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Saturday 6th October

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Creative Arts Day

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Living in peace with others

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honourable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Romans 12:17-21
(English Standard Version)*

We don’t have to go too many days without coming across a story of revenge – some variation on the spurned lover who cuts off the sleeves of their ex’s clothes and gives their silver car a coat of red gloss paint. Many books and films are driven by a revenge-type plot, building up the tension until the bad guys gets their comeuppance, with the sense of relief that brings. There seems to be endemic in humans a desire for personal justice that is powerful and potentially deadly.

Certainly, that was the case in first-century Rome. In *Reading Romans in Pompeii*, author Peter Oakes invites us to imagine how Paul’s letter might have sounded to a mixed group of people meeting in the rented workshop of Holconius the cabinet-maker. If Holconius’s daughter was mugged by a known criminal in the neighbourhood, Holconius could expect to muster up a group from the

congregation, go to the man’s house, beat him up, and take back any belongings – in revenge.

But Paul wants Christians to find *different* ways of dealing with vengeance, *different* ways of handling people who wrong us.

It feels like it’s a way of passive acquiescence, but it’s not. The negative commands – ‘do not repay anyone evil for evil’, ‘do not take revenge’, ‘do not be overcome by evil’ – are balanced with positive ones – ‘be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone... live at peace with everyone’, ‘leave room for God’s wrath... feed [your enemy]... give him something to drink’, ‘overcome evil with good’. These actions require us to be proactive; they place the initiative with us.

That makes sense. Most of us have to work hard at not coming back with the snide comment, not wanting to get ahead of that car that undercut us, not firing off that passive-aggressive email. Revenge keeps evil in circulation, whether in a family or on a motorway or between nations.

Loving our enemies in tangible ways (‘feed him... give him something to drink’) seems so counter-intuitive. And it is. But no less counter-intuitive than what we see in the cross, the supreme demonstration of God’s love for us, even ‘while we were God’s enemies’ (Romans 5:10). It’s there we see a different way of responding to hostility. In seeking to overcome evil, how could we not expect to be called to do the same?

Interregnum Update

In May there were 2 applicants for the post of Vicar at Christ Church. The patrons; CPAS, the Vicar of All Saints (Father Rob) and the Archdeacon (Paul Wright) were involved in shortlisting, but asked for comments from your parish representatives (Caroline Bailey & Alan Goddard).

Following shortlisting of both candidates they had a day when they could tour the parish and church plant and meet with a selection of key people who they could be working with. There was also an interview on a later date involving the Patrons and Parish Representatives Caroline & Alan.

As a result of the interviews all five members of the interview panel unanimously decided not to recommend to the Bishop that either candidate be asked to be the next Vicar of Christ Church. Caroline & Alan appreciated the wisdom and sense of unity with the Patrons.

Whilst this is disappointing, it is of course important that we appoint someone who is both suitable and equipped to do the job as well as someone who feels the call of God to this role. There can be many reasons (such as theology, churchmanship, abilities and

experience suitable to working in a medium sized parish) why a potential Vicar may not be suitable for appointment to Christ Church.

We are now out to advert from the end of May and the process of deciding to re-advertise until interview takes about two months. Once a Vicar has been selected the Bishop may take a week or two to seek suitable references and confirm the appointment. After that, it is common for an incumbent to have to give 3 months' notice to their existing parish.

This means that the earliest someone is likely to become our Vicar is about October time.

Do continue to pray for God to speak to the heart of the person who God is calling. Pray for discernment and wisdom for the panel who shortlist and interview. Pray also for the practical arrangements.




Creative Arts Day

Have you got an eye for colour?

Do you enjoy experimenting with different angles in photographs?



Or perhaps you can't stop your toe tapping along to the  ?

Whatever you like creating, from poetry to music, from dance to pottery, from textiles to painting, there will be something for you at our next Creative Arts Day on **Saturday 6th October**. Book before 1st August to get the early bird offer of £15 for the day (full price £20).

We'd love to have your company from 9am to 4pm on the day and take time out for the creative juices to flow!

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Children's Ministry Administrator,
Christ Church, Orpington

Are you good at administration? Do you have a passion to help the children's work here at Christ Church? Would you like to be paid £11 an hour for 6.5 hours per week to use your abilities and fulfil your passion to help the children's work

Applicants are invited for this post which starts at the end of August. You will work closely with Jo Gavin our Children's Minister and enable the administrative side of Children's work to be facilitated. You will need to be able to work flexibly and most work will be focussed on term time apart from activities leading up to Holiday Club. Arrangements can be made to work at home as well as at church.

If you are interested in exploring this further do get an application from the Church Office or email ccorpington@talktalk.net for an application pack or talk informally to

Tracy Van Rooyen or Alan Goddard
Closing date Sunday 15th July
Interviews 3rd August 2018

New worship and prayer materials to commemorate First World War

A variety of new ideas for worship, prayer, and remembrance have just been launched by the National Church's Liturgical Commission, to help communities to remember those who were lost, and to pray for peace. These resources include a prayer for families to say while visiting a war grave or memorial; an Act of Commitment to work together for peace; a Vigil Service to mark the centenary; and, a monologue interspersed with suggested words and music, entitled *Steps towards Reconciliation*. The materials can be downloaded from www.churchofengland.org/first-world-war-centenary



At Juice we have watched "The Shack". This is a film which is based on a novel by William P Young. The beginning of the film was sad as there was a family tragedy. The main character in the film is called Mack Phillips (played by Sam Worthington, best known for his role in Avatar) and faces a "crisis of faith" when he receives a hand delivered letter inviting him to an abandoned shack deep in the wilderness, which is believed to be the place where the tragedy occurs.

Even though he has doubts, Mack makes the journey to the shack and meets a trio of characters; a woman named Papa (played by Octavia Spencer, who was recently in Hidden Figures). He also meets Jesus and Sarayu.

Mack's understanding is transformed and his life is changed forever.

A great film which we would recommend you all to watch and enjoy ☺

The Church of England is facing a serious shortage – of church organists

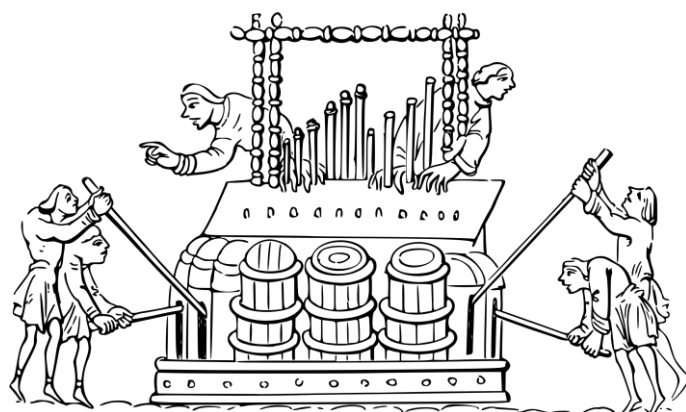
Be very, very nice to your church organist, and don't upset them, because they are becoming somewhat of an endangered species in the Church of England.

In fact, so many churches now have organs, but no organists, that nearly one in three churches have introduced recorded organ music for their congregations to sing along to.

A recent survey found something very ominous: that less than 4% of churches have organists aged 30 years old or under. Almost half of all churches who do have organists report that they are older than 70.

But recorded organ music is hardly ideal – it tends not to leave enough time between lines, and so rushes the singing along. Also, there is a weaker sense of togetherness and community, if you are singing along to a machine, rather than a person well known to you.

The survey was done by the diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich's music development director.



Visit the Archbishops' websites

Have you yet visited the two new websites for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York?

They were launched recently in order to promote their work and give regular updates and news. Following the same design as the CofE's main site, they have a mobile-friendly layout, and an emphasis on images and videos.

They are the first new sites for the Archbishops in seven years – a 'life-time' in online terms!

Visit them at

www.archbishopofcanterbury.org
and www.archbishopofyork.org

A Plastic Revolution

The recent Blue Planet II series exposed just how much plastic waste is an issue in our seas. The Prime Minister has called plastic waste *'one of the great environmental scourges of our time.'* The best estimates suggest 10 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, contaminating and killing sea life. How should we view this issue from a Christian perspective?

When God created the universe, He saw *'everything He had made, and indeed, it was very good.'* (Genesis 1:31). He calls us to share in His care of creation: *'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the ground.'* (Genesis 1:28). Our *rule* over living creatures is not an excuse to exploit them in a selfish way. As those who made

in the image of God, we are entrusted to care for them with responsibility and trustworthiness.

Why do the sea creatures being killed by plastic matter? Because of human rebellion against God (see Genesis 3), our relationship with God and His creation was damaged. No longer do we live with living creatures in harmony and interdependence. Yet after the flood, when Noah rescued the animals in the ark, they are included in God's everlasting promise to protect the earth: *'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that was with you.'* (Genesis 9:9,10). This also points to God's cosmic plan to restore all creation to Himself.

What is our response to be? Where is God calling us, as His people in this time and place, to make a stand in protecting His creation? Time for a plastic revolution?



Stop! Hedgehog!

Hedgehog 'warning signs' are going up on our roads, at animal casualty black spots. The aim is to stop the drastic decline of their population - around 100,000 of them are killed on our roads every year, and it is feared that this level of mortality is unsustainable. The People's Trust for Endangered Species reports that hedgehog populations fell by a third between 2004 and 2017. Sadly, hedgehogs do not flee danger, but instead curl up into a tight ball – not much defence against a speeding car.

Dear Foodbank Supporters,

Here is an important message from the management:

Monday 2nd July sees the opening of our new Foodbank Warehouse at the Civic Centre, Stockwell Close in Bromley. **From this date please deliver your donations to the Warehouse rather than to any of our Foodbank Centres.**

All stock will be handled at the Warehouse leaving our Centre volunteers time and space to focus on our clients and to offer them extra services.

We really appreciate so many of you delivering your donations and understand it may be a little further for you to travel. Perhaps we could suggest you save the donations and bring them once a fortnight or on a monthly basis. Our Warehouse volunteers will be able to help carry everything from your car.

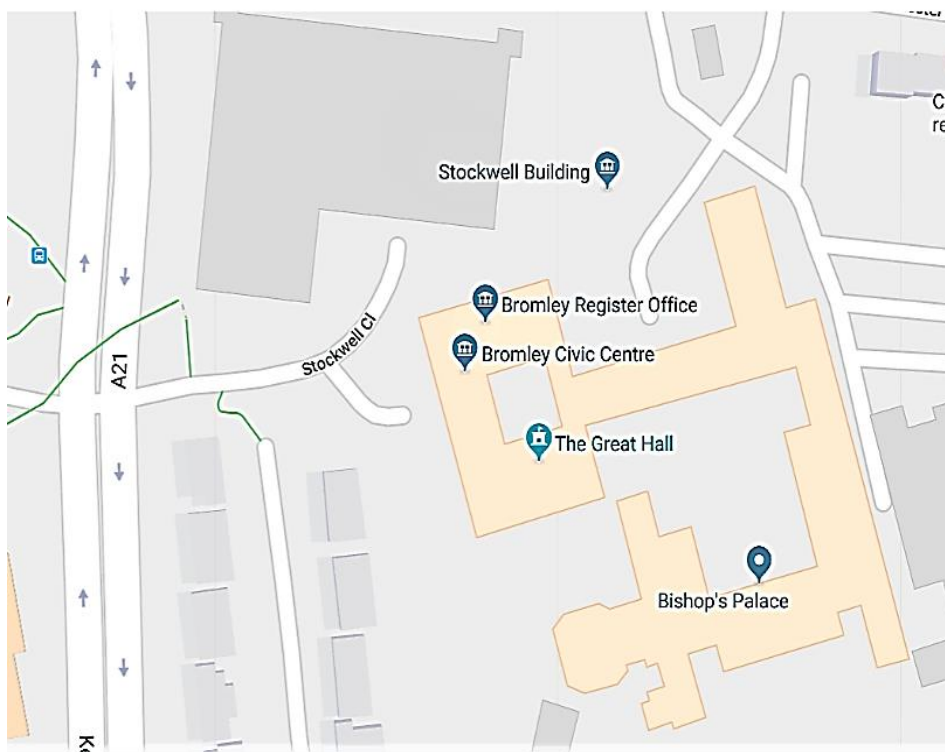
We are very excited about having all our stock under one roof. This is something we have been working towards for quite a while and will allow the volunteers at the Centres more time to help our clients.

Opening times:

Monday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Tuesday 10am – 12pm, Thursday 10am – 12pm

Instructions:

Turn off Kentish Way into Stockwell Close. Turn immediately right into the entrance to the car park. Park in front of the barrier on the left-hand side. Walk up the pavement towards the Civic Centre main entrance. The first large brick building you come to on the right-hand side has double doors and this is the Warehouse. There will probably be a sign outside. Please knock if door is locked and helpers will come out and assist you in unloading your vehicle.

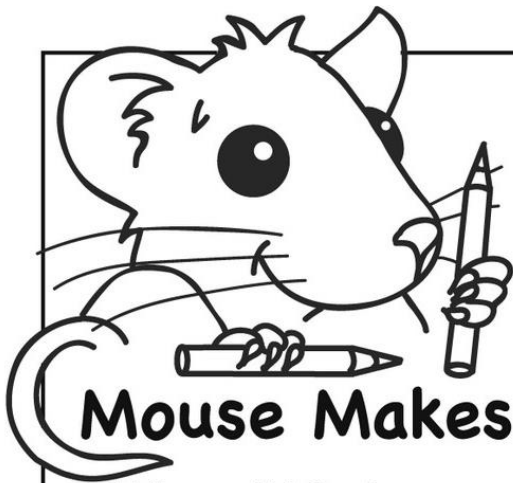


Our Centres will not be able to accept donations after Friday 29th June.

Please take donations directly to our warehouse so the volunteers in the Centres can focus on clients.

Any queries, please phone your nearest foodbank Centre.

Thank you very much. We really appreciate your help with this.



Mouse Makes

Where did God ask Jonah to go?

Read Jonah 1-4



What did Jesus tell his disciples *not* to take with them on their journey?

Read Matthew 10:9-10



Who spoke to Saul on his journey to Damascus?

Read Acts 9:3-8



What animal took Balaam to Moab?

Read Numbers 22:22



How did God guide the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness?

Read Exodus 13:21



Who did Abram take with him on his journey to Canaan?

and

Read Genesis 12:4-5



Have you ever been on a long journey?

Where did you go?

How long did it take you to get there?



The Bible reminds us that wherever we travel and wherever we go, God is with us!



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God is with us

The Lord watches over all who love Him
Ps 148:20



Psalm 139: 9-10

Can you decipher the verse on the suitcase?

Mystery Sudoku

Sudoku with a twist – solve the puzzle and you’ll discover that one of the rows/columns/blocks spells out a word, phrase, place or a song

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Last edition's solution
CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY

Word Search

Yes, those summer days are here for us (we hope), whereas our football team is "enjoying" summer in western Russia as the players battle the best in the world for the most sought-after trophy – the World Cup. The average temperatures for most host locations are in the 20-28 degrees Celsius (upper 60s to low 80s Fahrenheit). In this month's word search are words that are associated with football, the "beautiful game".

REFEREE	SIDELINE
PENALTY	HANDBALL
GOAL	MIDFIELD
PITCH	STRIKER
CORNER	TROPHY
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GOALKEEPER	REBOUND
TEAM	WINNER
SCORE	FLAG
STOPWATCH	OFFSIDE
RESULT	SUBSTITUTE
DRAW	FINAL

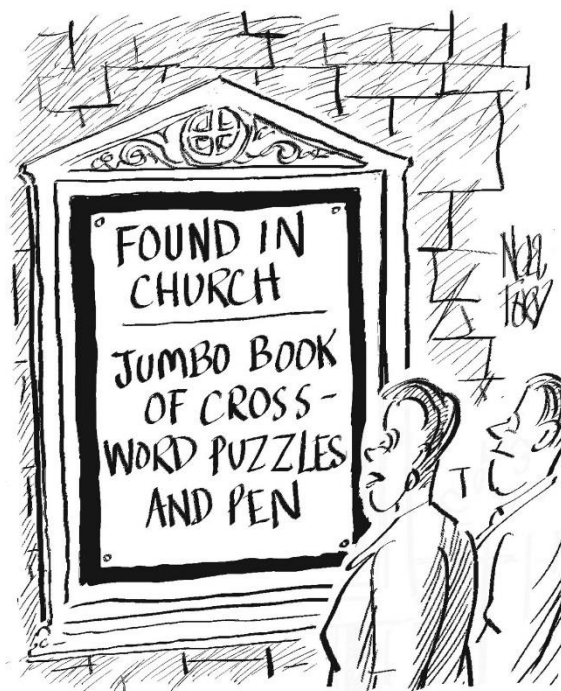
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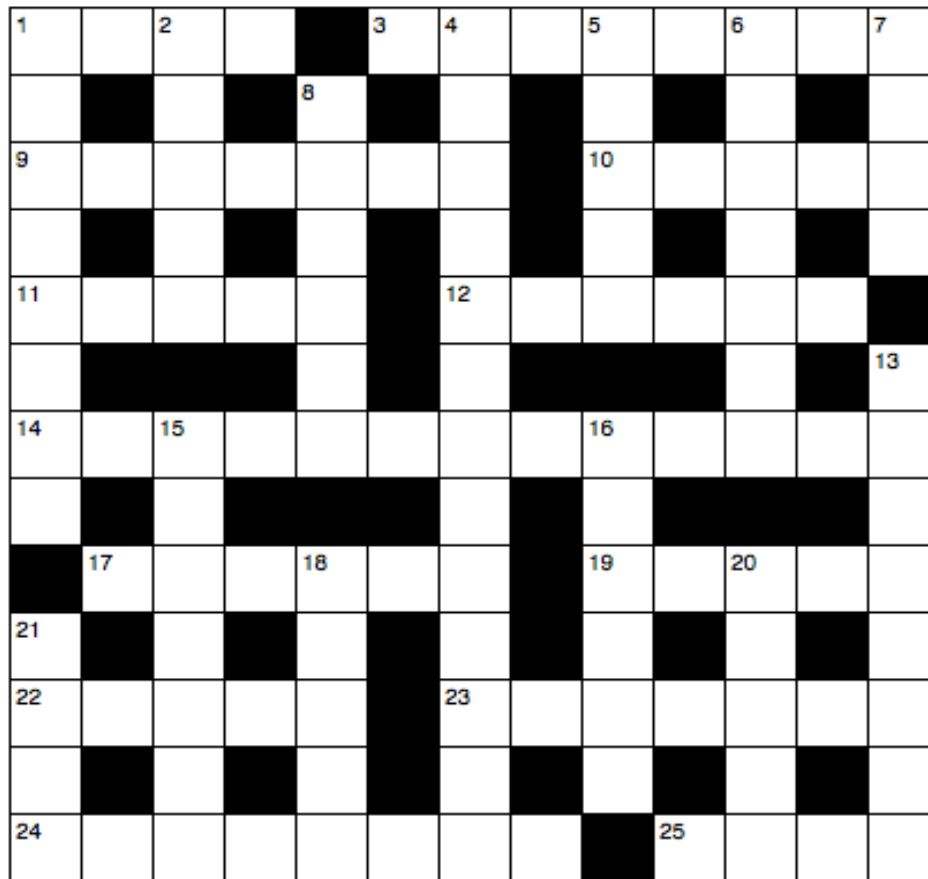
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Last edition's solution



"It'll be interesting to see if anyone has the nerve to claim them."



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Life is Precious

Christians believe that there is something special about human beings. Being human is not the same as being anything else in the cosmos - different in nature from being a rock, a tree, a spider or a chimpanzee. Humans are 'in the image of God'. That means we share something of the nature of God - we know the difference between good and evil, we have the ability to be creative, we have a capacity to love and seek justice, and we have a nature which is in some way eternal (some people call this a soul).

Everything Christians believe about the sanctity of life follows on from this. And the most wonderful of those facts is a belief that God knows every human individually - from the baby that lives only a few tragic minutes to the great-grandfather who celebrates his hundredth birthday. Christians also believe that God has a total and unconditional love for every human. (This is exhilarating but also challenging, because it means he must have loved Hitler as much as he loved Saint Francis of Assisi). It means that God loves you, wherever in the world you are reading this right now.

Several things follow logically from this:

Human life is very precious

In Christian ethics all humans should treat all humans with total respect. Admittedly we are not very good at this, but that is what God has asked of us.

Humans need to respect themselves

That means Christians try to do something worthwhile with their lives. For almost all Christians it means they try not to throw their one beautiful life

away by viciously abusing drugs, alcohol, tobacco and so on.

Humans need to respect others

Out of this has come the laws that have made the UK civilised - about murder, the death penalty, abortion, euthanasia, contraception, embryo experimentation and so on. All these are controversial and Christians don't agree. However, they try to have their debates about it in the context of seeking God's best for humankind.

Human life has absolute dignity

Perhaps the most important belief of all is that God himself has inhabited a human body and so he has conferred utter dignity on human flesh. Christians believe that in Jesus God himself was walking and talking on this planet.

Find out more about Christianity at

www.christianity.org.uk

China stops sales of the Bible

China appears to have banned the Bible from being sold online, or in large bookstores. This seems to have followed tensions between China and the Vatican over who should have influence in appointing bishops in China.

Searches for Bibles on major e-commerce platforms JD.com and Taobao bring up no results, and staff at one of Beijing's biggest shops admit they no longer sell it. In April, China released its first white paper on religious freedom in more than 20 years. It called on religions to adapt to a socialist society.

No need to cut the grass weekly

How often should you cut your grass? That depends on how much you want to help the bees. It seems that the ideal 'gap' is two weeks. This helps improve the habitat for the pollinating plants that need bees to survive. Cutting the grass more often than every 14 days destroys dandelions and clover and other plants which the insects need for pollen.

Two weeks is ideal – it gives time for the grass to attract a greater diversity of insects. The number of bee species and the abundance of lawn flowers were up to 2.5 times higher when home owners mowed lawns every two weeks compared to once a week.

Don't be a martyr, though – as three-weekly cuts are also not recommended. The high grass then makes it more difficult for bees and other insects to access flowers.

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!

The Rev Paul Hardingham

2018 Diary...

Sunday 1st July
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Wednesday 4th July
10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th July
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 15th July
10.30am Morning Worship
Release International Visitation
6.30pm Prayer Meeting
for Holiday Club

Sunday 22nd July
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holiday Club Sunday
6.30pm No evening service

Holiday Club
TEAMBUILDERS

Wednesday 25th July
Thursday 26th July
Friday 27th July

Sunday 29th July
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm No evening service

During August
No 9.00am
or 6.30pm services

Sunday 5th August
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th August
10.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 19th August
10.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 26th August
10.30am Morning Worship



On the Grapevine

WITH SYMPATHY

We remember those who have recently passed away, mentioning in particular:

- David King
- Bob Hemington

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September & October 2018

Is there a forthcoming church event you would like to promote or report on one that has just happened (church groups, Creative Art Day etc), then **new winepress** may just be the place to tell Christ Church and the wider community about it!

Email your articles to our editor Vernon at vandjmapp@gmail.com or contact Vernon on 01689 832433

The closing date for articles for the next issue is **Friday 3rd August**

If you need more time, please contact Vernon

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www.parishpump.co.uk

Creative Arts Day and Organist images

www.openclipart.org

Children's Groups

On Sunday's

During Morning Services:

The Rainbow Room Crèche is a fun, supervised soft play facility available on Sunday mornings for babies and children aged 0-3 years (inclusive)

CLIMBERS is for children aged 3 to 7 years and meet in the Small Hall. Activities each week include singing, Bible stories, games and craft

EXPLORERS is for children aged 7 to 11 years and meet in the Large Hall for singing and crafts in a framework of Christian teaching

Pathfinders is for young people aged 11 to 14+ and meet in the basement of the church for games, videos, drama and discussions, looking at the Bible and discussing relevant issues

During Evening Services:

JUICE meets on a Sunday evening (6pm-8pm) in the café area and is for young people who are year 9 and above who want to know God and spend time with great friends.

JUICE is a place where you can be yourself and hear something about how great our God is!

JUICE begins with refreshments in the café and worship with the evening congregation. We then move downstairs to the Undercroft for our session

You know you are living in 2018 when....

- 1. You email your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
- 2. Your reason for not staying in touch with various friends and family is that they are not on Facebook.
- 3. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
- 4. Every TV advert has a Facebook link at the bottom of the screen.
- 5. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
- 6. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic and you have to go back and get it.

The greatest consolation for many holidaymakers is that they have found where NOT to go next time.

Don't know nothin'

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

The modern idea of 'roughing it' is to holiday without internet access.

Miscellaneous observations on life...

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

The purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some of us just don't have film.

Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.

Inner peace

- If you can start the day without caffeine,
- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
- If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- If you can relax without wine,
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

... then you are probably the family dog.
