

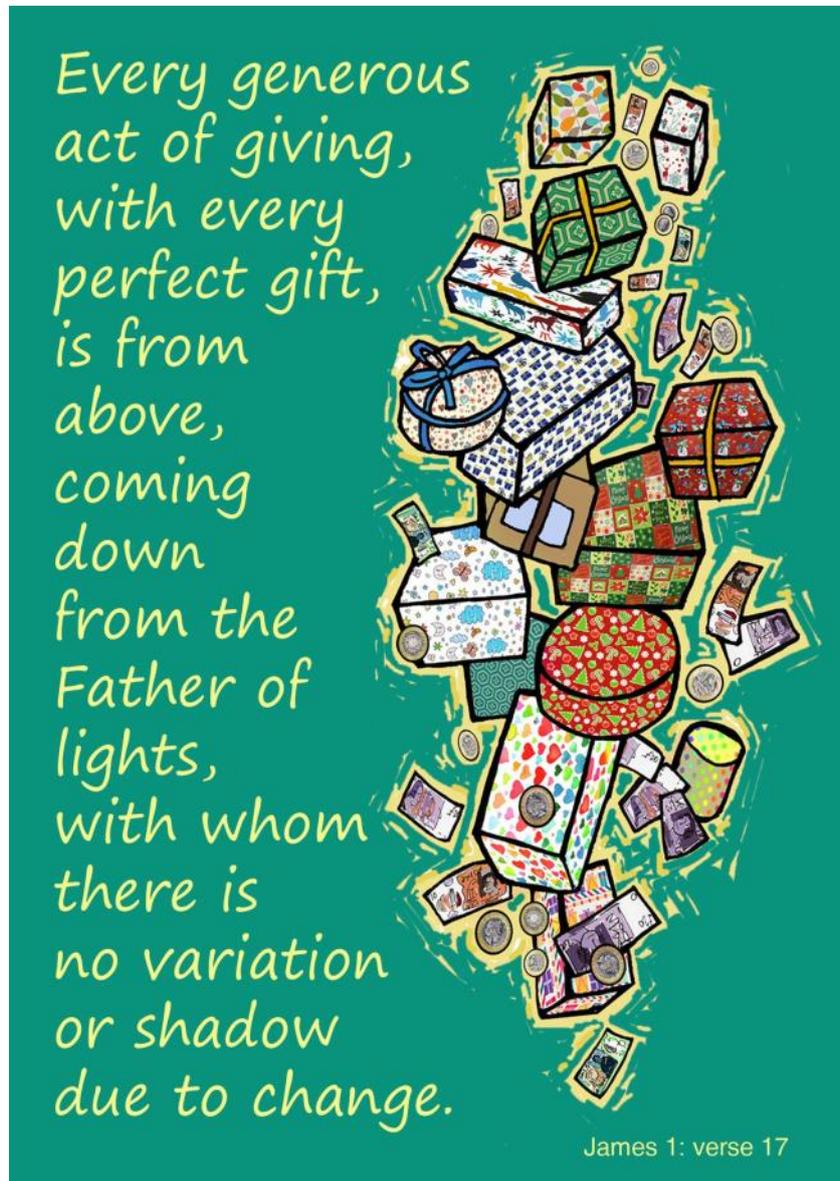
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the October edition of the Key!

In this issue we have the first of the pastoral principles series of sermons, kindly contributed by Reverend James. There is also lots of news of upcoming events—musical, walks, and special Church services. Isn't it lovely to see the Church so lively again, with many of the things we were previously used to returning.

There is also an update here from Footsteps International, a local charity that helps children who live on the street in Kenya, as we recognise the effect covid has had across the world.

I have contributed my own article as well about my experience of getting married at BPC, I hope you enjoy reading about it and seeing some pictures!

I hope you have a great month and 'see' you at the next issue!

Lisa

This month's sermon has been kindly provided by Reverend James, the first in the current series of sermons on pastoral principles. Many thanks to James for providing this for the Key and to all the contributors in this series.

Today we are starting a series on the pastoral principles a series which the church has put together as how churches can deal with difference and disagreement – its part of the LLF programme looking at questions of human relationships and sexuality, which we will engage with as a church when it seems safe to host sessions in person. Until then, this series over the weeks is a way to help start us thinking about the process of how we deal with difference without excluding or rejecting others, and how we hold together as a church through difficulty and disagreement.

acknowledge PREJUDICE

 speak into SILENCE

 address IGNORANCE

 cast out FEAR

 admit HYPOCRISY

 pay attention to POWER

Today we are looking at ignorance and power.

Perhaps it is apposite to start with a quote from Donald Rumsfeld about WMD's in Iraq.

“Because as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns—the ones we don't know we don't know.”

It is a tortured sentence but one which conveys perhaps the sense of just how much there is in life we do not know, consciously or not.

It is part of the human condition that we really judge most of life on our own experiences and thoughts, we are not always very good at listening to others stories and experiences to understand where they are coming from. When I was a student we had some courses on listening and frankly the only advice I remember being given was that the most important thing is you look like you

are listening, people like to feel listened to. Not perhaps the best advice for getting to know someone.

In many ways in churches we are not good at fostering this atmosphere, there are the unspoken assumptions that it is the sort of place where things and people are OK, which can make it very difficult to say when we are not, because others don't have problems so why should we. It takes a long time for that respectable genteelness to diminish and people to open up, if ever.

So often we are left with silence looking at others, we don't know the whole story. So what do we do – well often then we have tendency to jump in and make our own decision based on what we know. To push our world and experiences onto others – how can they think this or do that, it makes no sense with how life is. That sense of frustration, that inability to understand where difference grows from because we rely on what we know, and the conclusions it takes us to, is found often at the root of our disagreements.

This can be illustrated in our Gospel reading today.

How our gospel passage is interpreted is an interesting one. The story of the woman and the testy dialogue to get her daughter healed. The last time this passage was preached on in this church, and not by a member of our ministry team I hasten to add, the interpretation offered on the surface to fit the theme quite well – the woman, obviously at a power disadvantage to the male Jesus, and moreover an outsider as a Gentile, challenges Jesus with his human blinkers on to widen his understanding of Gods work and heal her daughter, showing Gods power is not just for the people of Israel but for all. She helps him move on and change his mind.

It perhaps sounds nice, but actually the more you think about it the more of a problematic reading it becomes, and one likely based on our concerns - our story and understanding in this age rather than what the text would have perhaps meant in context.

There is of course the big overarching question – Jesus is of the same mind of God as Philipians put it, if that mind has racist tendencies towards those who are not Jewish - is it a God worth worshipping? No. I think not.

It also doesn't help when you read this section in the wider context of the gospel, where Jesus zips to and forth on boats between Jewish and Gentile areas of the land, where he has already healed a Gentile – the story of the

Gerasene demoniac. Jesus is already doing this work and crossing boundaries. The dialogue can be seen as many things, provocative questioning like you might get in tutorials today, a sharp point matching the expectations of those around for it then to be shown a wrong headed attitude. It is interesting that the women enters into and extends the metaphor rather than rejecting it outright.

I don't have time to more fully go into this because it is fairly complex, and we would need to draw out how Matthew interests the same story as well for extra interest. But the point I want to draw out is that the initial reading which sounds plausible presents problems, with time and careful reading and thought. It is arguably an example of not knowing a story well enough, and so lightly reading our own concerns and interpretations into it rather than digging out the deeper context, always a challenge admittedly with scripture.

Key point - when we don't know someone's story – we are liable to read our own into it and overwrite theirs.

Tied into ignorance is how we use power. If you remember a while back I talked about power in terms of simply our ability to get or do what we want.

For many people the world is set up well for us, or we make it work the best we can. That can lead to a certain comfort which insulates from the challenges of the world, if we can't understand why something is a problem for someone else, why do anything about it. You can see how this plays into the debates around relationships and marriage – for those whose feelings don't fit into the conventional narrative or who find it doesn't bring the benefits promised. It is easy not to hear the stories of those in our midst who have been excluded, victimised, seen as “other,” and even persecuted. It is easy not to worry that we might fall into a comfortable majority.

The text to turn on to is that one from Philippians- an early creed of the church.

Who, being in very nature^[a] God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

The key ideas are twofold.

Firstly is that of Kenosis – self-emptying. Jesus relinquished his part in the divine sphere to come to earth and be with us. He relinquished unimaginable power to live a life very close to ordinary. At the heart of God's action is giving up to be with us, which culminates in the choice to lose His life on the cross, that salvation be made possible for all.

The second idea is that was all done to be with us, to live a life with us, shared pains and joys, not just to do things for us, or to get a bit of a taster to remove those barriers and be with people in their fulness. Sharing in fears, joys, sorrows. The Gospel today is a reflection of that. That choice to be with us, perhaps seen again at the Easter story, that story of the agony in the garden, Jesus is separated from the Father, but it is a moment of choice to go through with it, accept the cup, choose truly to be with us in life and in death, or draw back. Jesus makes his choice.

Jesus chooses to be with others, he calls us to do the same.

It isn't easy, we like our comforts, our stories, the neatness of the lives we often lead. Dealing with difference, dealing with mess isn't palatable often. Being with isn't easy – I say that as someone whose calling is to do that, but whose temperament is actually quite aloof with a deep sense of irony about things. Not qualities which make it easy for that to happen.

But nonetheless we are called to be with. We will always be ignorant about many things in life, and for many things it doesn't matter. But if we are ignorant about others, in the church, in the world, if we do not have a sense of curiosity about why people think what they do or feel rejected, or dejected because they don't fit in to the approved categories of this life, if we see that and think it doesn't affect me or it doesn't matter, then we are failing to try and live out that central manifestation of Christ's love as he came to be with us.

We are called to live as the body of Christ, a community which is bound not by our similarities in where we have come from, what we do etc, but which is bound by faith and the future hope it gives. When we see difference, disagreement, difficulty, the first thing we are called to is not ignore or explain away or shrug off. But say here I am, what is it.

Being with, overcomes ignorance, helps us rightly use power. Being with is the first principles not for this course but our life as believers .

**Saturday Morning
Concerts presents**

**Song recital by
Darquise Bilodeau
(Soprano)**

Marc Verter (Piano)

**To include songs by Gounod, Poulenc and
Britten**

Saturday 16th October 11.30am

Refreshments served from 11.00am

Admission Free

Retiring Collection

St Peter and St Paul presents.....

The Saturday morning concert this month is on 16th October and is being given by the Canadian born soprano Darquise Bilodeau. The programme will include songs by Gounod, Poulenc and Britten.

Darquise combines professional performing experience with research and voice pedagogy. She is a graduate of McGill University, with a B.Mus. in voice performance and school music, and of the Université de Montréal with a Master's Degree in voice performance. Darquise values ongoing professional development and regularly attends conferences and workshops on voice pedagogy, anatomy and interpretation. She was a chorus member of the Opéra de Montréal and performs regularly as a recitalist and soloist in oratorio.

Darquise earned a doctorate with her thesis on the songs of French composer Gabriel Fauré at the Birmingham Royal Conservatoire. She has a keen interest in French song and its poetry and continues her research on the subject. She writes articles and book reviews for the Association of Teachers of Singing.

Darquise's accompanist is pianist and concert producer Marc Verter.

This promises to be an excellent concert. Do come along!

Refreshments will be served from 11.00am

Admission Free – retiring collection

Martin and Mary very kindly keep me updated with the work of their charity, Footsteps International, who look after some of the poorest children in Kenya and help them to gain an education and career. Below is one of their success stories about a young man named Ben.

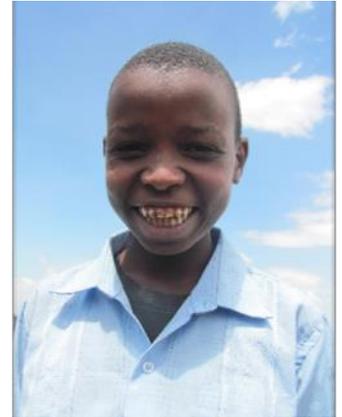
Mary Print, a retired Bromley GP some will know as Dr Matthews, and her husband Martin run Footsteps International, a charity that works with Christian partners in Kenya to rehabilitate street boys, care for orphaned and abandoned children, and feed children who live and go to school in slums.

For over 20 years they have used their holidays to visit the projects, meet the children and spend time with the staff in Kenya who do an amazing job, helping these very disadvantaged children and giving them hope for the future. Here is one boy's story.

Ben Ndichu's mother worked hard to earn enough to feed her family, but his father was an alcoholic who contributed nothing but problems. As there was never enough money, Ben and his four sisters and brother lived in slum conditions. They didn't go to school.

At the age of 10, Ben left home and went to live on the streets of Naivasha. Each day he spent scavenging for food from the remains of meals thrown into dustbins outside hotels. At night he was cold, and lived in fear of being bullied by bigger street boys. This was the way of life he knew for two years.

One Saturday in early 2009, as he was roaming the streets as usual, Ben approached a passer-by and begged him for some food. The man gave him a 100 shilling note (about £1) and told him to go and buy some milk and mandazi (Kenyan doughnuts). "Come back with the change and tell me your life story," the man told him. Ben trotted off to a shop and returned with a carton of milk, several mandazi, and, rather surprisingly, a handful of coins – the change



Ben came off the streets in 2009 - this photo is from 2012



At the Sunshine Centre he was a key member of the football team



Laptop in hand, Ben started his vocational training course in February this year

from the 100 shillings he had been given.

The decision altered the course of Ben's life. He spilled out his life story, and it was only when he had finished that he found out that he had been talking to Rev Simon Kinyanjui, the director of our Sunshine street boys' rehabilitation Centre.

Having heard the story of Ben's very difficult life, Rev Simon offered him a place at the Centre, and once he had settled, enrolled him into the local school to resume his education. Ben loved football, and was soon a key member of the cup-winning Sunshine Centre team.

He completed school in 2019, but, as happened to almost every young person around the globe, Covid disrupted his education and he had to wait until February this year before commencing a vocational training course in leather and tanning technology at Kenya Industrial Training Institute in Nakuru. When he finishes his course, he will leave the care of the Sunshine Centre and be able to earn a living, his early life of poverty now only a distant memory.

We would value your prayers for Ben and the other 150 former street boys at the Sunshine Centre. Life can be very tough in Kenya, and recently Ben's brother Paul (who we also cared for at the Sunshine Centre for several years) developed a headache and died suddenly. Two days after Paul's funeral, Ben's uncle died of Covid – a stark reminder of the deadliness of the disease in all parts of the globe.

Photos:

TOP LEFT: Ben Ndichu (far left) shortly after he came to the Sunshine Centre in 2009.

'Father Dom' (centre) is still a key staff member

BOTTOM LEFT: Ben today with his 'rescuer' Rev Simon, Sunshine Centre director

RIGHT: Hard at work putting his newly acquired leather skills to good use, Ben looks like he is auditioning for a role in UK's The Repair Shop television programme!



Footsteps International
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Baby Loss
Awareness Week
9-15 October
babyloss-awareness.org

A Wave of Light

A Service for Baby Loss Awareness week

10th October, 3pm
Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Church Road
Bromley
BR2 0EG

Email
administrator@bromleyparishchurch.org

Baby Loss
Awareness Week

www.babyloss-awareness.org

Share your
#WaveOfLight pictures
#BLAW



Church Walks

If any of you would like to join Sally and Lynn on the autumn walks they have planned over the next few months you will be most welcome.

All abilities, all ages, all dogs more than welcome!

Sunday the 19th of September Beckenham Place Park following All age Worship and coffee, meet in the churchyard for a stroll down Martin's Hill to Queensmead continuing into Beckenham Place Park finishing with a circular walk through the woods and around the park. Please feel free to dip in and out of the walk as you wish.

Friday the 15th of October Petts Wood and Hawkwood, meet at PW station (Daylight Inn side) 9.45am for a 10am start. A really lovely walk through NT woodland and farmland of approximately 5miles. Easy walking but can be muddy after rain.

Friday the 26th of November Shoreham Village loop this more challenging walk with the promise of magnificent views will take around 2 1/2 hours. We meet at Shoreham station 10.20am for a 10.30am start.

Sally and Lynn will be pleased to tailor the walks to fit needs.

Join us and at the same time raise money for covid support in Harare by adding your miles to the tally chart

For more details contact the church office.

Written by Lisa.

As many of you know, I was very blessed to be married at St Peter and St Paul's earlier this year. It was a lovely occasion and we couldn't have asked for more support from the Church or for a more beautiful setting, so I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you a bit about it!

Michael and I got engaged the month before lockdown began, so all of our wedding planning took place during Covid. For the first three months, we weren't even able to see each other, until the government introduced support bubbles! It was not easy, but like a lot of things there were positives too—we probably saved a lot of time by doing everything online rather than spending every weekend at wedding fayres or various wedding establishments. I went dress shopping once in the gap where we were allowed—it was limited how many people I could take and how many dresses I could try, but thankfully I'm quite a decisive person and bought the first dress I had tried on!

We did have to postpone the wedding once and it was touch and go right to the day before—at the time you never knew if you would be told to isolate (as happened to a few of our guests) which did not make for a relaxing build up, but definitely taught me a few lessons about patience (not my strong point) and trusting God to take the process out of our hands.

For me, everything became very real from the rehearsal, which was a few days before the wedding. Our bridal party and parents were there, everyone was super excited, and we stood at the front with Reverend James knowing that in a few days time the wait and the uncertainty would be over.

Back when I first came to the Church, it was Christmas Day, and I was completely blown away by the music, how friendly people were, and how beautiful the Church is. I knew I had come to the right place, and in the several years



since, I don't doubt I was correct. It was really important to me that our guests saw what I had on that first visit, so we were so grateful to be able to have Frank and the choir singing for us, and William playing the organ. We chose some really powerful hymns, and although the congregation were unfortunately not allowed to join in (covid), the choir made up for it and performed beautifully. I even walked down the aisle to a hymn rather than the traditional music because we didn't want to miss the opportunity to hear another of our favourites! Thank you to William, Frank and the choir for producing such a memorable performance.

We would also like to thank the many other people who helped us with practicalities—Lynn and Jan in particular - we had so much support from everyone. So many people make the Church tick along on a daily basis and when you host an event you see how much work they really do, how much knowledge they have and how generous they are with their time.

Last but not least, we would also like to say how wonderful James was throughout the planning process and on the day. He delivered a lovely sermon that we will always remember, and gave us lasting advice for our marriage which gives us confidence going forward together. It was so nice to be married by James who knows us personally and has supported us throughout.

I know there are many other couples in the congregation who were married in



the Church and who still attend, and I hope this article brings back many happy memories for you! We are so pleased to have chosen this place and this community to get married in and we thank you for all your support.



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St Luke – the doctor who brought good news

This month we remember St Luke (18th October), the author of the third gospel and the Book of Acts. Throughout his writing Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is available to all people regardless of their gender, social position, or nationality. It is believed that Luke was a doctor, and he certainly sees the importance of healing in the ministry of Jesus and the Church. The signs of the presence of God's kingdom include the healing of sickness, hurts, as well as unforgiveness.

This is evident when Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in Luke 10, a reading for St Luke's Day:

'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field...When you enter a town and are welcomed eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' (Luke 10:2,8). What challenges do we find in these verses?

Firstly Luke, as a **Gentile** (a non-Jew) recognises the revolutionary way outsiders are welcomed into the faith community, e.g. Zacchaeus (Luke 19) and Cornelius (Acts 10). How can we engage with those who are outside the community of faith? We have to avoid the tendency to regard ourselves as insiders! As we reach out to those who are ready to welcome the gospel, we have an opportunity to share good news and healing in the name of Jesus.

Secondly, as an **Evangelist**, Luke wants us to share the love of Jesus with all those we encounter. However, as these verses indicate, this has got to be rooted in prayer, if we are going to be led by God in our response to others. *'Mission is seeing what God is doing and joining in'* (Rowan Williams).

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.

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www.bromleyparishchurch.org

The Walker Organ.....30 years on

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the installation of the organ, Dr William McVicker and the church choir will be performing a programme of organ and choral music on Saturday 20th November at 6.00pm.

The programme will include the very popular Toccata and Fugue in D minor by J S Bach and the anthem I was glad by Hubert Parry.

Further details to follow.

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Church Road, Bromley, BR2 0EG

Saturday morning concerts

11.30am – 12.20pm

Saturday 9th October 2021 Darquise Bilodeau (Soprano)

Marc Verter (Piano)

Song recital to include works by Gounod, Poulenc and Britten

Saturday 13th November 2021 The Bromley Boy Singers

Refreshments served from 11.00am

Admission Free - Retiring Collection

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Traidcraft Exchange

You may remember in the May edition we highlighted the Regenerator's Appeal by Traidcraft Exchange, raising money to help communities develop and obtain technologies that help them fight back against the devastating effects of climate change on their communities. The money raised from this appeal was matched by the UK government, and the total raised was over £1.3 million. Thank you for supporting this!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 6:17-28, Matthew 14:1-11

After Herod Antipator died, the Romans allowed his son Herod Antipas to rule Galilee and Peraea. He was hated by the Jews

Herod Antipas divorced his wife and married his brother Herod-Philip's wife, Herodias.



John the Baptist told him he had broken Jewish law by marrying his brother's wife*



*Lev 18:19,20-21. She was also his niece.

Herodias hated John and wanted him dead. Herod was afraid of John and wouldn't kill him but put him in prison.

Herod liked to listen to John.



Finally, Herodias got her chance.

Herod had a big party for his birthday.



(Birthday parties were a new trend from Greece.)

He invited everyone important in Galilee.



Herodias sent her daughter to dance for Herod and his guests.



(No decent girl would do this.)

They were very entertained.

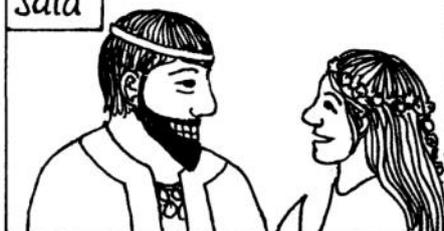


I will give you anything, even half my kingdom



(which wasn't really his to give.)

Salome asked Herodias, then said



I want John's head on a plate.

Oh, no! But I made a promise in front of everyone!



So John was killed* and Salome was given his head. She gave it to her mother.



*illegal without a trial

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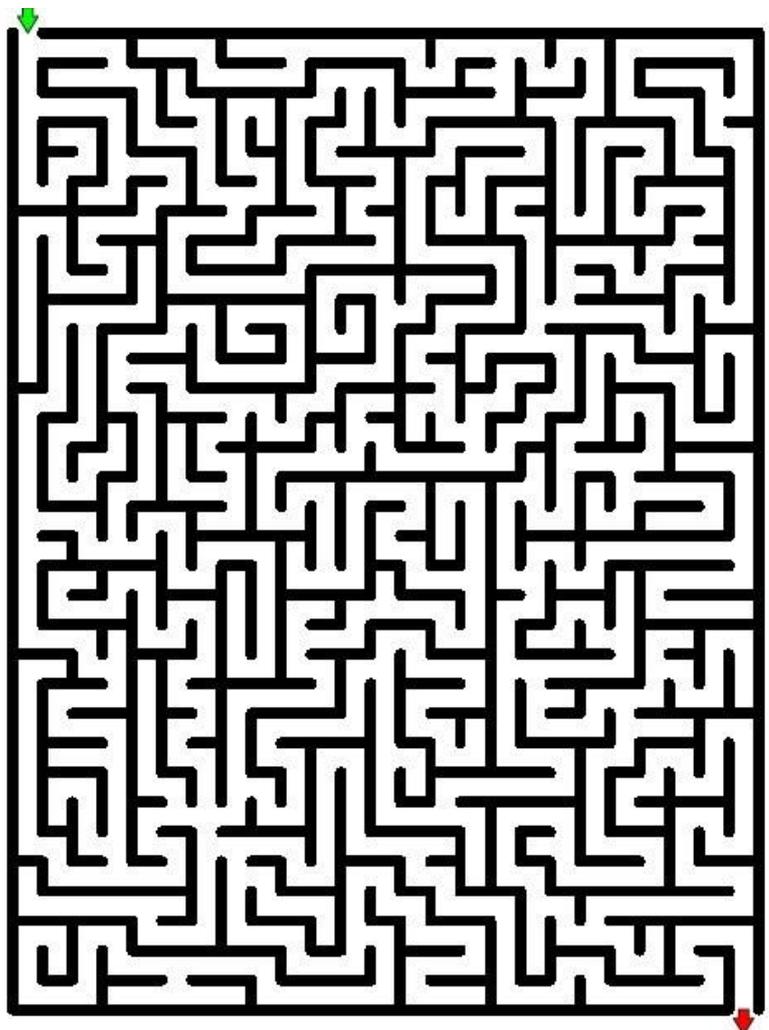
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The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY..

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...

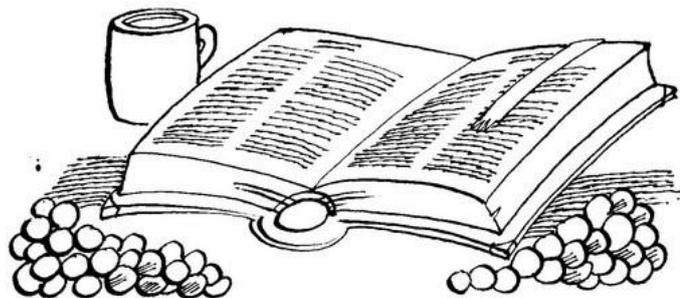


...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...



... THEN THE GARDENER WOULD CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.

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

Autumn Prayer

Dear Loving, Father God,

As the season changes and we enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn, there are other changes which we don't enjoy. Changes we cannot control; changes and suffering in the world, beyond our comprehension; changes to our work routines, or health, or circumstances; changes which cause us anxiety and uncertainty.

When everything seems to be falling around us like the autumn leaves, help us, Lord, to remember that you stand firm. You are our rock. You never change. You are always faithful, always with us, as we move into each new day and each new season.

Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus, so that by putting our trust in Him, we can know the security of your love, for ever!

In His name, we thank you, Sovereign Lord.

Amen,

By Daphne Kitching

Prove it

Prove it they cried that you're the Messiah

Wouldn't He come as a conquering king?

Not as a poor man riding a donkey

How do you think we'd believe such a thing?

Wherever He went large crowds would follow,
He calmed the storm and turned water to wine,
The lame could walk and the deaf made to hear,
Fully a man and yet also divine.

His teaching had never been heard before,
He fed the five thousand with fish and bread
Gave sight to the blind and lepers were healed,
He cast out demons and raised the dead.

He died on a cross to take away sin
Rose up from the grave, what more could He do
To prove of His love for all of mankind?

Believe it or not - it's all up to you.

By Megan Carter

Nigel Beeton writes: I loved books when I was a child. I read book after book, and learned my love of the language at a tender age. I think 'Biggles' was my favourite! Maybe I should have been reading Psalm 119, but I promise that I did read that, too!

Remember the Stories?

Remember the stories that we used to read?
Heroic adventures – we loved them indeed!
We'd read in the garden, if wet, in the porch,
Or under the covers at night with a torch!

Our fingers would avidly trace lines of text
Of what Katy Did, and what she Did Next.
And, starting this journey along Mem'ry Lane
We can't forget Biggles, up there in his plane!

We laughed and we laughed at Jennings at school.
Tormenting his teachers by acting the fool.
Just William's young friends, and their latest trick –
"I'll scream and I'll scream till I make myself sick!"

Black Beauty the horse brought a tear to our eye –
Some stories brought laughter, and some made us cry.
Like Paddington Bear, and the things he would do
Arriving by train from Darkest Peru.

There was Noddy, and Rupert, and Peter Pan, too;
The woodland adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh;
Little Women and Crusoe and Chalet School Girls;
Just So – all such stories were wonderful pearls!

This poem could go on for page after page
If your favourite is missing, please don't fill with rage –
Just nip to the loft, and dig through that box,
And sit down and read – ignoring the clocks!

By Nigel Beeton



PRAYER POINTS

October 2021

Please hold the following in your prayers this month.

1. Our recruitment process for a new P/T youth worker is underway and we should interview this month. Please pray that we find the right person to enable us to continue the great work we do with young people.
2. All our projects have started back and numbers are starting to increase as young people start returning. Our Thursday project (year 6 & 7 transition group) is still struggling with numbers as this is a whole new set of young people. Please pray that we can work with local schools to promote this group.
3. Please pray for our half term activities that they may be safe, fun and helpful to the young people that we support. We will also use the half term break to reflect on our programmes and do some outreach for our existing programmes.
- 4 We are looking at a music project with ArtsTrain. Please pray for us as we work with them to finalise the project to start in the late Autumn or early winter.

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Saturday 2nd October

11.00am Baptism

Sunday 3rd October**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Family Breakfast Club

10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by Macmillan coffee morning

Tuesday 5th October

11am Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 6th October

10.30am Prayer during the Day - online

12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

8.00pm CTCB meeting in church

Thursday 7th October

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

7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 8th October

7.00pm Quarter peal of bells

Saturday 9th October

Baby Loss Awareness week

8.00am -3.00pm chapel open

10.00am Gardening Club

6.30pm Bromley Festival Memorial concert for Ernest and Celia Yeo

Sunday 10th October**Safeguarding Sunday**

10.30am Parish Eucharist

3.00pm Wave of Light Service for Baby Loss Awareness week

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 11th October

Baby Loss Awareness week

1.00pm A walk to remember Julia Dudman – Hollydale Road recreation ground, Keston

8.00am -3.00pm Chapel open

Tuesday 12th October

Baby Loss Awareness week

8.00am -3.00pm Chapel open

11am Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 13th October

Baby Loss Awareness week

Chapel open 8.00am -3.00pm

10.30am Prayer during the Day - online

12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 14th October

Baby Loss Awareness week

Chapel open 8.00am -3.00pm

2.15pm Fellowship

7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 15th October

Baby Loss Awareness week

Chapel open 8.00am – 3.00pm

7.00pm Wave of Light – candles are lit

Saturday 16th October

9.30am – 11.00am Church decorating for Harvest

11.30am Saturday Morning recital – Marquise Bilodeau, soprano, accompanied by Marc Verter

Sunday 17th October

Harvest

9.00am Family Breakfast Club
10.30am All-age Worship with Communion
12.30pm Baptism

Tuesday 19th October

11.00am Toddler Praise
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 20th October

10.30am Prayer during the Day - online
12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer
8.00pm Standing Committee

Thursday 21st October

7.30pm Choir practice

Sunday 24th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Eucharist
2.00pm Baptism

Tuesday 26th October

No Toddler Praise – half term
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 27th October

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

Thursday 28th October

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 30th October

12noon Baptism

Sunday 31st October

All Saints Day
4.30pm Commemoration service for All Souls

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer

are said daily from homes at 8.30am and 5.15pm, do join in if you can.

Church is open on Wednesdays

between 12noon and 2pm for private prayer when consecrated bread is also available for those who wish to receive.

Updates to services and events will be posted on our website

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To join Sunday worship online please visit our website

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Please continue to wear face masks in the church building