would not have worked on the one hand, no punishments could ever have been enough, and on the other that the possible payment of reparations would have bankrupted the new state before it got established. A model of restorative justice resulted from their work, with a sacrificial focus on building a future for the nation and resilience into the new emerging generations.

Not all succeeded, and some things did not always work, but enough went well to demonstrate a magnificent example of God's people doing a new thing .

This is a truly remarkable and inspiring book sharing the best of traditional wisdom, both African and Christian, and reminding us that the future really does depend on repentance, truth telling and forgiveness and that such grace filled living never goes out of date, it is always needed in slightly different

ways and adapted to changing contexts, to build and rebuild community. If we want some good ideas on building up our global community for the future, we could do worse that start here.

The second book is **'all's well that ends well. From Dust to resurrection :40 days with Shakespeare'** by Peter Graystone (*published by Canterbury Press 2021*)

Anyone who ever listened to Desert Island discs knows that the castaway is given the Bible and the Complete works of Shakespeare to take with them, along with another book and a luxury. If it were me I would take this book by Peter Graystone with me as it would inspire me to continue his fascinating work of making connections between Scripture and Shakespeare and discovering new insights in both of them.

Peter Graystone wears his learning and experience lightly and touches on many of the key questions of life in his insightful analysis. At the same time, he is thought provoking enough to enthuse and encourage us to look further and to bring our own experiences to bear on the texts. It brought to mind the unexpected insight I was given by my 5 year old who said after Romeo and Juliet 'I don't think that Mummy loved her girl do you?' and to my surprise I found that I agreed. Later on, I felt uneasy about the play, but then by that time I was working with sex offenders in a prison, so it had some very difficult and unfortunate resonances.

I was particularly struck by his discussions of anti Semitism arising from the Merchant of Venice, and of racism from Othello. Typically, he does not shirk the difficult issues that arise from literature that is 400-500 years old and formed in different times, and which probably has closer ideological links to some aspects of Biblical times than it does to our own.

This is a really interesting and illuminating book, a wonderful companion for Lent, beginning as it does with ash and at a funeral, and ending with the 'resurrection' of relationship and of Hermione (assumed dead) in Winter's Tale. "Easter is at hand. 'It is required you do awake your faith' says Paulina. "And so do I - enjoy either or both of the books, awake your faith and when Easter comes again this year Rejoice.

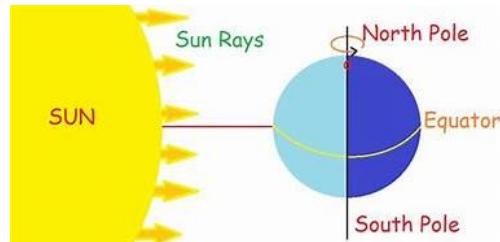
Alison Tyler

The Vernal Equinox

In the season of the Spring
The day is equal to the night;
Summer's song we soon shall sing!
Evenings filled with summer light!
Winter's cares seem long ago
Mornings spiked by bitter frost
But we shall bask in summer glow
For the seasons have now crossed.
Thank you, Lord God, for the Spring
And for all the seasons, too,
Of life's rhythms we shall sing
Giving all the praise to You.

By Nigel Beeton

Vernal Equinox two moments in the year when the Sun is exactly above the equator and day and night are of equal length.



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Mothers' Union Matters

In St Mary's Mothers' Union branch, the question has been raised about what MU is doing regarding global warming. In summary, Mothers' Union is working with communities to prepare them for disasters, while at the same time continuing to help families transform their own lives. This is through Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), which has been recognised by the United Nations as being fundamental to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals committed to in 2015 by 193 world leaders. The 17 Goals aim to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and fix climate change by 2030.



Unlike emergency aid and relief – which MU has always supported – DRR is a longer-term intervention that is best delivered at community level, by grassroots organisations that are embedded in the community. Therefore local Mothers' Union groups have a vital role to play in building resilience and helping communities to adapt to the increased threat of natural hazards

In recent years the effects have been seen close to home, as severe heatwaves have swept across Europe; wildfires have destroyed hundreds of natural environments and homes and communities have been submerged under water due to extreme flash flooding. It is anticipated that changes in our environment will contribute to an increase in severe weather-related events in the coming years and that poor urban planning, population growth, extreme poverty and weak governance will put even more people at risk globally. The reality is that the worst-hit communities are those in some of the world's poorest countries and just one event like this has the potential to destroy the hard work and progress many communities have worked years to develop.



in the Diocese of Mahajanga (Madagascar), for example, communities experience both drought and flooding. It is very difficult for them to face the two contrasting climatic conditions and this greatly impacts their quality of life, creating huge uncertainty. The diocese is therefore addressing the issue of environmental preservation. They have chosen a special plant called Vetiver, which is fast growing and preserves the soil during the rainy season. After the Vetiver is uprooted, trees are planted in the same place – specifically trees that fertilise the soil and which can store water in their trunks. These trees will also provide great barriers at cyclone time.

This is just one example of how Mothers' Union is working with communities to prepare them for disasters, while at the same time continuing to help families transform their own lives. MU will continue to be hands-on, offering training and support to those communities who desperately need effective DRR in order to minimise the effects of increasing natural hazards around the world.

Members of Mothers' Union can:

Strengthen communities all over the world

Help the most disadvantaged at home

Shape how MU advocate for the rights of families

Build supportive, loving relationships

Develop a personal relationship with God

Finally, this Mothering Sunday (27th March), please consider making a gift to Mothers' Union to support resilience for mothers and grandmothers, who also need our prayers, both in this country and further afield.



MU Programme during March

Friday 4th March	10.30 a.m.	World Day of Prayer	At The Salvation Army, Ethelbert Road, Bromley
Thursday 10th March	10.00 a.m.	Lent Meeting	Rev. Alison Tyler talks about life as a prison chaplain: the meeting starts with coffee. All are wel- come.
Thursday 17th March	10.00 a.m.	Knit and Knatter for Charity	Meet in Front Room, knit and knatter over coffee and cake: wool, needles, patterns and ad- vice available. Non-knitters al- ways welcome to knatter.
Friday 25th March (please note change of date)	9.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday posies	Assembling posies for Mothering Sunday in the Buchan Hall of Church House. Please come and help.
Saturday 26th March	11.30 a.m.	Commis- sioning Service	Commissioning of Mary- Margaret Yates as Diocesan MU President, at Rochester Cathed- ral.

Churchyard Work Parties

Come and join us as we give some practical love to our churchyard.

You are warmly welcome to join us for some fruitful gardening followed by refreshments. Saturday 12 March 10 am to noon and on Wednesday 23 March 7 pm to 9 pm. Please bring useful tools and gardening gloves.



Mothers' Union KNIT AND KNATTER REPORT February 2022

The St Mary's Knit and Knatter Group started on December 12th 2013 and over the years has maintained a steady attendance of about 12 people (from a possible 20+)

Knitting proved to be a good occupation during Covid lockdown and became one of the first ways that we could start meeting again and socialise as restrictions gradually lifted.

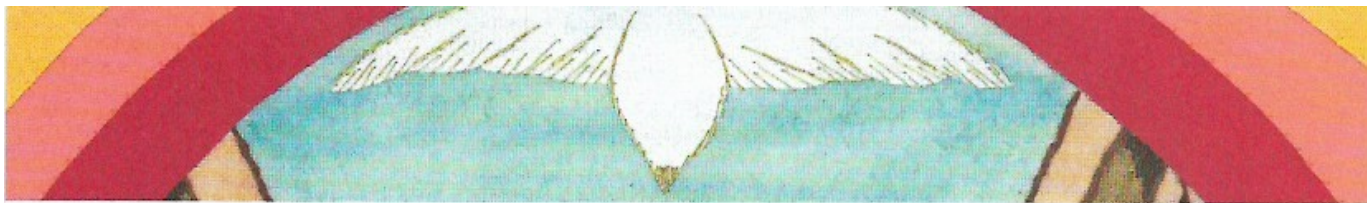
Delivery of knitted items to charitable causes became difficult as no-one was travelling on public transport. However, 3 large boxes of scarves, hats and mittens were collected by a member of the Mission to Seafarers' staff. It was great to talk to him on the doorstep as he conveyed the excitement that seafarers get when they can choose their own woolly items. We are hopeful that more than 10 large knitted blankets and some children's clothing can soon be taken to Knit for Peace in Hampstead. There are also a lot of squares waiting to be joined to make more blankets. Blankets are the most needed item at the moment, both in this country and abroad.

We have made a good connection with the knitters at Crofton Baptist Church and have joined forces making items for local hospitals. 80 angels went to King's College Hospital for their Christmas service for bereaved parents of babies. Now we have a new project for King's, knitting cardigans for premature babies and bonding hearts for mothers and their babies. Some of our squares will make cot blankets for Darenth Valley Hospital.

It has been great to know that our efforts have been appreciated and at the same time we have been able to get back to meeting and sharing concerns instead of being totally isolated. We meet regularly on the third Thursday of each month in the Front Room of Church House.

Mary Fall





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CHOIR NOTES

We are getting back to normal!

All the verses of hymns are now sung.

The choir is now **singing** the Communion Service, to the setting by Thorne – and welcomes participation by the congregation.

For the first time in two years there was a **Choral Evensong** Service at St Mary's, which attracted a good congregation. This may have been more influenced by the start time of 4.30 p.m., than by a desire to sit and listen to St Mary's Church Choir. However, it was sufficient to encourage the choir to consider asking for further opportunities. Last year there were only a couple of occasions when a second service allowed the choir to deliver something musically different. No wonder the choir looks forward to Choral Evensong again in the coming months.

Rehearsals continue to be difficult, with masks, physical spacing and restricted handling of communal music. However, this has not deterred the stalwart choir members, who continue to turn up reliably and regularly for practice and for service. Even appearing on live-streamed services has not put them off! Sadly, there will be no Festival Choir event at Easter again this year, but the choir is building strong links with the regular Sunday organists, and wishes to thank Ann, Alfie, Ben, David, Hsin-Chieh and Richard for their patience and understanding. Without their professionalism and skill, the choir would have been unable to deliver the live musical input so badly needed over the past year or two.



No choir report can fail to include a huge and genuine “Thank you” to Anne Clements, who turns out to accompany choir practice every Thursday with consistency, good humour and much musicality. Without her the choir would not be able to perform as it does on a regular basis, and we are ever in her debt for her dedication to church music. She is a vital member of the team and a valued friend. David has also come to help prepare the choir on occasions, and we express our gratitude to him for giving us his time and expertise.

Now we look forward to increasing opportunities to sing in church. When the time is right, the choir hopes to re-introduce younger members, and to seek new singers. This will secure the future for live choral singing at St Mary's, a tradition that has been maintained with great distinction by current choir members, throughout – and despite – the pandemic.

Peter Fall

Choir anthems in March 2022

2nd March (Ash Wednesday) “Wash me thoroughly” by S. S. Wesley

6th March “God so loved the world” by John Goss

13th March “O Saviour of the world” by John Goss

20th March “O Saviour of the world” by Arthur Somervell

27th March Mothering Sunday –Family Service, no choir anthem

3rd April “Is it nothing to you?” by Frederick Ouseley

Choral Evensong for Candlemas

St Mary's Choir (conducted by Ben James) sang Choral Evensong the first time at St Mary's for over two years.

It was lovely to see the choir of a dozen singers supported by a congregation near to 40 people. The Church was brightly lit with candles. Margaret Turner's candle holders (given in memory of her friend Bernard) were placed in the choir stalls and really brightened the Chancel and the choir stalls

The Introit was “Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace” by Christopher Tye. Followed by the first hymn “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”. As the service progressed the Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis were sung to music by Thomas Attwood Walmisley (in D minor). Towards the end of the service the Choir anthem was “Candlelight Carol” by John Ratter.

The service finished with the Hymn “Immortal Invisible God only Wise”

It was heart warming to meet people in the congregation who had been unable to attend Church and were thrilled to be able to attend a Choral Evensong especially as the building felt warm and welcoming., though I heeded the warnings about the boiler and came prepared with a blanket just in case.

The Service is available on Facebook. (70 Views at time of writing)

Jo Clark

A view from the pew



Over the past year or so, there seems to have been more time to reminisce about... about what? About what it used to be like, “when things were normal”. About “what we used to do”. Even about “growing up”, and family memories.

I have recently been reminded of the phrases that peppered my childhood: “up the wooden ladder” (climb the stairs to bed): “blow out the candle” was switch off the light: “bread and scrape” as the answer to “what’s for tea?”: “You could grow potatoes behind your ears” when my washing had been less than efficient. When I came home from school, a bit dishevelled, I was told that I looked as though I had been “dragged through a hedge backwards!” And when I was late home, I was warned that “we were about to send out a search party”.

I also remember the amazing civility of adults. We had a next-door neighbour called Hilda. My mother never called her anything but “Mrs Jones”. They would go once a week to the Lyons Teashop for a cup of tea, and it would still be “Mrs Jones” and “Mrs Fall”. We children called her “Aunty Jones”, and her husband was “Uncle Jones”. He lent me his dinner jacket for a school event. “Come back before midnight” he said, “or you will disappear in a ‘puff of smoke’”. He got his jacket back.

At an early birthday party, I had a forfeit of “kiss all the flowers on the carpet”. Although I got onto my hands and knees, I could not find any flowers on the floor. When it was explained to me that this meant “kiss the girls”, I virtually ran out of the room!



When I was slow eating my greens, I was admonished “think of all the starving children in China”. And when I gobbled my food it was “give it time to work” or “don’t eat with your mouth full!” (Sorry, I made that one up.) It was often “don’t **talk** with your mouth full”, or “this isn’t a race” at the dinner table. On the occasions when I was naughty (very few, of course) I might be threatened with being “knocked to kingdom come”. Fortunately, I never experienced that outcome.



Are we still using expressions that will linger in the mind? Does your family have phrases that mean something to you – but may not be obvious to others? Will the next generation hold memories of sayings that are special to them? Have a think: jot them down; send them to the Magazine Editor for us all to share.

Peter Fall

Crisp packets recycling update:

Terracycle have announced that they will no longer be accepting crisp packets through their recycling scheme. They will accept donations up until 24th April. So far, from the collections we have sent off from St.Marys, we have raised over £200 for church funds. Maria will accept donations up until the end of March at our back of church collection and then will send off our final boxes. The toothpaste tube collection will still continue

Going forward, all soft plastics such as crisp packets, pet food pouches, cheese packets, bubble wrap, biscuit wrappers, bread bags, yogurt lids etc are all accepted for recycling at our local co-op on College road (all must be rinsed and dried before donation).

Bromley Little Theatre Forthcoming Productions

The theatre has continued to put on new productions since the end of the September 2021, some of the evenings have reduced audience numbers. Audience members are asked to wear masks, unless medically exempt, in the auditorium during all the performances. The provision of two evenings per production with reduced numbered socially distanced audiences will last until at least to the end of March 2022.

The March show is 'Taken at Midnight' by Mark Hayhurst and I am privileged to be part of the cast. The play revolves around Irmgard Litten, battling for a number of years with the Nazi establishment, to have her son Hans Litten released from protective custody. He had been a young lawyer who prosecuted the SA 'brown shirts' for crimes, before they took power, in the late 1920's- early 1930's pre-war Germany. He even subpoenaed and cross-examined Adolf Hitler in a court room in one of the trials! However, following the events of Reichstag Fire, the Nazi party took the opportunity to arrest communists and other persons whose views were anti-Nazi. Litten was taken into protective custody and then moved from various concentration camps until he was finally taken to Dachau. He described himself as a Jewish atheist after his father converted to Lutheran to become more German! However, in the camp he wears the yellow star on his clothing. The dialogue shows scenes with Irmgard and a gestapo officer and others with her husband. The camp scenes are with Hans and fellow anti-sympathisers.

The play is a very strong drama and, although at times harrowing, has a strong uplifting message about the determination to survive and be free.

At school I remember being told about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor who was murdered by the Nazis in a concentration camp. But I didn't really know about other 'Germens' resistance to the Nazis. So, to prepare for my role as one of the SA/SS/Gestapo Guards and a hotelier, I have had to conduct some research into this dark period of history. Interestingly, because of his communist tendencies, it has only been in the last thirty years that his tragic life has become more well known.

The play is our entry in the 2022 Kent Drama Festival and it would be great to see you in the audience to get to know more about the Litten family.

The show is on from Friday 11th to Saturday 19th March (Not Sunday 13th) at 7.45pm. To get tickets go to the BLT website www.bromleylittletheatre.org
April's show is that old familiar tale 'Hobson's Choice' and the May show is a potential amateur premiere production of 'Shakespeare in Love'.

Peter Yolland



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Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us Shrove Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

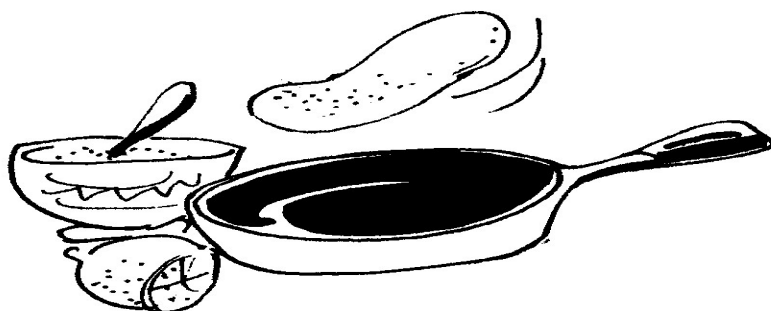
Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3rd February and 9th March.

Jo Clark



What's So Amazing About Grace?

Please do join us though Lent to explore, surely the greatest joy of our faith, the grace of God.

We will meet on Thursdays between 10.30am - 11.30am with a repeat event between 8.00pm – 9.00pm. Join us in the Buchan Hall or on Zoom. We are excited to be having our first parish hybrid event.

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Programme

3 March No Strings Attached – God's love for the undeserving

10 March An Unnatural Act – Extending grace when we've been wronged

17 March The Art of Forgiving – Responding with grace

24 March Grace Put to the Test – Grace in the face of disagreement

31 March Grace Abuse – Cheapening grace and robbing its power

7 April Dispensing Grace – How can we do it?

The last evening will coincide with the Maundy Meal

In due course there will be a sign-up sheet to get the catering right

The Zoom login for this course is as follows:

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CTCB Lent Course

The season of Lent has traditionally been a period of reflection and meditation to help us prepare for the joy of Easter. At 8.00 p.m. on the Tuesdays of Lent this year (8th March to 5th April) the Churches Together in Central Bromley will be meeting via Zoom for our Lent Course, which is entitled God's Big Picture. It's designed to help us develop an overview of the whole Bible and see how the main themes of both Old and New Testaments hang together.

The series includes an introduction to the different types of biblical literature, and practical tips on avoiding common mistakes when we try to interpret and apply the Bible to our own situation. Equally suitable for life-long readers of the Bible and complete beginners!

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St John's Lent Lecture

This is provisionally booked for Sunday 27th March. Details to follow





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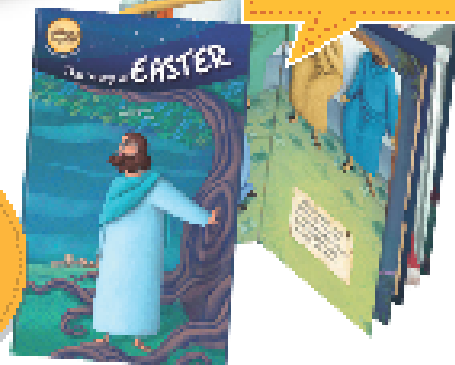
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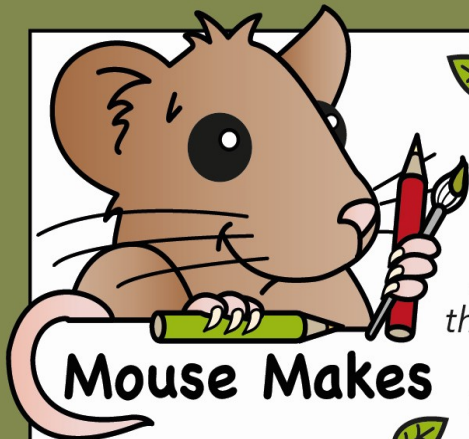
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Mouse Makes

GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:

"No good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit..."

...Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts."

- Luke 6: 43-45

During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.



READ
Luke
6: 27-45

How did Jesus say we should treat others?

Look up
Luke 6:31



S P E A K A E S D
 B R O F R U I T E
 L A F G I V E O H
 E Y O O H E A R T
 S P R O D U C E R
 S A G D A B H D E
 B R I N G O W N E
 A E V I L O V E V
 D R E P E N T E K

Do

to everyone
who asks you
Luke 6:30

to those that
hate you
Luke 6:27

for those who
are cruel to you
Luke 6:28

those who
curse you
Luke 6:28

and you will be
forgiven
Luke 6:37

Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.

GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED
PRODUCE • BRING • SPEAK • REPENT • FORGIVE • LOVE • BLESS • PRAY • GIVE

Worship Diary

We have recently changed some of our practices to do with Covid. We would like people to wear masks until they are in their Pew. Refreshments will be reinstated. We will continue to have a one-way system in the church and be seated in alternate pews. We will now no longer be taking details for Track and Trace. We will have masks and gel available as people enter the church.

We continue to be in limbo as the government changes its advice and the disease itself is not as dangerous as in the past. But people are still getting Covid, there can be long term consequences for some and sadly it proves fatal in a few cases. We will continue to monitor the situation and be grateful to hear of peoples thoughts and experience.

Our Sunday Clubs continue to meet when we do not have a Family Service or at times during school holidays.

Our services will continued to be live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page unless otherwise stated:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbromley/>

The words of the service can be found on our website:

<https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/lockdown/st-marys-worship/>

The services of worship for March will be as follows:

Wednesday 2nd – Ash Wednesday

8.00 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 6th – 1 Sunday in Lent

10.30am Family Communion with Sunday Clubs

Sunday 13th – 3 Sunday before Lent

10.30am Family Communion with Sunday Clubs

Sunday 20th – 2 Sunday before Lent

10.30am Family Communion with Sunday Clubs

Sunday 27th – Sunday before Lent

10.30am Family Service

During Lent we are encouraging people to join us at a Lent course. Details are in the magazine. This means we will not be having services of compline from Monday 28th of February.

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