

# ST PAUL'S NEWS

July and August  
2025



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# SERVICES

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

### Third Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Joint Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom  
President: The Vicar,  
Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton  
Link: Rosemary Romano
- 6.30 pm Hymns and Pimms  
Minister: Dapne Pilcher

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Fourth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)  
President: The Vicar  
Minister & Preacher: Daphne Pilcher
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom  
Lead: Tim Harrold  
Link: Karen Miller
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)  
Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July

- 12.30 pm Wedding of Emma Carr & Hugo Sever  
at the Parish Church

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar  
Minister: Tim Harrold
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom  
Lead: Wendy Anderson  
Link: Chris Bassett
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)  
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Matins (BCP)  
Minister: Rev. Nicholas Burton,  
Preacher: Tim Harrold
- 10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion  
at the Church Centre + Zoom  
President: The Vicar  
Link: Viv Littlechild
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

- 1.00 pm Wedding of Laura Edmonds & Daniel  
Jennings at the Parish Church with the Choir

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

### The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Joint Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President: The Vicar  
Preacher: Father Magaya
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)  
Minister & Preacher: Daphne Pilcher

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August

- 1.00 pm Wedding of Khloe Prosser & James Donovan  
at the Parish Church

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

- 1.00 pm Wedding of Ellie Martin & Alex Thacker  
at the Parish Church

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

### Eighth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)  
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

### Ninth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)  
Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August

### Tenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Matins (BCP)  
Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

### Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)  
Minister & Preacher: Tim Harrold

### **Mondays throughout the month**

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Parish Church  
Minister: The Vicar

### **Wednesdays throughout the month**

9.00 am Morning Prayer at the Church Centre  
Minister: The Vicar

### **Thursdays throughout the month**

11.30 am Said Holy Communion at the Church Centre  
President: The Vicar

## **DIARY**

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim  
– May Graves  
6.00 pm Youth Council meet in the Lodge  
7.30 pm Living Hope Group

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

7 - 9pm Poetry Evening at the Church Centre

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

CYC serve rolls before joint service  
Picnic and BBQ after the service

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court  
– Tim Harrold

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

6.30 pm Choir Concert at the Parish Church  
– Tour Music

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

11.00 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge  
– Elaine Bruce  
11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim  
– The Vicar

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

2.00 pm Wedding rehearsal at the Parish Church

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

8.00 pm PCC meeting in the Lodge

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30 am Piano tuning – both Churches

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Choir Camp 2025

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

6.00 pm Youth Council  
7.30 pm Living Hope Group

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Choir Tour to Normandy

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

175 Community Art Show

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

7.30 pm Worship Committee in the Lodge

### **Wednesdays throughout the month**

9.00 – 11.00 am Playtime at St Paul's at the Church Centre

### **Thursdays throughout the month**

12 for 12.30 pm Rusthall Lunch Club  
at the Church Centre



### **Fridays throughout the month**

12.30 – 2.00 pm Community Larder  
at the Church Centre

### **Saturdays & Sundays throughout the month**

10 am – 4 pm Choristers Café in the Lodge

The aim of this 'café' is to raise funds to support the Choir tour to France in August. Refreshments for those attending Sunday morning services are, as usual, by voluntary donation.

## **Magazine Deadlines**

Please submit articles for the 2025 magazines in accordance with the following deadlines.

September by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

October by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

November by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

December/January 2026 by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

The time between the deadline and magazine issue is to allow for typing, formatting, proofreading, and compiling the magazine. These all take time and have to be fitted around the volunteer editorial team's other commitments. We would therefore be very grateful if you would keep to the deadlines set. Please send items for publication to [magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk).

Magazines are posted on the Parish website by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Photocopies of the magazine can be made available to those who cannot access the magazine online. Please contact Ginette di Palma at the Church Office (TW 521447) to arrange production and collection/delivery.



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## From the Vicarage

July and August 2025

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and partnership in God's mission and ministry. I really appreciate all that you do – and who you are. A big thank you to everyone who attended our APCM, and to those who stood for election /re-election, including Chris Dobson, as new Church Warden alongside May. Special thanks go to Deborah and Sue for their hard work in producing a remarkably good quality Parish Magazine – and for their patience with me. I would also like to thank members of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations committee for all that they have been doing. The Flower and Wedding dress festival was stupendous and attracted huge attention and numbers of people to the church, including the BBC, thanks to Gill McAllister and her team for all their hard work and organisational resilience.

Writing about 'team' and 'organisational resilience', we are looking for volunteers to mow the grass at the Parish Church and the New Churchyard. It need not be an onerous task if many people volunteer. Currently, we have three people, including me, who have been mowing the grass, and there is a fourth person who is willing to act as coordinator for the New Churchyard. The need for this has been brought about by the change in the availability of Probation Service personnel. We used to partner with His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) by providing work for those on Community Service. At its peak, they came to us every week, but this stopped last year. They later agreed to come to us once a month, with effect from last month. Unfortunately, apart from the two managers, no 'clients' turned up – so, no work was done. Having a team of volunteers from the church and community would make it easier to maintain both churchyards in pristine condition, for the benefit of all who visit their loved ones, attend services at the parish church or work their dogs, especially at the New Churchyard. If you are interested, please contact the parish office on 01892521447 or Trish Sutherland on 07775713509.

One thing that I should mention is that we are hoping to welcome some members of Companion Parish of St Peter, Mabelreign, Zimbabwe. By God's grace, they should be with us from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July to the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. Eighteen names were submitted for visa application but I am yet to hear about the outcome of this. We will be looking for people to host them, please. Once I receive 'firm' information from Fr Magaya, the Rector, we will put together an itinerary for the visit.

I recently 'dipped' into a book that I haven't looked at for a long time. It is entitled 'The Because Approach', written by Andrew Baughen. It is a resource book that gets us to ask the 'right' question that enables us, as a church, to know why we do the things that we do. Baughen notes that preparation is crucial and suggests that a healthy church would/should have these four activities: 'Relationship building', 'Respect building', 'Relevance building', and 'Response building' activities (p.30). It was quite refreshing to browse through this book after a very long time. Each activity has a 'because' strap line. The ones for 'respect' and 'response' building caught my attention: 'loving churches attract attention'; 'everyone needs rescuing'. Jesus reminded his first disciples (and us) that people will know that they were his disciples by their love for one another (John 13:35), and Jesus' passion, death and resurrection remind us that Jesus went through and did all that in order to rescue us from the ultimate consequences of sin.

I pray that as we continue to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish church, we may continue to embody God's love and reflect God's acceptance of everyone.

Ronnie





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## **Magazine Easy Payment Methods**

Income from magazine sales is important to us at St Paul's. If everyone paid the £1 cover charge we would raise over £900 a year, which would not only cover the cost of producing the magazine but also contribute to other costs such as leasing the photocopier.

If you often find yourself fumbling for the right change, perhaps you might like to pay in advance for a year's "subscription", 10 issues for the sum of £10, (you might even feel tempted to be more generous!) Please make cheques payable to St Paul's Church, Rusthall and send them to the Parish Office.

Alternatively you can use the card payment machines – just choose the £1 donation option.

Your contributions are much appreciated.

## Editorial for July and August 2025

We have now reached the midpoint of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. The Summer Solstice has been celebrated and days now grow shorter. We have had lots of hot and dry weather to enjoy. The Flower team excelled themselves with a wonderful display of wedding dresses and bouquet inspired floral displays. It was featured on the local BBC news and brought many visitors to the church. The Jazz Eucharist for Pentecost went with a swing, BBQ and cream teas were enjoyed afterwards and all teddies survived the parachute drop from the top of the tower! At the end of June a group of pilgrims will be exploring the Martyrs Way through the city of London. In July there is a Poetry evening at the Church Centre on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Council will again be providing breakfast before the joint service at the Church Centre on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Parish Picnic and games on the common and then in the evening Hymns and Pimms at the Parish Church. The junior choir will only get a short Choir Camp this year as the choir leave on its trip to sing in Normandy from 7-10 August, but you can hear a selection of the pieces that will be performed in concert at the Church on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Finally, there will be a community art show on bank holiday weekend, 23-25<sup>th</sup> August.

There will be loads of sport to enjoy while we take our summer break, tennis at Wimbledon at the beginning of July along with the British Grand Prix and the British Open Golf championship at Portrush. The India men's cricket team will be continuing their test match series against England in July and August, whilst the women's teams play five T20 matches and three ODIs (one day internationals). The UEFA Women's Euro is held in Switzerland 2-27<sup>th</sup> July, the British and Irish Lions are off to play rugby in Australia and the Women's Rugby World Cup starts on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. I have already enjoyed watching the Giro d'Italia – won by Simon Yates in a perfect example of patience and stealth, seeming a little below par until a blistering day tearing up the Colla della Finestre on the penultimate day, which he started 2 minutes behind and ended nearly 4 minutes ahead. His previous attempt at this climb had been something of a disaster, allowing Chris Froome to storm to victory in 2018, but this year his stamina and strength lasted for a very well deserved win. The Tour de France is from 5-27<sup>th</sup> July and I can't wait. For a real change you could try the World Bog Snorkelling Championships in Llanwrtyd Wells!

In Church we are firmly in Ordinary Time, there are a few Saint's Days but no major festivals. We remember Thomas the Apostle on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Mary Magdalene on 22<sup>nd</sup> and in August the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15<sup>th</sup>, and the apostle Bartholomew on 24<sup>th</sup>.

Nationally and Internationally there are the usual set of special days. World Chocolate Day on 7<sup>th</sup> July is always a favourite. July 12<sup>th</sup> is Malala Day, which honours Malala Yousafzai, the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for her work as advocate for girls' education. 14<sup>th</sup> July is Bastille Day in France – Vive la revolution! July 28<sup>th</sup> marks the 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War I, a conflict which caused 30 million military fatalities, with a further 8 million civilians killed. 30<sup>th</sup> July is the World Day against trafficking in Persons. In August the 1<sup>st</sup> is World Lung Cancer Day, still a major cause of death despite rates falling as fewer people smoke. The 13<sup>th</sup> is Left Handers Day when we should sympathise with our left handed chums who have to cope in a world mainly designed for right-handers. Fortunately equipment for lefties is becoming more readily available – but it does mean they have to remember to take their own scissors with them! Always the forgotten commemoration of WWII is VJ Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August, which marks the surrender of Japan and end of hostilities in the Pacific arena, bringing WWII to a close.

August is a month for the arts. The Proms concerts start on 18<sup>th</sup> July and go right through to 13<sup>th</sup> September. There is the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Fringe Festival and International Book Festival, Brighton Pride is 2-3 August, Notting Hill Carnival 24-25<sup>th</sup>, Buckingham Palace has its summer opening and the Greenwich and Docklands International Festival makes a good day out.

When holidaying in the Algarve, Portugal earlier in the year, Sue and I visited the Museum of Slavery in Lagos and it was very clear that the Portuguese are struggling to come to terms with their part in the Slave Trade. In this magazine we have included an article previously printed in the Times Literary Supplement which discusses the plans being made by both Cambridge University and the Church of England to deal with this difficult issue.

The picture on the cover is Bayeux Cathedral where the choir will sing while on tour. Please get your articles for September to us by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Have a wonderful summer.

**Sue Hare and Deborah Bruce**

## Churchwarden's Notes



This has been a remarkably busy month with many events for the 175 anniversary. It was good to have Bishop Jonathan for our confirmation service and while he was here, he blessed our new Banner. We would like to thank the ladies that did all the hard work on creating the banner.

May enjoyed taking part in the Jazz eucharist and we are sure that the congregation enjoyed the music.

The wedding dress and flower exhibition was very well attended, with some visitors travelling from Eastbourne having seen the BBC news. They had been married in the church 30 years ago.

We would like to thank all the people for all their hard work putting up the dresses and doing the flower displays. The church looked wonderful. We would also like to thank the people that donated their dresses. The oldest was from 1927.

The Teddy bear parachute drop went well thanks to Sue and Clive launching the bears from the tower. Unfortunately, a few landed in trees or onto the church roof. All are safe now.

Lastly, we are still looking for a treasurer, if you know of anybody that might be interested speak to the wardens or Ronnie.

Also, anybody that would like to join the Martha team (Parish church cleaning) or flower team please let us know.

**May Graves and Chris Dobson**

## Lunch Club

We are grateful to Helen Foster and Richard Brook for agreeing to be co-chairs of the Lunch Club. Their contact details can be found on the Organisations page in the back of the magazine.

## God talk

Out and about in the UK we sometimes encounter missionaries like Christian street evangelists. To be absolutely honest with you I'm not very comfortable with this type of Evangelism, yet I happily take part in St. Paul's Church Good Friday walk of witness which has been joined by those of other Christian denominations, which is a form of Christian street evangelism. By the time you read this I hope that we will have completed the Christian Pilgrimage in London organised by Tim, the younger. We recently visited London to view the Edvard Munch portrait exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery (very good it was too) and as we returned to Charing Cross Station there was a happy band of, I think, West Indians singing and dancing whilst proclaiming that a good life was ours if only we followed Jesus Christ. You have to admire their faith and their ability to proclaim it in a world such as ours even if I am not completely comfortable with this sort of witness.

In Luke 10 Jesus sends out seventy missionaries, although some ancient authorities say seventy-two, to go to 'every town and place where he himself intended to go'. Although that first century Palestinian context differs from ours, this Gospel reading still speaks to us.

First, it reminds us about spiritual priorities. Jesus instructed them to, 'carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no-one on the road'. Instead of worrying about financial and other resources, like extra bags and sandals to go along with a purse, they were to focus on the message to be shared: 'the kingdom of God has come near to you'.

As a church we can organise ourselves to be ever more efficient, but little will come of that if we lack conviction about the good news of God's love, revealed to us through Jesus Christ. Lacking such conviction, no resources will make a significant difference. Mission begins with the message and our belief in it. Establishing, then nurturing, faith in God, in Jesus Christ, comes before questions about additional resources.

Second, we are not responsible for how people respond to the message that we share. Nobody likes rejection. We all feel bad about it. The easiest way to avoid that would be to avoid sharing the message in the first place! Fear of rejection is a powerful force which discourages or prevents us sharing anything, yet unless people are given the opportunity to say 'no' there's no chance that anyone will say 'yes'. This is difficult for the average Brit as our 'reserve' often prevents us from really showing what we believe.



The Gospel passage reminds us that there will always be some who reject your message just like the many who passed the West Indian contingent at Charing Cross Station. It's inevitable and we should not hold ourselves responsible for that. Jesus assumes his message that God's kingdom has come near will be accepted by some and rejected by others. He talks not only about those who share in the peace that the disciples offer when they enter a town, but also about those who do not share that peace, refusing to welcome his representatives.

Whether or not people accept Jesus's representatives, though, the message is to be the same. 'Whenever you enter a town, and its people welcome you... say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near you"'; 'whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you', your near-identical last word is, 'yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near'. We are not responsible for how people respond to the message that we share concerning Jesus. That's up to them.

And this brings me to a third and final point. Yes, mission begins with a message and our belief in it; also, we are not responsible for how people choose to respond to what we share about that faith, that's up to them. Then third, this is not about OUR mission. It's about GOD'S mission.

The disciples returned to Jesus, joyful because they had experienced positive responses and been able to do some wonderful things. Jesus was happy about that, but he had a reminder for them: 'nevertheless, do not rejoice at this ... but rejoice that your names are written in heaven'.

Our present and future does not depend upon our 'success' (or lack of it), measured by others' responses to our news about God's love. Whatever the outcome we remain secure in God's love. Our 'names are written in heaven,' as Jesus puts it here in Luke's Gospel.

So yes, Jesus both sent and sends out followers, including you and me, to share with the wider world the good news of God's love, peace and justice. This works best when, first, we believe it ourselves; when second, we recognise that the responsibility for responding lies with those who receive it; and third, in remembering it's God's mission, not ours, and we will remain safe in God's love.

Often we can show our belief not in singing and dancing such as those at Charing Cross Station but in how we behave. A kindly word, doing someone a favour, helping those less fortunate than ourselves, being at peace with the world and our fellow human beings as we live our lives. As the

Editors now receive a well-earned rest and we, hopefully, enjoy a summer's break perhaps travelling far and wide or nearer to home let us remember that whatever place you visit we can show we are Christians by behaving well to all that we meet and that is the secret of God's Mission for us here on earth. Surely this was the very essence in the wonderful flower festival and exhibition of brides dresses confirming that God's mission is alive and well at St. Paul's after 175 years.

This year we are having a break from European rail travel and by the time you read this we will have enjoyed a short break in the Isle of Wight last visited by me sixty five years ago and never by Pat. We shall also be looking forward to a break on a historic part of the South Coast that we do not know well despite the close proximity. Whether you are home or away enjoy your summer break and remember God's Mission to show your love wherever you visit.

**Tim Cripps**

Recommended Reading:-

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

We have usually suggested Oremus Bible Browser as a website providing online reading of the bible. However, at present they are unable to offer the New Revised Standard Version, which is the version we usually use in church.

Until they resolve their licensing problems, you might wish to try [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). In the red side menu select Read the Bible and then from Available Versions choose New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA). This brings up a list of all the books in the bible and their chapters for you to choose from.

## **Future of the Chorister's Café**



As you will know, the Chorister's Café was started as a fundraising endeavour for the Choir's tour to Normandy in August. However it has become much more than that, in addition to raising significant funds it has also been an important source of outreach to the wider Community.

The PCC very much hope that the Café could be continued by the church community as a whole on a more permanent basis. If you would be interested in helping with this, please speak to Ginette di Palma or Caroline Johnson.



## Rusthall Community Cinema



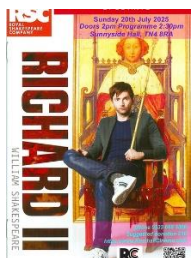
### **A Complete Unknown (2024) Cert 15**

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Director: James Mangold  
Genre: Biography, Drama  
Runtime: 2h 20 mins  
Starring: Timothée Chalamet, Edward Norton, Elle Fanning



### **The Brutalist (2024) Cert 18**

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025  
Director: Brady Corbet  
Genre: Epic. Drama  
Runtime: 3h 12 mins  
Starring: Adrien Brody, Felicity Jones, Guy Pearce



### **Shakespeare: Richard II**

Doors open: 2pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Director: Royal Shakespeare Company 2013  
Genre: History play  
Runtime: 2h 45 mins  
Starring: David Tennant, Michael Pennington, Jane Lapotaire



### **Maria (2024) Cert 12**

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025  
Director: Pablo Larrain  
Genre: Biography. Drama  
Runtime: 2h 3 mins  
Starring: Angelina Jolie, Pierfrancesco Favino, Alba Rohrwacher



### **Bridget Jones: Mad about the Boy (2025) Cert 15**

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Director: Michael Morris  
Genre: Comedy, Drama, Romance  
Runtime: 2h 4 mins  
Starring: Renée Zellweger, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Leo Woodall



### **Mozart: The Marriage of Figaro**

Doors open: 2pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Director: The Royal Opera 2022  
Genre: Comic Opera  
Runtime: 3h 6 mins  
Starring: Riccardo Fassi, Giulia Semenzato, Germán E Alcántaro, Federico Lambardi

## A Musical Note



The choir has had an exciting couple of months. In May, we had a wonderful summer concert, and in June, we sang for a brilliant Jazz Eucharist. The summer concert was a fabulous evening where the children played or sang solos, and the choir performed some jolly pieces, including songs from *Matilda the Musical* and a marvellous arrangement of "Sing a Song of Sixpence" by John Rutter.

We had a week to recover before the Jazz Eucharist, which was tremendous fun. The mass setting by Will Todd worked exceptionally well, and we would love to perform it again, perhaps as a concert work. We sang four anthems, all incorporating jazz elements but each quite distinct. The service concluded with an exhilarating rendition of 'Shine Jesus, Shine', which we will certainly sing again soon.

We had a fantastic group of musicians accompanying us. Alasdair was on the organ, which involved playing an exciting anthem by Iain Farrington. Anthony extemporized on the piano for the mass setting and the amazing communion anthems, while Dom played the piano for the Chilcott Gradual anthem. We also had a wonderful band consisting of Jennifer, Hannah, Lizzie, Fergus, Rafa, and Justin, who accompanied the mass and played in "Shine Jesus, Shine" as well. Marcy played the djembe, and Jennifer played the cello for one of the communion anthems too. As someone commented to me after the service, aren't we fortunate to have all of these incredible musicians in our church. For the voluntary at the end of the service, Lia, one of the junior choristers, played an arrangement of 'The Sunny Side of the Street' by Nikki Iles on the piano. Lia is a hugely talented jazz pianist, and it was wonderful to hear her play.

Our focus now is on Hymns and Pimms on 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm, and our upcoming tour to France in August. If you would like to hear some of the music we will be singing on the tour, you are welcome to

join us at our concert on Saturday, 12th July, at 6:30 pm.

While in France, we will be performing two concerts. The first is at Abbaye de Saint-Pierre-sur-Dives on Friday, 8th August, at 8:30 pm, and the second is at Bayeux Cathedral on Saturday, 9th August, at 8 pm. We will also be doing plenty of sightseeing and expect to eat very well too! This will be our first tour since Wiesbaden in 2017, and we're all incredibly excited. The venues for our concerts look amazing, and I'm sure we will have a brilliant time.

Looking ahead, you won't want to miss our Son et Lumière concert on Saturday, 13th September, at 6:30 pm. Nic Farman will be creating some amazing lighting to complement our musical programme. It's going to be an incredible evening, so please spread the word and come along!

**Fiona Johnson**

## Sermon Cricket

A new book by Tim Popple "*Evensong - Notes from the choir*" has spilled the beans on how cathedral choirs get through the countless sermons they must endure? They play "sermon cricket".

In the book, Tim, an alto lay clerk at Bristol cathedral, reveals the preacher is awarded one run for mentioning God, four runs for Jesus and six for Satan or the Devil. But if the preacher uses the words I or me, a wicket falls. Should the preacher lose all 10 of his wickets, the choristers feel they are no longer under any obligation to listen.

Perhaps cathedrals and churches should introduce scoreboards so that everyone can participate!

**Tim Harrold**

## Predictive Text

Last month I submitted a piece about the perils of predictive text under AI. A friend has sent me an amusing example that appeared in the small ads section of his local newspaper. It read:-

"Animal hutch for sale - would suit guinea pigs or a small rabbi."

**Tim Cripps**



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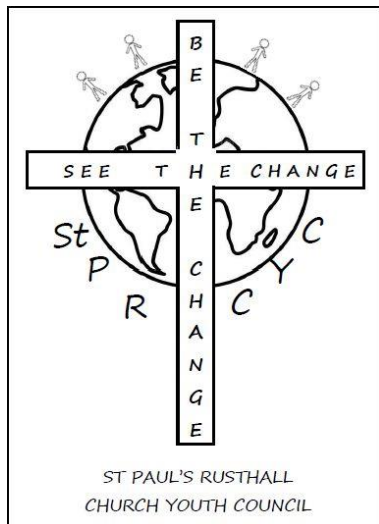
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WOW! What a meeting we had in June!!



The CYC is now two years old and our very first campaign was for a safer crossing on the A264. We were therefore particularly thrilled to welcome John Barber to our meeting this month and learn about what is happening now and most importantly what we can do to continue to support and be active in this very important campaign which effects the whole village and visitors to the church and Happy Valley. It was a very lively and constructive discussion and I was delighted to receive the following comments from John the next morning: *'It was really enjoyable, interesting and stimulating to attend the YC last night and to see and feel the energy and creativity in the room. Thank you'.*



As a result John has inserted a paragraph from *'The Vibrant Youth Council'* incorporating the ideas and experiences they shared with him into a letter he is constructing and we are added to the long list of supporters for a safe crossing. (For interest I have already seen that he has done that!!!). Well done CYC.



We went on to finalise the design of our honey labels which is very exciting. We hope to harvest our first honey in July or August so hopefully it won't be too long before we can actually see our 🐝 golden nectar in its pure form.

Finally we talked about CYC's growth and future. Once again a very lively discussion ensued with some fabulous ideas. In short, new topics have been added to our agenda and a request for fortnightly meetings will be considered!

Our next meeting on Thursday 3rd July will be at Tunbridge Wells Police Station where we will have a tour and a talk. I have no doubt this will be just as lively! Details to follow.

The Youth Council welcomes all children of secondary school age, and also those in their final term of Year 6. For further details please contact Angela Culley or Jean Kerr







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## A letter from St Paul's, Beckenham



Greetings from Keith Howick at St. Paul's in Beckenham

(<https://www.stpaulsbeckenham.org.uk/>).

I have been on a voyage of learning and formation with Tim Harrold and three other friends over the last three years. Travelling together and meeting many teachers, advisors and angels on the way has been a wonderfully joyful experience. We are all from different traditions and church settings; one of the joys of our journey together has been to learn how the Lord walks with us all and always keeps watch over his sheep.

I have worshipped at St. Paul's (Beckenham!) for several decades and was a churchwarden for 12 years while still working full time as a Patent Attorney. But, looking back, that role was more about doing rather than being, and it is really during the last three years that I have realised that following the Lord turns things upside down. It has been a journey of discovery to start to understand that, as St. Paul writes to the Philippians in chapter 3 of his letter, *'I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ'*. For me, and I am confident for all five of us, the last three years have been a wonderful combination of learning and formation. I have learned to be vulnerable, and confident in being vulnerable. And that has been a big help to me in talking about my faith straightforwardly with people I meet.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue to be part of the Leadership Team at my St. Paul's. There is a strong sense that the Lord is present and that we have work to do in reaching out to our community to build warm relationships and grow together in Christ as we journey together. We have just had a joyful Saturday morning of prayer for three hours in church laying ourselves before the Lord and seeking his vision for our work as His people in our parish. There is excitement and expectation about the future as our church fellowship grows joyfully in number, depth and diversity. As well as sharing in leading worship and preaching, I sense that I may be serving also in a pastoral context. I look forward also to continuing to serve in the Beckenham Deanery and through membership of Diocesan Synod with increased confidence and excitement, all working for God's Kingdom.

And one other thing. I have been a trustee since 2018 of The Ugly Duckling Charity (see <https://www.uglyduckling.org.uk/home>), a Christian Charity which has created exciting resources for early mission and to enable conversations. Gaining some insight into early mission has been enormously significant in my journey of faith and feeds into planning we do as a church.

**Keith Howick, Licensed Lay Minister**



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## South Sea Trouble

*This article by Professor Robert Tombs was first published in the Times Literary Supplement. We reproduce it here with their kind permission. I am grateful to Justin Woodhouse for arranging this. After Professor Tombs' article appeared, a correspondence ensued in the TLS with Professor Richard Drayton defending the Church Commissioners but driven to the position that whilst accepting the annuities were government debt arguing that the whole 18th century economy was tainted by slavery.*

Does the term “South Sea Annuity” ring a bell? There is no reason why it should. It is a recondite feature of eighteenth-century government finances, when Britain, engaged in the “Second Hundred Years War” with France, was borrowing unprecedented sums to sustain global conflict. Yet misconstruing this term has turned out to be probably the most expensive historical error in modern British history. It is set to cost the Church Commission at least £100 million and severe reputational damage. The University of Cambridge has also certainly spent a considerable sum and has damaged its own international reputation in part by making the same error. How could this have come about?

It goes back to the time, only six years ago, when so many British institutions were hastening to investigate their historic misdeeds. Cambridge's then vice-chancellor, Professor Stephen Toope, set up a research project in 2019 into the University's historic links to slavery and the slave trade. The University explained that the project “comes amid a wider reflection taking place in the United States and Britain on the links between universities and slavery. It is among a number of race equality initiatives currently being pursued”. With an eye to the international student market, the aim was to address what were expected to be the manifold sins of historic Cambridge, so that present day Cambridge could proclaim its contrasting virtue to the world.

The University appointed a nine-person committee to investigate. It was chaired by a classical archaeologist, Professor Martin Millett, and contained two historians, Professor Sujit Sivasundaram (a specialist of the history of science and of Sri Lanka) and Professor Nicholas Guyatt (a specialist of the early United States). Two postdoctoral researchers were commissioned to examine Cambridge archives: Sabine Cadeau, who had previously worked on twentieth-century Haiti; and Nicholas Bell-Romero, who had previously worked on North American history. It was pretty clear what they were expected to find. As Professor Toope put it: “It is inconceivable that

a British Institution as old as our University would not have been touched by colonial practices of enslavement and enforced labour”. Early-career scholars should not have had such responsibility placed on them without proper guidance. However, none of those involved had obvious expertise in the area they were to investigate.

What did the research project conclude? The University's investigators admitted that “we have not seen any evidence that Cambridge institutions directly owned any plantations that exploited enslaved people”. Nevertheless, they produced a long report straining to find their predecessors guilty. Some alumni, they found, had later been involved in slavery. Some undergraduates' parents or grandparents were similarly tarnished. Some gifts were given by people with a connection (whether proven or inferred) with human exploitation. In short, the University applied far stricter standards to its predecessors than it applies to itself today.

Also in 2019, the Church Commissioners initiated research into their own endowment. They chose not historians but forensic accountants from the firm of Grant Thornton to go through the archives of Queen Anne's Bounty, the eighteenth century charity dedicated to the support of poorer clergy, and one of the predecessors of today's Commission. Forensic accountants look for evidence of financial wrongdoing. As in Cambridge, the aim of the exercise seems less than neutral. The accountants, the Commission report tells us, “spent months carefully reviewing the hand-written entries, line by line, that recorded the investments that Queen Anne's Bounty made in, and the income generated from, the South Sea Company, a company which for many years shipped enslaved human beings from their homes in Africa across the Atlantic in appalling conditions”. But the laborious accountants, or their clients the Commissioners, or their historical adviser Dr Helen Paul (who has written on the South Sea Company's slaving activities), did not appear to understand what they were reading, as we shall see. Neither, it seems, did the historians appointed to the Church Commissioners' “Oversight Group”, Professor Richard Drayton (a specialist in empires and Caribbean culture) and Dr Christienna Fryar (described on her website as “a writer and independent historian of Britain and the Caribbean”).

Queen Anne's Bounty did own trading stock in the South Sea Company, acquired in 1720 as part of a government debt conversion scheme when no slave trading was happening. It disposed of the stock between 1728 and 1730. As the Commission's report concedes, “the quantum of the Bounty's investment was comparable to, or less than, that of

prominent individual investors such as Isaac Newton, Robert Walpole and Thomas Guy”. This nevertheless constituted a connection with slave trading, though the Bounty derived no financial profit as the horrible trade made a loss. As in Cambridge, the Commissioners assumed that they must also have received benefactions from people involved in some way with slavery, but apart from one or two famous cases, they could not be precise, and could not quantify the supposed gains.

These findings – not much slavery, not much money – would have been less than sensational. However, both the University and the Church Commission discovered that their predecessors had also owned or been given large investments in South Sea Annuities. At last, a smoking gun. They readily assumed that these were profits from the South Sea Company’s slave trade. Cambridge stated that “Long-term income derived from the slave trade also accrued as a result of major gifts and benefactions ... Most prominent is the donation that supported the Fitzwilliam Museum in 1816. Lord Fitzwilliam’s South Sea assets had come to him from his grandfather, Matthew Decker, a governor of the South Sea Company at its inception, a director of both the Royal African Company and also of the East India Company. Similarly, John Woodward’s investments in the South Sea stock formed part of the endowment for the Woodwardian Professorship of Geology under his will of 1728”.

These and other significant “assets”, “stock” and “investments” were South Sea Annuities.

South Sea Annuities, however, were government securities – the equivalent of modern gilts – that yielded a return on money lent to the State. That return came wholly from taxation. The Annuities were created in the 1720s, and by statute were entirely separate from the South Sea Company as a (spectacularly unsuccessful) trading organization. They were not “South Sea Company Annuities” (as the Church Commissioners wrongly called them). The only connection with the Company was that ownership was registered and interest was paid at South Sea House. Nor did the Annuities represent “income derived from the slave trade”, as Cambridge wrongly reported. They had no link with slavery whatever.

Making the same elementary error, the Church Commission convinced itself in its *Research into Historic Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery* (2023) that it was sitting on what the Oversight Group appointed by the Commission called a “historic pool of capital tainted by its involvement in African chattel enslavement: Queen Anne’s Bounty”. This was because, as the report outlined, “Queen Anne’s Bounty’s funds that were not used

to purchase land ... were invested almost exclusively in South Sea Company [sic] Annuities. At the time that the South Sea Company ceased its activities trading in enslaved people in 1739, Queen Anne’s Bounty had accumulated investments in South Sea Company Annuities with a value of around £204,000 (money of the day in 1739), which may be equivalent to about £443 million in today’s terms”.

The Oversight Group decided that at least £100 million of this tainted booty was required in reparations. The beneficiaries would be “Black-led businesses ... Black fund managers ... brilliant social entrepreneurs, educators, healthcare givers, asset managers and historians”. This is intended to be only the first instalment of a £1 billion fund.

In Cambridge, the Fitzwilliam Museum, the University institution in most direct contact with the general public – around half a million visitors a year – has recently gone further. In the book-length catalogue to its exhibition *Rise Up*, Dr Cadeau (now an associate professor in Canada) makes the extraordinary claim that even the University’s renowned Abolitionists “stood atop a powerful edifice of securitized slavery capital [which] survives intact today”. Furthermore, “slave trade financial instruments shaped the intellectual life of the University by supporting the country’s most renowned mathematicians and scientists”, including Stephen Hawking. Hence, today’s holders of several famous endowed chairs are necessarily tarred as beneficiaries of slavery. Professor Michael Cates, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, and Professor David Hodell, Woodwardian Professor of Geology, might find this disturbing. But all the assets Dr Cadeau identifies were not what she calls “securitized slavery capital” or “slave-trade financial instruments”, but rather (as perhaps you have guessed) South Sea Annuities.

If I had been responsible for such controversial and potentially damaging research projects, I would have assembled a team of experienced historians of established reputation, including experts in the history of the slave trade, and others with a thorough understanding of eighteenth-century institutional and financial history. Neither the University nor the Church Commission bothered to do that.

Professor Richard Dale, a distinguished financial historian, former adviser to the Bank of England and author of a history of the South Sea Company, wrote to the Church Times in 2024 to point out that investors in South Sea Annuities – in this case Queen Anne’s Bounty – could be “absolutely sure that they were *not* investing in slaving activities”. I contacted Professor Dale,



who was very willing to advise. It was not difficult to identify another expert in precisely this area, Dr François Velde, and economist and historian in Chicago, who of course concurs with Professor Dale: the Annuities had no connection with slavery. By a remarkable coincidence he was about to come to Cambridge as a visiting scholar to pursue research on eighteenth-century University finances. I mention these details to show how easy it was to find and consult two recognized experts. But neither Professor Dale nor Dr Velde had been contacted either by Cambridge or by the Church Commission. Had they been, they would have prevented a costly and embarrassing blunder.

Several publications and press reports have ensued, including a thorough and devastating study authored by Charles Wide KC, Dr Alka Sehgal-Cuthbert and Lord Biggar, *The Case Against Reparations: Why the Church Commissioners for England must think again* (Policy Exchange, 2025). A naïve observer might think that Cambridge and the Church of England would be delighted and relieved to have it demonstrated that their predecessors had not been guilty of the grave moral lapse of which they were accused, and that they themselves were not still in possession of vast “tainted” funds. The Church Commission could therefore in good conscience devote its £100 million to perhaps more urgent causes, namely the struggling parishes it is duty-bound to support.

But that would indeed be naïve. Despite having South Sea Annuities explained to him, the director of the Fitzwilliam Museum, Dr Luke Syson, denies that there are “any factual errors” in his exhibition material and declines to make any corrections. It has, he insists, been “peer reviewed”. The uncorrected message is getting through: a Cambridge newspaper reports a schoolgirl visitor saying “the Fitzwilliam was built off slave profit”. The Church seems equally reluctant to be found not guilty. It says it stands by its original research, yet it has also tried to come up with other justifications for misapplying £100 million. Those pointing out the facts are accused sotto voce of trouble-making or racism, and – as the Bishop of Leicester has openly stated – of upsetting the Church’s ethnic minority membership. Might that membership not be relieved to find that their Church is not guilty of the wholesale and sustained trafficking of their ancestors?

Why this stubborn clinging to a demonstrably wrong narrative damaging to finances and to reputation? Why the brazen denial of the undeniable? Embarrassment, vanity, interest, fear of upsetting activists? Wide, Sehgal-Cuthbert and Biggar diagnose “a combination of historical

ignorance, ethical naivete, a misplaced sense of racial guilt, and an uncritical deference to ‘anti-racist’ ideologues”. However we explain it, those who run these great institutions have rushed into perhaps the most expensive historical mistake in British history.

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#### Further information about Queen Anne’s Bounty



Queen Anne reigned from 1702 – 1714. Her reign included the ratification of the Act of Union 1707, which joined the Kingdom of England and Wales with the Kingdom of Scotland to form the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

In 1703 she gave her assent to the Queen Anne’s Bounty Act, granting “in Perpetuity the Revenues of the First Fruits and Tenths” for the support of the poor clergy of England. The recipients of an ecclesiastical benefice were required to pay the profits from the first year of their benefice, the “first fruits”, to the papal treasury, or, after the Reformation, to the crown. In subsequent years they were expected to pay a tithe or “tenth” of their profits. Queen Anne gave the money collected in this way to a fund to be used to augment the income of livings worth less than a set value – initially £10 per annum. The fund was used to purchase small pockets of land in the parish, the rent from which would increase the yield of the living. Later augmented parishes found it more convenient not to purchase the land but to leave the money invested in the bounty and receive instead a modest but guaranteed interest. Parliament has at times given additional grants to the Bounty to enable more poor parishes to be augmented.

**Deborah Bruce**



# Home Life in Old Testament Times

## Part 3

To provide offspring was vital in Old Testament times. Sons were necessary to help the father with his work and perpetuate his name and property. So important was the maintenance of the family that, if a man died childless, it was the duty of the nearest kinsman to marry his widow and raise a family. Reference to this so-called 'levirate marriage' is found in Deuteronomy Chapter 25.

Although it was only sons who could inherit the family estate and care for their parents in old age, daughters were by no means despised in Israel. Seven children appears to have been the normal maximum for a mother, but obviously a man with more than one wife would have more offspring.



The birth of a child interrupted the mother's household work to the smallest possible extent, although we do know that in some cases a midwife was present for the birth. The new-born baby was washed, rubbed with salt and wrapped in swaddling bands. Usually, the mother breast-fed her children, but sometimes a wet nurse was called in. Nannies like Deborah, who brought up Rebekah, were to be found in wealthier households and it is nice to notice how securely they won a place in the family circle.

From our point of view, children were weaned very late – usually when the child was two or three years old and the day of weaning was sufficiently important to provide an excuse for a family party. The name given to the child soon after birth was chosen with care, because it was thought to be intimately related, not only to the child's personality, but even to their fortune in life. The many personal names compounded with one of the names for God were intended as a kind of protective prayer. All Israelite names were first names. Surnames were not used because this would be so well known and important that it was not considered necessary.



For the first few years both boys and girls would be brought up by the mother, but it was not long before the boy was transferred to their father's discipline. In an age when boys were important, if there was only one son in the family, one might guess that he was probably able to get a good deal of his own way.

Education, in our sense of the word, hardly existed in ancient Israel, but from an early age a boy was taught to share his father's work. There were scores of jobs he could do in the fields and vineyards and the shepherd boy is a very familiar figure in Old Testament times. Basically both boys and girls had a very short childhood – they matured early. For the girl it was obvious that her work would be within the home.

Unless really wealthy, there was no idleness for the woman. Her chief concerns were food and clothing for the family and probably her day started before dawn. No doubt the girls collected fuel for the fire, trimmed the lamps, and helped as soon as they were old enough with the spinning, water carrying and baking. One job which did not fall to their lot was washing up after meals, but there was a form of clothes washing. Women took their bundles of washing to a spring outside the city - a primitive equivalent of the communal 'launderette'.



Daphne Pilcher

## Poems for Summer

One of the delicious characteristics of summer is a generalised warm hum, as all around us bees and other insects go about their miraculous work. This is particularly prevalent round the churchyard this year, as the enterprising Youth Council have installed hives and are enthusiastically preparing for their first harvest of honey.

**Susan Barber**

### Hive

The weather inside  
is always a blazing storm,

feverish cells colliding,  
particles being drawn in,

bashed around, thrown out.  
Imagine dipping your hand

into the swarm,  
feeling the furious blizzard

at the reactor's core.  
Imagine the same frenzy

of fusion and fission  
conjuring up

the wrought hexagonal what-the-heck  
of a honeycomb

and jars of sunlight  
in edible form.

*Simon Armitage*

### Verse

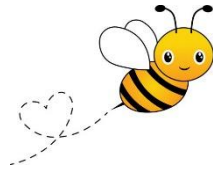
I eat my peas with honey  
I've done it all my life  
It makes the peas taste funny  
But it keeps them on  
the knife!

*Ogden Nash*

*From Winnie-the -Pooh*

Isn't it funny  
How a bear likes **honey**?  
Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!  
I wonder why he does?

*A.A. Milne*



### The Hive

The colony grew in my body all that summer.  
The gaps between my bones filled  
with honeycomb and my chest  
vibrated and hummed. I knew  
the brood was healthy, because  
the pheromones sang through the hive  
and the queen laid a good  
two thousand eggs a day.  
I smelled of bee bread and royal jelly,  
my nails shone with propolis.  
I spent my days freeing bees from my hair,  
and planting clover and bee sage and  
woundwort and teasel and borage.  
I was a queendom unto myself.

*Jo Shapcott*

*A poem from the humorous Brian Bilston*

### The Last Bee

After the last ee  
had uzzed its last uzz,

the irds and utterflies  
did what they could.

Ut soon the fields lay are,  
few flowers were left,

nature was roken  
and the planet ereft.

*rian ilston*

*And lastly, because it evokes summer so beautifully:*

A soft Sea washed around the House  
A Sea of Summer Air  
And rose and fell the magic Planks  
That sailed without a care –  
For Captain was the Butterfly  
For Helmsman was the Bee  
And an entire universe  
For the delighted crew.

*Emily Dickinson*





## The First Burial in St Paul's Church August 1850



When you go up the two steps into St Paul's Church chancel to take communion, immediately look right to see a beautiful stained glass window. It appears to be Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The dedication reads IN MEMORY OF CHARLOTTE JEFFREY EMPSON WHO DIED AUG 4 1850 AGED 11 YEARS. Charlotte was the first to be buried in the churchyard of the newly completed St. Paul's Church.

The death of their firstborn with whooping cough and subsequent heart failure must have been a terrible blow for her mother Charlotte Jeffrey (daughter of Lord Jeffrey, Scottish judge and member of parliament) and her father Professor William Empson. The Empsons were a wealthy family. The window and Charlotte's grey marble grave (which can be found by walking behind the church from the car park then in the far right hand (south-east) corner nearest to Nevill Ridge) would have been extremely expensive and even today the grave shows little sign of weathering.

Charlotte had died on Mount Ephraim, then in Speldhurst Parish, just 10 days before St Paul's church was consecrated, so her funeral and burial took place in Speldhurst Church. William Empson then had Charlotte's body exhumed and re-buried in the shady corner of the new Rusthall Parish Church where this first grave would then have stood

entirely alone. This removal from Speldhurst required a petition to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Charlotte's father, Professor William Empson died just 2 years later at the East India College in Hertfordshire where he taught law. He was removed to Rusthall and placed in the grave with his daughter. Eighteen years later, Charlotte's only brother Francis Jeffery Empson died from tuberculosis when he was 25 years old. Although he died in Bath, Somerset, his body was also transported to Rusthall and placed with his sister and father.



There must have been a close attachment to the new St Paul's for Prof. William Empson to go to such lengths. I have found no evidence of their owning property in Rusthall but they appeared to enjoy visiting the area, renting grand lodgings on Mount Ephraim, then part of Rusthall Manor. Perhaps William Empson had formed close links with the first St Paul's vicar Benjamin Frederick Smith and shared his enthusiasm for the foundation of Rusthall's first Anglican Church.

It would be another 27 years until Charlotte's mother died in Dawlish. However she was buried in Dawlish by her remaining two daughters Ann Sarah and Frances Charlotte, both unmarried and inheriting over £20,000 (equal to £3 million today). By that time the Rusthall family connection had sadly faded.

**Carol Mellors**

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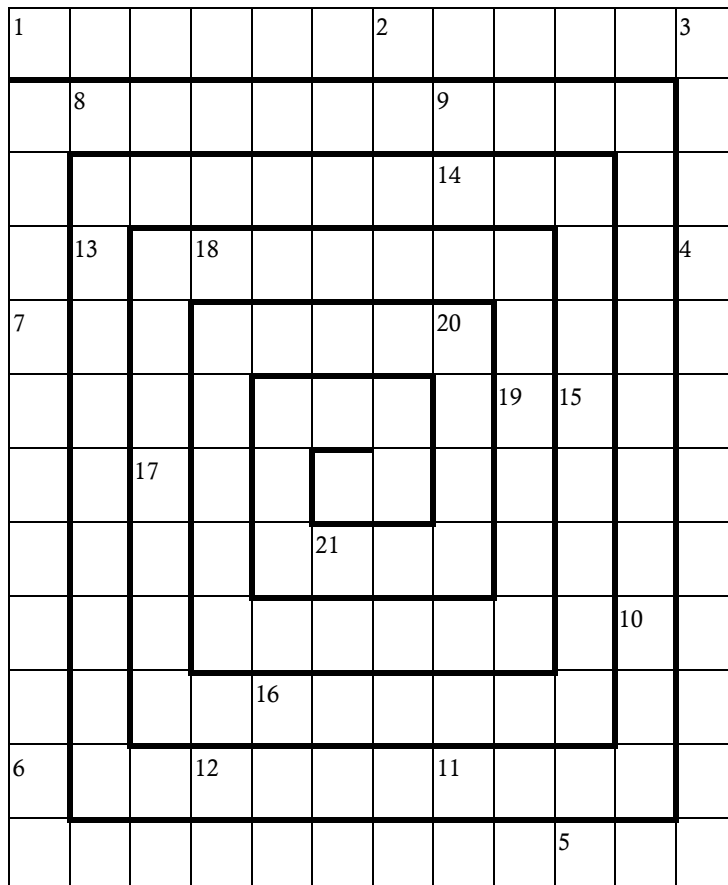
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Have a go at this Wordsearch. The words are written forwards, backwards, vertically, horizontally and diagonally and they are all names of ancient deities from various cultures. At the end you should be left with ten unused letters which will give you the name of a well known 'ancient temple' in England.

S R I M M O N S I M E T R A  
I E E A N U R A V E I G S S  
L T D J U P I T E R R N U E  
V A A A U E M E S C I E H M  
A M H R I N Y N O U S A C R  
N A M N D E O O R R R N C E  
U N O M I N L H E Y E O A H  
S G R A A D I P U C D L B R  
N A P R E I O E A P O L L O  
A M H S Z N A S N R H E O H  
C O E E T E E R U E C B S T  
L T U U H R S E O N L A N O  
U S S R A S I P A L E E E L  
V A N E H T A Y E R F V S C

APIS  
ARES  
ATHENA  
BELLONA  
CUPID  
FLORA  
HERMES  
INDRA  
JUNO  
MAGNA MATER  
MARS  
MORPHEUS  
PARCAE  
PERSEUS  
PONTUS  
RIMMON  
SILVANUS  
THOR  
VENUS  
YMIR  
APOLLO  
ARTEMIS  
BACCHUS  
CLOTHO  
EROS  
FREYA  
HODER  
IRIS  
JUPITER  
MAIA  
MERCURY  
ODIN  
PERSEPHONE  
PLEIADES  
RHEA  
SELENE  
SOL  
VARUNA  
VULCAN  
ZEUS

Now Summer is here, fancy a world tour? This crossword with a difference means that the last letter of each answer is the first of the next.

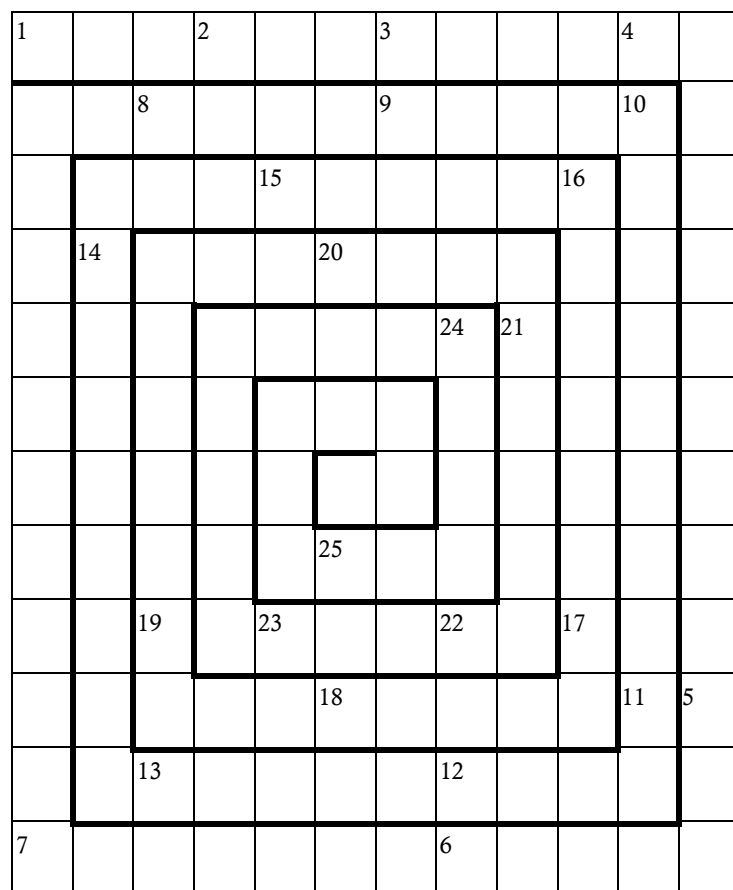


### Clues

- Country situated in the Low Countries famous for chocolate
- This country has the largest university in Latin America
- A Sultanate on the South Eastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula
- Another name for Holland
- Watches from this country are world renowned
- Home of the Tivoli amusement park
- Home of the Maasai Mara Reserve
- Was the centre of the Habsburg monarchy from 1273 – 1918
- Capital – Kabul
- The Parliament is called Stortinget
- Capital – Sanaa
- Home of Lake Wakatipu
- Country located in the Horn of Africa
- The official languages are Hebrew and Arabic
- Small landlocked country with The Grand Duchy
- Home of the Parthenon
- Home of the Valley of the Kings
- Capital – Bangkok
- A nation which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti
- Capital – Nicosia
- The former name was Ceylon



If you don't fancy a world tour, try this **trip around England**. Again the last letter of each answer is the first of the next.



#### Clues

1. City with Roman remains and famous hot springs
2. Port city and birthplace of William Wilberforce
3. Nearby are the remains of Kirkstall Abbey
4. From where you might watch the cruise ships departing

#### Twenty Questions to Test You

1. A holiday to observe animals in the wild
2. Biblical Ark builder
3. Shakespeare's first name
4. Capital of Qatar
5. In the comic The Beano, who was the Menace
6. The author of Das Kapital
7. Which is the Red Planet
8. Who is the heroine in The Wizard of Oz
9. Name the Norse god of thunder
10. Name given to the dialect of Liverpool
11. What is the Scales sign of the Zodiac

5. Was the seat of the Earl of Anglica during the 11<sup>th</sup> century
6. Connected with the battle of 1066 and the nearby Abbey remains
7. Market town in the Cotswolds
8. Major ferry port in Kent
9. Cathedral city in North Yorkshire
10. Global centre for horse racing in Suffolk
11. County town of Cornwall
12. Home of the Bodleian Library
13. City in Bedfordshire once known for its straw hat industry
14. A town who gave its name to magnesium sulphate, a chemical compound of salt used for many ailments
15. A town – a popular filming location which included the series 'Midsummer Murders'
16. Town on the River Avon known for its castle founded by William the Conqueror
17. Known for its refreshing Mint Cake
18. Town known for its remarkable Bonfire celebrations
19. City famous for steel making
20. The County Football Team plays at iPro Stadium
21. Famous for its glove making and has a football team nicknamed the Glovers
22. Town in South East Cornwall with a rich fishing heritage
23. Town close to Beach Head
24. Town which gave its name to a famous type of cake
25. Burial place of Britain's first Christian martyr

12. The alter ego of Dr Jekyll
13. Name of Buddhist spiritual law
14. Author of The Trial
15. Who designed the stained glass windows at All Saints Church Tudeley
16. What is an alloy of copper and zinc
17. Name given to a beard of Barley
18. So called Old Testament paradise
19. Mythical sea creature – half woman half fish
20. To which country do you attribute the Gay Gordons

**A Brain Teaser or perhaps a Reminder.** We are all faced with what you might call a temptation or perhaps just pure thoughtless from time to time. See how many of these you can work out.

1. A E O U Y S L J
2. D G R E E
3. A E I C L M
4. A E G N R
5. B B N N R S S S T E O U
6. E E M P R T
7. A E E I S S S S T N L H F
8. A E I I G M N S T T W (two words)
9. A A M M E I I S T R L
10. Y T T R H U O I A
11. R N N G C A E I O
12. Y V N E
13. A E O W S S R N D C
14. A A E I I O C F F L N S S S T T
15. E E I O T T S S S S R N H H G D
16. X Y T N I E A
17. D G G N N R W I O O (two words)
18. V T S S S N L C I E E E E

### Bible based Crossword. All the references given come from the Good News version of the Bible

#### Clues Across

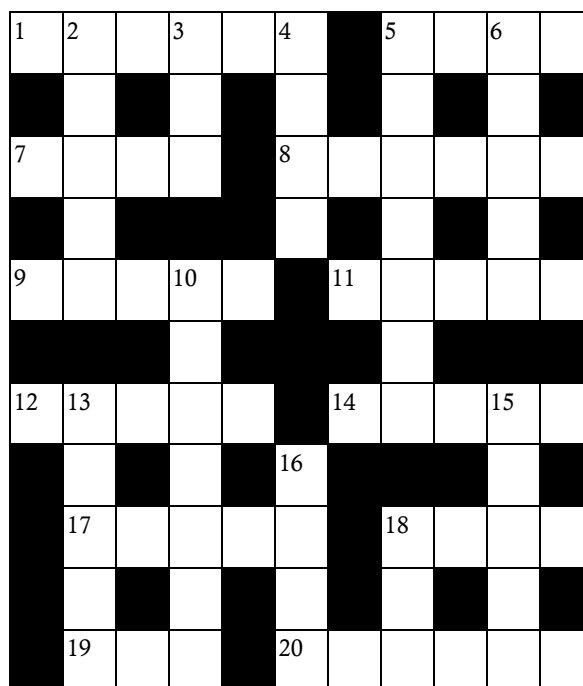
1. Roman Governor of Judea at the time of the death of Jesus
5. What will the water do (Numbers Ch20 v8)
7. A wedding took place in this town of Galilee
8. Brother of Simon Peter
9. His name follows Zadok (Matthew 1 v 12)
11. What will the king do (Ezekiel 7 v 27)
12. Who was the king of Moab (2 Kings 3 v 4)
14. His name follows Ethan (1 Chronicles 6 v 44)
17. Home of Samuel
18. Occupation of James and John
19. Last name in verse 50 (1 Samuel 14 v 50)
20. Sister to Moses and Aaron

#### Clues Down

2. Son of Abraham and Sarah
3. The last name in verse 38 (1 Chronicles 7 v 38)
4. The elder of Rebecca's twins
5. Son of Abidan (Numbers 1 v 5)
6. What do people do to me (Job 16 v 10)
10. Son of Aaron
13. The people of where are going to be driven from their city (Zephaniah 2 v 4)
15. An Old Testament prophet who married Gomer and wrote a book

16. Eldest son of Noah

18. In what sort of trees do the storks nest (Psalm 104 v 17)



### About Buildings

The answer to each question is a building. Fill in the answer on the grid. Then if you rearrange the letters in the 4<sup>th</sup> vertical column you will get the name of yet another building which can be seen in Ely and Lincoln to mention just a few.

1								Where plays are performed
2								A Swiss type building
3								Covered passage with arches
4								Often building at the entry to a big house
5								Place occupied by a community of monks or nuns
6								Place where goods and services are sold
7								Often the name for home of royalty
8								Name of small Scottish farm
9								Where you might stay on holiday

## ANSWERS

### *Wordsearch* – Stonehenge

#### *Brain Teasers*

- |              |                 |                  |                     |                     |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jealousy   | 2 Greed         | 3 Malice         | 4 Anger             | 5 Stubbornness      |
| 6 Temper     | 7 Faithlessness | 8 Time Wasting   | 9 Materialism       | 10 Authority        |
| 11 Ignorance | 12 Envy         | 13 Cowardness    | 14 Selfsatisfaction | 15 Shortsightedness |
| 16 Anxiety   | 17 Wrongdoing   | 18 Selectiveness |                     |                     |

#### *World Tour*

- |              |                |             |                       |               |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 Belgium    | 2 Mexico       | 3 Oman      | 4 Netherlands         | 5 Switzerland |
| 6 Denmark    | 7 Kenya        | 8 Austria   | 9 Afghanistan         | 10 Norway     |
| 11 Yemen     | 12 New Zealand | 13 Djibouti | 14 Israel             | 15 Luxembourg |
| 16 Greece    | 17 Egypt       | 18 Thailand | 19 Dominican Republic | 20 Cyprus     |
| 21 Sri Lanka |                |             |                       |               |

#### *Trip around England*

- |            |                    |               |               |              |
|------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 Bath     | 2 Hull             | 3 Leeds       | 4 Southampton | 5 Norwich    |
| 6 Hastings | 7 Stow on the Wold | 8 Dover       | 9 Ripon       | 10 Newmarket |
| 11 Truro   | 12 Oxford          | 13 Dunstable  | 14 Epsom      | 15 Marlow    |
| 16 Warwick | 17 Kendal          | 18 Lewis      | 19 Sheffield  | 20 Derby     |
| 21 Yeovil  | 22 Looe            | 23 Eastbourne | 24 Eccles     | 25 St Albans |

#### *Twenty Questions to Test You*

- |             |            |           |                |                 |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Safari    | 2 Noah     | 3 William | 4 Doha         | 5 Dennis        |
| 6 Karl Marx | 7 Mars     | 8 Dorothy | 9 Thor         | 10 Scouse       |
| 11 Libra    | 12 Mr Hyde | 13 Karma  | 14 Franz Kafka | 15 Marc Chagall |
| 16 Brass    | 17 Awn     | 18 Eden   | 19 Mermaid     | 20 Scotland     |

#### *Bible Based Crossword*

##### Across

- |          |          |          |         |           |          |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 1 Pilate | 5 Gush   | 8 Andrew | 9 Achim | 11 Mourn  | 12 Mesha |
| 14 Kishi | 17 Ramah | 18 Fish  | 19 Ner  | 20 Miriam |          |

##### Down

- |          |          |         |          |         |            |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| 2 Isaac  | 3 Ara    | 4 Esau  | 5 Gideon | 6 Sneer | 10 Ithamar |
| 13 Ekron | 15 Hosea | 16 Shem | 18 Fir   |         |            |

##### About Buildings

- |           |          |          |         |         |        |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| 1 TheAtre | 2 ChAlet | 3 ArCade | 4 LoDge | 5 AbbEy | 6 SHop |
| 7 PaLace  | 8 CRoft  | 9 HoTel  |         |         |        |

The name in the upright is CATHEDRAL

**Daphne Pilcher**

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