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## ***From the Editor***

There are different ways of looking at Lent. You can treat as a chore, dutifully giving up some treat or other, or embrace it as a season to move your faith forward. There are a couple of examples in the magazine of how you might do that and there are many devotionals available online. You could even have a Green Lent as you will read later. Giving up something for Lent presupposes that you have something to give up and the ability to make that choice. Many don't have that luxury and those of us that do should thank God for his goodness to us. Giving things away through some sort of generosity challenge is a good way of demonstrating that and something that we can all do. So don't just put up with Lent, embrace it.

The magazine has the usual features and thanks as ever to Sharon and Mary for their contributions. There is always space for pieces about the activities of the Church so please feel free to put pen to paper at any time. The Hymn we have sung recently is one that we genuinely did and there are some interesting titbits in our archive section. Hopefully this edition is free from the monthly misprint but if one gets through, my apologies. And, as this is the web edition, more colour and some added extras for you.

As ever, I pray that you will find something in here that gives you pause to reflect on some aspect of God's love.

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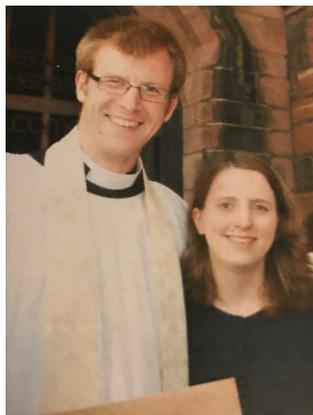
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## Richard writes...

How are you getting on with your Lent jars? If this has passed you by don't worry, it's never too late to join in! The reason for doing this is to help us to use the season of Lent as an opportunity to deepen our own personal discipleship and grow as a missionary disciple of Jesus. These small daily acts each day during Lent help to remind us that we are called to be a community of people who pray daily, serve in a ministry, and give regularly.



This idea of 'missionary discipleship' is also central to our Parish Vision. Our overarching strategy is rooted in the narrative flow of the Eucharist (look at the headings in your service sheets!):

- **welcome** to the family
- **grow** in faith
- **share** life together
- **serve** on a team

In 2020 our focus shall be on '**welcome to grow**' and we're prioritising Alpha, Prayer Courses and creating a culture of invitation and hospitality as we build bridges to connect with our community. This is the first stage in our three-year parish strategy: in 2021 our focus shall be on '**grow and share**' and we'll prioritise Alpha, Connect Groups, Prayer Courses, and Discipleship Groups. Then in 2022 our focus shall be on '**serve**' and we'll prioritise creating teams and connecting people with the best team that suits their SHAPE (spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, experiences).

What does *Welcome to Grow* look like in practice? Under “Welcome” is included **invitational events** like our Summer Garden Party, Winter Fair, Children’s events, Craft Chat, Women’s Fellowship, Games Nights and other special social events. Under “Grow” we include things like Sunday Worship, Messy Church, Connect Groups, and so on. Our challenge is to help people move from things in the “Welcome” column to things in the “Grow” column. The main tool we’re using is Alpha. It will act as the bridge from “Welcome” to “Grow”.

As we begin to put ‘missionary discipleship’ at the heart of our parish it is helpful to be clear what this looks like in practice. In the July/August edition I asked you to reflect on what a missionary disciple looks like and highlighted the following core characteristics: 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; has a daily prayer life; has a commitment to Sunday worship; can pray spontaneously out loud when asked; serves in ministry; and, sees their life as a mission field.

To help us move in this direction I have written a short leaflet that is available at the back of church and is reproduced below for you to read now. As we begin to move through our three-year strategy this document will be edited accordingly, you will note that the first section focuses on ‘welcome’ and ‘grow’. By 2022 this will include ‘share’ and ‘serve’.

*Richard*



## What can you expect from us?

### Welcome

- A place where you will be known by name, loved, cared for and supported in your spiritual journey
- Opportunities to belong to our church family
- A clear path of 'next steps' that you can take to feel at home

### Grow

- Dynamic and uplifting worship
- A place where you will experience transformation through the Spirit shaping you into the person God has created you to be
- A wide variety of opportunities to grow in your faith and live out your faith as a disciple of Jesus
- To be equipped to share your faith with friends and neighbours
- Opportunities to have up-front roles in worship
- Encouragement to use your God-given gifts to grow God's kingdom as you serve on a team

## What do we expect from you?

**To welcome...** Our God is a welcoming God and we are his welcoming people! The apostle Paul tells us to 'welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God' (Rom. 15:7). Just as we have been welcomed into this church family so we seek to welcome others and in this way, we follow the example set by Jesus. Welcome is the responsibility of everyone, not just the welcome team!

**To worship...** We gather to worship as God's family every Sunday. We encourage all members of the parish to gather for Sunday worship because it is when we gather on Sunday to be nourished through God's word. It is also when we share in the bread and wine of Communion that we remember who we are and are given food for the journey. In this task we fulfil our call to worship the God who created us and are given the grace we need to continue to love God and serve one another.

**To grow...** To become a follower of Jesus is to be his disciple. Jesus said, 'This is the will of my Father, that you should become my disciples' (John 15:8). A disciple literally means "one who is learning". We believe that learning and growing are lifelong tasks. When we cease to learn and grow, we cease to be disciples and will experience stagnation in our spiritual lives. We encourage every member of St John's to commit to at least one programme of faith formation each year. Our commitment to growth helps those around us to fulfil their own commitment and in this way our church becomes healthy.

**To connect...** The church is a community of believers and not simply a collection of individuals who gather for one hour a week. Christian community is one in which we are truly accountable to one another and accountable for one another. This task needs to be taken up with due diligence as the size of our parish makes it real challenge. We expect every parishioner to contribute to the task of building community by seeing themselves as an integral part of the life of this parish and being intentional about reaching out and connecting with others.

**To give...** We encourage every parishioner to give generously of their financial resources in proportion to what they have received. We give not to just meet a few basic needs or to pay the costs of maintaining the Church building and a few staff. We give out of gratitude to God, and the more the parish receives, the more we can do for the building up of God's kingdom, the more we can help the poor, the more programmes we can run to help others grow. No one is excluded from this. If someone has less, they give less. If someone has more, they give more. This offering is a key part of our worship.

**To tell...** Part of being a disciple of Jesus is being a witness; in other words, telling others how God is at work in your life and the difference knowing Jesus has made to you. The apostle Peter tells us that we should 'always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have' (1 Pet. 3:15). We encourage every parishioner tell others how their life has been transformed by their relationship with Jesus.

### What does this look like in practice?

#### ***If you're a regular at St John's...***

- Introduce yourself to newcomers – you're a host not a guest!
- Invite people to Alpha and join a Connect Group
- Join a Discipleship Group, usually held during Lent and Advent
- Invite your friends and neighbours to invitational events
- Pray and read your Bible every day
- Serve on a team
- Join our planned giving scheme and take the *Target 5% Challenge*

#### ***If you're new to our church family...***

- Attend Sunday worship weekly
- Come along to Alpha and join a Connect Group
- Pray and read your Bible every day
- Serve on our hospitality team



## What Psalm 23 is really all about

Sometimes during Lent people meditate on a passage of scripture. Here is a favourite Psalm, looked at with light-hearted modern Christian eyes....

The Lord is my Shepherd - THAT'S RELATIONSHIP!  
I shall not want - THAT'S SUPPLY!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - THAT'S REST!

He leadeth me beside still waters - THAT'S REFRESHMENT!

He restoreth my soul - THAT'S HEALING!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - THAT'S GUIDANCE!

For his name sake - THAT'S PURPOSE!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death -  
THAT'S TESTING!

I will fear no evil - THAT'S PROTECTION!

For thou art with me - THAT'S FAITHFULNESS!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - THAT'S DISCIPLINE!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies -  
THAT'S HOPE!

Thou anointest my head with oil - THAT'S CONSECRATION!

My cup runneth over - THAT'S ABUNDANCE!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life -  
THAT'S BLESSING!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - THAT'S SECURITY!

Forever - THAT'S ETERNITY!

## Crux

The monthly Crux insert is no longer included in the magazine (unless done as an error as it was last month! And this). It can be found online at <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/documents/category/crux/>. If easier you can simply insert 'Crux Manchester' into your search engine.

## From the Archives

### March 1920

The key item in the magazine this month related to appointments to the National Assembly. A church meeting was called to elect representatives to the PCC, the Ruri-decanal conference, and the Diocesan Conference. It was stressed that only those on the electoral roll were able to participate. The importance of this was stressed in Revd. Bethel-Jones letter as follows: "If the National Assembly (700 members) is to be truly representative of the church people in the Dioceses of this country, it is essential to its success that *every* churchman and *every* churchwoman in *every* parish, who is entitled to vote, should arouse themselves from their apathy and by their vote and interest seize this opportunity which is a last afforded them of having a very real part in the government of the Church of England".

On a slightly more light hearted note it was reported that a "large and representative gathering of ladies met at Mrs Halliwell's house to consider the necessity of holding a bazaar, during the autumn of this year, to raise funds for the renovation of the church and parochial buildings". It was decided to hold the bazaar at Sale Town Hall in November with a target of raising £800. Given how hard we have to work to raise that amount of money today, it certainly seems to have been ambitious.

(Editors's Note: The National Assembly came into being following legislation in 1919, which explains the reference to opportunities to participate in government of the Church being at 'last afforded' parishioners. The Assembly was replaced by the General Synod in 1970. The reference to Ruri-decanal relates to the Rural Dean and is the equivalent of today's Deanery Synod.)

### March 1970

Revd. Buckley in his typically thoughtful and erudite letter spoke of the notion of tranquillity and how it ought to be easy to provide in a church service. He pointed to time for quiet, an assurance of the loving sustenance of God, a point of repose for the eye within a lovely building, and a focus for one's thoughts from within the endless riches of God's word.

He went on to say: “Tranquillity is something which I myself associate with the season of Lent in general and with Holy Week in particular. Instead of giving up sweets or cigarettes many of us might well do better to give up a little bit of the rush and busyness of life, to cut out a few of the things which are not really essential, to put off a few of the projects which could wait until after Easter if we really wanted them to, and to rest a little little more, to have a little more time for God and - equally important - for the people round about us”. (Editor’s Note: there is some link here to the call by Archbishop Justin for a Green Lent.)

The magazine also carried thanks to the many people who distributed it and revealed that 50 years ago there were 700 copies of the church magazine distributed around the parish. The current distributors do a wonderful job and have our thanks but wouldn’t it be marvellous if we had that many subscribers again, or even half that number.

Finally (and this really made the Editor laugh) there was a report of a successful Potato-Pie Supper. This did though include a serious concern about the future. “But are the days of potato suppers numbered? This traditional Lancashire occasion seems to have a rather doubtful future. Why? Because fewer and fewer women know how to make a potato-pie or even what a potato-pie is! One hears that more than one volunteer cook had to practice on her family beforehand - with excellent results. We shall have to have a campaign and start a Society for the Preservation of the Potato-pie!” The Editor trusts that the women of St John’s reading this are not as ignorant as those of 1970!



## A message from Wendy Higgins

I would like to thank Reverend Richard Sherratt and all our church family at St John the Divine for the prayers, loving kindness and good wishes for my recovery. I have been deeply moved by all the cards and good wishes you have sent me - thank you everyone. I am now recovering slowly at home and sincerely hope to see you all again soon for Sunday worship.

## Hymns We've Sung Recently: Shine, Jesus, Shine

It is probably hard to think of a hymn published in the last few decades that has had the impact of this one. Written by Graham Kendrick in 1987, it originally lacked a chorus and it was only when the author added one that the hymn received attention. The hymn takes references from John Chapter 8 about Christ as the light of the world. There is a nod to Charles Wesley's 'Love Divine, all loves excelling' and a final exhortation that our lives tell the story of Christ.

As well as being used frequently in worship it has notably been sung at some high profile events. It was sung to Pope Francis on his departure from the Philippines in 2015 at what is reported to be the largest ever outdoor mass. Less happily it was also used in the memorial services following the Dunblane and Tasmanian massacres in 1996 as a song of hope.

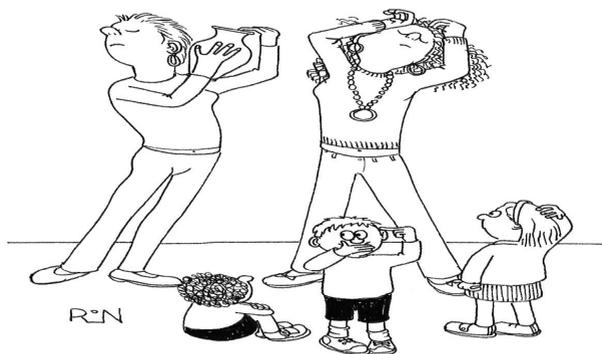
Lord, the light of your love is  
shining  
In the midst of the darkness,  
shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine  
upon us  
Set us free by the truth you  
now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's  
glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace  
and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome  
presence  
From the shadows into your  
radiance  
By the blood I may enter your  
brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all  
my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly  
brightness  
So our faces display your  
likeness  
Ever changing from glory to  
glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell  
your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

The hymn is not without critics. Damian Thompson of the Catholic Herald regarded it as the 'most loathed of all happy-clappy hymns'. Slightly churlish but it has to be said one of the few hymns that has the St John's choir clapping to as they sing. Kendrick's responded to this by commenting, "If the happy-clappy label is being awarded then I hope I qualify! I will not apologize for following in the tradition of the apostle James (4:13), singing songs of praise if I am happy (and presumably clapping if I feel clappy). Mind you, please give me a label also for praying when I am in trouble, in the exact same tradition, of course, and for the times when I must weep with those who weep."



*They had been asked to prepare posies  
for Mothering Sunday*

## Church Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for church flowers in memory of a loved one, a birthday or an anniversary, please contact Ruth Shaw on 973 9255 or Lynda Tattersall on 973 7140. A typical donation would £35 for a flower pedestal.

Dec 6th 2019 Richard Pollock in memory of his wife, Janette Pollock.

## Green Lent

Thousands of people will take action to help tackle Climate Change as part of the Church of England's first ever official green Lent campaign, launched today by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Environmentalists, activists and climate experts gathered at Lambeth Palace for the official launch of [LiveLent 2020](#) a set of 40 daily reflections, actions and prayers.

Those attending the launch were invited to add personal climate commitments to a 'pledge-tree', before a panel of expert climate academics, influencers and activists was chaired by the Archbishop.

#LiveLent 2020 is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, [Saying Yes to Life](#), by Dr Ruth Valerio. Instead of giving up chocolate or alcohol for Lent, participants are challenged to follow a set of daily reflections, which correspond to chapters of the full Lent book for those wishing to go deeper. With children's, youth and family resources also available, there is something to help every age group to get involved.

'How much water goes into making a pair of Jeans?' 'Could you twin your toilet?' 'When was the last time you gazed at the night sky?' and 'What was the carbon footprint of the meal I just ate?' - these are just some of the questions and topics participants will explore, with a different challenge every day.

Launching the resources, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said:

"We urgently need to rebuild our relationship with our planet. To do this, we need to change our habits - in how we pray and how we act.  
"Lent is not just about discipline. It's about allowing Christ to show us what's keeping us from loving and serving Him - and joyfully letting it go.  
"Whatever age you are, this Lent I hope you'll engage with God's plea for us to care for His creation, and that these campaign resources will help you on that journey."

Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Influencing and Advocacy Director at Tearfund, and author of *Saying Yes to Life* said: "Responding to the poverty and environmental crises of our times goes right to the heart of what it means to be a Christian in today's world, following God who calls us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with him.

"My prayer for *Saying Yes to Life* and the Church of England's #LiveLent campaign is that they would inspire in us a deeper love for our global neighbours and the whole of God's creation, and would equip us to take action in our lives and in our churches."

Last week, the Church of England [announced](#) that the General Synod would debate fresh targets to reach 'Net-Zero' carbon emissions by 2045, while the National Investing Bodies of the CofE [joined](#) the UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance.

#LiveLent builds on the success of the Church of England's most recent campaign, #FollowTheStar, Christmas 2019, which saw an increase in social media reach of 59% to 12.6 million from 7.94 million in 2018. The [A Church Near You](#) website saw a substantial increase in page views to 6.7 million during the month of December, with more than 25,000 services added to the site. The reflections run from Ash Wednesday, 26 February through to Easter day, which falls on Sunday 12 April.

The #LiveLent booklets for adults and children are [available](#) from Church House Publishing. Anyone can [sign up](#) to receive the daily reflections free via e-mail, and from mid-February in an update to the #LiveLent app (for iOS and Android). This is the first time a Lent book has been complimented by a wider Church of England digital campaign.



## Look for good pasture - spend time with good people

There are some people who inspire you to be all you can as a Christian. When you meet one of these, it is a good idea to stay near them, and learn all you can from them. We are affected by the people whom we spend time with - pray that you will meet people who will lift you up, and not drag you down, in your Christian walk. The Bible says: 'He who walks with wise men will be wise.' (Proverbs 13:20)

Many Christians admit that their present Christian faith was built on the wonderful example of Christians they met during their teenage years. They were inspired and encouraged and moulded by these older Christians. What a wonderful gift they were given! Good spiritual nourishment is vital for building a strong, vibrant faith.

Seeing God bless someone else can increase your own desire to reach higher, and also be blessed in that way. When you see a 'successful' Christian, don't be envious, and want to sabotage them. Instead, be inspired and ask God to use *you* in some fruitful way. But remember - Jesus said that HE is the vine, and we are only the branches. No branch is ever going to flourish unless it stays deeply attached to the vine.

## Mothers' Union

Hello everyone. Apologies for no article last month. In December, an Advent play was performed and in January Sue and Isabel entertained us with tales of their trip to South Africa. We had a delightful afternoon, in February, with our annual bring and buy for our overseas funds. The attendance was good and everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship. Thank you to Georgina, Mary, Angela, Linda, Kath, Kathleen and Anthony for their help. Also a big thank-you to those who bought tickets and those who attended and bought on the day.

As we are entering the season of Lent, which is burdensome for some, remember, when you have two choices always take the hard one, it will turn out to be the right one in the end.

I hope this missive finds you all well.

Our next meeting is 11 March, which is our AGM, when we will be discussing our future.



## Saint Chad

Chad was Bishop of Lichfield and brother of Cedd. He spent sometime in Ireland, where he was sent by Aiden, who he was a disciple of. On returning to England, he became Bishop of Ripon, but was deposed by Wilfred of York. Chad then went to Lastingham, where due to his humble, devout nature, he received the Bishopric of Mercia. Whilst there he founded the See of Lichfield and was given land to build a monastery there.

On the 2 March 672, Chad died and was buried, at the church of St Mary, his body was moved to the Catholic church of St Peter, whereupon cures were reported at both. Chad was swiftly canonised. A shrine existed in Lichfield cathedral, which survived Henry VIII<sup>th</sup>'s dissolution campaign. A book, known as the Gospel of St Chad, is kept in the cathedral library.

St Chad



## God in the Arts: 'He gave us eyes to see them': woodcut from Cologne Bible of 1478



The RSPCA was the first national animal welfare society in the world and was founded in 1824 by an Anglican priest, the Revd Arthur Broome. He asked the question, 'Can the infliction of cruelty on any being which the Almighty has endued with feelings of pain and pleasure consist with genuine and true benevolence?'

This month we focus on the story of Balaam and his donkey in Numbers 22. Balaam has not heeded God's will, and as he journeys, an angel bars his way. Balaam cannot see the angel, but his donkey can. Three times the animal turns away. Three times he is beaten by his owner, and eventually the donkey asks, 'Why are you beating me when I have served you faithfully?' Balaam's eyes are opened: he sees the angel and his heart repents.



This story is captured in a vivid woodcut from the Cologne Bible of 1478. It was a translation into Low German and enhanced by colourful illustrations. We can see Balaam on his donkey in the countryside. He has raised his hand to strike, unaware that the donkey has seen the angel of God. As we look and ponder this story, we can remember that cruelty and abuse mark out life today with children, vulnerable adults, and all creatures great and small. The donkey calls us to think of how we treat creation around us.

Donkeys can be stubborn, but they are also signs of humility, patience and hard work. It might be Dapple with Sancho Panza in the story of Don Quixote, or Tim Moore travelling the camino with his donkey in 'Spanish Steps.' And in the Gospels, we recall the donkey in the Christmas story and the donkey that bore Jesus into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. We celebrate that day next month: the humble donkey sharing in the triumph of that entry, just as he shares with all animals in the wonder of creation. G K Chesterton's poem reminds us that the donkey may be starved, scourged and derided, but he had that special hour of glory. 'There was a shout about my ears and palms before my feet.'

*Written by Revd Michael Burgess who is writing this series on animals and birds as seen in art and Scripture throughout 2020.*

## **Prayer for help and healing**

Father,

You are always loving, always generous and kind to your children.

Please have mercy on us in these times of turmoil and division.

Help us to be tolerant and understanding of those who have different, sincerely-held opinions.

And guide our leaders so that your will be done in our country and in our relationships with each other and with Europe and the rest of the world.

Lord, have mercy on us, forgive us and heal us. In Jesus name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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

### **Colourful writing**

The foreign student, writing a letter to the superintendent of the mission society, desired to end with the words: 'May Heaven preserve you.'

Not being quite confident of the meaning of 'preserve', he looked it up in a dictionary. When the letter reached the director, it ended with the words: 'And may Heaven pickle you.'

### **Pastoral care**

The young clergyman was walking through the village when he met one of his elderly parishioners. "How's your cold?" he asked.

"Verra obstinate," came the bleak reply.

"I'm sorry." The clergyman decided to try again. "Well, how is your arthritis?"

"Verra obstinate," came the reply.

"Oh dear, I am sorry," soothed the clergyman. He tried a third time: "And how is your wife?"

"About the same."

### **Church Magazine Bloomers**

*You know what they meant, but what they said was..*

The Women's Tea for next week has been cancelled. We are sorry for any incontinence this may cause.

The cost of the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Parish Supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.

Ladies, please don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last weekend in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

## Mary Webster writes

Happy New Year to you all. I know this is the March edition of the magazine but it's the first time I've put fingers to keyboard this year, and my apologies for that. Life has been a tad problematic over the past three months but at last there is light at the end of the tunnel. Enough of my waffling, get talking Mary!

A quick run through, the November meeting is traditionally something towards the Christmas festivities and this year we made a simple tealight holder, complete with tealights. This we used to illuminate the hall while Pat Foy played the piano and we sang Christmas Carols during which we enjoyed mince pies, mulled wine or soft drinks. Wonderful. December saw the ladies partake of a very enjoyable Christmas Meal. I am told it was up to the usual standard, but I must take their word for it as I was busy driving up to Scotland in torrential rain.

We are nothing if not adaptable as seen by the change in our January Meeting. Instead of 'Play Your Cards Right', we decided that a game of Bingo would be much more fun, and it was hilarious at times, even it was down to my rubbishy number calling. All I'll say is it's not as easy as it sounds and thankfully, we had other volunteers to take over while my red face calmed down. No money changed hands but there were small prizes for a line and a full house.

Our February Meeting was brought forward by one week as our intended Meeting would have fallen on Ash Wednesday but luckily our speaker, Wendy Emmott, was able to accommodate the change. Although I was not able to attend, I imagine that the topic of 'Healthy Hearts and Hips' would have been well received as Wendy came highly recommended. Thanks to Zoe Sparks who, as Vice Chair, stepped into the breach in my absence.

March 25<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Peter Pennington whose talk is entitled 'Black and White Minstrel', now not having met the gentleman I am assuming he may be talking about a television show that a fair few of us will remember. Mind you, I could well be wrong about that, so watch this space.

Where has the time gone in this New Year, the next thing will be Lent and then Easter Sunday. They say that time goes faster the older you become, all I can say is "slow down please, I can't keep up". Will stop rattling on Mary and get this sent out. Hopefully the weather will soon improve, and we can all get back to what we like doing in spring, whatever that may be.

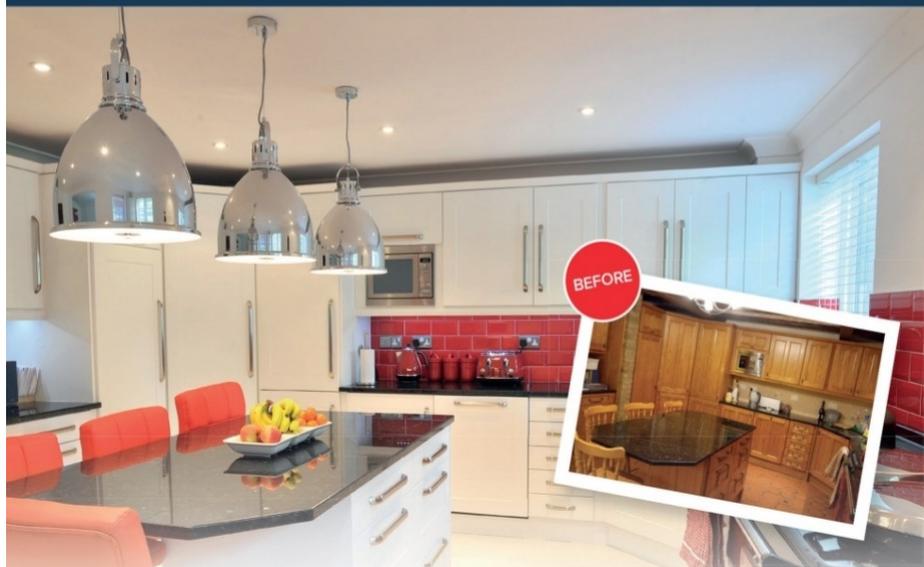
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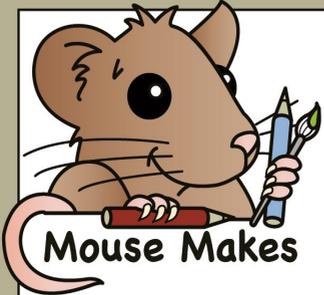
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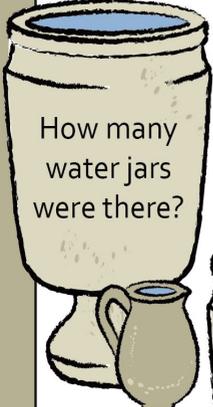
# Mouse Makes

Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

READ *John 2:1-11* to find out what happened.



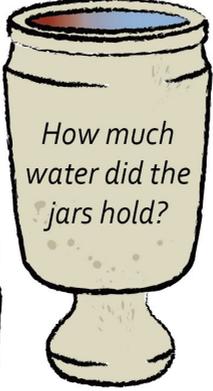
Where was the wedding?



How many water jars were there?



What were the water jars made of?

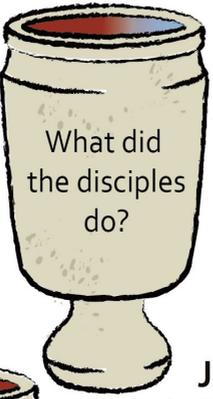


How much water did the jars hold?



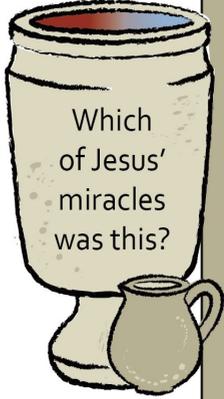
What were the water jars for?

What did the steward tell the bridegroom?

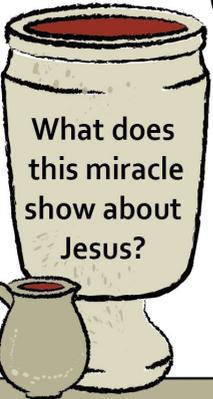


What did the disciples do?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?



Which of Jesus' miracles was this?



What does this miracle show about Jesus?

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# WHAT'S ON @ ST JOHN'S?



## **Messy Lent | 1<sup>st</sup> March @ 4.30pm**

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafts and activities as we journey with Jesus in the desert and prepare for Lent. Food will be served at 5.15pm and we'll finish at 5.45pm



## **Mothering Sunday | 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 10.30**

Join us at one of our services as we say thank you to God for our families and those who care for us, especially our mums. We'll be joined by our Uniformed Groups who will help lead the service. We shall also be handing out flowers during the service.



## **Messy Church – Palm Sunday | 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 4.30pm**

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafts and activities as we retell the story of Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem upon a donkey. Food will be served at 5.15pm and we'll finish at 5.45pm

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No previous skills are needed. The chat is as important as the craft.

**Everyone is welcome.**

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**EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.  
2.00 – 4.00PM.**

**£1.00 PER MEETING  
INCLUDES TEA / COFFEE & BISCUITS**



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## Parish Diary March 2020

### 1<sup>st</sup> **First Sunday of Lent**

9.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 Family Communion  
6.30 Evensong

4<sup>th</sup> 2.00 Crafty Chat

7<sup>th</sup> 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha

### 8<sup>th</sup> **Second Sunday of Lent**

9.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 All Ages Together

11<sup>th</sup> 2.30 Mothers' Union

14<sup>th</sup> 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha

### 15<sup>th</sup> **Third Sunday of Lent**

9.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 Family Communion

18<sup>th</sup> 2.00 Crafty Chat

21<sup>st</sup> 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha

### 22<sup>nd</sup> **Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday**

9.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 Parade

25<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Evening Prayer and Women's Fellowship

28<sup>th</sup> 9.00-10.30 Breakfast Alpha

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Family Communion (Second Sunday of the Month All-Age Worship)
6.30pm	Choral Evensong (First Sunday in the month only)

Holy Communion is celebrated on Holy Days and Saints Days as announced and at 10.00 on The second Wednesday of each month..

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