

St Peter-at-Gowts Church, Lincoln



The Parish of St Peter-at-Gowts, LINCOLN

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PARODIES - EXPRESSIONS OF TRUTH?

A parody is defined as "a humorous imitation of a serious writing" according to the World Book Dictionary. Here are examples of parodies which appeared in a local newspaper some time ago:

"I was hungry, and you formed a committee and discussed my hunger, thank you.

"I was naked, and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance, thank you.

"I was sick, and you knelt and thanked God for your own health, thank you.

"I was homeless, and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God, thank you.

"I was lonely, and you left me alone to pray for me, thank you. "You seem so holy, so close to God.

"But I'm still very hungry, and lonely, and cold."

Do you recognize the original statements in Matthew 25? Jesus summed the passage up this way: "If you do it unto the least of these my brethren, you do it unto me."

Another parody goes this way:

"Though I have taken three years of Greek and Hebrew, if I have not love, I am become a scholarly

windbag, and though I teach a Bible class, and attend every gathering of the Saints, and though I have missed only one week of visitation (when I had the flu), if I have not love, I am nothing.

"And though I give liberally of my means, and always have my Bible lesson done on time, and have driven bunches of kids to Skegness once, and though I invited the vicar's family to dinner just last month, if I have not love, the whole thing means nothing. "Love keeps on loving when others don't love back.

"Love doesn't get jealous when the next door neighbour can afford a BMW.

"Love isn't rude to the persistent salesperson.

"Love is gracious when the queue you have been standing in for an hour closes just as you reach the counter.

"Love keeps on loving, even when embarrassed by your teenager's hair, music or friends.

"Love isn't thwarted by 10 hours of screaming kids, soiled nappies, dirty dishes and a perpetual mess in the living room.

"And now abides faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is genuine love that keeps on loving ... because God did!

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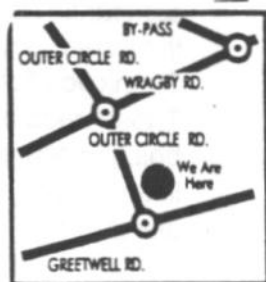


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With Lent in mind, we offer quotes that focus on contemplation, prayer, and self-assessment.

The need of the world is to listen to God. Albert Einstein

A religion that does not begin with repentance is certain to end there – perhaps too late. Anon

You cannot starve a man who is feeding on God's promises. Anon

Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else. G D Stewart

If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less. C E Jefferson

The Bible has a great deal to say about suffering and most of it is encouraging. A W Tozer

Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to him only when they are in trouble. Anon

The self-sufficient do not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, the self-righteous cannot pray. L Ravenhill

We talk about heaven being so far away. It is within speaking distance to those who belong there. D L Moody

Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God. M D Babcock

God made man to be somebody – not just to have things. Anon

The peace of the soul consists in an absolute resignation to the will of God. Francois Fenelon

Christ's sheep are marked in the ear and the foot; they hear his voice and they follow him. Anon

How is it that nobody has dreamed up any moral advances since Christ's teaching? What was there in his heredity and his environment to account for this unique teacher, and the remarkable fact that no greater has ever looked like emerging? Michael Green

All history is incomprehensible without Christ. Ernest Renan

The yearning of man's heart is homesickness for God. Anon

Seek Christ, and you will find him, and with him everything else thrown in. CS Lewis

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SUDUKO - INTERMEDIATE



"It's either an appeal to youth culture
or the heating's playing up again"

Bishop of Grantham's Letter

Dear friends,

For many years I have sat in the same seat on the Kop at Sheffield Wednesday and, during my time as a parish priest just up the road from the ground, I would be asked by many members of the Sunday school and youth club whether they could come to a game with me and my family. On many occasions, I would be sat with a group of seven or eight football mad youngsters and would get vicarious enjoyment from their excitement. On one such occasion, the match was going well! Sheffield Wednesday were winning, the crowd were singing and all seemed well in the world. Suddenly, the opposition equalised via the superbly struck volley of the opposing team's striker and I was surprised to see the young boy next to me, a young black boy of African extract, rise sharply to his feet and make his way to a steward. A few words were exchanged, and then a man sat just behind us was forcibly removed by a gaggle of stewards. Unbeknown to me, my young friend had heard a racist comment directed at the black striker who had scored the superb goal and decided he would act: I've not seen the ejected and dejected fan ever

since. That young boy, now a strapping man with a first class honours degree in sports science and himself a successful cage-fighter, often reminds me to this day of that incident long ago.

In today's world, it all seems so antediluvian when we hear of such racist incidents but, sadly, we do not have to go too far to be reminded that, as proscribed and publically despised as racism now is, it still lurks just beneath the surface.

This reality has, both, come to light recently in the case of the Liverpool footballer Suarez and the subsequent racist barracking of an Oldham player by a Liverpool supporter and also in the intimate revelations about the nature of racism during the trial and conviction of the two men found guilty of Stephen Lawrence's murder. In both these cases, the institutions involved-a football club in one case and the police in the other-have taken all the right steps to try and ensure that such prejudiced behaviour is not systemic and inherent in them. However, the horrible truth is that, in the heat of competition or in the bravado of a deeply disturbed young person's hateful tirade, the

FEBRUARY

- 1. Wednesday 7.30 pm Deanery Synod
- 2. Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion
2.00 pm Women's Fellowship in the hall.
- 4. Saturday 10 - 11.30 am GRAND COFFEE MORNING

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| 5. | 3rd Sunday
Before Lent | 8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST, followed by coffee in the church hall |
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- 9. Thursday 9.30 am Holy Communion

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| 12. | 2nd Sunday
before Lent | 9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST, followed by coffee in the church hall |
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- 13. Monday 7.00 pm Ladies Evening in the church hall
- 16. Thursday 9.30 am Holy Communion

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| 19. | Sunday next
before Lent | 8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST, followed by coffee in the church hall |
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- 20. Monday 7.00 pm CAMEO in the church hall
- 21. Tuesday 12 noon Pancake Lunch
- 22. **Ash** 11.00 am **Holy Communion and Ashing**
- Wednesday**
- 23. Thursday 9.30 am Holy Communion

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| 26. | Lent 1 | 9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST, followed by coffee in the church hall |
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MARCH

- 1. Thursday 9.30 am Holy Communion
2.00 pm Women's Fellowship in the hall.

2. **Friday** **2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St Peter's**
3. **Saturday** 10 - 11.30 am GRAND COFFEE MORNING

4. **Lent 2** 8.00 am Holy Communion
 9.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST, followed by coffee in the church hall

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evil of racism still lurks and it is not far from us all.

Such racism was not unknown to Jesus: we are told that he stood at the well with the Samaritan woman; a woman from a race despised by some simply because they chose to worship God in another Temple other than that in Jerusalem. Jesus cleverly extracts from this 'hated' foreigner the knowledge that he is the source of eternal life and the eagerly expected Messiah. On their return to the well, even Jesus' disciples join in the unconscious and implicit racism, being 'astonished' that he was speaking with her.

In William Shirer's seminal book on The Third Reich, one is struck by the matter of fact way in which the cremators for the killing fields of the concentration camps were ordered from the manufacturers: as simple as ordering a microwave for the kitchen. Such ordinariness combined with horror is rightly named 'the mundanity of evil'. My young friend in the football match was right to challenge that thoughtless and cruel barb by a fellow supporter for there must be link between these small, mundane, acts and the kind of racism that leads to violence and loss of life?

In the end, the real tragedy of racism is that it de-humanises those we parody and to whom we attach simplistic prejudices. It was the 'hated' foreign woman at the well who saw the deep mystery of Jesus and his divinity: when our eyes are clouded by colour, class or creed we fail to see and enjoy the true beauty of the person underneath.

+Tim Grantham



Some miscellaneous observations on life:-

My train of thought was just derailed

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.
Duane Hulse

We make our friends, we make our enemies, but God sends our next door neighbour. GK Chesterton

I hold it to be a fact, that if all persons knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world. Blaise Pascal

You cannot find knowledge by rearranging your ignorance. Ronald Eyre

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be looking for it the rest of the day. Philip Chesterfield

Be kind. Remember that everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. Harry Thompson

We become what we read. Matilda Nordtvedt

Nothing is so opened more by mistake than the mouth. Anon

The use of our possessions shows us up for what we actually are. C C Ryrie

We like someone who comes right out and says what they think, when they agree with us.

A friend forgives your defects, and if he is very fond of you, doesn't see any.

This is a free country, and a good many people are getting it that way - by agreeing to pay later.

When prices are high, money doesn't talk, it whispers.

Conscience: the sixth sense that comes to our aid when we are wrong and tells us that we are about to get caught.

Car park: the place where you take your car to have little dents put in the bumpers.

Yours: anything which up to the present others have not been able to get away from you.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A few members who were unwell sent their apologies for our January meeting and we hope they are all now feeling better. Barbara Tomlinson had been quite poorly and had been sent 'get well' cards by Mary Quincey on our behalf.

Our Treasurer informed members that, at the AGM in February, subscriptions would have to be increased to £5, but we will continue to pay only 50p at each meeting for raffle and tea.

Mary Rose said there would be a service at St Peter's Church at 11 a.m. on Ash Wednesday and hoped that members would be able to attend this.

We were delighted to welcome Revd. Alan Barker again with his keyboard. We were well entertained by his varied repertoire of songs, some more familiar than others; pieces without lyrics; and, of course, his fund of really amusing stories and poems. We much enjoyed all of this. It was very good of him to give up his afternoon for us and particularly following his earlier hip operation. We hope he continues to make good progress. We then ended the afternoon with a lovely tea and thank those who helped provide this for the party. We were also pleased to be joined by some invited guests and hope they had a good time too.

STELLA CLARKE

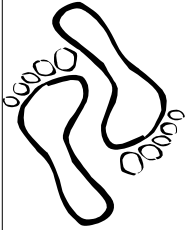
If Charles Wesley had been a Laodicean, would he have written these words?

Laodicean Lyrics

O Thou who camest from above,
A lovely warm good mood to impart
Kindle a sense of selfish love,
And warm the cockles of my heart!
There let it for my glory burn
Through self-congratulatory haze,
Then shall we to each other turn

And name good works with
fervent praise!
Thus I confirm my heart's desire,
To work, and speak, and think for
me
O let me sit by cosy fire
And think of what I'll get for free!
O please gloss o'er Thy Holy Word
As I with blinkered eyes ignore
The poor, the sick, the sore
disturbed -
Yet who, in fact, is really poor?

By Nigel Beeton

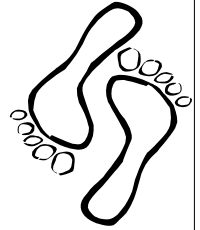


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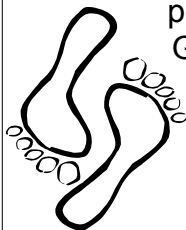
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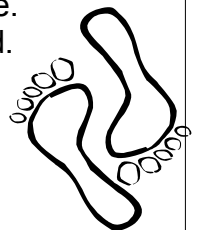
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Where were YOU when the King died?

At only 14, some six weeks short of 15, I was, I suppose, a political puppy. And a royalist by default, you might say - perhaps after all the best sort of royalist.

I'd been brought up to stand to attention for the National Anthem, listen to the King's Speech, and sit enamoured by the Pathe Newsreel film of the Coronation which my father projected in our sitting room every time some of our numerous relatives from Canada, New Zealand, or the USA came to visit.

We didn't go as far as camping overnight outside Westminster Abbey for the Royal Wedding, or even lining the route on the day. But we did invite friends and neighbours in to watch the event on our - what? 9-inch? - black and white console TV. 25 or more packed the room. Every movable chair in the house, as I remember, was pressed into service.

And Buckingham Palace was certainly on the route for the statutory tour of London on which said relatives were always taken. And after all, every important national event was marked by the presence of royalty. The Victory Parade of 1946 was one such occasion, and the one, my memory tells me, which prompted my parents to acquire the television in the first place.

And closer to home, at the top of our road we had the King George V Memorial Garden, the frequent destination for a family walk on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

So a royalist by default. And as such this 14-year-old was surprised how deeply he was moved when the news came through on the morning of 6 February 1952. It was a dark, grim, damp day. London was building up to the 'killer fog' that hit the capital a fortnight later. I was in the Science lab. As I remember it, there was no formal announcement. Word just went round the class. The King had died. It was a real emotional jolt. Somehow a hole had been punched in my world.

Gordon Neal

All in the month of FEBRUARY

It was....

200 years ago:- on 7th Feb 1812 that Charles Dickens, celebrated British novelist, was born.

150 years ago:- on 1st Feb 1862 that Julia Ward Howe's poem 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic' was first published in Georgia, USA.

100 years ago:- on 6th Feb 1912 that Eva Braun, German mistress and (briefly) wife of Adolf Hitler was born.

90 years ago:- on 8th Feb 1922 that the first radio was installed in the White House.

Also 90 years ago:- on 28th Feb 1922 that Egypt became independent from the UK.

80 years ago:- on 24th Feb 1932 that British racing driver Sir Malcolm Campbell set a new land speed record of 253.96 mph at Daytona Beach, Florida.

70 years ago:- on 9th Feb 1942 that soap rationing began in the UK (so that oils and fats could be saved for food production during WW2)

65 years ago:- on 7th Feb 1947 that the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in caves in Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine).

Also 65 years ago:- on 24th Feb 1947 that Louis Mountbatten, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was sworn in as the last viceroy of India.

60 years ago:- on 6th Feb 1952 that King George VI died, and was succeeded by his daughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

40 years ago:- on 2nd Feb 1972 that anti-British protestors burned down the British Embassy in Dublin, in retaliation for 'Bloody Sunday' on 30th Jan.

Also 40 years ago:- on 9th Feb 1972 that the British Government declared a state of emergency over the miners' strike which began a month earlier.

Also 40 years ago:- on 17th Feb 1972 that the House of Commons voted narrowly (by 8 votes) of joining the Common Market (now the European Union).

30 years ago:- on 2nd Feb 1982 that the Syrian Government quashed an uprising by the Muslim Brotherhood, killing about 25,000 people.

Trivia Quiz

- 1 2005 marked which anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot?
- 2 What is the zodiac sign of the Bull?
- 3 On a dart board, which number is bottom centre?
- 4 Who had a No 1 hit with the song "Dancing Queen"?
- 5 Born Arthur Jefferson in 1890, what was this comic better known as?
- 6 What profession did Hillary Clinton previously practise?
- 7 Who partnered Robbie Williams on the hit single "Kids"?
- 8 In which sport are there madisons and pursuits?
- 9 Who is the only singer to have No 1 hits in the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s?
- 10 According to proverb, what does the hand that rocks the cradle do?
- 11 What was founded in 859 at Fez, Morocco, that is reckoned to be the oldest of its type in the world?
- 12 Which writer established the Three Laws of Robotics?
- 13 Called hood in America, what's this part of the car called in the UK?
- 14 Titan is a moon of which planet?
- 15 What is hydrophobia the fear of?
- 16 How many furlongs in a mile?
- 17 Which Terry created the 2005 movie "The Brothers Grimm"?
- 18 Which annual race was first held in 1829?
- 19 What type of animal is a Lhasa Apso?
- 20 Garibaldi, Nice and Ginger Nut are all types of what?
- 21 In the USA, which are the two main political parties?
- 22 Which Noel said, "Television is something you appear on: you don't watch it"?
- 23 What was the trade of Thomas Wolsey's father?
- 24 What did Siam change its name to?
- 25 Which Colin played the title role in Oliver Stone's movie "Alexander"?
- 26 Which Bay housed the island prison Alcatraz?
- 27 What colours are on the flag of Argentina?
- 28 In which town did Jesus grow up?
- 29 Who set up Biba?
- 30 If a triangle has an angle of 58 degrees and an angle of 77 degrees, what is the third angle?

Date	Day	Readers	Intercessors
Feb 5	3rd Sunday before Lent	Mary Quincey Graham Jefferson	Sue Frecklington
Feb 12	2nd Sunday before Lent	Malcolm Dinsdale Margaret Simpson	Mary Quincey
Feb 19	Sunday next before Lent	Ronnie Aldous Jack Aldous	Peter Banyard
Feb 26	Lent 1	Jane Hodgson Bill Hodgson	Mary Rose
Mar 4	Lent 2	Pam Banyard Peter Banyard	Graham Jefferson
Mar 11	Lent 3	Mary Rose Malcolm Dinsdale	Sue Frecklington

Sidespersons	Church Cleaning	Grand Coffee Morning
Mary Quincey Mary Arden	Ready for Feb 5 Team 1 Margaret Simpson Jane Hodgson Bill Hodgson	Feb 4 Jane Hodgson, Bill Hodgson Mary Rose, Stella Clarke
Queenie Graham Joan Smith	-	-
Pam Banyard Stella Clarke	Ready for Feb 19 Team 2 Mary Rose, Joan Smith Malcolm Dinsdale	-
Sue Frecklington Mary Quincey	-	-
Doreen Buffham John Buffham	Ready for Mar 4 Team 3 Angela Brewer Queenie Graham Richard Blow	Mar 3 Mary Quincey, Joan Smith, Margaret Simpson, Mary Arden
Queenie Graham Joan Smith	-	-

On how to survive a residential conference

The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I am glad you enjoyed your conference, but please do not be deluded into thinking that conferences are there to teach you anything. Conferences exist to provide another entry on your CV, to give you time off while flattering yourself that you are working, and to make the person leading it feel that their life is not wholly pointless.

As it happened, I was also invited to the same one, the one entitled 'Learning how to say 'no''. But I refused to attend, thereby proving that I didn't need it anyway.

There are certain useful points you need to learn for conferences. First, about half the attendees will have been together only the previous week attending another conference in another part of the country. They will be eager, enthusiastic and overflowing with management platitudes. Avoid them at all costs. Should one of them say to you: 'expect the unexpected' you have my permission to strangle them. They won't have expected that!

Secondly, when you are all asked to go through that ghastly process of introducing yourselves to everyone else, make it up. I think the last time I was obliged to do this, I became a butcher specialising in exporting offal to Saudi Arabia. All your clerical colleagues will then panic that they have turned up for the wrong course and the leader will make sure that you are not asked another single question throughout the event. Both outcomes are satisfying.

Thirdly, do realise that when you are asked to divide into small discussion groups, it means that the conference leader has run out of ideas about what to do next. Do not, at all costs, volunteer to be chairman. It only means that when you have to report back – and if the leaders use the word ‘plenary’, then by all means contemplate strangling them also - you will be involved in sticking sheets of paper on to walls, which will then rip off the wallpaper when you try to remove them.

You will also have the embarrassment of finding that every felt tip pen you try to use will be empty, and what you thought were the conclusions your group had arrived at will be volubly contradicted by all the other members.

No, if you are ever obliged to attend another course, take a good book, enough claret to cover every evening away, and develop a debilitating illness that, while enabling you to attend every meal, obliges you to retreat to your room for the rest of the day. You will leave having learned as much on whatever the topic was as your colleagues, but will return refreshed and eager to make the next booking.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Forgiveness

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, “Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?” There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin," he said.

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Lectionary for February:

Sunday 05 February

3rd before Lent

First Reading (Sung Eucharist): Isaiah 40.21-end

Second Reading (Sung Eucharist): 1 Corinthians 9.16-23

Gospel (Sung Eucharist): Mark 1.29-39

Sunday 12 February

2nd before Lent

First Reading (Sung Eucharist): Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

Second Reading (Sung Eucharist): Colossians 1.15-20

Gospel (Sung Eucharist): John 1.1-14

Sunday 19 February

Sunday next before Lent

First Reading (Sung Eucharist): 2 Kings 2.1-12

Second Reading (Sung Eucharist): 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Gospel (Sung Eucharist): Mark 9.2-9

Sunday 26 February

Lent 1

First Reading (Sung Eucharist): Genesis 9.8-17

Second Reading (Sung Eucharist): 1 Peter 3.18-end

Gospel (Sung Eucharist): Mark 1.9-15

Trivia Quiz answers:

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. 400th | 16. Eight |
| 2. Taurus | 17. Terry Gilliam |
| 3. 3 | 18. Oxford & Cambridge boat race |
| 4. Abba | 19. Dog |
| 5. Stan Laurel | 20. Biscuit |
| 6. Lawyer | 21. Democrats and Republicans |
| 7. Kylie Minogue | 22. Coward |
| 8. Cycling | 23. Butcher |
| 9. Cliff Richard | 24. Thailand |
| 10. Rule the world | 25. Colin Farrell |
| 11. University | 26. San Francisco |
| 12. Isaac Asimov | 27. Blue & white |
| 13. Bonnet | 28. Nazareth |
| 14. Saturn | 29. Barbara Hulanicki |
| 15. Water | 30. 45 degrees |

St Peter-at-Gowts Parish Magazine

As indicated in last month's magazine, this, the February edition is the last one to be produced by me—Jack!

Next month's magazine is due to be prepared by Sue Frecklington—thanks Sue for 'stepping into the breach'!

With the magazine in its current format and with readership levels as they currently are, the magazine is now running at a financial loss to the church, so alterations to the magazine are probably inevitable.

As the new editor Sue will be the one to inform you of what she has in mind—not only in the very short term, but also, I would imagine, in the months and years ahead.

Many thanks once again, Sue.

Jack.

ACROSS:

1, Wage.

3, Cleansed.

9, Plateau.

10, Ready.

11, Did so.

12, Hollow.

14, Unregenerated.

17, Offers.

19, Islam.

22, Is not.

23, Overran.

24, Barracks.

25, Legs.

DOWN:

1, Wiped out.

2, Guard.

4, Laughing-stock.

5, April.

6, Seaport.

7, Days.

8, Belong.

13, Oddments.

15, Refiner.

16, Raided.

18, Extra.

20, Large.

21, Limb.

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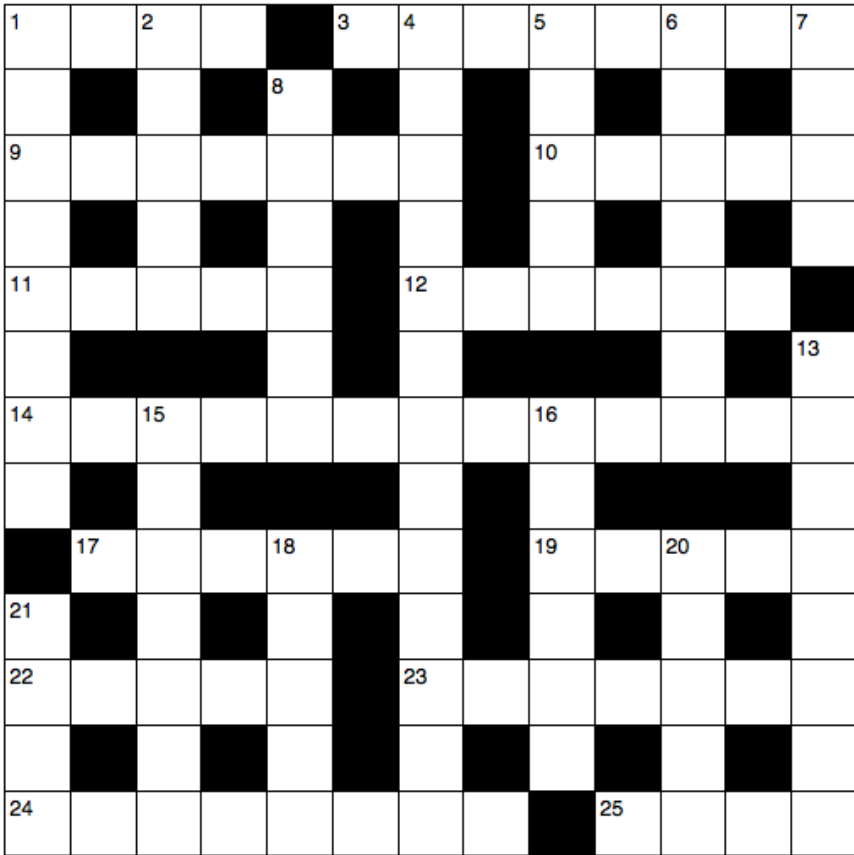
I have virtually all copies of the Church Magazine from January 1995 until 2012. Has anyone, I wonder, any copies of the magazine before 1995? If you have, I would be delighted to 'have sight of them'.

Many thanks in anticipation!

Jack

Prayer Diary for February

Wed 1st	The people of Ireland
Thurs 2nd	Give thanks for the Light of the World
Fri 3rd	For young children and parents
Sat 4th	For staff and pupils in our schools
Sun 5th	For the members of our PCC
Mon 6th	For the Queen and the Royal Family
Tues 7th	For our Country
Wed 8th	May world leaders co-operate for the good of all
Thurs 9th	May we give and not count the cost
Fri 10th	May we be aware of the will of God in our lives
Sat 11th	May we be forgiving to one another
Sun 12th	For our Armed Forces
Mon 13th	For unity among the Churches
Tues 14th	May we love as He loves us.
Wed 15th	May we be willing to accept criticism
Thurs 16th	For our families
Fri 17th	For our friends and neighbours
Sat 18th	For comfort & for those who are ill
Sun 19th	Give thanks for those who care for the sick
Mon 20th	For all who educate in Church Schools
Tues 21st	May the world we speak be wisely chosen
Wed 22nd	For the work of Girlguiding UK (Thinking Day)
Thurs 23rd	For our Bishops
Fri 24th	For our Parish
Sat 25th	For Fr Jeremy & his family
Sun 26th	For all who are recently bereaved
Mon 27th	Help us to learn the Word of God
Tues 28th	Give thanks for our many blessings
Wed 29th	For our own GP



Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his

- hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)

Tens of thousands respond to invitations to Back to Church Sunday

Congregations increased by nearly a quarter at more than 4,200 churches on Back to Church Sunday on 25th September 2011 - an average of 19 extra people per church.

Overall, 18 per cent of participating churches reported that nearly 14,000 extra people attended church on Back to Church Sunday 2011 in Great Britain; over 10,000 of these attended Church of England churches. Based on these numbers it could be estimated that:

* An extra 77,000 people attended church on Back to Church Sunday 2011 (over 58,000 in the Church of England)

* Since the first Back to Church Sunday in 2004, nearly 230,000 people have come back to church.

The Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Revd Paul Bayes, says " We know that three million people in England say they'd come back to church if they had an invitation, and I encourage even more churches to register in 2012. It's a simple initiative that really does work."

Children's media use and attitudes

UK's Ofcom has recently produced a research document on media use and attitudes of children and young people aged 5-15.

It found that children aged 12-15 are now more likely to miss their mobile phone or the internet than television. 91% of children in the UK have internet access via a PC/laptop, up from 87% in 2010. 43% of 12-15s having internet access in their bedroom, compared with 14% of 8-11s and 4% of 5-7s.

According to BARB data, children aged 4-15 watch an average of 17 hours 34 minutes of television per week, up from 15 hours 37 minutes in 2010. At least 50% of 12-15s go on social networking sites once a week or more. It also found that parents express high levels of trust in their child to use the internet safely.

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24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)

25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

Down

1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)

2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)

4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)

5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)

6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)

7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)

8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)

13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)

15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)

16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)

18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)

20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)

21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

Age UK links up with the Met Office to save lives this winter

In an attempt to lower the number of unnecessary deaths this winter, Age UK has set up a new initiative with the Met Office and the Department of Health. The Met Office now gives Age UK advance warnings when it predicts a cold spell so that vulnerable older people can be pre-warned and given tips on how best to stay warm and safe.

The figures show that there are up to 26,000 preventable deaths of older people each winter in the UK, many of which could have been avoided by people taking simple measures to stay warm. Low temperatures raise blood pressure, putting people at greater risk of heart attacks and strokes as well as increasing the likelihood and severity of flu, chest infections and other respiratory problems.

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - Child of Destiny

In 1926 a baby girl was born to the younger son of King George V. She was named Elizabeth and was joined a few years later by a sister, Margaret Rose. Growing up in royal circles, in the custom of the time they were privately educated at home.



Elizabeth knew from an early age that her father was a royal prince, but it would probably never have occurred to her that he might one day be the King nor, even more improbably, that she would one day be Queen. After all, the Prince of Wales and heir to the throne was the very popular and personable Edward. Her father was altogether of a more retiring nature and - as the whole world now knows - was handicapped by a serious stutter.

When Elizabeth was ten an event occurred which shook the nation and was destined to change the whole course of her life. Edward, Prince of Wales, had become king on the death of his father in 1936. However, before his coronation he made it known that he wished to marry an American woman, Wallis Simpson, who was divorced. That would probably not seem an insurmountable problem today - after all, the current heir to the throne is married to a divorced woman - but in 1936 it provoked a constitutional crisis.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was opposed to the marriage. The Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, and his cabinet came to the conclusion that despite Edward's popularity it was unlikely that the people would ever accept Mrs Simpson as his Consort, let alone their Queen.

The newspapers had a field day, the nation was in uproar, and a new ditty was added to children's playground repertoire:

Year's Mind Anniversaries for February

5th	Walter HARRIS
12th	Ray RICHARDSON
13th	Marjorie MONTGOMERY Peter THOMPSON
18th	Ted OLIVANT Sid DICKINSON
19th	Avice RAMSAY
22nd	Nellie LOUCH

"Grant unto them eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them"

Ladies Evening Group

The speakers at our last meeting were Jack and Ronnie Aldous who most of us know from St. Peter's, they came along to tell us about their trip on a working ship with some slides to show us, they explained when they arrived in Harwich and went aboard the Patricia with comfortable accommodation and good food they started their fortnight holiday on board. With some rough and calm seas they watched as the men and women worked going up the coast checking buoys and bringing some on board for cleaning and maintenance. The buoys are all different sizes and colours, which have different meanings. Ronnie told us that one day they got close to a oil rig which you wouldn't normally get to see close up. We would like to thank Jack and Ronnie for sharing their unusual holiday experience.

Our next meeting on February 13th will be Elizabeth Tebbs. A Talk on Tall Ships.

Barbara Davis

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Hark the herald angels sing,

Mrs Simpson stole our king.

Of course, she hadn't 'stolen' him. Far from it. Everything he said indicated that - as he put it in his last broadcast speech to the nation - he could not achieve anything 'without the support of the woman I love'.

The final outcome was inevitable. Edward signed an Act of Abdication, and as he did so his younger brother George automatically became king - and the young Elizabeth (though she may not at that moment have realised it) became heir to the throne.



A story was told at the time of the two sisters, Elizabeth and Margaret, being challenged in Windsor Great Park, where they were playing, by a security guard who didn't realise who they were. 'Now then, you two, what are you doing here? Who are you?'

Elizabeth, taking responsibility for her younger sister, replied, 'Oh, we're nobody. But our daddy is the King'. So he was - somewhat reluctantly. But he had an almost painful aversion to the public spotlight that now inevitably followed him, his strong and dedicated wife (another Elizabeth) and the two small girls.

Storm clouds were gathering over Europe. Hitler was demanding more territory in which to build his Arian dreamland. Already Jews were being rounded up and labelled in Germany and Austria. The new King and his family, together with the people he was pledged to serve, were about to face a monumental test of courage, character and resolve.

ORGANISATIONS

New members are always welcome at the Parish Organisations for the young and old – and the 'In-betweens' as well. If you are interested and would like to join, please contact the Leader or just turn up!

MONDAY

Every 3rd Monday, CAMEO in the church hall at 7.00 pm
(**C**ome **A**nd **M**eet **E**ach **O**ther)

LADIES EVENING – Meets on the second Monday of every month at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall, unless otherwise arranged.

Wednesday

KEEP FIT – Meets every week in the Church Hall at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday

ST PETER-AT-GOWTS WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall

CHOIR – Meets for practice in Church at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday

GRAND COFFEE MORNING – served in the Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. First Saturday in every month only.

SUNDAY

CHOIR – 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Banns etc. may be made by contacting Mrs Margaret Simpson. Tel: 528215

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8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays only

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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