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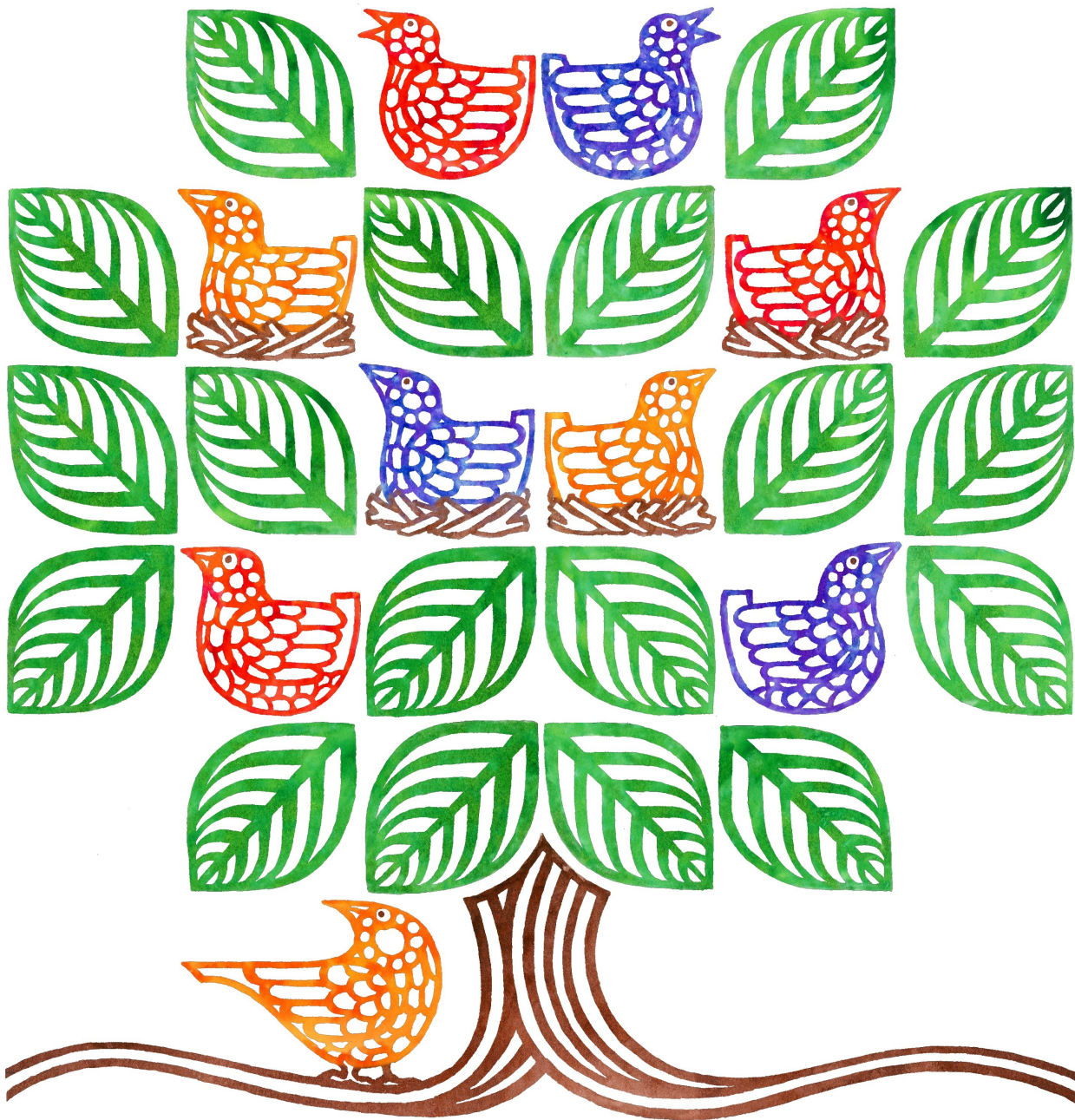
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The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed - it is the smallest of seeds, but when it grows, it is big enough for the wild birds to come and build nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:31-32

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Diary Dates

Sunday 1st Sept
9.30am St Chad's
Emily will be speaking about
her experiences in Uganda

Sunday 8th Sept
EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sat 14th Sept
Deadline for Parish Pixels
Competition Entries
See pages 6-7

Wed 18th Sept
EMU
See page 16

Sunday 29th September
St Michael and All Angels Day

Sat 4th Oct
Men's Breakfast
See page 16

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family
25th August
John Bridglock
Samuel Tracey

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care
5th August
Marian Jordan

September is the time of year when we get back to normal routine after the summer break. It's an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time He gives us. Although we can't always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?

Firstly, **see time is a gift from God**. Each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. Time isn't inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. 'Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.' (Psalm 90:12). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, **commit your time to God**. Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time: 'Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity' (Ephesians 5:15,16). We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect God's concerns.

Thirdly, **set aside time for God, others and ourselves**. How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, 'Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness' (Matthew 6:33). If we prioritise our time for God, people and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.

Rerd Jane

Archbishops launch Church's first ever social media guidelines and charter

The Church of England has published social media advice aimed at tackling offensive behaviour and misleading content and encouraging a positive atmosphere for online conversations.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, unveiled the Church's first ever social media guidelines at Facebook. The guidelines encourage positive engagement across all national social media accounts run by the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York.

At the same time the Church is urging Christians and others to sign up to a voluntary digital charter (go to: <https://www.churchofengland.org/terms-and-conditions/our-digital-charter>) aimed at fostering a more positive atmosphere online.

The charter is centred on the five principles of: truth, kindness, welcome, inspiration and togetherness, and the opportunity for people to sign-up to show they support the principles.

It is hoped that people of all faiths and none will use the charter to consider how their own online interactions can affect others, both for good and bad.

**Sign up to the
Church of England's
Digital Charter.**

Find out more at
churchofengland.org/charter

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Parish **Pixels**

If you would like to submit an entry on behalf of St Bartholomew's or St Chad's then please fill in the application form on reverse.

Full terms and conditions are available at www.ecclesiastical.com/parishpixels

Parish Pixels is a national photography competition for Anglican Churches

in England, Wales and Scotland, launched by Ecclesiastical Insurance. The insurer is calling on budding photographers to capture the essence of their church in a single snapshot.

“We know that every church, its congregation and community, is unique. From the volunteer who holds everything together, to the children's groups who brighten up the Sunday services. From beautiful flower gardens, to the exceptional architecture of your church building - no two churches are the same and we want to celebrate what makes your church special.”

Churches will need to submit a single photograph and a one-sentence caption to accompany it.

The image can be of people, places, features, artefacts or anything that highlights the uniqueness of the church or its importance to its local community. Ecclesiastical will showcase some of the best entries on its website and social media channels. A panel of judges, which will include representatives from the regions, will select eight winners from across the UK who will each receive a prize of £1,500 for their church.

Following this, the public will be given the chance to vote for their favourite image before Ecclesiastical and church representatives select an overall winner. The overall winner will receive a £5,000 prize for the church.



This form and your photograph must be with Revd Jane by **Saturday 14th September 2019, after which we will select one photograph to be entered into the competition for each church.**

Which church is your photograph to represent? _____

Please tell us in one sentence - what makes your church special?

Consent of individuals featured in your photograph:-

Name(s) of individual(s) Add an extra sheet if more than 4 individuals are featured.	I confirm that this individual has given permission for a photo featuring them to be used in our entry to this competition
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Name of photographer (and age if under 18): _____

Name of adult signing this form if photographer is under 18 : _____

Contact details so we can let you know if your photograph is chosen to represent our church in the national competition

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Email: _____

Before you send us your entry, please make sure you have read the full competition Privacy Notice and Terms & Conditions (available at www.ecclesiastical.com/parishpixels)

- Please tick to confirm your consent to the processing of your personal information including any sensitive personal data.
- Please tick here to confirm that you have obtained the explicit consent of all other data subjects (such as those appearing in your photograph) to provide any of their personal data including sensitive personal data to Ecclesiastical

I confirm my/the photographer's consent to use the photograph as set out in the competition Terms and Conditions: -

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Return this form and your photo to rector@thurstaston.org.uk
or Revd Jane Turner, c/o The Parish Office, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UB.
Please note entries will not be returned.**

All things come from You, and of Your own do we ... not give back much!

Soup of the Day, £4.95; roast rump of lamb with vegetables £15.50. Let's forgo pudding, but add a glass of wine, say £5. Plus tip = Total £28.

That's from the menu on the George & Dragon website. I hear it serves good pub grub. My imaginary meal was £28 for one, £56 for two.

Come to think of it, that's more than I set aside for God's work last week.

On Sunday mornings, at the Offertory, we will hear the Vicar say: 'Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.'

And we will reply: *'All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.'*

It's a quote from the Old Testament. King David had been collecting materials to build and decorate God's Temple. He had himself given huge amounts of silver and gold, and all the tribal chiefs had collected contributions from the people. Then there's this surprising comment:

'The people had given willingly to the Lord and they were happy that so much had been given. King David was also extremely happy.'

So giving money away makes you happy!

The story continues with the King, praying aloud to God like this with all the people watching: "Everything in heaven and earth is yours... all riches and wealth come from you... my people and I cannot really give you anything, because everything is a gift from you, and we have only given back what is yours already."

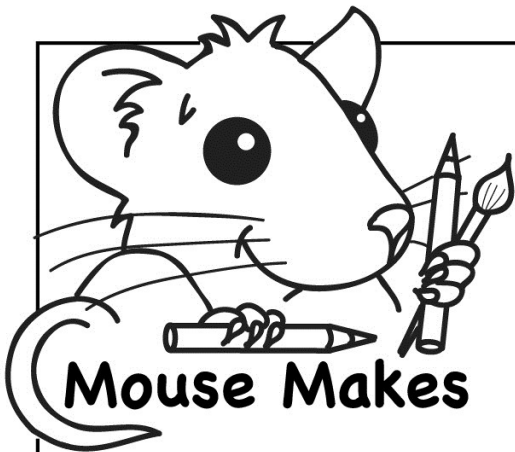
Giving to God is us only giving back what He has given.

How much should we give back to God? The Bible makes reference to setting aside one tenth of our income for God. It's called a tithe. That is, 10%.

Then there is the story of the widow who gave a tiny amount to the Temple in Jerusalem, but it was a real sacrifice because it was all that she had. When Jesus saw it, He said she had given more than rich people.

It's not the amount we give, it's the percentage of what we have that matters.

Concludes next month.



What is your most valuable treasure?

The Bible tells us that the most valuable thing you can ever have is something that can **NEVER** be lost, broken or stolen.

The most **valuable** thing you can have is to be **friends with God** through Jesus.

Read: Matthew 6:19-21

The **LOVE** of money is at the root of all sorts of what?

_____ *1 Timothy 6:9-10*

What should you be on your guard against?

_____ *Luke 12:15*

What did Jesus ask the rich man to do?

Read: Luke 18:22-26

What is it good to be rich in?

_____ *1 Timothy 6:18-19*

What two things can't you serve at the same time?

_____ and _____ *Matthew 6:24*

What is better than gold?

_____ *Proverbs 6:16*

Who supplies all your needs?

_____ *Philippians 4:19*

What is like a hidden treasure?

_____ of _____ *Matthew 13:4*

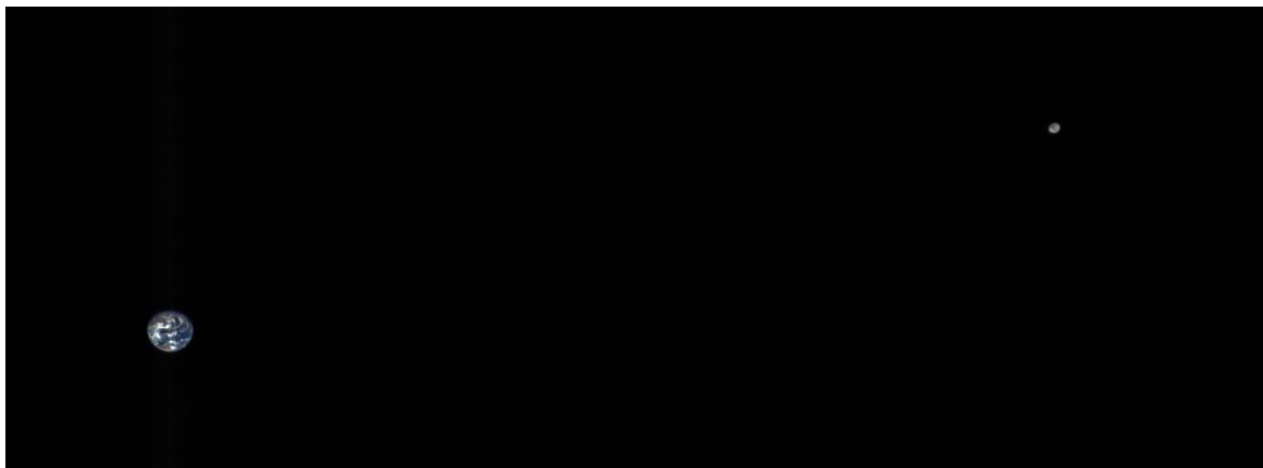
Who has all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge?

_____ *Colossians 2:2-3*

How many other words can you make from...

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

God in the Sciences : Moon Landing: Big perspective, big questions



This summer we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, and in October we mark the 60th anniversary of the Soviet space probe, Luna 3, sending back the first images of the far side of the Moon.

Those of us who grew up in an age when ‘astronaut’ was a career option (albeit a pretty specialist one) might struggle to identify with the wonder of these events. But this recent photograph captures the true scale of the challenge. Human beings developed the technology to send first a probe, then living people, out of Earth’s atmosphere, and cross the 252,000-mile gap to the moon. The Luna 3 probe managed to send back grainy images, and Apollo 11 managed to actually land on it, take off again, and arrive back in one piece. It’s the safe arrival home that gets me – like hitting the bullseye twice in a row.

For some space-travellers, seeing Earth from a distance is a life-changing experience; a shift in thinking dubbed ‘the overview effect’. The observer feels a sense of awe at seeing the whole planet as a single entity rather than a fragmented collection of countries, and getting a sense of the fragility of the whole system. It brings people out of themselves – something psychologists call a ‘self-transcendent experience’.

Some people claim to have a ‘nothing but science’ approach to life that trusts only in things for which we can produce very concrete, measurable, evidence. Is it perhaps ironic, then, that this overview of the whole globe – which is made possible by science – can trigger such a deep sense of meaning?

Science can bring us to the big questions of meaning and purpose, but it doesn’t answer them. It’s important to recognise that science, wonderful though it is, has limits. Beyond those boundaries we step into other ways of knowing, such as philosophy or theology. At the interface between science and theology we can have some fascinating conversations.

The discussions about science and religion that I enjoy most happen when people share what really matters to them. What do you find beautiful? Which scientific discoveries changed the course of your life? How do you see yourself in relation to the cosmos? As we remember these anniversaries this year, we have an opportunity to have conversations that reflect the same sense of wonder experienced by those first moon walkers.

All in the month of SEPTEMBER

It was:

500 years ago, from 20th Sept 1519 to 1522 that Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan led a Spanish expedition to the East Indies. It became the first circumnavigation of the world. But Magellan was killed in a battle with natives in the Philippines in 1521.

125 years ago, on 1st Sept 1894 that the General Post Office in the UK sanctioned the use of picture postcards and introduced a half-penny postage rate for them. This led to a boom in picture postcards and the extensive photographic documentation of towns and landscapes.

Also 125 years ago, on 28th Sept 1894 that the British retail chain Marks and Spencer was founded when Michael Marks acquired his first permanent stall in Leeds covered market and invited Thomas Spencer to become his business partner.

100 years ago, on 12th Sept 1919 that Adolf Hitler joined the fledgling German Worker's Part, which would later become the Nazi Party.

80 years ago, on 1st Sept 1939 that Germany invaded Poland, beginning World War II.

75 years ago, from 17th to 25th Sept 1944 that Operation Market Garden took place. The Allies attempted a massive airborne invasion of German-occupied Netherlands but were forced to withdraw. (The story was told in *A Bridge too Far*.)

70 years ago, on 30th Sept 1949 that the Berlin Airlift ended after 14 months and over 270,000 flights.

65 years ago, on 29th Sep 1954 that CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) was established in Geneva Switzerland.

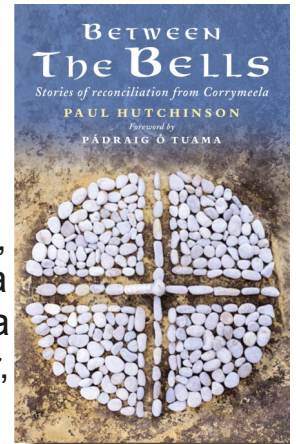
40 years ago, on 29th Sept 1979 that Pope John Paul II became the first pope to visit Ireland.

15 years ago, from 1st to 3rd Sept, that the Beslan school hostage crisis took place in Russia. Armed terrorists took more than 1,100 children and adults hostage. Russian security forces ended the crisis on the third day, entering the school with tanks and heavy weapons. More than 300 hostages were killed, including 186 children, and hundreds more were injured.

Also 15 years ago, on 30th Sept 2004 that the Iraq Survey Group released its final report (the Duelfer Report) on Iraq's purported weapons of mass destruction programme, following the 2003 invasion of Iraq. It concluded that Iraq had not had any weapons of mass destruction since 1991.

10 years ago, on 14th Sept 2009 that Keith Floyd, the British celebrity cook, television presenter, restaurateur and writer, died.

BOOK REVIEWS



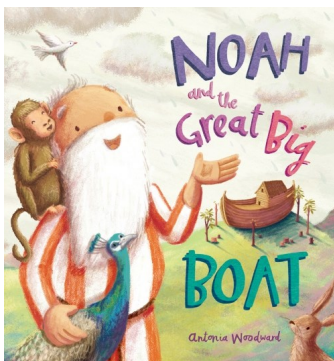
Between the Bells

By Paul Hutchinson and Padraig O Tuama, Canterbury Press, £12.99

Corrymeela – a Christian community committed to reconciliation, is bounded by bells. Twice a day – morning and evening – a large bell sounds out over the site. This is a call to attention, a call to pause, a space to reflect on God, self, neighbour, stranger.

This book recounts the varied experiences of many whose lives have been changed by their visit to Corrymeela, and the changes they have effected in others.

Narrated by the former Centre Director of the Corrymeela Community, it is full of wild and beautiful and funny stories that linger in the heart. Each story shows an aspect of the reconciliation journey, and captures various encounters – sad, challenging, inspiring, strange – that roam from the epic to the everyday.



Noah and the Great Big Boat

By Antonia Woodward, Lion Children, £7.99

This is a delightful picture book. It retells the story of Noah, who builds a great ark to keep animals that God sends to him safe during the great flood. Imagine Noah's excitement when the big boat comes to rest and once more the animals can roam the earth. Young children will enjoy it.

Our new Children's Laureate has bracing advice for all parents and children who begin a book, and then struggle: don't struggle! Abandon the book!

Cressida Cowell, author of the 'How to Train Your Dragon' series, is keen to encourage children to read and love books, and although sometimes "there are books that you have to give more of a chance to." But in the end, "if you are not enjoying it, then put it down. You might not be ready for it yet, and you might love it in two years' time."

Cowell believes there is no substitute for reading. "I want to overturn the argument that digital is for the future, that film is the future. Books have to be the future as well. Film is an emotional medium, it's fantastic, but it doesn't have words and words are the pathway of thought."

The priorities of Cowell's two-*tear* laureateship will be asking schools to give up at least 15 minutes a week to let pupils indulge in creative writing, and also to campaign for libraries in primary schools to be made a legal requirement. "Books and reading are magic, and this magic must be available to everyone."

God in the Arts

He gave us eyes to see them: St Michael the Archangel by Bartolomé Bermejo

When we sing the Sanctus in the Eucharist, we are affirming that our worship here on earth is caught up in the worship offered by the angels in heaven. They praise God around His throne of glory, but they are also agents of His care and guidance in our lives. Leading them is the archangel Michael, and we celebrate his feast with all the angels on 29th September.

Churches were often built in his honour on high places: St Michael's Mount in Cornwall, Mont St Michel in Brittany, and Glastonbury Tor.

St Michael's influence extends both high and low because he is the prince of the angelic host. He is ready to slay the dragon as we read in the book of Revelation. He is armed to fight for light and right over might and darkness.

St Michael's triumph over the devil is the theme of this month's painting by a forgotten Spanish artist, Bartolomé Bermejo. He died in Barcelona around 1501, and only 20 paintings of his exist. Seven are in the National Gallery, and his work has been given a special exhibition there until the end of this month.

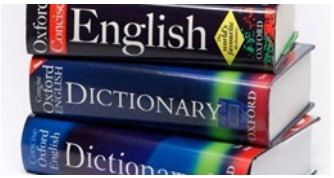


As we look at the painting, we can think of St Michael the archangel in Revelation or Milton's 'Paradise Lost' where he leads the 'flaming warriors' who defeat the devil. He dominates the canvas in his glorious armour. At his side is the patron who commissioned this work, and at his feet the vanquished devil, like a nightmare creation of Bosch.

We know only too well that St Michael's battle is reflected here on earth, where the vulnerable and the innocent are threatened by the forces of violence. Light or darkness, truth or falsehood, protection or oppression – those are the mighty opposites that come home to us as we ponder this painting, and pray:

'Lord, give thy angels every day
Command to guide us on our way.'

Lexophiles



'Lexophile' describes those who have a love for a play upon words. Apparently, an annual competition is held by the New York Times to see who can create the best original example. Below are some examples of past entries into the competition.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery!

I'm reading a book about anti gravity, I just can't put it down!

I didn't like my beard at first - then it grew on me!

To write with a broken pencil is pointless!

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went and then it dawned on me!

England has no kidney bank but it does have a Liverpool!

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes!

A lady today said she recognised me from the Vegetarians' Club, but I'm sure I've never met herbivore!

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months!

I got some batteries that were given out - free of charge!

Police were summoned to a day care centre, where a three year old was resisting a rest!

Did you hear about the fellow whose left side was completely cut off?
He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone - it's just two tired!

He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed!

Acupuncture is a jab well done - that's the point of it!

That's Impossible!

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Ephesians 3:17-19



How can you describe the indescribable? How can you measure the love of God? Who can find words to convey the joy of knowing such amazing love?

The apostle Paul gives us a model for the love of God that is mathematically impossible. Objects normally have only 3 dimensions, but here he gives us 4, such is the greatness of the love he has in mind.

- It is wide, embracing every person without exception.
- It is long, lasting for eternity.
- It is high, coming down from heaven to save us.
- It is deep, taking the Saviour to the cross and the darkness of the tomb.

Paul wants us to begin to understand (grasp) with our minds how great is God's love. More than that, he wants us to experience (know) it for ourselves, in our hearts.

When this happens, with the help of the Spirit, we will become rooted, like trees with roots anchored in the ground. We will become established, like a building resting on a firm foundation. In other words, we will be secure.

Why not ask God to take you deeper into His amazing love?



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



EMU (Evening Mother Union) meets:-
 One Wednesday in each month, 8.00pm at St Chad's
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He is an active advocate for the charity Compassion International, encouraging audiences worldwide to understand worship as a way of life and true intimacy with God as sharing in the concerns of His heart and participating in his mission to the world. Compassion operates in over 24 nations and facilitates the support of over a million children.

Graham is married to Jill, has four daughters and is coming all the way from Tunbridge Wells... with his guitar !



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Your gift will be used to help those still suffering from Leprosy, bringing healing, hope and-

dignity to their lives. Leprosy is a dreadful but curable disease.

Thankyou, in anticipation, of your continued help to the Mission. If you require any further information as to how you can help the amazing work of the Leprosy Mission , please contact me,

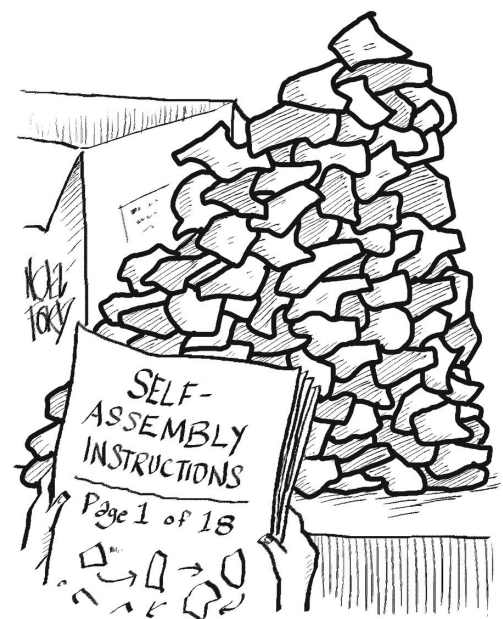
Pat Hulme on 538 1953.

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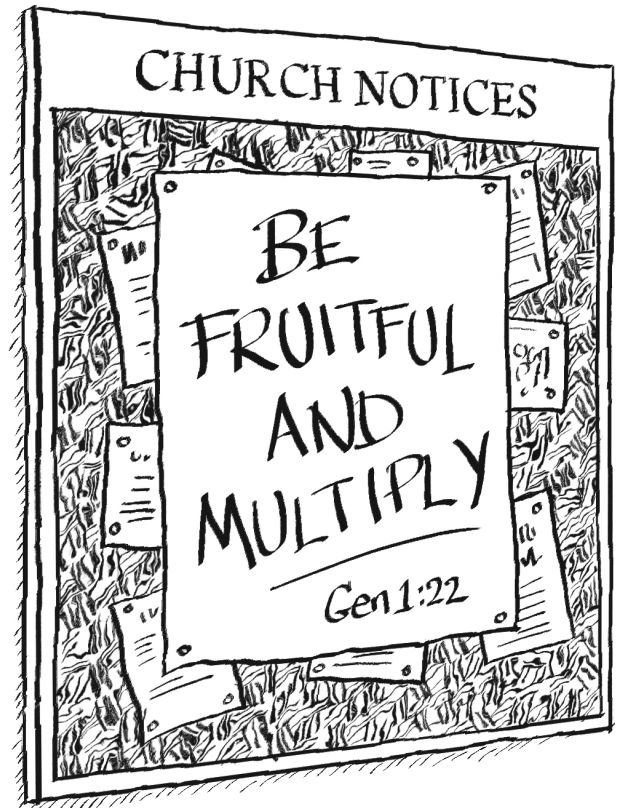
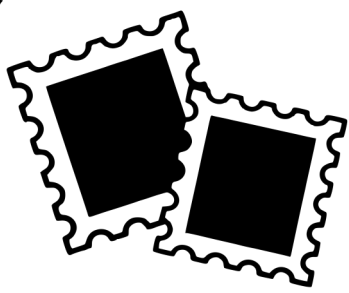


The vicar was already regretting ordering the new stained-glass window from IKEA



Please collect your Postage Stamps throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled).

There is a box in St Chad's foyer and an envelope at the back of St Bart's.



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



Bartholomew's and St Chad's now have their own Facebook page.

If you are already on Facebook it is easy to find and "like" the page. Just search for "stchadsstbarts" or "St. Bartholomew's Thurstaston, with St. Chad's, Irby" and you will find us.

If you "like" the page you will receive notifications when we add events and other informative posts.

From our page you can also share individual posts and events with others you may think would like to hear about us and our events.

There have been small business cards around the church buildings which have details of our Facebook page too.

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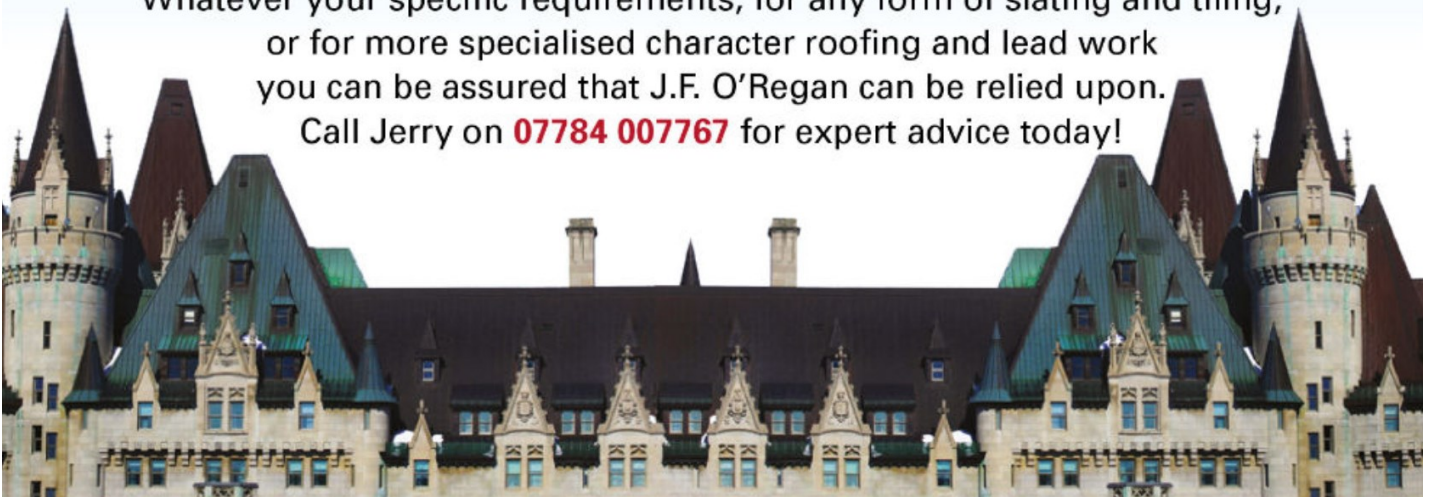
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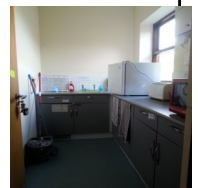
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Church Services September 2019

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

1st September
Trinity 11

St Chad's

9.30am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Holy Communion

8th September
Trinity 12

9.30am Family Service

EDUCATION SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

15th September
Trinity 13

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Holy Communion
3.00pm Baptism

22nd September
Trinity 14

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Holy Communion

29th September
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