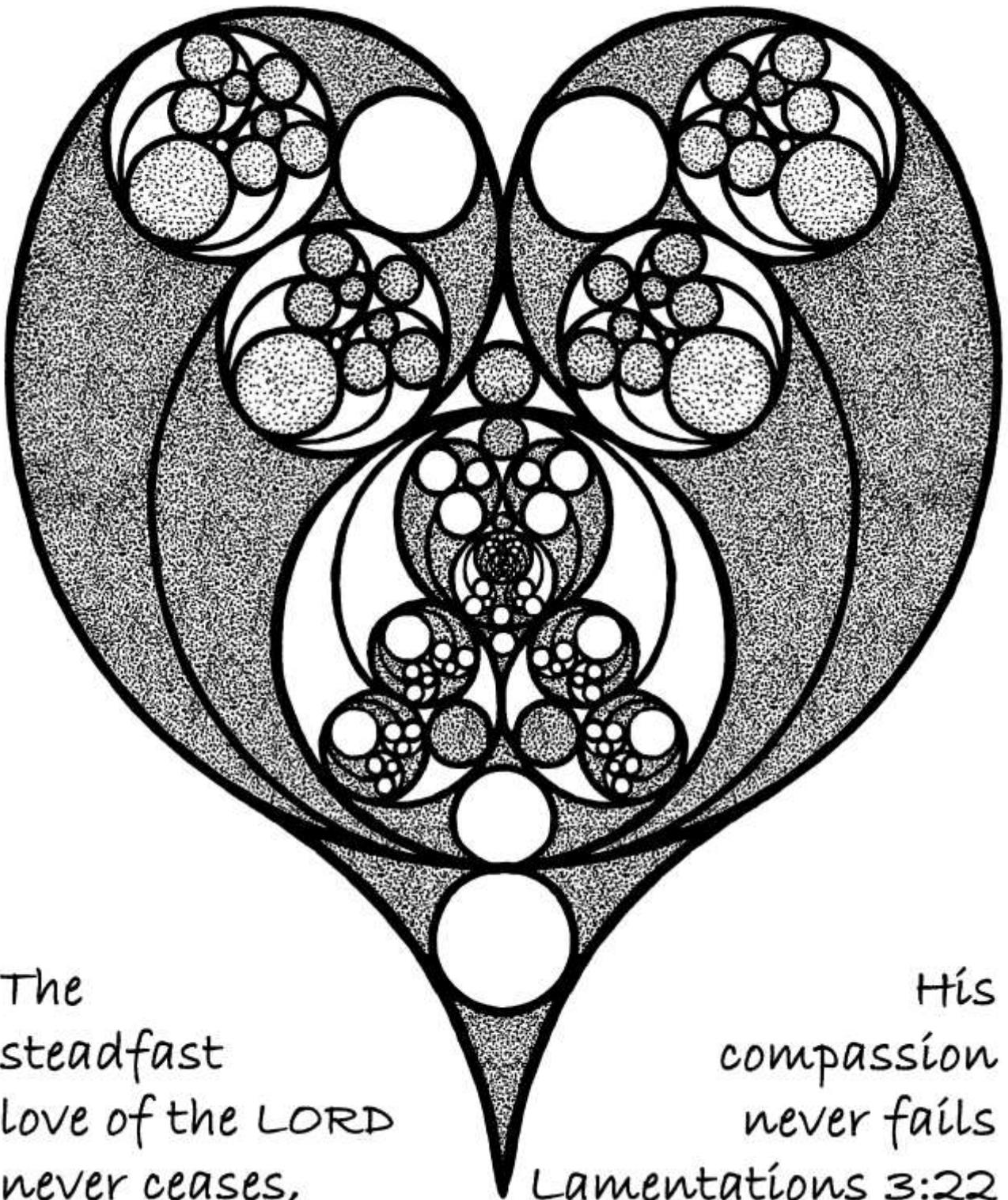


All Saints' Croxley Green

Parish Magazine
February 2023



The
steadfast
love of the LORD
never ceases,

His
compassion
never fails
Lamentations 3:22



All Saints' Croxley Green

Sunday Worship in Church

8am Holy Communion BCP
(First Sunday of the Month)

9.45am Parish Communion

11.30am Family Service
(Third Sunday of the Month)

Weekdays

Morning Prayers 8am in Church
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

The Church is Open Daily for private prayer and meditation.

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February 2023



Revd. Canon Miriam writes:

Dear Friends,

Three weeks after celebrating Candlemas, the end of the Christmas season when we removed the Christmas trees from Church and put our crib figures away, we will be in Lent! The liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter all happen within around four consecutive months. We will celebrate Easter Day exactly sixteen weeks after Christmas Day which feels like no time at all. How quickly we move from Jesus the baby in the manger to Jesus the man dying on the cross then Jesus resurrected and alive. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of our Christian faith and they should always be seen as a continuum as opposed to separate events. Let us not put all that God has blessed us with during Advent and Christmas in a box along with the crib figures, let us continue to journey with him. Perhaps in these weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday you might want to reflect on how you can live a more meaningful and God-focussed Lent this year. Think about where you are on your journey of faith. God has so much more that he longs to give each one of us and he longs for us to be open to receive more from him. Sometimes talking to someone else about God and where he is in your life can really help you to explore how you can know him even better. Please feel free to ask me, or Revd.s Paul, Anne and Tayo if you would like to chat to one of us. We would love to talk to you.

If you struggle to get into the habit of having time with God each day, or you look at your Bible and just don't know where to start, perhaps you might find some daily reading Bible notes helpful. At the back of Church, there are some sample booklets from the Bible Reading Fellowship which you might find helpful. These are samples only and should not be removed from the Church. However, there is a sign-up list if you would like to subscribe and receive these every three months. You can subscribe for paper copies or online copies. Perhaps this is something that will help you to engage with God in a different way with your journey through Lent.

Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February and we will have a service in Church of Reflection and Communion at 7.30pm. If you are unable to make the evening service, there will also be an opportunity for you to receive the mark of ashes on your forehead during the 9.45am service on the following Sunday 26th February.

This Lent we are joining with our colleagues from the other churches in Croxley to explore different ways of praying. Each church will host two sessions, one in the **afternoon at 2.30pm** which will be repeated in the **evening at 7.30pm**. It will be a great opportunity to join with Christians from the other churches as we learn together.

The dates and venues are:

Wednesday 1st March at the Methodist Church

Wednesday 8th March at St Oswald's

Wednesday 15th March at the Baptist Church

Wednesday 22nd March at St Bede's

Wednesday 29th March at All Saints'

You may also be interested in joining our Lectio group where we spend time reflecting on scripture and share with each other what we feel the scripture is telling us. We had some sessions back in the autumn which were very popular. We will be running four sessions on Sunday evenings at 6pm starting on 29th January. Each is a stand alone session so it doesn't matter if you are unable to attend one or two of the sessions.

There will also be a Quiet Church evening on 9th February. Quiet Church is an opportunity to just sit quietly in our candlelit Church and just be. In our busy lives it is often hard to find a time or a place where we can be quiet and away from things that distract us. Quiet Church lasts for an hour. You are welcome to join and leave at any time during the hour, starting at 7.30pm and lasting an hour. At 8.20pm we say Night Prayer for those who wish to join in.

With my love and prayers

Miriam

Parish Register and Records

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7th January 2023 Frederick John FINN

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20th January 2023 Damon Hector HERFT aged 51 years



Gospel Readings for February

Sunday 5th February

3rd Sunday before Lent

Matthew chapter 5 v 13 - 20

Sunday 12th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

Matthew chapter 6 v 25 - end

Sunday 19th February

Sunday next before Lent

Matthew chapter 17 v 1 - 9

Sunday 26th February

1st Sunday of Lent

Matthew chapter 4 v 1 - 11





An invitation to you for the World Day of Prayer Service

**March 3rd at 2pm at
The Methodist Church, New Road**

This is a great opportunity for all the churches in Croxley Green to meet together and have a time of prayer and reflection linking with people throughout the world especially thinking of the people of Taiwan who have prepared the service for the World Day of Prayer 2023.

Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Come and join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

Finally, at a church near you on Friday March 3rd 2023, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Taiwan. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk small group of islands in the Pacific Ocean.

The service will be followed by a time to enjoy tea and cake and a catch-up chat with friends.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like a lift to the service, or know anybody else who would, please contact the Church Office 01923 77210 or speak to Miriam, Fran Bennett or Jane Bates.

Wobbly Moments at Family Service

It was such fun to meet again for our first family service of 2023!

When the children arrived they were invited to build a house from Duplo or Lego. The children were challenged to balance their building on a balloon and a firm kneeler. I'm sure that you can guess which was the best foundation!

Miriam then retold the story of the Wise and Foolish men who built their houses in different places. It was agreed that the sandy place was not the best – houses need firm foundations. People need firm foundations too – and Jesus is our firm foundation.



Jane had brought her wobble board and lots of children, mums and dads had a try to see how long they could balance on it. Not easy!

We had our favourite songs to sing and dance to and our prayers helped us to call on JESUS who is our firm foundation. The children decorated



a rock to remind them of what we had thought about. Adults and children - we can all have wobbly moments in our lives. BUT if we have a wobble, don't forget to turn to Jesus who is our strong rock and is always there for us, ready to help us through tricky times.

The next Family Service is in the Church Hall at 11.30am on Sunday 19th February.

You are all welcome.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2023

27th February – 12th March 2023



This Fairtrade Fortnight, join us in spreading a simple message: choose Fairtrade now and help save our favourite foods.

Did you know cocoa, bananas and coffee could soon be much more difficult to find on our shelves?

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So not only is choosing Fairtrade best for people and planet, it could help save everyday treats like chocolate, bananas and a hot cuppa!

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Have a look around while you are shopping. How many Fairtrade items can you see? Can you swap any of your normal makes for ones using FAIRTRADE?

**A special prayer for Safeguarding
at All Saints' Church**

Dear God,

Help us to be a church that:

Loves, welcomes, protects.

Listens, learns, serves.

Repents, restores, transforms.

Values, cares, believes.

God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

Smile Lines *from Parish Pump*

Judgement?

This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?"'

Notes from the PCC Meeting on 4th January 2023

Warm Spaces in Croxley Green

The Pastoral and Evangelism Committee meeting on 18th January will consider whether or not to apply for a local authority grant for the Hall as a designated Warm Space during this winter.

Building Works

The PCC authorised the works to replace some slipped tiles and a missing ridge tile to the Church roof. These works will require the use of a cherry picker for a day and will be overseen by the Church Surveyor. The Buildings Committee meeting on 2nd February will consider quotations received for repairs to the tarmac drive.

Church Kneelers

The Church has about 140 kneelers which were embroidered during the 1980s by members of the congregation. Some of them were sponsored and bear names and dates of individuals. Most of these are stored in the Sacristy. The PCC appointed a small group of members to seek information on the names of those who embroidered the kneelers so they can be commemorated. If you have any information, especially about members of your family, please speak to Jane Bates, Fran Bennett or John Galloway.

Church Clock Chimes

The PCC was contacted by Councillor Chris Mitchell about whether it would wish to support a move to restore the 24-hour chiming of the Church clock, which had been discontinued since 2013 following the service by Three Rivers District Council of a notice under noise abatement legislation which prohibited the sounding of the chimes after 11pm and before 7am. A legal appeal against the notice had been withdrawn due to its cost and a low prospect of success. Members considered that, in the absence of a change to the legislation, a further attempt to get the notice withdrawn would be unlikely to succeed. A restoration of the night time chimes might lead to further complaints about noise. Also, the purchase and installation of a control mechanism had been financed and undertaken by a generous local donor, Mr Peter O'Grady. The PCC decided that they did not wish to press for Three Rivers Council to rescind the restriction order, although Councillor Mitchell was free to

take any action he saw fit on the matter.

Later in the meeting, the PCC decided to investigate the possibility of replacing the existing hand winding mechanism for the Church clock, which is difficult to access, with an electronically controlled system. A report will be made to a future meeting.

A New History of All Saints' Church, Part 2

John Galloway reported on the preparation of an updated history of All Saints' Church from 1872 to the present time. The new book will follow on from the very successful volume on the inauguration of the parish and the building of the Church and has been prepared by members of the Croxley Green History Group and John himself. Discussions on publication, including the date, were in hand with the publisher of volume 1. The PCC commended John and the History Group for their valuable research.

Future PCC Meeting-Dates and Start Time

The PCC has held some recent meetings in the Hall Committee Room to save costs of heating and lighting the Church for meetings during the winter months. It has decided to continue to hold meetings in the Committee Room henceforth, with a starting time of 7.30pm. The Room will also be available on Wednesdays for meetings of Church committees and groups.

Chris Fagan
PCC Secretary

Smile Lines *from Parish Pump*

Answer to prayer

A small boy badly wanted a baby brother, so his dad suggested he pray every night for one. The boy prayed earnestly, night after night, but his prayers seemingly weren't answered. So after a few weeks, he didn't bother to ask anymore.

Some months later, his dad said they were going to see Mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. The little boy stood still for a moment, and then cautiously observed: "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

February Prayer Diary

Date	In our Church Family
1st	Anne and Chris Oke
2nd	Margaret and Dick Paddick
3rd	Paul, Siu and Kelly Palmer
4th	Ann and Lyndon Palmer
5th	Francesca Sams
6th	Cathy Scarborough
7th	Sarah and Cameron Selleck
8th	Wendy Shafe
9th	Revd. Anne and Don Shaw
10th	Dorothy Sims
11th	Anthony and Mary Smith
12th	Marjorie and Tommy Stevenson
13th	Alice Tims

14th	Lillian and Jenson Tsang
15th	Vicky, Katherine, William and James Vandy
16th	Derek Wakefield
17th	Katie, Martin and Scott Wakefield
18th	Mary Wong
19th	Michael Adam
20th	Shirley Barnes
21st	Jane Bates
22nd	Sam Beard
23rd	Nik and Fran Bennett
24th	Mary Bittles
25th	Shelagh and Tony Booth
26th	Rae Bowyer
27th	Ben, Michelle, Sanna and Sophie Brogden
28th	Kelly Buckle

Sunday Coffee Charity



We will be supporting The Red Cross with our Sunday coffee donations for the next three months.

The Red Cross is a charity that helps millions of people anywhere in the UK and around the world to get the support they need if a crisis strikes.

In the UK they provide:

Help with money problems - If you're worried about the rising cost of living or have other money concerns, they will help you find out where to get financial support.

British Red Cross support line – when a crisis happens The Red Cross have a support line that will provide information and connect you to the relevant support in your area. Whether it is a fire in a family home or a large-scale national emergency, you can depend on them 24/7.

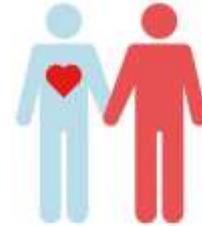
Help with loneliness - their guidance provides tips on how to tackle loneliness and information on where to get further support.
Support after a hospital stay - they support vulnerable people living independently at home and those who need help after a stay in hospital.

The Red Cross working abroad provides international aid that helps people around the world in emergencies, they supports refugees, survivors of trafficking and those facing chronic hunger.

Some of the crises that it is presently supporting are:

The Pakistan flood appeal where more than 3 million people have lost their homes to the floods, and a thousand people have died, including children.

Deadly Afghanistan earthquake this was a powerful earthquake that has killed 1,000 people and left 1,500 more wounded. This comes at a



Over a quarter

of UK adults said
a kind act made them feel
they were not alone

time when 95% of people don't have enough to eat and a million children under five are at risk of dying from malnutrition.

The Ukraine crisis appeal where The Red Cross provide healthcare, emotional support and essentials like food and fuel to people in Ukraine.

The Red Cross works with seven fundamental principles which were created in Vienna in 1965. They bind together the National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies. This makes the British Red Cross part of a worldwide movement.

And very importantly the fundamental principles mean that people they help can trust that they're neutral, independent and impartial. As you can see from the many projects this charity supports its work output is huge and it would be very grateful for any help as volunteers or financially that we can provide. If you would like to know more about the work that they do please look on the website <https://www.redcross.org.uk>.

Money Raised at Sunday Coffee during 2022

Well done to all the tea and coffee drinkers at All Saints' Church. Not only are we enjoying a cuppa and chat after the service on a Sunday morning, we are also doing a lot to help charities with their vital work through our donations.

£ 346	Herts Young Homeless
£ 348	Mothers' Union
£ 311	Playskill
£ 418	Young Minds
£ 1423	Total

Thank you to the people on the Coffee Rota who set up, serve and clear away. If you would like to help, please talk to Miriam.

Neither Here nor There

‘A Broad Church’

Yes, we’ve all heard the expression and it is usually associated with Political Parties as they seek to accommodate many different points of view and a tolerance of those who judge matters differently. What is not so generally known is how the phrase “Broad Church” originated. Apparently, in the late 19th century, a Mr A H Clough used it to describe Anglicans who objected to traditional explanations of Theology and who wanted to interpret this in a broad way. Since then it has come to mean any organisation with a set set of beliefs that allows for a wide range of opinions and ideas.

We live in days when views become more and more polarised and are rapidly drifting into a world of intolerance. I remember those halcyon days when people could fiercely argue a point of view and could still part as friends, but that is not often the case today. Personally, as I get older, I become less dogmatic, whether that is about an obscure point of doctrine or how a church service should be conducted. That’s why I have learned to appreciate the order and dignity of an All Saints’ gathering and can equally be at home (occasionally) when involved in a Charismatic Jamboree.

In the denomination which holds my ministerial credentials, we have, like others a number of stated beliefs which we refer to as ‘Fundamental truths’ but with the passing of the years, we have been brave enough to ask ourselves the question, ‘We may still hold a point of view or interpret the Scripture a certain way, but is it really foundational’? Of course, we must, as Christians, accept the supreme authority of God’s Word, but so often it’s our interpretation that’s at fault.

Having , for over 50 years, preached in Christian Churches, of many denominations, around the world, I have learned to make myself at home and to be ready for anything (this includes preaching for ten minutes at All Saints to preaching for two hours, with interpretation, in India. In places, such as Romania, if I preached for too short a time, the Pastor would announce a hymn, then, to my consternation, he would ask me to preach again (often naming the subject himself).

Providing a church recognised that the only way to God was through Jesus Christ (Acts 4.12), I can go with that and only interfere when something is Non-Biblical or Extra-Biblical. A Christian Church which demonstrates the love of Christ is chosen and precious to him, regardless of procedural differences, which, admittedly, can be off-putting.

I was about to preach in a large and lively Charismatic Church in Memphis, Tennessee, where about 2,000 were present. The Pastor warned me that during my preaching, people might be expected to leave their seats, approach the pulpit, kneel, lay down some money and return to their seats. This was something that had been happening, on occasions, for a number of weeks. The cash, he said, was in appreciation of something I had said and it would be picked up and handed to me at the end of the service and I should ignore this if it happened. So - to answer your question - it did happen (quite a bit) and the amount given was substantial. This was quite different from an occasion in Dallas, when I was informed that an armed guard would stand at each end of the platform, to ensure that nobody approached me at all. I think I prefer the Memphis experience.

Far removed from Dallas, separated by both distance and a cultural chasm, are the Gypsy communities of South East Europe, generally referred to as Roma people. They occupy land, and village communities, often living well below the poverty line and often ostracised by the citizens of the countries where they are treated as second class citizens. I have worked in these communities, to establish Christian churches and train leaders, an experience which was at the same time challenging and delightful. For many years, there were hardly any Christian Roma groups in South Serbia. Now there is a significant Christian presence, who exercise an increasingly transformative influence in their society.

One hot, weeknight, Summer evening, I was preaching to a packed congregation. It was a building meant to seat around 100 people, but about 200 had somehow got in, with a further 100 or so listening from outside through the open windows. Preaching to Roma people

is a unique experience, they tend to move around a lot and hold conversations all the time, with multitudes of children roaming and playing boisterously. Having said that, it is always a joyous and productive experience,. They just expect God to do something for them. You, kind of, have to dominate them, or you lose them and I was good at that !!

By the time I got up to preach, it was hot and there was a kind of fug, consisting of ‘country’ odours etc. which made it hard to catch any air. The front row of the congregation was literally 2 feet from my pulpit (two wooden boxes). Suddenly a rather large lady right in front of me, unfastened her blouse, exposing a very large breast, to which she clamped her baby. On seeing this, another lady sitting two rows behind, passed her own baby to the front who promptly applied itself to the lady’s other breast which had popped into view. As for me, I just got on with my job. Great people, precious memories.

OK, different from Memphis or Dallas, and all different from All Saints’, but all chosen by God and precious to Him who said ‘I will build my Church’. Most certainly, I do not subscribe to the, so called, latest survey, which purports to prove the downgrade of Christianity. Around the world, Jesus is doing just what He said he would do. More people are turning to faith in Christ than at any time in history and I say again - He is the only way.

Revd. J Ron Hibbert

Miscellaneous observations on life in 2023

By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.

Children are natural mimics – they act like us, in spite of all our attempts to teach them good manners.

Common sense isn’t.

Parish Pump

Have you heard of The Rickmansworth Care Scheme?

At the Churches Together AGM recently Cathy Scarborough, our Parish Nurse, mentioned the need for volunteers to provide transport for those who are unable to use public transport for various reasons and need that little bit more support.

I was surprised to find that no one seemed aware of a well established organisation in our area which has been doing just that for 50 years. **The Rickmansworth Care Scheme** was set up in the early 1970s by the then Churches Together in Croxley Green and Rickmansworth to help people living in Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Mill End and Maple Cross and provides exactly what Cathy was looking for. A similar care in the community scheme operates in many areas nationwide. Chorleywood and Kings Langley are two examples near us.

If you are able, please consider volunteering to fulfil this need through the Rickmansworth Care Scheme which is very much in need of help and support as many volunteers have not returned since COVID. Volunteering offers a very rewarding sense of community. The scheme is in need of both drivers and duty officers who take the calls and make the arrangements. Drivers can choose to do as much as they wish and can claim expenses at 45p a mile. Duty officers usually do two consecutive mornings every month or two.

No charge is made to the client as this ensures it is open to all. Donations however are welcomed and earlier in the life of the scheme each church used to donate annually. Without donations the scheme would not operate.

Please consider volunteering.

If you would like to do so or want further information please contact me Eleri Davies. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Email address:- eleridavies99@hotmail.com

Tel. Nos. – 01923 236965 or 07903 240633



Come and Sing

Would you like to join the Choir to sing on special occasions?

We are looking to boost our Choir with extra voices at special services and would really like it if you would come along and join us at any, or all, of the following services.

Ash Wednesday : 22nd February at 7.30pm

Mothering Sunday : 19th March at 9.45am

Palm Sunday : April 2nd evening service (6pm)

Practices will be held on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm

Monday 13th March at 7.30pm and

Monday 27th March at 7.30pm

If you are not able to commit to all of the services and practices, please come along to the ones you are available for.

Please come along, everyone is welcome

If any children are interested in singing with the choir on special occasions they are also very welcome. The first practice for children will be after the Church service on Sunday 26th February.

Please contact Anne Oke for further information

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27th February George Herbert: Priest— and poet

If we were to name someone prominent from the 17th century, we might mention Rembrandt or Shakespeare. It is unlikely we would remember George Herbert. However, he was a prolific writer, a gifted speaker and musician. His hymns are still sung today.

Herbert was born into a wealthy family in Mid-Wales on 3rd April 1593. His father was a Member of Parliament who died when Herbert was three years old. His mother moved her large family to London where, aged 12, Herbert entered Westminster School. In 1609, his mother remarried, and Herbert left home to be a student at Trinity College, Cambridge.

By the age of 23, Herbert had graduated with two degrees. He was fluent in Latin and Greek and in 1620 was elected as the University's Public Orator. He held this position for seven years, and for a short time was MP in his hometown in Wales.

Although Herbert was securing an illustrious future and his speeches had gained the attention of King James 1, he was restless. He felt God was calling him to the priesthood and much of Herbert's poetry expressed his inner spiritual conflicts.

When the King died in 1625, and two influential patrons also died at about the same time, Herbert responded to God's call on his life and gave up his secular ambitions. He married in 1629 and became a priest in a small Anglican church in Bemerton in Wiltshire. Here he found inner peace at last, serving God in the local community. His poetic talent continued to flourish along with his musicianship as a skilled lutenist. After only three years as a priest, he died of tuberculosis on 1st March 1633. He was 39.





Some ninety of Herbert's poems have been set to music by such composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten. His most well-known hymns are *Teach me my God and King*, *Let all the world in every corner sing* and *King of glory, king of peace*.

A number of artistic commemorations of Herbert exists in several churches and cathedrals including a stained-glass window in Westminster Abbey and a statue at the front of Salisbury Cathedral.

Parish Pump

Companion Voices

Companion Voices have resumed their singing practices in Church on alternate Wednesdays, starting at **10.30am**. You are very welcome to pop in and listen to the beautiful music they make and, if you like to sing, they are looking for new members too.

Companion Voices is a group of people who come alongside others who are dying, at the family or individual's request, and gently sing to them. Being sung to is an incredibly moving experience and the peacefulness that it brings to the room and the people in it is such a blessing.

If you would like to know more about them, pop in and have a chat when they are in Church. They will be in Church on the following dates:

February 1st and 15th

March 1st and 15th

April 5th and 19th

May 3rd and 17th

June 7th and 21st

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With Valentine's Day in mind... How do you define love?

A group of 4-to-8-year-olds was once asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....

– “When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.” Rebecca – age 8

– “Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.” Karl – age 5

– “Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs.” Chrissy – age 6

– “Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.” Terri – age 4

– “Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.” Danny – age 7

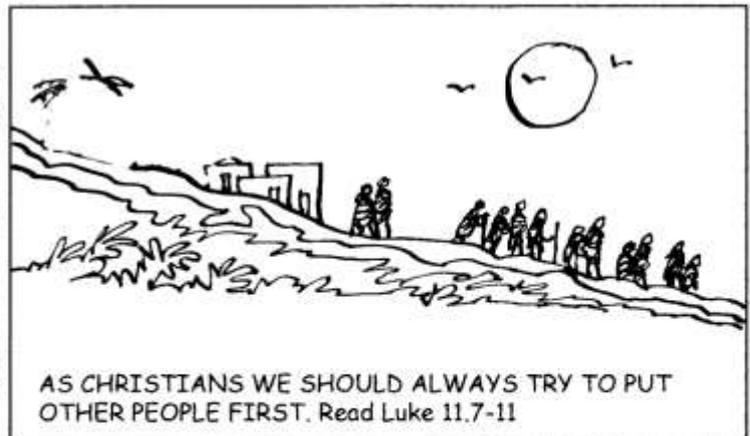
– “Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss.” Emily – age 8

– “If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.” Nikka – age 6

“My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.” – Clare, aged 6

“Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken.” – Elaine – age 5

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day” Mary Ann – age 4



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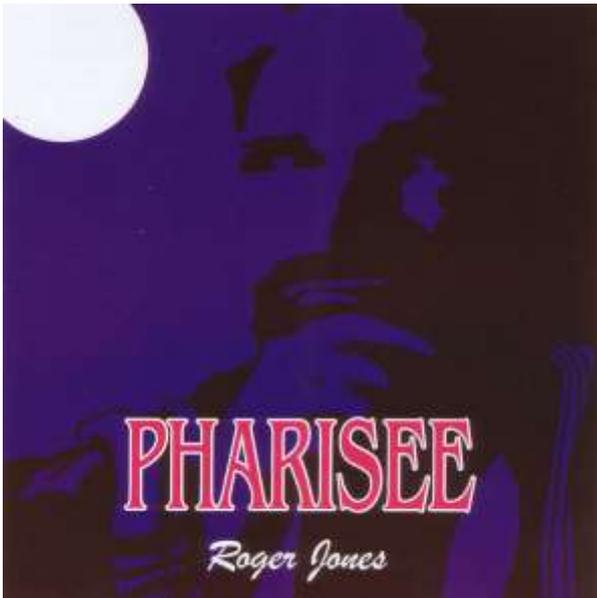


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**Saturday 25th March
10.30am-6pm
St Luke's Church Langley
Way, Watford**

Join Joyful Noise Choir for a fun day of singing and orchestral workshops learning the musical 'Pharisee' culminating in a public charity performance for Watford Schools Trust.

Sing in the choir, **play** in the orchestra (from 10.30am), or **come and watch** the final performance (starts 4.30pm).

Singing workshops and performance conducted by Sarah Moreton (conductor, Joyful Noise Choir).

Orchestral workshops led by Annie Routley (Christian Music Ministries conductor/arranger).

All welcome (recommended age 10+). Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult, though they do not have to participate in the same activity as their supervising adult. **Singers need a music score or words**, which can be ordered when booking and collected on the day or at the optional rehearsals. **Orchestral music will be provided on the day** (though it is available to view - via email/PDF only - in advance on request).

Any questions? Ask Sarah - tel. 07929 645179

Watford Schools Trust is an interdenominational Christian charity (est.1987) that works with numerous schools in the Watford area, with the aim of helping schools to provide pupils with a clear understanding of the Christian faith. The charity employs Schools Workers and an Administrator. Their excellent, well-established and much sought-after services, which include delivering R.E. lessons, workshops and assemblies and curating an extensive library of online and practical resources, are offered to schools free of charge. Joyful Noise is thrilled to be supporting this wonderful local charity - **all audience ticket proceeds and a (large!) portion of participant fees will be donated to the trust.**



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What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27

What did Jesus say this represented?

His -----
Matthew 26:27-28



- SUPPER
- LAMB • LORD
- DISCIPLES
- TOGETHER
- EVENING
- ROOM • JAR
- WATER • TWELVE
- JESUS • CHRIST
- NIGHT • TOOK
- THANKS
- BLESSING
- BROKE • GIVEN
- COVENANT
- DRINK • EAT
- FORGIVENESS
- SINS • HOLY
- COMMUNION
- EUCCHARIST

What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18



What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His -----
Matthew 26:26



Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in

of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25



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