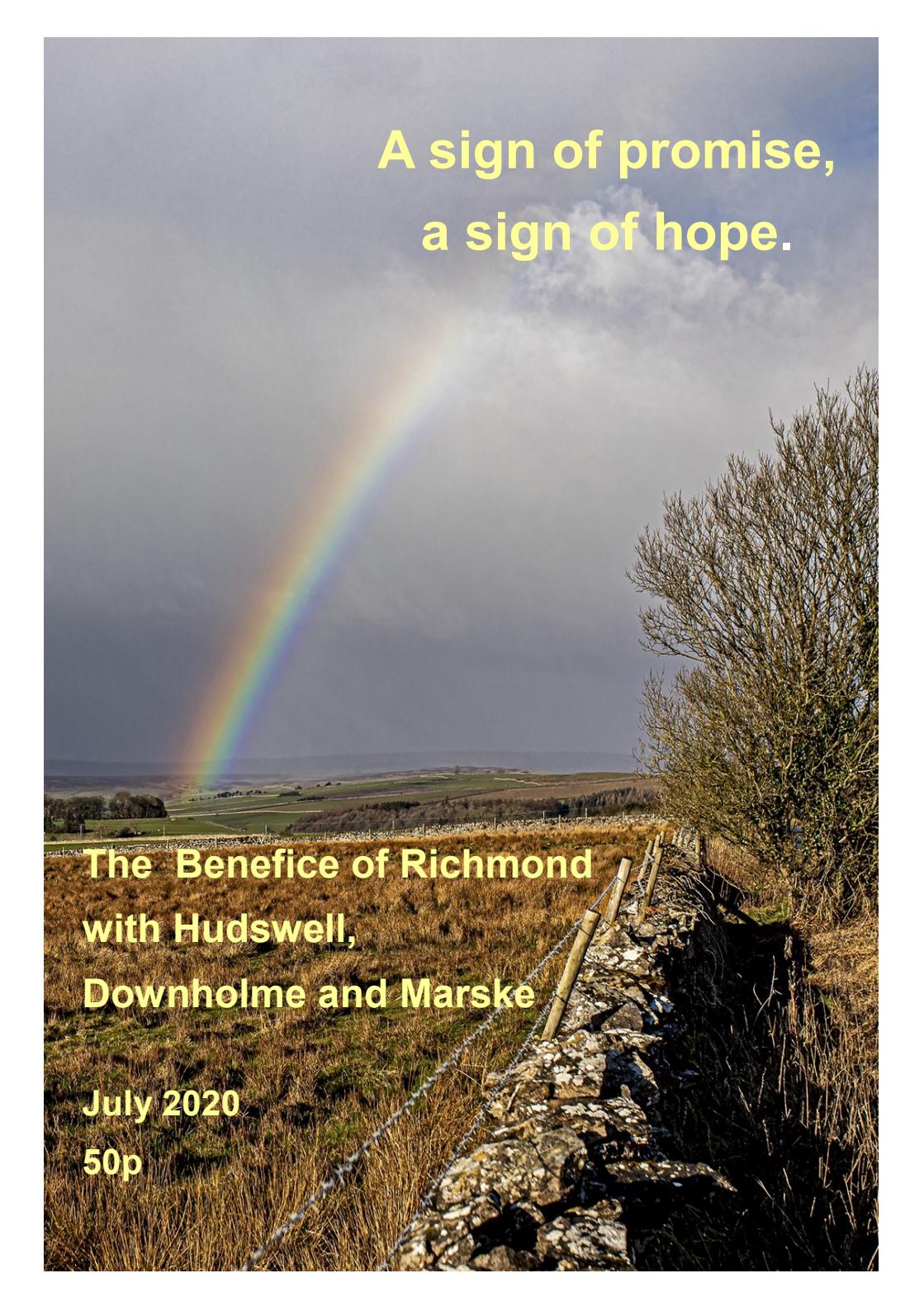


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A photograph of a rural landscape under a dramatic sky. A full rainbow arches from the left side of the frame towards the horizon. In the foreground, a dry-stacked stone wall runs diagonally across the frame, with a simple wire fence running parallel to it. To the right, a bare tree stands on a grassy bank. The background shows rolling hills and a cloudy sky.

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	Worship for All (including communion)	3rd Sunday
4.00 p.m.	Youth Church	First Sunday each month
	Café Church	3rd Sunday (every 2 mths—Jan, March etc)
	Fun-Key Church	Last Sunday each month
6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Second Sunday each month
	Free to Be	3rd Sunday (every 2 mths—Feb, April etc)
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11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Every 2nd (& 5th) Sunday

EDITORIAL from stmarys.maged@gmail.com

Well, where do we start this month? First of all, a big ‘thank you’ to the delivery team who got your May/June edition to you on time. Also a ‘thank you’ for the feedback on the last edition which, through force of circumstance, was printed A5 size, in full colour and by an outside printing firm rather than in-house. As with so many other things recently, this enforced change has opened up some new ways of doing things.

The in-house published A4 size required Claire to monitor the printing and keep feeding the machine with new paper whilst clearing jams if they occurred. The magazine was put together manually, stapled and batched by a stalwart team of collaters, many in the vulnerable age group, at the back of church once a month on a Tuesday evening. For the May/June edition, the copy was sent to a printing firm and 300 magazines arrived back three days later, stapled and ready for distribution—and at a cost not much greater than the A4 edition. So, for better (I hope) or worse, the colour A5 version is the ‘future’.

The mixture of church-based and wider community content is also being well-received and attracting a gradually wider readership. As ever, your feedback on what you’re getting and your ideas of what to include are always welcome—an example being our St Mary’s Belles fruit loaf recipe included in this edition. If you want to write a contribution, please e-mail to the above address—ideally in Calibri 11 font and a maximum of 1000 words with a couple of pics if you wish.

As I write this, our churches are re-opening for private prayer and MAY have fewer restrictions during the life of this edition. (Check the website for local details). As lockdown eases, the ‘Black Lives Matter’ campaign reached Richmond, Marcus Rashford drew attention to an inconsistency in the whole approach to provision of free meals in schools (why not during school holidays as well?) ,shops re-opened after a fashion and football returned—in the cricket season! Our prayers for wise government are needed even more strongly at present. Making key decisions with humility & integrity are a huge responsibility for those elected to public office.

For our part, we can make our contributions to life locally.. and what a delight to report the award of the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service for a local charity involving people in our church community (see article on p14-17). And with a final, heartfelt ‘thank you’ to our ministry team who have worked to make worship accessible during lockdown, all that is left to say is—please stay safe ... and wait with bated breath for an August edition!

Deadline for August edition - Tuesday, 14th July



Martin's Message

July 2020



Stronger together

I write this on Trinity Sunday, 7th June, picking up where I left off in my last Message. There, I mentioned the Trinitarian blessing we used throughout Eastertide:

God, the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God, the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God, the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

As we enter 'Ordinary Time' – which will continue through until October – we are all too aware that these present times are far from ordinary. As I write, churches have just been advised that they will soon be permitted to re-open for private prayer. This example of our gradual emergence from the long lockdown we have all been enduring comes amidst deep uncertainty that it may not yet be fully safe to be relaxing restrictions.

But look again at the joyfulness expressed in that blessing. Look at its essence: a loving, secure relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit; a relationship in which we are invited to participate – and by which we are empowered to help others know that they too are invited.

And remember that the prayer we know as 'the Grace' is best translated as:
'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the '*communion* of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore'.

That word 'communion' is shorthand for 'common union', and what the 'common union' of the Holy Spirit brings us is *fellowship* – connectedness – with each other, and with God. We are stronger together, empowered together, so that with each other and with God we will be able to deal with anything that may come our way – even in the uncertain future we all face.

Gillian is to begin ordination training

Over recent years many people have told Gillian “she should be a vicar”. Naturally, this has been slightly scary for her – but she listened, and she prayed. Then she entered a ‘discernment process’, beginning with meeting the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and culminating in a series of interviews with representatives of the national church.

It was on Ascension Day, 21st May, that she finally heard that the ‘Bishops’ Advisory Panel’ had recommended her for training. The training course will be the next stage in the discernment process – after which she would be ordained as a deacon and become a full-time stipendiary Curate (which could be anywhere). Her course will probably begin in September at Cranmer Hall in Durham. Sadly for our church, it will mean that she will need to withdraw from us.

This will of course mean big changes for the Lunn family, and for us – but with the arrival of Paul and Jeanette Sunderland it does seem that the timing is right! On behalf of us all, I offer Gillian heartfelt congratulations and we pray for every blessing on the next chapter of her journey.

Welcome, Paul and Jeanette

How fortunate we are that Paul and Jeanette are joining us. They bring a wealth of experience both of church life and of life ‘in the real world’ that can only be a blessing to us. They will be living in Richmond, in a house provided by the Diocese, and in their early weeks and months will be especially keen to get to know the church and wider communities of our Benefice. The challenging times of the current Covid-19 crisis will only cause them to be more resourceful in finding ways safely to do this!

Paul will be our full-time, stipendiary Curate for the next three to four years, and they will both be immersing themselves in the life of our Benefice. Jeanette will be looking to establish her own cakes business here – and is already advertising in this Magazine! At the end of their time with us Paul will move on to become responsible for a parish (or more likely several parishes!); the wider Church needs leaders like him.

In normal times Paul would have been ordained as a deacon before joining us. Instead, with the ordination service having to be postponed until October he will join us initially as a licensed lay minister. Having completed the traditional ‘deacon’s year’ he will then be ordained as a priest next summer.

Just as Paul and Jeanette will be a blessing to us so we can be a blessing to them. Paul will be the latest in a long line of Curates who trained here, making us a recognised ‘training Benefice’.

Together then, let's make sure that we

- pray regularly for both Paul and Jeanette;
- are welcoming and supportive as they settle in, particularly in these challenging times;
- remember that with this being a training post for Paul, like any of us, he will appreciate constructive feedback and encouragement.

To each of us, God is faithful: he calls and he equips; he encourages and he empowers.



With every blessing,
Martin

HOLD
TO THAT
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IS GOOD

Peace be with you

(Jn 20:24-31, 14:5,11:16)

Through absence, through doubt,
Through questions and fears,
Through locked doors and longing
Jesus comes.

His risen presence bringing blessing,
Hope and healing, restoration
And His precious, faith-affirming
Gift of peace.

Daphne Knightley



**We have laid to rest those
who have died.**



7th April	Keith Moore
17th April	Royce Tyler
19th April	Hilary Clare
28th April	Susan Irving
2nd May	Phil Crosse
2nd May	June Brooks
2nd May	Phyllis Ford
4th May	Jenny Beaumont
5th May	Madge Shanks
11th May	Mary Ball
15th May	Enid Fry

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow in it.

Our Church On-Line—from the Ministry Team

Together Online—many options, one purpose

Over the last few months, we have worked hard to try and be church in a different way. For many, accessing the internet and our website has been (and continues to be) the main way to do this.

1) UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION: The website has become a hub of information - <http://www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk> If you haven't had a look do go and enjoy the many resources and podcasts which have been and made and continue to be made. Take Latest Resources and Podcasts on the top blue bar as your starting point - the drop down boxes are clearly marked according to the season or the date. New resources are being added daily including birdsong, poetry, music, reading sermons, reflections and so much more. The Holy Week and Easter, Ascension to Pentecost resources are still there - they are worth reflecting on.

2) SERVICES SOUND AND VISION: Services are held on Sundays at 10am on Zoom and Compline is held on Zoom every evening around 8pm. (6.30 Wednesdays and Sundays) If you are not receiving invitations to either services and would like them please contact Martin or Gillian.

3) SERVICES SOUND ONLY—NO INTERNET: For those not able to or wishing to access the internet, we have posted out information about the dial-in facilities available. (see next page).

We have also placed the information in places where people may find this facility helpful. We hold dial-in compline at 6.30pm on Wednesdays and Sundays, and you can dial in to the

10am Zoom Sunday morning services. If you haven't got this information please contact Martin, Scott or Gillian. (see page 4 for contact details, page opposite on 'How to Join').

4) PASS IT ON: We are continually trying to improve and widen the resources available so if you can **please keep an eye on the website**. And if you have **neighbours or friends** who would appreciate information please give it to them or put them in contact with Martin, Scott or Gillian.

5) PODCASTS: St Mary's has a **dedicated podcast site**. Sermons, personal reflections, compline, morning prayer, even birdsong—the morning chorus and more are



"Mike composes all his sermons on his iPhone – he uses something called Predictable Text..."

available too. Why not have a look and a listen?

<https://anchor.fm/st-marys-church-richmond>

How to get access to the Dial-In Services

We have set up this resource to try and reach out to those people who do not have access to computers or who may find internet access difficult.

INSTRUCTIONS

The phone lines will be opened from approximately 15 mins before the service is due to start. This means that you may have a wait before the start, but it may reduce the pressure to try and dial-in at exactly the right time. The service will not start before the scheduled time.

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Compline Services - every evening (see no.2, preceding page)

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We will try and add other services in to our package of services but we wish to start off carefully and do things as well as we can so that it is helpful to you rather than frustrating

.... and at national level

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join on-line church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

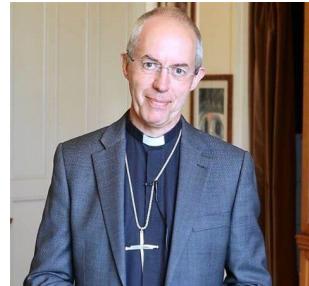
The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through

*the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity, *Faith in Later Life*.*

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer, updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

A section called **Hymn Line** offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.



Archbishop Justin said:

"The Daily Hope service will allow people to hear hymns, prayers and words that offer comfort and hope, especially in this Easter season. I want to urge people to spread the news about this service. If there is someone you know who is particularly struggling, give them a call and let them know about the Daily Hope. I'm going to phone a friend; will you join me?"

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Greetings to our group. We have missed you so much. Thank you for your contacts after our Easter service in April. It was good to hear from you, and realise that so many of you were sharing the service in your own home or garden. We have regretfully had to cancel our Fellowship Meetings. We hope to start again in September. Between then and our Christmas Service, we hope to have Bill and Eileen Simms return to visit us and tell us about their new life in York.

We will also be hearing about the work which the Jonas Centre, Redmire, has been doing during the pandemic, and also about the usual visitors whom they cater for. Many of us remember the visit we as a group made to them some years ago. We hope to make them a donation towards their work. We will shortly be welcoming our new Curate, and so will invite Paul and his wife, Jeanette, to meet us prior to our Christmas service of readings and carols in December.

Our Fellowship is ecumenical and does, we hope, live up to its name. It offers friendship on the third Wednesday each month, meeting at the Town Hall. If you

would like to join us, please get in touch so that we can arrange to accompany you and introduce you to other members.

Our Fellowship prayer

A prayer which reminds us of why we meet.

"Heavenly Father, we open our hearts to your loving, living presence and ask your blessing on our meeting today. We thank you for our friendship and good fellowship praying that our meeting may be happy and enjoyable, and that when we leave, we part in harmony and love. We remember those of our fellowship who are unwell or who, for any reason cannot meet with us today, praying that you will grant them the knowledge of your love and compassion.

We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen "

We look forward to meeting each other again. God Bless.

Joy Hornsby Convenor 826490

THE PET SERVICE

Each year, St Mary's holds their Fun-Key Church Pet Service. Despite continuing lockdown restrictions, 2020 was going to be no exception! Stars of the show? Well, they included a bishop's cat called Hild of Whitby, Tilly the Durham Cathedral dog, two labradoodle puppies, several cats and fish (not together!), a sizeable yellow duck and a six day old galloping foal called Pepper. The service brought together many families and friends as far afield as Gourock in Scotland to Newbury in Berkshire.

It was a great opportunity to have fun , worship and pray together with our animal friends and companions.



LOYAL DALES VOLUNTEERS



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

On 2nd June, one of our local volunteer charities, Home-Start Richmondshire, was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the equivalent of an MBE for an individual.

Managed by a core dedicated staff of three part-time co-ordinators and a part-time administrator, HSR has quietly but effectively supported families

in short-term need for ten years through a core group of over 30 volunteer workers and 8 volunteer trustees.

This little-known voluntary group is NOT about getting your car back on the road but it is about keeping families with children under the age of seven on the road of life. What is it about this local group of volunteers which has won such prestigious national recognition? How can we help them to maintain and develop this confidence-building service—making what seemed impossible possi-

HOME-START RICHMONDSHIRE - 'Childhood Cannot Wait'

'Give me the child until he is seven and I will show you the man'

This observation by the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, over 2000 years ago has been supported by many researchers over the last 150 years. It has been shown conclusively that the learning of children in their first seven years is the most formative and rapid of any period of life. And we're not just talking about school learning; it's about social, emotional, interpersonal skills development, physical co-ordination—in short, it is the learning in childhood which creates and cements the foundations upon which a life—*including future parenting*—is built. The self-esteem essential to other learning stems from this. So it is that the more secure and stimulating the home environment, the better the life chances of any child. It was to help to secure a fruitful childhood that Home-Start was born—because childhood cannot wait.

How it all started

Whilst Home-Start is an international organisation, it started in the UK—in Leicester in fact, in 1973 through the efforts of one person—Margaret Harrison.

She recruited volunteers with personal experience of parenting to visit families in need of support with some of the demanding situations which confront parents (or single parents) of young families. Becoming a national



Margaret Harrison
CBE (1938 –2015)

organisation with 9 branches in the UK (now over 200) in 1981, Home-Start now operates over 5 continents in 22 countries. With no formal background in social work, she brought her skills as a full-time mother of three to her volunteer work in children's homes, mother-and-toddler groups and child guidance clinics. She started to find that many of those attending were involved with statutory agencies such as social services. 'Invariably, parents .. would ask me to visit them at home 'so that we can really talk' " Often, when this happened, she realised that the informal support she offered was to people who were struggling with family life . They were looking for someone to listen, to care and to help with practical things. From this , Home-Start was born.

Home-Start Richmondshire

The award-winning local service started ten years ago from an office in the Volunteer Centre in Richmond, now demolished. With one part-time member of staff, a small group of trustees and a core of volunteer members, the support service began. Although offered across the whole of Richmondshire, the main demand has been in the Richmond and Catterick areas. Indeed, one of the unusual dimensions of the local branch's work is in support of military families . Their sometimes transient lifestyle creates additional problems for family stability. For any child of under seven, moving house, moving school, changing friends, sickness, bereavement or having one parent absent for part of their lives makes the key formative years even more demanding and strewn with pitfalls. And this is true whether in civilian or military life. And it is true regardless of family wealth or material possessions.



Talk to Julie Teasdale, Senior Co-ordinator for the local Home-Start and former primary school teacher, and you quickly get a sense of the quiet determination to ensure that every family supported receives caring, non-judgemental support from trained volunteers to help them regain their confidence in parenting through weekly home visits. Through those weekly visits, trust is established, volunteers get to know the parents and the children better.

What do volunteers do in Home-Start?

Volunteers re-assure, they help with practical tasks, they play with the children, they accompany parents on visits to playgroups—the list is as varied as the families they support. But the volunteer never tells, never criticises, offers advice when asked—but the control remains with the parent. And the aim is that what seems impossible to the family becomes possible—and through making the impossible possible, the confidence and ways of making more things possible grows.

In many cases, what seems to be a long-term problem from which there seems no way out becomes a shorter term difficulty which is surmounted. ‘Families experiencing such things as the effects of post-natal depression, isolation, physical and emotional health problems, bereavement, financial challenges, coping with the multiple demands as a single parent of managing a household with a mix of school age and pre-school age children are just some of the many issues which our families face.’ says Julie when asked to identify some common difficulties. ‘We usually find that the families quickly come to look forward to the weekly 2-3 hour volunteer visit each week.’

The informality works



Families sometimes contact Home-Start themselves requesting some support. In other situations, social services, health professionals or Army welfare may make a referral with the family’s agreement. One of the co-ordinators will then, by invitation, visit the home before offering a selected volunteer to begin visiting on a weekly basis. The confidential, non-judgemental approach helps families to talk more openly about difficulties and ways forward but still feel that they are in control of what is done. They have the choice in all they do.

It has been calculated recently that the time which volunteer work provides would cost £1,200 for each family if it was a ‘paid for’ support service. With an average of 50 families a year supported, this voluntary input means a saving of £60,000 per year for the state. More importantly, for some families it is the difference between having the confidence to control their own lives again and needing the professional intervention of social and welfare care organisations, which comes at a greater human (and financial) cost and often cannot guarantee continuity of support.

The effects of coronavirus

‘We found ways of working differently almost immediately,’ says a Trustee. Staff and volunteers maintained contact through phone and Facetime and, latterly physically distanced conversations. Volunteers miss the face to face contact as much as the families, but children’s familiarity with phones has often meant them insisting on talking to their support volunteer, showing them toys or what they’ve learned to do since they last met! Small wonder that the contact between volunteer and family often continues after the formal support from Home-Start has ended.

Friendships develop. ‘The phone will never replace the value of the home visit, but it has proved a valuable additional tool in helping the family through difficult times’ the Trustee added.

An expanding service

There is quiet delight throughout the organisation to hear of the recent award in their tenth anniversary year. It is likely that funding to support their £90,000 p.a. running costs will be more difficult to find, just at a time when there is likely to be more demand for the unique service this small charity offers. So, this national recognition will certainly help to let more people know about what they do—this article for instance!

What our community can give

Julie identified a number of areas for community help in a recent radio interview. **Financially**, one-off or regular donation through the Home-Start Richmondshire web-site is one obvious way. However, the **family support volunteering work** is highly rewarding for the individual as well as essential for the family. “All volunteers take part in an excellent training course before beginning work with a family. On-going support is given when a co-ordinator meets with each volunteer every 6-8 weeks for feedback and support –as well as only being a phone call away if someone needs help or advice.” Travel and other expenses are paid. On-going training is also offered, where volunteers meet with each other.

“We’re also looking to increase the number of **groups** we run which bring families together, as well as **new volunteer roles to help us with social media, internet skills, fund-raising, administration**. There are also invaluable roles to play as a **volunteer Trustee**,” added Julie.

Julie’s interviewer observed that it sounds as if Home-Start ‘knocks windows into doors’ - not just looking in as observers and commenting, but creating a way into a home—and a way out for a brighter future for the parents—and for their young children. Why? Because childhood cannot wait.

Want to know more? Want to help? Want to volunteer? Then contact

Home-Start Richmondshire on (01748) 850079 or

email to info@homestartrichmondshire.org.uk

or visit the website—www.homestartrichmondshire.org.uk

or through social media.

If you know of a family who may benefit from their help and support for a period of time, why not recommend that they contact in the same way? The service applies to all families regardless of where in Richmondshire they live or what they earn. Ultimately—‘it’s for the bairns.’!

What they say

“It got to the point where we started struggling financially, so that’s where Home-Start gave us strategies and ideas to get things back under control.” (parent– rural isolation)
[of the volunteer] ‘It’s a bit like having my Mum come in – I trust her.’(parent– army family)

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

There are a number of saints whose Feast Days fall in July, but probably the best known to the general reader is the saint we now know as St Swithin but whose name at the time was Swithun. His patronage is linked to the magnificent cathedral in Winchester, in the area where he lived and died. The story below tells of his link between his name and excesses of water. For telling at another time is the story of a diver—William Walker - who almost singlehandedly saved the cathedral from collapse in the early 1900s, following the discovery of a build-up of water around the old building's foundations...but that's for another day. Possibly another protest by the saint at the disturbance of his final rest?



St Swithun (St Swithin)

*St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will rain
St Swithun's day, if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.*

15th July is the nominated feast day for the well-known St Swithin (St Swithin as in the alternative spelling) because of the British weather lore proverb printed above, but other than the link between the name and rain, how much else is known about him? As with some of the other saints who have been described in this series, there is a scarcity of information about him.

The name Swithun is from old English meaning 'strong bear cub'. He was the Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester, which, as a town had major importance emanating from its role as Alfred's capital in earlier years. Consecrated on 30th October 852, he held office until his death on 2nd July 863. Swithun was known for his humility. At his request, he was buried in the Old Minster outside Winchester Cathedral so that the deceased might hear the patter of "the sweet rain of heaven" and the footsteps of passing worshippers.

However, it was over one hundred years later that he was adopted as patron of the newly restored church at Winchester which had formerly been dedicated to St Peter and St Paul. On the instruction of Bishop Ethelwold, Swithun's grave, which had reportedly been almost forgotten, was opened up and his body transferred to Winchester on 15 July 971 to be housed in a lavish shrine. Swithun, it is said, disapproved of the gesture and cursed the land from beyond the grave, the oath marked by the onset of a sudden and lengthy rain storm.



Winchester Cathedral

However, there were also said to have been numerous miracles in the area attributed to the move. For example, when a group of malicious workmen broke a basket of eggs belonging to a poor woman crossing a bridge in Winchester, Swithun is reputed to have restored them all to their previous wholeness.

Rain and miracles led to Swithun earning a fame after his death which he had never really achieved in his lifetime. In the 11th century, Swithun's relics were on the move again – this time, into the huge new Cathedral built by the Norman invaders. His Anglo-Saxon reliquary was carried with great ceremony to its new position behind the high altar, where it stayed until 1450.



St. Swithin's Memorial, Winchester

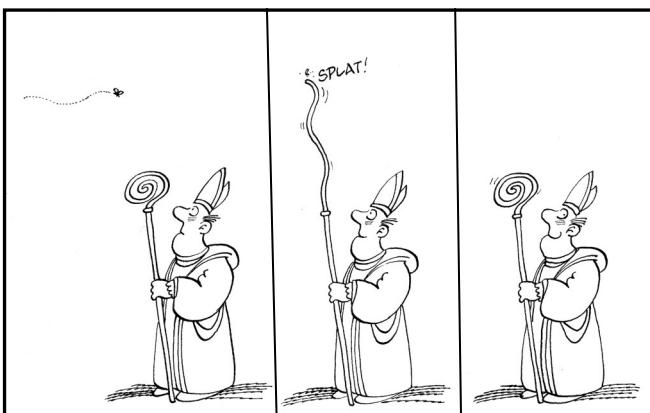
His tomb became a major site for pilgrims, many seeking to be healed from illness. A short tunnel (the Holy Hole) allowed them to crawl right under his shrine, as close as possible to his miraculous healing powers.

In 1476, a new, even larger shrine was inaugurated at the far end of the building – a striking sight, festooned with gifts of silver, gold and jewels offered by grateful pilgrims.

The cult of St Swithun and his shrine came to an abrupt end during the Reformation, when King Henry VIII seized control of the Catholic Church in England, and declared himself head of the Church of England. On 21 September 1538, under cover of darkness at 3 a.m., the king's commissioners smashed the shrine apart, and stole all the valuables. Three years later, a workman stopped up the Holy Hole and all traces of Swithun's remains vanished – survived only by the rain legend.

And as for that? Well, according to the Met Office, there has not been a record of 40 dry or 40 wet days following St Swithin's Day since records began in 1861. But Winchester Cathedral is still worth a visit!

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NOTES FROM OUR PAST

Just across the road from St. Mary's Church stands a grade 2 listed building which some locally know as 'Lower School' - or 'the Grammar School'. But it started its life in the 1850s when the architect of the Station building in Richmond, George Townsend Andrews, was awarded the contract to design a new school for Richmond. Funded by public subscription in memory of its most eminent headmaster, James Tate the Elder, the building was first known as the Tate Testimonial- the home of Richmond School, Yorkshire.

As it stands empty and deteriorating, Jane Hatcher demonstrates how James Tate's life brought together the churches of the benefice and one of the best known schools in the north of England.

From Downholme and Marske to St Paul's Cathedral - via St Mary's Churchyard!

Well, that's something of a CV! But it's what happened to Richmond's James Tate. Born in Bank Yard in 1771 to humble parents, he was educated at Richmond Grammar School, and ordained as a Church of England clergyman. Then, in 1796, despite his lowly birth, he was appointed as Headmaster at the school where he'd been a pupil. However, he only received a modest salary from the school, and so to augment that he took the appointments of vicar of Downholme and rector of Marske, through the patronage of his friends - and fellow former schoolboys - Timothy and John Hutton.



James Tate (the Elder)



Trinity College, Cambridge

Tate was enormously talented both as a scholar of classical subjects - the term 'Grammar School' then referring to Latin and Greek learning - and also as a teacher. Many of his pupils gained places at Cambridge University, where they won so many academic prizes that they became known as "Tate's Invincibles". It might seem surprising that boys from a small provincial school should be welcomed at so august an institution, and especially at Trinity College, one of Cambridge's largest and wealthiest colleges. Furthermore, many of them went on to obtain high office in both church and state. But their success just demonstrated the outstanding reputation of James Tate.

Richmond Grammar School under Tate became the leading classical school in the

North of England. Boys from the town were eligible for free places, but headmasters could augment their income by also taking in pupils from further afield as boarders. Many parents sought such places when seeking a top education for their sons.

One such family was that of Charles, second Earl Grey of Howick in Northumberland, Whig Prime Minister from 1830 to 1834, but probably more famous for the name he gave to the tea. You may have seen his tall monument in the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne. Grey sent several of his sons to be educated by Tate, and, in recognition of his high regard for him, as Prime Minister offered Tate a Canon Residentiaryship at St Paul's Cathedral.

Thus Tate left Richmond in 1833, and spent the last ten years of his life in London. Subsequently he was buried in the crypt of St Paul's when he died in 1843.



Grey's Monument

So that takes us from Downholme and Marske to St Paul's Cathedral, but where does St Mary's Churchyard fit in to the story? Well, the school, where all those bright pupils sweated over their Greek and Latin was a very small and ancient building in the Churchyard. The school had been there since it was granted a char-

ter by Queen Elizabeth I in 1567. The site is marked by an inscribed stone plaque in a wall near the gate leading on to Lombards Wynd, but at present you have to hunt for it beneath some ivy. What is now referred to as "The Old Grammar School" on Station Road began life as the "Tate Testimonial". It was built in 1850 as a tribute to James Tate, with money raised by his grateful, distinguished and, presumably, relatively affluent, ex-pupils.

Jane Hatcher



Tate Testimonial Building

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I am only one

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do,

And what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Anon

All in the month of July

175 years ago, on 4th July 1845 that Thomas Barnardo, Irish humanitarian and philanthropist was born. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which cares for vulnerable children and young people. Also 175 years ago, on 17th July 1845 that Charles Grey, 2nd Earl Grey, British Prime Minister (1830-34) died. Earl Grey tea was named after him after he was given a gift of tea flavoured with bergamot oil. (see previous article!).

150 years ago, on 18th July 1870 that the Vatican issued the declaration of Papal Infallibility. It preserved the Pope from the possibility of error when he defined a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Catholic Church.

90 years ago, on 7th July 1930 that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, British writer who created the detective Sherlock Holmes, died.

80 years ago, on 10th July 1940 to 31st October 1940: The Battle of Britain took place.

75 year ago, on 5th July 1945 that WWII leader Winston Churchill lost the British General Election to Clement Attlee's Labour Party.

70 years ago, on 5th July 1950 that Israel's Knesset passed the Law of Return, which granted all Jews the right to immigrate to Israel.

65 years ago, on 9th July 1955 that the song 'Rock Around the Clock' by Bill Haley and His Comets reached no. 1 on the Billboard chart in the USA

60 years ago, on 6th July 1960 that Aneurin ('Nye') Bevan, Minister of Health (1945-51) who led the establishment of the National Health Service, died.

30 years ago, on 17th July 1990 that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein threatened to use force against Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates to stop them driving down oil prices. On 24th July Iraq sent tens of thousands of troops and hundreds of tanks to the border with Kuwait, ahead of an invasion on 2nd August which led to the Gulf War.

25 years ago, on 11th July 1995 that the Srebrenica Massacre took place. The Bosnian Serb Army seized control of Srebrenica and massacred 8,000 men and boys. Also , on 16th July 1995, Amazon.com opened its website to the public.

20 years ago, on 25th July 2000 that an Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after taking off for New York. All 109 people on board were killed, as well as four people on the ground.

15 years ago, on 7th July 2005 that the London Bombings took place. A coordinated series of four suicide bomb attacks on London's transport systems during the morning rush hour killed 56 people, including the four bombers. More than 700 were injured. It was the worst-ever attack on Britain, and the country's first attack by suicide bombers.

Also 15 years ago, on 28th July 2005 that the IRA ended its 30-year armed campaign in Northern Ireland and ordered all units to dump their weapons. Its leadership stated that they would continue their campaign exclusively through peaceful means.

A TIME OF MY LIFE

This is the second of a new series of articles in which members of our congregations have been invited to tell of their recollections of a particular period of their own lives which they remember with affection—or as significant, formative, salutary—or just fun! In sharing these stories, it is hoped that we will get to know the people we worship with a little better - or simply to enjoy the tales they have to tell.



HENRY THOMPSON, long-serving member of St Mary's Church Choir, takes us back to the tense times of the 1950s in this first part of a two part tale.

Some Cold War memories - and the elusive Mr Nikitin (part 1)

The phone rang – “It’s Mr Langford”. My heart skipped a beat. Mr Langford was my contact in MI5, who a few weeks earlier had summoned me to meet him in Room 055 in the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. It was 1965, and the polite summons came in a brown envelope with “Do not forward if abroad” typed on the back. Mr Langford (it may or may not have been his real name) wanted to debrief me about my time as a postgraduate research student at Moscow University.



Ministry of Defence, Whitehall

He was now phoning to inquire if I knew anything about a Mr Nikitin, listed as a diplomat at the Soviet Embassy in London. Soviet diplomats, like our diplomats in Moscow, had to ask permission to travel more than 25 miles from the centre of the capital. Mr Nikitin had asked to make a trip to Winchester, ostensibly to give a talk, and MI5 were interested to know more. (In later years, travel restrictions for diplomats have been relaxed. You will recall that when KGB agent Andrey Lugovoy and his friend travelled to Salisbury in 2018 in order to poison Sergey Skripal and his daughter Yulia, they unconvincingly claimed to be keenly interested in the architecture of English cathedrals. Back in 1965, Mr Langford was highly suspicious of any such aesthetic motives on Nikitin’s part.)



Russian Embassy, London

I hadn’t planned to get involved with MI5 and the KGB, but when I was doing my National Service in 1957 and the Army said “You’re going on a Russian language course” that seemed a fine alternative to some other less interesting prospects of Army life at the time. It turned out to be one of the points in my railway of life, taking me to regions that I’m still exploring and enjoying today.

I found myself on the very last National Service Russian Interpreters' Course, together with some interesting friends, not least among them Ralph Robinson, whose colleague I enjoy being to this day in the choir stalls of St Mary's Church. Nine of us still meet for a reunion dinner in London every other year, but of course time takes its toll. We have just lost Len Appleyard, formerly British Ambassador to China, and in recent years Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, Glen Dudbridge, Professor of Chinese at Oxford, and Myles Burnyeat, Professor of Ancient Philosophy at Cambridge – all former mates of ours from the Cold War.



Eddie George



Len Appleyard



Myles Burnyeat

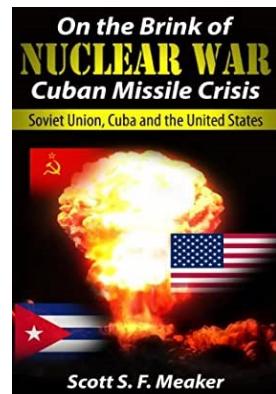


Glen Dudbridge

The purpose of our course was to train interpreters for hostilities against the Soviet Union. Following the crushing of popular uprisings in East Germany and Hungary, the building of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban missile crisis, and against the background of the nuclear arms race, such hostilities looked all too possible. We were told that we would only get four minutes' warning of nuclear attack, during which time we were supposed to whitewash our windows, so it wasn't clear how much scope there would be for interpreting – but that's what we were trained to do. I was in the Intelligence Corps and had completed a Field Security course as part of MI11 (anti-espionage), and as interpreters/interrogators we came under MI18 (debriefing prisoners of war).

Happily, the Cuban crisis was averted, and in due course, after reading Russian at Oxford, I was able to go out to Moscow University for the academic year 1963-4 as a postgraduate research student. There were twelve of us, and we were briefed beforehand at the Foreign Office – warned about surveillance and entrapment: that we would be watched by people and listened to on hidden microphones, with the two-fold purpose, firstly of collecting strategic information, harmless to our eyes but pieces to fit into the intelligence jigsaw puzzle, and secondly looking out for compromising personal details which could be used to blackmail us and turn us into spies. This was the front line of the Cold War, and it was to be the reality of our daily lives in the Soviet Union.

At Moscow University we had to assume that our rooms were bugged with hidden



microphones, and it was common knowledge that the 8th floor of the central block contained the listening-in department; contained the listening-in department; rather unsubtly, there was no 8 button in the lifts and no access between 7 and 9 on the staircase. Mail to and from the UK was routinely opened, and the KGB used



Kremlin, Moscow

blobs of dark-brown glue to stick the envelopes down again. To hold a private conversation one had to walk rather quickly up and down the corridor.

One evening a knock at the door of my room brought me face-to-face with a nervous, hunted-looking young man. He went straight over to the radio and turned it on, loud, to shield our conversation from the microphones.

He told me his name was Abel Shmul-Fishelevich Danilov; he was clearly Jewish. The Jews were regarded as a separate nationality and essentially enemies of the Soviet state. Abel was being harassed by the KGB and was desperate to get to Israel, but he was being prevented from contacting the Israeli Embassy. He begged me to take a letter there for him. Somewhat riskily I agreed to try – but I too was stopped by the police, who permanently guarded all foreign embassies.,

Abel came again a few days later, and this time, even with the radio on, he wouldn't speak at all: we had a long conversation on many sheets of paper. He told me how he was being persecuted, and he was convinced he would soon be arrested. Those sheets of paper would have made a fascinating historical document but it would have been far too dangerous to keep them, and he watched while I flushed them down the lavatory – fortunately, come to think of it, without causing a blockage. The next day I was able to take his letter to our Embassy, past the policemen there, who thought they knew me by then, and our Cultural Attaché passed it to the Israelis. I fear, though, that the odds were heavily stacked against Abel; I never saw him again . (to be concluded in next edition)

Henry Thompson

BENEFICE QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday, July 9th @ 7.00 p.m.

Coming
soon

An on-line event following a successful and enjoyable inaugral trial quiz in mid-June, led by Judith MacLeod.

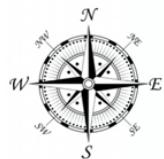
Quiz inquisitors—Paul & Jeanette Sunderland

Easy to join! Just go on to www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk, click on What's On , find 'Quiz night' and sign up—and donate!



WILLIAM'S WALKS

July 2020



One of the positives to come out of the coronavirus pandemic has been the way it has persuaded people all over the country to become more familiar with the countryside on their doorsteps—and to do so on foot rather than in a car.

As we emerge gingerly from lockdown, you might like to venture out to Gilling West for this lovely walk in Holmedale, which William Gedye offers us from the extensive programme from the Richmondshire Walking for Health collection which he and a number of other volunteers have researched over several years.

Start/Finish: Car Park opposite Gilling West Village Hall.

Time: 2 Hours.

Grade: Easy. All on paths/tracks with some stiles.
(NOTE: Not suitable for pushchairs.)

Toilets and Refreshments: at the White Swan and Angel if unlocked by now. Sadly the bluebells will be over but you will see many other wild flowers and splendid views.

Ordnance Survey Map: 304 Darlington & Richmond



(This is a Richmondshire Walking For Health route.

For more information email:

walk.for.health@btinternet.com)

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Facing the Village Hall turn left and follow the pavement over Gilling Beck and turn left onto the signed footpath between the quoits pitch and farm. Follow this way-marked path across the fields to Hartforth.

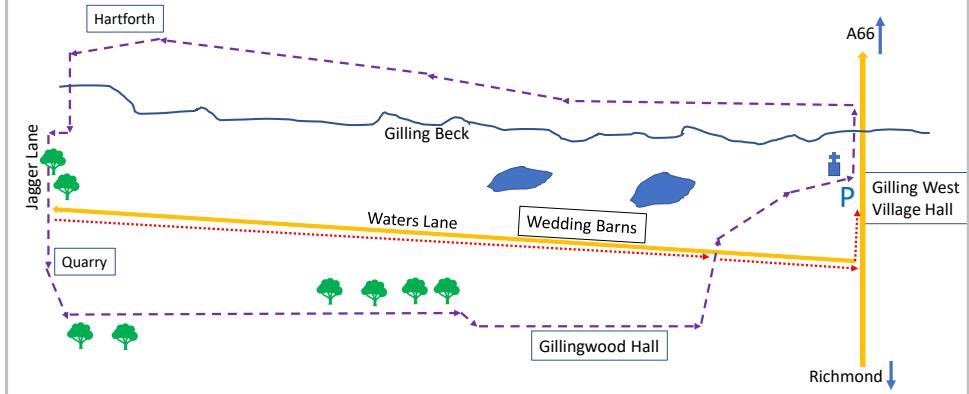
At the lane, turn left around the Home Farm buildings and cross Hartforth Beck using the lovely old bridge. Look back to admire the rebuilt 'Georgian' Home Farm.

Keep straight on and then right and left over Leadmill Gill Beck. Climb the short slope and keep straight on up the fields with the large pond to your left.

Enter the wood and join Jagger Lane climbing gently all the time. When you emerge from the wood, Waters Lane joins from the left. Keep straight ahead past the old quarry on your left. (see map on next page).

Go through the gate and follow the track alongside the wall. When you get to the copse on the left, climb the short mound on your left and go through the gate.

GILLINGWOOD HALL



Follow the path alongside the wall with fine views of Holmedale on your left.

After 2 fields, turn slightly right along the topside of the wood and enter the farm-yard. Keep between the buildings and farmhouse – Gillingwood Hall, and follow the lane straight ahead. On your right you will see the wall and remains of the original 18th century Gillingwood Hall which burned down in 1750. Further along, look back to see the remains of the Bell Park Pavilion from the original garden.

Follow the lane which swings left and down the hill to Waters Lane. Take the footpath opposite and cross the field to the churchyard where there is a handy seat to admire the view. Head through the graveyard past the church and back to the start.



News from Hudswell

Hudswell's strong community spirit shines through these difficult days of lockdown. Since all pubs were ordered to close, Stuart and Melissa have turned their energies from running the George and Dragon to making The Little Shop into a veritable mini supermarket! It is now possible to do your weekly shop there. Fresh meat can be ordered, there are fresh bread deliveries, home baked cakes and scones supplied by village ladies, and a comprehensive greengrocery section. This is in addition to the general groceries the shop already stocked, which were very wide ranging. A wide variety of beers and wines may also be purchased, and Brymor Ice Cream. We feel so very fortunate that The Little Shop management and the HCP committee have responded in such a wonderful way.



Since the shop is so tiny, keeping 2 metres apart is impossible. The problem has been solved by turning the doorway into a counter, with a shopkeeper, who serves customers with their requested items. If there is a queue, (everyone keeping the 2m distance, of course) then customers can chat to each other (loudly!) and so maintain some human contact as well. For those who are self isolating, volunteers will drop off their shopping for them. In addition, a prescription collection service from Quakers Lane Surgery is also available.

During the spell of much appreciated fine weather, people have been walking, cycling and running. It's good to see families out together. Others are sitting in their front gardens, or actually gardening, and passing walkers can stop for a chat,

maintaining the prescribed distance. This makes for loud conversations, but in this time of social isolation, it is very good to talk to whoever is around, and even when indoors, the sound of cheery human voices floating through the window is comforting.

I hope that you all are keeping well, safe and sane during thus difficult time. As the incredible Tom Moore has said, "The sun will shine again."

Fionagh Bennet



They were trying to remember the last time they'd left the house

Lockdown smiles: For the golfers: a new shot—the Dominic Cummings; it's a long drive which goes way out of bounds but carries no penalty.

Lockdown Comfort

Poetry, art, music, baking, walks—all have had their part to play in dealing with the time created by lockdown. Some congregational contributions.

Chocolate

I love chocolate,
all kinds of chocolate...
except the very dark.
Mars bars, Dreamy bars,
Bounty bars and Dimes.
Cadburys, Needlers,
Rowntrees and Frys,
Whatever is a-going,
I'll sure give it a try

Chocolate in the morning,
chocolate with my lunch;
chocolate at the tea break,
chocolate with my brunch.
Best of all, it must be said,
is a crumbly chocolate Hobnob
before I go to bed.

When I'm feeling joyful,
I'll have a Celebration,
but when I'm feeling down a bit
and need some consolation,
why, I'll have a bag of Smarties,
enough to feed a nation.

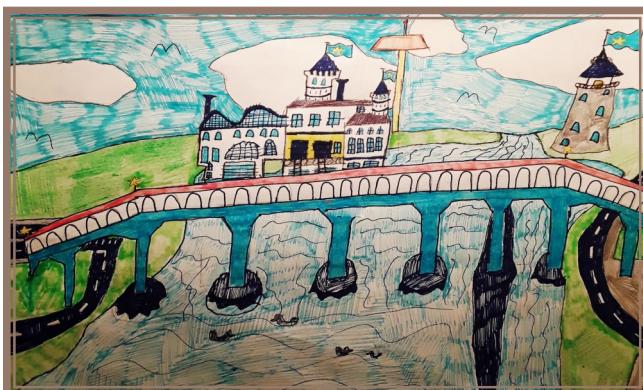


Quality Street, the pink and purple,
Milk Tray...but not the coffee,
Any number of Crunchie bars
With lots of sticky toffee.

The gods upon Olympus
Had ambrosia and honey.
They should have gone for Heroes
And saved a mount of money.

But when it comes to mountain heights.
Or the bottom of the sea,
Chocolate and a mug of tea
Are the very tops for me.

Daphne Clark



Massive Bridge

Sam Watson

My Music - A Personal Favourite from Tony and Freda Dykes

When we were ordered by NHS into splendid isolation on 12 March it coincided with the editor's idea to feature a song each month. the idea was formed following so many requests for the words of Rod's song about St Mary's Bells. At the same time, Tony started reviewing our repertoire of songs from the past 60 years (yes, really!!)

From the start of our singing together, we were always leaning towards the folk style, country music and, of course, the pop songs of the day which were considerably different from the pop songs of today.

'Whispering Hope' featured in our first repertoire and, since re-discovering it, Freda seems to have had it on the brain and been singing it round the house and garden during 'lockdown'. Therefore, it seems relevant for it to be featured in these strange times. We write this in Holy Week and, by the time it appears in the magazine, we hope that the coronavirus epidemic will be at least on the wane.

The song was written in 1868 by Septimus Winner, a prolific song writer. It was based on Hebrews 6:19, Hebrews 12:1, and 1 Thessalonians 5:8. Published in 1868, 'Whispering Hope' was the last popular song he wrote.

Septimus Winner was born in 1827 in Philadelphia to a violin maker father. He was the seventh child in the family, which is why they named him Septimus. By the age of twenty, he was running his own music shop and had formed a music publishing company with his brother. He gave lessons on several instruments and performed around the city. He wrote both sacred and secular music, including "Oh Where, Oh Where has my little dog gone?"

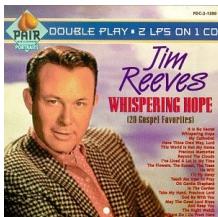


Septimus Winner
(1827 –1902)

Winner wrote thousands of musical arrangements, published numerous instructional books for various instruments, and continued to write sacred and secular pieces. We do not know how controversial, political or provocative his songs were, but we do know that he had to change his name several times over a period of 30 to 40 years following his arrest for treason, ordered by President Abraham Lincoln for his support of General George McClellan during the American Civil War. Winner died on November 22, 1902.

'Whispering Hope' was first recorded in 1949 by Jo Stafford and Gordon McCrae. Many recordings have been made over the years until well into this century - by Jim Reeves, Anne Murray, Willie Nelson, Daniel O'Donnell and Hayley Westenra, to name but a few. (Those of you use the internet will find versions by Jim Reeves, the Browns, Willie Nelson, Anne Murray and others)

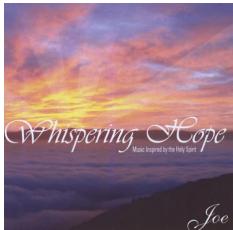
Whispering Hope



Soft as the voice of an angel, breathing a message unheard.
Hope with a gentle persuasion, whispers a comforting word.
Wait ' til the darkness is over, wait 'til the tempest is done.
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow, after the darkness is gone.

Chorus

*Whispering Hope, whispering hope,
Oh, how welcome thy voice.
Making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.*



If in the dark of the twilight, dimmed be the regions afar
Will not the deepening darkness brighten a glimmering star?
When the dark night is upon us why should the heart feel dismay?
When the dark midnight is over, watch for the breaking of day

Chorus

Tony and Freda Dykes

St Mary's Belles Fruit Loaf —a recipe for enjoyment

One of the lost benefits as a result of lockdown has been the lack of opportunity to sample the delights of the Belles catering at Church functions. Never fear! Here's something to try to bring the joy of their work into your home—a Belle's Fruit Loaf

Ingredients: 1lb 12 oz dried mixed fruit

 8 oz margarine

 12 oz sugar

 1 heaped teaspoon bicarbonate soda

 16 fluid oz tea

Method:

Place all of the above in a pan and **boil** for two minutes.

Put to cool

Then add

 4 beaten eggs

 8 oz plain flour

 8 oz self raising flour

Put into four 1lb loaf tins bake at 160 ° C for about one hour (depending on your oven). Job done! Cool, eat, enjoy.

Along the river, through the wood and up the dale

Ian Short offers us a fine reminder of the privilege we have of being able to leave our front doors and almost immediately be blessed with access to the joys of nature which await us in a simple evening walk.



Thank you NHS - the message white lined on Earls Orchard field.

I write this in June at a time when we are still being very, very careful, hence some trips along the river and through the wood but not up into the dale.

The walk from The Green, steeply up to the top of Billy Bank Wood, across Hudswell meadows and back home along the river is always a delight. And one evening earlier this month it was certainly in the delight category. The sun was low in the sky, filtering through

the trees, giving the scene sharp detail and depth.



I took this walk with my dog Zuzu, a great companion, who sticks close by unless distracted by sights and scents. The horses turned out from the nearby riding school, grazing quietly, gave serenity to the scene





The footpath then crosses several stiles over long thin field boundaries; they are a feature of land enclosure a few hundred years ago. Land boundaries here were marked out by planting quick-set hawthorn, whereas up the dale this was done by building dry stone walls, such a feature in the dales landscape of today.



At the edge of the steep woodland bluebells grow in small patches and in some places are spreading into the fields. On sunny slopes, hundreds of primroses glowed in the light and, among the humble dandelions, a male blackbird was scratching for worms; he may have been feeding a second brood by this time of year.



Time was moving on. I had loitered quite a lot with my camera, but then walked steeply down into the wood.

Now the light much warmer. and near Round Howe bridge, crab apple blossom really shone in the dusky light. A couple of dippers were intent on feeding.

I don't know if they rear a second brood?





Nearly home; the castle glowed through the riverside trees, and the dog had a last swim before home when she would collapse in her basket, tired and happy.

D.I.S.

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'I believe in God—only I spell it Nature' Frank Lloyd Wright (architect)

Pause for thought ...Just a Coffee, please

Empty shelves and key workers made us all a bit more aware of what an inter-dependent world we live in. We meet over coffee..

I'm desperate for a cup of coffee!'

'You are? Really? Desperate? Sorry to be pedantic, but what exactly do you mean by 'desperate'? You see, I think of the refugees in the camps in Calais – or the people of Syria in their squalid camps – or people who honestly cannot see how they can put food on the table next week. The dictionary says 'desperate' means...

'Oh, all right. Pedant. I should have said I need a cup of coffee.'

You do? Really? Need? Sorry to be pedantic but what exactly do you mean by 'need'? You see, I have always understood that there are only three needs in life, namely food, clothing and shelter. Now the better and more regular the food, the more warming or cooling the clothing and the bigger and more weatherproof the shelter, then the better the need is met. But after food, clothing and shelter, everything else is a want.'

' Oh, all right. Pedant. I should have said I want a cup of coffee.'

You do? Really? Want? Well, I think we're getting closer. But what is your want? Is it to keep you alive (need), simply to slake your thirst (would water not do?) or are you addicted to coffee? Would tea do? Or milk? Or water? Is it simply that you are thirsty and, of all of the options, you have a preference for coffee rather than any alternative?

'Oh, all right. Pedant. I am thirsty and want a cup of coffee to slake my thirst. Is that better?'

You do? Really? OK. So there is a choice here, some preference. But 'want' said in some ways can sound a bit selfish. You know , a bit me, me, me. Often depends on tone of voice, facial expression, situation?'

'Oh, all right. Pedant. I am thirsty and I think I would like a cup of coffee.'

"You would? Really? OK, would you like me to make one for you?"

'Oooh, yes...please'

"Mmmm. OK. Is instant OK?"

'Well, I want .. sorry .. would prefer ground, but instant is fine. Thanks. I'm just so thirsty that it would be great to have something to ... I mean, a cup of coffee would be an excellent way to be refreshed.'

I take the jar out of the cupboard. Then, slowly, I unscrew the lid and place it on the table. ‘Interesting, this,’ I muse. Your enquiring look encourages me to continue.

‘You see, you asked for coffee, but I’m now starting to wonder where these brown granules came from. Certainly not just plucked from a bush on Westfields. It’s from berries, isn’t it. And picked in warmer climes. And picked and put in baskets. But who made the baskets? And what are they made from? And how were these beans or berries dried out? And what happens when they are? And how do they get transported from there to the factories where they are processed? And who does that? And who makes the machines that process the beans?’

‘Would you please put that jar down and get on with it? I’m thirsty.’

‘Ah, I’m glad you mentioned the jar. Made of glass, eh? So where did that come from? And how is glass made? And who makes it? And how is it transported to the factory that processed the beans? And who made the vehicles which transport the jars – presumably in boxes ..ahh, now about the boxes!’

‘Stop it. I’m thirsty’

‘Oh, sorry. Just musing. By the way, I see the jar has a plastic lid, and its coloured. And a nice label made of paper.. ohh and that’s coloured .. and printed too. Sorry, a cup of coffee. Will a mug do? Oh, now here’s a thing. I wonder who made this mug and what it’s made of, and how that ‘Hold onto that which is good’ is printed on it. A motto almost made for this cup of coffee, don’t you think? Is that size all right? Now, how much do you like? A level teaspoon. No problem. Now, where’s the....’

‘Have you ever thought of how the teaspoon is made and where it came from and who was paid how much for making it.. and the raw materials, the transport, the factories, the machines?’ I start to detect a bit more impatience.

‘If you’re still making me a coffee, I usually take mine white... and please don’t start musing where the milk came from and how happy the cows were and which farmers produced it and how much they were paid and how they got it to market.’

‘OK... but did you know that milk used to be used to process cane umbrella handles? Ah, I can see that it’s not top of your priority list at the moment. So I’ll also gloss over how I’m going to heat the water and who made the kettle and who made the wires to get the electricity to the house and who put the cables in and all that stuff. I can see you’re getting the idea. I’ll just fill the kettle (mmm, the plug’s interesting to think about) with .. WATER. Now, isn’t it interesting to think of how we are conditioned to expect purified water to come out of the tap when we want it . You see ... sorry I’ll stop – unless you’d like to have water instead? No?’

‘No, please don’t. I’ll just be grateful for a nice cup of coffee ... Thank you!.’

From a Rectory Garden

Concerned that MISTER Jack Finney might use the easing of lockdown to visit Barnard Castle to test his eyesight, a CCTV camera was installed outside the west wall of his garden shed. Finding a cultural gem such as MISTER Finney with tales of times long gone by, it's important to guard them with a level of care bordering on apathy.

The worry was unfounded. He was spotted sitting on Robert Willance's tombstone on the day of Fun-Key church's virtual pet service with his faithful hound, Lucky. With his baggins in one hand and his mobile phone in the other, he eagerly followed the service and was moved to recall his experiences at a previous job in a remote rural parish with much livestock.

Now I 'ave a dawg, 'ee kips me company when I'ze gardnin'. I gorrim orf a chap in the pub for a bag o' pork scratchins. Poor ol' thing – 'ee only got three legs, one eye, his ear's bit orf an' 'arf a tail. That's why I call 'im Lucky.

Well, 'ol Lucky's gerrin in a bit now – but then aren't us all? Only I nivver tell the rector how old I be or 'ee might call an ambulance ha!

Anyways, where wuz I? Oh, yeh – well, at me larst church, the ol' rector fancied 'issel as Mister Noah – even 'ad the beard an'sandals for it - an' ee' ad a speshul service when y' cud bring yer pet, worrever it is. Well, I used to love that, I can tell yer an' me an' Lucky allus goes for a bit of a sing an' all.

So, I leaves me spade an' me boots – them 'uns I got fixed in Darlington – in the porch an' Lucky puts 'is bone down too. Well, bless me, what a tu do! Ye could 'ardly 'ear ol' Noah speakin', wot wei the chirpin', barkin', meewin' an' stuff. An' alsorts a critters – someun' even brought a donkey once! Mind you, it gorra bit 'fragrant', I don't mind tellin' yer, at times!

An' ev'ry one bringd their critters up t' front f' a blessin' like. Mind you, the queue behind the tortusses were always 'normuss. Anyway, like I sez, ol' Lucky, 'ees gerrin on a bit even then, 'ee flops dahn on the floor an' goes t' sleep.

Well, arter the service, I fort, 'Por ol' chap, I'll just lerrim' sleep an' come back f' 'im later.' I wanted t' nip aht sharpish, like, 'afore the rector got me t' sweep up the doings an' put them on his rhubarb.



After inspection, Callum was allowed into the Animals' Service

I allus tell't him "Custard's better" but there y'are!).

Anyway, I was jus' gerrin' me boots on when the verger ('ee were like the one in 'Dad's Army') runs up like Batman, 'is black robes flappin' an' 'ee points t' ol' Lucky, an' ee says "Oi, Finney". Ooh, that do roile me when he dunna call me MISTER Finney!

Oi, Finney" 'ees sez agin,,, an' 'ee puffs hisself up all important like. An' he points wi' a crookedy finger at ol' Lucky, enjoyin' 'is snooze. An' 'ee sez "You can't leave that lyin' there!"

Well, I looks at 'im an' quick as a flash I sez "You'm need t'get yore eyes tested, verger! That ent a lion – it's a dawg!"

That sorted 'im, I can tell yer. So I picks up me spade , finished puttin' me boots on an' went off chucklin' t' meself.



'Where's Lucky?' A pedigree chum at a pet service

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Lockdown smiles:

Snow White told the Seven Dwarves that, from Monday 11th June they could meet in groups of six.

One of them wasn't Happy

Lockdown smiles:

My husband and I did the shopping, safely wearing gloves and masks. When we got home, we took off the masks. I found I'd brought home the wrong husband.

The queue

While waiting in a long queue early one morning for the supermarket to open for us 'seniors', I was surprised to see a young man saunter along and try to cut in at the front of the queue. A furious old lady waved her cane at him, and he quickly backed away.

A moment later, the young man tried again. He managed to dodge the old lady, but then two old men started shouting at him. Again, the young man backed away.

But he wasn't giving up, and soon the young man approached the queue for the third time. By now, all of us pensioners were ready for him, an angry wall of opposition.

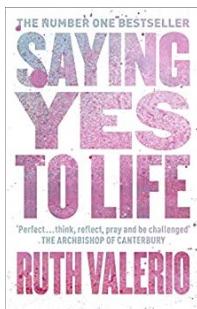
The young man stood there for a moment, and then shrugged his shoulders. "If you people won't let me unlock the door, none of you will ever get in to the shop."

Bible Study Groups—an Update

At the time of the lockdown, we were making our way through the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio.

This book dealt with the challenges of caring for God's creation under strain and threat through environmental issues. Each week, we were reading through the book and the notes which we had made. These notes had also been transferred into audio form.

The ability to meet together in church groups, in people's houses, was abruptly lost as the lockdown took hold. This leaves



several of the sessions uncovered and the course incomplete.

Ruth Valerio

What next?

It would be nice to think that we could finish the course, not just for what can be gained from the course, but as a symbol of defiance against the disruption to our lives and the church family. It is not, however, the number one priority.

We have instead focussed our efforts on establishing new patterns of worship on Zoom and dial-line. We have also strengthened pastoral support structures with the aim of holding each other in prayers and with actions of practical help.

We then started the planning required for the partial re-opening of the church building for private prayer, the access to the church building via a live camera and the planning required to eventually re-establish worship within our building.

Perhaps we could think about holding socially distanced bible study together in church and to video these meetings for those unable to attend.

We will eventually get back into the familiar and gentle routines of meeting together in each other's houses to open God's word—even if this still seems a long way off.

Scott Lunn 826895

Interested in seeing more? See Ruth Valerio in conversations with the Archbishop of Canterbury and others on SPCK Publishing on You Tube

200 Club Winners — congratulations!

April: No.122 Susan Srafton May: No.84 Keith Horne

June Draw: No.173 Sharon Digan

INFORMATION POINT

There are a number of groups which meet on a regular basis as part of the church family. As always, ALL ARE WELCOME.

Some one-to-one support is still operating , using telephone or Facetime/Skype contact

Other groups which normally operate but cannot do so at the time of writing are also listed. However, situations may change by the start of July so please check our website or use the contact number for information.

AFTER THE CARDS AND VISITORS

Bereavement is a very difficult time for the spouse/partner left behind.

Starting again on your own is even more difficult.

Carrie and friends would like to help you with the next step.

Please phone **Carrie on 850103** if you would welcome any more information. The approach is very informal and relaxed

PASTORAL CARE

The St Mary's Church community wishes to do all we can to support, listen and love all in our parish whether members of our church or not.

The Pastoral Team at St Mary's have established a **Prayer Circle** at St Mary's. If you have something which you would appreciate prayer for, whether for yourself or for someone you care about, we would be privileged to pray about it. No prayer request is ever too small or trivial. Whatever you wish to share, in confidence, we will support you in prayer.

To ask for prayer you can either telephone, email or text Rev Martin on 821241, fletcher_martin@yahoo.co.uk or 07762 440094; or contact Gillian Lunn on 07592016476 or gillian.lunn@yahoo.com or speak to any member of the Pastoral Team and they will place your prayer in the circle. Please be assured your requests are confidential.

- ◆ *To be a praying member of the circle or a member of the Pastoral Team, please speak to Rev Martin or Gillian. They would love to hear from you.*

St Mary's Groups Waiting to Resume

Little Rainbows

In normal times, Little Rainbows meets in church every Thursday morning during school term time, from 9.30 until 11.00 a.m. with doors open from 9.00 a.m. It's for pre-school children of any age, together with their mums, dads, grandmas, great grandmas and child minders! All are welcome. We play in the children's area of church then move around the building for singing, story and craft, ending with a much enjoyed snack time. It is a lovely opportunity for adults to meet and chat, whilst the children have a good time.

At the moment, though, our meetings are suspended until we can safely resume. Please check the Church web-site before coming and we'll keep the magazine up-to-date with future plans too. It will be lovely to see the children when normality returns. We send our best wishes to all of our regulars and look forward to seeing you all again when we can.

Wendy Pritchard

FUN-KEY CHURCH @ ST MARY'S RICHMOND

We normally meet on the last Sunday of every month at 4pm when we explore the theme of the day using crafts, activities, a short talk, perhaps drama and plenty of fun –no refreshments from our lovely Mothers Union team at present though as we can only meet via Zoom. See the church website or find us on Facebook.



Gillian Lunn 07592 016476

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When lockdown ends, why not give us a call on 07866 325843 and Keith Robson will see if the Happy Bodgers can help,

We look forward to helping you.

Note: We could probably not take on regular tasks such as lawn mowing, weed-ing, shopping etc.

St Mary's Groups Waiting to Resume—continued

Bible Study Groups

These groups were suspended whilst engaged in the Lent course. . Your group leaders will stay in touch with you over this. There is fuller information on page 39 of the magazine, contributed by Scott Lunn

You can also seek information from the Church web-site or your group leader .

KNIT2GETHER

A weekly knitting, crocheting and hand sewing group. This group usually meets in the coffee shop/restaurant at Greyfriars every Friday between 10.30 a.m. and noon. All will be made very welcome when meeting restrictions are lifted.

Please check the church web-site or contact **Claire Murray** on **07737482611** for further information when the lockdown is over.

EDGES OF FAITH

A new group whose inaugural meeting was unable to take place will now seek to start after the summer, depending on national circumstances.

Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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Word Search

St Mary Magdalene, the woman with a past

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life. Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary has also sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon.

She became His follower to the bitter end. She followed Him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint His body on the Sunday morning. Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid; it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first. Jesus told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief.

Mary
patron
repentant

sinners
contemplative
life

seven
demons
Tiberius

galilee
anoint
feet

follower
end
Jerusalem

Crucifixion
foot
cross

tomb
body
witness



mankind	easter	return
risen	gardener	obedient
appeared	disciples	resurrection

And finally

The Nursing degree is harder than you think,
Facing so many challenges before you can blink,
Overworked, overstretched and underpaid daily,
We work for free - that's crazy not lazy,

A pandemic strikes and we're called on to help,
Unsure of the plans and the hand we are dealt,
We face this challenge, the same as any other,
To support our colleagues and fill in for some cover,
The job we do is so wide and so varied,

This crisis we face is overwhelming and scary,
Adult, child and mental health too,
All working so hard trying to protect you,
Following the rules, we too must abide,

To fulfil our duties and therefore survive,
We've lost precious colleagues along the way,
Fighting for our patients, that's where they stayed,
We clap each week, say thanks and donate,
To a cause so worthy, so big, so great.

So, do as we've been told and PLEASE stay at home,
And speak to your loved ones on zoom or on phone,
One day this pandemic will come to an end,
And we'll reunite with our family and friends,

We'll always work hard to protect our nation,
With passion, courage, kindness and pure determination.

Charlotte Roberts (Student Nurse)

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For further information, please contact either Mrs Christine Bellas, Oak Tree View , Hutton Magna, Richmond, DL11 7HQ or our Rector.

Puzzle Solutions

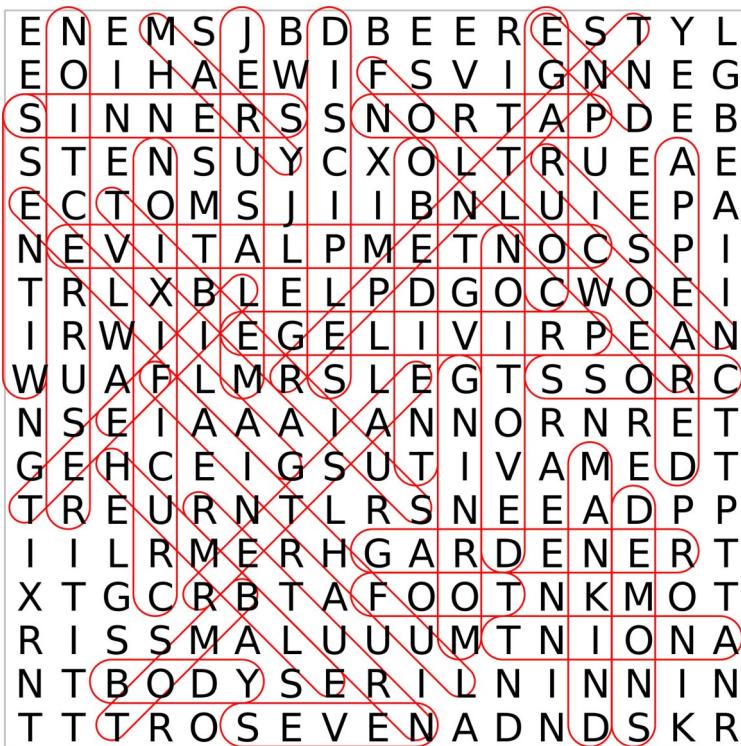
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Wordsearch



Deadline for August edition - Tuesday, 14th July
Stay safe. See you in August

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