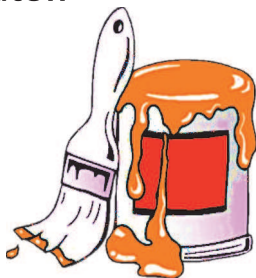


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Stories from a locked-down Rector

I spot him out of my office window, he's a big chap, most of his size looks like muscle and he is approaching my front door. At other times I may have been concerned as I opened that door, but not today. I open the door, we stand apart the prescribed two metres and greet one another like old friends even though we have never met before. He places the large box of canned and packaged goods on the floor and thanks me before I can get my own thanks out. He is one of a stream of people who have delivered food to the food bank via the black box at the front door of the Rectory, in Bidbury Lane recently.

I'll call her Wendy to save her blushes. Wendy enjoys attending St Nicholas' or St Thomas' at Christmas or Remembrance, but she wouldn't say she was religious. Which is not a bad thing as Jesus was always more worried about what you did rather than how you looked. Wendy and I stood alongside her father's coffin last year as we said goodbye to him. The truth is neither of us expected to see each other until Christmas and that would have been fine. However a number of times in the last few weeks Wendy has reached out with encouragement to me when she engaged with our weekly online services. I want to remind her that encouragement of people is my job, but she seems to be doing a better job of it, so I leave her to it.

I could go with on story after story of this community being Church during this pandemic. Church you say? Yes, Church. Not a church with a small c, the church buildings we have had to lock for now. No, Church with a big C, the people of God in Bedhampton. Jesus said to that Church, "For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you're my true followers." Naturally I would welcome a chat with you about the God-man who said that, how much he loves you and how you might get to know him better, but that's not my point. It does, however, seem to me that you are much closer to him than you might consider, with what I have been observing over the last month. So Bedhampton, I thank you for being Church.

All our love,

Max & Suzy.

P.S If you want that chat, you know where to find me;
sorry I couldn't resist.



PARISH NEWS

VIRUS RESTRICTIONS During this time of restrictions due to Covid19, and churches are closed, those who have access to the internet can follow services set up on-line; www.bedhamptonparish/worship

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

CHARITIES & FOODBANKS

It is good to hear that in these troubled times, as foodbanks are in need more than ever in these unprecedented times, Asda plans to donate £5 million to Fareshare

plans to donate £5 million to Fareshare and the Trussell Trust. The donation will help the two food distribution charities as they experience a huge increase in demand over the coming months.



FAMILY NEWS

We send our good wishes to those who celebrate birthdays this month, including our own Rector, Max Cross.

We also remember and pray for those who are not well at this time.

Some readers may remember Cherry Read and her husband Keith, (*left*). Cherry was a member of the Choir whilst Keith had recently become President at the Bowling Club. We are sad to report that both have recently died.



Many of you will recognise this logo, the highlighted activities and the encouragement for everyone to come and take part. Of course, these things all go to make up what we know as 'Messy Church'. However, as a church family at St Nicholas', we know that our sessions on the first Sunday of each month are definitely more than the sum of the parts!

We began our recent Messy sessions in February, although as many of you know, this fun and inspiring way of 'doing church' has run at St Nicholas' very successfully in the past. We are aware of so many other activities happening on Sunday mornings – but that hasn't stopped us! God has amazingly blessed our prayerful conversations and decisions and many families have chosen to 'Come and join us' for our first couple of Messy Sunday sessions. Our theme for this year is Bible Heroes.

February 1st saw Noah sailing into view! A well-known story to get us started with plenty of brilliant possibilities on the themes of rain, animals, arks, rainbows..... Everyone had fun taking part in the activities – building an ark out of boxes, cardboard tube rainmakers, rainbow cupcakes and doves in the Prayer Shack were just some of the things on offer. We had a good worship time. A story from Max – with helpers, BIG prayers from Peter using the most enormous pair of foam hands you've ever seen and some fun songs all helping us to understand the theme of 'God keeps His promises'. All finished off with drinks, bacon butties and cake!

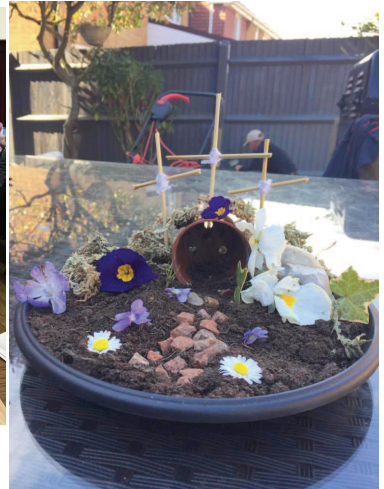
March 1st had a very fishy theme as our hero was Peter who was a fisherman before he became a disciple of Jesus. This time fish could be made out of many things – pipe cleaners, beads, paper weaving, folded paper, biscuits, bubble wrap..... Other activities included roosters, origami boats, a building challenge.....All helping us to understand that although Peter made mistakes like we do, Jesus chose him to be the Rock on which the church was built. All finished off with drinks, bacon butties and cake!

PARISH NEWS

April 5th – ‘You didn’t,’ I hear you say – ‘We did,’ I respond! We weren’t going to let a small thing like a global pandemic call time on St Nick’s Messy Sundays! Or pass up the opportunity to share the special message of Easter – Christ died, remembered on Good Friday, He rose from the dead, celebrated on Easter Sunday and He lives in our hearts today by the Holy Spirit. So with the power of the internet, and Max to help us, we produced an online ‘Messy Palm Sunday at Home’. The session was available on the church website as are our other services during lockdown. We pray that this has been a blessing to families, both spiritually and practically, as so many folk search for interesting and novel activities for their children at this difficult time. Palm Sunday leading into Easter was a perfect theme and Jesus, of course, our hero! There were songs, stories, prayers and naturally, activities. Families were given outlines for lots of ‘making and doing’ – including ‘palm’ crosses, a donkey with peg legs, a marble rolling picture, an Easter garden..... We have had positive feedback from some families which is great.



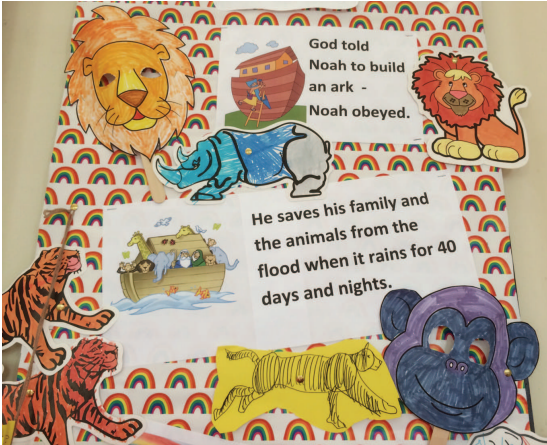
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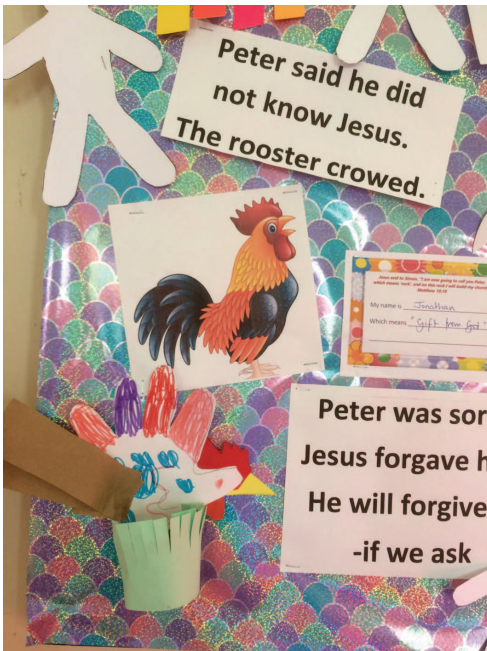
May 3rd will be another online session – Messy Moses! We may see an abundance of burning bushes, parting seas, bulrushes and Pharaohs – who knows! You will need to go to the website and have a go and encourage others who might be interested.

This ministry, like so many other things in our lives, has had to change radically. What hasn’t changed is the willingness and enthusiasm of so many of our church family in Bedhampton to support and commit to this important work. Over the past couple of years we have spent time in prayerful consideration of the future of our church. When this project was first suggested, at the end of last year, over thirty people immediately came forward to help. As a church we firmly believe that the ministry of Messy Church is a blessing both to those who come and to those who lead. We believe that God is leading us forward in this work and we will continue to ask for His guidance as we move into uncharted territory.

As soon as we can, we will get back to business as usual in St Nicholas' Church on the first Sunday of the month when we can have fun together. Until then we will have to have Messy Sunday Fun online!



Above: The story of Noah's Ark in February.
Below: Peter the fisherman.





'In Flanders Fields the poppies blow'

Part 23 of a monthly series on the men of Bedhampton who lost their lives in World War 2 and whose names appear on the War Memorial in St. Thomas' or in the graveyard.

George Edwin Alfred Freeland (1904-1941)

Lieutenant(E) RN HMS Neptune

George was born on 19th March 1904 in Shoreham, Sussex to Edwin and Elizabeth Freeland. His father was an electrician by trade and had been born in Emsworth. At the 1911 census, George and his parents were living in Hove where he was attending school. In 1918 he joined the Merchant Navy as a Deck Boy and by 1921 was rated as an Ordinary Seaman and Wireless Watcher. On 6th November 1922 he joined the Royal Navy, signing up for 12 years. We know from his enlistment papers that he was about 5ft. 7 inches tall, with brown hair, hazel eyes and a fresh complexion. He served on a number of ships during this period including HMS Malaya, HMS Agamemnon and HMS Assistance.

In 1926 George married Lily Elizabeth Freeland in Steyning, Sussex. I do not believe there were any children from the marriage. In 1939 Lily was living at 'Yes Tor', 22, Maylands Road, Bedhampton with her widowed mother, Susan Jacobs.

George is remembered on the Plymouth War Memorial (Panel 44 Co. 3). Lily was still living at Maylands Road in 1959 and was aged 97 when she died in 1997.

Rev David Proud

In response to this article in the April issue, Garry Page got in touch with the following message and photos:

Many thanks for the excellent article in the April edition about my Great Uncle and Aunt, George and Lily Freeland.

I wondered if you would like a picture of the couple which I have attached and also a quick update. Ironically given that he was ultimately killed by a mine, part of George's duty was to serve as a diver, complete with brass helmet and lead boots, to check harbours and ships' hulls for mines.

Lily served as an ambulance driver in Portsmouth during the war and remained as a member of the Havant Red Cross for many years afterwards.

The photo (*below*) is taken in front of Havant hospital in 1945, Lily is third row from the front, extreme left hand side.





THE ALTAR AT ST THOMAS article on page 18

Below left: stripped for Good Friday; below right: the green frontal presented in 2010 by Iris Burrows in memory of David.



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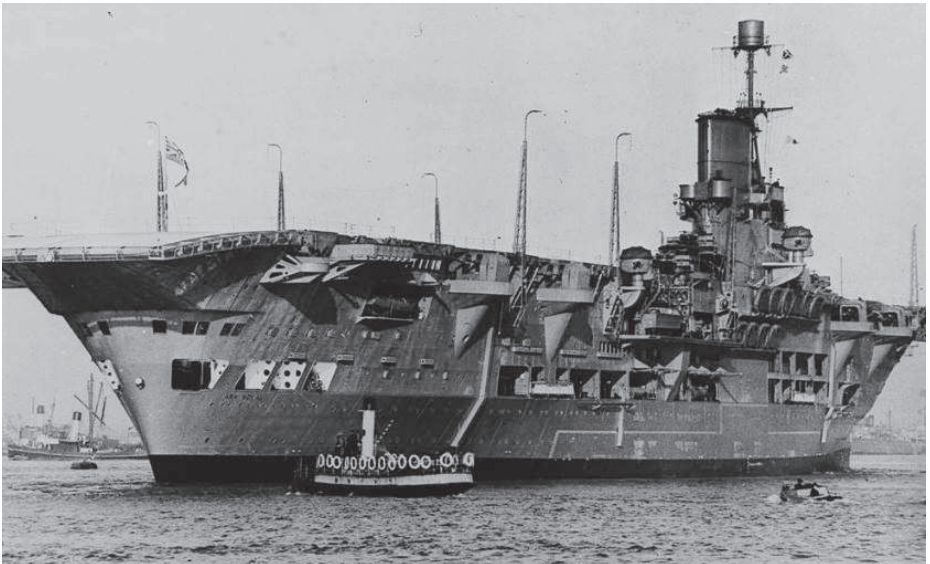
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Gay - Thomas Ian (1918-1941)

Lieutenant(Eng.) RN HMS Ark Royal

Thomas was born in about 1918 to Engineer Commander George Murch Gay RN and Olive Trounsell Gay (formerly Allen). With no evidence of his birth being registered in England, it is possible that his parents were based with the Royal Navy in Malta. A 1924 passenger ship's register lists the Gays returning to the UK from Malta. In 1933 Thomas' father died aged only 58 leaving Olive to raise her two sons, Thomas and his older brother George. In 1935, Thomas followed in his father's footsteps by joining the Royal Navy as a Naval Engineering Cadet. The Navy Lists published in the following years record his steady rise through the ranks; Midshipman (E), 1936, Sub – Lt. (E) 1938 and Lt. (E) by May 1940. By 1941 he was serving on HMS Ark Royal.



The Ark Royal was involved in some of the key naval operations of the early war years. She had been part of the Norwegian operations in 1940 and also in the hunt for and sinking of the Bismarck. In 1941 she played a vital role of keeping Malta supplied during the tiny island's courageous fight for survival. She also flew off sorties of

Swordfish Torpedo Bombers to damage and destroy enemy shipping supplying Rommel's army. The following account of an aircraft accident records the cause of Thomas's death on 1st August 1941:

'At around 0550 in position 40-00N, 06-30E, the Swordfish strike force arrived back over the ARK ROYAL and commenced landing.

The third Swordfish to land which was from 810 Squadron, piloted by Lt CM Jewell, was still armed with a 40lb GP bomb which had hung up. As the aircraft touched down the bomb detached, fell on the deck and exploded killing the pilot, the observer, Sub Lt L A Royall, and the TAG (Telegraphist Air Gunner). The bomb also blew a hole in the deck and killed four members of the flight deck party.

At the time of his death his mother was living at the White Cottage, Stockheath. Olive lived until 1971 when she died in Plymouth. Thomas' brother, George, had also joined the Royal Navy and like his brother, was a Lieutenant (E) RN by 1941. He died also in Plymouth in 2002.

Rev David Proud

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ROUND AND ABOUT

WITH THE BEDHAMPTON VOLUNTEERS

Wild and Tame Pet's Corner

Most of us are rightly charmed by our wild life as well as our special pets, and recently there's been almost a daily nudge to suggest a Parish Magazine corner of a page, where we could share those observations worth passing on, with even friends of friends contributions. If our average readership was under a certain age it may be referred to as a blob (Ed. Think you mean a blog).

Pre Lockdown a few days ago, 4 Bed Vols removed the brambles overkill from the grounds of Spectrum, a chair factory on the corner of Brockhampton Lane and Marples Way, around the once hidden away pond there. Now much more exposed to those walking and driving past, and locally admired by those adopting the 'new' hobby of 'our legal exercise constitutionals'. As we packed away, a male and female mallard flew in,



and paddled about with their heads twisting hysterically, obviously taking in the changes made by 28 hours of our labour. Then the drake showed off paddling backwards. Now does that happen often? A courtship display? According to neighbours the resident moorhen takes her chicks from there across the road, to the Hermitage stream alongside the apartments of Manor Court, and over the years there has never been evidence of her ever losing one of her brood.

(Lolly Pop Lady evening classes may have helped). My dad, back in the 1920's, used to eat moorhen eggs; you think times are hard now!



A few Saturdays ago, in one back garden, an unusual hat trick of coincidences; first, robins were found to be nesting in a previously never-been-used old tit nesting box, which had caved in and now covered in ivy, a squirrel went into the (empty) dog kennel, and then at 2pm a fox wandered across the lawn. Hasn't been known for many a year, but know many of you

do have foxes regularly. Hands up who feeds them? Same garden, and there's a mouse who climbs the pyracantha bush to access the flat roof of the house extension, which is used as a bird table. He or she (they're pretty quick and it's hard to tell which) feeds off fragments



left by the jackdaws, pigeons and seagulls. The same garden and a great tit was seeing off a gold crest, the UK's smallest bird, which was trying to feed off microscopic tit bits on a very old gnarled apple tree. Obviously seen as 'tit bits' and not for the gold crested. The gold crest was repelled 5 times. Was it racial? A few days later blue tits began nest building in another second hand nest box, (bought for a £1 at the Amenity Tip), and then witnessed mum or dad blue tit (well again, they move so quickly too) shooing off a great tit in the apple tree. Incidentally, I have a book on pruning fruit trees, which has chapters on exactly how to prune, dependent on the age of the tree. The last chapter describes our old tree, and the advice is to cut it down. Bad advice; in alternate years it still provides 100's of fruit.



Above: Great tit
Below: Goldcrest

On our last communal bike ride in the Sussex countryside, Finchdean way, before the 'Lockdown', we stopped for a puncture, and without that pause, we would not have seen some 50 fallow deer on a hillside half a mile away, including the albino specimen. Whilst tired up there, an RSPB man stopped his car and alighted with binoculars, and wasn't interested in the soaring kite we could see, but looking for hares. In the recent years we have been cycling we have never seen a hare. It's almost too sad to mention the old joke of 'hare today, gone tomorrow'.

Pete Spencer

The Elms Community Café

Mothers' Union

Bidbury Mead WI

Coffee Mornings on Fridays

Bedhampton Poetry Group

Fun Club

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Christian Aid Week
May 10th – 16th



An annual event across the United Kingdom, a door to door fundraising drive usually takes place by the **Christian Aid** charity.

Coronavirus emergency appeal

The priority in recent days has been to work with partners across the world to do the best to prepare for when coronavirus strikes poor communities. In some countries CA is already responding to this crisis.

Coronavirus does not discriminate. And you know better than most that the poorest will be hit hardest. The world's poorest communities, who already lack access to healthcare, will be the most vulnerable.

The coronavirus outbreak threatens not only to jeopardise the health of a region, but of the world. It has shown us that our futures are bound more tightly together than ever before.

In times of crisis, more so than any other time, it is the poorest, most vulnerable and marginalised who are at greatest risk. We must respond quickly.

The poorest will be worst affected

The coronavirus does not discriminate who it targets – rich or poor – our experience has shown us that it will be the poorest who will bear the brunt.

Christian Aid will use the lessons we learned from the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone, to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus.

- We will prioritise the poorest and most marginalised groups and ensure they have access to information and services free from fear and misinformation.
- We will work to prevent the spread of the virus by providing hygiene items and sanitation improvements.

Ways to donate

Christian Aid has provided advice for Christian Aid Week in response to the Coronavirus. Under the current circumstances, sadly, house-to-house, street and church collections will **not** go ahead.

Donations can be made on-line on the Christian Aid website; christianaidweek.org. Unfortunately, under the current circumstances regarding Covid-19, there is a delay to processing donations by post. Please give via the website where possible or call **020 7523 2269** to donate by telephone.

What's happening in Myanmar?

The Bangladesh Government and aid agencies are struggling to cope with the rising needs. Humanitarian agencies are struggling to access people in need in Myanmar. Horrific violence persists in Myanmar, with entire villages burned. Neighbourhoods have become like ghost towns.

Many displaced people from northern Rakhine remain in the country, surviving in camps. Supplies are dwindling. Families are in desperate need of food supplies, clean water and medical care. The situation has worsened with recent flooding affecting makeshift camps and forcing people to move to other areas. We need to act now.

The Rohingya crisis has left children like Asha without a family or home. By making a monthly donation, you can help these forgotten children to feel safe again. Six-year-old Asha is one of the refugees stuck on the border of Bangladesh, in one of the world's largest refugee camps.

Escalating violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in late August 2017 forced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes, including many Rohingya refugees who fled to Bangladesh, fearing for their lives. Asha was one of them. She fled after her home was burnt to the ground and her mother, father and three sisters killed. Our local partners on the ground have provided food, clean water, dignity kits and shelter. But more could be done.

Asha regularly visits one of Christian Aid's child-friendly spaces in the refugee camp, allowing her to learn and play and receive emotional support.

She is just one of thousands of forgotten children. Your support could help save children like Asha from living with the horror of the Rohingya crisis and enable them to feel safe again.

Conditions in the camps are incredibly difficult and children like Asha are particularly vulnerable. They have lost the families who loved them. A gift to Christian Aid is not only about taking care of children's basic needs. By giving regularly, you can help them to recover from trauma, grief and build hope for the future.



Droughts are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. Rose and her family, and **millions of people in Kenya**, are struggling to get enough food and water.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. People like Rose need every last drop to survive the drought.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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These are unusual times (I'm tempted to even say un-precedented). Physical Scouting has been suspended due to the Coronavirus, the Olympics has been delayed and we've **even** had to delay our annual Duck Race. **Keep hold of any tickets till later in the year.** The ducks are now in flock isolation (possibly going Quackers)!

I saw a quote on a Scout face book channel that went along the lines "We didn't stop Scouting for 2 World Wars so we're not stopping now!" Straight to the point. I myself know that lots of other Scout leaders have signed onto the support the NHS scheme which we expect to kick off for real next week. I look forward to doing something no matter how small.

Virtual Scouting has taken off in a big way. Each week I send out a programme (complete with opening and closing ceremony). I get back pictures and sign off parts of their awards.

We even tried to do the cooking a marsh mallow over a stick. Strict health and safety instructions (complete with video instructions) was put in place and I had no reports of house burnt down (or even burnt tongues).

Next weekend there is an international JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) and I'm even starting to plan my own virtual camp for April (from a tent in my back garden.)



I'm sure it's going to make the physical Scouting events even better when life returns to normal.

Till then keep smiling, look after yourselves and each other.

Nigel Vosper - Group Administrator and Assistant Cub Scout Leader



WORSHIP IN STRANGE TIMES

It seems strange that on Easter Sunday we cannot hear the sound of church bells and attend a tradition Easter morning service. However with the skies so quiet, we are able to appreciate the birdsong and bright sunshine which has brought forth spring flowers and blossom.

With thanks to modern technology, and radio, we are able to join in streamed services. Thanks also to BBC2 who broadcast an Eastertide service of music and readings from Kings College, Cambridge on Easter Saturday. Did anyone see Bishop Peter Hancock on Heavenly Gardens on Easter Sunday?

Born on the Isle of Wight, he became curate at Christchurch, Portsdown, 1980-1983; vicar at St Wilfred's Cowplain 1987 – 1999,



before becoming Archdeacon of the Meon. He was installed as Bishop of Bath and Wells in 2014.

Some may remember his visits to us in Bedhampton from time to time.

Meanwhile, may we thank our own Max Cross for making use of the Internet to bring us together to worship in Bedhampton. C.F.

Left: one of our well known former ladies of our Parish giving Peter Hancock some important advice in 2010.



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PUZZLE PAGE

Wordsearch for May; Pentecost

This month the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus, the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the fact that our God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. After the Resurrection, Jesus was seen on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He encouraged his disciples, and said that He was sending them to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses. 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven; his work on earth was done. The disciples returned to Jerusalem, and on the fateful morning of Pentecost, there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell all those who believed in Jesus: the Church was born. And so we have a triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Answers next month



April Wordsearch Solution

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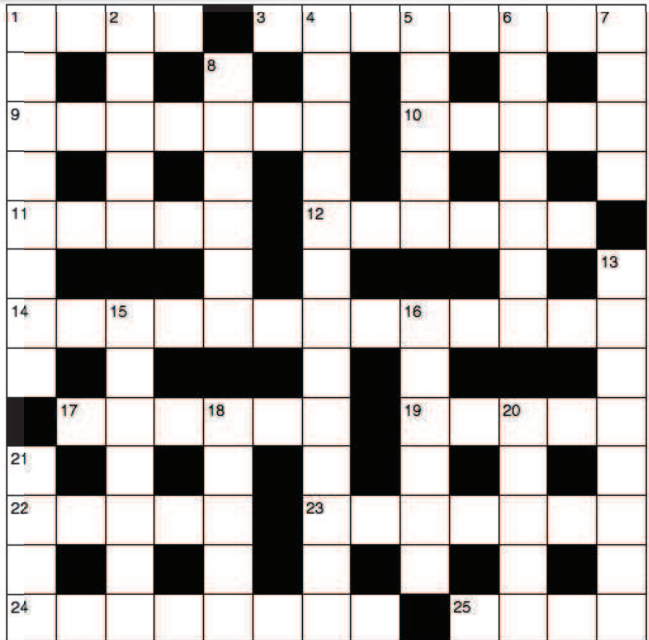
CROSSWORD for MAY

CLUES ACROSS

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table(4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

CLUES DOWN

- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)



CLUES DOWN

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)

PARISH NEWS

SEASONAL COLOURS

At this time of year, leading up to Easter, we vergers get to change the colours in St Thomas' several times. During Lent, the colour has been purple. On Palm Sunday, it changes to red and stays during Holy Week until the end of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday when all hangings are removed. Easter Day sees glorious white and gold colours. The rest of the year are mostly green for the 22 weeks of Trinity; red for apostles' days; white and gold for weddings, Christmas and feast days; and, purple for Advent and funerals.

The colours include an Altar frontal (for the Top Altar); Pulpit falls; and, a Holy Communion Burse, Veil and Stole. We have five sets of colours in total with different origins, and different fixing arrangements for the Top Altar frontals:

Red, this is the oldest colours we have, the altar frontal is suspended from a copper pipe and the top fringe held by cords and cleats at the rear;

Green, this is one piece, held by the cleats – donated by Iris Burrows in memory of her husband David, former Churchwarden;

Blue, pipe and cleats – donated by Anne Burgess in memory of her parents, (we propose to use this as an alternative to purple in Advent) – she also donated the east wall curtains in the same material;

Purple, a single throw-over Laudian – bequeathed by Iris Burrows;

White/Gold, pipe and cleats – donated by Sid Parker in memory of his wife Rosemary.



As we have two altars, we also have two sets of table cloths. For the Top Altar: 2 Wilfs (In loving memory of Rev. Wilfred Herrington Curate 1972 – 1977) plus one in memory of the Burrows. For the Mobile Altar: 3 none-Wilfs.

Alec Matthews



From the Parish Registers

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the families of those who have died.



Margaret Hobbs
Brian Kay
George Gadsby
Cyril Cowan
Cherry Read
Keith Read
Ruth Smith (wife of Rev. Norman Smith)

REST IN PEACE – Gertrude

Sad to report that my dog Gertie (kennel name: Gertrude, have you got a spare sandwich?) died recently, peacefully at home. She has been a much treasured member of our family, a loyal friend, a deliverer of many thousands of Parish Magazines and she attended many midweek Holy Communions to set up and say hello. She was just short of her 13th birthday.

Alec Matthews

COVID 19

Due to the current virus situation, all services and activities in church have been suspended at present.

We pray for couples preparing for their weddings which may not now take place as planned.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual meeting scheduled for Sunday 26th April has been postponed.

JUNE 2020

Magazine



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Services for MAY 2020

We assume that during May we will still not be able to congregate in our church buildings. In the event that we are able to physically meet the services are below. However there will always be a fresh service every Sunday available on-line at [www. Bedhampton.church/worship](http://www.Bedhampton.church/worship) if we are unable to meet.

SUNDAY 3rd (Easter 4)

Messy Moses; Holy Communion; Morning Worship

SUNDAY 10th (Easter 5) SUNDAY 17th (Easter 6)

Holy Communion; Morning Worship

THURSDAY 21st (Ascension Day)

SUNDAY 24th (Sunday after Ascension) SUNDAY 31st (Pentecost)

Holy Communion; Morning Worship

Regular services: St Thomas at 8am; Holy Communion
St Nicholas at 9.30am; St Thomas at 11am.

Other Streaming Services, some similar to St Thomas' or St Nicholas' Traditions

8.00 am BBC Radio Solent

8.10 am BBC Radio 4

9.30 am Portsmouth Cathedral :

www.facebook.com/portsmouthcathedral

9.30 am Holy Trinity, Brompton www.htb.org/sundayonline

1.15pm Songs of Praise BBC1 TV

CHARITIES & FOODBANKS

Whilst we have a Mission Feature for Christian Aid Week this month, other charities are struggling at present and should not be forgotten. In particular we need to remember the Rowans Hospice in its 25th year, and finding it quite hard to meet all its financial commitments. CEO, Ruth White, has said that planned refurbishments have been put on hold.

All charity shops have been closed. With the restrictions in supermarkets, and churches closed, donations to food banks have also been much lower.

Donations to the Beacon Foodbank can be left in the black box at the Rectory.

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