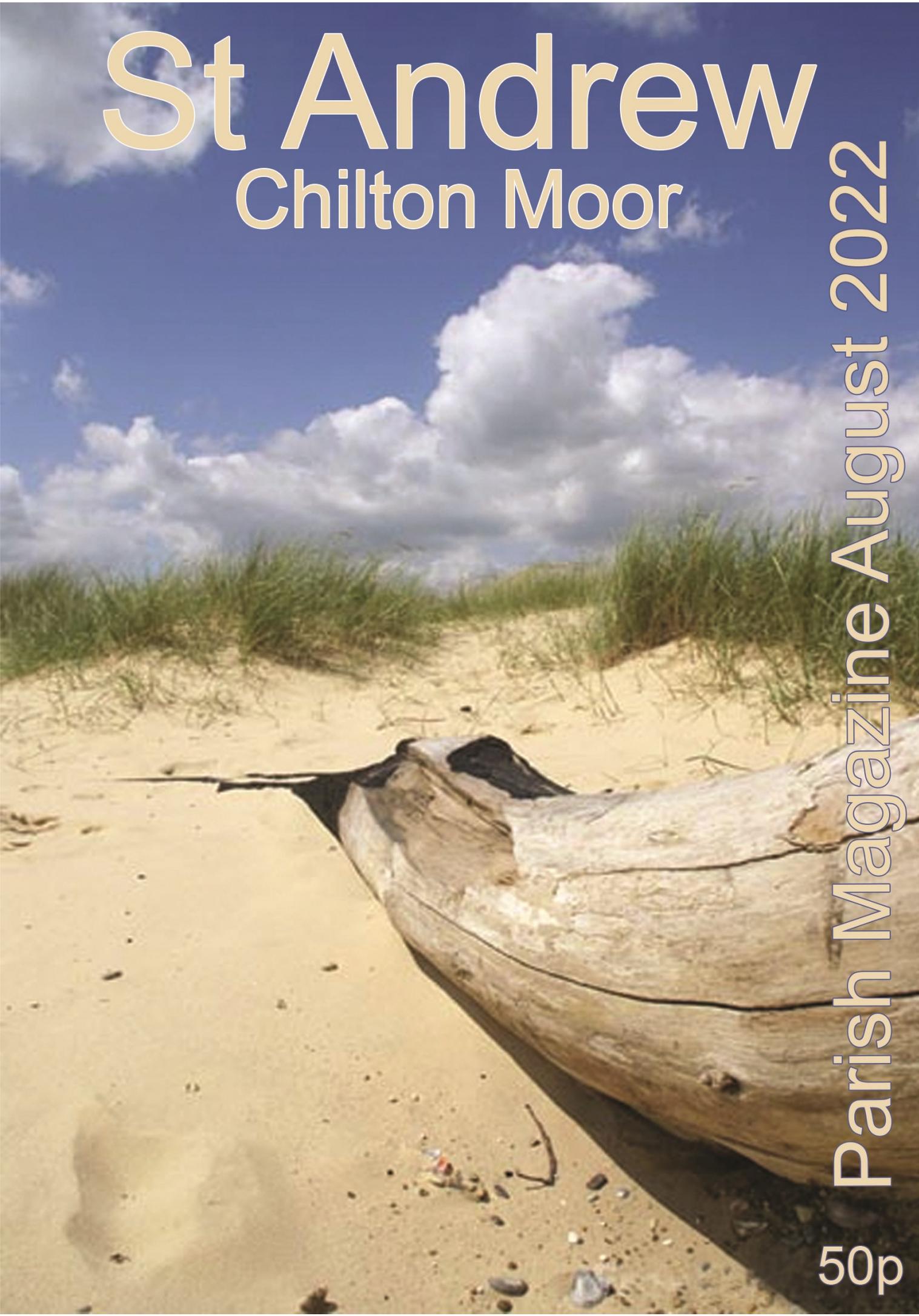


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Vicar's Letter August 2022

From Rev Christine



Dear Sisters and Brothers
As many of you will know I was ordained a priest at the beginning of July with a wonderful service in Durham Cathedral (see page 12) and then a Parish celebration of my first Mass in St Mary's, West Rainton. It was an enormous joy to share this pivotal moment in my faith journey with many of you.

As part of the preparation for my ordination I spent a few days with my fellow curates at Minster Acres Retreat Centre near Consett, a very beautiful and peaceful setting. The retreat was facilitated by Helen and Adrian Thorpe, and I found the first talk so profound that I wanted to share some of the ideas from that with you in the hope that it would give you much to think about.

The talk was based on Genesis 3 V 6-10 where we find the naked Adam and Eve hiding in the garden from God. God knows all things so he must have known where Adam and Eve were, but he asks, "Where are you?" and allows them, in their own words, to tell him what has happened.

We were asked: What tone of voice do you hear God asking you the question "Where are you?"

Now this was something I had never really thought about because when I think of God's call on my life it is more of a feeling than a conversation or a question but allowing myself to reflect, I wondered what would be the tone of voice if I was trying to hide from God? I concluded that I couldn't imagine the tone as angry, no matter why I might be hiding but I could imagine gentle disappointment in the tone, the tone you might get from a parent when you have slipped up once again.

When we have been caught out doing something wrong how often are we tempted to respond, to answer in a defensive manner. We might feel ashamed of the mistake and might try to shift the blame away from ourselves 'It wasn't my fault!' But I know, and you know that God is with us in everything we do so there's no chance of shifting the blame because he already knows exactly what has gone on.

We were also asked: "Where are your hiding places?" now this was the question that really got me thinking and helped me to recognise that hiding from myself can be hiding from God!



The silence and time for reflection on the retreat gave me space to explore my hiding places.

Stepping back from the busyness of my normal life made me realize that being busy allows me to hide from some of the emotional stuff that would be better settled if it were acknowledged and given some space to look at. I know from my work as a counsellor and a chaplain that keeping occupied is an excellent way to avoid the pain of grief and our daily lives offer us the perfect excuse because we can always find something else to do.

Avoiding our pain, wherever it comes from can be hiding from God. It is one thing to put on our 'I'm alright' face to get through the day and get done what we need to do but pretending to ourselves and others that we are invincible and unaffected by the wounds of life is not a healthy long-term option. We are all vulnerable in some way and admitting that to ourselves and God acknowledges a God who is with us in all our suffering and a God who will carry us through.

I arrived at my ordination service having been reminded of my great need for a God who loves me, no matter what. A clearer understanding that my own vulnerability needs to be shared with myself, God and others and a deep sense of peace having allowed myself the time to sit in God's presence naked and unashamed.

When God asks you 'Where are you?' How will you respond?
Recognizing those hiding places can be a big step forward to a deeper relationship with a God who loves us unconditionally.

*With every blessing.
Revd. Christine*

We hope that your summer is going well, and that you have had a chance to get away somewhere.

Filling your church magazine is all the better with some of your articles, so please send some in. But no worries, because there is plenty to choose from in our current issue, which should keep our readers happy. Here are some thoughts that we liked on the importance of rest and being happy:

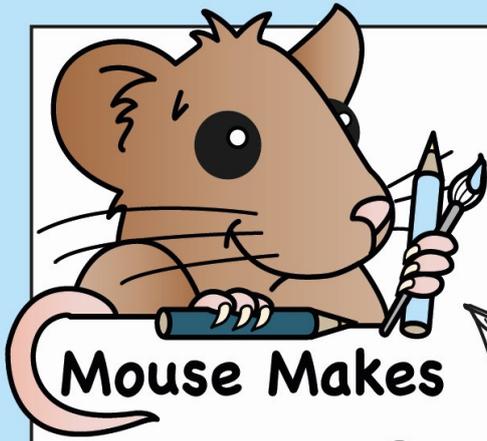
Every morning I open the window for my King's grace, and every evening I sleep upon the pillow of his love and care. - *Celtic Saint*
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. - *Jesus (Matthew 11:28)*

The moments of happiness we enjoy take us by surprise. It is not that we seize them, but that they seize us. - *Ashley Montagu*

We wish you a happy, restful and peaceful August.

Warm wishes
The Magazine Team





Mouse Makes

READ the full story in the book of Jonah



What swallowed Jonah?
A big _____

How long was he there?
three _____ and
three _____
Jonah 1:17

JONAH'S JOURNEY

Which city did **God** tell **Jonah** to go to?

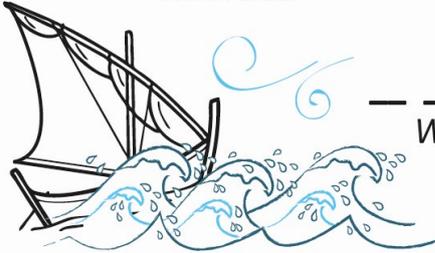
and why?
Jonah 1:12



Where did Jonah try to go instead?

What did he travel in?

Jonah 1:3



What did God send to stop him?

A great _____

What did Jonah tell the **sailors** to do to make the sea **calm**?

_____ him into the **sea**
Jonah 1:4-16



What did Jonah do?

_____ then what did the fish do?
Jonah 2:1-10

DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible times wearing itchy sackcloth made from goat's hair was a sign of grief and repentance



When Jonah reached Nineveh he proclaimed God's **message**... the city would be overthrown in

_____ days
Jonah 2:1-10

What did the people do?

F _____
What did they put on?

Jonah 3:1-9

What did God do?

R _____
Jonah 3:10

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Find the missing words. Look up the Bible references then look for them and the words on this page in **bold** in the word search

Mary Shearer

Mary Shearer was a member of Saint Andrew's church for at least 50 years. I first knew her when I was about 18 and she has been a loyal friend ever since. Mary was always playing an active part in church life. She was a member of the Thursday club which was an evening for ladies only, the men had the Men's Society, how times have changed, thank goodness.

Mary worked full time but always succeeded in joining everything going on at church as well as looking after two children and running a home. She was a very independent person and lived life to the full.

After retirement from work she then had time for her hobbies, she was very good at sewing, was a long-standing member of the Women's Institute and a good dancer. Mary was very much involved with the Mothers Union and was still treasurer at the time of her death. For many years Mary and her sister Vera became involved with fund raising for the Children's Society and lots of church members and friends held collection boxes saving money all year round. Once a year Mary held an open house coffee and cake morning, when the boxes were emptied and the money sent on to the charity. In recognition for this work Mary was invited to St Paul's Cathedral for a special service of thanksgiving which Princess Dianna also attended.

Mary's house sometimes seemed like a hotel with no charge, as it was always open for visitors, house groups and friends. Mary was an excellent Godmother and a friend to many people. She was always a willing worker for the church. Only this year at age 91 she was ready at 9 am to have a lift to the coffee mornings for Ukraine and Christian Aid with her freshly baked cheese scones. I personally recommended these along with her chocolate cake, lemon drizzle cake and beetroot chutney.

Mary devoted her later years visiting her dear grandson Danny who sadly had an accident shortly after leaving home to take up a place at university. He was seriously ill and eventually was transferred to the RVI and is still in long term rehabilitation. This was a very sad time as Danny was the second son of Mary's son Andrew who sadly died at 36 with cancer. The pandemic was a very difficult time for Mary and brought a temporary halt to her visits. With her strong love of God, Mary was able to resume visiting once restrictions were lifted and just before she died Danny was able to visit Mary at her house on Saturday afternoons when she made him his favourite mince and dumplings for tea.

Mary was a very special lady, and I am sure everyone would agree it was a privilege and a pleasure to have had her as our friend.

God Bless You Mary, Rest in Peace
CB

August Crossword

Across

8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)

9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)

10 Single (1 Corinthians 7:27) (9)

11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)

13 Treachery (2 Kings 11:14) (7)

16 Of India (anag.) (2,3,2)

19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the —' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)

22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)

24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)

25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)

2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)

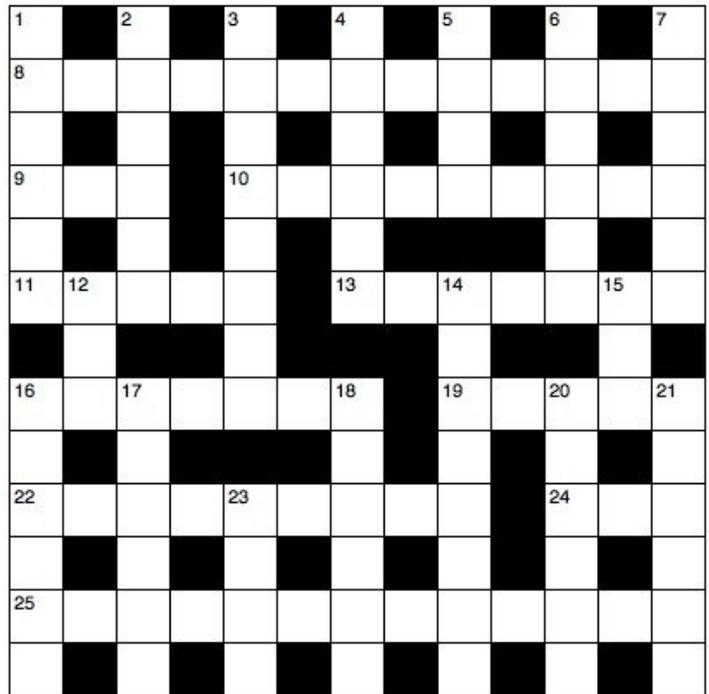
3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings 12:11) (8)

4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)

5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)

6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)

7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for



you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)

12 Run (anag.) (3)

14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)

15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips' (Psalm 12:4) (3)

16 Earnings (1 Corinthians 16:2) (6)

17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)

18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)

20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state (Daniel 11:4) (6)

21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)

23 This month (abbrev.) (4)



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."



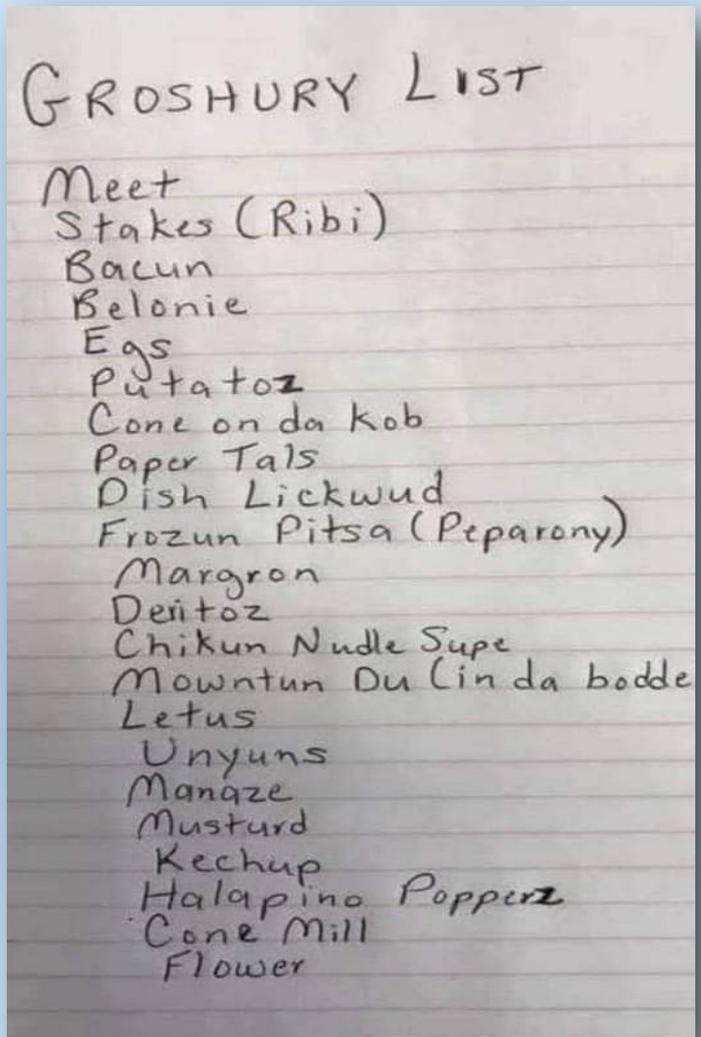
Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody had claimed the monkey

This shopping list was handed in

Labels

As part of the admission procedure in the hospital where I work, I ask the patients if they are allergic to anything. If they are, I print it on an allergy band placed on the patient's wrists.

Once when I asked an elderly woman if she had any allergies, she said she couldn't eat bananas. Imagine my surprise when several hours later a very irate son came out to the nurses' station demanding, "Who's responsible for labelling my mother 'bananas'?"

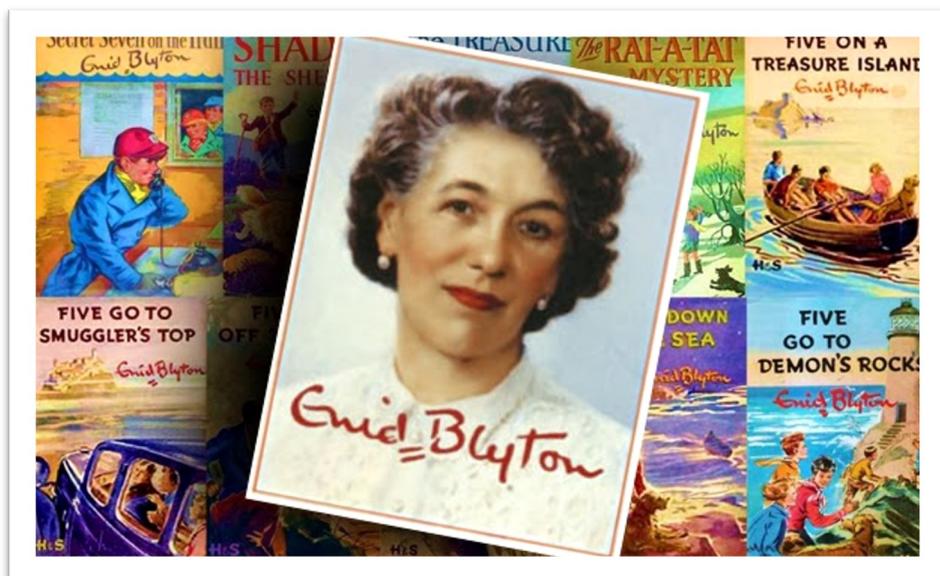


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 Cone Mill
 Flower

Remembering Enid Blyton

It was 125 years ago, on 11th August 1897, that Enid Blyton was born in East Dulwich, South London. This enormously popular British children's writer created Noddy, the Famous Five, and the Secret Seven. She is among the world's



bestselling writers, selling more than 600 million copies of her books.

Enid was the daughter of a nature-loving clothing wholesaler, to whom she was very close. He once sat up with her when she was expected to die of whooping cough, determined that she would survive. Her mother was less solicitous. Enid was bright, popular at school and a talented musician, but decided against it as a profession, going into teaching instead.

She married twice – first Hugh Pollock, an editor at a publishing firm who helped her to become established as a writer. They moved to Buckinghamshire and had two daughters, but then divorced in 1942. The following year she married surgeon Kenneth Waters, and they moved in the 1950s to Manor Farm in Dorset, which inspired much of her later work.

Blyton's mystery and adventure stories have clearly defined good and bad characters and are easy to read. They have been criticised for being too simplistic, and more recently for some of the now outdated social attitudes and language. But they remain popular worldwide for their sense of joy and wonder at life.

Several of her books are based on biblical stories, but she had a general rather than personal belief in God. She was brought up as a Baptist, and her children were baptised in the Church of England: towards the end of her life she became interested in Roman Catholicism. She put much energy into charity work, encouraging children to do the same. She died in 1968.

Ukrainian soldiers treat Bible like ‘a life-saver’

Since the war broke out more than six months ago, Bible Society has been making the Bible available to soldiers as well as civilians in Ukraine.

Recently, Serhii, the commander of a military unit, told Bible Society colleagues in Ukraine how vital the Bible is to his troops. He said, “It is very important for soldiers to have the Bible. Things are very tough at times and many soldiers are praying to God.

“They may have never attended a church before. They may not have believed in God before. But now they are turning to Him. Many of them treat the Bible as a life-saver.

“I have a friend, an officer. He also received a Bible from our chaplain. Sometimes he faces situations that seem to be desperate. He turns to the Bible...and he says, ‘You wouldn’t believe it. Every time I find an answer. The Bible has a way out! I do as the Bible says and everything works well.’”

Serhii added, “So, for those people who are facing enormous pressures on the frontlines, who experience hardship, both physical and moral, when they have this Bible in their pocket, when it gets very hard, a soldier can open it and find words that he needs to hear at that very moment. It is very important. Thank you!”

Walnuts

A handful of walnuts may help reduce your feelings of hunger. Walnuts are unique among nuts in that they are mainly comprised of polyunsaturated fats, which help decrease ghrelin, a hormone that increases hunger. They also seem to increase peptide YY (PYY), a hormone that increases fullness or satiety.



As appetite hormones play an important part in regulating how much you eat, this could be good news. As one scientist says, walnuts “may favourably change appetite hormones so that we can feel fuller for longer.”

Things you do on holiday but never at any other time

Lend your key to a neighbour and spend half an hour explaining the knack of locking the front door which entails pulling, turning, and pushing at the same time.

Worry about your hanging baskets and runner beans.

Worry about your cat.

Spend an hour looking for window lock keys which you have not seen since last year and why aren't they in THEIR SPECIAL PLACE?

Get up at 3am to drive to an airport.

Eat and sleep beside total strangers.

Climb on a bus without knowing quite where you are going, or where to get off.

Wear a swimming costume while shopping.

Miss having a proper cup of tea.

Buy postcards.

Eat chips with almost every meal.

Wonder if your cat is okay.

Have a pocketful of foreign coins which you try to spend on your last day.

Go to a quarry museum and try to convince yourself it is interesting as you never knew there was so much to know about slate and that it comes in so many colours of grey.

Get on another bus and hope it is headed back to your hotel, whose name now escapes you.



How to keep your house cool in a heatwave

When the sun is sizzling overhead, many of us fling wide our windows and even doors, in an effort to get a draught of air through our homes.

But an NHS sleep consultant advises that, instead, people should keep their windows shut and their curtains drawn all day. "It's all due to temperature differentials. As the sun comes up throughout the day it heats the inside of your house.

"If you keep your windows and curtains closed until dusk, however, your house will feel very cool when you go to bed. As the sun sets, open your curtains and windows and you'll feel a lovely breeze coming through your house, which will help you sleep."

Have you taken your mantelpiece seriously yet?

One of the latest trends in fun home decorating is to 'dress' your fireplace. Known as 'mantelscaping', it can range from simply rearranging your favourite things among seasonal flowers, to creating a huge and dramatic floral display with the help of bunched chicken wire that waterfalls down your mantelpiece in a grand sweep to the floor. So if you like putting photos on Instagram, here is your opportunity!



One designer calls mantelscaping a “simple and joyful way” of ushering in a sense of the approaching season. Another finds “there is something meditative” about arranging your favourite things and seasonal flowers on a newly dusted and empty mantel. Whatever it is, “even if the rest of your room looks messy, your mantel can be a grand moment.”

So – why not get creative? Take a new look at your own mantelpiece. Empty it, dust it, and then re-decorate it with anything from vases and candles to books, collectables, seasonal flowers, artworks and even shells and driftwood.

And don't do it just once. “Moving things around, and frequently ringing the changes of what you display, will help keep a room feeling fresh and inspiring.”



Cartoonist E.C. Segar based his character Popeye on a sailor named Frank “Rocky” Fiegel. Fiegel was a local hero in Segar’s hometown who had one eye, loved to smoke pipes and get in fights, and was rumored to have unprecedented strength.

Be careful where you shop online. We ordered a german shepherd and now this guy lives with us.





Reverend Christine



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*Blessings on your Ordination
Durham Cathedral, 2nd July 2022
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Beetle

The Beetle drive is on the second Thursday of the month in Churchill Square Community Centre from 2-4pm for an afternoon of fun and games. New members are more than welcome to come along and join in.

Jean Campbell

MOTHERS UNION ST. ANDREW'S



It was decided to change the time of the meeting from an evening to an afternoon at 2.00pm on the third Thursday of the month. We hope this will be convenient to all members, and maybe we could welcome new members.



The craft class meet in the Church Annexe every Monday from 2-4pm



Don't Forget

*Please visit St Andrew website
www.standrews-chiltonmoor.church*

In the cycle of prayer for our village we Prayer. Dear Father, we thank You for the summer holiday breaks. We appreciate teachers, who have worked so hard in preparing children and young adults into achieving their life aspirations and goals over the academic year. As we approach the summer holidays, Lord, we pray that You will give parents the guidance on how to look after their child/children during this period. Let children/young people honour their parents/guardians in the Lord, for this is right. Let this be a special time of bonding and reflection, as well as a time of appreciating one another, this we ask, Amen.

Miscellaneous observations on daily life

A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use. – Washington Irving

An optimist sees only the initial payment; the pessimist sees the future instalments and the upkeep. – Anon

The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance. – John Philpot Curran

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. – Anon

What we see in others often reveals something about us. – Anon

9th August, Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is now nearly 146 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

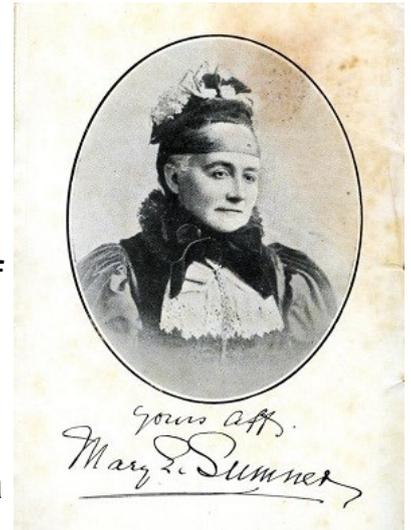
Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle.

By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.



Bill's Gardening Tips For August

Top up ponds and birdbaths regularly.

Water fruit and veg' plants daily.

Prune all summer flowering shrubs once blooms are finished.

Keep on top of weeds as they compete for water and nutrients.

Water evergreen shrubs like camellias and rhododendrons thoroughly to make sure next year's buds develop well.

Keep patio containers well watered and feed every two weeks.

Stake tall or top-heavy dahlias and lilies.

Dead head annual bedding plants and perennials to encourage flowering into autumn.

Cut back faded perennials to keep borders tidy.

As penstemon flowers fade, cut back to just above a leaf to encourage more flowers.

Prune all whippy side shoots from wisteria to about 5 leaves from the main stem.

Trim lavender plants.



Cheers *Bill*

National Allotment Week

What creepy crawlies are lurking in your allotment? This year, National Allotment Week has teamed up with the Big Bug Survey to try and find out.

The theme of the week is Bugs, Bees and Broccoli, and the aim is to acknowledge the importance of gardening with nature in mind.

As the National Allotment Society (NAS) says, allotments are “a complex web of plants, micro-organisms, fungi, insects and animals that not only produces food but also supports eco-system services such as pollination and offers a refuge for wildlife in urban areas.”

And Bugslife points out: “Bugs are so important to the healthy functioning of our allotments. We tend to focus on the ‘pests’ and ignore all the great work the other bugs are doing for us. They are pollinating our fruit and veg, controlling our pests and improving our soil.”

So if you have an allotment, why not take the survey, and so contribute to the monitoring of allotments and bugs?

Go to: <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/news-events-campaigns/national-allotments-week/>



The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your offer to bring in your team of church members, in order to make a house call on every home in our parish, was most generous. I do understand why you would need us to accommodate your team of 25 visitors, and then hold a residential training weekend for our own members of the team.

I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with our mission statement and safeguarding policy. I also understand your suggestion that we include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme.

Your plan that we should then hold an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited, and to which we might fly in a world-renowned speaker for the occasion, is understandable. And then of course we would need your help us to set up a finance committee with budgets and organised fund raising. But what you seem to have missed is that our entire parish consists of something like 70 homes. They would not feel visited, but invaded.

Instead, I feel it would be best if we attempt something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, perhaps, where we could find out which of them plays golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Gradually, as the sherry flowed, we would also seek to discover who would be prepared to go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians, at least in this parish.

Inevitably, this means that none of our church members will be joining your team as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt the residents belong to, and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You are, of course, all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement, and frenetic activity; our policy of polite indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.



*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

10 signs you're doing well in life:

- 1 You have a roof over your head
- 2 You ate today
- 3 You have a good heart
- 4 You wish good for others
- 5 You have clean water
- 6 Someone cares for you
- 7 You strive to be better
- 8 You have clean clothes
- 9 You have a dream
- 10 You're breathing

Say YES if you agree

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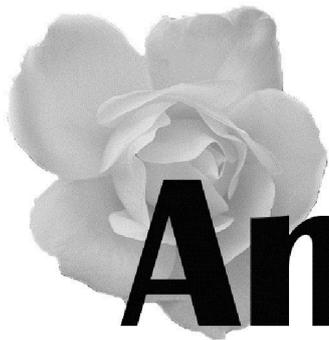
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