

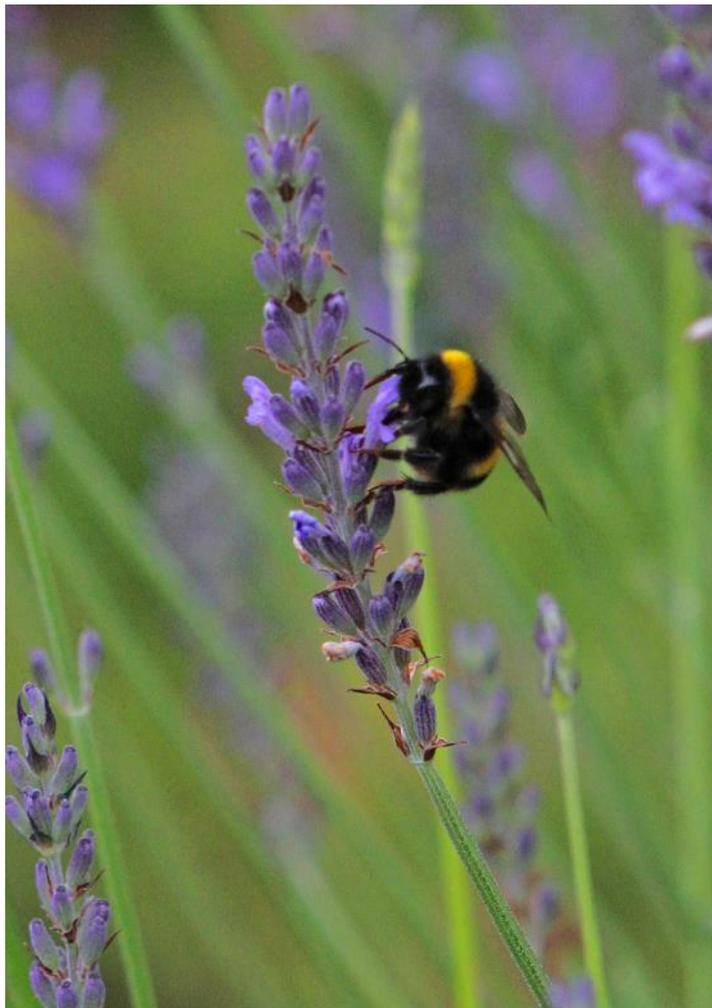
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the July edition of the Key! Apologies for the lack of sermon this month—my fault—so instead we begin with a letter from the Bishop of Rochester.

We also have some cool desserts provided by Jasmine for Creative Fun-time, and two articles from Ed—one on Christians Against Poverty, and one very enlightening article on the topic of begging.

The usual articles, illustrations and puzzles can also be found here, as well as the diary dates from Lynn.

Sending you good wishes for the coming month, and see you for the August edition!

With love,

Lisa

At the heart of the gospel is Jesus' call to love one another, and to look after those who are most vulnerable. One way that our Diocese responds to this call is through our annual Poverty and Hope Appeal. This year we will be supporting four projects across the world, in Malawi, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, and here in Kent.

The 2021 Appeal will be launched by the end of June with information in the Digest and on the website. Please do encourage your churches to get involved whether through fund raising events, Sunday collections or gifts from Church funds. You will be able to access the Appeal materials by downloading and printing them from the website or by emailing povertyandhope@gmail.com. If you would like gift aid envelopes to be posted to you please also email that address although you may find it easier to use your Church gift aid processes.

Despite all the problems caused by covid we have received very encouraging news from the projects we supported in 2020 For example –

The Covid-19 pandemic has further exacerbated the situation in NW Syria, and has impacted the work of our partners. Four centres had been set up to provide a safe space for children and young people to access remedial education courses, short-term vocational training, and psychosocial support services. Since the beginning of the pandemic these centres have been mostly closed, but our partners adapted quickly, implementing many activities through online platforms. This ensured that the young people were not left further behind on their education or further isolated, and COVID-19 awareness messaging has also been integrated into the activities. Other components of this project have made significant progress in 2020. A training institute has been selected, and a curriculum finalised, for four specialised nursing courses: 1) adult critical care, 2) dialysis, 3) neonatal ICU and 4) surgical assistant. Additionally, advanced first response training, which has been adapted to also provide training on COVID-19, was delivered to 113 young people. Following this, young people have been supported to form 3 volunteer first response committees.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the new coordinator of the Poverty and Hope Appeal, Peter Kettle, who has recently been licensed as a lay minister and has a longstanding commitment to international mission. We are delighted that he is taking on this important role.

I hope that you will give careful thought to this Appeal.

Thank you.

James, Bishop of Rochester

A free debt service for those most in need, is being provided in Bromley by Christians Against Poverty. The Bromley CAP Partnership is operated by a group of Christians from several Bromley Churches – and they operate in conjunction with the National ‘Christians against Poverty’ charity, which provides legal and financial guidance. There are six trustees supported by a part time manager and volunteer befrienders.

The free debt service involves the team:

- gathering relevant financial information
- working with the National centre, where an individual and tailored plan is developed
- contacting and negotiating with creditors
- agreeing repayment plans along with a personal budget plan
- providing ongoing support and advice until the debt is paid off

The individual then begins repayment with support from the volunteer befrienders. Alternatively, an Individual Voluntary Arrangement or Debt Relief Order is set up.

Martin Pointing, part time manager at Bromley CAP says: “The difference between CAP and other advice services is that CAP are completely free and the befrienders stay alongside the client until they are debt free – whether it’s a month or years. This moral support is crucial and often leads to the client becoming a Christian.”

On 21st June 2021, Bromley CAP celebrated the 22nd client who had become debt free. By the time that you read this, we anticipate another client will also be debt free. For reasons of confidentiality I cannot give the story of this latest success. However, here is the story of another Christians Against Poverty client who became debt free.

Dawn's battle with debt began with long-term illness. With MS, Dawn was unable to get out and about, and relied on her (then) partner to pay the bills, which he didn't. Dawn was evicted. Social services recommended CAP. Dawn and her mum, Helen, teamed up with CAP to make a debt-free plan. Dawn is now debt free!

Here's what Helen had to say:-

'You get debt collectors knocking. It's horrible. You're worrying all the time. With CAP, you feel at ease that it's going to be sorted out. Roni (local CAP

worker) has been excellent. I wouldn't have known where to go, what to do or who to contact to help Dawn out with all of this. CAP took all that away. I provided all information and they dealt with it.

When we had confirmation that Dawn was debt free it was like a Europa! It's made a great difference to [Dawn]! Stress affects MS terribly. She's in a much better place now.'

If you know of anyone who needs help with debt, advise them to contact Christians Against Poverty by phoning 0800 328 0006 or visiting capuk.org.

If you would like to help Martin and his team either financially or as a volunteer, please email him at martinpointing@capuk.org or contact Ed Tree.

Creative Funtime has continued throughout the year led by Sophie, and in the June session we discussed ideas for keeping cool, definitely important during the heatwave. Jasmine has kindly shared some recipes below for cooling snacks and desserts,

Keeping it Cool- Creative Funtime June 2021

3 ideas on frozen delicacies to keep you cool:

Frozen Bananas

These are very easy to prepare and a delicious, healthy treat in hot weather. To prepare, simply select a ripe banana (ideally yellow skin with some brown spots) and fully peel off the skin. Wrap the banana in cling film/place in a freezer bag and then leave in the freezer for 2-3 hours. Ripe bananas are best to freeze because they are sweeter.

Frozen Grapes

Also very easy to prepare and a refreshing cool snack. To prepare, wash the grapes with cold water and remove the grapes from their stems. Line a baking tray with cling film or with a clean absorbent tea towel. Place the grapes on the tray and then place the tray in the freezer. Freeze until the grapes are solid (approximately 2-3 hours). It's best to use seedless grapes for freezing because you don't want to have to crunch on a frozen seed!

Homemade Brown Bread Ice Cream

This is the first time I've ever made ice cream from scratch and it was a success. The recipe book I used is: **"Ice cream and iced desserts"** by **Joanna Farrow and Sarah Lewis**.

The book contains over 150 recipes for ice cream, sorbet and iced desserts. All of the recipes can be made by hand or with an ice cream maker. So there's more where this recipe came from!

The recipe I used makes a decent tubful. Brown bread ice cream is ideally meant to taste like the modern American "cookies 'n cream" ice cream and I'm pleased to say, it does! The recipe I followed can be adapted depending on whether you have an ice cream maker or not, so there's no need to purchase an ice cream maker.

The end result:



However you spend the summer, I hope these 3 ideas help you to stay cool!

Jasmine



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If you have ever wondered how you can help someone you see begging as you walk down the street, then please read this article from Ed. Many of us want to help but don't know what to do for the best, and Ed's explanations below may help us to have a greater understanding of these people's situations and needs.

Most Beggars Are Not Homeless; Most Homeless Are Not Beggars

As you walk down Bromley High Street you will usually see a number of beggars claiming to be homeless. You will no doubt wonder why the Bromley Homeless charity or the Government are not helping them. The simple answer is that the vast majority are not homeless.

Although it may appear to the contrary, the number of rough sleepers actually reduced by 37% between November 2019 and November 2020 as a result of Government working with local authorities and their partners such as the Bromley Homeless charity. The Government has announced £203 million for 2021/22 to help end rough sleeping. Few of the remaining 63% will be found begging; they will be found at night hiding away in quiet places where they feel safe.

It's more than a decade since I have been associated with the Bromley homeless. Since then, I always stopped to talk with the beggars and offered help from our charity. I have offered to take them to our office where they can get advice and support. I cannot recall anyone accepting that offer; even a man claiming to be homeless and begging outside our office!

So why do they beg?

In some cases it is because it is an easy way to make £200 a day. This enables them to continue their downward spiral of addiction.

In some cases it is because they have an addiction and desperately want to buy the alcohol or drugs that they need. In June, my wife and I met a beggar who claimed to be a homeless veteran and was approaching a young lady with 3 children. I asked him to come with me to our office and he said that he had already been there but all they offered him was toast. The lady urged him to go with me and gave him £20. In fact the Bromley Homeless charity was supporting him by paying the Travelodge for his accommodation! Later we learnt that he was also not a veteran

but had taken on his dead brother's identity. He was an alcoholic. At first I was angry, but then remembered someone very close to me who died from alcoholism and how desperate she was when she had no access to alcohol and my anger changed to compassion.

In some cases it is because they are subject to modern day slavery. I have seen men leaving a van near the Market Square together with their sticks, signs, wheelchair and all the equipment they needed to be

effective beggars. At the end of the shift, they are forced to hand over their takings. They are often eastern Europeans with no rights to remain in this country. Their slave-masters usually gain control over them by taking their passports.

What should you do when you encounter a beggar? My advice is:-

Firstly, remember that, although probably not homeless, they are still in need of help for their addictions, mental health, immigration issues and more.

Be compassionate

Recall that giving them money will enable them to continue with their addiction and not seek help. You will actually be doing them harm if you give money by enabling them to continue their destructive behaviour..

If they ask for food, buy it for them instead of giving them money.

They may be possibly be homeless, so tell them to go for help from the Bromley Homeless charity at the United Reformed Church, next to Boots in Widmore Road.

Talk to them kindly as they often value you treating them with respect. I recall three years ago, I went to London Bridge every day for a month and every time stopped to talk with the same homeless person. On my last day at London Bridge, he excitedly told me that he had accommodation starting the next day and would soon find work. He thanked me for encouraging him and treating him as a human being.

Pray for them.

25th July St Christopher, patron saint of motorists

The legend goes that St Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3rd century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first, he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and His Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that He was in fact Jesus Christ, and that He carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ-child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who He claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So, Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well-loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death - this was so good that in due course St Christopher became the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular.

When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear-view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!

Please use this space to pass messages on to the Church community – whether it is a prayer request, a thank you, a craft idea, a recipe...



Church of England Daily Hope free phone line – 0800 804 8044 - please spread the word.

The Church of England have set up a free phone line, available twenty four hours a day, particularly for those in mind who are unable to join online church services during this period of restriction. On offer are music, prayers, reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone.

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
2 Samuel 11: 1-12: 25

Kings normally led their armies to battles but David had sent his army with his commander, Joab, to fight the Ammonites.

David was strolling on his palace roof when he saw a beautiful woman.



She is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah.



Later, Bathsheba sent a message to King David.

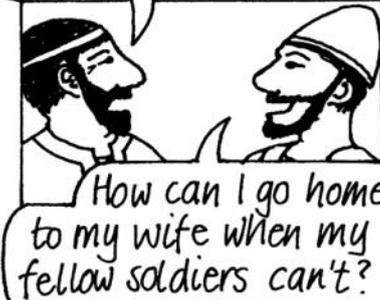
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David tried to cover up what he had done. He sent a note to Joab.

Send Uriah to me now
D

When Uriah came, David sent him to his home, but he didn't go.

Why didn't you go home?



David had Uriah stay to dinner and got him drunk.



So David wrote a letter to Joab

Put Uriah at the front of the fighting where he will be killed.
D

He gave it to Uriah to give to Joab.



Bathsheba was now a widow and David married her.



But God was angry and He sent Nathan the prophet to David.



You took Uriah's wife and then you murdered him by having him killed.



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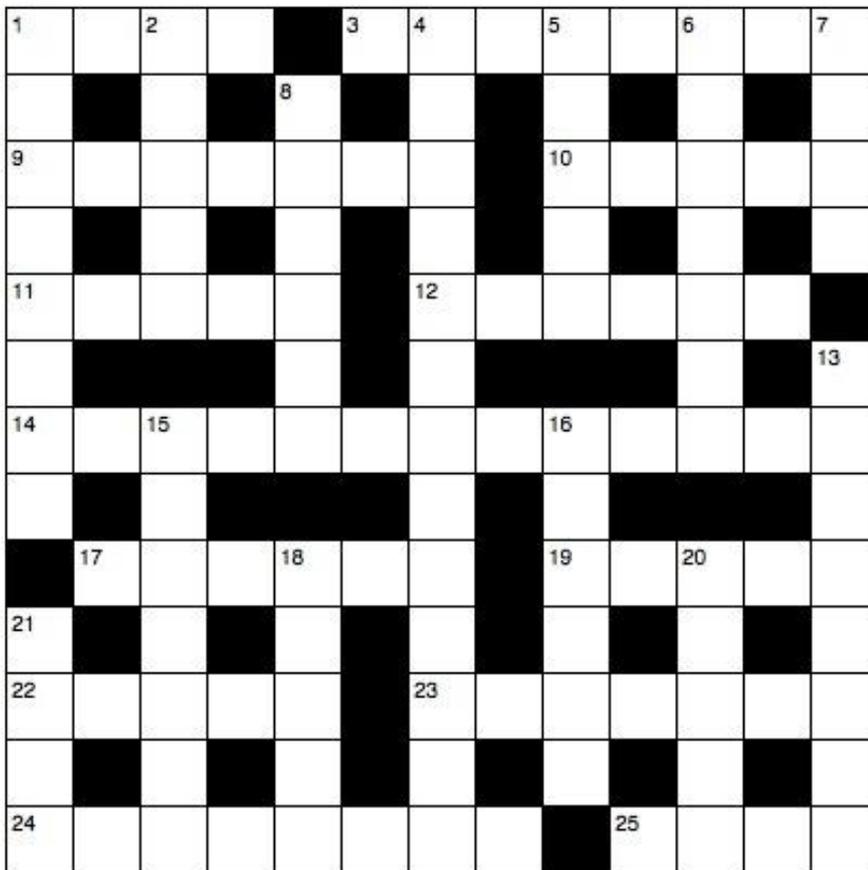
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ACROSS: 1, Dove. 3, Offender. 9, Alcoholic. 10, Loses. 11, Horam. 12, Ophrah. 14, Archbishopric. 17, Samuel. 19, Dwarf. 22, Lacks. 23, Imagine. 24, Military. 25, Revd.

DOWN: 1, Drachmas. 2, Vicar. 4, Fellow-soldier. 5, Eglah. 6, Despair. 7, Rust. 8, The mob. 13, Scofield. 15, Chancel. 16, Ordeal. 18, Upset. 20, Alike. 21, Elim.

ACROSS

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

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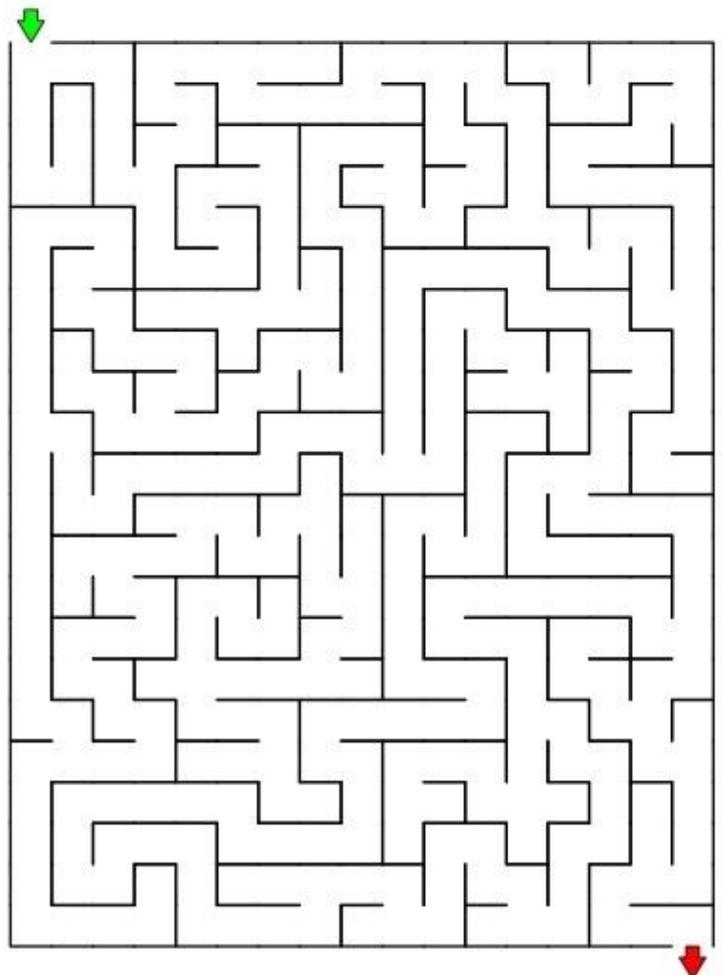
- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

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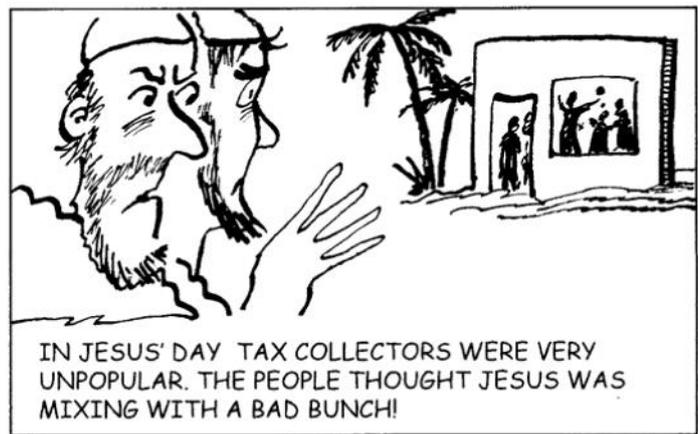
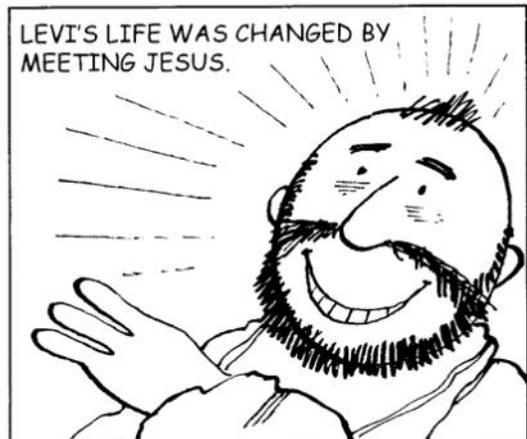
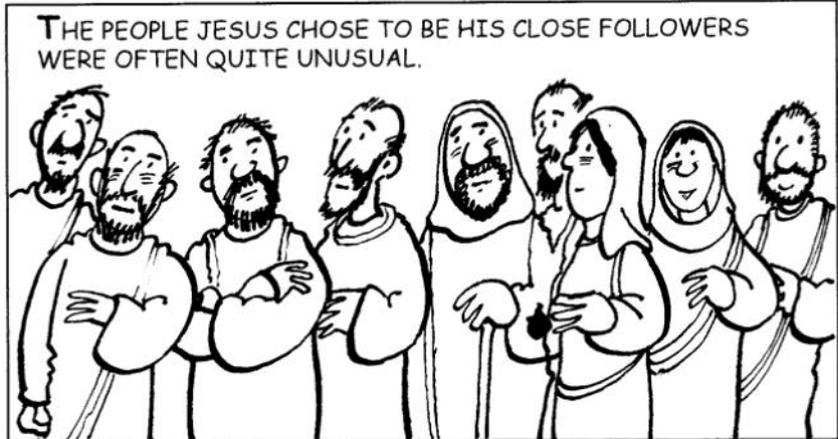
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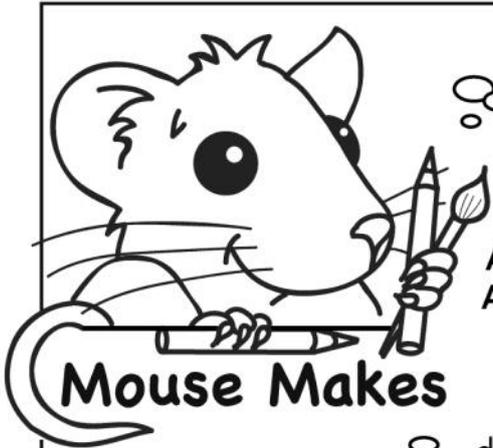
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The Doctor and the Sick





Read the full story in
Luke 10:25-37

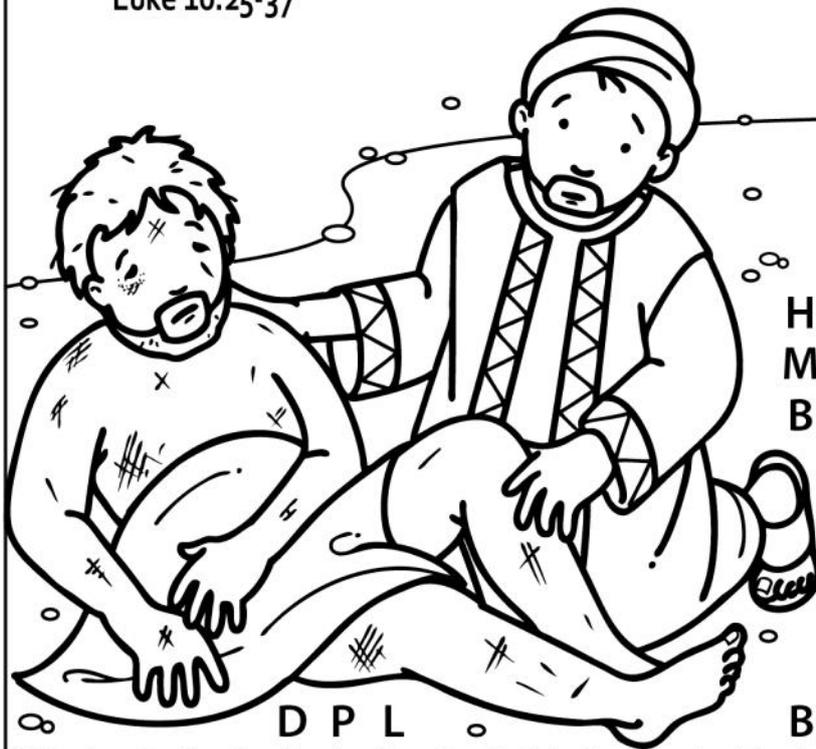
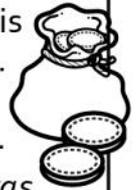
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side. A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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The Difference

So often
I can't wear the right clothes,
Speak the right words,
Fit the right mould,
Be the shape people want me to be,
Expect me to be,
Demand that I am,
To conform.

But you Lord
Accept me,
Release me,
Make it possible to be me,
Perfectly free
In Your service,
Open for You
To transform.

By Daphne Kitching

When we feel shaken

(Lk 10:42)

Faithful Father,

When we feel shaken by the events of the past; when we don't know quite how to go forward; when our confidence in what we thought we could control is undermined; remind us that one thing is needed – to sit at your feet and listen to You.

You are our security. You will never fail those who belong to You through faith in Your Son, Jesus.

As we take time to listen to You, Lord, and to meditate on Your Holy Spirit-inspired Word, may we know Your peace – and Your good plans for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Prioritising

Martha cooked
But Mary looked
And sat at the Masters feet,
It's a story of old
But we are told
It's where man and God can meet.

So much to do
But think it through
There's a place for you and me,
To spend time with the Lord
And be found in His word
It's where we are meant to be.

So find a place
To seek His face
Where the Lord Himself is found
With a God who cares
Hears all our prayers
The place where grace abounds.

By Megan Carter

We are delighted that church is open for public worship and private prayer.

To reserve a place for public worship please visit the homepage on our website www.bromleyparishchurch.org where you will find the link or call the church office on 020 8464 5244 Services continue to be live streamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page, the link can be found on our homepage.

We are open on Wednesdays between 12noon and 2pm for private prayer, consecrated bread is available for those who wish to receive.

We request face masks are worn whilst in church.

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are said daily at 8.30am and 5.15pm, please join in from your homes.

Thursday 1st July

10am -11am Healing Prayer meeting, prayers will be said from homes for the sick and those in need.
7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 3rd July

11am Baptism Rose

Sunday 4th July**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Family Breakfast Club in the church garden
10.30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 6th July

11.00am Toddler Praise (places to be booked in advance)
7.30pm Bell ringing practice by arrangement with Tom Hinks

Wednesday 7th July

10.30am Prayer during the Day - online
12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 8th July

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 10th July

12.30pm Wedding Sarah and Andy

Sunday 11th July**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 13th July

11am Toddler Praise (places to be booked in advance)

7.30pm Bell ringing practice by arrangement with Tom Hinks

Wednesday 14th July

10.30am Prayer during the Day - online
12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 15th July

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 17th July

10am BPC Gardening Club
11.30am Saturday morning organ recital, Alex Fishburn
1.30pm Baptism

Sunday 18th July**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Family Breakfast Club in the church garden

10.30am All-age Worship with Communion

Tuesday 20th July

11am Toddler Praise (places to be booked in advance)
7.30pm Bell ringing practice by arrangement with Tom Hinks

Wednesday 21st July

10.30am Prayer during the Day - online
12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 22nd July

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 24th July

12noon Wedding Lisa and Michael

Sunday 25th July

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 27th July

11am Toddler Praise (places to be booked in advance)
7.30pm Bell ringing practice by arrangement with Tom Hinks

Wednesday 28th July

10.30am Prayer During the Day - online
12noon -2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 29th July

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Saturday 31st July

3.00pm Baptism Billy

Updates to services and events will be posted on our website

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Please see the pew sheet for meeting details for events taking place on Zoom and links to book tickets.