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1 Cor 12-13

2 Tim 1:2

Gal 5:22

1 Pet 3:8

Col 3:12-13



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!

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Evening Sun

After a day of cloud and rain
The evening sun comes out again.
Forget the gloomy day that's gone,
And listen to the robin's song!
In the sunshine's golden glow
See the garden's floral show!

And nature, freshened, can rejoice
In sparkling colour, scent, and voice.
If your day is damp and grey
Know the cloud will go away –
The pouring rain will soon be done
And then will come the evening sun!

By Nigel Beeton

The Summer Garden

Summer comes and waves her hand,
The garden blooms at her command,
Plants abounding everywhere
As fragrant perfumes fill the air.
Roses, geraniums, lilies too
Agapanthus with globes of blue,
Sumptuous colours in such array,
Their beauty takes our breath away.
To sit beneath the shady trees,
To listen to the humming bees,
As Summer wears her rainbow dress
We thank God for such loveliness.

By Megan Carter

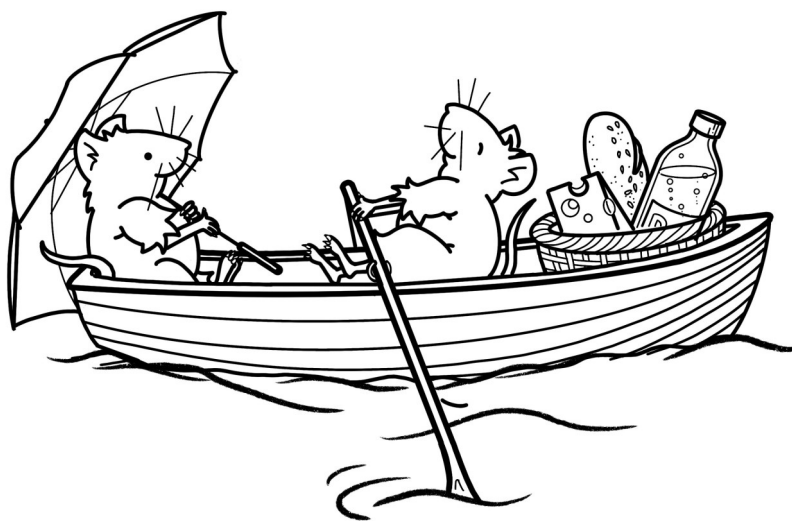


From Your Rector

Over many years the second Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea. However, we can also experience storms in our own lives. In Acts 27 we read how Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome, when he was caught in a storm off Crete. After 14 days they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta.

Paul had warned the crew that it wasn't a safe time of year to sail: *"I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives."* However, Paul's words were ignored, and the ship sailed into a violent storm. By the third day they *'finally gave up all hope of being saved.'* How do we face up to storms in our lives? Do we worry and panic? God doesn't necessarily prevent storms from taking place, but we can trust His purpose through them.

Paul urged the sailors to *"keep courage, because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed."* His confidence rested on an angelic promise: *"Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you."* Only the sovereign God, who created the wind and waves, can promise to save people from a storm. What does this mean for us in our circumstances today?



'Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.' (Amazing Grace: John Newton).

Rev'd Jane

Christian Basics No 7: What Does the Holy Spirit Do? (Pt 2)

'Somebody once defined a football match as *'22 people on the field desperately in need of rest, watched by 50 thousand people in the stands, desperately in need of exercise!* It reminds us that church is not a spectator sport! The Holy Spirit equips us to serve God in the Church and daily life through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

These gifts are variously described as *spiritual gifts* (1 Cor. 12:1) or *grace gifts* (1 Cor. 1:7), the latter word being used in modern Greek for a birthday present! They are love gifts from God that we cannot earn or deserve, that are open to everybody. Note what Paul says, *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good"* (1 Cor. 12:7):

'to each one': the gifts are available to every Christian. Everyone will have a different 'gift-mix', with their own particular contribution to offer.

'the manifestation of the Spirit': the gifts of the Spirit enable an invisible God to be real and visible.

As we exercise the gifts that God has given to us, in our speech or service, people will be able to say, *'God is at work here'*

'for the common good': the aim of the gifts is to build up the body of Christ and extend the kingdom of God. They are not intended to meet our own needs or reputation, but simply to serve and encourage others.

With the gifts given by God, we are able to fulfil His purposes in His world. Paul urges us to *'eagerly desire'* the gifts that God has for us (1 Cor. 12:31). How true is this for me? Any present that we are given needs unwrapping before we can enjoy it. Are we doing this with our spiritual gifts?





Calling all Christian Creatives!

You're invited to come and hear about Art for the Soul Hoylake.

Art for the Soul Hoylake is a project led by Alice Price, a lay pioneer at St Hildeburgh's Church in Hoylake. At its heart is a desire to share God's love with others, and invite them to explore their spirituality through creativity. The dream is that a fresh expression of church may grow that uses creative practices to know and worship Jesus.

The project is relatively new, having started in the summer of 2021. Alice is looking for like-minded Christians who may like to join her on this adventure. Do you enjoy being creative? Do you have a heart for mission? Do you desire to help others to explore their spirituality? Come and hear about the journey so far and meet Alice. There will be an opportunity to engage in some mindful and prayerful art practices too if you wish.

All are welcome.

Saturday 16th July, 10.00-11.30am

St Hildeburgh's Church Centre,
Stanley Rd, Hoylake, CH47 1HL

Contact Alice for more info
alicejprice@hotmail.com



Ready, Teddy, Go!

2pm to 4pm

Saturday 20th August 2022

Celebrate St *Bear*tholomew's Day and bring your teddy along for the afternoon:-



register your bear
make your parachute
(string and carrier bag provided)
**watch your bear parachute
off the church spire!**

It sounds mad but it's very funny and no bears are hurt in the process, however, bear in mind that occasionally one may get temporarily stuck in tree, so choose your bear accordingly to avoid too many tears.

**It is a great family fun afternoon,
there will be**

- a children's raffle,
- tea and cake
- a lucky dip.

If you can help with

- setting up,
 - being on a stall,
 - donating or baking cakes,
 - or have any donations for the children's raffle,
- please get in touch.



Thanks,

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Wordsearch: Sea Sunday

10th July brings us Sea Sunday, the day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers and fishermen worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck.

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. You might wish to support one of these three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

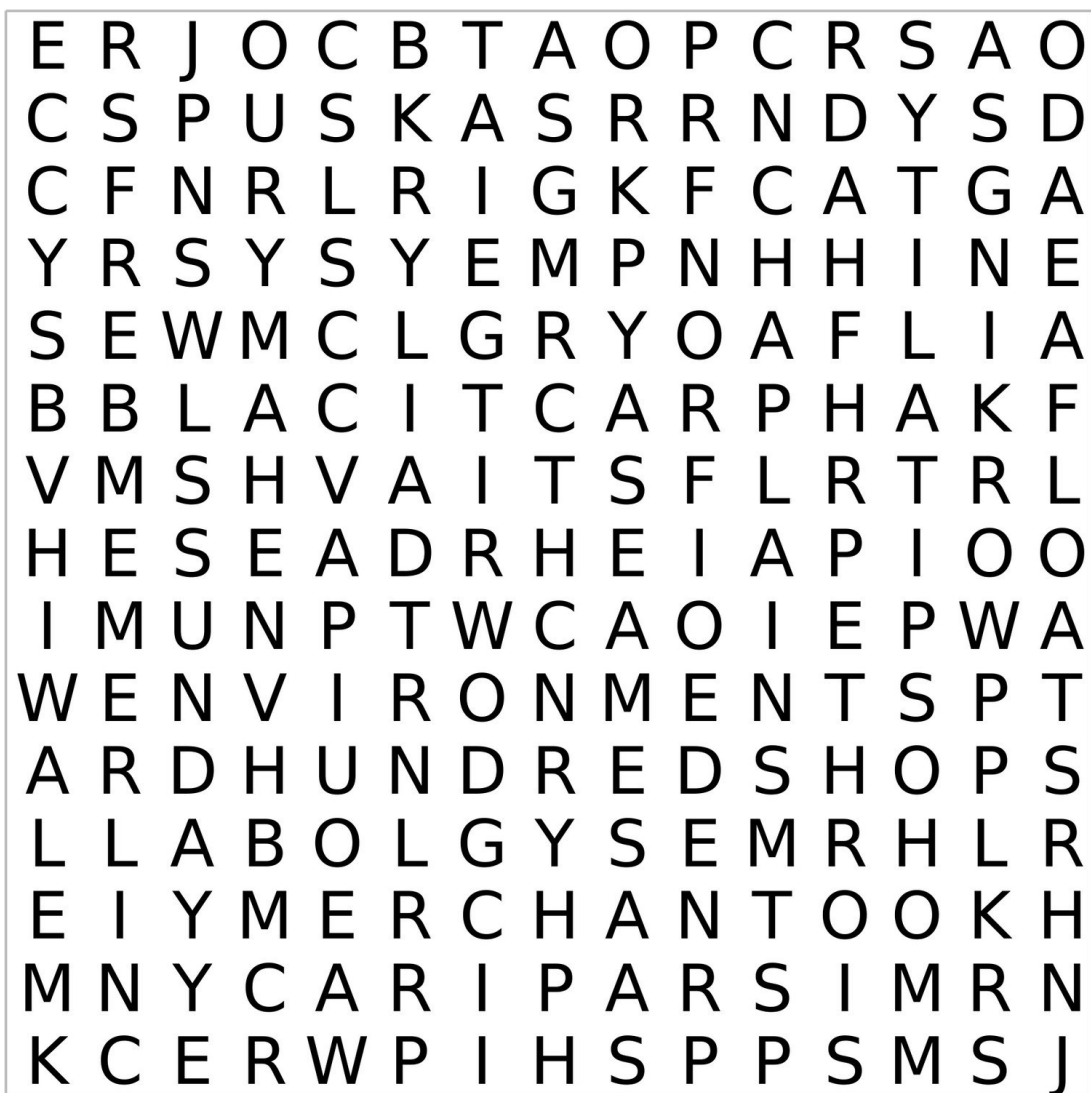
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Remember
Pray

Give
Thanks
Merchant
Seafarers
Daily

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Afloat
Harsh
Working

Environments
Piracy
Shipwreck
Hundreds
global

Port
Chaplains
Hospitality
Friendship
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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-
One Wednesday in each month, 8.00pm at St Chad's
for more information contact Chris Rostock (648 1112)

Next event:
Wednesday 20th July: EMU Summer meal. Details to follow

Future Events

Wednesday 21st September 8pm: Learn More about "Special Needs Teaching" with Allison Youds

Wednesday 19th October 8pm: "Horse Sense"

Wednesday 16th November 8pm: "Little Eye Photography" with Roger Ellison. Back by popular demand in time for Christmas

All Welcome, members, non members, family & friends

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Reflected Faith Series: the grandeur of God

Do you understand the mysteries of God? Who is He? What is He up to? If Jesus's disciples who were with Him daily for years had trouble understanding Him, what expectation is there that you and I will?

We get glimpses of Him – through new life, through nature, in creativity, music and dance and so on – but none of us truly sees every part of Him. St Paul himself wrote that “now we see through a glass darkly”.

So how do we try to express the grandeur of God? In the Old Testament, Isaiah 6:1, the prophet wrote, ‘In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of His robe filled the temple.’

I love that picture, it makes me think of brides on their wedding day who have a full skirt and train, and the help they need from their bridesmaids just to get in and out of the wedding car let alone anything else they need to do.

Architects and builders over the centuries have used the church building to illustrate aspects of God and to share their faith.

This month

If you are able, visit a large church building or cathedral and spend some time there when there is no service taking place. As you go into the building, quickly stop and just look around you. ‘Feel’ the space surrounding and above you. The distance between you and the ceiling or roof.

Stop for a while in the area where the congregation sit – the nave – taken from the Latin word *navis* meaning ‘ship’. This is because when they were built, largely in the Middle Ages, the people thought a nave looked like the bottom part of a ship turned upside-down. This reminded them also of the story of God saving His creation at the time of the flood by using the Ark. What does this space say to you about the mysteries of God?



GOD IN THE SCIENCES: – .Reflections in a Scottish Rainforest

It can be easier to notice things away from home, when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the



same wonders are there in our own back yard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways.

I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings.

I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem.

Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city. I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for - thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150).

There is a growing call to take both our personal devotions and our church services outside from time to time, and there are a growing number of resources to help us do this. As you go through your week, can you find one new way to appreciate your surroundings, and praise God alongside the rest of creation?

GOD IN THE ARTS : Enter My Rest

At this time of the year we are planning and looking forward to holidays: to that welcome break away from the pressures and responsibilities of daily life and work. The book of Genesis opens with a glorious account of God's work of creation and tells us that even God rested on the 7th day.



We all need to find that balance of work and rest, of activity and slowing down in our lives. And we are not always good at that because our world seems to be in the fast lane. We rush everywhere, we rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone around us is rushing.

This month's painting, 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-Francois Millet, a 19th century French artist, portrays two peasants at work. They don't seem to be rushing, but Millet has certainly portrayed the hard toil of their work, digging in the earth from sunrise to sunset to eke out a living. Millet was the son of a farm labourer and many of his paintings convey the severe realism of peasant life. We can sympathise with the couple working on the land, and our eyes focus on them as they dominate the canvas.

But in the corner under the shade of a tree there is a donkey and a sleeping child. The donkey knows only too well the reality of toil and work, but here he is resting, enjoying the peace and the shade. Andy Merrifield, an American philosopher, has just published an account of his travels with a donkey, Gribouille. As they journey together, the donkey teaches him the value of patience, the importance of going slowly through the world, and the preciousness of tender friendship between humans and animals. They are all caught up in the little donkey in this painting.

The man and woman in the foreground may reflect our own lives with the duties, the expectations and the demands called of us at work. Take time to focus on the donkey, enjoying his rest. Take time this summer to find relaxation and recreation on holiday. The world may carry on spinning around us, but use that holiday to stand apart and enter into the rest that God enjoyed after His work of creation.

Song for QEII's Platinum Jubilee

(to the tune of Sinatra's "It was a very good year")

When I was twenty-one
I made it crystal clear
Be my life long or short that it shall be
To your service devoted
On that I can be quoted
I will not fail, be sure
To the end it will endure.

Through year one to seventy
So much had changed
I have strived to provide a constancy
Met Triumph and Disaster
The same, no master;
Fair dealing to all kind
Opposed or of like mind.

But now the days are short
I'm in the autumn of the year
I'm so pleased you have all journeyed with me
My mobility may have gone
But my service will go on
Until I have passed
My job done at last.

Composed by John Heath







St Bartholomew's Jubilee Weekend



Say it with flowers!



I enjoyed creating jubilee coloured flower displays at St Chads, the real thing, or window paint.

Julie DeBoorder



Ruth's Reflections

Hello again. I am writing this sitting in the shade in the garden, it is a glorious day, but I no longer like to sit in the sun. I am too old! Life has been quite quiet over the last few weeks, although I have been out a lot. My photography is slowly improving and I have been out with the Photography Club a few times, with more outings lined up for the rest of the summer. Learning to look at things in a different way to take an interesting photograph makes me look more closely at the world around me and I am more aware of the beauty that is in the most unexpected places, either natural or manmade.

I have also been to a couple of gardens in the Open Gardens scheme. Absolutely beautiful, but it doesn't make me regret giving up my big garden. I feel very lucky to be able to do all these things and I do thank God for this.



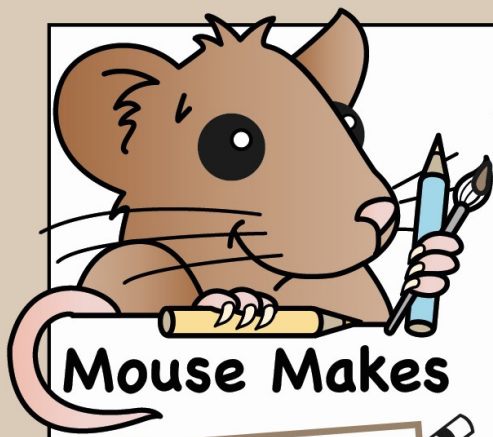
I have been in my new home for just over five months now and I love it here. Everyone who has visited me likes it and thinks I made the right move. I know I have.

My sister came to stay a couple of weeks ago, she also liked it. It was lovely to see her again, although we keep in touch regularly with WhatsApp. The rest of my family are keeping well and the big news is that my grandson has passed his finals at University. We are all pleased and very proud of him.

By the time I write again I should have had my kitchen redone. I will enjoy having a fully working cooker again!

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Ruth.



Mouse Makes

Cross out all the X
to find the bible verse:

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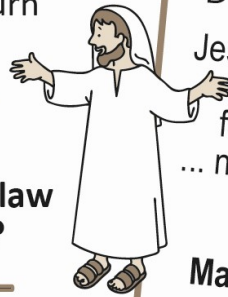
What did Jesus turn
water into?



John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law
did Jesus heal?

Matthew 8:14-15



DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus fed thousands
of people from a
few loaves and fish,
... not once but twice!

READ

Matthew 14:13-21

AND

Matthew 15:32-39



In each story...
How many loaves
and how many fish
did Jesus have?

How many people
were fed?

How many baskets of
broken pieces were
left over?



How did Jesus get out
to the disciples
in the boat?



Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise
from the dead?

John 11:38-44



How long had the
woman at the synagogue
been disabled?

years

What did she do after
she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13



Who did Jesus
heal when his ear
was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51

DID YOU KNOW?

There
are over

37

miracles of Jesus
recorded in the Gospels.

How many of them
do you know?

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MUTE • SPEAK • DEMONS

CAST OUT • STORM

CALMED • WATER • WINE

FISH • MULTIPLIED

National 'Don't Step on a Bee Day' – 10th July



Bees need your help. And we need their help.

Not only do bees help provide the honey, propolis and beeswax, but they also help to keep us all fed and watered. Without bees, more than a third of everything we eat would disappear from our tables.

The majority of our honey here in the UK is imported (85%), but there are also many beekeepers on our doorstep. So why not visit a near-by farm shop or deli and enjoy the precious produce of local beekeepers for breakfast?

You can also help bees by planting wildflower seeds that will provide a food supply. Download the Great British Bee Count app created by Friends of the Earth which allows you to log the bees you spot out and about. This builds a picture of bee health and activity in the UK.

Finally, build a bee hotel! Bees need somewhere to rest when they venture out on their pollen mission. You can find a step-by-step guide here: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/04/how-to-build-a-bee-hotel/>



Would your children enjoy a holiday camp this summer?

If your children enjoy multi-activity residentials with a mix of sport, adventure, arts and crafts, fun and games, or if they would prefer a specialist holiday which focuses on sailing, technology, performing arts or baking, then a Scripture Union summer camp may well be a holiday they would enjoy.

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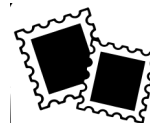
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July 2022 SERVICES

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads (No Service the 27th July)

Sun 3rd July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sun 10th July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
Sun 17th July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sun 24th July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Chad's
Sun 31st July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

August 2022 SERVICES

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 7th August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sun 14th August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
Sun 21st August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sun 28th August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Chad's

RECTOR: Revd Jane Turner

PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday

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