

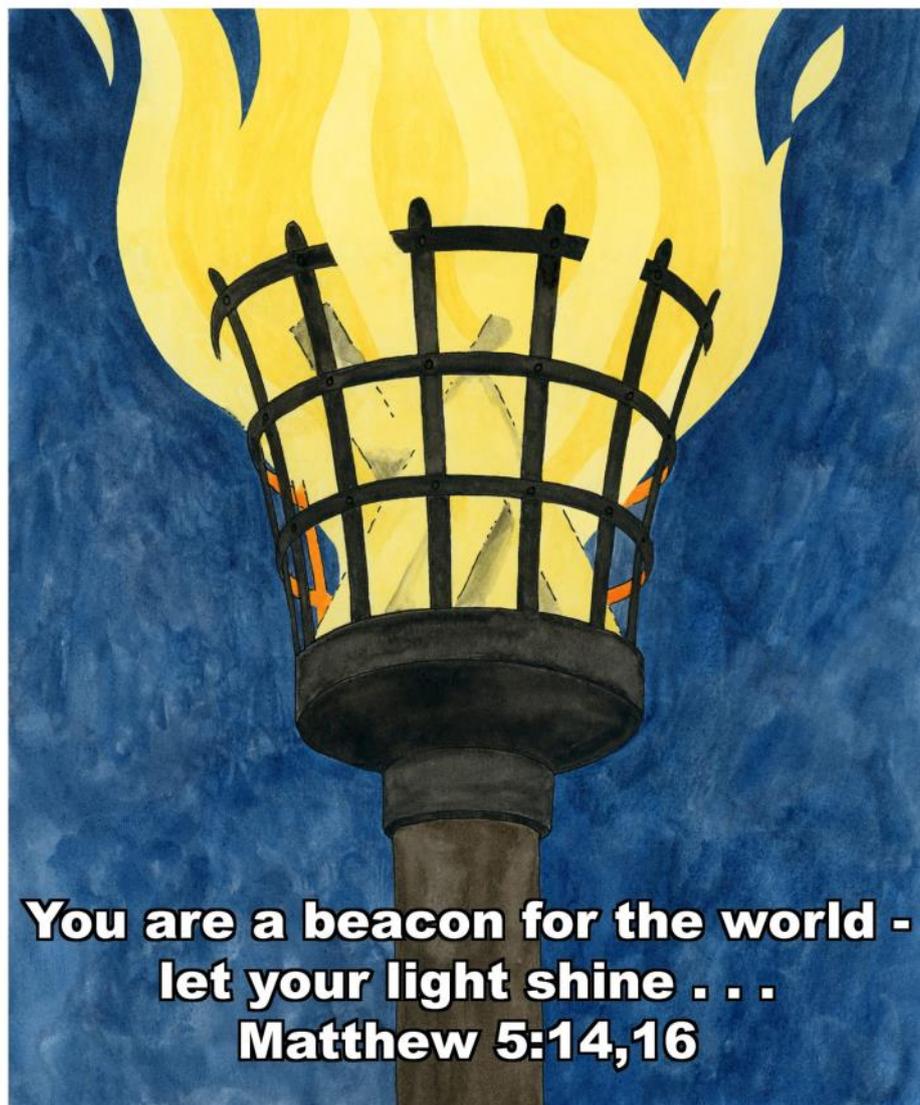
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Hello Reader,

Thank you for again picking up the Key! This edition is full of information on upcoming events so expect to have a full diary by the time you finish reading!

Many thanks as always to everyone in the parish who has contributed.

I hope you enjoy reading through all the information and will see you at the next edition—at the start of Advent!

With love and best wishes for November

Lisa

In the coming months, the sermon for the Key will be the series of sermons on 'Pastoral Principles'. Below is the second in the series, kindly shared by Reverend Sophie. The readings for this sermon were Epistle:1 John 4 15-21 and Gospel: John 7.53—8.11.

Today is the second week of our sermon series looking at six principles for Living Well Together. This is part of our preparation for the course 'Living in love and faith' which we'll be running once it's safe to gather in person. That course is designed to help churches explore issues of identity, sexuality and relationships. But the six principles we're looking at in this sermon series could actually help us tackle all sorts of challenging subjects in a fruitful and inclusive way.

The principle we're looking at today is 'Casting out Fear' which, as I'm sure you'll have spotted, borrows from those very famous words 'Perfect Love casts out fear' which we heard in our reading from the Letter of John. And so we'll be drawing on that letter as well as our reading from John's Gospel reading as we think about what it means for church to be a space where we can speak, listen and be ourselves without any fear.

But before we do that I'd like us very briefly to think a little about the character, or if you like, the anatomy of fear. Of course it's natural and very understandable that most of us fear experiences such as pain, suffering and loss. But most of us have also experienced fears, especially as children, that we find harder to make sense of. It might be about lifts or planes, spiders or mice or even thighs like buttons. I wonder if you can think of anything like that you've been afraid of? How did that fear feel? Did it stop you doing anything you wanted to do? What or who has helped you cope with that fear? As a small child I was terrified of cross channel ferries. A real nuisance for my parents until a kind primary school librarian found some books about boats that helped me overcome my fears. Of course many of these fears are rooted in a hardwired evolutionary purpose to keep us safe, which may or may not still be relevant. The producers of the children's programme 'Peppa Pig' learned this to their cost when they created an episode called Mr Skinny legs devoted to Peppa's fear of spiders. Daddy pig's kind and reassuring advice that spiders are very small and can't hurt you did not go down too well with

Australian parents, whose children still have a very real reason to be afraid of spiders.

As the psychologist Daniel Kahneman explains in his book 'Thinking Fast and Slow' fears can be connected to a sort of deep seated fast thinking designed to keep us safe. It might be the vestige of an evolutionary purpose or even a past experience. But when that purpose is no longer relevant that fast thinking may not serve us so well. We need to use more conscious slow thinking to correct it.

Many fears in an extreme form can stop us living life to the full but none more so perhaps than fear that affects our relationships with other people, whether that's fear of judgment, fear of embarrassment or causing offence, fear of conflict or fear of speaking up, or simply fear of the unfamiliar. These feelings often run quite deep and we may not be fully aware of them but they can be an obstacle to open discussion of challenging subjects.

So how can we create an environment that is free of such fear? John's epistle tells us that it's Love that casts out fear, or to paraphrase another John that 'Love is the answer'. And on one level we know something like that from experience don't we? We know that often it's loving acceptance or a bit of TLC that drives fear away. Probably the kindness of that librarian helped me as much as all the books. But we're human and it's not always easy to get rid of fear - especially the subconscious kind. And as for perfect love, well that does not always come easily either. According to John's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples repeatedly the night before he died not to be afraid and also to keep loving each other but I'm sure he also knew it wouldn't be easy.

And that's where it really pays to read the text of John's letter carefully and not to take that famous phrase about love casting out fear out of its original context. Because the whole exploration of love in this letter starts not with our imperfect human love but with God's perfect love in the gift of his son Jesus Christ. Today's reading in particular tells us that God is love and that if we abide in love God dwells in us and we in him. John says it's this knowledge that God loved us first, that enables us to love others. And he says it's this perfect love in Christ in which there is no punishment or condemnation that takes away fear and makes us bold and confident.

A similar theme lies at the heart of our Gospel reading about the woman caught in adultery.

Some early versions of John's Gospel don't include this story which is thought by some to come from another source but others have argued that it fits well into the picture of Jesus' growing frustration with the religious authorities as depicted in this part of St John's Gospel.

On one level it's very much a story about the religious establishment trying to trick Jesus. They bring the woman early in the morning, challenging Jesus to deny that death by stoning is prescribed for adulterers. In fact the scriptures do not specifically prescribe stoning. But Jesus won't be drawn into a debate. He deftly sidesteps their trap by asking which of them is completely blameless and who will cast the first stone. One by one they walk away, starting with the eldest, leaving Jesus with the woman, their trap completely dismantled.

But on another level it's also a story about the sheer power of God's love in overcoming fear and condemnation. The story begins with a real atmosphere of fear. For the woman there's maybe fear of shame, condemnation, even death, but perhaps the accusers are motivated by fear - a visceral fear of Jesus' challenge to their authority, maybe less consciously fear of the woman as someone different from them at the margins of the society. In Jesus' place we would probably also feel fear. But he diffuses this tense stand-off, he takes the fear out of it, by inviting the woman's accusers to remember that they too are fallible human creatures. Jesus never denies the gravity of the woman's sin. Instead he shows his love for her by offering her a fresh start.

'Where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.'^[b] And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again'.

Imagine the relief she would have felt as her fear was cast out through Christ's love and compassion. At the same time Jesus does not directly condemn those who have brought the woman rather while he's writing mysteriously in the dust he gives them the chance to take an honest look into their own hearts.

This certainly deals with quite a dramatic and extreme example of fear and condemnation and probably seems rather remote from our own experience.

But even in our everyday relationships and even in churches fear can be a barrier in difficult conversations and sometimes loving people does not always come easily as we'd like it to.

I think today's readings point towards two really practical ways of casting out fear in churches or families or any community.

In our Gospel reading Jesus diffuses the tense confrontation by shifting the conversation with a question and then giving the woman's accusers who are so suspicious of him a bit of space to reflect on his question and examine their own lives and baggage while he is writing in the dust.

He is asking them to stand back and do a bit of slow thinking, And sometimes we need to do that ourselves - to take time to check our own baggage and our own fears. Sometimes we also need to do what Jesus did and give others space to stop and reflect. Sometimes a bit of extra thought and knowledge and understanding can take away fear.

But most importantly what both these readings remind us is that it's God's perfect love for his imperfect human creatures that makes it possible to cast out fear. If we can know and accept the depth and fullness of God's love and forgiveness in Christ, that's the first step towards seeing those around us through his loving eyes. Yes as human and fallible creatures like us, but who are also infinitely precious to God. If we can see one another like that then however different our perspectives and however challenging the topic we can talk, listen and grow together without fear but in the warm light of God's love in Christ.



Bromley Parish Church

**Saturday Morning
Concerts**
presents

The Bromley Boy Singers

Saturday 20th November 2021
11.30am

Refreshments served from 11.00am

Free Admission

Retiring Collection

More details on the next page....



The Bromley Boy Singers are delighted to return to Bromley Parish Church on Saturday 20th November. The choir has performed in Truro Cathedral, the Hall for Cornwall, La Madeleine in Paris, St Clement Dane's, All Hallows by the Tower, St Sepulchre without Newgate and at the Royal Festival Hall. The boys have worked with several adult groups including the Allegri Singers, Kentish Opera, British Youth Opera and the English Baroque Choir; they have also performed Bach's St Matthew Passion with Dame Emma Kirkby at St. John Smith Square with Bob Chilcott at The Royal Albert Hall and with The English Baroque Choir, Concordia and Lewisham Choral Society. The boys also regularly take part in The Brandenburg London Choral Festival.

Tours have brought them to Paris (2013 & 2017) and Cornwall (2015 & 2017) where they won the prestigious '*John Langdon Award for Youth Choirs*'

at the Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival in 2015.

“Lovely tone, very well articulated...very musical throughout...an accomplished choir with great potential...you have everything!”

Alan Simmons, adjudicator – Cornwall Male International Voice Choral Festival

On their 2017 tour to Paris they performed, by special invitation, at Notre Dame Cathedral, La Madeleine and Disneyland and celebrated their 40th Anniversary with the world premiere of special commission *‘Broadside Ballads’* by James Lark, a work they re-visited at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in 2018. In October 2019 they toured Belgium, which included a performance in Ypres (Menin Gate).

Admission to the concert is free with a retiring collection.

Refreshments served from 11.00am



Christmas Tree Festival

SEE OUR CHURCH FULL OF CHRISTMAS TREES.
THURSDAY 9TH - FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER 4-7PM
SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER 10AM-7PM

FREE ENTRY

DONATIONS SUPPORTING BROMLEY RELIEF IN NEED

Bromley FoodBank current needs:

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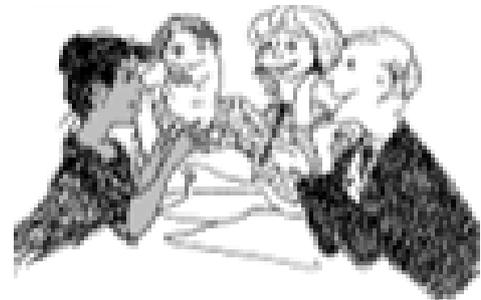
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Call for volunteers!



Role title: Volunteer Group Co-ordinator for
Aphasia Re-Connect Bromley drop-in group

Role description: We are looking for a responsible, caring, and proactive person with excellent communication skills to co-ordinate our regular Bromley drop-in group from January 2022. The co-ordinator is responsible for ensuring the room is prepared for the group, meeting members as they arrive, arranging light refreshments and activities, overseeing volunteers, and facilitating conversation.

This is a fun and friendly group that enjoy catching up with a cup of tea and having supported conversations about a wide range of topics. It is essential that you are confident in communicating with people with the acquired communication disability aphasia. You will be supported by other volunteers with and without aphasia.

The group is held at **Bromley United Reformed Church (BR1 1RY)** on every **first and third Tuesday** of the month, from **10:30-12:00pm**. It has around 15-20 members with aphasia regularly attending. We would ask you to commit to the role for at least six months.

If you are interested in the role, we would ask you to attend as many of the meetings as possible up until the end of 2021 (2nd / 16th November and 7th / 21st December), so that you can get a feel for how the group runs. For more information and to apply, please contact XXXX or email info@aphasiareconnect.org

ORGAN & CHORAL CLASSICS

to celebrate the 30th anniversary of
the Walker organ

William McVicker *organ*
with

The Choir of St Peter & St Paul
Frank Roddy *director*

Saturday 20th November, 6pm

Free admission, retiring collection
Refreshments available



*In aid of Aphasias Re-Connect &
Bromley Parish Church Music*



More details on the next page....

The Walker Organ.....30 Years On!

On **Saturday 20 November St Peter & St Paul's Church Bromley** will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the installation of the J.W. Walker organ with a recital of **Organ & Choral Classics** given by **William McVicker** with the **Choir of Bromley Parish Church** conducted by Director of Music, **Frank Roddy**.

The concert starts at 6pm and entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of **Aphasia Reconnect** (<https://aphasiareconnect.org>) and Bromley Parish Church's music fund (<https://www.bromleyparishchurch.org/music>)

Refreshments will be available and there will be a stall to find out more about the work of **Aphasia Reconnect**.

The programme includes several items which featured in the inaugural concert in 1991: Parry's coronation anthem **I was Glad**, sung here in its original 1902 version, Bach's iconic **Tocatta & Fugue in d minor** (BWV 565) and Franck's monumental **Choral No 3 in A minor**.

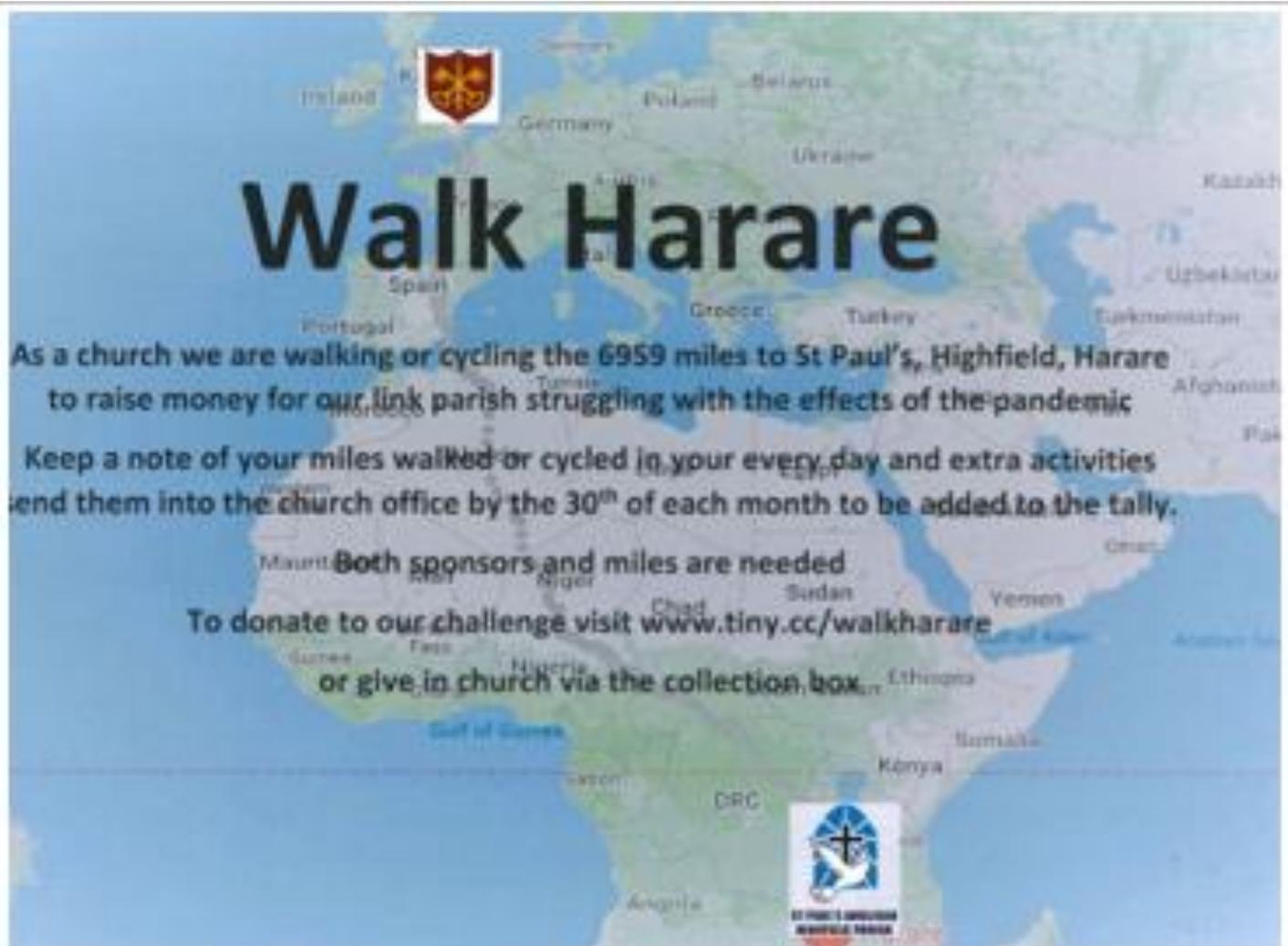
Choral items include William Mathias's setting of Psalm 67: **Let all the people praise Thee, O God** and Charles Wood's setting of World War I poet Charles Hamilton Sorley's **Expectans Expectavi**.

The instrument's French accent is addressed in Louis Vierne's **Carillon de Westminster** and Boëllmann's **Suite Gothique**. And there are some surprises: a set of variations by Norwegian composer Sløgedal and **Sanctuary of the Heart** by one of the early twentieth century's finest composers of light music, Albert Ketèlbey.

Please come along and support us for an evening of celebration and fun.

If you can't come along but would like to contribute to the work of Aphasia Reconnect, please see these pages:

<https://aphasiareconnect.org/support-us/donate/>



At the end of October we have travelled 5192.55 miles on our journey to St. Paul's, our link parish in Harare, just a further 1766.45 miles to go before we reach our destination, it would be amazing if we could arrive with our gift in time for Christmas.

Happy walking and cycling!

Do join us on Sunday the 7th of November after the 10.30am service for refreshments; coffee, hot chocolate, a selection of teas and a choice of cakes and hot savoury pastries to support our challenge and raise funds for Covid support in Harare.

Take away option will be available.

Donations can be made at www.tiny.cc/walkharare or via the donation box in church.]

Thank you!

Margaret is taking part in the walk for Harare and has kindly written the below about some of her walks, thank you so much Margaret and great work!

Wet walks for Harare

The theme of my walks in time last couple of weeks appears to be wet. Not so much from above, but around, beside and below. The Church walk in Petts Wood only had a little rain but we enjoyed looking for the ducklings hiding with their mother in the pond. Some of us also has a peaceful commemorative walk in Julia's favourite park by the ponds in Hollydale Recreation ground. A walk with family along the Wey Navigation near Ripley was very damp underfoot as was my wander around South Norwood Country Park, both extensive areas of wetland. The walk by the River Cray was more varied, from the ugly noisy industrial area where it enters the Thames after joining the River Darent, to the manicured Hall Place and the pure clear water as it flows from Footscray towards Bexley. Taken for granted was water to rehydrate, to shower, and to wash muddy clothes and footwear. I imagine none of those things could apply to our brothers and sisters in Harare.

Fortunately most of my miles to Harare do not involve wet, as I walk to and from church and the daily business of getting from home to somewhere and back. Some are even in the warm as I search the supermarket for products which were in aisle 4 last week and now have to be found elsewhere. Of course all this walking would be taking place anyway but the challenge of contributing miles to Harare adds to the interest and I have been amazed at how these daily miles add up. I am sure other people have stories to share!

The Ven John Barton considers the memorial poppies.

100 years of red poppies

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies grew, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields",

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. Exactly 100 years ago, on the 11th Nov 1921, poppies of remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

This year, on the 14th November, which is the nearest Sunday, a two-minute silence will be kept at war memorials throughout the country, and at the national ceremony at the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall. The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London and many others. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries. All will wear a red poppy.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of 'remembering' will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

Reflecting on the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', the American professor Moina Michael, wrote:

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.*

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the COP26 climate conference

Caring for Creation

This month sees the eagerly anticipated COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. As Christians, we need to hold together two key insights, if we are to engage with the challenge of climate change:

The world is not ours:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! If we understand this, we will rediscover the responsibility of our calling to care for God's world: 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Genesis 2:15). This challenges our consumer mindset, that says the resources of the earth are both limitless and exist for our pleasure. As well as caring for the planet, we also need to care for its people, for it's the poorest who will suffer the most from climate change. According to the World Bank, 100 million could fall into poverty by 2030. We cannot properly address the climate crisis until we re-learn our place in God's world!

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one in whom: *'all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.'* (Colossians 1:16). We can look forward to the climax of history when God will restore the broken world and make everything new. We are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth, as we share in this hope. We are called to love God and neighbour, and care for the planet by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

However great the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage in it with faith and not with fatalism!

16th November St Margaret of Scotland

Some women have power, and some women are good. When a woman with power is also good, she can achieve an astonishing amount.

Margaret of Scotland has been called 'The Pearl of Scotland', but she began life in Hungary about 1045. She was born to the expatriate English prince Edward the Exile, and so was an English princess. The family returned to Wessex in 1057, when she was 13, and following the death of King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, her brother Edgar Aetheling should have been King of England, but he was never crowned. Instead, the family fled north, to Scotland, where she was married to Malcolm III of Scotland by 1070. As a Scottish queen she went on to become mother of three kings of Scotland, and of a queen consort of England.

Margaret was a Christian, and became a good friend of Lanfranc, a future archbishop of Canterbury. Her biographer tells of how she read narratives from the Bible to her husband, thus helping to 'civilise' him. He was illiterate, but so admired her reading, that he had her books decorated with gold and silver. She was also credited with helping her youngest son, the future King David I of Scotland, towards becoming a just and holy ruler.

Margaret introduced the worship and practise of the Church of Rome into Scotland. She also wanted to help the many pilgrims travelling in Scotland, and so she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, which is where the towns South Queensferry and North Queensferry got their names.

Margaret performed many charitable works for the poor, and she interceded for the release of English exiles who had been forced into serfdom following the Norman conquest. She also began the restoration of Iona Abbey.

In private life, Margaret spent much of her time in prayer, using a cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline as a place of devotion and prayers. St Margaret's Cave is still there today, covered beneath a municipal car park.

Margaret died in 1093, and in 1250 Pope Innocent IV canonised her. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation, but at one time Mary, Queen of Scots, owned her head.

Below is the news from Lynn, with lots of information about what is taking place this month.

Sunday coffee



Thank you to those who have offered to help with coffee after our Sunday morning services, a few more volunteers are needed to make the rota work so please do consider if this is something you can do on an occasional basis or more regularly. We aim to ease the load by breaking down the tasks involved into bite size pieces so that being on the rota doesn't become too arduous for those who kindly give their time, help and support will be on hand too.

Until we can run coffee regularly once again if there is anyone who would like to organise refreshments after the service one Sunday morning in support of their chosen charity please contact Lynn in the office.

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Our Play and Pray area at the back of church is there for children to enjoy during the service if they wish. We would like to extend this with the addition of Bible Bags, each bag will have a bible story theme and be filled with books and crafts and toys. If anyone would like to sponsor a bag or to find out more please speak to James.

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Church Walks



Thank you to everyone that has supported the first of our church walks the next in the current programme is a walk around the Shoreham Village Loop on Friday the 26th of November meeting at Shoreham train station at 10.20am for a 10.30am start, a direct line runs from Bromley South to Shoreham, parking is available close to the station. This slightly more challenging walk promises magnificent views across the Darent Valley and will take around 2 1/2 hours with a stop for lunch. More details will follow soon or contact Lynn in the office.

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### Hope Into Action

Hope Into Action is a Christian charity whose mission is to enable churches to home the homeless and partner together with local churches to provide support, care and friendship to tenants.

On Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at 10.30am we will be hosting a meeting with Ed Walker, CEO of HIA UK, and the local Bromley team to hear how local churches and anyone with a heart to help the homeless in our borough can become involved with this mission and make the vision of each church here in Bromley being able to provide a home for the homeless across the borough a reality.

Our church property in Holmesdale Road is being prepared for use under a 'Hope Into Action' banner.

If you are interested in finding out more you are welcome to come along, to book a place go to

<https://tbb-hia.eventbrite.co.uk>

We have a couple of copies of Ed Walker's book '**A House Built on Love**' that are available for loan. If you would like to borrow a copy to read Ed's story speak to Lynn in the office.

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Looking a little further ahead dates to put in the diary are the 9th to the 11th of December when our Christmas Tree Festival takes place in church, decorate a tree just for fun, to mark an occasion, in memory of a loved one or to promote an organisation or simply come along and enjoy seeing the church full of trees and lit up for Christmas.

This Advent we shall once again be running our postcard Posada and the journey will begin on Advent Sunday the 28th of November, our Christmas bags that proved to be popular last year will also be back.

There will also be an opportunity in the church grounds for loved ones that are no longer with us to be remembered. We will keep you posted with developments.

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 Rooms for hire.

Available for hire for meetings, study and Exercise Classes, etc. We have varied, comfortable, no smoking accommodation with kitchen facilities and disabled access and toilet facilities to the rooms.



Rooms can be viewed on:
www.bromleyparishchurch.org

Ripley Recitals Association

Ripley Recitals

54th Season 2021 - 2022

We hope to resume our concerts during this Autumn Season and look forward to welcoming our artists and audiences back to Ripley to enjoy live music making again.

In the Music Room, Ripley Arts Centre
24 Sundridge Avenue, Bromley, Kent, BR1 2PX

Enquiries to: Christopher Town Tel: 020 8851 9116
Email: christophertown@ntlworld.com

www.ripleyrecitals.info

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 14:13-21, Mk 6:30-44, Lk 9:10-17, Jn 6:1-15

Jesus and his disciples went by boat to a quiet place to have some time alone, but the crowds noticed, and followed them.

Jesus felt sorry for them so he taught and healed them.



It was now late afternoon, so Philip spoke to Jesus

This is a remote place. Send them away.



They can go and buy something to eat.

You give them something to eat.



There are thousands of them! Half a year's wages wouldn't be enough!

So what do you have?



Andrew brought a boy to Jesus.

He has 2 dried fish and 5 small loaves.



Get everyone to sit down in groups.



Jesus blessed the bread and fish and the disciples gave them out.



Everyone ate all they wanted.



Jesus told them to gather up the leftovers -

there were 12 baskets full!



Jesus sent the disciples off in the boat and stayed to dismiss the crowd.



We will make him become our king!

He can get rid of the Romans!

Free food!



But Jesus knew what they planned..

and had already gone.

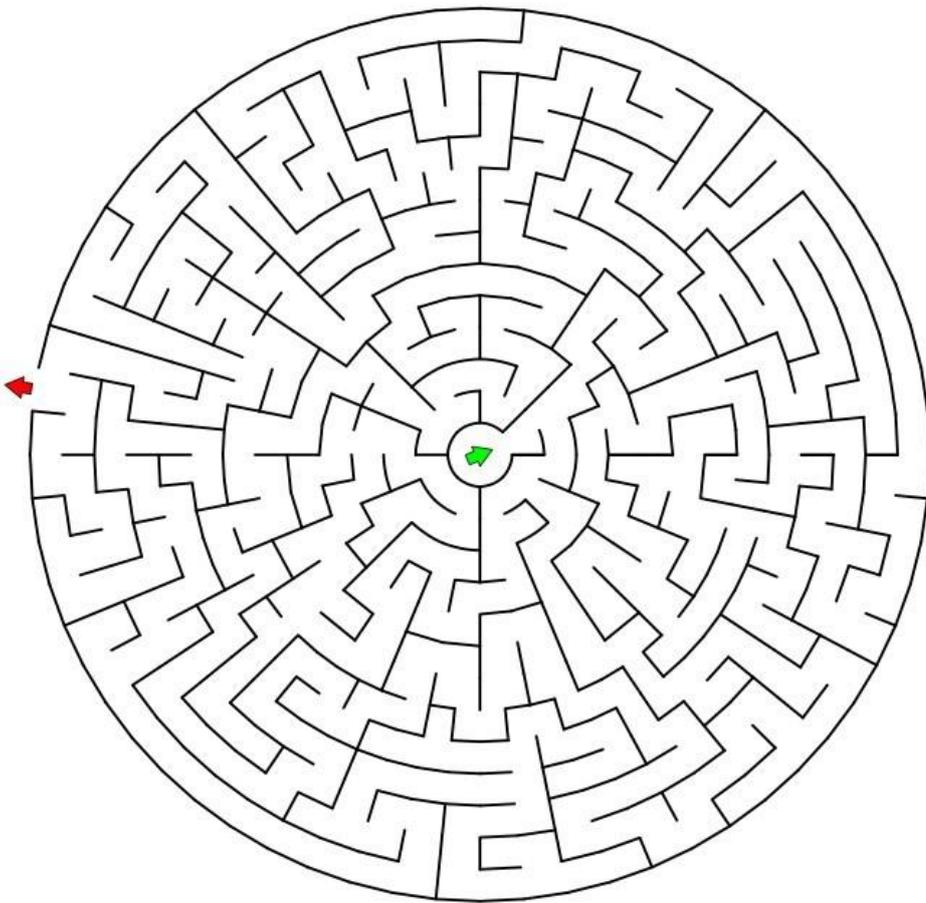


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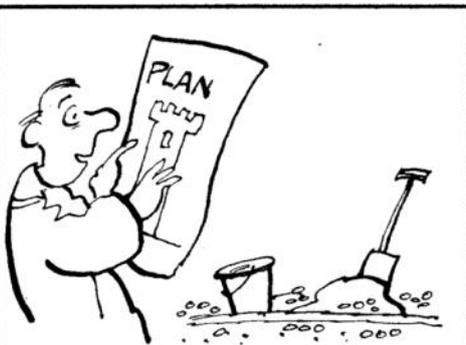
The tale of the Tower Builder



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS EXPLAINED HOW IT WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE EASY TO FOLLOW HIM.



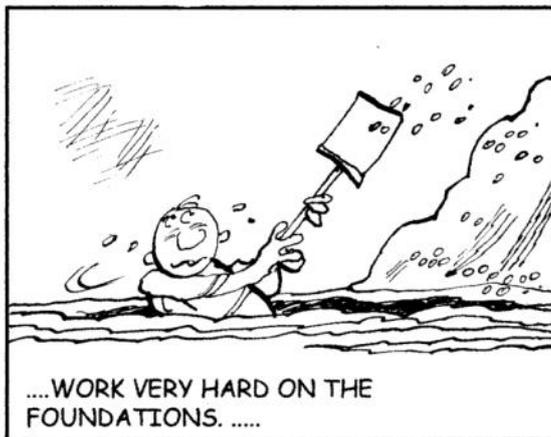
JESUS BEGAN, 'IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....'

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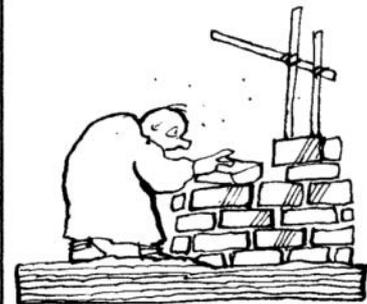
IF YOU DON'T DO THE SUMS....

...YOU MIGHT MAKE A START,

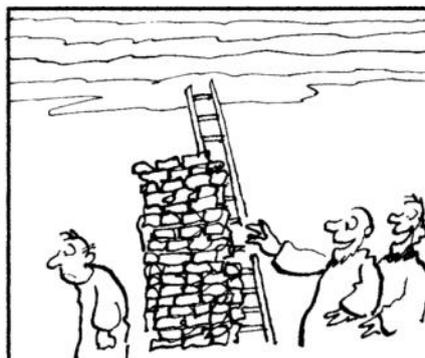


....WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS.

...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,...



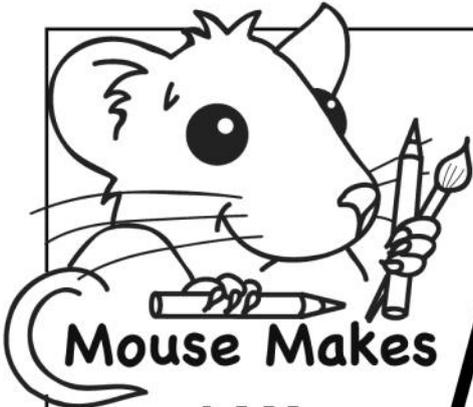
...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!



WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.



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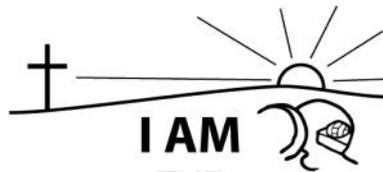
Read John 10:11 and 14



I AM
THE

Read John 15:1 and 35

Seven times in John's Gospel Jesus calls Himself "I AM" - the same name that God calls Himself when He speaks to Moses in Exodus 3:14. Jesus is telling us who He really is.



I AM
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Read John 10:9

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Read John 6: 35,51

OF



AND THE

Read John 11:25



I AM
THE

Read John 18:12



OF THE

B R A N C H E S L I F E T B
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Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search

Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:1-10)

I wanted to sit here
And watch Him,
Just watch the man Jesus walk by.
Hidden by the leaves,
Hidden from the loathing of my lifestyle
I simply wanted to see Him
From my tree.

As I searched for His face
He found mine,
Reached where I was and looked up,
Looked into the heart of my being,
And Jesus did not walk by,
He came to me,
He spoke to me,

A tree is not a hiding place, my friend,
Believe me.

Come down from your tree,
Come down and be different,
Come down and change your world,

Follow me.

By Daphne Kitching

Prayer for November

Father,

In these short, dark days of November, with all the uncertainties and complications in our new Covid 19 landscape, help us to feel the reassurance of Your presence in the gift of each new day. Help us to be guided through the darkness by Your light – by Jesus, who will never leave us or forsake us.

In His name - the name above pandemics and shortages and rising bills and all anxieties – we pray.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

We remember

The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele
Cause us to think of times of war,
When men and boys went bravely out
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live,
We never should forget such cost,
Remembering with thankful hearts
Our freedom gained as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life,
Another war, another fight,
With all mankind held fast in chains
As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life
To break the chains and set us free,
The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross
Paid that price for you, for me.

By Megan Carter

Tuesday 2nd November

11.00am Toddler Praise
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 3rd November

12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 4th November

[10.00am Healing Prayer meeting - prayers are said from homes](#)

7.30pm Choir practice

Sunday 7th November**Third Sunday before Advent**

No Family Breakfast Club
10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by coffee and cake to raise funds for Covid support in Harare

Tuesday 9th November

11am Toddler Praise
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 10th November

12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 11th November

2.15pm Fellowship
7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 12th November

Bromley Homeless annual sleepout

Sunday 14th November**Remembrance Sunday**

8.30am Said Eucharist
9.00am Family Breakfast Club
10.45am Civic Service of Remembrance
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 16th November

11.00am Toddler Praise
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 17th November

12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

8.00pm PCC meeting

Thursday 18th November

7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 19th November

11.30am Welcare annual service of thanksgiving

Saturday 20th November

11.30am Saturday Morning Recital
6.00pm Celebration concert to mark the 30th anniversary of the Walker organ

Sunday 21st November**Sunday next before Advent**

10.30am All age worship with Communion

Tuesday 23rd November

11.00am Toddler Praise
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 24th November

12noon -2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 25th November

2.15pm Fellowship
7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 26th November

10.30am Church Walk - meet at Shoreham station at 10.20am

Sunday 28th November**Advent Sunday**

9.00am Family Breakfast Club
10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by coffee in support of Aphasia Re-Connect Bromley
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Tuesday 30th November

10.30am Hope Into Action morning
with Ed Walker, CEO of HIA UK, and
the local Bromley team
11.00am Toddler Praise

Advance dates for the diary

9th -11th December Christmas Tree
Festival

Morning Prayer is said daily at
8.00am in the Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel is open daily
for prayer and an opportunity to light
a candle

Church is open on Wednesdays

between 12noon and 2pm for private
prayer when consecrated bread is al-
so available for those who wish to re-
ceive.

Updates to services and events will
be posted on our website

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To join Sunday worship online please
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Please continue to wear face masks
in the church building