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from the Vicar



Dear Friends,

Change and Decay

Change is part of life. The hymn “Abide with me”, contains these lines:

*Change and decay in all around I see,
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

These words give the impression that change and decay are part of the same regrettable tendency. The church often appears to oppose change, holding on to traditions and ethical positions that no longer seem right or attractive to many people.

The church therefore seems conservative, but it's important to realise that almost everyone is conservative, in the sense of wishing to conserve what is good. But we differ from each other in what we think is worth conserving. If you feel that you are essentially a liberal person, it is worth exploring your conservative side; asking yourself what you wish with all your heart to conserve.

For me, as you will know if you are a regular reader of this column, it is the natural world that I most wish to conserve – the habitats in which birds and animals, plants and insects, trees and hedges grow and flourish. I hugely value the ecological complexity and interdependence of wild life, and I understand this love as completely in tune with my Christian faith.

The natural world that I love is sustained by a continual process of change and decay. The decay of plants has created the soil without which we would all quickly perish. The cycles of birth, death and decay are an essential part of life. It shouldn't take long to realise what would happen without the natural processes of death and decay.

Loss

Human life also involves change. People are born and die. We experience loss constantly. Loss of people, loss of physical health and youth, loss of security, loss of work, loss of time, loss of reputation, loss of possibilities. As we grow older we observe that time seems to pass more quickly. These losses can make for profound change and often lead us to feel a loss of meaning. The things that gave us security and purpose, the people who gave us love, are gone forever and we are left without an anchor, without purpose and sometimes feeling without love.

In time, we often readjust to the new situation. The time of readjusting can be difficult and profoundly painful. Indeed we would be surprised and even disappointed if we were unmoved by loss. Being with friends or family who have experienced great change and loss can be uncomfortable. We don't know what to say or do. Just being with them in their pain can make us feel helpless, awkward and eager to speed the process of readjustment, so everything can get back to how it was. In these circumstances we sometimes withdraw and inadvertently give offence by not accompanying our friends or family in their grief.

Transitional Space

We are in a transitional space at the moment. The season is turning

from summer to autumn, often the most poignant season of loss. T.S. Eliot says that “April is the cruellest month...” For me September is often the saddest month, as migratory birds leave on their epic journeys, many never to return; as the leaves change shade and begin to fall; as the days shorten and the temperature drops.

Our church life is changing as well. Our new curate Chris is arriving. Chris and Jenny have moved into their new home. This month Chris will be ordained, and their life will never be the same again. They may feel very new for a while, but it will be a time of learning, when Chris and all of us, will be learning about each other, open to new possibilities and new experiences.

Times of transition like this are sometimes called ‘liminal’ space, from the Latin word meaning threshold. We are on the threshold, moving from one room to another. Jesus tells us that there are many rooms in his Father’s house. I’m sure he is referring to this life as well as the next life. In liminal space, our insecurity and changing circumstances, make us open to the possibility of change in ourselves. When we are comfortably settled, we may acknowledge in theory that there are changes we would like to make, but we may be unwilling for God to shake things up.

Poverty

When we are successful we don’t feel our need of God. Our society’s culture of success goes along with a prizing of freedom and independence, which has little place for God and fails to value others, especially those who are different or less fortunate than ourselves. Failure, weakness and actual or emotional poverty are embarrassing, almost blameworthy to our culture of success, fame and money. But it is an absolute

given of the spiritual life that we find God in our poverty failure and shame; in our pain and loss. The ego wants to tell us that we don't need God, but the soul is a deeper reality than the ego, and the soul finds God when we are not self-sufficient. God comes to us as a crucified man. God does not give us pain to make us better people. He shares our pain, and thereby transforms it into a source of change and growth.

These words of Henri Nouwen were read in Morning Prayer one Tuesday last month.

Our poverty – God's dwelling-place

How can we embrace poverty as a way to God when everyone around us wants to become rich? Poverty has many forms. We have to ask ourselves: "What is my poverty?" Is it lack of money, lack of emotional stability, lack of a loving partner, lack of security, lack of safety, lack of self-confidence.....? Each human being has a place of poverty. That's the place where God wants to dwell! "How blessed are the poor," Jesus says (Matthew 5:3). This means that our blessing is hidden in our poverty.

We are so inclined to cover up our poverty and ignore it that we often miss the opportunity to discover God, who dwells in it. Let's dare to see our poverty as the land in which our treasure is hidden.

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

Cardinal Newman

Tom

Homeless and Vulnerable People in Exeter

Three of us volunteers from St. David's Soup Kitchen attended a workshop, organised by Housing Justice at the Community Centre, St. David's Hill. Housing Justice is a Christian organisation wishing to provide a central powerful voice at government level, to represent anyone trying to highlight the work they are doing for homeless, those recently housed but in need, and the setting up of night shelters.

We heard that in Exeter the Housing Association works with hostels and agencies for a more efficient approach to appropriate housing. St. Petrocks offers support and advice for the homeless, those threatened by homelessness and ex offenders. The Street Homeless Outreach Team specifically go out on the streets to enable homeless people to access shelter, to council tenants needing help and directing people to services such as food providers.

There is a move to provide night shelters. A pilot scheme was set up in Paignton and is proving to be a success. The wish to set up such shelters in Exeter is there, but the large commitment required is, we think, deterring churches from responding.

The day illustrated the need for easy access to support services for those in difficulty. Not only practical help, but also a mentoring and befriending service, which enables clients to feel valued, gain in self esteem and have a regular social interaction.

It was heartening to hear so many voices eager to either tell of the work of their organisation, or express a wish to set up a similar service. It would appear that, we at St. David's, can access information and training to further reach out to vulnerable people in Exeter.

If you have any ideas or are interested in hearing more, please don't hesitate to contact Mary Quest, Roger Beer or Mary Kirkland

The Soup Kitchen at St. David's

As many of you will know, Thursday evening is the time we receive a number of homeless folk at St. David's and provide soup and refreshments to sustain them through the cold nights.

They need warm clothing and shoes, so if you have fleeces, sweaters, coats, jeans, or trousers you would like to pass on, they will be gratefully received.

We also like to have paperbacks they can take to read, so if you are parting with books please think of leaving them with us.

Thank you.

Contact Mary on:- 07872 626 168 if you need to leave donated goods



St David's Eucharist September

Sunday 6th September : Trinity 14

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| Reading 1 | Isaiah 35: 3-7a | Lawrence Sail |
| Reading 2 | James 2: 1-10, 14-17 | Avril Pattinson |
| Gospel | Mark 7: 24-37 | |
| Time of prayer | | Chris Gill |

Junior Church tbc

Sunday 13th September : Trinity 15

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| Reading 1 | Isaiah 50: 4-9a | Cynthia Fox |
| Reading 2 | James 3: 1-12 | Hilary Francis |
| Gospel | Mark 8: 27-38 | |
| Time of prayer | | Carol Burrows |

Junior Church tbc

Sunday 20th September : Harvest Festival

Family Service

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| Reading 1 | ~ | |
| Reading 2 | ~ | |
| Gospel | ~ | |
| Time of prayer | | ~ |

No Junior Church

Sunday 27th September : Trinity 17

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| Reading 1 | Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29 | Jenny Baker |
| Reading 2 | James 5: 13-20 | Alan Baker |
| Gospel | Mark 9: 38-50 | |
| Time of prayer | | Catherine Matlock |

Junior Church tbc

Sunday 4th October: St Francis Bp Martin presiding and preaching

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| Reading 1 | Micah 6: 6-8 | Dilys Thorp |
| Reading 2 | Galatians 6: 14-end | Helena Walker |
| Gospel | Luke 12: 22-34 | |
| Time of prayer | | Robert Mitchell |

Junior Church



**Join us for lots of fun
on**

Saturday 12th September

4.00pm - 5.30pm

invite your friends and bring a grown-up too



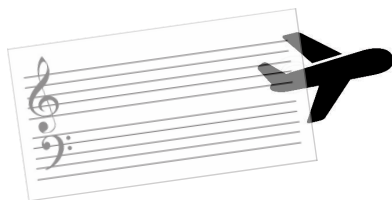
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St Michael's Choir Tour



From Thursday 23rd to Tuesday 28th July, a party of 20 visited Wolfenbüttel in the Lower Saxony region of Germany, singing 2 Concerts, an Evening Meditation and at a Sunday morning Lutheran Service.

Some of us had an early start at 1.30am on Thursday at Exeter Bus Station for the overnight coach to Heathrow. With the M4 being closed, we had the “bonus” of a rural ride through royal Berkshire and a “Tellytubbies” sunrise. We enjoyed a really beautiful flight over fluffy clouds to Hannover Flughafen. Then trains via Braunschweig to Wolfenbüttel, meeting Chris & Lis who were already there.



We got to know the beautiful half-timbered Altstadt, and saw the baroque-faced ducal palace and the recently excavated mediaeval defence works with a guided tour. Also the world famous Herzog August Library founded in 1572, whose noted Librarians include Leibniz and

Lessing. Very tired but happy and excited, we met our hosts and went off to settle in, talk and rest.

No rest on Friday, but a bus to Groß Denkte, Sabrina's home village, for a 2 hour walk through the woods of the Asse, climbing the 120 steps



of the Bismarckturm. Strengthened with excellent Suppe und Brot, it was time to get down to some singing, running through the Konzerte Program in the beautiful little Lutheran Kirche across from the well-equipped church hall – a benefit of the German Church Tax system.

Our Concert in Groß Denkte went very well, with 60+ in the audience, who enjoyed a traditional Devon cream tea in the Interval and commented on the clarity of diction and variety of music. We sang 20 pieces covering all 6 centuries of Anglican music from Tallis's "If ye love me" to Paul Mealor's "Ubi caritas". Alex's half of the programme was introduced by Sabrina, while Erika used her excellent German to talk about the second half, which included "I was Glad" & "Central Orb". Solos by Sabrina, Rebecca & Vicki were also much appreciated. The Concert was also well reviewed in the local Wolfenbütteler Zeitung with a nice photo.

Saturday morning I visited the impressive town market with my host. Saturday afternoon in the Hauptkirche, Alex had to content himself with a little chamber organ, but it had beautiful tone, and, as it was a Taize-style Service with added Anglican music, it was well suited. The

congregation of about 80 heard Byrd, Wesley, Gilbert and Rutter.

The Pastor was friendly and appreciative, and the church Custodian explained that this was one of the first churches built, in 1608, as a specifically Protestant church. The extensive decoration in this church, showed that Luther's followers had no problem with paintings, statues or music, so long as they were Bible-based.

On Sunday we met at the Trinitatiskirche, built in 1719 with a much plainer and brighter interior and a lofty pulpit set several metres above the Table. Here Alex could get his hands and feet on the main Organ set above the West Doors, sharing the playing with a visiting organ student who introduced all the hymns with short improvisations. Within the Communion service, we sang from Wood in F, as well as Tallis "If Ye Love Me", Wood "Central Orb", Chilcott "Be Thou My Vision" and Rutter "The Lord bless you and keep you". Again, lots of appreciation over jam & scones after the service.

Sunday afternoon, we visited Braunschweig (Brunswick) for a leisurely cruise on the River Oker before our Concert in the beautiful acoustic of the restored St Katharinen Kirche. Here Alex had a bright free-standing modern organ to play as we processed up to our singing position. The concert went very well again, with the a cappella first half conducted by Alex and the accompanied second half directed by Erika. The audience was rather more St Michael's sized, though very appreciative, and Adam sold several more of our CDs.

The singing programme completed, we relaxed with another meal together. Heartfelt thanks were expressed to our hosts and to our visiting

guest singers; also to Sabrina for organising the whole trip (herding cats as Alex put it) and to Alex and Erika for expertly rehearsing and conducting us all.

On Monday I went back to Wolfenbüttel Schloß with my host to hear the City of Southampton Brass Band. “Coals to Newcastle” maybe, but they certainly knew how to work their audience with Posthorn and Triangle solos, and standards including the Radetzky March and Handel’s 1749 Music for the Royal Fireworks (written for George II who was also Hanoverian Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg).

Tuesday morning we all re-assembled at Wolfenbüttel Bahnhof for “Vielen Dank” und “Auf Wiedersehen” to our hosts, and took the train to Hannover, a city of half a million, ten times as large as Wolfenbüttel. The central Marktkirche seemed to be active socially and musically, and had a towering organ reminiscent of the ice-creams served outside the Hauptbahnhof.

Then we headed out to Hannover Flughafen for our flight back. It had been a wonderful time full of music, hospitality, fellowship, beer and cake.

For pictures from the Tour, see <http://www.stmichaelsmountdinham.org.uk/choir-tour-blog/>

Richard Barnes



Exeter City Centre Chaplaincy News

In the right place at the right time?

Sometimes the routine visiting by Chaplains can suddenly take on a special meaning. Our Chaplain visiting shops in Sidwell Street has recently been able to listen to the varied reactions of shop workers to the police cordon following the bomb scare in the area. Some have been grateful and others have been resentful of the actions taken – but the Chaplain is there for them all, offering a chance for them to unload their worries and share their feelings. Another Chaplain, working in Fore Street, was present shortly after a man was killed by a lorry at the top of the street, and was able to be there for those who wanted to talk out their reactions to seeing what had happened.

There are a number of shops which are finding it hard to make ends meet; a quick stroll around the centre of Exeter shows that there have been several closures recently. Others have cut down on staff; this naturally leads to uncertainty about the future among those still working, and they appreciate the opportunity to talk about this with someone not involved with the management of their place of work.

We are currently revising the training programme for our Chaplains, now that we have experiences of actually being out among the shop workers. Our three Lead Chaplains will also be busy in the coming weeks as they cover for others on holiday so that shops are not neglected

over the summer, when some are very busy and others find their trade diminishes.

We are also recruiting for some more Chaplains, with Introductory Evenings being held in September, on Thursday 10th and then repeated on Monday 14th.

Details of these and how to find out more can be obtained from ecccadmin@phonecoop.coop or from leaflets around in the churches of central Exeter.

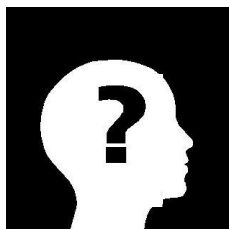
Do please consider whether you know anyone who could join our team.



QUIZ NIGHT

AT

ST. JAMES'
CHURCH HALL



Saturday 17th October 2015

Friends at St. James' Church have kindly invited (or have they thrown down the gauntlet?) both Church members and friends of St. David's and St. Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham to a quiz night.

At the time of writing plans are still being drawn up, but if you are interested in joining a team or forming a team of up to six people it would be good to get the date in your diary or on your calendar.

The venue is St. James' Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter.

There will be several rounds of questions of different subjects, but probably most important of all, there will be a supper and liquid refreshment! Tickets will be available soon from me at a very modest price. There will also be a draw. It is hoped that whatever profit is made will be shared in some way between the three Churches.

Most importantly I think that a joint event such as this is a good way of promoting fellowship amongst us all.

On an organisational basis our friends at St. James' will be organising the liquid refreshment (I am told that a special licence has been applied

for) and the savoury course of the supper. I have been asked to organise the draw and the pudding course of the supper - so any offers of help would be much appreciated. There will be more information in the October edition of "New Leaves".

Tony Pugh

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Mount Dinham

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St Michael's Lectures: June–November 2015

Everyone is warmly welcomed to our free public lectures

Two part special over June
and July

7.30 pm, Weds 24th Jun
A History of Christianity
in Exeter

Ash Leighton Plom

7.30 pm, Weds 15th Jul
Common Witness and
Ministry in 2015:

The Old has gone;
The New has come?

Ash Leighton Plom



Our diverse range of expert lecturers connect faith, spirituality and Christianity to current issues that one would not necessarily expect to hear discussed in a church. Includes audience questions, refreshments and chat. Email stmichaelslectures@outlook.com for further information.

7.30 pm, Weds 30th Sept
Crusade Spirituality: 10th
Century Radicalisation
David Gunn-Johnson

7.30 pm, Weds 21st Oct
Christians in Syria
Idir Ouahes

7.30 pm, Weds 25th Nov
Are we now a Religiously
Illiterate Society?
Graham Langtree

www.stmichaelsmountdinham.org.uk

Church of St Michael and All Angels, Dinham Road, Mount Dinham, Exeter, EX4 4EB

Socialevents connected with St. Michael's

Saturday, September 26th Michaelmas Supper Dance

Mill on the Exe

7:30pm

Further details about ticket price etc to follow.

Saturday, October 24th Horse Race Night

City Gate..... further details to follow

Sunday, November 29th St. Michael's Christmas Lunch



The Digger's Rest,
Woodbury Salterton

1pm onwards

Tickets and cost to be announced



Local businesses who generously donated prizes for the 2015 Church Draw

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| 1. First Prize £100 | St David's Church |
| 2. Malt Whisky | The Dales Nursing Home, Howell Road |
| 3. Hand Cream | Aromatika, Queen Street |
| 4. Fabric Swatches | Inspirations, Central Station, Queen Street |
| 5. Tea, coffee & snacks | Mulberry Tree Cafe, St David's Hill |
| 6. White Wines | Great Western Hotel, St David's Station |
| 7. House of Commons Claret | Ben Bradshaw MP |
| 8. £20.00 Voucher | The Ghandi Restaurant, New North Road |
| 9. Box of Fudge | Roly's Fudge, Queen Street |
| 10. Cut & Blow Voucher | Team Works, Iron Bridge |
| 11. Voucher | Hair Hub, Richmond Road |
| 12. £20.00 Gift Card | Austin's Department Store, Newton Abbott |
| 13. Cookery Book | Bendene Hotel, Richmond Road |
| 14. Nail Care Collection | Tao Skin Care Clinic, Queen Street |
| 15. Meal for Two | Dinosaur Café, New North Road |

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| 16. Lanson Champagne | Woolcombe Beer Watts, Solicitors,Southernhay East |
| 17. Two course Lunch for Two | Reed Hall, Exeter University |
| 18. Box of Chocolates | Park View Hotel, Howell Road |
| 19. Limousine Ride | Crew & Sons Funeral Directors, Exmouth |
| 20. £20.00 Voucher | Herbies Restaurant, North Street |
| 21. Butter Dish, Tea Towels | Aga, North Street |
| 22. £20.00 Voucher | Old Timers, Little Castle Street |
| 23. Cream Tea for Two | Boston Tea Party, Queen Street |
| 24. Vouchers | Devon Coffee, Queen Street |
| 25. Foot Health Treatment | Gill Carvill, Pathfinder Village |
| 26. Floral Decoration | WPC Marina |
| 27.Wines | Ron Coleman, Park View Hotel, Howell Road |
| 28. £20 Voucher | Urban Burger, Queen Street |

A huge thanks to all of the businesses and individuals for their generosity and for those who bought tickets

A Welcome seen at Coventry Cathedral

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.'

(We're not that keen on it either!)

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the Cathedral.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost in the city centre and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you!

September Music at St Michael's, Mount Dinham



With the new academic year and activities resuming here, it's a busy month.

Tuesday 1st September at 6pm

CBS Mass for the Feast of St Giles of Provence (710), Hermit, with Hymns and Plainsong Propers. All welcome.

Tuesday & Thursday Vespers & Meditation at 6pm resume on Thursday 3rd September.

Sunday 6th September, Trinity XIV, 10.45am

Sung Mass. Setting: Mass for Three Voices, Byrd. Motet: Sicut Cervus, Palestrina. Some beautiful a cappella Byrd and a motet from Psalm 42; Like as the deer desires springs of water.

Sunday 6th September, 6pm

Evensong and Benediction.

Responses: Reading. Psalm: 119 vv 41-56. Office Hymn: 241. Canticles: Noble in B minor.

Anthem: Verleih Uns Frieden, Mendelssohn. O salutaris: Elgar. Tantum Ergo: Fauré (G flat).

A Romantic Choral Evensong pretty much all the way. The German text is Luther's translation of a Latin Response which Cranmer renders as "Give peace in our time, O Lord: because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God."

Wednesday 9th September, remember Father Charles Fuge Lowder (1820-80), Founder of the Society of the Holy Cross and pioneering Anglo-Catholic priest in Wapping & London Docks.

Saturday 12th September, Heritage Open Day 9am-6pm, and Devon Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride. Also, Installation of



Rt Revd Sarah Mullally as our new Bishop of Crediton in Exeter Cathedral at 4pm.

Sunday 13th September, Eve of Exultation of the Holy Cross. Heritage Open Day 10am-6pm, Guided Tour of Mount Dinham & our Church at 2.30pm with Richard Parker.

10am in Exeter Cathedral, Ordination of Deacons, including Chris Durrant and Stephen Martin.

10.45am Low Mass (no choir).

6pm Parish Sung Mass and Bring & Share Party at St Michael's to Welcome Chris Durrant (and his wife Jenny) as our newly Ordained Deacon and Curate. All welcome, from St David's, St James' and further afield.

Hymns include Lift High the Cross. Setting: Missa Super Dixit Maria, Hans Leo Hassler.

Motet: Salvator Mundi, Thomas Tallis. O Saviour of the world, save us, who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us, help us, we pray thee, our God.

Tuesday 15th September, 7pm

Open Choir Practice, for anyone wanting to sing a wide variety of sacred choral music in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the rather good choir at St Mike's. We hope to appoint three Junior Choral Scholars following an audition. This could be of particular interest to anyone considering applying for a University or College Choral Scholarship and looking to gain experience. Please contact Erika Borley, Director of Music, if you know of anyone interested in this.



Wednesday 16th September, remember Ninian, Bishop of Galloway (432) and Edward Bouverie Pusey, one of the founders of the Oxford Movement (1882).

Thursday 17th September, remember Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary and Musician (1179).

Sunday 20th September, Trinity XVI, 10.45am Mass.

Setting: Mass in A minor, Casciolini. Motet: Ubi Caritas, Duruflé.

Where Care and Love are, there God is. Gregorian chant beautifully re-imagined in 1960 Paris.

Tuesday 22nd September, 7pm. Another Open Choir Practice

at St Mike's. We hope to appoint an Ouseley Trust Scholar and two Senior Choral Scholars from Exeter University students following auditions.

Sunday 27th September, Trinity XVII, 10.45am Mass.

Setting: Mass in the Phrygian Mode, Wood. Motet: View Me Lord, Lloyd. Two 20th century composers looking back to medieval sacred music and an Elizabethan poem by Thomas Campion.

Tuesday 29th September, 7.30pm

Michaelmas is celebrated with Sung Mass, followed by a Bring & Share Party – please join us. Our Guest Preacher is Ven David Gunn-Johnson. Setting: Mass in F, Josef Rheinberger - Liechtenstein's famous contemporary of Queen Victoria. Motet: Faire is the Heaven, Sir William Harris - A high point of 20th century Anglican music from an Organist of St George's Chapel, Windsor, setting a 16th century poem by Edmund Spenser.

Wednesday 30th September, 7.30pm

St Michael's Lecture. The Venerable David Gunn-Johnson considers Crusader Spirituality, 11th Century Radicalisation, and whether there be any lessons for or parallels with our times.

Sunday 4th October St Francis of Assisi, 10.45am. Mass

Hymns include Make Me a Channel of Your Peace. Setting: Missa L'Hora Passa, Viadana. Motet: Laudans Exsultet Gaudio, Croce. A double choir celebration of Beati Sancti Francisci.

Sunday 4th October, 6pm. Choral Evensong and Benediction.


Responses: Smith. Psalm: 125, 126. Office Hymn: 242. Canticles: Walmisley in D minor. Anthem: O Lord the Maker of All Things, Mundy. O salutaris: 269, Tantum Ergo: 268.

Feast Day or ordinary, you are always welcome at St Michael's.

Richard Barnes

Inbetweeners Activities

KAYAKING
On the River Exe



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If you feel young at heart and have a sense of adventure, come and join the Inbetweeners for a fun filled evening on the river with Exeter KavakHub.

All equipment will be provided, just wear comfortable clothes and bring some spare if you plan on getting wet! Instruction and guidance will be provided by qualified instructors.

Wednesday 15th July 2015 at 6.30pm
Meet at the Quay (free parking)

Numbers are limited so get your tick as quick from Emma White or Sue Holden

An Inbetweeners Summer Event

Swimming Party

Everyone of all ages very welcome!
(children under 8 must bring an adult with them)



Friday 20th August 2015
From 4pm to 8pm
Cornwall House Pool
LOCKHART OFFICE of WALK RD
TUNNINGTON Farm, CORNOR ROAD
and GLENNY CHURCH, CORNOR ROAD
Grounds, CORNOR ROAD
Cornwall, EX10 1AA

Parking on site is limited as a consider parking close by and walking or cycling

Cost per person
Every one will take a beer, snacks and drink

There are also 2 beer, snacks and drink

Changing rooms, toilets and hot showers are available post 4pm.

Don't forget your swimwear and towel!

"I Might Be A Little OLD, ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT I'm A Big Kid On The INSIDE. And That's ALL That Matters To Me."

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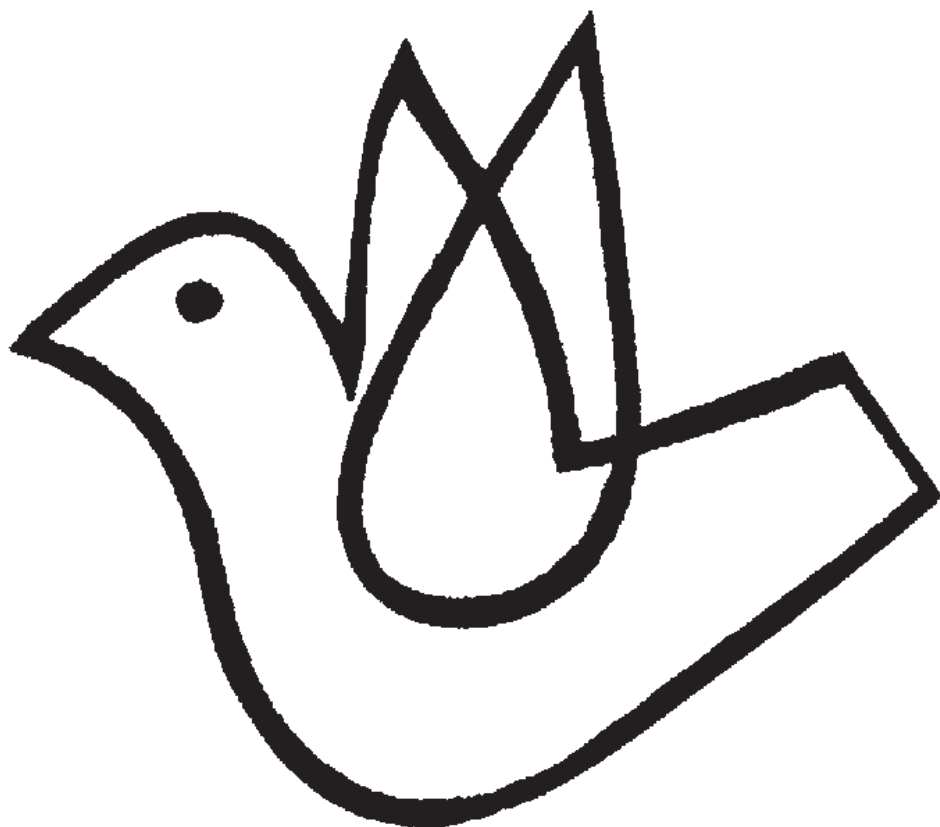
St Michael's & St David's
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BAPTISM

Saturday 4th April 2015

Evie Isabella Jackson

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St Thomas Methodist Church



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Club

Volunteer tutors needed!

The Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALaN) Club gives clients referred voluntarily from JobCentrePlus and other agencies an opportunity to improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills, before they are ready for accredited courses.

Training, resources, and 'safeguarding' guidance supplied. Volunteers commit to 12-weeks. Thursdays, 2-4pm, Mint Methodist Church Centre, Fore Street, Exeter.

Terms: 7 May-25 Jul, 10 Sep-26 Nov 2015, 14 Jan-31 Mar 2016.

Please contact Esther:

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07929 909 350

Read any good books lately?

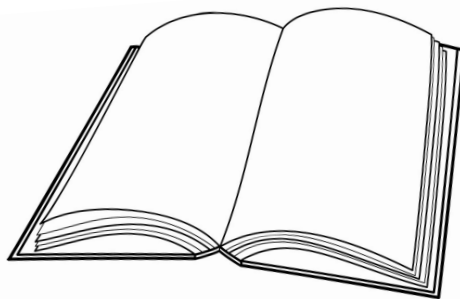
We would like to introduce a review section to our magazine and invite all you readers, film goers, music fans to write a short recommendation of something that you have seen or heard recently and really enjoyed.

It can be on any subject, not necessarily religious although we would especially welcome those.

It's just a way of sharing and enjoying things together and fostering our feelings of community.

Go on -be brave! All you need to do is to include the author, composer or performer and a short piece about it and why you enjoyed it.

Books, CDs DVDs Films.

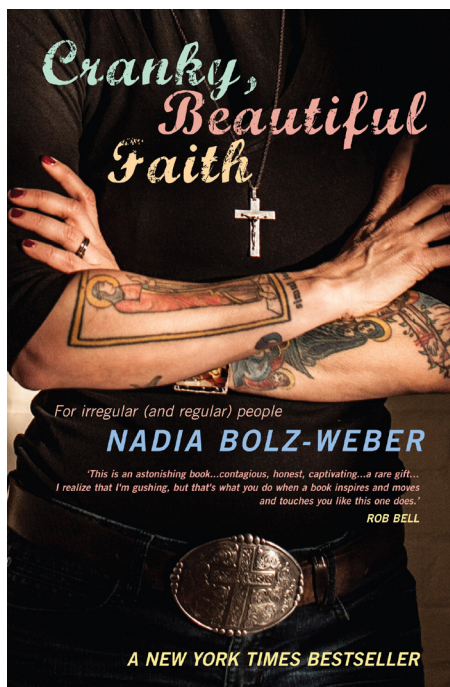


CRANKY BEAUTIFUL FAITH

by Nadia Bolz-Weber

As I write I am in the middle of reading this book. It is in front of me on my desk. The cover illustration is of the author, a photograph that has been cropped so you can just see her torso and arms. She is wearing a clerical shirt with a crucifix round her neck and a large silver belt buckle with a cross on it. Her arms are covered with colourful tattoos. Nadia tells the story of a typical reaction, when she had to stop at a red traffic light, “I rolled down all my windows. A trucker next to me winked and eyed my tattooed arms – unaware, I’m certain, that the big tattoo covering my forearm was of Saint Mary Magdalene and that I was a Lutheran seminary student, soon to become a Lutheran pastor. Truckers, bikers, and ex-convicts smile at me a lot more than, say, investment bankers do.”

The blurb on the back cover reads, “Former stand-up comic and unlikely pastor, Nadia Bolz-Weber weaves personal narrative, hilarious rants and powerful spiritual insight as she relates her unusual journey of faith, offering a fresh and uncompromising look at the transformative



power of grace. As one of today's most provocative Christian leaders, she blends irreverence and brilliant theology to offer a new portrait of faith – one that is edgy, outrageous and above all, real.”

Nadia is the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints, a mission church in Denver, Colorado. She is author of a blog called the sarcastic Lutheran. For those who don't know the Lutheran church is a very mainstream church which has a lot in common with the Church of England. Worship at HASS is sacramental and Nadia is eloquent about the inclusivity of sharing bread and wine. Her theology is based on the Jesus she meets in the Gospels. The church is full of people who you wouldn't meet in a respectable worshipping community.

A review says “She unpacks a gutsy and fully-lived experience of Christianity. Its bluntness and humour is fresh and encouraging. She offers a beautiful and enchanting view of the love and power of God in the context of our broken, nihilistic and uncertain world. This is a “must-read” (I agree) for those fed up with smooth platitudes and the sentimentality of some religious writing.”

I heard Nadia speak at the Greenbelt Festival last year. She made me think again about the gospel stories, especially the Nativity. Why do we so often leave out the horrific story of “The Massacre of the Innocents”, when a cruel tyrant, King Herod, slaughters the young children of Bethlehem? This is part of the Bible story, and when it is included, the celebration of Christmas takes on a startling relevance to today's world.

I thoroughly recommend this book. You may find her language offensive. It is certainly earthy. I did not always agree with her, usually but not always, but it's great to read a book that gives new and unfamiliar insights into a faith which can sometime be in danger of being too comfortable. And it is really funny.

Tom

St David's Bookstall

After the church fête in July we had lots of books left over from the bookstall. It seemed a good idea to offer them for sale in the church for a while, rather than simply donating them to one of the charity shops as we have done in the past.

So the books are currently displayed (thank you, Sainsbury's and others, for your useful fruit boxes!) on the pews along the south side of the nave, and are available whenever the church is open. When Paula and I are there on a Sunday, we can take the money and give change, otherwise it can be put in the wall box inside the west door.

For most of the books we ask for a donation to St David's of £1 or more - £2 for hard backs in good condition, 50p for the smaller children's books. So far (mid-August; 6 weeks after the fête) we have added at least £45 to the bookstall takings on the day, which were already a record for recent years.

There are signs of a "Book Exchange" system developing, with people buying books, reading them and then bringing them back for re-sale. It could become, in the immortal words of Arthur Daley, "a nice little earner"!

Jeremy Lawford

Devon Home Library Service -
bringing books and more to people in their homes

The Devon Home Library Service works in partnership with the WRVS (Women's Royal Voluntary Service). It aims to provide library books, (including audio books on CD, and large print books) to those people in the community who through ill health or disability can no longer visit the library.

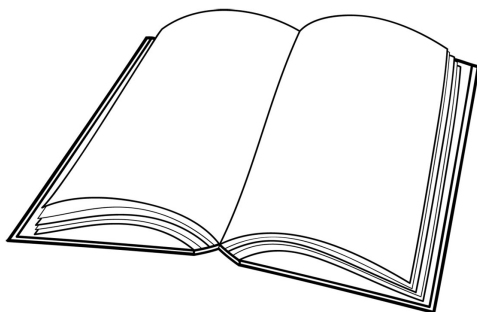
After discussing with the clients the sort of books they like, (eg romantic fiction, travel books, particular authors), WRVS volunteers choose books for their clients which they deliver to them from once a fortnight to once every six weeks, depending on the needs of the client, at a mutually convenient time. There is **no charge** for the service and there are **no fines** on books!! Clients may keep the books for as long as needed and may order books they particularly want to read.

Large print books, cassette tapes and audio CDs as well as ordinary print books are available. Some clients prefer non fiction such as biography and travel books, other prefer romantic novels or murder mysteries!

For those people who love reading or just browsing through books, but are confined to their home, this service offers a chance to have access to the library as well as a visit from a friendly face on a regular basis. Often clients and volunteers make lasting friends so there is satisfaction on both sides.

We really want to promote and extend the service to reach as many people as possible!

If you would like to use the service, or know of someone who would, please contact Julia on 01392 757725 or email crichton-smith9@hotmail.co.uk



Exeter Library

Exeter Central Library run several groups on a variety of topics.

Please use this link for more information

www.devon.gov.uk/index/cultureheritage/libraries/yourlocal-library/exeter_libraries/exeter_central_library/events_at_exeter_central.htm

Here are a few examples of what's on offer.

Woolly Wonders Knitting Group

Date: Every month - Tuesdays

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Description: Knitting is being touted as “The new Yoga”. It can help to relieve stress and take your mind off your aches and pains, as well as keeping your mind active and reducing the risk of memory loss. All this and the added bonus of enjoying the company of other knitters.

Audience: Everyone welcome

Cost: Free

Bookings: Drop in - no need to book

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Exeter Audio Book Group

Date: Once a month meeting

Time: 10:00 - 11:30

Description: A new reading group for blind and visually impaired people being launched at Exeter Central Library, The Hoskins Room Castle Street. This is a chance to get together and discuss and recommend books in large print or audio format.

Audience: Blind and Visually Impaired people with or without helpers including guide dogs.

Cost: Free

Bookings: Just turn up
Organiser: Ask for Liz Cordin 01392 384 209

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IT Drop -in Sessions

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: 14:00 - 16:00 (from 5th November 2014)

Description: We can help you with: how to set up an email account and how to open and send attachments. How to use a scanner. How to upload photos to your computer. How to find what you want on the web. How to use social housing sites. How to use Ebay. How to book things online. How to use ereaders and ebooks.

Audience: Anyone who would like help sorting out their basic computer needs.

Cost: Free

Bookings: Just drop in

Organiser: Mike Mills & James Knight 01392 384 209



For 1-2-1 IT tuition we offer a waiting list.

Southernhay Child Contact Centre Exeter

"... suddenly the boys came running to me .. both shouting 'Daddy! Daddy! Big hugs for each one'"

"It was like a rugby scrum only for once I was crying. They had not forgotten me."

We all know the statistics. There were nearly 1000 divorces in Devon in 2012. Most people will know someone who has had experience of the break-up of a marriage or partnership. With these break-ups often come problems for parents and children who no longer see each other. The trauma of separation can make healing almost impossible.

In Exeter, we're lucky because the city has the Southernhay Child Contact Centre. This is a safe and friendly place where an absent parent can see his or her children on neutral territory, and children can spend time with their brothers and sisters if they don't all live together anymore.

Southernhay Child Contact Centre is accredited by NACCC (National Association of Child Contact Centres). About 14 families currently use the Centre on Saturdays. Volunteer staff support the service. They don't supervise the contact sessions or spend time with the children but they do ensure that the Centre is a safe and welcoming place for everyone. The number of people who can use the Centre depends on the number of volunteers available to attend the sessions.

The Child Contact Centre exists to give an absent parent an opportunity to spend time with his or her child or children. There's no charge to use the Centre. Families can refer themselves, or the court or social services might order the access solution. There are lots of toys and books for children of all ages, and these often help a parent to reconnect with their child after what sometimes can be a long absence. And a child knows finally they've not been abandoned, that they are loved.

It is so important that children keep in touch with their absent parent. Frequently there has been a long (to a child a very long) break since seeing a parent. It is so rewarding and moving when the child rushes to their parent, and has not forgotten him/her.

And then the healing process can begin, a child becoming much more confident in themselves, lessening the trauma of separation, knowing they have not been abandoned.

If you would like to find out more and are prepared to offer a helping hand on either a Saturday morning or afternoon once a month do please contact the centre for further information, please email southernhaycontact@gmail.com or call 07775 158 808. 'An enhanced DBS check will be requested in the event of an individual being offered a voluntary position.'

All enquiries welcome.

Held at: **Southernhay Church, Southernhay East, Exeter EX1 1QD**



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Days of Note

1 Drithelm - vision of the after-life

Drithelm is the saint for you if you have ever wondered what lies beyond death, or have had a near-death experience. He was married and living in Cunningham (now Ayrshire, then Northumbria) in the 7th century when he fell ill and apparently died. When he revived a few hours later he caused panic among the mourners, and was himself deeply shaken by the whole experience.

Drithelm went to pray in the village church until daylight, and during those long hours reviewed the priorities of his life in the light of what he had seen while 'dead'. A celestial guide had shown him souls in hell, in purgatory, in paradise and heaven... suddenly the reality of God and of coming judgement and of what Christ had done in redeeming mankind became real to him, and his life on earth could never be the same again.

Next day he divided his wealth into three: giving one third to his wife, one third to his sons, and the remainder to the poor. He became a monk and went to live at Melrose, where he spent his time in prayer and contemplation of Jesus.

Drithelm's Vision of the after-life is remarkable in that it was the first example of this kind of literature from England. It was SO early: seventh century Anglo-Saxon England! Drithelm has even been seen as a remote precursor of Dante.

On a lighter note, Drithelm can also be a saint for you if you didn't get abroad this summer, but ventured to swim instead off one of our beaches: he used to stand in the cold waters of the Tweed for hours, reciting Psalms.

1 St Giles of Provence

- helping those damaged by life

St Giles was an immensely popular saint in the Middle Ages, and no wonder: he was the patron saint of cripples. In those days, there must have been many people who, once injured, were never really whole again. Even today, a serious injury – either physical or mental or emotional, can leave us damaged for months, years or even longer. At such times, we, too, find inspiration in others who, though also damaged by life, have not been overwhelmed.

St Giles was probably born in Provence, southern France early in the 7th century. The 10th century *Legenda Aurea* (Golden Legend) tells us he lived as a holy hermit deep in the forest of Nîmes, near the mouth of the Rhone. A hind, or Red Deer, was his only companion. Then one day, while out hunting, King Wamba spotted the deer, and pursued it. The hind fled back to St Giles for protection. King Wamba shot an arrow which missed the deer, but pierced the saint who was protecting it. Thus the king encountered the saint. The saint's acceptance of his injury, and his holiness greatly impressed the king, who conceived a great admiration for St Giles.

In the end, much good came out of the original harm of the encounter, for the king built St Giles a monastery in his valley, Saint-Gilles-du-Gard. The little monastery was put under the Benedictine rule, and became a source of blessing for the area roundabout. In later years, St Giles' shrine would become an important pilgrimage centre on the route for both Compostela and the Holy Land, as well as in its own right.

There is a further story connected with St Giles. Another legend tells how an emperor sought forgiveness from him for a sin so terrible he dared not even confess it. While St Giles said Mass, he saw written for him by an angel the nature of the sin in question. But his prayers for the emperor were so efficacious that the letters naming the sin faded away. As Christians we know that the Bible urges us to pray for others, no matter how hopelessly bad they seem, because Christ's mercy and forgiveness are extended to everyone who truly turns to him and repents.

St Giles, the crippled saint who helped others find wholeness with God, became patron saint of cripples, lepers and nursing mothers. In England 162 ancient churches are dedicated to him, as well as at least 24 hospitals. The most famous of these are St Giles in Edinburgh and St Giles in Cripplegate, London. In art, St Giles is represented as either a simple abbot with staff, or protecting the hind, or saying the Mass, and thus interceding for the emperor.

5 Laurence Giustiniani

- the saint who knew how to help a beggar

You are walking down the road when a beggar approaches you for money. What do you do? If, instead of giving money, you buy him/her coffee or a meal, then you are in good company: you are following in the steps of the first ever Bishop of Venice.

Laurence Giustiniani (1381 – 1455) was born of a noble Venetian family, but chose the austerity of the Augustinian monastery of San Giorgio on island of Alga. He became a priest in 1406, prior in 1407, Bishop of Castello in 1433 and then in 1451 the first ever Bishop of Venice.

By then, Laurence had seen a lot of human nature, and was wise as well as good. Frugal in his private life, and happy to help the poor, he made sure that he gave wisely as well as generously. Hence the poor who came to him for help were given food and clothing - but only very occasionally small amounts of money. Bishop Laurence also devoted himself to peace-making and other pastoral work, for which his contemporaries held him in high esteem. As he lay dying on a bed of straw, very many clergy, laity, beggars and destitute folk came to grieve: he was greatly respected and loved. Wise giving and peace-making – Laurence's example still shines true today.

8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In both eastern and western churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. The unique, extraordinary privilege of being the mother of the One who was both God and Man, makes her worthy of special honour. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due hyperdulia, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or latria, due to God alone.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her Song, or Magnificat appears in Luke 1:46-55.

The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She



reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the fifth century she was called Theotokos, The Mother of God, and from the seventh century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2 February), the Annunciation (25 March), the Assumption (15 August) and her Nativity (8 September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her. During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her Son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

Principal Marian shrines of today include Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Walsingham (England), Loreto (Italy), Czesochowa (Poland) and Guadalupe (Mexico).

14 Holy Cross Day

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them.

The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are ‘sealed’ or ‘marked’ on their foreheads as a sign that they are his.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: “Draw an I.” That is you standing before the Lord, saying, ‘here I am’. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: “Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service.”

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus’ wonderful promise: “And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me.” (John 12:32)

29 Michael and All Angels

Michael is an archangel, whose name means ‘who is like unto God?’ He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is ‘one of the princes’ of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, Michael’s cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael’s Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686 English churches

dedicated to him.

In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with Michael.

Where to find St David's Church online

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Barbara's Edible Stall



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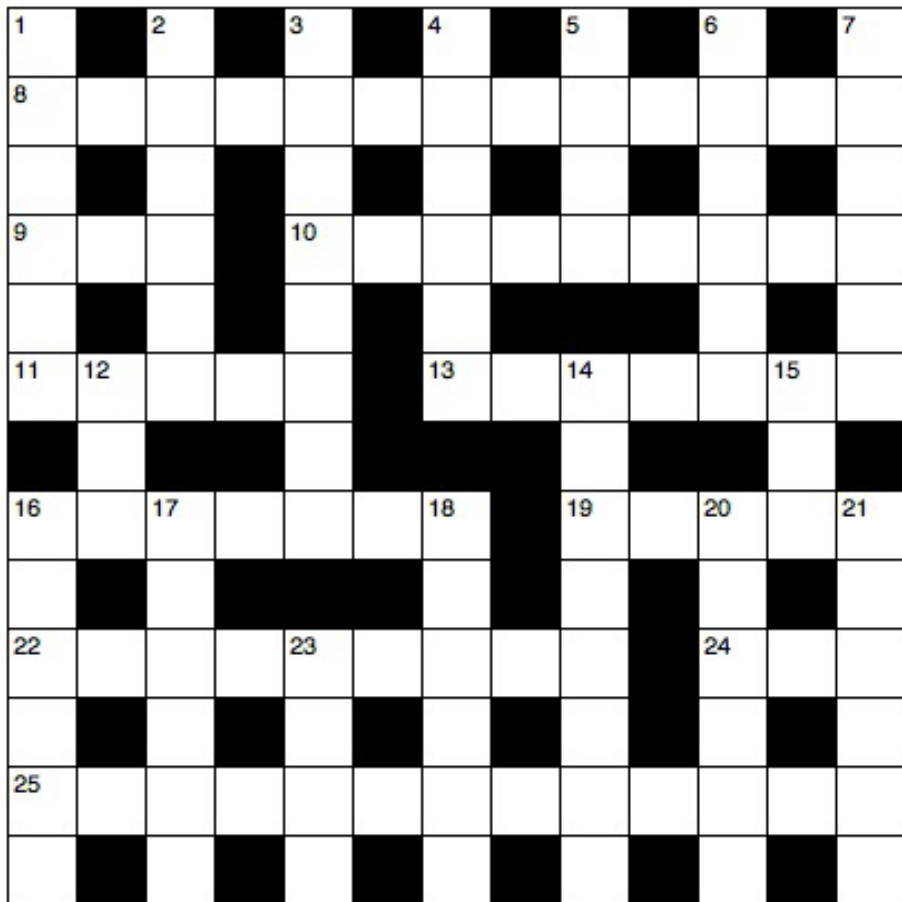
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September crossword



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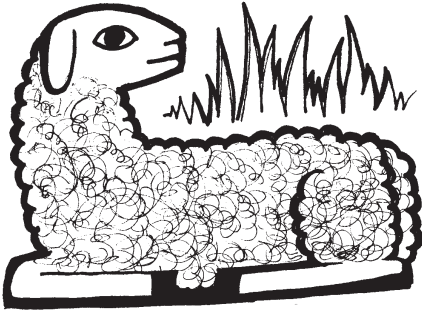
- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 ‘Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ’ (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)

- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger'
(John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy
ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down:

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the
Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the
child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to
work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead
(Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight'
(Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of
God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Solutions later in the magazine



St GILES

St Giles was a hermit, someone who lived a quiet life of prayer away from other people. His special day is 1st September and he lived in a forest near Arles in France, sometime in the 9th century.



The story goes that he had a pet deer. One day the King was hunting in the forest

and shot an arrow at this deer. When the huntsmen found the deer it was in a woodland clearing with St Giles. The saint himself was wounded by the arrow and held the deer in his arms - and all around them were the hunting dogs, silent and still as if held by an invisible power.

St Giles is the patron saint of cripples and beggars. His emblem is an arrow and in the United Kingdom there are over 150 churches dedicated to him.



WOODLAND WORDS

Can you find all these words from the forest? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

M U S H R O O M S S
B H M O S D I A S L
U A O W T V K A K O
T F D L Y S S O M O
T N O G L F S R E T
E I A K E Y A D G S
R V Y C G R R E E D
F S N A K E G W O A
L M M R O W F O X O
Y E R O M A C Y S T

* ant * badger * butterfly * deer *
fox * grass * holly * ivy * moss *
mushrooms * oak * snake * worm
* sycamore * toadstools



Crossword solutions

September answers

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

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If you have images of any events of interest to the Parish community please send them to us.

Any information and articles you'd like to submit for inclusion in future issues should be sent to Ashley and Johanne via St David's Church or our email: thedairy@btclick.com

Please send digital files (Word docs are best) via email if at all possible.

Please make the subject header fit the content of the email preferably with 'New Leaves' included in the title - thanks!



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