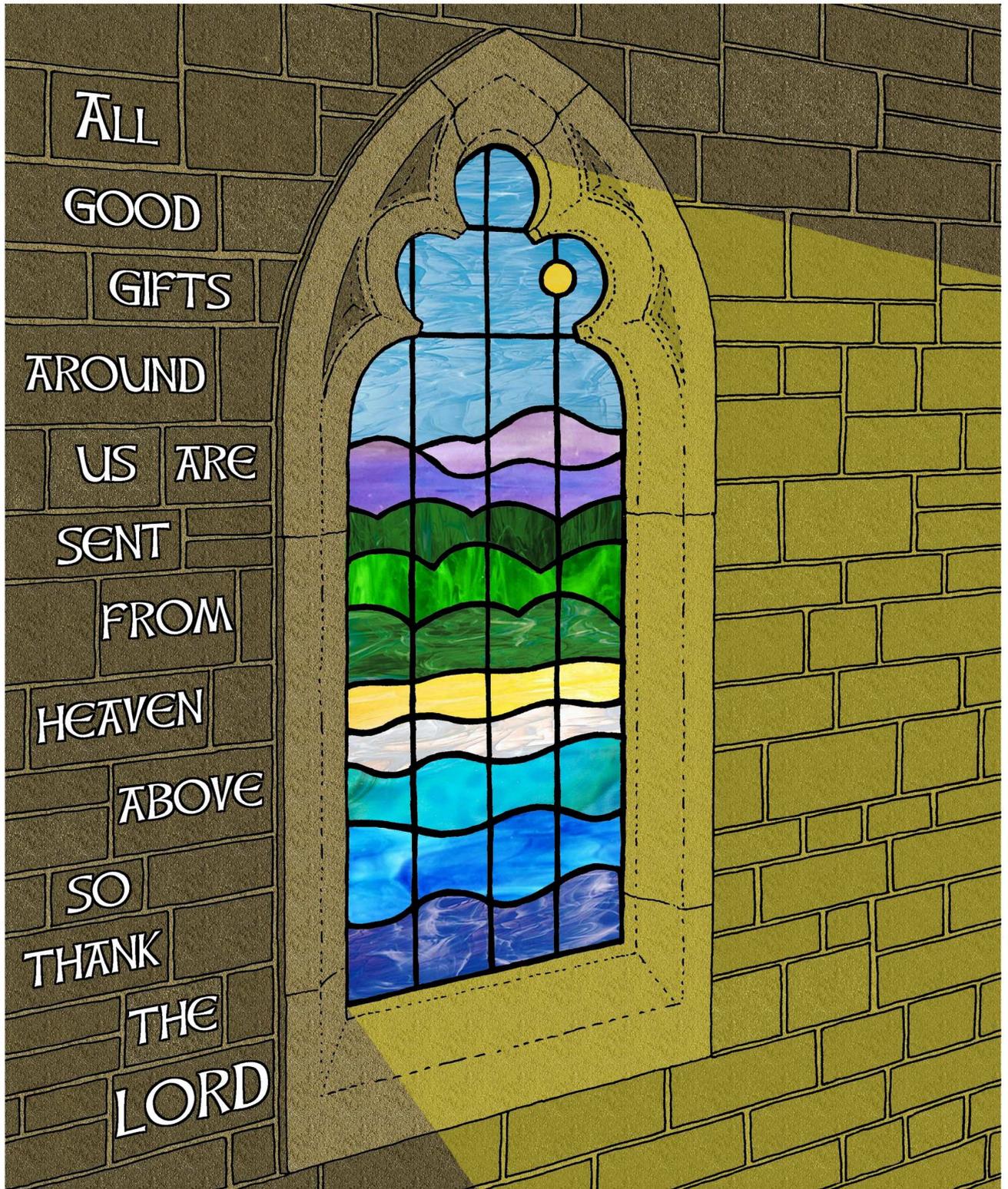


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

August sees a new edition of *Word for Today* published to help us all read the Bible each day. Copies are free to take from the back of the church. I find it full of encouragements and challenges. And it is especially good to know we are sharing the same ideas with others across the church.

Last month I was struck by a simple paragraph entitled '*Three Cheers!*'

The thought for the day was based on a simple phrase that occurs three times in the New Testament – variously translated 'Be of good cheer' in the King James version (hence the theme) – or 'Take heart'/'Take courage' in the New International version. Each occurrence gives a separate reason for Christians to be encouraged.

The first is found in Matthew 9:2.
² *Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."*

What a wonderful encouragement it was to that man - as it is for every Christian – to know that God is a God who forgives and forgets our sins. How uplifting to know that because Jesus was willing to take the punishment for every sin when he died on the cross, we can be part of God's family- forgiven and saved for all eternity.

The second occurrence is in John 16:33 where Jesus shares with his disciples some thoughts for when he

will no longer be physically with them after the ascension.

³³ *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

This verse has been a great support to Christians facing struggles in their lives. It gives us a reason to hold on to God's peace at times of change or conflict. The point Jesus makes is that we are not desperately fighting on for a victory which is still beyond our grasp. We can instead look at the world from the victor's point of view – because that victory has already been achieved by Jesus.

The third occurrence is found in Matthew 14: 26-27. This encouragement comes at the point when Jesus walks on water to the disciples out in a boat battling strong winds on the Sea of Galilee:

²⁶ *When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.*

²⁷ *But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."*

The encouragement here is that in the storms of life, when we might otherwise feel afraid, we can take heart – Jesus will be there when we need him – no matter what life throws at us!

So, take heart! Have a wonderful summer!

Best wishes,

Duncan

The Reverend Duncan Carter

Things You do on Holiday But Never at Any Other Time

Lend your key to a neighbour and spend half an hour explaining the knack of locking the front door which entails pulling, turning, and pushing at the same time.

Worry about your hanging baskets and runner beans.

Worry about your cat.

Spend an hour looking for window lock keys which you have not seen since last year and why aren't they in THEIR SPECIAL PLACE?

Get up at 3:00 a.m. to drive to an airport.

Eat and sleep beside total strangers.

Climb on a bus without knowing quite where you are going, or where to get off.

Wear a swimming costume while shopping.

Miss having a proper cup of tea.

Buy postcards.

Eat chips with almost every meal.

Wonder if your cat is okay.

Have a pocketful of foreign coins which you try to spend on your last day.

Go to a quarry museum and try to convince yourself it is interesting as you never knew there was so much to know about slate and that it comes in so many colours of grey.

Get on another bus and hope it is headed back to your hotel, whose name now escapes you.

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Children's Pages

John the Baptist

This month, on the 29th, we remember John the Baptist. By all accounts, he had a rough life. He grew up in obscurity, lived in the desert on a diet of bugs. He wore itchy camel hair. He worked in the heat of the sun, constantly challenging people, and wading in and out of muddy River Jordan waters to baptise many. Then he was arrested and kept in a reeking, infested dungeon until one day they cut his head off. Not much comfort in that 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 calling God gave him, which was to prepare the way for the coming ministry of his Son, Jesus. Jesus did not have an easy life, either.

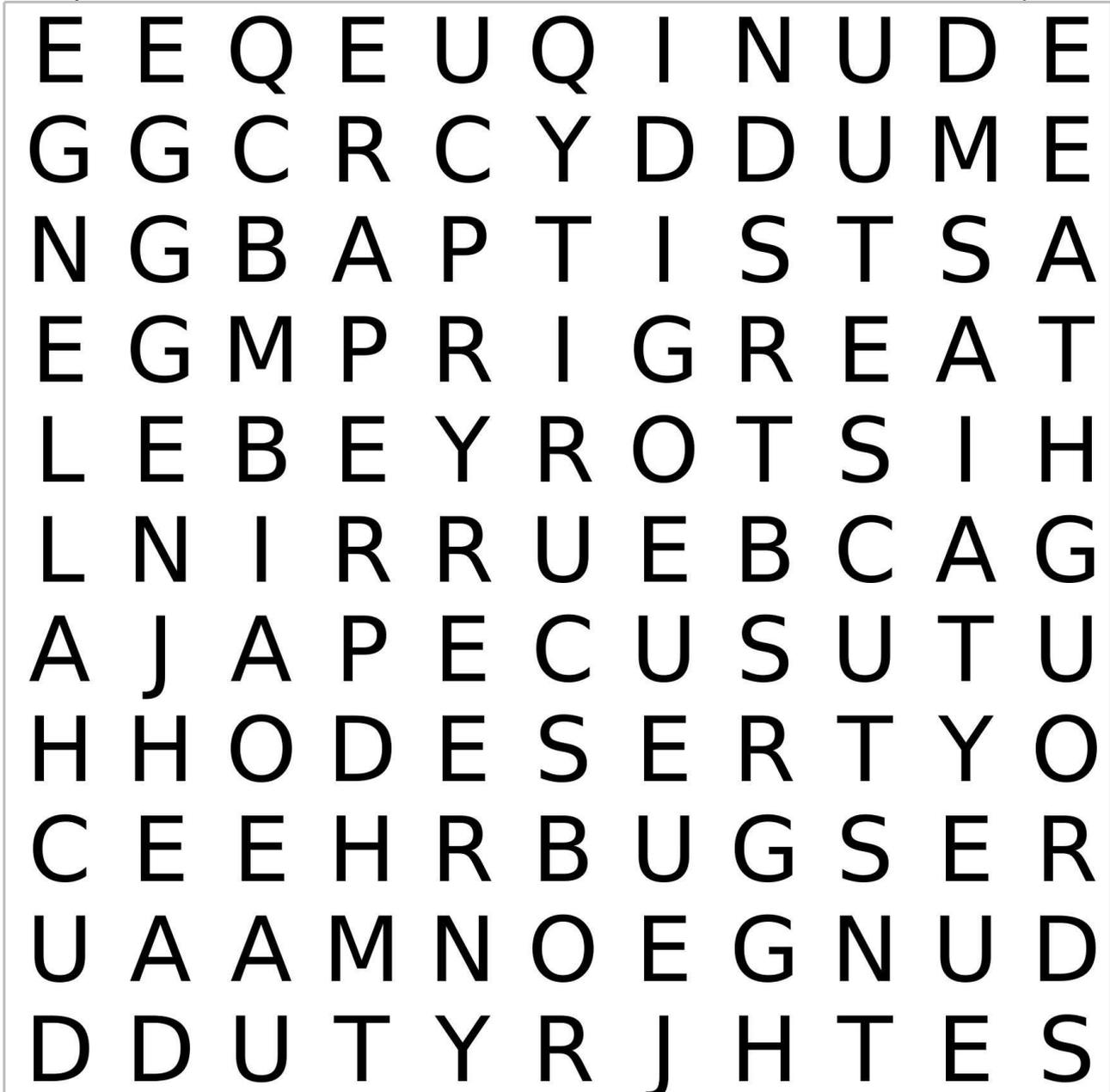
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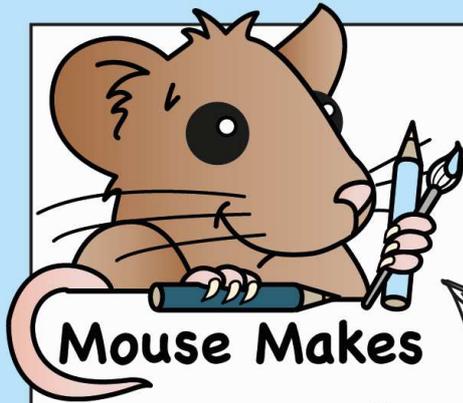
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Children's Pages



Mouse Makes

READ the full story in the book of Jonah



What swallowed Jonah?

A big _____

How long was he there?

three _____ and three _____

Jonah 1:17

JONAH'S JOURNEY

Which city did **God** tell **Jonah** to go to?

_____ and why?
Jonah 1:12



Where did Jonah try to go instead?

What did he travel in?

_____ Jonah 1:3



What did God send to stop him?

A great _____

What did Jonah tell the **sailors** to do to make the sea **calm**?

_____ him into the **sea**
Jonah 1:4-16



What did Jonah do?

_____ then what did the fish do?

Jonah 2:1-10

DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible times wearing itchy sackcloth made from goat's hair was a sign of grief and repentance



When Jonah reached **Nineveh** he proclaimed God's **message**... the city would be overthrown in

_____ days
Jonah 2:1-10

What did the people do?

F _____
What did they put on?

_____ Jonah 3:1-9

What did God do?

R _____
Jonah 3:10

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Find the missing words. Look up the Bible references then look for them and the words on this page in **bold** in the word search



SERVICES in AUGUST

The Vicar, the Reverend Duncan Carter, will lead the morning services. The Reverend Sam Brewster, will lead the Trinity at Four services.

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR

TUESDAY 9th AUGUST

8:00 P.M. TRINITY TOGETHER

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR



SUNDAY 21st AUGUST
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR

FUNERALS

18 th July	Zoe Leonie Faucheux
26 th July	Joy Carter Homer



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The Vicar is always glad to see anyone needing help or advice. Talking through problems and praying with people are his top priorities. Do not feel worried about sharing your problems, whatever the concern, large or small. For your reference, his day off is Saturday.

Trinity at Four update

Children and Communion

Dear friends,

We celebrate communion every other week at Holy Trinity and once a month at Trinity at Four. At Trinity at Four, children usually come back from their groups for this part of the service, because we want the opportunity for them to experience what happens at communion and to hear the good news of Jesus's death on the cross for us. But when is it right for my child to receive communion?

Traditionally in the Anglican church partaking in communion has been allowed only after confirmation, the ceremony at which older teenagers or adults personally and publicly affirm the faith they were baptised into. More recently there has been a recognition that where a child has a clear Christian faith and a good understanding of communion, receiving communion is entirely appropriate and spiritually beneficial for them, even whilst they wait for their confirmation (which is designed to be an adult commitment).

We want to support parents in discerning when it is right for their child to receive communion. Our current practice of saying "it's up to you parents" is well intentioned, since parents bear the primary spiritual responsibility for their children. However it can leave parents in some uncertainty as to the right thing to do. To help with this we are introducing a simple process across Holy Trinity as a whole that any child wishing to

receive communion should go through.

1. If parents think their child might be ready to receive communion they should get in touch with one of the ministry leaders at church. We will then arrange a meeting to chat the issue through.
2. Where all are agreed that the child is indeed ready to receive communion, one of the ministry leaders will then meet up with the child themselves. This will give the opportunity to check the child's own understanding and faith in the gospel, and to talk about the significance of communion.
3. After these steps have been completed your child will be welcome to receive the bread and wine at our communion services

We want to get the right balance between being flexible to the particular spiritual journey of each child, but also safeguard the appropriate seriousness of receiving communion. We also want to recognise the primary spiritual responsibility of parents for their children, whilst providing the right level of guidance and support. Our hope is that this process strikes those balances well.

A few additional notes

- Please parents, take the opportunity to explain the significance of communion to your children month by month, whether

they are receiving it themselves or not.

- We would love all children to come up to the front and receive a prayer and blessing during communion, if they are not yet receiving communion themselves.
- We are not setting an 'age limit', but might expect some children to be ready to receive communion from around the age of 7.

Next Steps

1. If your child has already been receiving communion on a Sunday

and you would like them to continue please get in touch and we'll work through the above process.

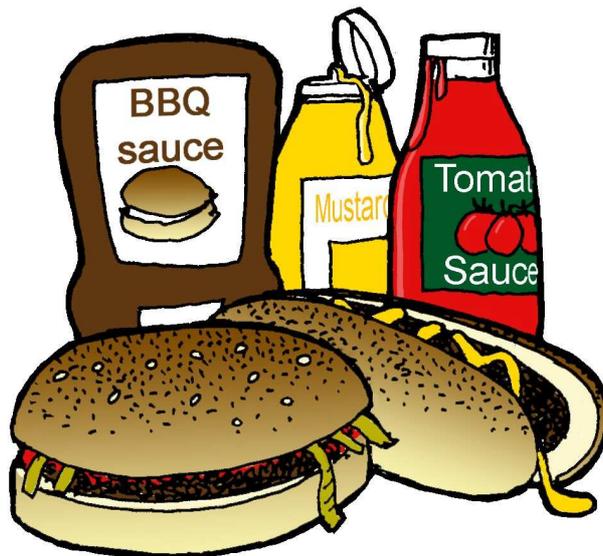
2. Please explain this to them so they understand what's happening.
3. If your child has not been receiving communion, but you think they would be ready, please get in touch and we'll work through the process above.

If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with Duncan or Sam who would be happy to chat further.

Much love,

Sam

The Reverend Sam Brewster



How to Keep Your House Cool in a Heatwave

When the Sun is sizzling overhead, many of us fling wide our windows and even doors, in an effort to get a draught of air through our homes.

But an NHS sleep consultant advises that, instead, people should keep their windows shut and their curtains drawn all day. "It's all due to temperature differentials. As the Sun

comes up throughout the day it heats the inside of your house.

"If you keep your windows and curtains drawn until dusk, however, your house will feel very cool when you go to bed. As the Sun sets, draw your curtains and open your windows and you'll feel a lovely breeze coming through your house, which will help you sleep."

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On the Best Way to Visit the Homes In the Parish

The Rectory
Saint James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your offer to bring in your team of church members, in order to make a house call on every home in our parish, was most generous. I do understand why you would need us to accommodate your team of 25 visitors, and then hold a residential training weekend for our own members of the team. I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with our mission statement and safeguarding policy. I also understand your suggestion that we include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme.

Your plan that we should then hold an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited, and to which we might fly in a world-renowned speaker for the occasion, is understandable. And then of course we would need your help us to set up a finance committee with budgets and organised fund raising. But what you seem to have missed is that our entire parish consists of something like 70 homes. They would not feel visited, but invaded.

Instead, I feel it would be best if we attempt something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, perhaps, where we could find out which of them plays golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Gradually, as the sherry flowed, we would also seek to discover who would be prepared to go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians, at least in this parish.

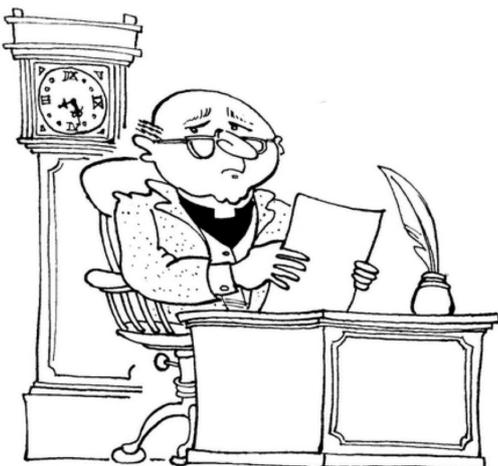
Inevitably, this means that none of our church members will be joining your team as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt the residents belong to, and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You are, of course, all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement, and frenetic activity; our policy of polite indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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PARISH JOTTINGS

Heatwave

On the 17th until the 19th of July we experienced an intense heatwave as heat from Africa was blown up to Europe and then Great Britain. On Sunday the 17th we felt like we were actually in Israel as we walked to church and even the coolness you often get in the church was warmer than usual.

On Monday the 18th the mercury rose even higher and the Met Office issued their first ever red warning for Britain: don't go out unless it is essential, don't exercise and stay hydrated. Those who did go out felt like they were melting but the worst was still yet to come.



On Tuesday the 19th, Britain experienced the hottest ever day on record at 40.3°C (104.5°F). Cars exploded due to the heat, runways at airports melted and train rails buckled. A reservoir in York dried up, as did the Aysgarth Falls on the River Ure. Water companies were worried about estimates of 100s of millions of extra litres being used each day. The RSPCA was issuing reports on how to

keep dogs cool and reminding you never to leave them in a car. People kept the curtains drawn during the day, garden plants got scorched and six people died.

With it being the driest July for 111 years, it's a wonder there wasn't a hose pipe ban until the 29th. Also due to the lack of rain as well as the baking temperatures the ground was as dry as tinder and this caused fires in London which main land Europe had already been experiencing.



The temperature was hotter than the Sahara with Tuesday's weather in Timbuktu being two degrees cooler than here.

The next days were still uncomfortably hot but after Tuesday, they felt Arctic. There was only a tiny amount of rain and a short shower of hail stones after and more heat is expected. Due to climate change we could be expecting this every other year.

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Henley Piazza café, overlooks Mill Meadows and the river Thames, in Holy Trinity church parish, Henley on Thames

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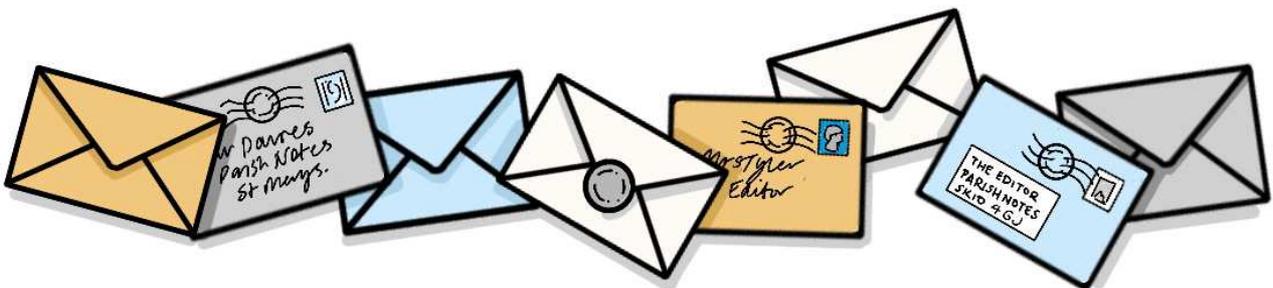
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