

JULY-AUGUST 2017

From the Editors

The past months have seen much trouble in this nation of ours, with acts of terrorist murder and the tragic fire in London. Our hearts go out to all those affected and we pray that they may be fortified by faith and by the love and support of friends, families and indeed by strangers. The acts of love that were shown after each one of these events was humbling and remarkable. The generosity shown was not limited by ideology, faith or social identities but was expansive and full. Surely this is an example of the limitless love of God made manifest.

We should rejoice to know that this nation of ours has many, many people who are willing to put others before themselves. Thanks be to God.

This month sees the start of the holiday season with many looking forward to a well-earned break when we can rest and recharge our batteries. It might be useful to remember that rest has three aspects: physical rest, mental rest and also rest at the spiritual level and all three are necessary. So whatever you do or wherever you go may God be with you.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st;
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee

Sonnet 18, William Shakespeare

St Mary's News

YOUnity at St. Mary's A Drink in the Continental

Wednesday 5th July 7.30 pm

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Jewellery Appeal for the Alzheimer's Society

Those bits of unworn, no-longer liked, broken or odd bits of jewellery lurking in drawers and boxes now can have a new life.

Whether real or costume jewellery, odd cuff-links, ear-rings, broken watches or whatever are funding research and providing support workers. Both are invaluable for patients and their families as they live with this destructive disease. Please give any donations to Rhoda Martin (t'organist) 01772 601366. Many thanks.

Christian Aid Concert.

On 7th October the Preston Salvation Army Band will present a concert at St Mary's Penwortham starting at 7.30 pm. This is to raise funds for the project the Preston committee are currently supporting, working in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Tickets are priced at £8.00 or £6.00 for concessions and will be available from Rachel Tuke on 01772 460142 or rtuke42@virginmedia.com or on the door on the night.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is a country known for all the wrong reasons: civil war, corruption and poverty, with almost 90% of its people living below the income poverty line of \$1.25 a day.

To pull a country out of such economic and political misery takes more than a sticking-plaster of aid and a few well-meaning dollars. Real change can only come about when the authorities work for the people – and when the people's voice is heard.

Christian Aid call this accountable governance: the process by which local and provincial authorities, elected leaders and the people come together to create solutions to the problems they face.

Sadly, this process takes time. Authorities currently don't use resources to alleviate poverty and the needs of local people are not met, so the spiral of ineffective government and increased poverty continues

Based in the Maniema province in the east of DRC, an area which has seen the withdrawal of international aid agencies' support due to security concerns and poor access. Communities in this area are divided and live in constant fear of fighting and human rights abuses, making this project even more vital. The project promises to change the lives of millions of people through a comprehensive process of accountable governance: making the voice of the people heard.

By its very nature, the process of accountable governance and advocacy takes its time.

The EU is match-funding this project 1:3, so the £5,000 we are raising will become a staggering £20,000 to support some of the poorest communities in the DRC.

The name of Jesus is not so much written as ploughed into the history of the world. - Ralph Waldo Emerson.
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY (FAB, SPARKS, YOUTH GROUP)

Monthly Cycle

WEEK ONE:

SPARKS—Cinema Sunday during 10.15am service

WEEK TWO:

SPARKS—Stories, crafts & games during 10.15am service

WEEK THREE:

SPARKS—Stories, crafts & games during 10.15am service

YOUTH GROUP—Church—1st and 3rd Friday 7pm—9pm

WEEK FOUR:

FAB (Faith and Belonging) All age Family “Messy Church” - Craft, games, family challenge, story & café time—3pm to 5pm in Church

WEEK FIVE; (when applicable)

SPARKS— Stories, crafts & games during 10.15am service.

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ST. MARY'S, PENWORTHAM

You are invited to join us for a

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

To be held immediately following the 10.15 am Service on
SUNDAY, 16TH JULY 2017

Please bring your own **PICNIC** and we will provide tea,
coffee and juice

THIS EVENT IS FOR EVERYONE

Please stay and enjoy FUN and GAMES, or simply enjoy a good chat and a
cuppa!

(To be held outside if the sun shines, In Church if it does not)

The Great War

We continue our tributes to those who were killed in WWI. This month is particularly poignant because of the large number of casualties in the Battle of Passchendaele. Thank you to John Kay for his scholarly research into the lives and deaths of these men.

GUNNER THOMAS SAWYER MARSHALL, B BATTERY, 276th BRIGADE, ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY (RFA), WHO DIED ON 6th JULY 1917.

Thomas lived at 99 Leyland Road, Penwortham. Prior to the war he worked at Penwortham Mills. He enlisted in 276th Brigade, RFA, within a few months of the outbreak of war and, following a long period of training, went to France in October 1915. The 276th were one of the 4 brigades which were raised in Liverpool shortly after August 1914, who all subsequently became known by the combined title, the West Lancashire Brigade. It is possible, indeed likely, that he served on the Somme in 1916 although I cannot confirm that. At the time of his death he was serving in the Ypres Salient in Belgium. He had a younger brother who also served in, and appears to have survived, the conflict.

July 1917 saw the start of the build up to the huge offensive that began on 31st July and became known in the history books as the 3rd Battle of Ypres or simply Passchendaele. The offensive was substantially a British affair although there were some French and Belgium troops on the left flank. The build-up began with the longest and biggest artillery barrage of the war, outstripping that undertaken on the Somme the previous year by a considerable margin. The scale of artillery resources was staggering. In the weeks leading up to the offensive nearly 3000 guns were brought up to the front. They were supported by over 4.2 million shells! The bombardment began officially on the 16th July, some 10 days after Thomas was killed; before it could begin, not only had the guns had to be brought in, but the heavier ones (nearly 300 in number) had to be put into place on specially constructed timber platforms to prevent them from sinking in the Flanders mud! Owing to the flat nature of the ground and the field of view occasioned from the German trenches on the ridges round the 15 miles of the salient, much of this deployment work had to be undertaken at night and even then often under enemy artillery bombardment.

I have no precise information about the circumstances of Thomas' death. However, I do have the 276th Brigade daily diary for the month of July 1917 which gives brief general information of its deployments during this period. It tells us that between the 1 and 4th July it was "engaged in various registrations, wire cutting etc, on German front line system". At 12.00 midnight on 4th July it was relieved by 108 Army Field Brigade "with the exception of (a) party from each battery which continued with the dumping of ammunition to forward positions". For the next 10 days the brigade was "at rest" out of the line. No casualty details are contained in the section of the diary I have seen, but I think it highly likely that John was seriously wounded during the deployment in the first 5 days of July, either during the wire cutting or, perhaps more

likely, when dumping ammunition to forward positions in the early hours of darkness on 5th July and died shortly thereafter.

Thomas is buried at the Viamertinghe New Military Cemetery, which is situated about 3 miles west of Ypres town.

PRIVATE JOHN THOMAS BRIDEOAKE (CH/I9588), HMS VANGUARD, ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY, WHO DIED ON 9th JULY 1917.

John is the son of Robert and Rhoda Brideoake of 21 Clive Street, Burnley. His name is not recorded on either the church or town memorial but appears on the bottom plinth of the family grave in the churchyard. This grave is not that of his parents but of a family called "Standen", possibly the surname of his maternal grandfather. Known to his family as "Jack", he was a member of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and as such a member of the crew of the Dreadnought Class Battleship, HMS Vanguard, which in 1916 took part in the Battle of Jutland, the only major naval engagement of the war.

Vanguard exploded at Scapa Flow in Scotland, the home base of the Grand Fleet, on 9th July 1917, and Jack was killed at the age of 20. Despite a full enquiry, the cause of the explosion was never determined. That explosion (there were in fact two very close together) was spectacular, with one of the ship's 12 inch guns being blown off in one piece and landing over a mile away! Of the 838 officers and men on board there were only three survivors, and one of those died from his injuries within a few days of the explosion. As a member of the Royal Navy, Jack is remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial in Kent. He is the only member of the Royal Navy from Penwortham, or at least with connections to the area, who was killed during the conflict.

DRIVER RICHARD FOSTER, Y25th TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY, ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY (RFA), WHO DIED ON 12th JULY 1917

Richard is the son of Richard (Snr) and Ellen Foster of Penwortham. He was killed at the age of 24 in the Ypres Salient in Belgium during the huge artillery build up leading to the 3rd Battle of Ypres. Fuller details of that build up are given in earlier articles in relation to soldiers who lost their lives during this period. He is one of the 16 names that do not appear on the memorial in church but are recorded on the memorial in Liverpool Road. All six soldiers from the parish who lost their lives in the 6 week period from the beginning of June to the middle of July 1917 were members of the RFA and they were all killed in the Ypres Salient. Richard is remembered at the Viamertinghe New Military Cemetery.

Let us make God the beginning and end of our love, for He is the fountain from which all good things flow and into Him alone they flow back. Let Him therefore be the beginning of our love. Richard Rolle - English mystic

The Great War

GUNNER DANIEL SLATER, 261ST SIEGE BATTERY, ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (RGA), WHO DIED ON 16TH JULY 1917

Daniel is the son of Mr J W and Mrs G Slater of Lostock Hall. He was just 19 when he lost his life on the first day of the two week bombardment leading up to the start of the 3rd Battle of Ypres. He is also one of the 16 names which do not appear on the memorial in church but are recorded on the memorial in Liverpool Road. He is the only member of the Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA), as opposed to the Royal Field Artillery (RFA), with connections to Penwortham to lose his life in the conflict. The RGA developed from fortress based artillery located on the British coasts. Many such forts were built during the Napoleonic Wars at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century. From 1914, when the regular army possessed little heavy artillery, it grew into a very large component of the British forces.

The RGA was armed with large heavy calibre guns and howitzers which were situated some distance from the front line and had immense destructive power. That relatively safe distance behind the lines from which they initially operated changed as the war progressed and tactics evolved. By 1917 heavy guns were required to be closer to the action and nearly 300 heavy artillery pieces were moved into the salient in June and July 1917 to pulverise the German positions. The soldiers operating these mammoth weapons of destruction became more exposed, not only to enemy artillery fire, but to other monstrous weapons of war such as mustard gas and, in the salient in the “summer” of 1917, the horrendous weather conditions, including many days of continuous rain. I have recently read the war diary of Sergeant T Hope of the 212th Siege Battery, RGA, which saw service in the salient right through the summer and autumn of 1917. The diary is very short and the entries are sporadic and brief, but despite their brevity, convey with clarity the misery of life under the triple threats of counter artillery fire, mustard gas, and the miserable weather.

Daniel is remembered at the Dozinghem Military Cemetery. This is situated north west of Poperinghe, close to 3 casualty clearing stations which were only set up in July 1917 in preparation for the big offensive at Ypres. Daniel is thus one of the earliest casualties to be remembered there.

PRIVATE STEPHEN VALENTINE PARR (10501), 2ND BATTALION, SCOTS GUARDS, WHO DIED ON 23RD JULY 1917

Stephen is the son of Robert and Ann Alice Parr of 7 Heskin Terrace, Lostock Hall. He lost his life, at the age of 23, in the week leading up to the beginning of the 3rd Battle of Ypres. A couple of months ago I contacted the Guards Museum in London to request a copy of Stephen’s service record. Unfortunately all the paper records in the museum are off site being transferred to digital format and will not be available until November this year and all my on-line searches have failed to garner any information about the circumstances in which Stephen made his supreme sacrifice.

The 2nd battalion of the Scots Guards were certainly in the Ypres salient in the weeks leading up to the battle and were involved in its opening part on and after 31st July.

As preparation for the battle, there were numerous offensive operations, such as trench raids, being carried out throughout June and July and the main barrage, prior to the opening day started as early as 17th July. Infantry were often involved in the fetching and carrying of stores and ammunition into front line areas and the digging of trenches or the laying of temporary roads which were equally as dangerous as more direct action such as trench raids, usually undertaken at night to capture prisoners for interrogation, to discover information about the disposition of enemy troops or disrupt supply lines. We know from the number of local men killed in the salient in June and July 1917 that artillery fire from both sides in this preparatory period was intense and, at the same time, the Germans had also begun to utilise mustard gas shells, which at least initially could permeate the protection of the standard issue gas mask with horrific consequences. At night, raking machine gun fire was used by both sides in “No Man’s Land” to disrupt the night time activities of the enemy.

There can be little doubt that Stephen lost his life while undertaking one of the numerous activities set out above. He is remembered at the Duhallow ADS Cemetery, at West-Vlaanderen, close to Ypres in Belgium.

CAPTAIN THOMAS GEOFFREY RAWSTORNE, 1st LANCASHIRE HUSSARS, WHO DIED ON 31st JULY 1917

Thomas, who was aged 38 when he died, is a member of the Rawstorne family, who have been patrons of the living of the Parish of St Mary since the time of Henry VIII. The family seat was at Hutton Hall. His father Lawrence was a Justice of the Peace and a Doctor of Law. Thomas was trained as a land agent on the estate of the Duke of Westminster. He married in 1907 but had no children. He lived in Newbridge-on-Wyre in Radnorshire where he was a land agent for a local land owner. He joined the Lancashire Yeomanry, a cavalry regiment, on the outbreak of war and was promoted in 1916. The entry in the Preston Guardian following his death says that his promotion was to the rank of Major but all other information available would seem to suggest that it was to the rank of Captain.

He is remembered on a silver plaque on the north wall of the chancel at St Mary’s. This tells us that he was killed by shell fire on Pilckem Ridge close to Ypres on 31st July 1917. To students of the war the most significant information on the plaque is the date – 31st July 1917. This was the first day of what ranks as one of the most horrendous battles of all those undertaken by British and Empire troops in the conflict. Known at its inception as the 3rd Battle of Ypres it became synonymous with the village which was one of its objectives on that awful first day, Passchendaele, and the quagmire of mud in which much of the battle was fought, dictated by the flat and boggy terrain around Ypres.

Following confirmation of his death, a memorial service was held at St Mary’s, where the Bishop of Whalley officiated. In his address the bishop quoted from letters

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received from his fellow officers and men under his command. One letter said, “one and all speak of his complete disregard for his own personal safety, that his one thought was for the safety and comfort of his men, that his unvarying cheerfulness and kindness had a splendid effect on all ranks and did much to maintain the spirits and courage of the men under the most trying circumstances”. That final comment is perhaps a hint of the awful conditions in which he and his men found themselves on Pilckem Ridge on that first day of the battle, which was to result in over 25,000 casualties, half that of the first day on the Somme, but still an horrendous rate of loss.

Captain Rawstone is also remembered on the War Memorials in the chancel & Liverpool Road. He has no known grave but is remembered at the Bard Cottage Cemetery in Belgium.

PRIVATE LAMBERT RYDING, 1/4TH KING’S OWN (ROYAL LANCASTER REGIMENT) WHO DIED ON 31ST JULY 1917

The date of Lambert’s death tells us that he died on the horrific opening day of the 3rd Battle of Ypres which subsequently came to be known by the haunting name of a village just a few miles to the east of the large town of Ypres. That village is called Passchendaele.

He was one of the 25,000 British and Empire casualties on that brutal first day. I have very little personal information about him or his war service but I can tell you that he was born and enlisted in Preston and was originally a member of the 8th battalion. He is one of the many thousands of soldiers in the Ypres salient with no known grave but thus is remembered on possibly the most famous memorial of the conflict, the Menin Gate at Ypres.

PRIVATE CHARLES THOMAS GYNES (35818), 6TH BATTALION, LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT (LNLR), WHO DIED ON 19TH AUGUST 1917

In the summer of 1917, 6th Battalion LNLR was serving in the middle- east in what was then known as Mesopotamia (now Iraq, Kuwait, and the eastern parts of Syria). From July to the end of August it was in the line on the river Tigris, close to the terminus of the Sindyeh-Kifri railroad. The entry in the battalion diary for the whole of the month of August 1917 is brief – “Nothing to report”! The entry for July is nearly as brief and there is no indication of activity in the line or casualties. Soldiers serving in the Middle East, where most areas had no reliable water supply and before the era of antibiotics and other modern drugs, were nearly as likely to die from disease as they were from injury in battle. I think it likely that Charles contacted some serious illness whilst serving in the region from which he subsequently died. The fact that we had thousands of troops who served and died in the campaigns in the Middle East in the Great War is largely forgotten to-day.

The role of Faith in politics

Faith has a central role to play in politics, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said. In a recent pastoral letter to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urged people to remember Britain's Christian history and heritage. They called for reconciliation, for a drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability.

This is a time of "deep and profound questions of identity," they said. "Opportunities to renew and reimagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations. We are in such a time. Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God's world will all play a shaping role."

and the dangers of "crushing" debt, among other issues. They called for a hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants, but also warned against being "deaf to the legitimate concerns" about the scale of migration into some communities.

They also single out the importance of standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith around the world. Faith, they argue, has a unique role to play in preventing extremism and religiously motivated violence.

"Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief," they insist. "The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy."

They add: "Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm."

Help stop slavery in the UK

The Church must direct its 'unconditional energy' towards detecting and then supporting those trapped in the brutality of modern slavery here in the UK. So says the Bishop of Derby, Dr Alastair Redfern.

In a recent keynote speech at a conference on modern slavery at Lambeth Palace, he said that there are too many communities in Britain where "people are treated like commodities, with no rights, no proper pay, who often have their passports confiscated, and are trapped, dominated and made to work." An estimated 45.8 million people are trapped in forms of modern slavery across the world, including about 11,700 victims in the UK.

Dr Redfern went on: "Prostitution and sex slavery is growing exponentially, especially because of the internet, and the age of those trapped – girls, particularly – is getting younger. The internet...fuels the industry."

Dr Redfern, who chairs the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's Advisory Panel, said that Churches can use their unique position in the heart of their communities to identify and report such instances of modern slavery. Christians should be "people who notice what is going on, and try and help others notice it, too, and respond."

Church News

Former chorister Ken Dodd sings praise of the Book of Common Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer is a guide to life, according to 89-year-old comedian Ken Dodd. "The Prayer Book is, in many ways, very up-to-date," he says. "It's a wonderful piece of literature, beautifully-written and based on fact."

Sir Ken has been a life-long devotee of the Prayer Book, with which he became familiar at an early age as a chorister at the Church of St John the Evangelist in Knotty Ash. He still worships there periodically, but the pull of choral evensong means that he also attends Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral now and then.

Organisations

Mothers' Union

Our July meeting will be lunch at Duxbury's Garden Centre, gathering noon for 12-30pm.

We have no meeting planned for August. 2pm Tuesday the 5th of September we shall meet in the Club Room at our Church Hall. As well as our usual activities, we'll be entertained with a quiz.

P M Wootton

Guild of St. Mary

Just a reminder that there will be no meetings in the holiday months of July and August. We return in September on the 25th with lots more interesting talks and events for our Guild

Ann Yates

The Parish Thanks

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 2 nd	Ann Forshaw, in memory of Mr & Mrs Forshaw
July 9 th	Phil Watmough, in memory of Joy Watmough
July 16 th	Iain Jenkins, in memory of Lynda Jenkins
July 23 rd	Vacancy
July 30 th	Jim Dickinson, in memory of Betty Dickinson
August 6 th	Geoff Foxcroft, in memory of Jean and Kathleen Foxcroft
August 13 th	Douglas Howe, in memory of Brenda Howe
August 20 th	Tony & Margaret Strong, in memory of Anna
August 27 th	Vacancy

ALTAR LINEN

July- Mrs Jacqui Nelson
August - Mrs Pat Kay



All in the Month of July

It was:

300 years ago: on 17th July 1717 that Handel's Water Music was performed for the first time, on a barge on the River Thames in London. King George I sailed in the royal barge to hear in the music, and many other boats followed.

200 years ago: on 18th July 1817 that Jane Austen died. Her novels have made her one of the most widely read and loved writers in English literature. Her books include Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, and Persuasion.

100 years ago: on 31st July – 10th November 1917 – that the Battle of Passchendaele (or Third Battle of Ypres) took place in Belgium. It was one of the greatest disasters of the war for both sides. Casualty figures were enormous, but the Allies were better able to bear the heavy losses as the war continued.

Also 100 years ago: on 17th July 1917, the Royal Family changed its name from the House of Saxe Coburg Gotha, to the House of Windsor.

75 years ago: on 31st July 1942 that the charity Oxfam was founded in the UK (as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief).

70 years ago: on 9th July 1947 that Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

60 years ago: on 6th July 1957 that John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time at a church hall in Liverpool, where 16-year-old Lennon was performing with his skiffle group, the Quarrymen. 15-year-old McCartney joined as a rhythm guitarist shortly afterwards, and the pair went on to form the Beatles.

50 years ago: on 1st July 1967 that the European Economic Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community merged into a single organisation. Many people regard this event as the creation of the European Union.

40 years ago: on 1st July 1977 that British tennis player Virginia Wade won the ladies' singles championship at Wimbledon. (She remains the last British woman to do so.)

30 years ago: on 29th July 1987 that Margaret Thatcher and French President Francois Mitterand ratified the Treaty of Canterbury – the agreement to build the Channel Tunnel. (Work began 15th December.)

20 years ago: on 1st July 1997 that the sovereignty of Hong Kong was transferred from the UK to China.

10 years ago: on 1st July 2007 that smoking was banned in all enclosed workplaces in England.

Cost of preaching

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

History Corner

FROM THE ARCHIVES : JULY/AUGUST 1917

Sunday School Sermons

We beg to remind our readers of the Sunday School Sermons on July 8th. Special hymns will be sung by the children's choir, and we ask all parents to try to be present at the afternoon service. We need on that day very generous offertories in order to meet the expenses of the school,

Prisoners of War

The Prisoners of War flag day week resulted in over £1.300 being obtained. Penwortham contributed £60.5.10.

Sunday School Anniversary

Sunday, July 8th was the Penwortham End Sunday School Anniversary. This is the day which we should like to see established as THE DAY, when all who have ever attended our Sunday School, join us in the celebration of the Anniversary. We were very pleased to see so many of our elder scholars this year.

Penwortham Church Girls' Club

On Thursday, the 12th July the members of the above Club had a meeting in the Vicarage Gardens, when Mrs Hobson was presented with a Cabin Trunk. Mrs Burton in making the presentation said, members of the Club could not thank Mrs Hobson sufficiently for all she had done for them during the 12 years she had been connected with the School. Everyone regretted that she was leaving them to go to her son in Canada.

On Saturday, July 21st several of the members went a walking picnic to Red Scar. The weather was perfect, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

Matters of Faith

Please pray....

For those recently baptised

21st May Ivy Penelope Berends-Sherriff, the daughter of Christopher Robert and Joanne Claire Berends-Sherriff

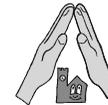
For those recently married

27th May Lee Robert Gregson and Sarah Louise Barnish

For those who have recently died

Lillian Hargreaves

Irene Bamber



HIGH DAYS AND HOLY DAYS

3rd July St Thomas the Apostle – confused and doubting

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe - unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears - but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff).

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event - the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.

7th July St. Willibald – the first ever Anglo-Saxon travel writer

Where do you go on your summer travels? If you enjoy including a Christian element to your trips, such as making a pilgrimage, or visiting places rich in Christian history, then St. Willibald (d. 876) is the saint for you this month. He was one of the most widely travelled Anglo-Saxons of his time.

Willibald began life in Wessex, becoming a monk at Bishops Waltham (Hants). But he obviously had the curiosity that besets all keen travellers – what is it like over there...just over the next hill, round the next corner? And so Willibald set out... for Rome, Cyprus, Syria and above all, Palestine. It was an amazing achievement, just to survive such journeys back in the early 8th century.

In Palestine, Willibald made his way round all the Holy Places associated with Jesus, as well as the numerous communities of monks and hermits living there. On his eventual return to Europe, Willibald decided to tell his story. He dictated an account of all his travels to a long-suffering nun, Hugeburc, who wrote it up under the title of *Hodoeporicon* – the first ever travel book to be written by an Anglo-Saxon

After a long stay in Constantinople, the year 730 found Willibald back in Rome, where he settled at the monastery at Monte Cassino. Under his reforming influence, the monastery began to prosper. That got Willibald 'noticed', and soon Boniface asked Pope Gregory III to send him on to Germany, where Willibald was made bishop of Echstatt. Here he founded a monastery that became an important centre for the diffusion and development of monasticism. After 45 years as Bishop at Echstatt, Willibald died in c. 786. His relics remain there till this day.

Sea Sunday – 15th July

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Look around your home. How much of the contents in your cupboards, wardrobe, rooms, and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them?

Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you?

It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible people groups in our society. We all of us depend on them to fill our homes and businesses with an .

Calendar

2 nd	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) with Sparks (Cinema)
4 th	12.00-1.00 pm	Meet and Greet Lunches (Church Hall)
5 th	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
	7.30 pm	YOUnity—meet at the Continental
6 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00-12.00 noon	Churchyard Maintenance
	10.00-12.00 noon	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
7 th	7.00-9.00 pm	Youth Group (Church)
9 th	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) (Young People's Ministry)
11 th	12.30 pm	Mothers' Union (meet at Duxbury's Garden Centre)
12 th	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
	13 th 9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00-12.00 noon	Churchyard Maintenance
	10.00-12.00 noon	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
16 th	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) (Young People's Ministry) Followed by Family Picnic
19 th	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
20 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00-12.00 noon	Churchyard Maintenance
	10.00-12.00 noon	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
21 st	7.00-9.00 pm	Youth Group (Church)
23 rd	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) (Young People's Ministry)
	3.00-5.00 pm	FAB (Faith and Belonging)
26 th	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
27 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00-12.00 noon	Churchyard Maintenance
	10.00-12.00 noon	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice

30 th	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) (Young People's Ministry)
	AUGUST	
1 st	12.00-1.00 pm	Meet and Greet Lunches (Church Hall)
2 nd	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	12.00-1.00 pm	Churchyard Maintenance
	12.00-1.00 pm	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
4 th	7.00-9.00 pm	Youth Group (Church)
6 th	THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) (Sparks) Cinema Sunday
9 th	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
10 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00-12.00 noon	Churchyard Maintenance
	10.00-12.00 noon	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
13 th	THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) (Young People's Ministry)
16 th	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
17 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00-12.00 noon	Churchyard Maintenance
	10.00-12.00 noon	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
18 th	7.00-9.00 pm	Youth Group (Church)
20 th	THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
23 rd	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
24 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00-12.00 noon	Churchyard Maintenance
	10.00-12.00 noon	Open Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
27 th	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10.15 am	Holy Communion (Order 1) (Young People's Ministry)
	3.00-5.00 pm	FAB Falith and Belonging
30 th	6.30 pm	Christian Meditation
31 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion etc.

Miscellaneous

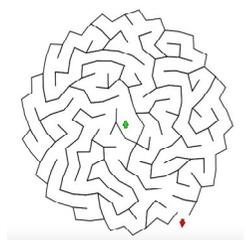
Easy Sudoku

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If you know someone who tries to drown their sorrows, you might warn them sorrows know how to swim. - Anon



Last month's easy and harder solution

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 endless variety of goods, and yet we never see them, never speak to them, and rarely even remember their existence.
 It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem good sense: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for months on end. It can sometimes be dangerous, and is always physically demanding work.
 So this month, on Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.
 In doing so, we will join with thousands of other Christians, from London to Lagos, Manila to Melbourne and Durban to Dunkerque, who each year remember the seafarers who make our prosperity possible.