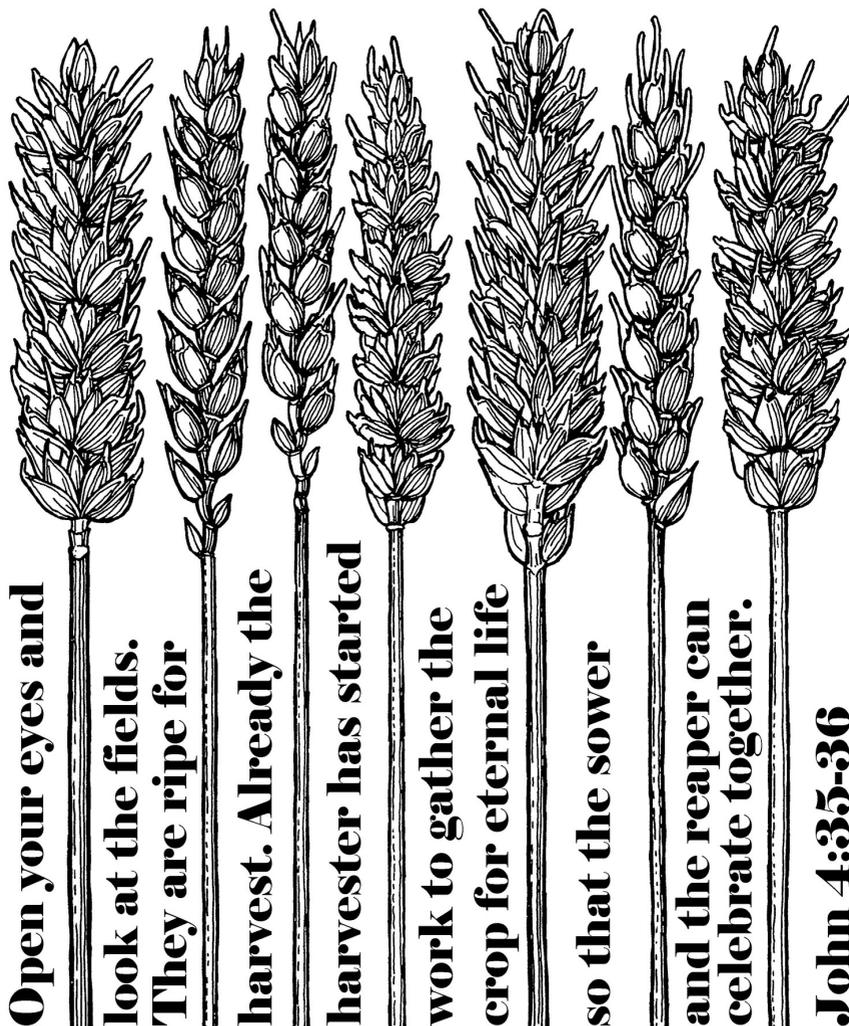


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**Open your eyes and**

**look at the fields.**

**They are ripe for**

**harvest. Already the**

**harvester has started**

**work to gather the**

**crop for eternal life**

**so that the sower**

**and the reaper can**

**celebrate together.**

**John 4:35-36**

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Come in and sit for a while and spend time with God.*

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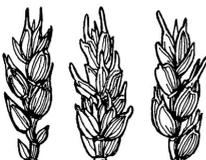
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August 2017

# Reflection

*The Rev Paul Hardingham considers...*

## **Summer Days**

'Summertime and the living is easy.' George Gershwin's words could be aptly applied to August, when many of us take holiday. It's a month to focus on summertime: family time and barbeques; the beach and ice cream; long days with no school! It is time to wind down from the frenetic pace of our normal routines.

However, while summer is a season, it is also a state of mind. We all have periods in life, which are summer-like, when life goes well. How can we walk by faith in the summers or good times of our spiritual lives?

*Summer Distinctives:* When we go through times of sickness, financial pressure, difficult relationships and other problems, we more easily focus on God. In a spiritual summer season, we can subtly find ourselves enjoying the gifts without acknowledging the Giver! The greatest danger in the summertime season of life is to forget who is responsible for the good life that we are enjoying.

*Summer Distractions:* Our normal routine revolves around clocks and calendars, but we can easily get distracted when we break these disciplined routines. In the spiritual summer seasons of life, there is a temptation to miss out on our regular times with God in Bible reading and prayer! Things that make summer seasons enjoyable can also become big distractions.

*Summer Directives:* How can we make the most of this summer season and keep focused on God? We need to maintain a 'gratitude attitude': thankful to God for all His blessings to us. 'When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God.' (Deuteronomy 8:10/11). So, stay close and stay grateful to God in this summer season of life!

### **Benefice Prayer for guidance during the vacancy**

Good Shepherd, we put our trust in you. We pray for the life of our Benefice; help us to be open to your will for us and give wisdom to our Bishop, Archdeacon, and all others who guide our steps.

We thank you for everyone who has so generously offered help with our services and events, and we pray that you will bless us all in our worship, hospitality and mission and help us, in all our endeavours, to be faithful to you. In the name of Christ, Amen

# News From The Parishes In Our Benefice

## St. Peter and St. Paul, Holsworthy

### St Peter's Fair Report

by Bob Beckford

#### Civic Service

Fair Week started with the Civic Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July being conducted by Rev'd Jane Lucas (Rural Dean) with Rev'd Martin Keenan leading the prayer of confession, the Mayor and Portreeve reading lessons and other members of the community leading the prayers of thanksgiving. The congregation was swelled by the attendance of representatives of the many organisations in and around Holsworthy, it was particularly good to see so many young faces in the congregation. Hymn singing and in particular the National Anthem at the end was exceptionally rousing, well done to all those who sang so well.



#### Pretty Maid 2017

On Wednesday at mid-day we learnt who was to be Pretty Maid for 2017. Congratulations to Alice Banks, following the proclamation by the Town Crier she was introduced to those gathered by the charity representative Angela Blackman. This was then followed with the blessing of the Pretty Maid by the Rev'd Jane Lucas. The Pretty Maid then crossed over the road to formally open the fun fair and try out some of the rides along with the Portreeve and Rev'd Jane Lucas. From there it was an inspection of the Holsworthy Pannier Market and then to an excellent lunch in the Memorial Hall, where the Pretty Maid gave us a very competent speech.

Following lunch, the Pretty Maid and entourage visited the Bodmeyrick Residential Home, Deer Park Nursing Home and Southlands Residential Care Home. The busy schedule then continued with attendance at the Pretty Maid tea back at Holsworthy Church. It was an excellent day and our new Pretty Maid did us proud. *(Please see separate article later in the magazine on the Pretty Maid 2017)*

#### Art and Craft Exhibition

Each year we have to give thought to what we can do as a church during fair week that will not only provided interest for our visitors but also encourage our visitors to donate some of their hard earned money. This year we held an Art and Craft Fair . This was held in church from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. There was a small but steady trickle of people through the exhibition. The Wednesday was probably the busiest day when there are of course more people

in town. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way – we just couldn't do it without your help, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the event so successful. The range and quality of the work on display was fantastic. Frequently commented upon was the imagination and skill of the students from the Community College. We are particularly indebted to those people who displayed their work.

### ***The exhibitors included:***

Holsworthy Community College

Holsworthy C of E Primary School

Janet Grant - pastel, watercolour, oils

Dawn Ensor - (The Art Sanctuary), sculptures

Chris Osborne - bossed lead pots, antler key rings

Arthur and Leslie Hobbs - dolls house, furnishings and felt work

Mary Aicheler - knitted animals and assorted clothing accessories

Harry McConville, (The Gallery, Bude) - original paintings and prints

Becca Young - Sewing, knitting, crochet and origami

Liam Slade – artwork

Laura Prose – watercolours of seagulls

### ***Picnic Basket Draw***

The draw for the picnic basket, for which tickets had been on sale during the exhibition, took place after the Christening on the following Sunday afternoon. The lucky winner was Anne Lock. Lets hope we get some decent weather so that Anne can go on a picnic with her new basket!

### ***Income from Fair Week***

Receipts from the Gift Day were somewhat disappointing. We arranged for a letter and envelope to go to every home along with the Town Newsletter. It was good to see Fr. Michael Reynolds early on the Wednesday morning, he even spent some time sat with churchwarden Bob Beckford under the lych gate reminising about times past.

The amount we received in Gift Day envelopes this year less the cost of printing and a donation to the army cadets for taking on the responsibility for delivery was £676.55. Many envelopes were Gift Aided so to this figure we can add a further £234.94 making a total of £911.49. We are very grateful for these donations, the money is used to ensure we continue to have a church here in Holsworthy. In addition to this figure can be added a further sum of £461.59, the income from the Art and Craft Exhibition. Our total income was therefore £1,373.38. Thank you to everyone concerned. Your gifts and hard work are very much appreciated.

## **End of Fair Week Service**

The Sunday morning service at the end of Fair Week was in the Square. It was organised by Cheltenham Churches Together. Somewhere in the region of 170 people attended a very meaningful service of praise and thanksgiving. Musicians from Chilsworthy Chapel plus a fiddle playing churchwarden from St Peter's provided the music, making use of the mobile stage that had been used during the week by a variety of bands. It was really good to see so many Christians coming together for an act of worship. There was a craft tent for the children where they were able to practice their craft skills, skills that they presented to us at the end of the service; the Pretty Maid was there with them to give assistance. Coffee and doughnuts were on stream before, during and after the service. Thanks must go to everyone involved. It was good to experience collective worship.



*Musicians on stage for the Open Air Service in The Square Photo by Dawn Bewes*

## **Other Holsworthy News**

### **Holsworthy Primary School – Year 6 Leavers**

On July 19<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Holsworthy Primary School leavers service where bibles were presented to all the Year 6 leavers - much of the money donated by sponsors from the local community.

## **Holsworthy Church Opening**

Thank you to all those who have offered to open and close the church each day. If you would like to help please speak to Helen Young. As mentioned last time, if you are a regular worshipper at Holsworthy and happen to be passing the church it would be useful if you could just pop in and check all is well. If you encounter a problem please call one of the churchwardens or, if of a more serious nature, the police. Don't tackle anyone on your own.

Occasionally we come across people in the church who are desperate to speak to a member of clergy. If it is about booking a wedding or baptism please refer them to the churchwardens. Any other matters are probably best dealt with by one of the clergy or one of the specialist organisations. We have listed these on the inside back cover of this magazine under the heading "Some Very Useful Numbers".

## **Holsworthy Common Fund 2017**

Just a reminder that the Common Fund request for 2017 was £19,781. At the PCC meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> our treasurer reported that by the end of July we would have paid £11,600 which leaves us with a further £8,181 to pay between August and the end of the year. This means we have now paid 58.64% of the Common Fund request, just 41.36% to find!

The PCC are grateful for all the financial help you provide. If you are reading this but are not a regular churchgoer did you realise that you don't have to attend church in order to give financial support, you could join the Parish Giving Scheme and make a regular contribution. Please contact the churchwardens or our treasurer if you are interested in doing this. There is information on our website at;

[www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/planned-giving/](http://www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/planned-giving/)

## **Future Events**

### **Harvest Supper**

We will be holding a Harvest Supper in the Market Hall on the evening of Thursday 21st September. In addition to the supper you will have musical entertainment provided by the Bude Trio. Further details will be found on a forthcoming weekly service sheet. Two important items to note: There is a lift to take you up to the hall and the ticket numbers will be limited so don't hesitate when they go on sale.

**Harvest Festival** – at the moment this is programmed for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The way the service rota works results in this coinciding with our turn to hold Morning Prayer, we would prefer a communion service if it can be

arranged. Keep your eye on the weekly service sheet nearer the time just in case this changes.

Gifts to be displayed at the altar will be welcome; unfortunately we are unable to accept fresh produce as the laws on food safety prevent us from passing the goods on. Tins and dried packet food are probably the best items to bring.

### **School Harvest Service for Holsworthy Primary School**

This will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30. You are welcome to attend this service.

### **Coffee Morning**

We are hosting a coffee morning in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child**

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse – to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Samaritan's Purse is an international relief and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.



### **NASTYA'S STORY**



On a recent distribution trip in Belarus, the visiting OCC team met many children who are suffering from health problems as a result of the Chernobyl disaster 30 years ago. Nastya is being treated for a related blood disorder and low immune system. When she opened her box she nearly burst with excitement at the

sight of the Barbie doll. She couldn't believe the doll was for her. Nastya took each item out of the box and then carefully repacked it, making sure everything was there and that her precious Barbie doll was on the top of all her gifts. Then she wanted to see everyone else's box and it was soon clear she was the only one with a Barbie! When asked what was special about the Barbie doll she said, "I think it looks like me!"

# PRINCESS' STORY



Princess, is a little girl who was initially so shy that she did not open her box with the other children. Instead, she held onto it tightly and ran outside to open it with her friends and family. As she explored each item and passed it to her mother, her face began to change. She took an immediate liking to a pink, glittery ball and a heart shaped

lip gloss, which she carried around with her until they went off home. This box was definitely meant just for her!

We hope that as a church we can send some shoeboxes to the Operation Christmas Child appeal. Last year we sent 22 shoeboxes to the appeal. At the time this edition went to the printer we were still waiting for notification of the collection date. As soon as we know we will let you have more information.

In the meantime if you have any questions about the Shoebox Appeal please see Sue Bumby or Mary Beckford

## **Next Holsworthy PCC Meeting**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm in the church

## **St. Petroc, Hollacombe**

*by Margaret Stacey*

A list of the services we will be holding in the near future;

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	3pm Evensong
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9am. Holy Communion
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm Evensong
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm HARVEST THANKSGIVING followed by AUCTION and SUPPER Rev Stuart Wilson will be leading this service
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am Holy Communion



Please note our Harvest Service, we look forward to seeing as many of you as can come along enjoy this time of Thanking God for the bountiful gifts he always provide for us all.

# Interregnum News

## Services

Sunday and other incidental services will continue during the interregnum, please keep a copy of the rota handy, look on the reverse of the weekly readings sheet for any changes and also check on the website if you use the internet.

## Filling the vacancy

The Interviews have taken place. We now await the outcome.

Helen Young has asked that we pass on her thanks and that of Bishop Sarah, the Archdeacon and the candidates for all that all of you did to make the orientation day and interview day so successful. Your time, hospitality and patience with all the different questions and other information was greatly appreciated. Thank you also for making sure our churches and church grounds were looking their best and to all those who worked so hard to make sure the rectory and its rather overgrown garden were tidy.

## Holsworthy Pretty Maid 2017

*by Angela Blackman (Pretty Maid Charity Trustee)*

Our Pretty Maid for 2017 was Alice Banks.



*Angela Blackman reads the citation whilst Alice and her entourage look on.*

*Photo by Dawn Bewes.*

I was privileged to present Alice to the awaiting crowd at twelve noon on St Peter's Fair Day who was greeted with rapturous applause and excitement.

By his Will, made in 1839, the Reverend Thomas Meyrick, gave a sum of money to the Trustees on Trust to pay the income to an unmarried girl resident in the Parish, who was 'generally esteemed by the young as the most deserving, the most handsome and most noted for her quietness and attendance at Church' Under the terms of the trust, the Pretty Maid has to be under the age of 30. The Trustees, this year selected a Pretty Maid whose attendance at Church, has been mainly limited to attendance at what is known as "Messy Church" which for those of you who are not familiar with it, includes acts of worship specifically designed for younger parishioners.

As an infant Alice was a member of the Church Toddler Group. She takes an active role in the Messy Church Group where she helps with musical events and assists the younger members with art and craft activities. Alice is a member of the Chilsworthy Methodist Chapel and assists worship by playing with the Church music group. Alice is also a member of the Christain Youth Club and performs with their musical group, Rock Solid.

Alice is a student at St Joseph's School Launceston and is studying towards her GCSE examinations and hopes to continue into further education and pursue a career in Midwifery or Retail Marketing.

It is customary for the retiring Pretty Maid to present flowers to her successor. Unfortunately our Pretty Maid of 2016, Eloise Warren was unable to attend as she was undergoing surgery. This year we were delighted to welcome our Pretty Maid from 1947, Mrs Betty Oke who undertook the presentation.



*Two Pretty Maids just 70 years separate them  
Photo by Dawn Bewes*

Following the ceremony, the Pretty Maid party attended the Town Lunch followed by visits to the local nursing homes and concluded with the Pretty maid tea held at the Church.

It was a wonderful day, the sun shone brightly and everyone had a good time.



*Pretty Maid Alice Banks with Portreeve, John Addicott and Rev'd Jane Lucas enjoying the first thrilling ride of the day. Photo by Dawn Bewes*



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!



"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

# Holsworthy Benefice Service Chart 2017

## August

Date	Holsworthy	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug Transfiguration	10.00 am Holy Communion and Baptism (SW)	11.15 am Holy Communion (MA)	3.00 pm Evensong (SW)		9.30 am Family Service (LT)
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug					Wedding Blessing (RF)
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Trinity 9	10.00 am Holy Communion (DA)	11.15 am Morning Prayer (MA)			9.00 am Holy Communion (DA)
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2.30 pm Wedding (JL)				
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug Trinity 10	10.00 am Holy Communion (JW)	11.15 am Holy Communion (SW)	9.00 am Holy Communion (SW)		9.30 am Morning Prayer (LT)
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2.00 pm Renewal of vows (JL)				
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug Trinity 11	10.00 am Morning Prayer (MA)	11.15 am Morning Prayer (LT)		11.15 am Holy Communion (DA)	9.30 am Holy Communion (DA)

We are very grateful to everyone who is helping us during the Vacancy, especially to Rev'd Douglas Adams, Rev'd Richard Freeman, Rev'd Jane Lucas, Rev'd Stuart Wilson, and Readers Mary Aicheler and Jim Williams.

Please check the back of the service sheet or the website for any last minute changes.

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# All in the Month of August

It was:

400 years ago: on 23rd Aug 1617 that the world's first one-way streets were introduced – in London.

150 years ago: on 3rd Aug 1867 that Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister (1923-24, 1924-29, 1935-37) was born. He led the government during the 1926 General Strike, the 1935 Ethiopian crisis and the 1936 abdication crisis. He is the only British Prime Minister to have served under three monarchs.

125 years ago: on 24th Aug 1892 that Goodison Park opened in Liverpool. It was one of the world's first purpose-built football stadiums, and is the home of Everton FC.

90 years ago: on 13th Aug 1927 that the BBC took over the running of The Proms in London, following the death of their founder, the impresario Robert Newman, who had run them since 1895. The Proms were also broadcast on the radio for the first time.

80 years ago: on 30th Aug 1937 that Bruce McLaren, the New Zealand racing driver, car designer and manufacturer was born. Founder of the McLaren Formula One team. (Died 1970.)

75 years ago: on 9th Aug 1942 that Mahatma Gandhi launched the Quit India Movement after being arrested by British forces in Bombay.

Also 75 years ago: from 23 Aug 1942 to 2 Feb 1943 that the Battle of Stalingrad took place. It was the turning point of the war in Europe, and regarded as the largest and bloodiest battle in the history of warfare, and one from which the Germans never recovered. Decisive Soviet victory.

70 years ago: on 14th Aug 1947 that Pakistan gained its independence from the UK. Muhammad Ali Jinnah was its first Governor-General. (Pakistan and India both officially became independent at midnight on 15th August, but Pakistan held its independence ceremony 30 minutes early, on 14th, and now celebrates 14th Aug as its Independence Day.)

Also 70 years ago: on 22nd Aug (to 11th Sep) that the first Edinburgh Festival was held in Scotland.

65 years ago: on 15th Aug 1952 that the Lynmouth flood in Devon occurred. 34 people were killed and buildings and bridges devastated as a flood swept through the village.

60 years ago: on 2nd Aug 1957 that the Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank Observatory in Cheshire began operating. It was the world's largest steerable radio telescope at that time. It became fully operational on 11th Oct, just in time to track the Soviet Union's Sputnik 1 satellite.

50 years ago: on 18th Aug 1967 that the city of Long Beach California purchased the RMS Queen Mary after it was retired from service. It is now a tourist attraction featuring restaurants, a museum and a hotel.

40 years ago: on 16th Aug 1977 that Elvis Presley, 'The King', iconic American rock and roll singer, guitarist and actor, died.

30 years ago: on 1st Aug 1987 that Mike Tyson of the USA became the first heavyweight boxer to hold all three major world championship titles simultaneously: the WBC, WBA and IBF.

Also 30 years ago: on 19th Aug 1987 that the Hungerford Massacre took place in Berkshire when Michael Ryan went on a shooting rampage around the town. He killed 16 people, including his mother, before committing suicide.

25 years ago: on 3rd Aug 1992 that the ANC held a two-day general strike – the largest political mobilisation in South Africa's history – as part of its mass action campaign. It was followed by a series of huge marches in South African cities.

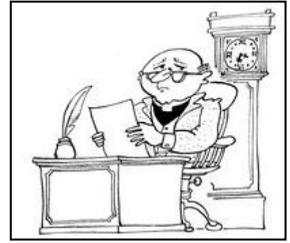
20 years ago: on 26th Aug 1997 that, following the IRA's final ceasefire (19th July) Britain and Ireland established the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning. It oversaw the decommissioning of paramilitary weapons in Northern Ireland as part of the peace process.

Also 20 years ago: on 31st Aug 1997 that Diana, Princess of Wales, her companion Dodi Fayed, and their driver, died in a car crash in the Place de 'Alma underpass in Paris.

10 years ago; on 27th Aug 2007 that Google launched Google Sky, a virtual globe application that maps space and allows users to view images from satellites and the Hubble Telescope.

## June 2017 - Letter from St. James the Least of All

*Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St. James-the-Least in the county of C..... for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...*



### On the joys of exchanging parishes for the summer

From: The Rectory, St. John the Faster, Waterhouses-on-Sea

My dear Nephew Darren

You will see that I write to you this month from the Norfolk coast, where I am spending August, on an annual exchange of parishes with a clerical colleague. You may have had two weeks in July sunning yourself on an exotic beach on a Pacific island, but I am content with a bracing east wind, punctuated by heavy showers.

Come the happy day when you are an incumbent and have to arrange parish exchanges as a way of getting a holiday, let me give you some advice. First, always exchange with someone who is a worse preacher than you are and whose sermons are at least twice as long; you are then sure to be welcomed back with open arms.

Secondly, since it is normally assumed that you will take care of one another's gardens during the month, make sure that the incumbent you exchange with has an insignificant plot. My colleague should now be largely occupied for most of the month mowing several acres of lawn. The only gardening I intend to do will be in the last week, so I can return with a car full of plums from his trees.

An exchange also gives one an opportunity to undertake helpful improvements in another's home. I have discovered that my colleague's library is carefully organised with books according to subject and then author. On his return he will find a new system in operation: they will be ordered according to size and colour. The poor man also naively thought I would never discover his stock of claret in the cellars; it will be much depleted on his

return – although I shall naturally leave a note thanking him profusely for laying on such a splendid present for my visit.

Ministering to someone else's congregation can create another opportunity. For one month in the year, you are able to say exactly what you want. If a dear lady should be foolish enough to ask you after Mattins what you think of her hat, you can tell her with total honesty, knowing that someone else will have to pour oil the following month. Upsetting organists, choristers, vergers, flower arrangers and anyone else who happens to cross your path can be bracingly therapeutic when you do not have to face the consequences.

You may have returned from sunnier climes relaxed and tanned, but I shall arrive at September refreshed from knowing I leave behind a trail of devastation and chaos, which will ensure that my host will also be welcomed back by a relieved congregation. Remember the golden rule of parishioners: every new incumbent is worse than his predecessor.

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*

## **Some of the High Days and Holy Days in August**

### **6 The Transfiguration - a glimpse of Jesus' future glory**

The story is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36).

It was a time when Jesus' ministry was popular, when people were seeking Him out. But on this day, He made time to take Peter, James and John, His closest disciples, up a high mountain. In the fourth century, Cyrillic of Jerusalem identified it as Mount Tabor (and there is a great church up there today), but others believe it more likely to have been one of the three spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to about 9,000 feet, and overlooks Caesarea Philippi.

High up on the mountain, Jesus was suddenly transfigured before His friends. His face began to shine as the sun, His garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses, of all people, suddenly appeared, and talked with Him. A bright cloud overshadowed the disciples.

Peter was staggered, but, enthusiast that he was - immediately suggested building three tabernacles on that holy place, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. But God's 'tabernacling', God's dwelling with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a cloud covered them, and a Voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was His beloved Son, whom the disciple should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our listening to Jesus.

Then, just as suddenly, it is all over. What did it mean? Why Moses and Elijah? Well, these two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they are handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.

Why on top of a mountain? In Exodus we read that Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the sacred covenant from Yahweh in the form of the Ten Commandments. Now Jesus goes up and is told about the 'sealing' of the New Covenant, or New Testament of God with man, which will be accomplished by his coming death in Jerusalem.

That day made a lifelong impact on the disciples. Peter mentions it in his second letter, 2 Peter 1:16 - 19 - invariably the reading for this day.

The Eastern Churches have long held the Transfiguration as a feast as important as Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension and Pentecost. But it took a long time for the West to observe the Transfiguration. The feast starts appearing from the 11th and 12th centuries, and the Prayer Book included it among the calendar dates, but there was no liturgical provision for it until the 19th century.

## **11 St Clare of Assisi**

Assisi, a beautiful town in the Italian province of Umbria, was the birth-place in the twelfth century of two of that country's greatest saints, Francis and Clare. Francis first, and then Clare, discovered the liberating effect of release from the burden of wealth.

For them simplicity, a godly poverty, was the way to blessing.

Their followers – Francis's monks, the Franciscans, and Clare's nuns, the 'Poor Clares' as they were known, set themselves to live without any kind of luxury. This freed them, they believed, for a life of prayer and service, to care for the poor around them without distraction. They built no elaborate basilicas, though

one was erected after the death of Francis, strictly against his wishes, to surround the simple chapel (his 'hovel') where he and his followers were based. The present-day house of the Poor Clares is a perfect example of the sheer beauty of simplicity.

Their life-style, their message, their simplicity of life and love of the Creation and its creatures, offered a striking alternative to the society around them, where wealth (which Francis had enjoyed but rejected at his conversion) and poverty and sickness lived side by side. It has to be said, too, that their message is on collision course with the values and goals of much of the western world today. Simplicity of life and affluence don't sit easily together.

By David Winter

## **29 The beheading of St John the Baptist**

When you go back to work after the August Bank Holiday this month, spare a thought for John the Baptist: however rough your local sandwich bar may be, it probably doesn't serve you locusts with a honey dip; you won't be imprisoned for saying derogatory things about the local MP's wife, and even the boss from hell is unlikely to have a daughter who wants to hip-hop about with your head on a platter.

John the Baptist, by our standards, had a terrible life. Yet the Bible tells us that of all the people in history, no one has even been born who was as great as him. Why? Because of the unique job God gave him to do, which has to be the best PR job of all time: act as God's press officer.

This was quite literally the PR job from heaven: with God as his client, John the Baptist's job was to broadcast the news that the Messiah had come. Not even Church House Westminster has ever attempted anything like that.

It always helps if PR people recognise their own clients, and the same was true of John: he was the first person to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. PR people also help their clients prepare for their public role, and John did the same for Jesus: he baptised him in the Jordan at the start of his ministry.

PR people also stand up in public for their client's point of view, and in John's case it led to his arrest and imprisonment. His death was finally brought about by the scheming of Herodias and Salome, and here the similarity ends: for not even the most dedicated press officers literally lose their heads over a client.

## **From The Parish Pump – General News**

### **EIGHT TOWN CHURCHES ATTACKED IN SPATE OF BURGLARIES**

CHURCHES in towns from Crediton to Newton Abbot have been broken into and ransacked in a spate of burglaries.

The Diocese of Exeter is alerting all its churches to be on their guard after the break-ins, which have occurred overnight over the last two weeks.

Huge damage estimated to run into tens of thousands of pounds has been done to stained glass windows and internal doors and cupboards, as the culprits seek computers and other valuables.

Police are investigating burglaries in Sidmouth parish church, Teignmouth St Michael, Mount Dinham Exeter, Crediton Holy Cross, Holy Trinity Exmouth, Highweek Newton Abbot, Exeter St Thomas and Ashburton St Andrew's.

Louise Bartlett, senior Church Buildings Adviser for the Diocese of Exeter, said: "In each case, the perpetrator is breaking in through stained glass windows and damaging doors to try and find valuables like computers and projectors. The damage done to some of our historic churches has been extensive."

"It is very upsetting that our churches, which are at the centre of their communities and serve and support so many community groups and individuals, are being targeted in this way. We are alerting all our churches to be on their guard and do all they can to remove valuables from the premises."

### **After the General Election: a still small voice of calm**

The Church of England is providing a "still small voice of calm" at a time when the people of Britain face "unprecedented questions about the future", according to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

The recent General Election has left many questions unanswered at a "critical time in the nation's history," and Christians should therefore pray for political leaders to have courage but also give thanks for signs of political apathy receding, they say.

The call came in the text of a motion debated at the Church's General Synod, which met in York in July. The archbishops used their legal powers to change the published schedule to include an urgent debate on the state of the nation.

Entitled 'After the General Election: a still small voice of calm,' it took place on the opening afternoon of Synod, Friday July 7.

Also before General Synod was a paper setting out the process for compiling a major new teaching document on human sexuality, and the work of a new Pastoral Advisory Group to advise dioceses on pastoral provision for same-sex couples. It follows a vote in February in which Synod opted not to ‘take note’ of the House of Bishops’ report on sexuality.

The paper, also issued by the two archbishops, reiterates a pledge to base the new teaching document on a “radical Christian inclusion” to be “founded in scripture, in reason, in tradition, in theology and the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it.”

## **Starvation haunts East Africa**

East Africa’s hunger crisis will reach catastrophic proportions without immediate action from the global community, Christian Aid has warned.

The spectre of starvation continues to hang over some 20 million people severely short of food in parts of South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. This figure could rise further still, Christian Aid has said. Ethiopia’s seasonal rains have failed once again, Kenya’s were very poor, and both put yet more strain on national and international relief efforts. In Kenya and Ethiopia, livestock are dying in their thousands, leaving pastoralist families with no animals, no food, and no assets.

Christian Aid is reaching tens of thousands of people with life-saving assistance, but warns that this is just the tip of the iceberg. Through local partners, Christian Aid is providing safe, clean drinking water to over 21,000 people, distributing food vouchers to 600 families, feeding hundreds of livestock owned by nearly 1,250 pastoralists, and providing support cash for 1,600 families.

If you can help the Christian Aid fundraising appeal for the East Africa crisis, please go to: [www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/east-africa-crisis-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/east-africa-crisis-appeal)

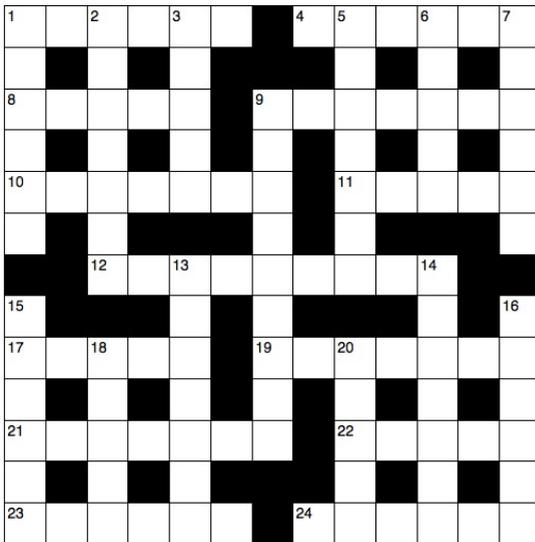
## **Your favourite pub grub**

These days, it seems you are most likely to choose a steak (25%), a roast dinner (19%) a burger (15%), or fish and chips (14%). You are least likely to choose that one-time favourite – the humble pie (5%). Competition is fierce, with new dishes arriving from America, Japan, Korea and the Middle East. The survey was done by consumer analysts Mintel.

# The Puzzle Pages

## August 2017 Crossword

The solution to this crossword puzzle can be found on page 27



### Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)  
 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)  
 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)  
 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)  
 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)  
 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)  
 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for

teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)

17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)

19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)

21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)

22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)

23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)

24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

### Down

1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)

2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)

3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)

5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)

6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)

7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)

9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)

13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain

Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)

14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)

15 See 12 Across

16 Rioted (anag.) (6)

18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)

20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

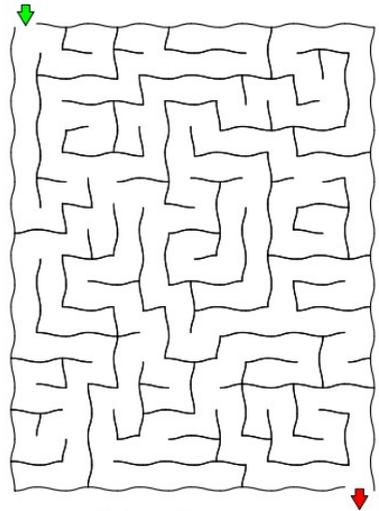
### August 2017 Sudoku

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### August 2017 Maze

Start top left and exit at the bottom right



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*Solution to the June 2017 Sudoku*

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Holsworthy Church Bells?  
We would love to meet you and  
teach you the skill of ringing.

### Wednesday night is usually practice night! (7.30pm)

If you are interested please  
Contact The Tower Captain:

Mr Ralph Chapman  
01409 253040



## Smile Lines

### Church notices that didn't come out quite right...

This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn-sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the church hall on Friday afternoon.

The Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. All proceeds will be used to cripple children.

### Helpful signs

Sign on a door: Push. If that doesn't work. Pull. If that doesn't work, we're closed.

Notice in health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

On a plumber's van: We repair what your husband fixed.

## August 2017 Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

**DOWN:** 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

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