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Interregnum update

On Sunday 14th October 2018, church warden Dave Humphries read out the following announcement:

“The Bishop of Rochester, in consultation with CPAS and the Vicar of All Saints Orpington (the Joint Patrons of Christ Church), is pleased to announce that The Revd Sharon Smith is to be appointed the next incumbent Vicar of Christ Church.



Sharon is currently Curate of All Saints, Caddington & St John, Farley Hill in St Albans Diocese.

Sharon is married to Andrew, and they have grown up children. Sharon and Andrew will move to Orpington in time for her Induction, which we hope will take place on Saturday 12th January 2019. The time and other details will be confirmed in due course.

Please keep Sharon and Andrew in your prayers as they prepare to move.”

We will, of course, keep you informed about the date of her Induction and her first services here at Christ Church.

Creative Arts Day

We had a wonderful day on Saturday 6th October as we worshipped, created, chatted and shared with each other using many different creative arts. Our theme was ‘Growth’ and we wanted to explore that in several different ways – growing emotionally, spiritually, in confidence and in faith. We used the image of a dandelion, as it progressed through its life cycle, to understand how our faith can grow:

- to put down strong roots
- to grow well, even in difficult ground and with little encouragement
- to be radiant and beautiful, using all the gifts God has given us
- to sow seeds, carried by the Holy Spirit

Volunteers ran twelve workshops and activities during the day – it was hard to choose which ones to do! These ranged from dance, creative writing, music and painting, to pottery, jewellery making and textiles, while more relaxing workshops included aromatherapy and relaxation. One workshop focused on C.S.Lewis and the images of God in his writings. Participants were then invited to respond to these images in their own way – through art, music or writing. Those who came could indulge in a creative art they already enjoyed, or dabble in something completely new.

At lunchtime there were several stalls of books and handmade goods, including jewellery, knitted items, original photographic postcards, bags and scarves. Prayer stations had

been set up in the Chapel, taking you on a journey of discovery about unlimited faith. Various displays were set up in the Large Hall which included photography, ceramics, poetry and Bible Journaling (do look this up online if you can!). We met together at the end of the day to share what we'd learnt from God during the day, to show what we had created, to experience a new song and powerful dance, and to thank God for his presence with us.

Feedback from those who attended has been really positive, and we are exploring new ways to develop creativity at Christ Church over the coming months. My thanks to Anna Shadbolt (from Hope Church), Sue London and Caroline Bailey who pioneered the Creative Arts Day with me in 2012 (together with Jenny Warrington), and who have formed a strong, supportive team to make the day a reality. Thank you to everyone involved in the day – you all helped make it a success, not only through using your creative gifts, but in encouraging and inspiring others to realise more of their potential. We're praying that everyone who came will find that growth is a reality in their everyday life, and that they are enabled to support the arts in their local church.

Liesel Stanbridge

Front cover

Christmas Market stall – cards and nativity sets reproduced courtesy of www.parishpump.co.uk

Morsbags

Morsbags are an initiative I've been involved with for a while. The idea is to make fabric bags from unwanted fabrics – torn sheets, old curtains, worn out shirts, off cuts of fabrics – and to give them away to encourage others to use fewer plastic bags. Obviously, the large supermarkets charging for bags has helped a lot but many people now use the thicker plastic bags, which are still plastic and still get damaged more easily than fabric bags.

The creator of Morsbags suggests that one fabric bag can replace the use of 500 plastic bags. I first started making Morsbags in 2015 and have made a few over the years for friends, family and the foodbank. They are bigger and stronger than the thicker supermarket bags and don't get damaged by sharp corners. My particular favourites are those made from broken umbrellas - there's nothing much else you can do with a broken umbrella, but the fabric is thin, tough, easily washable and they don't take up much room in your handbag or pocket, so you can always have one handy. Another favourite is from unwanted/broken shower curtains! – which have similar properties.

I think we are all aware of the danger of plastic and plastic bags, in particular, in the oceans – how larger fish think they are food and that swallowing them can result in illness or death of the sea creatures.

If you would like more information you can check out: www.morsbags.com

I am interested in receiving broken umbrellas and can make yours into a Morsbag for you to use if you wish or

donate the bag to the Food bank. If you are interested in making bags all the details are on the website – they are not difficult if you have basic sewing machine skills. Do chat to me if you are interested.



These two were made from a large golfing umbrella

Judith Motto

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Morsbags are an initiative What's wrong with plastic bags?

Fact: Globally, over 1 million plastic bags are consumed per minute.

Gut-wrenching Fact: Marine wildlife mistakes plastic bags for food and dies.

Frustrating Fact: It's taking too long for supermarkets and politicians to sort it out. Plastic bags are still blowing in the wind and choking the whales.

Happy Fact: Making morsbags will help, with immediate effect.

Plastic bags in water are serial killers. They are ingested by marine wildlife, as plastic bags are often mistaken for jellyfish. The dolphin, whale, turtle or bird dies by suffocation or starvation and decomposes around the bag. The bag floats off, ready for its next victim...

No one knows how long these treacherous bags take to biodegrade.

Humans have only been using them for 40 years but they are already covering the planet. Plastic bags photodegrade (break down into smaller and smaller toxic bits) and the pieces infiltrate every part of the food chain, for marine wildlife and humans.

A young female minke whale was washed up in Normandy, France, on 6th April 2002 – these were the contents of her stomach:



- 1 x plastic/aluminium crisp packet
- 2 x English supermarket bags
- 7 x various coloured dustbin bag bits
- 7 x transparent plastic bags
- 1 x food packaging wrapper

Factoids at a glance:

- Over 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide each year (that's about 70 plastic bags per person – if everyone had a trusty 10 or so morsbags to keep and use, problem solved!)
- Retailers and governments are struggling to make the difference that is needed through taxes and bans – we – the consumers – need to take this into our own hands.
- “The impact of this plastic waste can be seen littering our landscape, threatening our wildlife and accumulating as ‘plastic soup’ in the Pacific Ocean, which may cover

more than 15,000,000sq.km,” Janez Potocnik – European Commissioner for the environment.

- According to MSN, the production of plastic bags creates enough solid waste per year to fill the Empire State Building two and a half times.
- In some parts of the ocean there are six pounds of plastic for every pound of plankton.

These are unreferenced facts and there are plenty more out there on the web. However, it is generally acknowledged and accepted that plastic bags are harmful in one way or another, so we think time would be better spent making a morsbag than googling! Hope you agree...

We created morsbags because we lived on a canal and we despaired at the plastic bags floating by like so many urban jellyfish.

The staggering amount of plastic bags freely handed out in shops is boggling and consequently shoppers habitually forget that plastic bags are not the only option.

Although saying that

Numbers of bags plummet

Congratulations! You are using far fewer plastic bags. On average, you now use about 19 a year – as opposed to 140 a year.

The number of disposable carrier bags issued by the seven biggest supermarket chains has declined by 86% since the charge was introduced in 2015, according

to statistics from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Michal Gove, the Environment Secretary, has said it is vital to reverse the ‘rising tide of plastic waste finding its ways into our rivers, seas and oceans, and the catastrophic impact this is having on our marine environment.’

“saying grace before a meal”

“Saying grace” refers to the practice of thanking God for the food before a meal.” Such prayers follow the examples of Jesus and the apostle Paul, both of whom “said grace” before meals (see [Acts 27:35](#)).

Matthew records two instances of Jesus feeding thousands of people with only a small amount of food ([Matthew 14:15-21; 15:32-38](#)). In both these accounts, before Jesus “broke the bread” (started the meal), He gave thanks to God for it ([Matthew 14:19](#)).

Apparently, giving thanks before a meal was Jesus’ customary practice. In [Luke 24:13-35](#), on the day of Jesus’ resurrection, two of His followers travel to the village of Emmaus. Jesus joins them on the road, but they are “kept from recognizing him” ([Luke 24:16](#)). Once they arrive at Emmaus, Jesus stops to eat with them. At the table, Jesus “took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them” ([Luke 24:30](#)). Immediately, the disciples recognize Him; it was “when he broke the bread” ([Luke 24:35](#)) and gave thanks that their eyes were opened.

Since we owe everything we have to God’s grace, the “free and unmerited

favour of God," it is appropriate to thank Him always (Ephesians 5:20). Meals provide a good time to pause and do just that. "For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen" (Romans 11:36).

Creationtide

The heatwave this summer was a powerful reminder that our planet is not disposable! The evidence that carbon dioxide is heating the planet is seen in melting polar ice caps, rising sea levels and extreme weather. In the church September and early October is designated Creationtide, a time to reflect on God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. God loves the *world* ('cosmos') so much (John 3:16), referring to the entire universe. Do we share such love for God's world, in our care for it?

Despite the environmental crisis, God has not given up on His world. We live in a broken world where our present experience is marked by suffering: *'For the creation was subjected to frustration'* (Romans 8:20). With us, the creation groans in pain: *'We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.'* (Romans 8:22). However, these are not groans of despair, as God promises the hope of a new heaven and earth for all creation: *'the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.'* (Romans 8:21). At the end of time, God will not simply start again, but renew the created order according to His glorious eternal purpose.

What does this say to us? We cannot simply write off this world, but work with God for that day of transformation. We demonstrate the importance of this world to God by our lifestyle, by living simply and generously and not harming the environment by the wrong use of resources. What practical steps can we employ?

Our commitment must be 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' (*Five Marks of Mission*).

Remembering the end of World War One

This year Remembrance Sunday (11th November) marks the centenary of the end of World War One. Of the 65 million men who were mobilized, 8.5 million were killed and a further 21 million wounded. Wilfred Owen wrote of those *'who die as cattle.'*

How should we celebrate this anniversary?

In remembering the Armistice, our response should be to desire Micah's vision of universal peace in our world:

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3).

However, why keep asking God for peace, when we continue to see such violence and unrest in our world? The Bible makes it clear that peace is not just the absence of war or being untroubled. It means being in a right relationship with God through Jesus

Christ, with other people and with wider society.

Of course, Micah's words are looking to end of time when God will make all things new in His universal kingdom. However, these promises also can speak to us now. The ministry of Jesus demonstrated the kingdom or reign of God breaking into the everyday, as He healed the sick and brought reconciliation and hope. When we pray for peace, we're rejecting the 'old order of things', of violence and war and asking God to make His kingdom real today. We're citizens of the new kingdom, reshaping the old.

The end of the centenary of World War One is a time to consider peace. Although the war did not bring a lasting peace to the world, for the Christian there's a deeper lesson: peace begins with the healing of hearts, the restoring of relationships and with a deep, costly commitment to justice.

**Don't bottle it up -
it's okay to grieve**

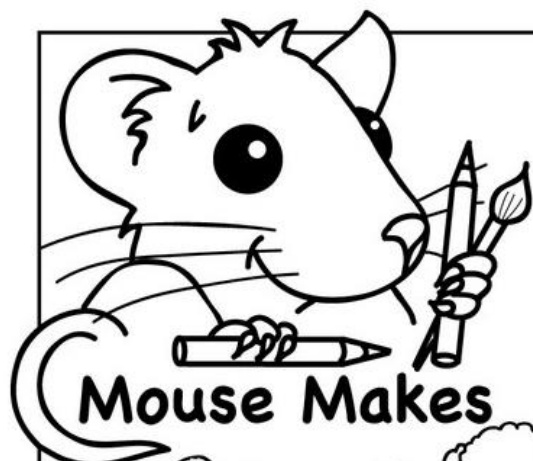
*I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me. Your love for
me was wonderful, more wonderful
than that of women. How the mighty
have fallen! 2 Samuel 1:26*

A lament is a passionate expression of grief, a heartfelt cry of sadness. Here David, who composed some of the most memorable and uplifting songs of praise, allows himself the opportunity to pour out his heart to God because of his deep sorrow.

Christians are sometimes confused about how to express grief. Some contemporary teaching has emphasised the power of praise, and of praising God in all circumstances, so they feel guilty about the pain inside them and do not know how to release it. Whilst Paul does say we are not to grieve 'like the rest of mankind' (1 Thessalonians 4:13), he means we should not grieve in the hysterical way that characterises those who have no hope in God. He does not mean that we should not grieve at all, or that we should suppress our true feelings. That would be cruel, unnatural and unhealthy. Grief is best acknowledged and expressed, and in a way that is consistent with our belief in heaven.

David's own heart feels most keenly the loss of his dearest friend, Jonathan. Those who have known the loss of a 'soul mate' will understand the depth of his feeling and the pain in his heart. His lament enables him to get in touch with his grief, to express it, and so begin the slow process of healing and recovery.

If you are grieving yourself today, may I encourage you to pour out your heart to God? You could pray aloud, or write your prayer down. You may find a song that helps, or a piece of music. You might talk with a trusted friend. You may just want a good cry. Whatever you do, remember that it's OK to grieve.



LOST AND FOUND

Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness.

The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for.

The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found.

The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in **Luke 15**

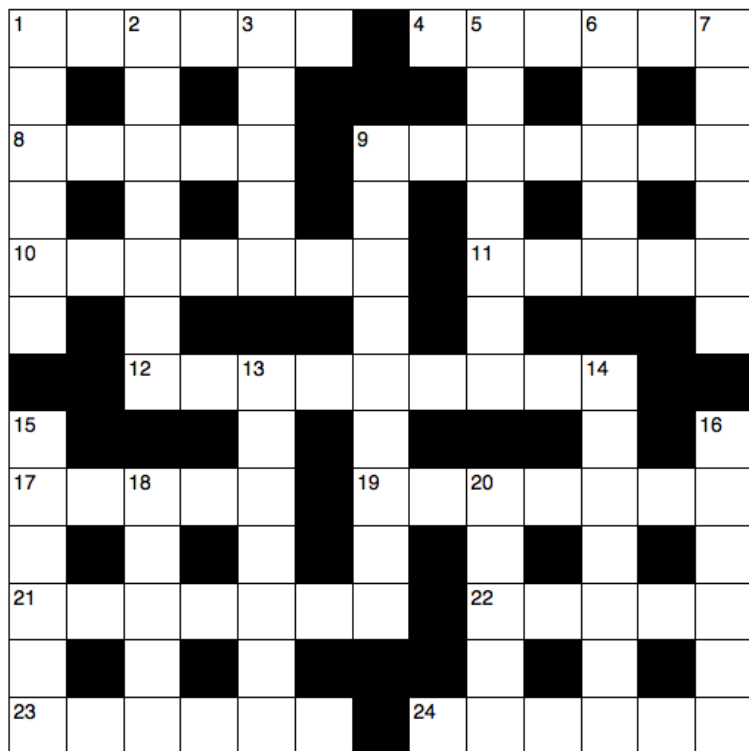


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Can you find the lost COIN, the lost SHEEP and the lost SON in the word search? Can you find these other words from the Lost and Found parables too?

HEAR • JESUS • HUNDRED • LOST • LOOK • FOUND
REJOICE • SINNER • REPENT • TEN • ONE • LAMP • SWEEP • SEARCH
FATHER • JOURNEY • SPENT • HUNGRY • PIGS • BACK • HOME • RAN
ROBE • RING • CALF • EAT • CELEBRATE • DEAD • ALIVE

word



- 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 grams (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)

Solution to last edition's Sudoku



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FLAVOURS OF ORPINGTON

Word Search

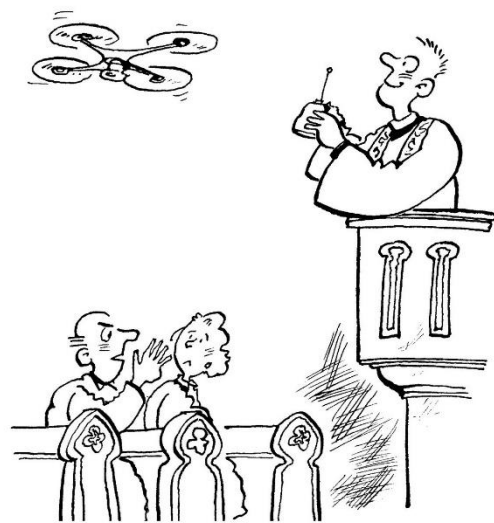
Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It is in fact a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury. Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801-1885) was a devout Christian Member of Parliament who spent his life fighting to help ease the miserable conditions in lunatic asylums, to stop the practise of forcing young children to be chimney sweeps, to stop children working in factories below the age of 10, to stop women and children going in the mines at all, to stop opium addiction, and to provide Ragged Schools for children without any means of education. On the day of his funeral at Westminster Abbey, tens of thousands of poor Londoners thronged the streets to see his coffin go by. He was much loved as The Poor Man's Earl.

PICCADILLY	SWEEPS
CIRCUS	SHAFTESBURY
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ANGEL	POOR
MEMORIAL	MAN
VICTORIAN	FACTORIES
PHILANTHROPIST	RAGGED
POLITICIAN	SCHOOLS
SOCIAL	COFFIN
REFORMER	LONDON
LUNATICS	STREETS
CHIMNEY	LOVED

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Last edition's solution



*...his constant droning from the pulpit
is really getting on my nerves!*

We will remember them!

Mentioned in the last edition of 'new winepress' was Christ Church Orpington's Role Call of those who died in the Second World War

Thanks to Roger Wilkinson for his input in locating the information below about the names we read out on Remembrance Sunday:

Alfred Leslie Ansell

Son of Alfred & Edith Ansell of East Preston, Sussex. He was a 1st Class Aircraftman with the Royal Air Force. He died on 24th June 1944 aged 23 and is remembered at the Kranji Memorial in Singapore

Gerald Francis Boxwell

Son of William & Lilian Boxwell of Orpington. He was a Sergeant in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and his name is shown on the Kohima War Cemetery in India. He was just 25 years old when he died

Edgar William Buckley

Son of Stanley & Grace Buckley of Orpington. He was a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Air Bomber). He died on the 11th April 1944 and is buried at All Saints Churchyard.

Arthur Norman Bulpitt

Son of Charles & Celia Bulpitt. He was a Flying Officer with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 139 (Jamaica) Squadron. He died on the 3rd March 1943 aged 27

Leonard Harry Chalice

Son of Harry & Elsie Chalice of Orpington. He was a member of 602 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and was just 20 years old when the Spitfire he was in was shot down by fighters over Normandy on 4th July 1944. His name is on the Runnymede War Memorial

Norman Clark

Son of William & Louisa Clark of Orpington. He was a member of the King's Royal Rifle Corps 1st Battalion. He died on the 13th September 1944 aged 39

Noel Douglas Sinclair Forsyth was the Son of Douglas & Maude Forsyth of Orpington. He was a Squadron Leader with 61 Squadron and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He died on 3rd September 1941 aged just 28. He is remembered at the Runnymede Memorial

Edmund George Gray

No information found

Reginald Green

No information found

Alec Stanley Hammond

Son of Hubert & Miriam Hammond of Orpington. He was a Gunner in the Royal Artillery 97 (The Yeomanry) Field Regiment. He died on the 9th December 1944 and is mentioned at the Faenza War Cemetery

Cyril Charles Thomas Hawkins

He was a Captain of the Royal Tank Regiment. He died on 26th March 1944, aged 31

Frederick Valentine Francis Lane

Son of Charles & Ester Lane of Orpington. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 82 Squadron. He died on 12th October 1941 aged 22

James Rowntree Priestley

Captain of the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). He on 30th September 1942 aged 33

Edgar Shrubsole

Adopted son of Louisa Shrubsole of Orpington. He was a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps. He died on 29th May 1940 aged 21 and is remembered at Lille Southern Cemetery

Maurice John Ware

Son of Hubert & Evelyn Ware of Berrynarbor, Devon. Chief Steward Merchant Navy, he died on 3rd March 1943 aged 36, and is remembered at the Tower Hill Memorial

Leslie Whiting

Son of William & Sarah Whiting of Bromley. He was a Lance Bombardier in the Royal Artillery 118 Field Regiment and died on 11th September 1943 aged 23



Christmas Greeting

Hi All

I just wanted to send some sort of holiday greeting to my friends and colleagues, but it is difficult in today's world to know exactly what to say without offending someone. So I met with my lawyer yesterday, and on advice, wish to say the following:

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, low stress, socially responsible, politically correct, non-addictive, gender neutral celebration of the Winter solstice holiday practiced with the most enjoyable traditions of religious persuasion or secular practices of your choice with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the finish of the generally accepted calendar year, but not without due respect for the calendar of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make our country great (not to imply that England is necessarily greater than any other country) and without regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wished.

By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms:

This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually

implement any of the wishes for her/him or others and is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher. The wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year or until the issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.

Best Regards (without prejudice)
Name withheld (Privacy Act).

The perils of zombie walking

Everyone knows it is dangerous to drive and text. But many of us walk and text - with potentially disastrous results. Now government transport advisers are thinking of placing road signs on the ground to guide so-called 'zombie pedestrians' who are glued to their phones - and oblivious of traffic around them.

In Augsburg Germany, traffic lights have been installed in the pavement after texting pedestrians walked out in front of trams. In Antwerp (Belgium) and X'ian (China) authorities have painted lines on the pavements to create text walking lanes with painted white arrows. In several cities in Holland they are installing LED light systems embedded in kerbs at junctions that flash red to stop 'zombie pedestrians' crossing the road in front of running traffic.

In a recent survey for the AA here in Britain, two thirds of drivers said they had seen pedestrians so glued to their smartphones that they had stepped out into the road without looking.

Disabled Equipment Sent Overseas

There was recently an item on BBC TV about the money lost by the NHS because people don't return crutches, walking frames etc. However several people have said that when they took their aids back to the hospital, they didn't want them and wouldn't accept them. If you are trying to find a home for redundant equipment, the following maybe of interest:

www.desouk.org/donate

The aims of DESO is to distribute the disabled equipment abroad to areas that the organisation decides on, to help promote projects that will develop skills for disabled people's education and employment, regardless of their disability - this includes the repair or manufacture of disabled equipment e.g. canes for the blind, wheelchairs



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2018 Diary...

Sunday 4th November

10.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm Film and Light Party

Wednesday 7th November

10.00am Holy Communion

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Remembrance Day
3.00pm Service of Remembrance
for the life of a loved one

Sunday 18th November

10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Stir-Up Sunday

Sunday 25th November

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship



Advent Sunday

Sunday 2nd December

10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Wednesday 5th December

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th December

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
4.00pm Christingle



Sunday 16th December

10.30am All Age Worship
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 23rd December

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am All Age Crib Service
6.30pm No evening service

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th December

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December

10.30am All Age Worship

Sunday 30th December

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No evening service

On the Grapevine

WELCOME

We welcome to the family of Christ Church Orpington through Baptism

Brooke Ella Bolland baptised on
Sunday 2nd September 2018

WITH SYMPATHY

We remember those who have recently passed away:

Graham Ball
Pauline Barker

new winepress

January & February 2019

Is there a forthcoming church event you would like to promote or report on one that has just happened (church groups, weddings, baptisms, creative days 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 7th December**

If you need more time, please contact Vernon

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Article A piece of writing included with others in a newspaper, magazine, or other publication

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

CATS & TEENAGERS

- Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.
- No matter how much you do for them, it is never enough.
- Cats rarely deign to walk with you when outside, and the same is true of teenagers.
- No cat or teenager shares your taste in music.
- Cats and teenagers can suddenly get 'hissy', without any known cause
- Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.
- Cats have nine lives. Teenagers live as if they did.
- Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy - utter boredom.
- Cats and teenagers do not improve anyone's furniture.
- Cats and teenagers are known to creep home at all hours of the night. Neither will tell you where they've been.
- So, if you must raise teenagers, it is a good idea to follow instructions as for cats. Remember, above all else, to put out the food at regular intervals and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and it will be a triumphant moment for all concerned.

Freezer labels

Jane had a system for labelling homemade freezer meals. She would carefully note in large clear letters, 'Lasagne', 'Beef stew', 'Chicken casserole', etc. But every day when she asked her husband what he wanted for dinner, he never asked for any of those meals.

So finally she decided to stock up with his various requests. Nowadays her freezer is full of dinners with neat little tags that say: 'Whatever', 'Anything', 'I Don't Know', 'I Don't Care', 'Something Good', or 'Food'.

No more frustration for Jane because no matter what her husband replies when she asks him what he wants for dinner, it's there waiting.

Did you know that the word 'mistletoe' means dung on a tree? The Anglo-Saxons thought that mistletoe grew in trees where birds had left their droppings. Mistel means dung, and tan means twig.

How to survive Christmas

Be tolerant of visiting relatives. They want to enjoy Christmas as much as you do, honestly. They don't mean to be quite *that* annoying.

Be grateful for your presents. Even when they are hideous. Somebody, somewhere, will like them in the New Year.

Help other people whenever you can. After all, it is the season of goodwill!

And remember the reason for the season. It's Jesus' birthday, not yours!

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year in 40 Languages**

Apache (Western) - Gozhqq Keshmish
Arabic - I'D Miilad Said ous Sana Saida
Croatian - Sretan Bozic
Danish - Glædelig Jul og godt nytår
Farsi - Sal-e no mubarak
French - Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!
German - Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein
glückliches Neues Jahr!
Greek - Kala Christougenna Ki'eftihismenos
O Kenourios
Chronos Hawaiian - Mele Kalikimaka &
Hauoli Makahiki Hou
Hebrew - Mo'adim Lesimkha. Shanah Tova
Hindi - Shubh Naya Baras
Iraqi - Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah
Irish - Nollaig Shona Dhuit
Iroquois - Ojenyunyat Sungwiya deson
homungradon nagwutut & Ojenyunyat
osrasay
Italian - Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
Japanese - Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu
Omedeto
Korean - Sung Tan Chuk Ha
Kyrghyz - JangI jIlIngIz guttuu bolsun!
Latin - Pax hominibus bonae voluntatis
Maori - Kia orana e kia manuia rava i teia
Kiritimeti e te Mataiti Ou
Mongolian - Zul saryn bolon shine ony
mend devshuulye
Nepali - krist Yesu Ko Shuva Janma Utsav
Ko Upalaxhma Hardik Shuva & Naya
Barsa Ko harkik Shuvakamana

Norweigan/Nynorsk - Eg ynskjer hermed
Dykk alle ein God Jul og Godt Nyttår
Polish - Wesolych Swiat i Szczesliwego
Nowego Roku.
Portuguese - Boas Festas e um feliz Ano
Novo
Romanian - Craciun fericit si un
An Nou fericit!
Russian - Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom
Rozhdestva i s Novim Godom
Samoan - Ia manuia le Kilisimasi ma le
tausaga fou
Somali - ciid wanaagsan iyo sanad cusub
oo fiican.
Spanish - Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año
Nuevo
Sudanese - Wilujeng Natal Sareng Warsa
Enggal
Swedish - God Jul och Gott Nytt År
Tagalog - Maligayang Pasko at Manigong
Bagong Taon
Tahitian - Ia ora i te Noere e ia ora na i te
matahiti 'api
Thai - Suksan Wan Christmas lae Sawadee
Pee Mai
Ukrainian - Veseloho Vam Rizdva i
Shchastlyvoho Novoho Roku!
Vietnamese - Chuc Mung Giang
Sinh - Chuc Mung Tan Nien
Zulu - Sinifesela Ukhisimusi Omuhle
Nonyaka Omusha Onempumelelo

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