



St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor



St Mary's Church, Farndale

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St Nicholas' Church, Bransdale



St Michael's Church, Edstone



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals: *We pray for the family and friends of:*

10th April - Edith Youren (89) at All Saints'

21st April - George Dennis Mayes (80) at St Michael's

JUST A THOUGHT

Dear Friends,

As our National Lockdown eases, life begins to re-emerge, and across the Benefice our churches are also planning how to safely re-commence physical worship in church.

At present, All Saints' Church will host an open air service on Sunday April 25th at 10.30am in the Millenium Garden (so we can have a good sing!!). Numbers remain limited, so booking is required. This will be followed on Sunday May 2nd by a return to weekly Sunday worship within church at 10.30am.

Additionally, there will be a Service of Holy Communion in All Saints' Church each Wednesday morning at 10.00am.

Currently, face masks, social distancing, hand sanitising and no singing *within church* do need to continue however.

It is hoped that all our other churches will be able to offer worship shortly after this date.

We will continue to send out weekly Reflective Services and it is hoped to offer worship via Zoom for those unable or uncomfortable with a return to physical worship at this time.

These six weeks of Eastertide invite us to celebrate the gift of new life in Christ. As we gather together, in whichever way we can, may our Joy be that of God's People, as we travel with him into the future.

May you be blessed on your journey,



MAY'S SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS'

2 **Fifth Sunday of Easter:**
Parish Eucharist 10:30am
Readings: Acts 8.26-end
John 15.1-18



9 **Sixth Sunday of Easter:**
Parish Eucharist 10:30am
Readings: Acts 10.44-end
1 John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17



16 **Seventh Sunday of Easter:**
Parish Eucharist 10:30am
Readings: Acts 1.15-17,21-end
John 17.6-19



23 **Pentecost:**
Parish Eucharist 10:30am
Readings: Acts 2.1-21
John 15.26-27,16.4b-15



30 **Trinity Sunday:**
Parish Eucharist 10:30am
Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8
John 3.1-17



JUNE

6 **1st Sunday after Trinity:**
Parish Eucharist 10:30am
Readings: Genesis 3.8-15
Mark 3.20-end



Holy Communion (BCP) each Wednesday at 10:00am
in the Lady Chapel All Saints' Church

Anyone wishing to receive Communion in their own home
please contact the Vicar, the Revd. Mark Brosnan

WEEPING ASH TREE

We all know and love the beautiful weeping ash tree which has been at the front of All Saints' church for many many years. Sadly, it is now looking a lot worse for wear and we have sought advice from Ryedale District Council Tree Officer who advises us that the tree is succumbing to old age and is gradually dying. We, therefore, have no option but to have it removed and are seeking permission from both the Diocese and also Ryedale District Council. Once we have received these permissions, we will arrange to have the work carried out.

We will, eventually have to plant another tree in the same area, as is necessary in a conservation area.

Les and Anne



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

Some of you may be aware that Susan and Martin Dickinson from the Friends' Meeting House are leaving Kirkbymoorside at the end of April and moving to York.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Susan and Martin for their enormous contribution to the spiritual and pastoral life of our community over many years.

Your quiet wisdom, experience and gentle counsel will be much missed.

Mark

NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S, FARNDALE

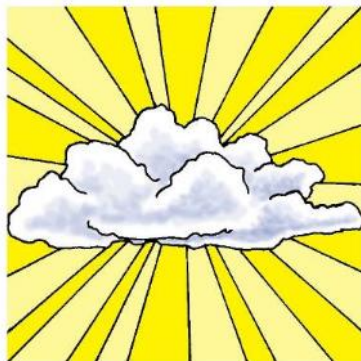
St. Mary's doors were open for the Easter visitors and they arrived!! The weather dry but cold and people were glad to come and stretch their legs and see the Daffodils, alleluia, freedom. The Daffodils in the churchyard were a sight to behold, the ground was a sea of yellow. But now, as I write this, April 11th, the Daffs are all heads bent low and covered with snow. The lambs are huddled as tight as possible in the shelter of their mums' bodies, what a welcome into Gods creation, but warmer days must be on the horizon.

We are back to worshipping in church at All. Saints', still under Covid restrictions. Hopefully we at St. Mary's will soon be back together. It has been wonderful to join with Zoom for worship, but nothing can take the place of openly meeting together in church, not forgetting the tea and biscuits.

All of our churches, not just St. Mary's, are finding these Covid times very difficult financially. Very little income, lack of visitors and no fund raising activities for more than a year. Also, after Farndale Estate was sold our very generous benefactors, the Barratt family decided to stop their giving. This was a huge financial blow for us. We are now running on our reserves, how long this can carry on is difficult to say. The Diocese is still asking for their share which is now just over £5000 a year (that's just from St. Mary's) we have to find this amount to help pay for our clergy. Without our clergy St. Mary's would cease as a living church. High Farndale Methodist Chapel closed a few years ago and the last thing we want is for church to have to close its doors for worship. St. Mary's belongs to everyone, not just the few who gather together faithfully to praise and thank God for everything he has provided for us.

Alleluia, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Phil Collier



HOME GROUPS

Despite Lockdown restrictions, I am glad to report that our Home Groups have found new and flexible ways of continuing to meet and Liz, John and I have been encouraged by the continued growth and fellowship these groups experience.

Not all of us warm to Zoom (an understatement, some of you might say!) but many of us have braved the oddities of the internet weekly for our meetings and have found that we can still enjoy each other's company and encouragement in this unusual setting.

Others have chosen to study the weekly sessions at home and chat to members of the group on the phone to keep in touch. Our groups have used the Holy Habits book on Making Disciples in our most recent sessions; very challenging but we also found the content to be very much in tune with the questions we all have about the nature of church following the pandemic and our role in being Jesus's followers and disciples, taking our personal stories of his love out to our families, friends and community.

What I love about our groups is the sense of a safe place to share doubts, to ask questions, to admit unfamiliarity with passages of the Bible or church teaching, alongside the understanding that, although we may not always see things the same way, we are each valued as a part of the family of God. We may not always be sure of answers, but we have the joy of hearing each other's stories and insights. And sometimes we just have a jolly good laugh.

If you would like to find out more about the groups (some of which are continuing over the summer while others start again in September), please contact any of the leaders below.

John Castle on 01751 433256 castle@moorsweb.co.uk.

Liz Garthwaite on 07889284162

Lynn Goslin on 01439 771823



BRANSDALE TEAS DAYS 2021

We have decided to publish dates for Teas Days now, in the hopes that we may be able to go ahead with this essential fundraiser for St Nicholas'.

Working on the Government's best estimate that most restrictions may be lifted from 21st June, we are aiming to hold the days on 26th June, 31st July, 28th August and a new one on 18th September to make up for the necessary changes to the normal pattern.

For all of these dates we need volunteers, please, to provide homemade cakes, savouries / sandwiches. At this stage it would be helpful to have an indication of which dates our 'bakers' are able to commit to, and an idea of what they would like to offer, so that we can arrange a balanced spread nearer the date.

Please also let us know if you would like to assist on any of these dates as extra hands are always welcome.

We also noted at the Annual Parish Meeting that we need to set up a 'working team' to oversee the light duties of week to week maintenance of the church on a rota basis, so that we may continue the dedicated work of Audrey, Warick and Carol and the late Roy, which has done so much for the church over the years. We remain ever grateful for all they have done, and wish them a happy 'retirement'.

With our thanks in advance for your help in supporting this important part of St Nicholas' mission

Phil Collier & Les Clarke

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PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Loving Father God,

Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit;

Your Spirit who knows no restrictions or barriers;

Your Spirit who can reach us and be with us and in us, wherever we are, whatever our circumstances;

Your Spirit who comforts and heals and empowers us to live with confidence that, ultimately, all shall be well;

Your Spirit who connects us, through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Because of Jesus' victory over death we have hope and life forever.

Thank you, loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



ASCENSION

To complete Your seamless robe, and so to complete our faith, You ascended through the air into the heavens, before the very eyes of the apostles. In this way You showed that You are Lord of all, and are the fulfilment of all creation. Thus from that moment every human and every living creature should bow at Your name. And, in the eyes of faith, we can see that all creation proclaims Your greatness.

A prayer of Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 – 1153). He was the main inspiration of the Cistercian Order of Monks.

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

On reflection, inviting your parishioners to join in our annual Rose Queen celebrations may not have been entirely wise. It was cheering to see that your people arrived on carnival floats, although it was less happy that some of them should have chosen to dress up as coronavirus bugs, full of those nasty spike proteins – that startled some of the timid residents in our community.

Once the procession started, your drivers did not seem to have grasped the fact that the vehicles were expected to tour the village slowly, for the benefit of spectators, instead of treating it as a competitive race. I noticed that numbers on your floats gradually diminished as they were flung off while careering round corners. Those who had a walk of several miles back home while dressed as pirates and ballerinas had my sympathy. Our tea ladies, however, were less sympathetic when one of your hay bales was spun off on a tight corner and went through our Women's Guild like a row of skittles.

The local police normally use the afternoon to do a little gentle point duty while drinking gallons of sweet tea; this year, the number of tickets issued for speeding, and not social distancing, should boost our constabulary's figures for the next 12 months.

I must concede that the group who decided to make a papier mâché swan for one of your floats showed great imagination. It was such a pity that they did not know a 15-foot-high swan would be driven under a 12-foot bridge. The drama of its emergence, headless, was only exceeded by the following float which appeared to have a group of Brownies being savaged by a demented, bodiless, vulture.

I am sure that some of your people's offers to help this year's Princesses campaign for election for Rose Queen next year were well-meant. However, I don't think our parish really wants a full-blown social media campaign for next year's Rose Queen, and so we will have to decline your offer.

The crowning of the Rose Queen is always a high point to the afternoon, but could I point out that the 'gold' crown is only metal foil, and the 'diamond' sceptre is only a piece of glass? So, whoever it was in your crowd who walked off with them, please may we have them back before next year?

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

FOREIGNERS?

Among the estimated 130,000 people from Hong Kong who are making their way to the UK, there are bound to be thousands of Christians. What kind of reception will they get from the churches here?

We shudder when reminded of the cold shoulder shown to the 500 Jamaicans who disembarked the SS Empire Windrush at Tilbury in 1948, and others who followed. They came in response to a recruitment drive by London Transport and the NHS. Many were practising Anglicans, so naturally they made their way to English parish churches. Many were told they didn't belong there.

St Paul's nightmare about the Church had become a reality, with the eye saying to the hand, "I don't need you." (1 Corinthians 12.21) As a result, the Church of England missed out on the faith, experience, and witness of brother and sister believers from the Caribbean.

Hong Kong citizens who hold British National Overseas passports can now apply for a work visa, enabling them to live and work in the UK, after which they may apply for permanent UK citizenship. They will bring a wealth of knowledge with them, including the experience of living under an increasingly repressive regime.

This is our chance to learn from past errors and to turn hostility into hospitality. We will soon discover that we have at least as much to receive as we have to give. UK society has already been enriched by immigrants, especially those who belong to ethnic minorities in this country, but are in the majority, worldwide. The NHS alone would collapse without them.

In Bible times, Christians who were from Jewish backgrounds found it hard to believe the Church could accommodate foreigners. First there was a division between Hebrew-speakers and Greek-speakers. An even bigger row followed, when new Christians in other countries were regarded as sub-standard. Then St Peter had a visionary experience which contradicted his narrow upbringing. This is how he summarised it:

"I now realise it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. Those who fear him and do what is right are acceptable to him, no matter what race they belong to." (Acts 10.34)

Chinese? African? Caribbean? European? British? The real Church will accommodate all of them and then look for others to welcome.

CMS HONOURS ITS WOMEN MISSIONARIES WHO ARE WORKING FOR A BETTER WORLD

Two centuries after the death of Mary Bouffler, the first woman sent out in her own right by Church Mission Society to be a missionary overseas, CMS is honouring the achievements of inspiring women who followed in Bouffler's footsteps, to share their faith and transform communities.

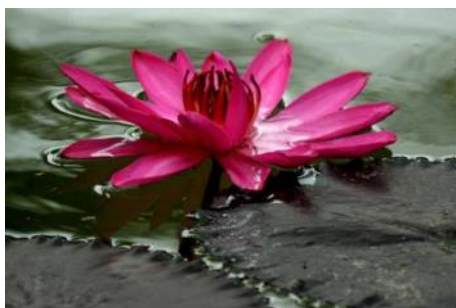
Bouffler travelled to Sierra Leone in 1820 and tragically died less than a year later. She was the first in a long line of countless CMS women missionaries to battle injustice and prejudice and fight for change, human rights and empowerment.

From Ann-Marie Wilson, who set up the charity *28 Too Many* to highlight and stop the practice of FGM (female genital mutilation), to Helen Kisakye (nee Burningham), who founded **SPLASH**, a dance troupe in Uganda that intentionally includes young people living with disabilities, and **Nevedita**, who leads a programme in Sri Lanka for children who have been abused and traumatised, women have been integral to mission throughout CMS's history.

Healing, restoration and opportunity are common themes where these pioneering women are involved.

CMS local partner Rachel Karanja, a businesswoman, church leader and entrepreneur from Kenya, explained that being left housebound for over a year after a stroke inspired her to set up **Women of Destiny Kenya**. She said: "The charity helps to support women who have faced significant struggles in their lives and enables them to discover their God-given destinies."

Debbie James, CMS's Deputy CEO and Director of Mission Transformation, said: "At times in CMS's own history, women have been undervalued but what has been achieved over 200 years is testament to the tenacity, talent and imagination of countless women of God".



PENTECOST

The celebration of Pentecost this month could be described as a birthday party for the Church, as we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples (Acts 2:1-13). What are we celebrating?

God's Promise: The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room: 'Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised' (1:4). They met expectantly in prayer for God's promised gift. Just as we look forward to birthday presents, how eager are we to receive more of the Spirit in our lives?

God's Power: 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (4). The disciples needed the power of the Spirit to be different: not fearfully gathered behind locked doors but energised to make Christ known. The Spirit can transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus and give gifts to equip our witness. Although the disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, it was essentially an encounter with God's love. For us, this can be equally emotional or quiet, but all are included, and nobody is excluded from this experience.

God's Purpose: The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (4). The Spirit empowered their witness, so that everyone heard them speaking in their own 'native language' (lit: dialect, v8). We all have a story to tell of God's activity in our lives and it's the Spirit who translates our words and actions into a language that those around can understand! At Pentecost, 3,000 people were added to the church in one day! What do we expect of the Spirit in our day?

'Let the Church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).



BE KIND TO EACH OTHER

'And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.' (Matthew 10:42)

During the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been thousands of shining examples up and down the country of people going the extra mile to help the elderly, vulnerable and those at risk.

The helpers have been shopping, cooking meals, making regular telephone calls, and checking that needs are being met. We must sincerely hope that these acts of kindness will continue well beyond the coronavirus outbreak.

Simple acts of kindness are so important in cementing the fabric of our society. Some years ago, this thought inspired the following poem:

A Brighter Tomorrow

There is much we can do just to brighten
This world of all take and no give
There's a great deal that we can contribute
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours
Or through lending a hand in some way
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers
To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours
In the service of those most in need
It's all about setting a standard
And trying to give others a lead

It's the way that we tend to treat others
And help and aid folks in distress
It's the care and assistance we offer
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple
The rewards plain for all men to see
'As you did all of this to my brother
Then' said Christ, 'you did it to Me.'

By Colin Hammacott

WE CHOSE TO GO TO THE MOON

On 25th May 1961, President John F Kennedy announced to Congress that the United States 'should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth.'

This reflected the United States' desire to catch up with the Soviet Union in the space race. Although an extremely challenging goal, it was finally achieved on 20th July 1969, when Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong stepped on to the Moon's surface.

Such a challenging mission required commitment and sacrifice from many people. What is our mandate, as the people of God in today's world? What challenge have we been entrusted with by God that requires our absolute commitment and sacrifice in these difficult days? When Jesus ascended into heaven, His last words to His disciples were significant: 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:8).

Our mission is to be witnesses for Jesus, making Him known in our workplaces, to our families and friends, as well as the wider community. A credible witness speaks of what they know personally. What is my story of how Jesus has changed my life?

However, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower our witness: 'you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you' (1:8). The Spirit enables us to display the fruit of Jesus' character and gifts us to be effective witnesses.

'We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard' (JFK, 12th September, 1962 at Rice University).



FINDING

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.



GIFT?

I asked my mother if I was a gifted child. She said I must be, because they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

BEING BRAVE?

Some time ago I was helping my grandson George into his car seat in the back of my car, when I accidentally banged his head. He started to cry. ‘Come on, George, be brave,’ I said.

‘But I don’t *want* to be brave,’ he objected.

I guess we all know that feeling. Sometimes life is hard, and we know we have a need for courage, but somehow, we just don’t want to be brave. We would rather give in, surrender to the difficulties, and wallow in self-pity.

The Bible seems to constantly exhort us to be brave, to be strong, to take heart, to be courageous. And life during a pandemic certainly calls for us to make a courageous response. But occasionally we may feel overwhelmed and ready to give in or give up.

Perhaps you are reading this at just such a moment. Maybe this comes as a message to you from God so that you do not lose heart. He knows you, and He sees your situation. And He speaks to encourage you, as He did to the church at Philadelphia: ‘I know that you have little strength’ (Revelation 3:8).

He is the compassionate and understanding God who draws alongside us, to give strength to the weary and power to the weak (Isaiah 40:29). You don’t have to do anything, simply turn to Him in your need and ask for help.

You will discover, as the apostle Paul did, that when you are weak, then you are strong. His power will be demonstrated through your weakness. You can do whatever is required of you because He will give you strength.



AH – BUT WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



The children had been grouped together around the minister to pose for the annual Sunday School photograph, and the minister was smiling encouragement.

“Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up,” he said. “You could point to each other and say: ‘There’s Jennifer; hope she’s made it as a solicitor,’ or ‘That’s Michael, hope he’s made it as a doctor.’”

A small voice at the back rang out, “And there’s the minister – hope he made it to heaven...”

HAVE YOU EVER LAUGHED AT A JOKE YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND?

Then you are not alone. It seems that two thirds of us have laughed at jokes we did not 'get', simply because we wanted to fit in with our friends at the time.

And more than half of us have actually gone on to repeat jokes with punchlines which we don't ourselves understand. More than half of us have even researched a joke in order to try and figure out what was supposed to be so funny about it.

In research done by a British neuroscientist, it was found that humour that relies on puns or more obscure concepts is the most likely to confuse audiences. While laughter is universal, humour is very subjective. People all over the world laugh, but what they find to be funny varies widely, depending on culture, context and language.

During the research, it was found that two of the most misunderstood jokes are:

Some Omega-3 vitamins fell on my head when I opened the cupboard. I got super fish oil injuries.

What does a dyslexic, agnostic insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.



BEWARE OF THE DOG

Be careful if you are looking to buy a puppy. Make sure you know where it really came from. A spokesman for the RSPCA warns of a spike in the number illicit dog breeders and dealers who are conning the public.

The number of dogs imported from the EU increased by 52% from 2019 to 2020 until last year it stood at over 60,000. More than half of these puppies came from Romania and were brought in by criminal gangs. Dogs that were worth £50 in Romania have been sold for 10 times that amount in the UK, according to the Animal and Plant Health Agency.

100 YEARS OF THE BRITISH LEGION

One hundred years ago, on 15th May 1921, the British Legion was founded in the aftermath of the First World War, to provide support to veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

It was created at a time when two million people were unemployed. More than six million had served in the war: of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability, and half of those were disabled permanently.

Four organisations came together at the instigation of Lancastrian Lance Bombardier Tom Lister, who was angered at the Government's unwillingness to help, and Field Marshal Earl Haig, who had been Commander in Chief of the British Forces. The Legion campaigned for fair treatment of those who given everything for their country, and it continues this work today.

In 1922, the Legion's poppy factory opened in the Old Kent Road, London, with 40 disabled men manufacturing 1000 poppies a week. The first Poppy Day was held that same year. The Festival of Remembrance began in 1927, and the Legion became 'Royal' in 1971 – 50 years ago – on its golden anniversary.

At first membership of the Legion was confined to ex-Service personnel, but it was expanded to include serving members of the Forces in 1981.

MY GARDEN?

I thought I owned a garden
A lovely place to be
A bird said, "Beg your pardon,
"This land belongs to me!"

A squirrel dropped a nut on me
Which wasn't what I'd planned
"Get lost!", said he, "for can't you see
"You trespass on my land?"

A pheasant flapped and squawked so loud
I scarce could hear me think!
"Get off my ground, for two's a crowd!"
He kicked up such a stink!

The wild-life around me
So loudly do protest!
They growl and screech till I can see
That I am just a guest!

By Nigel Beeton



REMEMBERING AN OUTSTANDING ASTRONOMER

It was 150 years ago, on 11th May 1871, that John Herschel – British astronomer, mathematician, chemist and pioneering photographer – died at the age of 79. Among other things, he named seven of Saturn’s moons and four moons of Uranus, as well as investigating colour blindness. He was also President of the Royal Astronomical Society three times.

He was the son of Sir William Herschel, a distinguished scientist who had moved from Germany to Britain and later discovered the planet Uranus, thus creating a pronunciation problem that still hasn’t gone away.

Sir John Herschel, himself knighted in 1831, made many contributions to the science of photography and invented the blueprint. He was also deeply interested in the philosophy of science and pioneered an inductive approach to experiments and the construction of scientific theories.

Between 1834 and 1838 he worked in South Africa with his wife Margaret, studying and photographing Cape flora as well as continuing his astronomical interests. It was here that he met Charles Darwin, on his way home in the HMS Beagle, and had a significant influence on him.

Sir John also developed and backed the use of the impressive Julian day numbering system in astronomy.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR OFFICES IN THE FUTURE?

There will be less of them – a lot less.

In fact, one recent study warns that the pandemic will mean office space in the UK shrinks by a fifth, which is 18 million square ft.

Certainly, the current flexibility of working from home, brought on by the pandemic, seems set to bring in permanent changes, according to the risk management and insurance broker Gallagher.

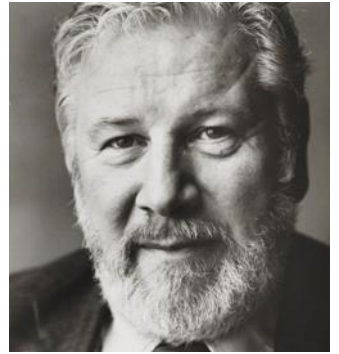
In the future, office will be mainly for collaborating or attending meetings, or for storing vital equipment and IT.

Working in an office five days a week will become a thing of the past. And of course, that, in turn, will have a profound impact on the look and shape of our cities.

MENZOWN'S APRIL MEETING

Actor Dominic Goodwin was the speaker by Zoom at the April meeting. His subject was three entertainers: Joyce Grenfell, Margaret Rutherford and Peter Ustinov. Apart from portraits, there were no other pictures or film. Dominic used his acting skill and many voices to paint his subjects and to emphasise their unique qualities. The meeting struggled to find modern equivalents. Their careers were succinctly described; both their privileged background and, in two cases, private suffering.

The next meeting of **MenZown** is on Tuesday May 11th at 7.30pm., when Andrew Thornton will talk about the work of the Common Wealth War Graves Commission. You may view previous talks and find out how to join **MenZown** by visiting the website www.menzownkms.org



DO YOU LOVE A BARGAIN?

Some people adore bargains, promotions, and cut-price items. They are the ones who always forage out reduced clothing and food, collect coupons and loyalty points with great care, and are at the front of the queue to bag items on Black Friday.

Now a new study has found that such deal-prone bargain-hunting may be more than a preference – it may even run in your genes. It could be a tendency which is passed on genetically as well as learned.

The study was published in the Journal of the Association for Consumer Research.

NECTAR IN YOUR GARDEN

Our home gardens are now the largest source of food for insects such as bees and wasps in towns and cities.

They yield 85 per cent of the nectar produced in urban areas, according to a study published in the Journal of Ecology.

Three such gardens will generate about a teaspoon a day of the sugar-rich liquid which is found in the flowers that the pollinators drink for energy. A teaspoon of nectar is the equivalent of more than a ton of food for an adult human, and it is enough to fuel thousands of flying bees.

One ecologist has called home gardens “pivotal” in promoting biodiversity in urban areas across the county. Gardens are thought to cover 29 per cent of the land in urban areas, which is six times the area of parks and 40 times that of allotments.

The research was carried out in partnership with the universities of Edinburgh and Reading and the Royal Horticultural Society.



IS THERE LIFE WITHOUT THE BBC?

Could you live happily without the BBC? Just try it for two weeks.

That was the recent challenge of the corporation’s outgoing chairman, Sir David Clementi, to a group of critics who said they resented the licence fee.

Apparently, nine days later, two thirds of the critics had changed their mind and said that the licence was worth every penny. Sir David observed that when “things that they took for granted are removed from them, they realise how valuable the BBC is.”

So he encourages anyone else who thinks that the license is not worth £3 a week, to try life without the BBC. “I think that most people would find it very hard to cope.”

MAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

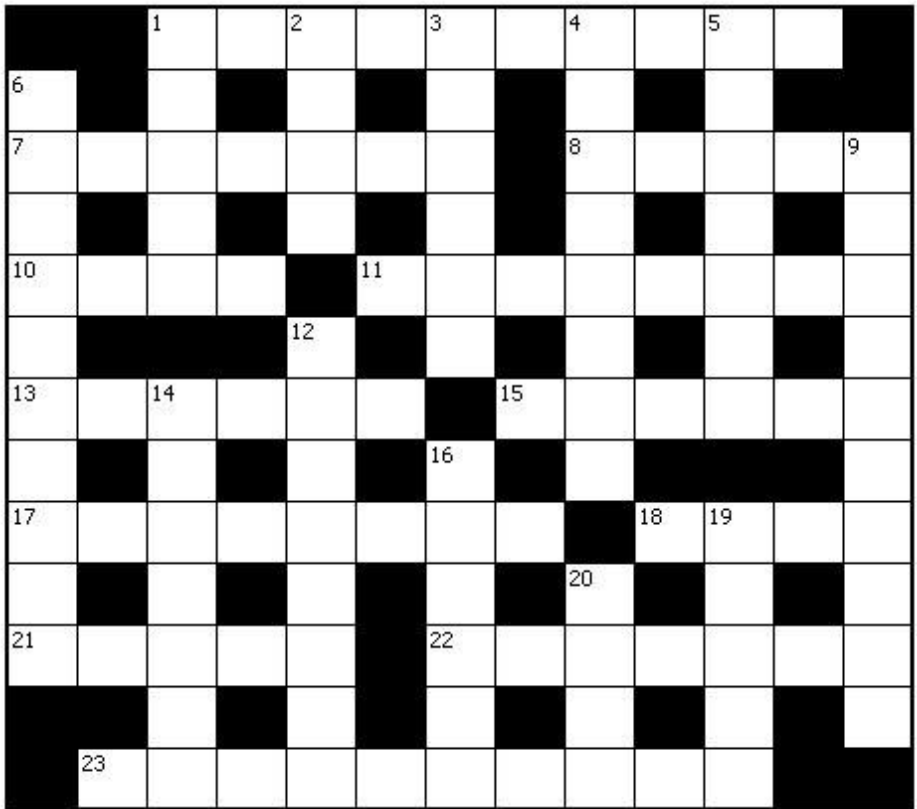
Across

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (*1 Corinthians 8:7*) (10)
7 Coming (*John 11:17*) (7)
8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (*John 17:10*) (5)
10 Smarten (*Acts 9:34*) (4)
11 Hold back (*Job 9:13*) (8)
13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
15 At ague (anag.) (6)
17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
18 So be it (*Galatians 6:18*) (4)
21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. — (5)
22 Empowers (*Philippians 3:21*) (7)
23 Imposing (*1 Samuel 9:2*) (10)

Down

- 1 Healed (*Luke 7:21*) (5)
2 Central space in a church (4)
3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (*Exodus 2:12*) (8)
5 Bravery (*Acts 4:13*) (7)
6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (*Acts 16:26*) (10)
9 Transgression (*Psalms 36:1*) (10)
12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (*Genesis 1:2*) (6)
19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
20 Cab (4)





APRIL'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delilah. 10, Falwell.
 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur.
 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist.
 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche.
 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

THE TRAVELLERS

They travelled together sad and forlorn
With all of their dreams shattered and torn,
It started so well, their hopes were high
Never to guess that He would die.

The Man joined the two as they walked along,
He asked why their faces were sad and long,
'Have you not heard' disbelieving they cried
'How the One we followed was crucified?'

Opening the scriptures He began to unfold
How the Christ should suffer as written of old,
It was not a disaster, but all of God's plan
That one should come as Redeemer of man.

They listened enraptured as slowly they saw
The purpose of God revealed in the Law
The Prophets and Psalms, it's all about Him
The One who should come and rescue from sin.

O that eyes should be opened and scripture made plain,
To see Christ in its pages again and again,
That just like the travellers I too should see
The Master, the Saviour dying for me.

By Megan Carter



THE PUPPIES



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Over the last year the 100 club has made a handsome contribution towards the church's fundraising efforts as well as bringing a smile to the monthly winners.

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