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From the Editor

Welcome to the online edition. Firstly, an apology for the blatant self-indulgence of a large piece on Apollo 11. But in my defence, this was well trailed and it has been six months since I indulged myself with Apollo 8. This piece isn't about the mission itself but a relatively unknown side story which involves Buzz Aldrin rather than Neil Armstrong and which has a conclusion that should give us all pause for thought. Full marks for observation if you remember this cover from last December. It is of course 'Earthrise' from Apollo 8 and reminds us of the beauty of our planet.

The hymn we look at this month tries to show the linkage between God and technology. You may never have come across it but I hope the words resonate. It reminds us what a busy world we live in and how much we need to take a step back occasionally and relax. So, as well as celebrating the Apollo landing we also have holidays to look forward to. I know that for many of us fortunate enough to be able to avoid the summer period (or unfortunate enough to be on grandchild duty) that summer trips are less important and for some they are impossible for financial or health reasons, but for many it is their opportunity to be refreshed.

Elsewhere, Richard points to some of the things that indicate growth in faith and challenges us to consider them in our own lives. The usual band of contributors provide their input and there is also a piece in praise of stalwarts. Plus, of course, the other bits you have come to expect. And some great Christian Aid news too.

Deadline for next edition (September) is 16th August.

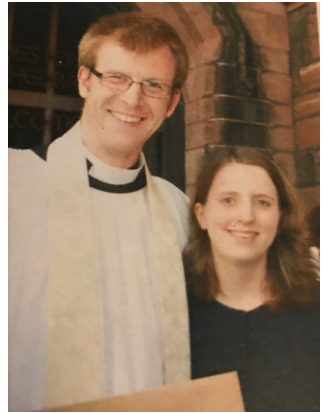
If you are holidaying, I pray you travel safely and return refreshed.

The Editor



Richard writes...

In an earlier volume of the parish magazine I sought to begin exploring our parish mission of *welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together*. I explored the first half of this mission and invited us to ask four questions of ourselves as a church family:



- Is our parish being intentional and inviting people to take the next step in their faith?
- Are we intentionally looking for opportunities to invite people to come and know Jesus for themselves?
- Are we encouraging people to believe and be baptized?
- How can we shape the life of our parish so that we establish a regular cycle of Christian Initiation?

As summer arrives and the summer holidays are on the horizon, I am going to move our focus from *welcoming you into God's family* to the second half of our mission statement and ask: "What does it mean for us to be *growing in Christ together*?"

The apostle Paul writes how the purpose of the church is to "present everyone fully mature in Christ" (Col. 1:28). The idea here is that everyone is on a spiritual journey which begins with baptism. Once we become a Christian we come into a relationship with Jesus, but as with all relationships our relationship with Jesus can deepen and we become more and more like him as the Spirit works in us to transform us. The growing in our Christian faith and commitment is a life-long process.

Recently I have been reading *Divine Renovation* by James Mallon. In this he writes how when he first started at St Benedict's, Halifax he gathered his staff team together to move their parish away from programmes to an intentional process for making missionary disciples. One staff member asked "What does one actually look like?" Mallon recounts how the rest of the team scratched their heads as they realised that they had never sat down and agreed upon a common description!

At St John's growing in faith has four main headings: extravagant welcome, growing deepening relationships, practicing radical hospitality, and committed service. These are excellent, but I think we need to drill down and define what each one looks like. No description of what a missionary disciple looks like is going to be exhaustive, but the list that James Mallon and his team came up with is a great start. This is their list:

- Has a personal relationship with Jesus
- Can and does share faith with others
- Is open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Has knowledge and love of the Bible
- Knows basic theology
- Has a daily prayer life
- Experiences real Christian community
- Has a commitment to Sunday worship
- Can pray spontaneously out loud when asked
- Serves in ministry
- Sees their life as a mission field

This is an excellent place to start and I wonder how many of these you could tick off? These are the marks of someone who is growing in faith. Please spend some time over summer to reflect on this list and your own spiritual journey. Ask what you will now do so that you are growing in Christ. Perhaps you may have other suggestions of what needs to be on this list!

Richard



Christian Aid

Well done to our intrepid walkers, Chris, Isabel and Sue. Thanks to everybody who contributed to this great cause.

But fewer of us give to charity

We are giving less time and money to charity than we were two years ago. That is the finding of a recent survey by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). It found that the proportion of those of us giving money or sponsoring someone has dropped from 69 per cent in 2016 to 65 percent in 2018.

The trend has been described as ‘worrying’ by the CAF. It comes as figures show that our trust in charities has fallen (from 51 to 48 per cent). Oxfam and Save the Children both attracted negative media coverage after staff were accused of sexual misconduct, while other charities have been accused of chasing vulnerable people. CAF said that charities now have the challenge of finding ways “to inspire people to give and demonstrate that their money is making a difference.”

National ‘Don’t Step on a Bee’ Day is on 10th July

This annual day encourages people to protect and encourage their local bees. For ideas of how you can best help the bees in your garden, visit: www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/dont-step-on-a-bee-day-2019/



Sale Churches Together

The Annual ‘Sale Churches Together’ outdoor service was held at St Francis on Pentecost Sunday, so it was a blaze of red as fitting for the day. The Salvation Army Band played and we enjoyed some rousing hymns with brass accompaniment. The Rev. Alison Cox gave us something to think about in her address and it was all rounded off by a cream tea. In a busy world it is sometimes hard to find time for events such as this but it is good to make the effort to share with fellow Christians from our local community across the different denominations. Thanks to St Anne’s and St Francis for all their efforts.

Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread

From the Archive

1919

The decisions of the Committee appointed to consider the erection of a War Memorial were reported in the July 1919 magazine. This confirmed the plan that “a runic Cross of granite be erected in the churchyard and a Tablet in mosaic, containing the names of those who had died in the service of the country, to be placed on the south wall of the nave”. The cost was estimated at £200 and donations of £81 immediately announced. The report added that Mrs Harold H Cunliffe had been added to the Committee. Not only could women not vote but they also weren't allowed their own names once married. A subsequent meeting produced a shortlist of firms to use for the work. Sadly Mrs Harold Cunliffe was unable to attend.

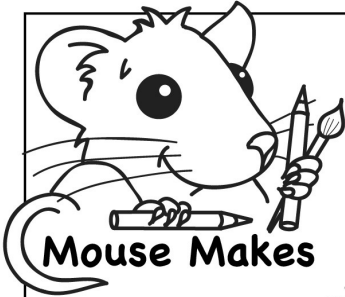
August saw a report on the Fresh Air Fund, an initiative that had St John's send money to inner city churches to allow convalescent children some time by the sea. The report discussed the fact that the Fund Committee had become depleted and the appointment of a new organiser, Mrs Harold H Cunliffe. Not to be outdone, Mr Harold H Cunliffe was appointed as correspondent for the Day School.

1969

Writing in the July edition, the Rev Buckley commented on the benefits of bringing one's troubles before the Lord and how the Church was available during the day for anyone to do that. He concluded with some words that are as true today as then:

“For many people life feels a burden. It ought not to be so. My own experience and that of countless Christians through the ages suggest that the more we recognise God, the more we take him into account and into our confidence, the more we trust ourselves to him, then the more enjoyable, the more confident, the more adventurous, the more invigorating life becomes.”

The August edition reported on the Garden Party. Sadly despite the fact that much of the country was subjected to a heatwave, it appears that Brooklands suffered from a continual drizzle. Entertainment was led by the Salford Military Band and despite the weather a good time was had. Somewhat mysteriously there was reference to ‘guessing games which gave large rewards to the winners’. One of these was ‘Guess the weight of the Vicar’. The answer was 13 stone and 4 pounds. Rev Buckley commented that, “I didn't mind people eyeing me; it was when they started poking me”.



Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples?
 _____ and

Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was a tax collector?

Matthew 10:3

Who was John's brother?

Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus?

Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote Revelation?

Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles?

Acts 13:9
 Acts 9:1-18

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.

Matthew and John wrote gospels.

Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches. (Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)

James, Peter, John and Jude all wrote letters.

John wrote the book of Revelation.



DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the disciples were fishermen: **Andrew, Peter, James and John.**

They would have used **two** different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.



In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

JUDE BOANERGES
 MATTHEW SIMON
 JOHN DIDYMUS
 PETER THADDEUS
 THOMAS SAUL
 PAUL NATHANIEL
 BARTHOLOMEW LEVI



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Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?
 PETER • JAMES • JOHN
 ANDREW • PHILIP
 BARTHOLOMEW
 MATTHEW • THOMAS
 THADDEUS • SIMON
 JAMES • JUDAS
 MATTHIAS • PAUL



Hymns We've Sung Recently:

Actually not and maybe never. I've only ever sung this once, at an event at William Temple Church. I was reminded of it when I was thinking about the link between God and technology in the Apollo 11 story. So it seemed appropriate to include it here even if it doesn't quite match the title of this feature and nobody knows it.

I had to contact Rev. Stephen Edwards over it and he described it as a 'mad 60's hymn' but one he loved. Written by Richard Granville Jones, the Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology says of it, *"Written in 1964 when Jones was a leading member of the 'Renewal Group' in Methodism, and first sung at the Sheffield Methodist District Synod in May of that year. It was inspired by a realisation of 'the way in which all the symbols of the exciting modern world had become unrelated to our normal conception of God', and by a complaint from a youth group that the imagery of hymnody was old-fashioned. It was a bold response to these perceived needs: it caused something of a sensation at the time, and was immediately popular, although its very immediacy meant that it dated quickly."*

As far as I can see, the hymn does not appear in current hymn books so I don't think Katie needs to learn the tune. Personally, I think that a pity.

God of concrete, God of steel,
God of piston and of wheel,
God of pylon, God of steam,
God of girder and of beam,
God of atom, God of mine:
all the world of power is thine.

Lord of science, Lord of art,
Lord of map and graph and chart,
Lord of physics and research,
Word of Bible, Faith of church,
Lord of sequence and design:
all the world of truth is thine.

Lord of cable, Lord of rail,
Lord of freeway and of mail,
Lord of rocket and of flight,
Lord of soaring satellite,
Lord of lightning's flashing line:
all the world of speed is thine.

God whose glory fills the earth,
gave the universe its birth,
loosed the Christ with Easter's might,
saves the world from evil's blight,
claims us all by grace divine:
all the world of love is thine.



The Manchester Whit Walks

Linda McCaw and I took part in the walk. We went on the tram and met with fellow walkers at the Cathedral. As we hadn't a banner we walked with St Luke's, Benchhill, and helped carry theirs. The walk took us along Deansgate, up Peter St, then to Albert Square where we enjoyed a service. It was lead by one of the Cathedral chaplains and included hymns, prayers (including the traditional Lord's prayer), a homily and a short sermon. We then walked back to the Cathedral, where tea, coffee and biscuits were served. Fortunately, we only encountered a short shower on the way back.

Sharon Marlow



News from Worcester Cathedral

Worcester Cathedral is delighted to announce the appointment of a new Residentiary Canon, which is an appointment by HM the Queen.

The Revd Dr Stephen Edwards will join the Cathedral Chapter with a particular responsibility for promoting the Cathedral's mission in the Diocese and local community, and for the pastoral care and spiritual nurture of the Cathedral community. Stephen is currently Team Rector of Wythenshawe and Area Dean of Withington in the Diocese of Manchester. Stephen's appointment will take effect on Sunday 15 September when he will be installed at Evensong at 4 pm.

We remember with gratitude all the Stephen has done for us here and his ministry in Wythenshawe. Please remember him in your prayers and pray too that our friends at William Temple have a short interregnum.

Mary Webster Writes

Now that I've realised that I'm off the hook for two months I've decided to give you a double whammy this month.

We had a memorable evening with Pat Foy at the piano at our May meeting when she provided us with both a musical and photographic quizzes. It was a joy to listen to her and her fingers fairly glided over the keys. We even managed a sing-along at times. The music took us back to our younger days and it was quite nostalgic at times. As anticipated however, I came last but then I'm a big girl with strong shoulders, so I can 'support' all those with higher scores.

Do you know, I reckon that although we have welcomed some really interesting speakers, our 'In-House' evenings seem to bring such pleasure and simple enjoyment that the hall rings out with laughter and good humour. Ladies I love those times, and long may they continue.

On Tuesday 11 June we went on our annual coach trip, this year we went to Ilkley first. The journey was fine but getting to our car park was a bit twisty and turny. It was worth it though as the shops were quite different from home and I will certainly be making a return trip, with a longer stay, to see more of the town.

We then went on to Skipton and had more time to spend in the town and again there was much to occupy us. Whether it was a trip on the canal or some actual, or window shopping, I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time. I'm not sure if it was sensible for me to go the 'hole in the wall' with my bank card but I had a great time spending so no regrets from me.

A big thank you goes to Carole Herd who not only organises our outings but our Summer Suppers and Christmas Meals so well that we don't know how we'd manage without her.

Well that's it for now folks. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer break whether it be in the good old UK or further afield.

God Bless and keep you safe.



One in four people in debt were born into money struggles

A recent report by Christians Against Poverty (CAP), called *Changing Perceptions* has revealed that the financial problems of parents can have a profound effect on their children's future relationship with money. More than one in four of CAP's current clients grew up in a household badly affected by debt.

It seems that money worries are an 'intergenerational anxiety'. The report says that the impact that parental debt has on children "is far reaching, from taking a toll on their emotional wellbeing, to parents being unable to provide adequate food or clothing and feeling that their debt was affecting their children's future life chances. Where parents are struggling to provide for their children, feelings of guilt and shame are particularly acute."

Chief Executive Matt Barlow said: "When you've grown up with debt as the backdrop, it takes a huge leap of imagination to believe that life can be different. There's also no one to show you the right way to prioritise, plan ahead or even talk about finances." Low income is the most common reason for personal debt. The average household annual income is £12,361 and a third of those being helped are living on less than £10,000 per household, per year.

**Everyone is invited to
Church and Society
at Sale United Reformed Church,
Montague Road, Sale M33 3BU
2 p.m. on
Wednesday 25th September**

Debbie Walters

Sale CAP debt centre manager

**will talk about the work
and future plans of**

The Debt Centre Initiative

A coalition of EIGHT churches based in Sale have united to offer free help to people living in the town: KingsWay Church, LifeChurch, St John's, Brooklands, St Anne's with St Francis, St Paul's Church, Sale United Reformed Church, The Avenue Methodist and Trinity Methodist Churches, have partnered with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), an award-winning national debt counselling charity, to provide the new services.

Everyone is welcome

Hello everybody, I hope this missive finds you well. Our

June meeting saw us entertained by David Murray. He is currently training for ordination, and spoke of his life in the Royal Navy including how he met Prince Charles at Dartmouth Naval College. David also worked for Stephen Lowe, the former Bishop of Hulme. Everyone enjoyed his talk. We also welcomed some guests from St Michael's, Flixton and had cake instead of our usual biscuits!

Our next meeting in July is our annual lunch.

God bless

Sharon



Saint Olaf

Olaf was King of Norway in the early eleventh century. The son of a Norwegian Lord, he was a soldier and also engaged in piracy in the Baltic, before becoming a Christian.

On gaining the throne of Norway he gave his subjects peace and security. However, although he converted Norway to Christianity, it wasn't by peaceful means. This resulted in a rebellion, supported by King Canute of England. Olaf was exiled in 1029, and he was killed trying to regain his throne in 1030. A spring of healing waters sprang up at the site of his grave and many miracles were reported.

Grenkell, Bishop of Trondheim, built a church over his grave and declared him a saint.

Feast day 29 July

And in case you thought there were no funnies...

A Tourist's Prayer

(Somewhat dated but you can modernise as you read..)

"Heavenly Father, look down on us your humble obedient tourist servants who are doomed to travel this earth taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear. We beseech you, O Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed.

Give us this day divine guidance in our selection of hotels. We pray that the phones work, that the operators speak our tongue and there is no mail waiting from our children that would force us to cancel the rest of our trip.

Lead us to good, inexpensive restaurants where the wine is included in the price of the meal. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Make the natives love us for what we are and not for what we can contribute to their worldly goods. Grant us the strength to visit the museums, the cathedrals, the palaces and if, perchance, we skip a historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

Dear God, protect our wives from bargains they don't need or can't afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in nightclubs. Above all, please do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do.

And when our voyage is over, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our home movies and listen to our stories, so our lives as tourists will not have been in vain. This we ask you in the name of Conrad Hilton, JW Marriott, and the American Express. Amen.

By Art Buchwald (and suggested by Sharon)



In praise of stalwarts

This was written by Tony Horsfall who runs a website to support Church Magazine editors (from which comes some of the content of this magazine). After reading it maybe you should make a point of praying for and thanking one of these (or more than one) unsung heroes for all they do. And if you are one, thank you!

In the church I belong to we recently suffered two deaths in quick succession. Two of our older members (both in their eighties) passed away within a short time of each other, and we will miss them dearly.

Doreen was with us from when we first started the church some 27 years ago. The matriarch of a large family, she was quiet and unassuming, yet deep in her faith and she never missed a Sunday. Kath was full of life, a woman of prayer who witnessed keenly to anyone she met, and whose constant prayer was for revival. They will leave a huge gap in our fellowship, because they were both 'stalwarts'.

'Stalwart' is a Scottish word usually applied to someone who is physically strong, hardy, robust and courageous. It is used nowadays to describe someone who is loyal and reliable, hard-working and deeply committed to a cause, especially over a long period of time.

Most churches would not function without a good number of stalwarts because they are foundational people. They are the ones we all rely on to do the jobs that need doing without fuss. They are always there, and we can depend on them, but it is easy to take them for granted. And that is the danger.

Stop and think for a moment about the stalwarts you know. Who are they? How can you encourage and appreciate them? And if you are a stalwart yourself, don't undervalue your contribution. You are vital to your church's stability.

The Bells, The Bells

The opening event at this year's MIF is 'Bells for Peace' to be lead by Yoko Ono. Everybody is invited to take a bell to Cathedral Gardens and join with thousands of others in sending out a message of peace. 4 July 6.00.



Before the Small Step...

The following is an edited extract from an article written by Buzz Aldrin, shortly after his return from the moon, for Guideposts magazine. It is a story that NASA did not make public because of threats of litigation. Readers will recall that the Apollo 8 crew read from Genesis. This was the subject of a

lawsuit filed by a radical atheist, Madalyn Murray O'Hare, that sought to ban astronauts from any religious observances when on a mission. The NASA compromise was to let Aldrin do as he wished but during radio silence. Neil Armstrong played no part in what happened. So, in the words of the great Buzz Aldrin...



“For several weeks prior to the scheduled lift-off of Apollo 11 back in July, 1969, the pastor of our church, Dean Woodruff, and I had been struggling to find the right symbol for the first lunar landing. We wanted to express our feeling that what man was doing in this mission transcended electronics and computers and rockets. Dean often speaks at our church, Webster Presbyterian, just outside of Houston, about the many meanings of the communion service. “One of the principal symbols,” Dean says, “is that God reveals Himself in the common elements of everyday life.” Traditionally, these elements are bread and wine—common foods in Bible days and typical products of man’s labor.

One day while I was at Cape Kennedy working with the sophisticated tools of the space effort, it occurred to me that these tools were the typical elements of life today. I wondered if it might be possible to take communion on the moon, symbolizing the thought that God was revealing Himself there too, as man reached out into the universe. For there are many of us in the NASA program who do trust that what we are doing is part of God’s eternal plan for man. I spoke with Dean about the idea as soon as I returned home, and he was enthusiastic. “Dean, I wonder if you could look around for a little chalice that I could take with me as coming from the church?” The next week Dean showed me a graceful silver cup. I hefted it and was pleased to find that it was light enough to take along.



Dean made plans for two special communion services at Webster Presbyterian Church. One would be held just prior to my leaving Houston for Cape Kennedy, when I would join the other members in a dedication service. The second would take place two weeks later, Sunday, July 20, when Neil Armstrong and I were scheduled to be on the surface of the moon. On that Sunday the church back home would gather for communion, while I joined them as close as possible to the same hour, taking communion inside the lunar module, all of us meaning to represent in this small way not only our local church but the Church as a whole.”

NASA doctors banned Aldrin from attending the service prior to the launch in case of infection, so a private communion was arranged.

Aldrin continues... ”So the next day, Sunday, shortly after the end of the 11 o’clock service my wife, Joan, and our oldest boy, Mike went to the church. There we met Dean, his wife, Floy, and our close family friend Tom Manison, elder of the church, and his wife. The seven of us went into

the now-empty sanctuary. On the communion table were two loaves of bread, one for now, the other for two weeks from now. Beside the two loaves were two chalices, one of them the small cup the church was giving me for the service on the moon.

We took communion. At the end of the service Dean tore off a corner of the second loaf of bread and handed it to me along with the tiny chalice. Within a few hours I was on my way to Cape Kennedy.

What happened there, of course, the whole world knows. The Saturn 5 rocket gave us a rough ride at first, but the rest of the trip was smooth. On the day of the moon landing, we awoke at 5:30 a.m., Houston time. Neil and I separated from Mike Collins in the command module. Our powered descent was right on schedule, and perfect except for one unforeseeable difficulty. The automatic guidance system would have taken *Eagle* to an area with huge boulders. Neil had to steer *Eagle* to a more suitable terrain. With only seconds worth of fuel left, we touched down at 3:30 p.m.



Now Neil and I were sitting inside *Eagle*, while Mike circled in lunar orbit, unseen in the black sky above us. In a little while after our scheduled meal period, Neil would give the signal to step down the ladder onto the powdery surface of the moon. Now was the moment for communion. So I unstowed the elements in their flight packets. I put them and the scripture reading on the little table in front of the abort guidance-system computer. Then I called back to Houston. "Houston, this is *Eagle*. This is the LM Pilot speaking. I would, like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever he may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his own individual way."

For me this meant taking communion. In the radio blackout I opened the little plastic packages which contained bread and wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements. And so, just before I partook of the elements, I read the words which I had chosen to indicate our trust that as man probes into space we are in fact acting in Christ. I sensed especially strongly my unity with our church back home, and with the Church everywhere.

I read: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me." John 15:5 (TEV)



July will be awash with programmes on Apollo 11. At the time of writing the schedules haven't been published but two radio programmes are worth looking at. Search on the iplayer or BBC Sounds for 'The Moon' which was a Book of the Week or '13 Minutes to the Moon'. Both recommended.

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Sanctuary Guild

Volunteers in the Sanctuary Guild take turns to clean the brasses in church, such as the altar cross, candlesticks, offertory plates and lecterns.



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July	5 th	Mrs A.Pilling.	Mrs A. Howard
	19 th	Mrs L. Vickers	Mrs C. Parry
August	2 nd	Mrs D. Ellerton	Mrs Z. Spark
	16 th	Mrs S. Marlow	Miss L. McCaw
	30 th	Mrs R. Shaw	Mrs. P Tallis

God in the Arts

The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world, with some 2,300 works spanning the centuries. During this year we are journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month. By the Revd Michael Burgess.

‘Mindfulness’ seems to be the ‘in’ word. In a world where people are moving faster and faster, we are called to slow down, to attend to the present moment and enjoy it for its own sake, whatever the pressures of work and family around. For Christians it is a call to live a simple and sacramental life, and an invitation to attend to what is holy there in front of us: it might be a meal, the countryside, a piece of music, family and friends, a pet or a painting. They are all avenues for God’s refreshing grace to touch us.

In this month of July we are probably planning our holidays. It may be in this country or abroad. Sometimes a holiday can be a frenetic rush of journeying and queues, or it can be a ‘mindful’ time, when we can relax and allow the days to refresh and renew us. Degas has captured that sense of rest and enjoyment in his painting of 1870 which is in the National Gallery: ‘Beach Scene.’

He is famous for his studies of ballerinas and racehorses, but he was also fascinated by the advent of the snapshot camera. This painting is like a holiday photograph. We see a maid combing the hair of a young girl. Her hat and swimming costume are nearby, and we can see bathers in the distance where the shore meets the sea. Families and a dog, yachts and a steamer: they are all captured in this moment.

The sky looks misty but warm, and for those on the beach, it is a time to lie and relax, to bathe and swim - to live simply, enjoying the sun above and the sand beneath. The ordinariness of a restful day calls us to be patient and enjoy the good gifts of God’s creation. Wherever we are on holiday this summer, I hope we find time to savour the delights of the world around, as we see young and old doing exactly that in this painting.



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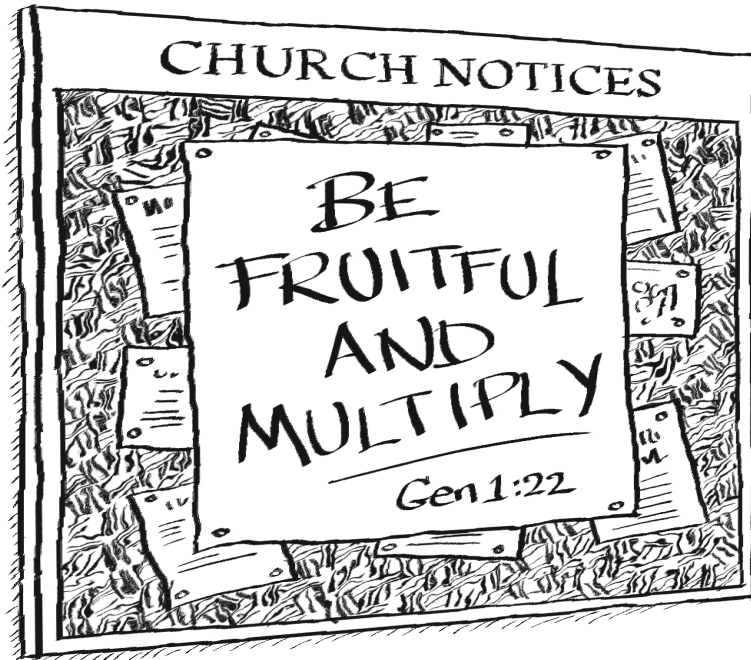


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The vicar's attempts to increase the number of children attending services were becoming less and less subtle...

Parish Diary July 2019

3 rd	10.00	Holy Communion
	2.00	Crafty Chat
7 th	<i>Trinity 3</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	6.30	Evensong
10 th	10.00	Holy Communion
	2.30	Mothers' Union
14 th	<i>Trinity 4</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	All Age Baptism
	6.30	Evensong
17 th	10.00	Holy Communion
	2.00	Crafty Chat
21 st	<i>Trinity 5</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	6.30	Evensong
24 th	10.00	Holy Communion
	7.30	Evening Prayer and Women's Fellowship
28 th	<i>Trinity 6</i>	
	8.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Family Communion
	6.30	Evensong
31 st	10.00	Holy Communion

Prayer can never be in excess.

Charles Spurgeon



Parish Diary August 2019

4 th	<i>Trinity 7</i>	8.30	Holy Communion
		10.30	Family Communion
		6.30	Evening service (SAID)
7 th		10.00	Holy Communion
11 th	<i>Trinity 8</i>	8.30	Holy Communion
		10.30	All Ages Together
		6.30	Evening Service (SAID)
14 th		10.00	Holy Communion
18 th	<i>Trinity 9</i>	8.30	Holy Communion
		10.30	Family Communion
		6.30	Evening Service (SAID)
21 st		10.00	Holy Communion
		8.00	Women's Fellowship (<i>Informal Evening</i>)
24 th	<i>Trinity 10</i>	8.30	Holy Communion
		10.30	Family Communion
		6.30	Evensong
28 th		10.00	Holy Communion

Baptismal Anniversaries

July anniversaries

Daly Ryan James Higgins and Annabelle Jane Sleater

August anniversaries

George Neil Makins and Erin Aylia Platt



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8.30am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Communion
(Second Sunday of the Month All-Age Worship)
5.30pm Choral Evensong

Holy Communion is celebrated on Holy Days and Saints Days as announced.

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