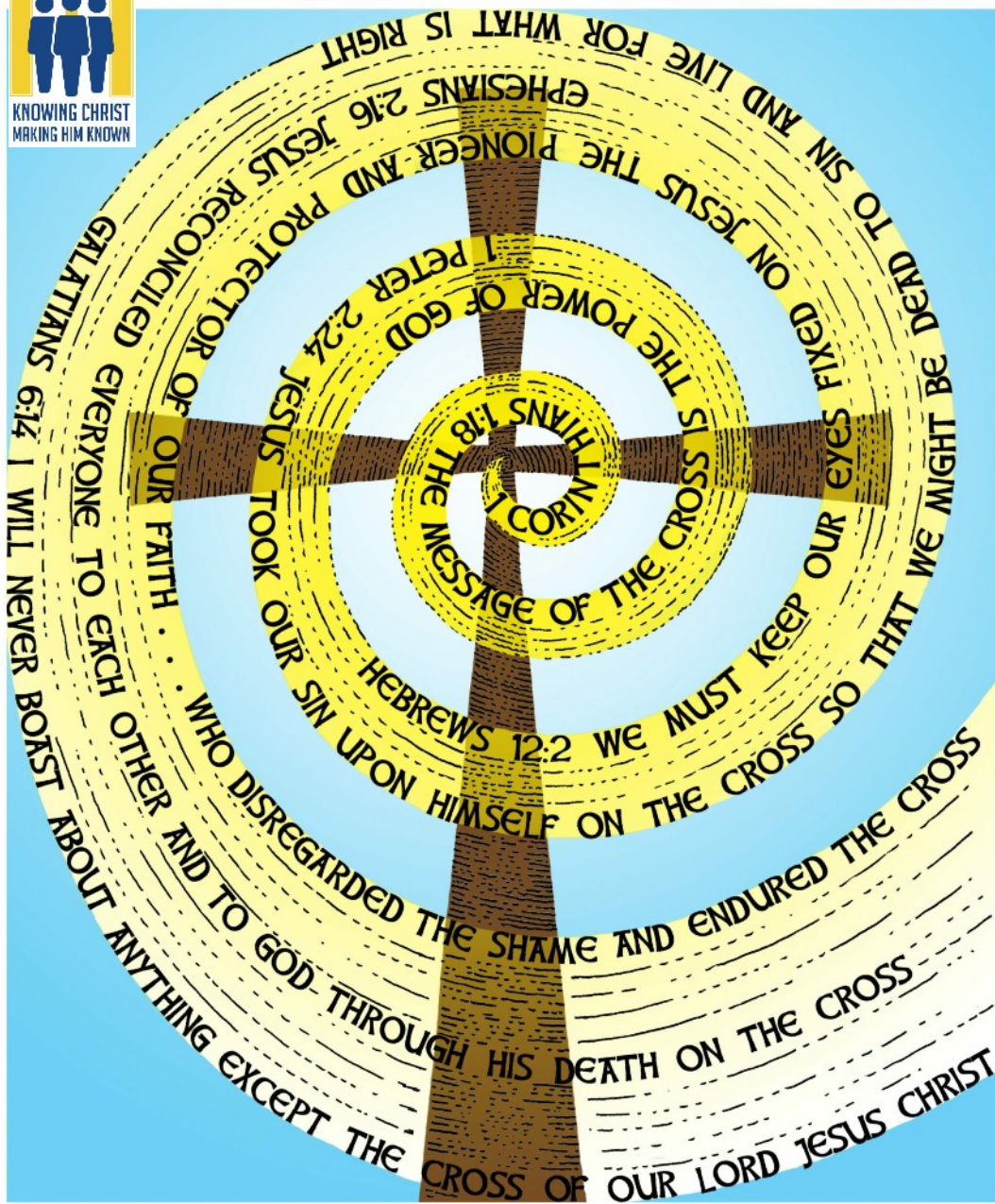


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OUR PARISH PRAYERS

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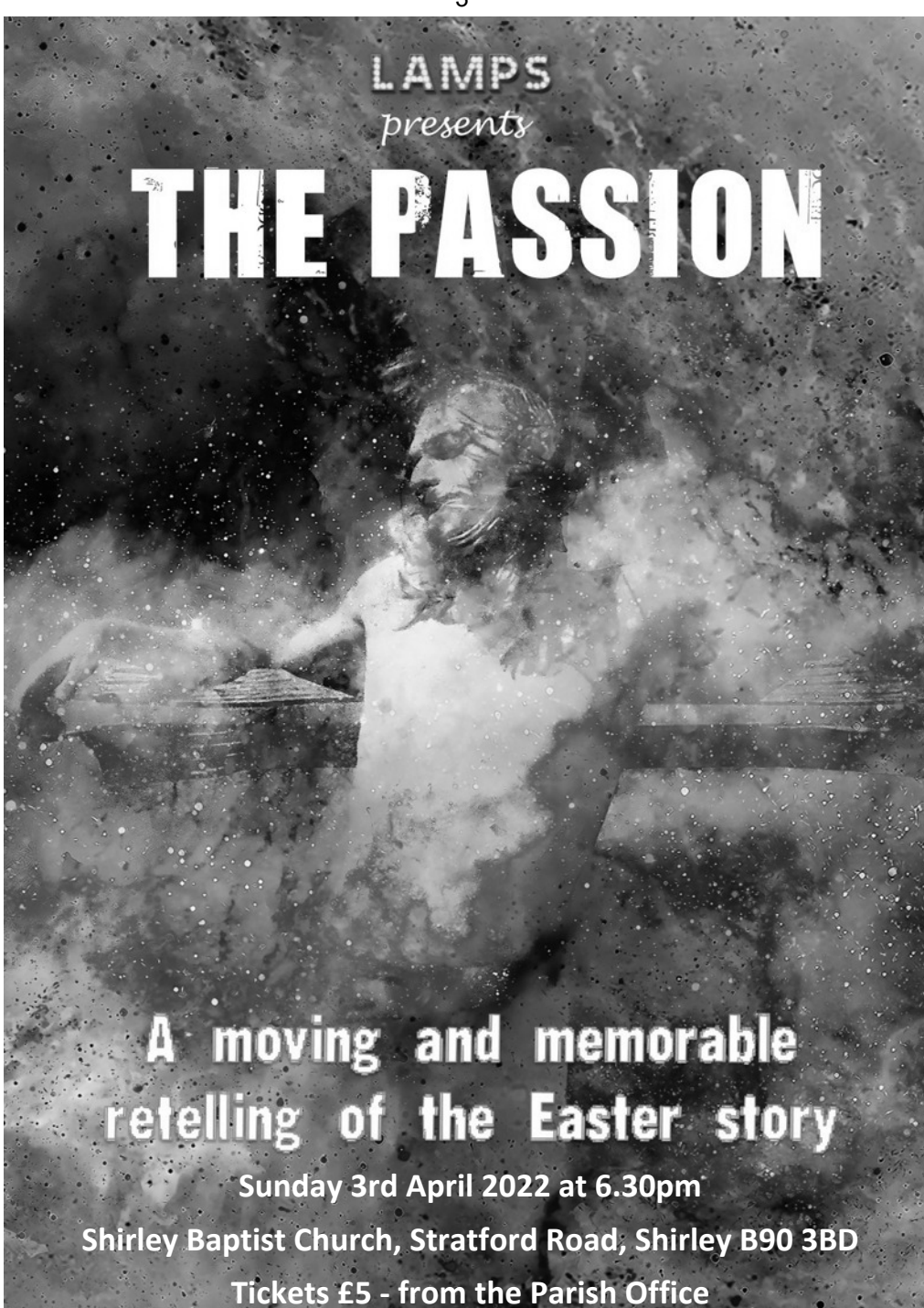


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THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

‘GOD OF ETERNITY’

At the start of the year, I wrote something for this magazine about facing a future that is uncertain. I was thinking at that time of the Covid pandemic, and the advent of the Omicron variant of the virus (remember that?).

But as time has gone on, I have begun to appreciate that uncertainty is fast becoming the new norm. We simply cannot assume that things will always continue in an orderly way. That money invested in the bank will gather interest; that our children will have longer and more affluent lives than we will; that the pattern of the seasons will continue as it always has or even, given the most recent events in Ukraine, that Britain will always be a peaceful democracy.

And that is a bit of a shock. Most of us have lived the vast majority if not all of our lives in relative peace following the Second World War. Standards of living have risen year on year; healthcare has improved each year. While I recognise that there has been pain and suffering which many have had to endure and find ways through, the underlying picture has been one of stability or gradual improvement.

And that underlying picture has been the backdrop on which our journeys of faith have been mapped out. The stability of life has reflected the ultimate solid foundation of God himself. Perhaps we have in some subtle way exchanged trust in the true God for a trust in the way things are and, we think, always will be.

But what if that underlying picture changes – as it looks as though it might do what with pandemics, wars and climate crisis. How do we find the true God again, and how can we place our trust in him as we will certainly need to do?

Here we must turn to scripture. Yes, the Old Testament sometimes gives hints of a God who showers blessings on the righteous, but the overall picture is of a God who walks alongside his people through good and bad times. Who is with Egypt with the nation in slavery, with them as they wander through the wilderness, and with them in the promised land, even when they reject him as they do.

And the New Testament takes this a step further as God comes in the person of Jesus to live alongside us, offering us fullness of life which doesn't depend on material possessions or wealth or health or political stability but on a faith in the eternal promises of God. And culminates of course with the wonderful truth we will celebrate on Easter Day that death – so often seen as the ultimate enemy – has no hold on us. That there is life eternal in God's presence, incomparably different from anything we can imagine.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE *continued*

So, as we celebrate the resurrection this Easter in ways we haven't been able to do since 2019, can I invite you to put your trust in the God of eternity rather than the world of uncertainty.

Reverend Paul Day



A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN EUROPE

Creator God, we offer you our prayers for the peace of your world.

For the well-being and safety of our sisters and brothers in the Ukraine and in Russia:
We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.

For wisdom for those who hold power, that they might work together for the good of all people:

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.

For those who are or will become displaced because of conflict and for those who offer welcome and sanctuary:

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.

For peace in our own lives, families and churches, that we might offer justice, dignity and love for all:

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Gracious God,

Hear our prayers.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

The Prince of Peace.

Amen



*Prayer written by The Revd Michaela Youngson
European MC Member (British Methodist Church)*

I HAVE ARRIVED IN APRIL ...

So here we are in April already, yet for me this is a time of reflection on the year that has passed from the death of my beloved husband Graham (April 24th 2021).

I remember thinking I've got to get on now with my life, learn to be on my own, discover me again.

The Monday after the funeral saw me standing in St James church yard counting bugs, flowers, butterflies and ladybirds amongst the gravestones and wondering what I was really doing there.

But it was a start. I started going to the Welcome Café, even baking a cake or two, even if one was a very lopsided lemon drizzle cake, but well received anyway.

Messy Church, Open the Book, Reflective Worship, Morning Worship, Pilgrim Course, Journey to the Stable, Lent Course, Easter Journey etc. etc. - all of these things I had taken part in before, but I wasn't able to commit as regularly as I can now because I worked, then we were in lockdown and Graham was ill.

But they have all really helped me to blossom and grow just like the start of spring when everything starts out as a bud but slowly the cold dismal days go away, and the buds grow in the warmer days and eventually start to blossom. That's me right here, right now.

I still have the days where I just want to be alone, but then I always have, I do like my own company, as it the silence that always helps me talk to God, pray and work through things and work things out in my life.

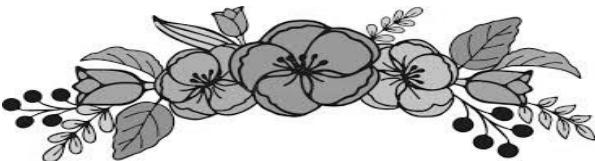
I have no words of wisdom, I still flounder some days, but I still try to see where God is leading me, even if I feel stuck. Looking back, I realise I have moved forward, and I pray I continue to do so.

I had a lovely break away in Scotland at the end of February with my daughter and family, it was good to be climbing a little way up Ben Nevis in the rain and wind, then walking down in sunshine, and the next day climbing another hill in the snow to see a waterfall, and on the way down via another way seeing hundreds of snowdrops beneath the pine trees and all the snow gone. How great is nature and our God. It really refreshed my soul, especially the heavy downpour!!!

So, I would like to say 'thank you' to all of you for your love and support this last year.

Love and prayers,

Denise Smith (Reader)



CHURCH HOUSE - GREAT NEWS!

Church House belongs to the Parish (not the diocese) and is an asset for the church and the wider community, providing a venue for a wide range of activities, church meetings, clubs, parties, choir practices, self-defence classes and much more.



The hall was built in 1912 and some time in the early eighties, the kitchen, toilets, office and boiler room were added, enclosing the original building on three sides. Last year, inspired by Linda Pitt's vision, the back yard was transformed into a courtyard garden and play area and the difficult acoustic of the building has been corrected by the installation of sound-damping panels.

The building has much to offer but the heating and wiring are dated, and the carbon footprint of the obsolete gas boiler is very high. We have a condensation (and black mould) problem on the uninsulated wall and the roof.

This will take a lot of money and effort to fix but we have been very fortunate to secure a grant of £25,450 from the Veolia Trust under the Landfill Communities Fund. This is a scheme whereby landfill operators can claim a tax credit by contributing to community projects, thus offsetting some of the problems caused to communities by landfill sites. We qualify because Church House is within the required radius of a site.

The Friends of St James are contributing 'partnership funding' and the Parish is also adding a small contribution.

The aims of the project are -

- To rewire the building, install LED lighting and a back up lighting system in case of power failure (required under modern building regulations)
- Replace the gas central heating with electric infra-red heating panels on the ceilings.
- Remove the old pipework and boiler
- Insulate the hall as much as is possible and reduce condensation.

We hope that this can be done in the summer, when many regular users are in recess, and that this work will futureproof the basic services of the building for decades to come. The building will be dependent on electricity, and these are uncertain times for all energy supplies but, with a green tariff, the building will be close to carbon neutral. One day we might even make our own electricity with roof panels?

For further information - please speak to Kate Crocker

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the March winners

£50 ~ Barry Robinson £25 ~ Gordon Bragg

HOW CAN WE HELP THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE?

Only God knows how the situation in Ukraine will unfold in the coming days and weeks. Meanwhile, there is a need for food and other basic humanitarian aid.

The following Christian charities are at work in the country, and would welcome your support:

Barnabas Fund: <https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/>

Christian Aid: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Methodist Church UK: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk>

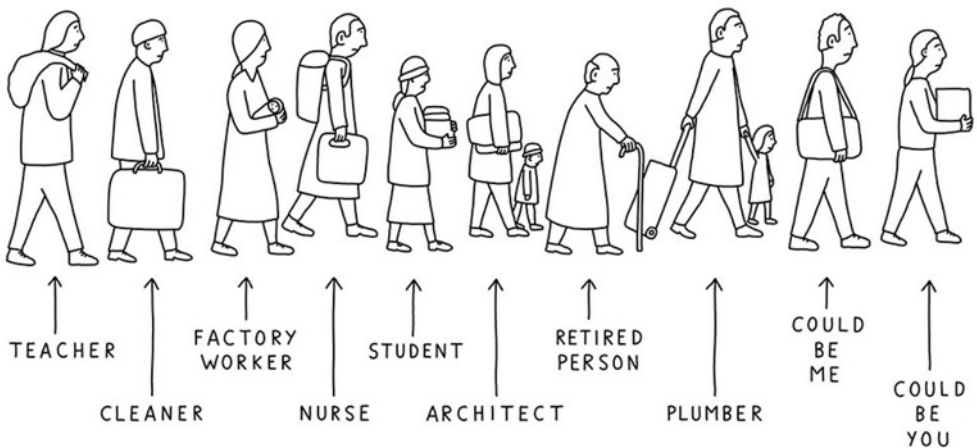
Operation Mobilisation: <https://www.uk.om.org/Appeal/ukraine-in-crisis>

Samaritan's Purse: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Transform Europe Network: <https://www.ten-uk.org>

World Vision: <https://www.worldvision.org.uk>

REFUGEES



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

WHY WILL THE BORDERS BILL CRIMINALISE
ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO HAVE LITTLE CHOICE
BUT TO ARRIVE IN THE UK VIA 'IRREGULAR ROUTES'?



WHY ARE WE MAKING IT SO
DIFFICULT FOR REFUGEES FROM
UKRAINE TO COME TO THE UK?



EMMAUS (Luke Chapter 24, verses 13-32)

In the breaking of the bread
Our eyes were opened,
We knew Him then.
The Lord was with us
In Emmaus,
There was no doubt.
He was alive and with us,
The scriptures made sense.
What a difference!



“Wasn’t it
like a fire
burning
within us
when he
talked to
us”

But thinking back
To that journey –
To the grief that overwhelmed us,
The discussions, disagreements
And debilitating disappointment –
A different opening of the eyes,
We never *were* alone.
Before the word and bread,
Because of the word and bread
He was there,
He is here,
Always,
Walking with us.

By Daphne Kitching

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REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT - PART 1

Our carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide we produce as individuals and institutions. This carbon dioxide goes into the world's atmosphere and causes climate change, otherwise known as global warming.

Although our main concern in the world at the moment is Ukraine and just how far President Putin goes with his warmongering, climate change is the biggest medium and long term threat to our planet. The 35 Easiest Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint is a website that makes suggestions as to how as individuals we can reduce our carbon footprint - <https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2018/12/27/35-ways-reduce-carbon-footprint>.

The first area it addresses is food -

1. **Eat low on the food chain**

This means eating mostly fruits, veggies, grains, and beans. Livestock - meat and dairy - is responsible for 14.5 percent of manmade global greenhouse gas emissions, mainly from feed production and processing and the methane that cattle and sheep belch out. Every day that you forgo meat and dairy, you can reduce your carbon footprint by 8 pounds—that's 2,920 pounds a year. You can start by joining 'Meatless Mondays' - <https://meatfreemondays.com>.

2. **Choose organic and local foods** that are in season

Transporting food from far away, whether by truck, ship, rail or plane, uses fossil fuels for fuel and for cooling to keep foods in transit from spoiling.

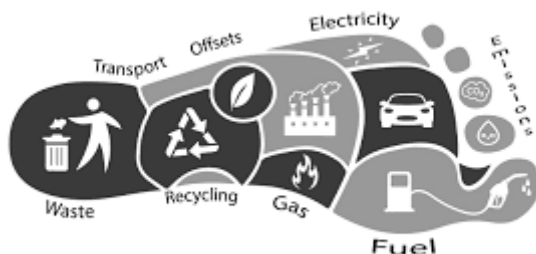
3. **Buy foodstuffs in bulk** when possible using your own reusable containers.

4. **Only buy the food you need**

Beware of special offers tempting you to buy food you do not need and will not use (my suggestion).

5. **Reduce your food waste** by planning meals ahead of time, freezing the excess and reusing leftovers.

6. **Compost** your food waste if possible.



Next month: Clothing

Nick Ball on behalf of the Parish Eco-group

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Mothers' UNION

Linda Pitt opened our meeting, held on Wednesday 2nd March, with prayers and welcomed all present.

Linda introduced Elizabeth Formby, our speaker, who gave us a talk on Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF) - on how it works to help change the lives of vulnerable children and orphans living in a large slum in Nairobi, who attend the Brainhouse School, by education, health, and wellbeing.



ACEF seeks to ensure that all those who attend Brainhouse School have the basic rights of all young people to be cared for, a secure and safe place to live, food and clean water to drink and to be protected from harm. The Charity has also supported the school by installing water tanks and filters, solar panels providing electricity for the classrooms and dormitories and developed eco-toilets.

Thanks were expressed to Elizabeth for her passionate talk on the Brainhouse School and this was echoed by all present.

Our next meeting on the **6th April** will be an 'In House' meeting – **2pm in Church House**. We extend a warm welcome to visitors to any of our meetings.

Susan Knight

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." — *Teresa of Avila*



Two donkeys were walking the streets of Jerusalem. One said: "Just a few days ago I came down that hill carrying Jesus, and the people were all singing and shouting and throwing down their cloaks and palms for me to walk on. But today they don't even recognise me."

The other donkey replied: "That is how it is, my friend. Without Jesus, none of us amounts to much."

SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

‘Oldest story in the world. Grief. Just a lot of grief.’

Somewhere in Japan there is a garden containing a disused phone box. It was put there by the owner of the garden so that people who have lost loved ones might use the phone to talk to them and as a result begin to come to terms with their grief. This garden and phone really do exist and are at the centre of Laura Imai Messina’s novel, *The Phone Box at the Edge of the World*.

I suspect we didn’t know just how relevant this novel would be when it was chosen as a Book Club read. As we were reading it we were experiencing a whole number of losses in the Parish – and in the wider world – with the awful news of Ukraine every night on our televisions. At one of our Parish funerals, for Mary Hobbs, her brother read that well known sonnet by Mary Elizabeth Frye – ‘Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep’. It ends,

‘Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there. I did not die’

People that we lose remain with us – in our memories, of course, but also in the wind, in the rain, in the songs of birds – and on the other end of an otherwise silent phone in a garden somewhere in Japan.

The quotation used at the start of this article comes from another wonderful recent novel, *Still Life*, by Sarah Winman. Just the title echoes the themes of the Messina novel and the Frye poem.

Serendipity. All around us. Here are some comments from Book Club members:

‘A beautifully written book about love, loss and hope. A discontinued phone in rural Japan where the bereaved go to talk to those they have lost. This story is based on fact and had me thinking and empathising with the huge number of those human tragedies caused by the Tsunami.

This book is a quiet, peaceful read with short meaningful chapters, acknowledging and accepting that loss is part of life.’ (Jill)

‘I approached reading this book with some trepidation but also with curiosity. I haven’t been able to concentrate on reading a book since losing my father in August 2020. Consequently, the trepidation I felt related to the book’s subject matter, which was primarily grief. However, curiosity got the better of me and I started to read ... I literally couldn’t put it down!

I felt drawn to the characters and although the eventual love story was a little obvious it was a pleasing read. It certainly has drawn me back to reading again. I found it therapeutic in a way and when I had finished reading the book I was intrigued to find out more about Bella Guardia.

SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB *continued*

I found the website and it is interesting to see photographs of it. I fully appreciate how people go there to pick up a phone receiver and speak to a lost loved one. It is a charming read.' (*Belinda*)

'A purely random choice in a book shop turned out to be one of the books I will always remember and return to. Although the story deals with grief it is not a really a sad story. It deals with the ways people survive tragedy and how something physical can help someone move through grief to come to terms with the loss but never forget the loved ones they have lost. It is quite emotional to see how the different people use the phone box to help them deal with their grief by talking to the ones they have lost and how attached they become to it. The development of the two main characters through their loss to trust to love again is brilliantly told as their lives weave with the other users of the phone box. For a book dealing with sadness it is an amazingly easy read and does in the end leave you with a smile.' (*Ursula*)

'A story of optimism, of people travelling to a dilapidated phone box to talk to the wind of their hopes and fears after experiencing a tsunami. Giving them peace of mind and friendship, and above all else hope.

A thoughtful book about the stoicism of people after a setback.' (*Pat*)

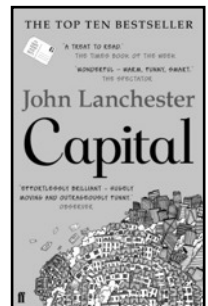
'I found the lists that interspersed the main narrative distracting and frankly irritating. Mostly they added nothing, and on the rare occasions they did, a footnote would have done the job better. But without them the book would have been too short. I don't understand how this got to be a 'bestseller' but that may be because my definition is harsher than the publishers. The main problem with the plot is that it was actually quite predictable. Once again I feel that if I wanted to read about the earthquake I would have preferred non-fiction. Having said all that I did warm to some of the characters.' (*Sarah*)

'Surprisingly, I enjoyed every aspect of this novel. The use of explanatory sections helped bring both the characters and the events to life. I was dreading a tragedy with a depressing conclusion, but it was the opposite – love, concerns, understanding, and compassion were all evident. Heart-warming.' (*Andrew*)

The next book for the Shirley Parish Book Club is *Capital* by John Lanchester. It is set in London and begins with all the residents of one street receiving a mysterious post card ...

The meeting to discuss this book will be on **April 11th at 2pm in Church House.**

Ray Speakman



SHIRLEY PARISH LENT CHALLENGE



Friday 1st April	Make someone laugh.
Weekend 2nd/3rd April	Sing your favourite hymn. At home. On your own. Loudly!!
Monday 4th April	Tell someone something you like about them. It could be their smile or an item of clothing they are wearing.
Tuesday 5th April	Write a note to someone to thank them for all they do for you.
Wednesday 6th April	Buy an Easter Egg and put it in the box for the Food Bank.
Thursday 7th April	Make a birthday card or a 'get well' card. Who will you send it to?
Friday 8th April	Hold a door open for someone. And / or pray for people with mobility problems.
Weekend 9th/10th April	Be still / sit in silence for 15 minutes.
Monday 11th April	Make a financial donation to a charity.
Tuesday 12th April	Make or buy some hot cross buns.
Wednesday 13th April	If you are a Christian, tell someone why you are. If you would not describe yourself as a Christian, ask someone who is why they are.
Thursday 14th April	Pray for people who have to make difficult decisions.
Friday 15th April	Remember Jesus on the cross.
Saturday 16th April	Pray for all those who are grieving.

OUR SERVICES IN APRIL

Date	Time	Service	Venue
3rd	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	6.30pm	The Passion	Shirley Baptist Church
7th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
10th		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
11th	7.30pm	Compline	St James Church
12th	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	St James Church
13th	7.30pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church
14th		<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St James Church
15th		<i>Good Friday</i>	
	10.30am	Shirley Churches Together Walk of Witness	Meet at Our Lady of the Wayside Church
	1pm	Reflections at the cross	St James Church
	7.30pm	Taizé service	Christ the King Church
16th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
17th		<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	6am	Sunrise Service	St John's Church
	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
21st	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
24th	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
28th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church



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HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

FOOD BANK: It had been a long time since I had watched a man cry. At one of the satellite Food Banks recently I squirmed as a client cried as he told the volunteer that he tried not to eat every day because he needed the food in the food parcels for his teenage children. He was told very firmly that he must eat or he would be ill. But what have we come to? A few miles down the road, in the UK's second city, in this day and age?

On the same morning, I gave four baby books to a small child (still don't know if it was a girl or boy because their wrapping was so total) sitting quietly on the mother's lap; the mother looked in the bag, saw the books and just put out her hand to touch my arm and smiled. Remember my old mantra? No money for food, no money for books! I also gave two small cars to a small being who was racing around, kicking chairs, pulling at laptop wires, shouting at his very harassed mother – instant stillness as he crashed the two cars together – success!

Sadly, the number of clients at our Food Bank is still increasing and supplies are being stretched severely. Even the basic necessities of **UHT milk, tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetables** are being strictly rationed. Please help if you can.

ADAVU: Our Christmas baby girl is thriving and has just had a parcel of her next size clothes, along with nappies, wet wipes and baby toiletries, even a rag book – I can't start early enough with books! Mother was thrilled with the Christmas parcel we sent and sends her thanks to you all for your kind donations. We always send some books and toys for her five year old son – plus some chocolate buttons of course - can't have him feeling left out. The ever present need is for **adult and baby toiletries**.

NARTHEX: Until the December parcels have been sorted and shelved the Narthex is not accepting any more donations.

Thank you for your support, *Elizabeth Paice*

OUR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022

As part of our Parish Jubilee celebrations, we are planning to have flower and history displays in St James Church covering the seventy years of our Queen's reign.



The focus will be on the Queen's celebration years –

- 1952 – Accession**
- 1953 - Coronation**
- 1977 – Silver Jubilee**
- 2002 – Golden Jubilee**
- 2006 – 80th Birthday**
- 2012 – Diamond Jubilee**
- 2016 – 90th Birthday**
- 2017 – Sapphire Jubilee**
- 2022 – Platinum Jubilee**

So, have you got memories, photographs or souvenirs from those years that you can share with us?

Please let the Parish Office know if you can help

Also, 'Save the Date' – we'll be having a Street Party on Saturday 4th June 2022



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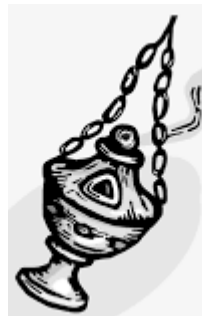
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WHY INCENSE?

Incense has been used for worship in churches from the earliest times, and in temples for over 3,000 years. It is also used in private homes, and in the perfume industry.

What is Incense?

It is made from gum, which is a thick substance secreted from certain trees and shrubs. It hardens on drying. When burned, it produces a sweet smelling smoke. Each of the gums have their own distinct perfume.



How is incense used in church?

It is burned on small charcoal bricks in a metal pot (Thurible). This is hung on three chains to prevent the hot metal burning the hands of the priest and acolyte (server). The chains enable it to be swung backwards and forwards, making the charcoal glow. Granules of incense burn and produce the smoke.

Why is incense used in worship?

We try to offer the best of ourselves to God in worship. Worship involves all our senses. 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.'

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Through these scented clouds, our prayers and praises slowly rise to heaven, enfolded in perfume.

Incense gives a sense of mystery, awe and wonder

Consider the wonder of what is taking place in the Eucharist. Through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread is changed into the body of Christ. Incense adds awe and wonder at the Real Presence of Christ.

It is a powerful sign of what is happening spiritually. Our prayers ascend to heaven, like the rising of the incense. They join with the prayers of the Saints before the throne of God.

Incense in the Bible

In the Old Testament: 'Let my prayer be counted as incense before you.' (Psalm 141 verse 2)

Frankincense (incense) was one of the gifts given to the infant Jesus by the Three Wise Men (Matthew 23 verse 11). It was a rare and precious gift for the new born King.

WHY INCENSE? continued

Incense is used to describe the worship of Heaven in picture language: 'The living creatures and the Elders fall before the Lamb of God 'each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the Saints.' (Revelation 5 verse 8) St Paul wrote: 'We are indeed the incense offered by Christ to God.' (2 Corinthians 2 verse 15). (Some translations of the Bible have 'aroma' instead of 'incense'.

When is incense burned?

1. The priest censens the altar at the beginning of the service. This is a sign of cleansing the altar for the sacrifice of the mass.
2. During the reading of the Gospel.
3. The priest censens the Offertory gifts of bread and wine, and the altar. Next the acolyte censens the priest, and then the congregation. To acknowledge what has happened, the congregation bow to the acolyte. Incense is burned during the Prayer of Consecration.

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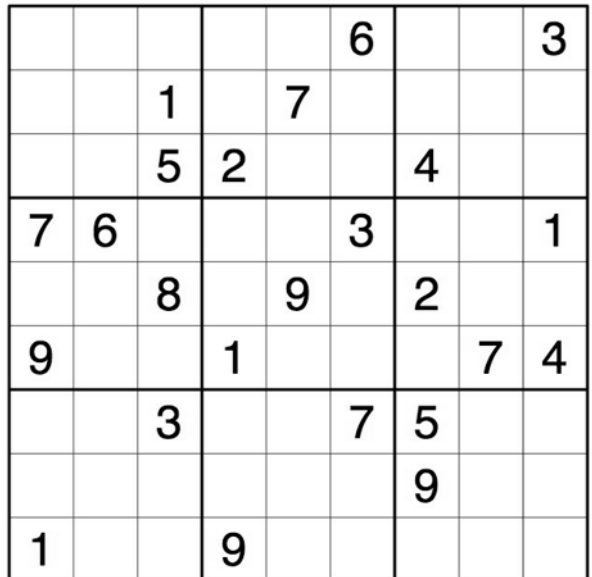
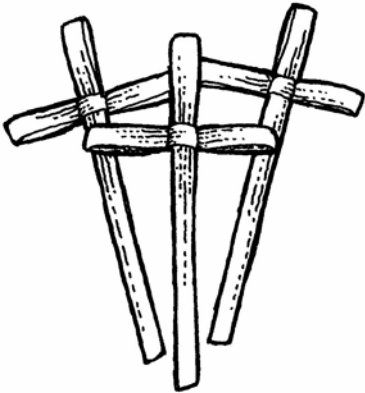
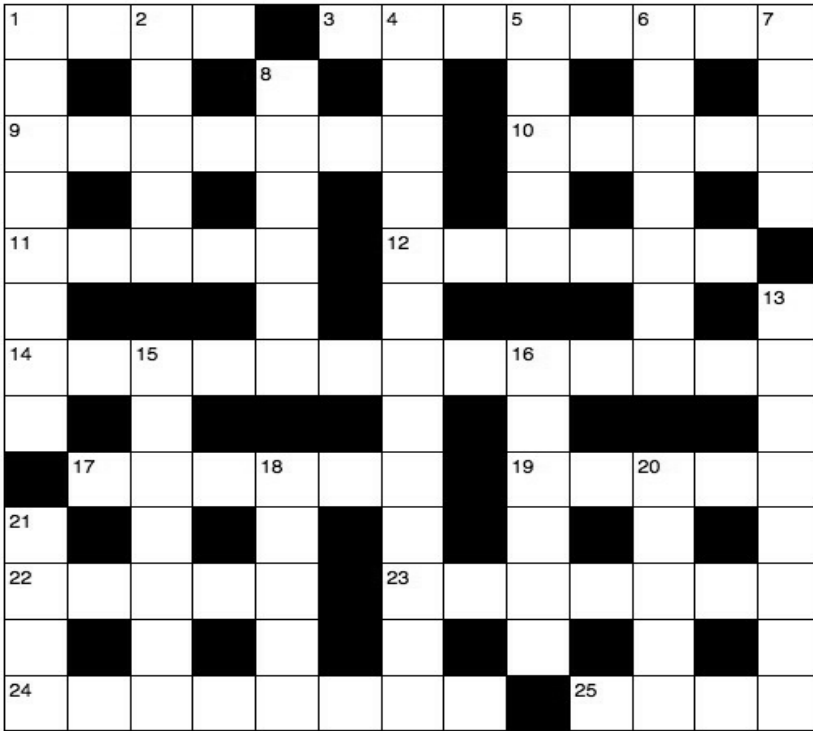
Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4)
- 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah:
'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

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WORD SEARCH - THE LAST PASSOVER

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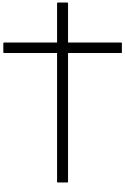


Jesus then astonished the disciples by washing their feet. He said: "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another. In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'maundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command).

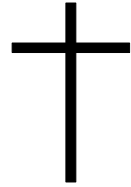
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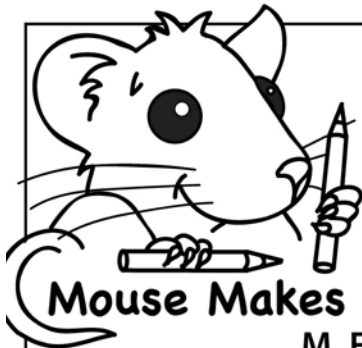
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What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

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Matthew 21:1-11



Who betrayed Jesus?
Who denied Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:17-75



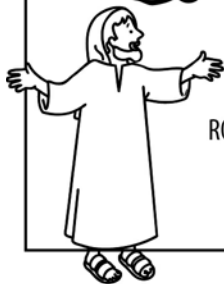
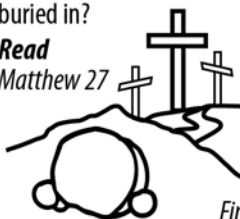
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What time did Jesus die?

Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

Read

Matthew 27



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What did Jesus do at Passover?

Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?

What had happened to Jesus?

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Matthew 28



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