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75th Anniversary of
Christian Aid Week

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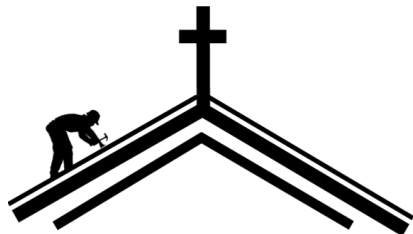
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10 - 16 May

ROOF APPEAL ~ What's happening!

Our target ~ £102,000

Income to 20/4/2021



The appeal has currently raised from:

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| Congregational giving | £44,592.04 |
| Fundraising activities | £4,847.03 |
| Menston community | £6,129.99 |
| Gift Aid claimed | £10,324.50 |
| TOTAL | £65,893.56 (with Gift Aid) |

We are still short of our fundraising target so it is not too late to donate either by

- ✘ **BACS** to: Menston PCC 40-22-28 A/C 40572640
Reference (most imp) : Roof + surname
- ✘ **Cheque** payable to Menston PCC. Send to the Treasurer, Hillcrest, Kelcliffe Lane, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9DE or post through the Parish Office letterbox. If you are a taxpayer please consider Gift Aid. A gift aid declaration form is available from the Treasurer if he does not already hold your details.

FUNDRAISING

Some fundraising events are currently being planned for later in the year (eg Open Gardens 17 July) and we hope that these will go ahead. Any changes to these events will be notified in good time via the Parish Notes, website and magazine.

From the Editor

Spring has well and truly arrived with warming temperatures, blossom trees and wonderful birdsong. Signs of hope towards a tentative return to a more 'normal' way of life.

The past year has brought many changes to all our lives - some good, some not so good. If you would like to share your thoughts / reflections on how life has changed for you during the pandemic please write in. Thank you to Hilary and Geoff for their contributions *p10/11*. It would be really good to hear from younger members of the congregation.

Thank you to all who have renewed their subscription to the magazine. If you haven't done so already, please let your magazine distributor have your money - £6 for the year.

Jan Alexander



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The Vicarage

Dear Friends

I hope you are all managing to find time to read your Bibles each day. There are seasons of life when it is harder to carve out the time, and sometimes our reading can become relegated to snatching a verse or two on our phone. But for many of us, if we are honest, we do have time – we just choose not to use it this way.

Anyway, I was reading my Bible today in Luke 17. It's amazing how often some of the things that Jesus says are difficult to understand, or perhaps not difficult to understand in our heads, but difficult to compute into reality now. We either don't like the concept, or it seems to suggest a mode of spiritual life which far exceeds what we are willing to give. There are loads of examples!

The one I read today, though, is a hard one:

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’” (Luke 17:7-10).

Slavery isn't an easy image for us to understand, never mind put ourselves in the place of being a slave. We don't like anything other than a total condemnation of slavery, so it grates with us when we hear it used within a parable where the whole point is the slaves don't deserve thanks and are described as 'worthless.'

But this reading struck me this morning as I was also thinking and planning some work about the purpose of church under the headings of 'Worship,' 'Mission,' and 'Discipleship.' I was particularly thinking about Worship and what that looks like at

the moment within the St John's church family, and it felt important to place worship in the context of what is required of us as slaves, or servants, of God.

Maybe just think for a moment about how your understanding of worship can be held together with this reading from Luke. What does it say about your view of God? Your view of yourself?

If I make the bold statement that bringing glory to God, (i.e. Worship), is perhaps the primary purpose of being a human, then we need to reflect on how our lives worship God. It is easy to get sucked into the void of believing (though we'd never say it out loud!) that an hour on Sunday is how we worship. God gets his little bit of attention, and we can go home feeling virtuous, knowing that we can get on with our week now.

Compare that to the slave who self-designates as 'worthless' and whose whole life is in the service of a divine master who completely owns him or her. The contrast is huge between feeling that we've done God a favour by giving up an hour of our time, earning a few divine brownie-points that can be used to claim an answer to prayer later; and the idea that even if we spent our entire lives oriented to God, we'd only be doing what we are meant to be doing.

This isn't to make us feel bad, but it is food for thought. It's not about activity, but more about orientation. Are we people who are oriented to ourselves, our own masters, who choose when to let God have his moment; or are we those who are self-identifying as God's slaves, for whom all of life is service to God. If the latter, Worship is easy – everything we do gives glory to God. If the former, then Worship can feel an imposition upon everything else we do.

Which is it for you? Maybe pray about your response.

Steve

A View from The Pews by Dominic Hall

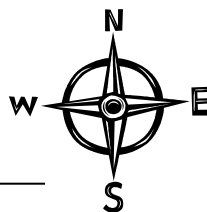
As a child I used to watch the quiz show, ‘A Question Of Sport’. In the programme one of the rounds was called ‘What Happens Next?’ in which a piece of sporting action is paused and the panel have to come up with a plausible answer to the question. I am writing this article the day after the announcement of the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Whilst many have paused to reflect on his contribution to life in the UK and around the world, there will be some asking, what happens next? Prince Philip’s journey continues beyond the shackles of an earthly existence. Where he goes and what happens next for him is beyond my meagre comprehension.

For his family here on earth there will be, of course, great sadness and adjustment in the days and months ahead. For Her Majesty The Queen, a woman who appears to be almost heroically stoic, perhaps the greatest test of her private life is at her door. I am certain the love and support of her family will ensure that what happens next for her will be grief that settles into bereavement, reflection and renewal – yes even at 95 years of age!

It so happens that on Thursday evening I finished reading ‘The Madness of Grief’ by Revd Richard Coles. It is a meditation on the journey he has travelled since the death of his partner, Revd David Coles, just before Christmas in 2019. It is a beautifully written book that achieves great heights and depths of emotion. It shows that their love was real and strong and that it survived the buffeting from inevitable storms caused by life. The question, what happens next, depends of course on the way any individual approaches the circumstances with which they are faced. Richard Coles admits to anger, frustration, dark thoughts and woe. He also points to the comfort of friends, the beauty of nature, the drear of what he calls ‘sadmin’, the inevitable form filling and bureaucracy of death and the pleasure of unexpected and happy memories.

The joy of being part of a church community, the same as being part of a loving family, is that those trials and tribulations are never faced alone. The comfort that comes from knowing God is with us, in the mysterious abstract of ‘faith’ but also in the familiar touch or voice from a friend is warm and welcome. Her Majesty will seek and receive comfort from her faith as Revd Coles has done, as we all do.

Prayer Points



Christian Aid ~ 75th anniversary

In this 75th Anniversary year, we remember in our prayers the work of Christian Aid, world leaders and organisations highlighting the urgent need to address the climate crisis facing our planet.

God of all the Earth,
you saw the land and called it good,
yet for so many today, droughts are prolonged,
rains delayed and crops have failed.
Help us to work together with you and all of creation
to stop this climate crisis. Amen.

We give thanks for all those who work tirelessly in Christian Aid's country programmes to reach those whose needs are greatest.

We pray for a renewed hope for those who have found the past year exceptionally challenging.

We pray for resources to be found to meet the difficulties of today and for a refreshed spirit to find God's goodness amid so many stories of darkness.

God who never forsakes us, light our path through the darkness and bring us new hope to face the day. Amen.

**'We think of ourselves as just individuals,
separated from one another,
whereas we are connected and
what we do affects the whole world.'**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

With thanks to Jan Alexander for this month's Prayer Points



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'DIVINE REFLECTIONS' ~ Flower Festival

17-19 September 2021

Plans are well in-hand for this event - one of our fundraising efforts for the Roof Appeal. Many will remember the last festival, 'Echoes of War' in September 2017, and whilst our plans for this festival are a little constrained by Covid restrictions and worries over what the future of September may look like, one thing that is certain will be wonderful standard of the flower arrangements. We sincerely hope that life will be 'more normal' by then but should things change we will re-schedule the event. Going forward with faith - please put the date in your diaries!

What is planned?

Titles of flower arrangements have been chosen to depict some specific events which took place in 1871, life in mid-Victorian Menston and selected verses from St John's Gospel, whilst others depict milestones and highlights in the rich and varied life of St John's over its 150 years. Hopefully, an attractive mix with something to interest everyone.

We need your help please

✘ Sponsorship

We are hoping that members of the congregation will help to sponsor some of the arrangements. St John's flower arrangers have kindly agreed to arrange sponsorship for their own arrangements but we need to offer financial support to friends from local churches and local flower clubs who are also designing some of the arrangements. There are 8 arrangements that will need sponsoring and we would like to raise around £300. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement - perhaps in memory of a family member - contact Jan Alexander 878355 or Judith Knaggs as soon as possible

✘ Apprentice Flower Arrangers

A call to anyone who would like to be involved with the flower arranging! You need no previous experience just a love of flowers, design and wish to investigate a potential new interest. Please get in touch with me if you would like to give it a try. It's how many of us started out on this fascinating hobby!

Jan Alexander 878355

COVID REFLECTIONS

Being asked to write about my own life during this last year has been interesting and made me think about the good and the bad aspects.

At the beginning of the first lockdown I embraced the restrictions, believing like most people that if we obeyed the rules we could resume our lives again soon, which seems ridiculously naïve now I am looking back! Cupboards were cleaned out, cakes baked, drinks with neighbours in chairs suitably distanced, walks round the village once daily and clapping on Thursdays. The sun shone, none of my family were ill and gradually things relaxed again. I discovered Zoom meetings, bought pretty masks [thanks, Sue] and became much more disciplined in my shopping habits!

The summer brought a brief respite. I managed a family holiday to the East Coast where we ate out to help out with enthusiasm. We started to hope!

In the autumn reality set in again and it was obvious that we were in for a long haul. The weather got cold and wet, walks got muddier and muddier, cake making became sporadic and cupboards gradually became cluttered again. Christmas was cancelled and presents sent off in the post, all except the stick insects I had acquired for my grandsons [they are still in residence and I am an expert on the best ivy supplies in Menston].

As we gradually ease our way out of this pandemic I considered what I have missed most. The main thing has been visits to my children and grandchildren, video calls have not worked for me. I miss face to face meetings, I am not a fan of Zoom despite appreciating the benefit of keeping in touch. I hate masks, queues, avoiding people when out walking and not being able to see people smiling! I have also missed holidays, flying, theatre and restaurant meals, a lot!

I am looking forward to having these things back in my life soon and will try to appreciate them all the more for having missed them for so long. Mostly, however, I will continue to be thankful for having had my family stay safe and well during it all.

Hilary Feathers

REFLECTIONS cont'd

For over a year now the pandemic has brought out the best in us, whether it is the professionalism, kindness and compassion of NHS workers; or the volunteers who have delivered food and medicines and kept in touch with lonely people who would otherwise have never seen a friendly face or heard a kindly voice.

But it has also brought out the worst in us. As the pandemic turned all our lives upside down or in many cases ripped them apart, there were those whose initial response was to strip Morrisons of every last loo roll and packet of pasta. The result was exhausted tearful nurses heading home from long shifts confronted by empty shelves.

Or a couple of weeks ago, what brought out the worst in those whose first response to the loosening of the restrictions on our lives was to head for the nearest park and cover it with litter?

Perhaps we should not feel surprised by these contradictions. We are all liable to respond to the same situation in different ways depending on our mood. On a bright sunny day when things are going right it is so much easier to respond positively to the needs of others than when we are weighed down by the problems in our own lives, and just want to spite everybody else by behaving badly.

Love one another may only be three words but putting them into practice takes a lifetime.

It seems odd therefore there might be things we will miss about lockdown. For example I confess that I have enjoyed the excuse lockdown has provided not to have to do things I did not really want to do anyway. But lockdown has also given us time to appreciate and savour simple pleasures. Walking near Harewood, recently Susan and I just sat and watched as a dozen magnificent red kites circled, soared and swooped. It seemed like a display just for us.

But while thinking such thoughts let us never forget those whose loss and grief right now is insurmountable.

Geoff Druett

LIVING in LOVE and FAITH

Back in February, you may recall that I was encouraging church members to take part in the Living in Love and Faith course that has been devised by the Church of England to consider how identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. Also, what does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

Six members from the South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery have now completed the pilot course and feedback is being given to Bishop Helen-Ann who leads on the topic for the Diocese of Leeds.

The course comprised listening to story films with people who were in same sex relationships; transexual; celibate; married or divorced; and it was humbling to hear their stories. Bible teaching was extensive and there was opportunity for discussion.

Here is some information from the course material:

“Currently, the Church of England continues to marry opposite sex couples and to recognise civil heterosexual marriages. Committed cohabiting relationships, civil partnerships (same- sex or opposite-sex) and same-sex marriages are not regarded as marriage in the church’s teaching. The church aspires to welcome and provide pastoral support to all, whatever their relationships, but does not have approved services to celebrate any relationships other than marriage according to the church’s teaching.

The course is asking us whether we consider this to be the right approach? Could local churches respond differently? Should the Church’s doctrine on marriage change?”

These are all challenging questions and the course offers a structured approach to help us think these through and asks us to listen to the voice of God as we seek a way forward for our life together as the Church of England.

The participants welcomed the opportunity to learn more and discuss these questions that they felt were so relevant to life today within their families, friends and colleagues. More courses will be

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offered over the rest of the year, please do consider taking part and wrestling with these issues!

If you wish to have a conversation, please contact me or Steve or Andrew.

Marilyn Banister: 874220

To find out more about the project, please go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10 - 16 May 2021

Although we no longer have a house-to-house collection for Christian Aid in Menston there are still ways we can contribute to its ongoing work. Last year, despite the backdrop of the global pandemic, nearly 4 million pounds was raised by supporters.

The focus this year continues to be the fight against the climate crisis and the need to supply reliable sources of water. Many communities world-wide face increased pressure from a crisis that they didn't create. They are losing food, water, homes and family.

Take a moment to read Genesis 1: 20-23 and then consider how our well-being is intertwined with creation and with those we may never meet.

We are not powerless - we can be part of the solution.

We can donate on-line at **caweek.org** or call **08080 006 006**. You could create an e-envelope and invite friends and family to contribute. Visit **envelope.christianaid.org.uk** for more details.

Jan Alexander: Outreach Group

Worship this month

2 May The Fifth Sunday of EASTER
Readings: Titus 2; John 15: 1-8

9.30am Zest
11.00am Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

9 May The Sixth Sunday of EASTER - Rogation Sunday
Readings: Titus 3; John 15: 9-17

9.30am Zest
11.00am Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

16 May The Seventh Sunday of EASTER
Readings: Acts 1:1-12; John 17: 6-19

9.30am Zest
11.00am Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

23 May PENTECOST
Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27

9.30am Zest
11.00am Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

30 May TRINITY SUNDAY
Readings: Acts 3; John 3: 1-7

9.30am Zest
11.00am Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

6 June The Second Sunday after TRINITY
Readings: Acts 5: 1-16; Mark 3: 20-end

9.30am Zest
11.00am Service of the Word followed by optional Eucharist

MID-WEEK SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9.30am *Wednesdays: 5 / 12 (service for Ascension Day) /
19 / 26 May / 2 June*

Happy Birthday 150th!

I'm sure by now you will know that our church, and therefore our church family, are celebrating the 150th birthday.

As in every family we want everyone to be involved, from the newest, youngest, to the most faithful long standing member. 150 years is well worth celebrating, as we are part of an ongoing story.

Wouldn't it be great to flag Dr Who down in her Tardis and travel back in time to that joyous celebration on 28 April 1871, when the good people of Menston came together to dedicate this building for worship witness and service. I wonder what their hopes and visions were that day. This anniversary gives us an opportunity to also think about hopes and visions as we emerge from this pandemic and try and visualise what kind of worshipping community we need to be to serve the community into the future. Yes, we need a roof but we also need a vision. What do you see as important for us to go forward in love and faith?

How do we celebrate as a family? How about trying to do something 150 times? Maybe we are not would be Captain Tom Moore's walking around our garden 150 times, but getting friends and family involved and doing something 150 times - maybe over this year walking 150 miles? Or knitting 150 rows (that would be a good start to a blanket for the homeless). Reading 150 chapters of the Bible over 150 days, how far would you get? Start this month and it will only take you until September.



We want everyone involved. We still need recipes for our book, and when we have our big weekend in September we will need lots of help. You can read about some of that elsewhere in this edition. So let's be proud, let's be willing and let's be positive as we continue to be part of the ongoing story of the Parish Church of St John the Divine, Menston with Woodhead.

Congratulations, lots of love,

Andrew

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

As a long term supporter of this Charity it is always a pleasure to receive a letter of thanks at the beginning of the year and a copy of the Society's newsletter. This year there was also a 'message of hope', shared by one of their incredible supporters. It seems fitting to forward this as we come to the end of a year of Covid and restrictions. I hope this brings comfort and hope where needed.

WORDS OF HOPE

'When I was young I heard a story about a little girl who used to play the 'Glad Game'.

This little girl was always thinking about, or counting, the things she was glad about.

'Oh, I am glad I am wearing my favourite jumper to-day', or perhaps, 'I am glad the sun is out, that makes me feel brighter'. Just everyday things to be thankful for.'

It has been a tough year but we can all be 'Glad' that there are now vaccinations available and that we can gradually get back to a normal way of life.

Look forward to better things happening and never forget to play the 'Glad Game'. There is always something to be glad about.

Janet Kitching



APCM Notes

Election results

Churchwardens:

Hilary Feathers
David Mercer

Deanery Synod until May 2023:

2 years: Sallie Smith
1 vacancy

Parochial Church Council:

3 years: Roger Banister
Ian Johnson
Sue Lee
Wendy Thornhill

Vacancies for 2 and 1 year.

It is not too late to join the PCC.
If you are interested in taking up
any of the vacancies please
contact Steve.

The Treasurer stressed how lucky we are that, unlike many churches in the country, our regular income has not decreased as most is by Standing Order or envelopes.

In his comments, Steve reminded us that we are surrounded by a '*great cloud of witnesses*' *Hebrews 12 v1* who have worshipped in St John's during its 150 years. How we develop as a church in the years ahead, particularly following the Covid pandemic, is part of an ongoing focus of the PCC. Our views are sought too.

Our ongoing prayers for the roof appeal are urged. The process is complicated but not SECRET. Speak to the churchwardens if you have specific questions.

GREEN TIPS for this month

Home-grown food tastes better, has travelled less and contains fewer pesticides. Gardens can be oases of beauty and peace and can connect you with the Creator. This month's tips:



- ~ Create a garden that's a bit messy! Leave some less tidy places for wild life.
- ~ Start a compost heap.
- ~ Don't use garden products that contain peat.
- ~ Don't use chemicals in your gardening.

Remember - reuse, re-cycle, reduce.

Outreach Group

All in the month of MAY

100 years ago, on 3 May 1921 Ireland was divided into Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland (now known as the Republic of Ireland).

Also 100 years ago, on 15 May, the Royal British Legion was founded.

70 years ago, on 3 May 1951 the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival Hall in London were opened. The aim of the Festival was to lift the nation's spirits by celebrating British industry, arts and science.

Also 70 years ago, on 9 May 1951 the Lake District National Park was established. It was Britain's second national park.

and on 25 May 1951 the British spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean fled to Moscow. They were members of the infamous Cambridge spy ring, and their whereabouts remained unknown until 1956.

60 years ago, on 28 May 1961 Amnesty International was founded in London.

Smile lines ...

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

The Moving Finger writes, and, having writ, moves on. And so, I stare and wonder – where does the ink come from?!

Idealistic politician: 'I dream of a better tomorrow where chickens can cross the road and not have their motives questioned.'



Don't lose your mental faculties

Want to slow down – or even reverse – your mental decline as you get older? Then at least go for a brisk walk several times a week. It has been found to be even more beneficial than doing the crossword, according to a recent study.

Scientists believe that although the brain shrinks as we age, it can grow back into the space in the skull, and that exercise can be key to 'regrowing' your brain. Even moderate exercise is beneficial, and that it is better than sitting at home doing a crossword or other puzzle, which has been previously thought to be key to stopping mental decline. The study, carried out at the University of Pittsburgh, found that 'the brain and cognitive function of older individuals remain highly plastic. It's not this inevitable decline that we thought it was.' It may be that exercise increases blood supply to the brain.

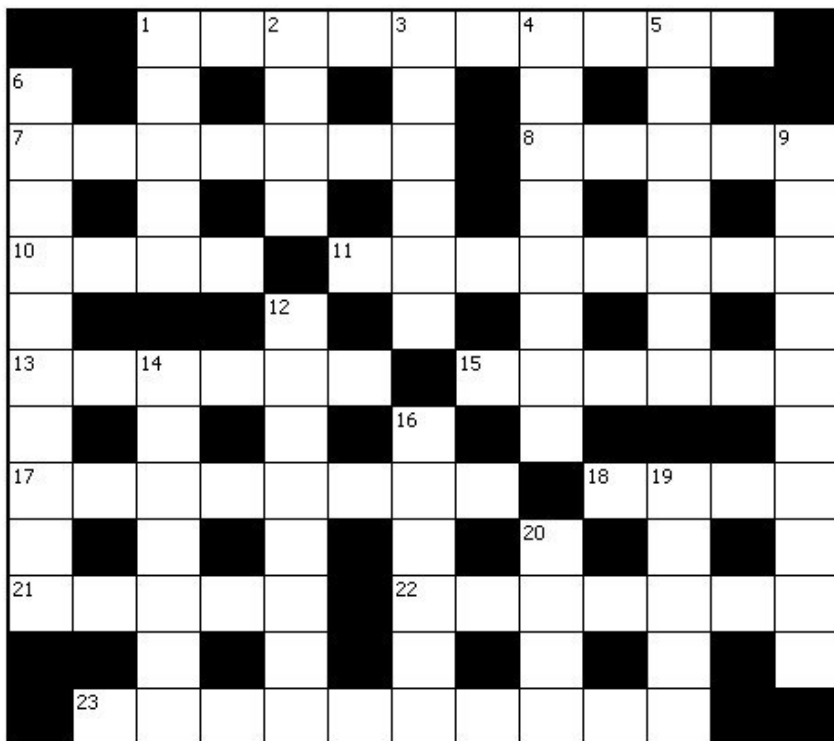
Your daily walk should be a sacred ritual

Under lockdown, millions of us who rarely walked around our immediate locality are now well acquainted with every nearby driveway, every crack in the pavement, and every pothole in the road. We have developed views on our neighbours' gardens, on their oddly coloured garage doors, and on their dogs, children and cars. If we go out at the same time every day, we may even be saying hello to the same people we don't know every day.

For many of us, that daily walk has become the high point of our day. After all, it is one of the few liberties we have left. Some of us go early, to enjoy the relative peace and quiet. Some of us go midday, to at least see other people, even if we can't talk to them. Others of us opt for dusk, the dark comfort of a street with lit houses and stars in the sky.

Whatever time you most enjoy, make sure you do make the time to go for your walk. Your mental and physical fitness can only improve!

Parish Pump News Service



Across

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (*1 Corinthians 8:7*) (10)
 7 Coming (*John 11:17*) (7)
 8 ‘All I have is — , and all you have is mine’ (*John 17:10*) (5)
 10 Smarten (*Acts 9:34*) (4)
 11 Hold back (*Job 9:13*) (8)
 13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
 15 At ague (anag.) (6)
 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
 18 So be it (*Galatians 6:18*) (4)
 21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. — (5)
 22 Empowers (*Philippians 3:21*) (7)
 23 Imposing (*1 Samuel 9:2*) (10)

Down

- 1 Healed (*Luke 7:21*) (5)
- 2 Central space in a church (4)
- 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
- 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (*Exodus 2:12*) (8)
- 5 Bravery (*Acts 4:13*) (7)
- 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (*Acts 16:26*) (10)
- 9 Transgression (*Psalms 36:1*) (10)
- 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
- 14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
- 16 ‘The Spirit of God was hovering over the —’ (*Genesis 1:2*) (6)
- 19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
- 20 Cab (4)

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How to stay safe this Spring

Avoid riding in automobiles. They are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay at home - 17% of all accidents occur in the home.

Avoid walking on streets or pavements - 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

Avoid travelling by air, rail, or water - 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.

Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals.

BUT:

You will be pleased to learn that only 0.001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and are usually related to previous physical disorders. Bible study is safe, with the percentage of deaths that occur during Bible study only 0.001%.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church! Attend church, and read your Bible – *IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!*

Parish Pump News Service

The
Tale of the
**TWO
BUILDERS**



**JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS**



**ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES**



**THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.**

**AT LONG, LONG LAST HE
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.**



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



**THE OTHER BUILDER
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE
BUILT HIS HOUSE**

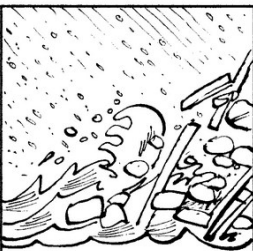
**HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.**



**BUT ONE DAY THE
STORM CAME....**



**...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND
THE RAIN FELL....**



**...AND THE HOUSE ON
THE SAND COLLAPSED!**

**BUT THE HOUSE ON THE
ROCK STOOD FIRM.**



**JESUS EXPLAINED -
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE
A FIRM FOUNDATION.**

NOTICE BOARD

FREEWILL ENVELOPES

If you cannot get to church with your envelopes at the moment you can send a cheque to the treasurer giving the envelope number.

OPEN GARDENS - The Homestead, Saturday 17 July.
More details next month.

150th ANNIVERSARY

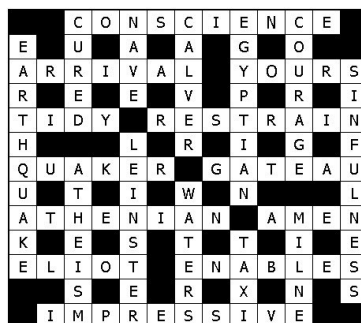
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POP A POUND Please don't forget to bring your jam jars, containing the pound coins you have been collecting to church and hand them to the duty warden. If this isn't possible they can be delivered to York House,



ALTAR FLOWERS

On behalf of the flower arrangers, Ann, Judith, Sue and Frances, I would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the Easter flowers this year. As always, it was a pleasure to arrange them and we hope that they enhanced our worship and the joy of Eastertide.

The new flower rota is now in the porch with plenty of dates still free. Flowers are a wonderful way to celebrate or remember family members or occasions. All contributions are welcomed.

Jan Alexander

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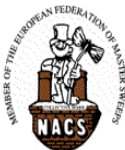
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