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Sunday 10:30am & Wednesday 9:45am

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Dear Family,

I hope that you have had a great summer and feel refreshed and in good spirit! On our holiday in Italy we saw wonderful things in Tuscan towns, countryside and beaches – what a privilege it was. It was amazing to dip into the culture of Siena, Florence, Lucca and the island of Giglio – and such a profound experience to see Renaissance works of Michelangelo and Giotto depicting scenes from the Bible and expressing profound motives of the Christian faith.

What came across to me very powerfully was the incredible reverence people had for God – expressed in mighty churches, domes, towers, art and statues.

This was Italy, but then we came home and I have to say that it was then so wonderful to see the **colourful flower pots in our churchyard** opposite – what a difference they make and how uplifting they are!

Thanks so much for Erica and Kaye's efforts and to everyone sponsoring flower pots.

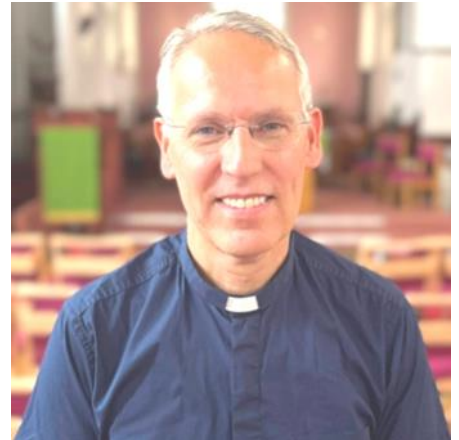
Coming back and starting afresh I have been getting a **strong sense that we are again at an important point**. On the one hand, our weekly worship rhythm continues and key things are firmly in place and give us an important sense of belonging, including our **Tuesday Drop-In** (thanks to Maxine, Jon and Tricia and their team).

Meanwhile some things resume after the break while new ventures are birthed: a **new Bible Study home group** started this week (thanks to Kate); next week our **new Salsa Dancing classes for the Community** will kick off (thanks to Irene & David and Jessica) and the **Edge Youth Club** will resume after the break, and so does the **Family Fun Zone** (thanks so much to amazing respective teams). We are also blessed by new and wonderful people continue to join Holy Trinity: they are settling in and new relationships are being formed. We also hope to be part of a major episcopal funding proposal called "**Believing in Barking**" – watch the space.

And finally, we are looking forward to some special events, including **the Christening of Grace & Gary Mann's baby James on Sunday 15 September** (please note that the family will provide a light lunch for everyone in church afterwards); **celebrating Harvest together with a lunch in our Parish Hall after the Sunday service on 6 October**; and a little further ahead but too good not to share now: **The licensing of Rev Kate Szejmann as Self-Supporting Associate Minister at Holy Trinity by Bishop Lynne on 4 November** (special service @ 7pm).

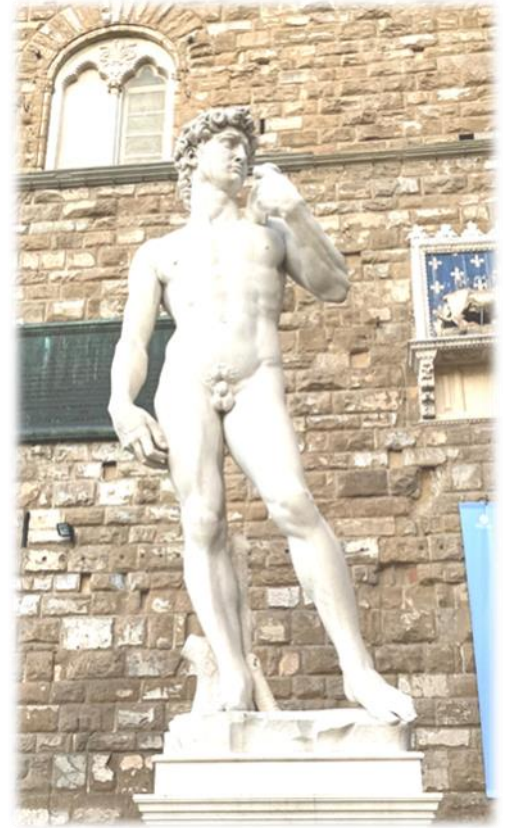
So, we are definitely on the move, exciting things are happening, and we are curious: "What is God going to do?" "Where exactly is our journey going?"

Allow me to share a number of things that spoke to me during our holidays and



might be useful for us as we step into another new season. **First, let's remind ourselves that ultimately God is in control**, so there really is good reason to trust and relax rather than strive and be anxious in all this. And it's also worth reminding ourselves that **we believe in a God of miracles!**

He can make the impossible and unthinkable happen – Michelangelo's famous David statue in front of Palazzo Vecchio in Florence is such a powerful testimony of this – this is central to the hope we have. And I have seen this a few times over the last two years in our church, and it also happened once on our holiday and we are still rattled by it. I am sure that you have a story too, and it would be good if we reminded one another more about God regularly making the impossible possible – he is the miracle maker.



Second, we live in a world that seems often driven by negatives, complaints, bitterness, exclusion, denial and pointing finger at others. **We want to be different and do better by emphasising hope and life-giving things and abundance around us** – supporting and encouraging one another. And we try to do this through Christ's love, humility and care for us, one another and the whole community. I think it's that what makes us special, and gives me such hope for our journey.

Third, when I see the enthusiasm and sense of belonging of those who are part of the various teams we have, it is so clear to me that **God loves nothing more than empowering and releasing people**; seeing how we respond to his calling to us; seeing how we grow as we use the gifting he has given us to bless the whole community. It really is on our heart to see this happen. And it's wonderful to see Mike now in formal training as an Ordinand based at HT on his journey to priesthood – many congratulations and every blessing to him.

And that's why we keep asking *“Do you want to get involved in anything at HT? Is there anything on your heart you want to do? Please speak to us.”* That's why we pray: *“Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do: through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

So, there is a lot to chew on and to discern; a lot to pray for; a lot to be thankful for: Praise the Lord! God is Good!

And as always, thanks so much for who you are, and for all the things you do to radiate Christ's life.

And please always feel welcome to contact me or Kate – we would love to hear from you!

Grace and mercy,

Fr. Chris

STOPPING IN WILTSHIRE Bill Godfrey

We never really know what to expect when planning a holiday in our own country.

The weather can be seasonal or unpredictably chilly. We have to ponder on what to put into our travel cases, rainwear, woollies or just take summer clothes and hope.

This time we headed for Wiltshire, a county full with history but no coastline. Us, being a maritime nation, usually head for the sea-side. But this year we decided to book a holiday in the county we usually pass through to get somewhere else, Wiltshire. Furthermore we would shun all Motorways and stick to A and B roads. Of course there is no avoiding the A406 to get us out of London.

Despite all the manipulations over the years there are still tricky points, three lanes merging into two for example and the Hanger Lane roundabout remains an obstacle at peak traffic. But we made it to Ealing Common, huge trees sort of hanging over us, and there it was, the Blue Plaque to actor Sid James on the wall of his once residence.

Our initial target was Runnymede the historic place where King John was encouraged to sign The Great Charter, Magna Charter. We could let the dogs out there and stretch our legs. Free parking for half an hour, useful for toilet and coffee breaks. I don't think that was included in King John's Charter!

We moved on sticking to the old A30. So many alterations since we were last there, but the model of an elephant remains resplendent in Camberley. Another stop for refreshment in Hartley Wintney and then we were leaving our old, familiar, route to look for our holiday destination, in country lanes. With help from our Sat-nav we found our farm in part of the Savernake Forest.

Our digs, a fully functional mobile home, was in the farm yard. Immediately opposite our front door was a dog pound. There were at least ten dogs in there, all shapes and sizes. They were let out regularly and mixed amicably with the free range chickens that were also all sizes and colours. Something of a novelty for us to have a cockerel crowing outside the windows. Some 30 or 40 yards further on a fence kept a herd of young cattle at bay.

Our landlords were custodians of Savernake Forest which include controlling the numbers of deer. Our digs had at its disposal a big garden with a hut that contained a double bed; a pond, shrubs, trees and flowers. Eggs abundant and venison on request.

During this holiday we made a point of visiting the Avebury, huge stones erected by ancient people to form a great circle. We walked a few miles of the Kennet and Avon canal. Astonishing to know that the canal was dug solely by manpower. What might they have given for the use of a JCB or two?

Marlborough was our nearest town. We visited it a few times for main shopping, a pleasant place. Altogether an interesting holiday on a site where we occasionally heard but did not see trains from Paddington conveying people westward.

Us? We were happy to spend days in Wiltshire, letting the trains and the days go by.

Church concern at the UK housing crisis

The 'deep roots' of the UK housing crisis requires a long-term strategy, as well as immediate solutions for homeless people and for those living in rural areas.

So said the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, in a recent debate in the House of Lords. As the C of E's lead bishop on housing, she asserts: "Too often housing has been viewed as a financial asset, rather than a fundamental human need."

She went on: "The housing crisis has been escalating for decades, so we should not underestimate just how long it will take to fix. I cannot overstate the need for long-term thinking in tackling the housing crisis."

In the meantime, rough sleeping continues to rise, and thousands of children remain in temporary accommodation.

The 'Father of English Medicine' *By Tim Lenton*

Four hundred years ago, on 10th September 1624, Thomas Sydenham, the English physician who became known as the "father of English medicine", was born in Dorset. His textbook on medicine, *Observationes Medicae*, became the standard medical textbook in England for the next 200 years.

Sydenham came from a Puritan family, and his medical studies were interrupted by his fighting for the Parliamentarians in the Civil War. He had a deep Christian faith and believed in simple remedies based on natural theology. His treatments contrasted with many of the complex, speculative prescriptions of his time.

His work generally led to a more scientific approach to medicine, and he was compared to Hippocrates, the ancient Greek 'Father of Medicine'. When he studied medicine at Oxford, he became a friend of renowned chemist Robert Boyle and philosopher John Locke.

Sydenham had an astute and courageous mind that rejected much of the received wisdom of his day. He stressed the importance of observation, stating: "You must go to the bedside."

One of his achievements was to identify and differentiate scarlet fever and measles, two extremely dangerous diseases at the time. He recommended fresh air and exercise, and also diagnosed St Vitus' dance, sometimes called Sydenham's chorea, for the first time.

He was a founder of clinical medicine and epidemiology, and his treatise on gout – from which he himself suffered – was considered a masterpiece.

He also wrote a book on fevers and treated victims of the Great Plague in 1665, as well as introducing laudanum into medical practice for pain relief.



1st September

St Giles of Provence, helping those damaged by life

St Giles was an immensely popular saint in the Middle Ages, and no wonder: he was the patron saint of cripples. In those days, there were many people who, once injured, were never really whole again. Even today, a serious injury – either physical or mental or emotional, can leave us damaged for months, years or even longer. At such times, we, too, find inspiration in others who, though also damaged by life, have not been overwhelmed.

St Giles was probably born in Provence, southern France early in the 7th century. The 10th century *Legenda Aurea* (Golden Legend) tells us he lived as a holy hermit deep in the forest of Nîmes, near the mouth of the Rhone. A hind, or Red Deer, was his only companion. Then one day, while out hunting, King Wamba spotted the deer, and pursued it. The hind fled back to St Giles for protection. King Wamba shot an arrow which missed the deer but pierced the saint who was protecting it. Thus, the king encountered the saint. The saint's acceptance of his injury, and his holiness greatly impressed the king, who conceived a great admiration for St Giles.

In the end, much good came out of the original harm of the encounter, for the king then built St Giles a monastery in his valley, Saint-Gilles-du-Gard. The little monastery was put under the Benedictine rule and became a source of blessing for the area roundabout. In later years, St Giles' shrine would become an important pilgrimage centre on the route for both Compostela and the Holy Land, as well as in its own right.

There is a further story connected with St Giles. Another legend tells how an emperor sought forgiveness from him for a sin so terrible he dared not even confess it. While St Giles said Mass, he saw written for him by an angel the nature of the sin in question. But his prayers for the emperor were so efficacious that the letters naming the sin faded away. As Christians, we know that the Bible urges us to pray for others, no matter how hopelessly bad they seem, because Christ's mercy and forgiveness are extended to everyone who truly turns to Him and repents.

No wonder then, that St Giles, the crippled saint who helped others find wholeness with God, became patron saint of cripples, lepers, and nursing mothers. In England 162 ancient churches are dedicated to him, as well as at least 24 hospitals. The most famous of these are St Giles in Edinburgh and St Giles in Cripplegate, London. In art, St Giles is represented as either a simple abbot with staff, or protecting the hind, or saying the Mass, and thus interceding for the emperor.

5th September **Laurence Giustiniani, the saint who knew how to help a beggar**

You are walking down the road when a beggar approaches you for money. What do you do? If, instead of giving money, you buy him/her coffee or a meal, then you are in good company: you are following in the steps of the first ever Bishop of Venice.

Laurence Giustiniani (1381 – 1455) was born of a noble Venetian family, but he chose the austerity of the Augustinian monastery of San Giorgio on island of Alga. He became a priest in 1406, Prior in 1407, Bishop of Castello in 1433 and then in 1451 the first ever Bishop of Venice.

By then, Laurence had seen a lot of human nature, and was wise as well as good. Frugal in his private life, and happy to help the poor, he made sure that he gave *wisely* as well as generously. Hence the poor who came to him for help were given food and clothing - but only very occasionally small amounts of money. Bishop Laurence also devoted himself to peace-making and other pastoral work, for which his contemporaries held him in high esteem. As he lay dying on a bed of straw, very many clergy, laity, beggars and destitute folk came to grieve: he was greatly respected and loved. Wise giving and peace-making – Laurence's example still shines true today.

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SEPTEMBER

September is a month that creates divisions – summer ending and autumn beginning. This year however, the weather has changed all the seasons and summer came early and then faded away. Maybe we'll have what is known as an Indian Summer and we shall have to get the summer clothes out again.

Of course one of the “divisions” refers to school life when pupils move up to big school or leave schooling altogether. This then brings on either a university life or first days of working and it marks an entry into adulthood for many. Who remembers their first day at work trying to fit in and learn the ways of the business world. I started my working life as a 16-year old shorthand typist and quickly found I had to work at a faster pace than I'd known at college. There were deadlines to be kept and office rules to be followed.

September is one of my favourite months with nature at her best with the trees changing colour and autumn shades everywhere. I often say we have no need to travel to New England to see “the fall” as we are lucky enough to have it all surrounding us here. Sweeping up leaves can be a chore, but while they're on the trees they are a joy to see, and who can resist kicking through the leaves after they have fallen and maybe picking up a shiny brown conker or two?

It's a time to check house maintenance too, having boilers serviced ready to make sure we can stay toasty during the coming months. Summer clothes to be put away and winter favourites brought out.

If you have elderly neighbours it's a nice time to be able to pop in and check they're ok, that everything seems to be in good order and maybe share a cake or two. Perhaps its time to start looking through those cookery books to get some fresh ideas for soups and stews. This is good any time of the year!



Barbara Youngs

Prayer for September 2024

Lord, here we are in September – a beautiful month at the end of the summer, but before the autumn has taken hold. A month of excitement and new starts for many, a month when courage is needed for our children and young people.

And Lord we pray for courage, compassion and integrity for our new Prime Minister and our new government. We pray for justice and peace in our country and in the world.

Help us Lord, to know that you are Lord of September; you are Lord and giver of every new month, every new day, every new minute. Help us to put our trust in you for our adventures and for our mundane everyday routines.

You are our generous, loving Father and promise that you will never leave us or forsake us when we trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen. *By Daphne Kitching*

Lord of the Winds

Lord of the winds, I cry to Thee,
I that am dust,
And blown about by every gust
I fly to Thee.

Lord of the waters, unto Thee I call,
I that am weed upon the waters borne,
And by the waters torn,
Tossed by the waters, at Thy feet I fall.
By Mary Coleridge (1861 – 1907)

The coming of Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer *By Tim Lenton*

Some 75 years ago, on 1st September 1949, the Christmas song *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* was released. It was sung by the American movie-star and singer Gene Autry, nicknamed the “Singing Cowboy”.

The song was adapted from a poem/story written by Robert L May for a children’s colouring book: it was an assignment given him by his employers, the Chicago-based Montgomery Ward retail group. It was published in 1939, and 2.4 million copies were distributed free in its first year.

May initially considered the names Rollo or Reginald for his ‘ugly duck’ reindeer, but eventually settled on Rudolph. Concerned about how to make the reindeer distinctive, he was looking out of his office window when a thick fog blocked his view. This gave him the idea for Rudolph’s bright red nose, enabling Santa to see where he was going.

Robert May’s four-year-old daughter was used as a sounding board while he created the story, but it was initially rejected, partly because of the unfortunate associations of a red nose with chronic drunkenness at the time. However, May’s friend and colleague, Denver Gillen, drew ‘cute reindeer’, which persuaded the managers to go for the idea.

The story-poem was turned into a song by May’s brother-in-law, Johnny Marks. Several popular singers rejected it, but Gene Autry took it on, and his recording reached No 1 on the Billboard chart for pop singles in the week of Christmas 1949. It sold 2.5 million copies in the first year. Up to the 1980s it was the second best-selling record of all time.

The United States Postal Service issued a series of postage stamps featuring Rudolph on 6th November 2014.

How having faith in God can help you here on earth **Presence** *By TE Brown (1830 -97)*

Anglicans are more likely to say that they are satisfied with their lives, and many older churchgoers say that they never feel lonely.

A recent survey for the Belonging Forum, which supports dialogue between faiths, has found that there is a strong association between belonging to a faith group and having greater well-being and health.

The survey found that religious people have higher levels of ‘social connectedness’ and friendships than the general population. They are more likely to speak with their neighbours regularly, and to have on average more friends than non-religious people do.

It seems that faith communities can play an important role in providing a sense of belonging and purpose in the UK.

Expecting Him, my door was open wide:
Then I looked round
If any lack of service might be found,
And saw Him at my side:
How entered, by what secret stair,
I know not, knowing only He was there.



15th September - St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyred 258

Cyprian is the saint for anyone who has given up a successful career in order to serve God in a difficult Christian ministry.

For, before he became a Christian, Cyprian 'had it all'. He was a renowned Orator of Carthage, teaching rhetoric and advocacy. But then, in AD 245, when he was in his mid 40s, Cyprian became a Christian, and it turned his career - and life - upside down.

For Cyprian's new commitment to Christ was absolute. He renounced his secular position as an Orator and renounced his inheritance as a landowner, giving the money to the Church in Carthage. He was ordained a priest, and became a student of Tertullian, the great African Christian scholar. Only three years later he was consecrated Bishop of Carthage, in AD 248. As Bishop, Cyprian cared for the poor, and his character, way of life and preaching were outstanding.

Unfortunately, Cyprian had become Bishop at a time of great hardship for the church. In 250 Emperor Decius led a great persecution, and its aftermath caused problems for the church leaders of north Africa.

For by 251, some of the Carthage Christians had caved in, and offered sacrifices to the pagan idols. Others had bought certificates saying that they had done so. But now these 'lapsed' Christians were 'repentant' and wanted to be readmitted to the church in Carthage. So, Cyprian had to decide if and how to readmit these believers. The decision was a difficult one, and he disagreed with the priest Novatius, who wanted to admit them straight back into the Church, without making any requirement of penance of them.

Another argument then erupted, when Cyprian disagreed with Bishop Stephen of Rome, over the validity of baptism if it had been administered by schismatics or heretics. Cyprian rejected its validity and demanded rebaptism; Stephen accepted it.

These two disagreements were to colour the whole of Cyprian's difficult time as bishop. His desire to have a unified church was equalled only by his passion to preserve the purity of the church.

Gradually, Cyprian united the Church in Carthage behind him. And by the time of Valerian's persecution in 257, the African church was not only standing up against the Church in Rome in some theological matters, but also standing with the regional government, which was beginning to seek freedom from the overbearing influence of the emperor.

Valerian's persecution led to Cyprian's martyrdom that same year of 257. An imperial order stated that all bishops had to participate in pagan ceremonies. Cyprian refused. After a year of exile, he returned to Carthage, was rearrested and subsequently beheaded.

But even after his death, the African Church was unwavering in her faith in the face of persecution.



21st September St Matthew, correct and concise

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e., a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

Holy Trinity ' Bible Study Group'

So, after a long absence due to covid and new leadership and of course God's timing, we are excited to host a new Bible Study Home group, fortnightly starting Wednesday 4th September, 7.30-9.15pm. Location and study to be confirmed nearer the time.

John 1:1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Psalms 119:105: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

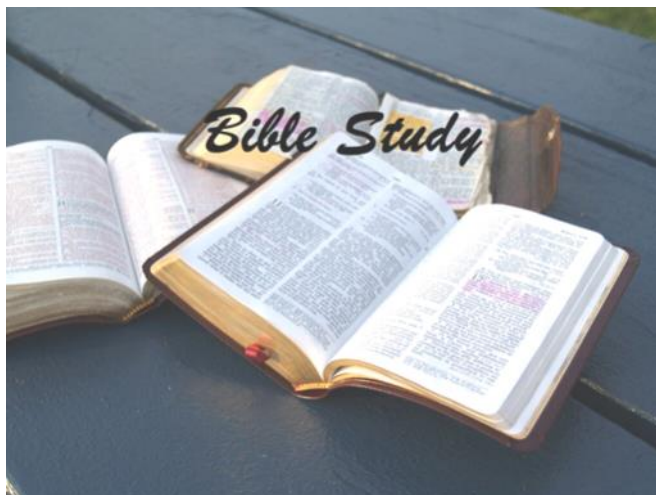
Time: 7.30pm-9.15pm

Wednesday 4th September
Wednesday 18th September
Wednesday 2nd October
Wednesday 16th October

HALF TERM: no meeting

Wednesday 6th November
Wednesday 20th November
Wednesday 4th December

Break for Christmas



The word of God never returns empty! It is life giving. It is our map to living the Christian life, it guides and counsels and more....

We already have much interest regarding sign ups, including new members of the church. We are aiming for approximately 12 people in the group (very biblical) and hoping that with continual interest to study God's word, will multiply in the New Year with a new group, whilst raising up new leaders to help lead them. There will be some guidance and training in this.

Further Details— **Rev Kate Szejmann**
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Miscellaneous observations on our Christian pilgrimage

Holy means set apart. Not like a set of cutlery, that comes out only on Sundays. More like a Swiss army knife – remove a splinter, cut a rope, open a bottle, anytime, anywhere. Whatever the boss needs. - *Milton Jones*

Desert and mountain places located on the margins of society are locations of choice in luring God's people to a deeper understanding of who they are. - *Belden Lane*

The new birth is a change of direction and change of affection. It's a union of the soul with Christ. Christ comes to you through the Holy Spirit, and you become a partaker of God's life. - *Billy Graham*

If we complained less, and praised more, we should be happier, and God would be more glorified. Let us daily praise God for common mercies. - *Charles Spurgeon*

To become a disciple means a decisive and irrevocable turning to both God and neighbour. What follows from there is a journey which never ends in this life, a journey of continually discovering new dimensions of loving God and neighbour. - *David J Bosch*

At least bear patiently, if you cannot bear joyfully. - *Thomas a Kempis*

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning, but for the desperate. - *J Denney*

How many Christians live their lives packed up and ready to go? - *J I Packer*

Confessing your sins is no substitute for forsaking them. - *Anon*

It is religion without love that has been responsible for most of the misery of the world. - *Anon*

The spirit which loses reverence for God turns naturally to sinning. - *John Hercus*

Whom God calls He qualifies. - *Richard Sibbes*

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew *Canon Paul Hardingham*

This month we turn to the New Testament and look at Matthew, the first of the gospels. Although linked to Matthew the apostle, it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke).

Matthew, in writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He connects Jesus' birth, life death and resurrection with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy which traces Jesus back to Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use God's name; and in the way he portrays Jesus as the *Son of David*.

The whole gospel is structured around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division reflects the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

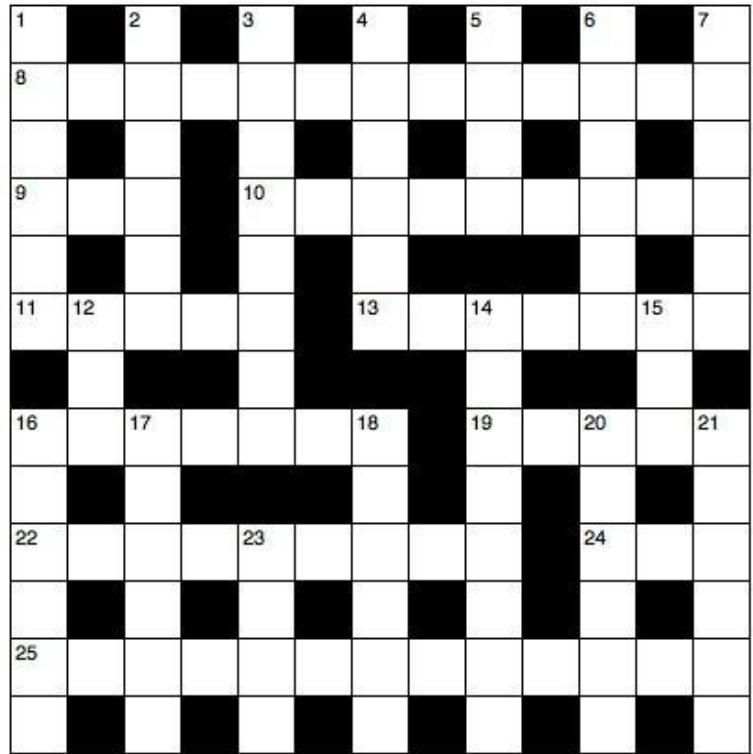
Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in Him. At the end of his gospel, Matthew records Jesus' commission to His disciples share this good news, promising to be with them:

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (28:18-20)

Crossword Clues for Sept 2024

Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)



Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

ANSWERS ON ANOTHER PAGE!!!

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church.

A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for.

"Sorry, mum," he confessed. "I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer."

Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone, but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

9th Sept Charles Fuge Lowder, 'slum priest'

The slums of the East End of London in the 1800s were not for the faint-hearted. Hopelessly overcrowded, with open running sewers in the streets, the slums bred disease, crime, and violence. Infant mortality soared, and labourers were often dead by the age of 19.

Everyone who could do so, avoided the slums of Victorian London.

Everyone except for one man.

Charles Fuge Lowder was surely the most unlikely resident of the slums imaginable. Born in Bath in 1820, he had grown up as the son of a prosperous banker and been educated at Exeter College in Oxford.

Ordained in 1843, Lowder ministered in the West Country before moving to Pimlico in London. Here he helped found the Society of the Holy Cross, 'to defend and strengthen the spiritual life of the clergy, to defend the faith of the Church, and to carry on and aid Mission work both at home and abroad.'

And it was here, in due course, that the slums of East London caught Lowder's attention.

He had read a life of St Vincent de Paul and had been inspired by it to also do urban mission. And so, in 1856, he moved across London, to become curate of St George's in the East End. That would have been bad enough, but his job was to run the St George's Mission in Wapping, at that time one of the worst slum areas of the whole East End.

Lowder's courage and sense of calling to such loathsome streets were nothing short of heroic. Especially as he took on the job not for a few weeks, but as a way of life.

For Lowder believed that 'mission' should not be a short-lived campaign, but instead a permanent Christian presence in an area where the Church had no previous foothold. That was certainly true of the reeking, crime-infested streets of Wapping.

And so it was that St George's Mission in Wapping began with a single room, and a priest determined to bring the love of Christ to some of the most unlovely-people in London.

As the years went by, the mission grew into renting a local iron church, and then eventually it moved into its own brick-built building. And during those years the local people learned to respect and love the man who lived so kindly and sacrificially among them, called him Father Lowder, and seeking his help in the calamities of their lives – especially the East End cholera outbreak.

Father Lowder's efforts were recognised when in 1866 a new parish, St Peter's London Docks, was carved out of St George's parish, with Lowder as first vicar.

14 years later, in 1880, Lowder finally resigned. 24 years of hard labour in the slums had taken its toll, and his health was gone. He retired to Chislehurst, where he soon died.

Many thousands of mourners attended his large funeral in the East End, wanting to remember the priest who had loved them and served them so faithfully.

Lowder had become the most famous 'slum priest' of Victorian London.

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25th September St Ceolfrith, the baking abbot

Ceolfrith is a good patron saint for anyone who has studied hard for their profession, is strong in the face of tragedy, and who can also offer some homely care to others in need.

This well-loved abbot of Wearmouth and Jarrow came from a noble Northumbrian family, and was ordained at Ripon when he was 27. He travelled to Canterbury and Icanho (in East Anglia) where he studied ecclesiastical and monastic practices. But back at Ripon the monks soon came to appreciate him for another good reason: Ceolfrith was an outstanding cook. They asked him to be the monastery's baker, and he agreed.

In time, Ceolfrith was moved on to Wearmouth, and then in 682, when the monastery at nearby Jarrow was founded, Ceolfrith became abbot. It was here that disaster struck, when a plague killed all of the monks who could sing or read. Only Ceolfrith and the boy Bede were left alive.

It would have been so easy to flee that empty house of death, but instead, Ceolfrith and the young Bede faithfully stayed on, because they believed God had called them to be there. Soon Jarrow prospered once more, and by 689 Ceolfrith was made abbot of both Wearmouth and Jarrow.

Ceolfrith seems to have been a kindly and energetic leader. During his rule 600 monks joined the monastery, the library was doubled, and the endowments increased. He died in 716. Ceolfrith's biggest legacy to history came when he commissioned from his own scriptoria three Pandects (complete Bibles in single volumes) in uncial script. One still survives today, as the Codex Amiatinus, an enormous volume in the Bibiloteca Laurenziana in Florence. It is the oldest surviving complete Latin Bible in one volume.

A kindly baking abbot who also happened to leave us the earliest complete Latin Bible – not a bad combination of skills!

BARN DANCE

BARN DANCE

7pm - Saturday 12th October

Please come and Support the Church's Guide Troop.

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Saturday 12th October 2024

Venue: Parish Hall, Mossford Green, Barkingside, Essex IG6 2BX

Time: 7.00pm until 10.00pm.

Cost: £12 per person.

Please bring own snacks and drinks. There will be a raffle.

Please complete the form below to register, or email friends@chigwellrow.org.uk

Education Sunday takes place on 8th September, as our children return to school after the summer break. It's good opportunity to ask what God thinks of children and how we can reflect this in our schools, churches and families.

Children are valuable to God:
'Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' (Matthew 19:13-14). Jesus' action shows the importance of children to God. In many cultures around the world, children are often abused, exploited or disregarded. God is committed to caring and protecting them and calls us to do the same.

Children need nurture and guidance:
'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.' (Proverbs 22:6 ESV). Gardeners will often

attach plants to a pole or trellis to guide their growth. Children also need solid structure to keep their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual growth on track. We can support them in their growth and development, and be a godly example to them.

Children need discipline:
'Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.' (Proverbs 29:17). This is not easy and requires the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Discipline is a sign of love, reflecting how God deals with us (Hebrews 12:7). In this way, they'll become adults who fulfil all that the Creator wants them to become.

As Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me' (Mark 9:37).



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Seeking to host a one-off or regular event?



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Please see our website for further details,
and contact us via our Parish Office @ tel.: 07478 187010;
email: parishoffice@holytrinitybarkingside.org.uk.



Who We Are

Holy Trinity Church, Mossford Green, Barkingside, IG6 2BX

We are a lively, Family friendly Church
with a Heart for the Common Good,
and want to make Jesus Christ known in Barkingside

Our Services Sunday 10:30am & Wednesday 9:45am

The Church is open for Private Prayer, and as a Welcoming Space Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - 12noon, and you are Welcome to Join us at our Tuesday Drop-In 9am to 1pm in the Parish Hall

Vicar: Rev Dr Chris Szejnmann
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07804 641931



Associate Curate: Rev Kate Szejnmann
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Safeguarding: Kaye Larbi—07847 324955
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Tuesday-Drop In for all in Parish Hall @ 9am-1pm — alternating fortnightly on Wednesdays @ 7:30pm: **Salsa Dancing Classes for the Community** meeting new people, building relationship and having fun / **Bible Study group** — **Edge Youth Club** for all 10-14 year old Thursdays 6-8pm — **Family Fun Zone** monthly events.

We are Passionate about Welcome & Hospitality, Prayer & Worship, Family, Children & Youth, Vulnerable People & Outreach, Mothers Union, and Honoring Creation. — **Any questions? Want to get involved? Want to Hire our Parish Hall?** Please find us online or ring our Parish Office tel.: 07478 187010.

Facebook



Website



Do you need help?



We are here for you and want to support you.

We would love to meet you! The church is open for private prayer, and as a welcoming space Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - 12noon. You are also welcome to join us at our Tuesday drop-in 9am to 1pm in the Parish Hall, or during Worship Services on Sundays 10:30am and Wednesdays 9:45am. You can also contact our Vicar Chris or the Church Office via phone or email.

There are, however, many areas where it's best if you seek professional help. Please see the **“Help” page on our church website** for useful information (also available as a print-out in church), including two important links:

- **“Directory of cost of living support”**, Redbridge Council
- **“Help in Redbridge”** website

QR link to Holy Trinity Church website



Holy Trinity Church, Mossford Green, Barkingside, IG6 2BX

Promoting a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

**House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy
for children, young people & adults**

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: Kaye Larbi
 Role: Safeguarding Officer
 Tel: 07847 324955
 E-mail: psr@holyltrinitybarkingside.org.uk



Name: Chris Szejmann
 Role: Vicar, Holy Trinity
 Tel: 07804 641931
 E-mail: priest@holyltrinitybarkingside.org.uk



Name: Danielle Law
 Role: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser
 Tel: 01245 29 44 44
 E-mail: dlaw@chelmsford.anglican.org

Local Authority Social Services:
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**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER
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OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

HELPLINES

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- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Men's Advice Line: 0808 8010 327
- National Careline: 0800 0699 784

STEWARDSHIP & SUPPORT

At a time of the cost of living crisis it is particularly important that we look after those in need, and that we are generous with what we have – so that those who have enough, share with all.

Giving

The Bible tells us to give sacrificially. We need your support not only to cover the running costs of our Parish Church and halls but also to contribute to the life and work of the church in many different ways, in particular, to support our mission and outreach projects. “Giving” is really essential to secure our Church’s future ability to serve our family and community. However, we are aware that circumstances differ enormously, and that your gift will not simply reflect your willingness to give but also your ability.



By far the best way to give is via the Parish Giving scheme regularly every month – and we believe that in giving to others we should give in proportion to what we receive, i.e. in proportion to our income. Some tithe at 10 percent, others give 5 percent or 1 percent. If you would like details on how to set up a regular donation, please ask us in church or contact the Parish Office.

Ways to Give

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Other ways you can Give

- A one-off or recurring gift to Holy Trinity Barkingside PCC (Charity number 1128271);
- A regular collection is taken at all Sunday services;
- A gift via a CAF Charity Account or Stewardship / Charity Gift voucher (payable to Holy Trinity Barkingside PCC);
- You may also like to consider making a bequest to (Charity number 1128271) in your will (see: www.churchlegacy.org.uk). Please ask your solicitor when you make or change your will.

Tax Efficient Giving

If you pay enough UK income tax and/or capital gains tax to cover the amount of tax Holy Trinity can reclaim, we can use Gift Aid to make your donation worth even more. For every pound you give to Holy Trinity, we can claim back tax from HMRC – it really is that simple. Please ask for details.

Finally ...

We recognize that all this can be very challenging. Please be assured we are grateful for and careful with every donation made to the Church, mindful of our duty to use your gifts wisely to grow the presence of God and the Church in our communities.

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

On why you should never replace your hymn books



I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your church. I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably placed to obscure the altar.

In my – fortunately limited – experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words.

When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from *Hymns Ancient and More Ancient* to the more recent version: *Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient*.

Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped ‘thines’ or ‘wouldsts’. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn’t read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them – an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century.

Harmony reigns once again.

**Your loving Uncle
Eustace**

Visit - A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop’s crook or crozier. A little lad’s mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop’s visit to his school. The little boy replied: “It was great – now I know what a *real* crook looks like!”

* **Church Notices that didn’t quite make it...**

- * A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers’ Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.
- * A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar’s speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.
- * The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.
- * Don’t allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.
- * Don’t miss the Young Wives’ Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!



The start of the football season was the cause of universal joy



"But I said you'd be happy to lead a House Group this autumn"



The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows



29th September Michael and All Angels

St Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, St Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, St Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art St Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglian Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. St Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with St Michael.



11 & 25 September
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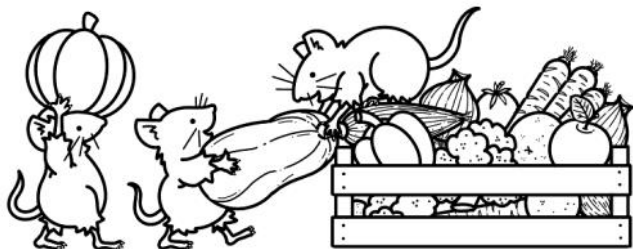
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– normally open: **Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am – 12 noon**

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PARISH DIARY

Every Tuesday 9am - 1pm 'Tuesday Morning Drop In'
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4th Sept **Weds (& fortnightly) - Bible Study 7.30 - 9.15**
(see inside Mag for more details)

8th Sept **Sun - "Creation Season"**

10th Sept **Tues 10.30am - Mothers Union Service**

11th Sept **Weds - 7.30pm "Salsa Time!!!" (and fortnightly!)**
(see inside Mag for more details)

15th Sept **Sun - Baptism of James Mann**

18th Sept **Weds - continuing Bible Study**

22nd Sept **Sun - Pets Service - Bring your Pets for a Blessing !**

25th Sept **Weds - Salsa Time Again !**

27th Sept **Fri 7.30 - Mothers' Union Zoom Meeting**

28th Sept **Sat 10am - 12pm "Family Fun Zone Crazy Craft"**

6th Oct **Sun - Harvest Festival Service - Bring Gifts for the Foodbank**
Parish Lunch 12 noon.

12th Oct **Sat - Guides' BARN DANCE - See Advert in Magazine. Fill in**
form at back of Church.

13th Oct **Homeless Sunday**

20 Oct **Sun - Baptism of Amelia**

27 Oct **Sun- Racial Justice Sunday. Clocks go back 1 hour**

3 Nov **Sun - All Saints Day**

4 Nov **Mon 7 pm The Licensing of Rev Kate Szejnmann**
by Bishop Lynne and the Archdeacon Mike Power

