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# *Letter from the Vicarage...*

Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> – so called Freedom Day. Or rather Freedom Day *Two* as the first one has been and gone! It is the name given by the media to the day when legal restrictions regarding Covid-19 are due to be lifted.

There is a rightness about longing for that day to come, and come soon. We rightly desire to be established back together again. But what should we think when Freedom Day comes?

Some verses in my mind are from Deuteronomy 8:10-14:



*<sup>10</sup>When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup>Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God...'*

Israel are on the verge of entering the Promised Land after 40 hard years in the wilderness. Earlier in the chapter, Moses reminded the people that those difficult years were designed to cause them to look the Lord to be their provider, leader and rescuer. Those times humbled them, but with a life-giving aim. That they would look to him and find life.

Though we are not in the same situation as Israel, the hard times, the times of want in life, are meant to have a life-giving outcome – to lead us to look to the Lord, and return to him if necessary, as our provider, leader and rescuer. These past sixteen months for all their tragedy and pain, will have brought life if we have been caused to do that. If that has not been the case in our life, it is not too late to do so.

But Moses also has a warning for a people when life becomes easier. When they settle back and enjoy its good things – food, homes, and wealth. Don't forget the Lord who brought you there!

There is a real danger when life becomes easier that we forget the Lord. Or think we have brought ourselves to that place. *'You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.'* (8:17).

While we will be right to rejoice in regained freedoms, and enjoy good things again, we need to know there is a danger before us. That we forget the Lord and think we have brought ourselves to this point. That grit and determination saved us. A vaccine saved us. A policy saved us. Or whatever it is. Notice they are all focused on us.

Of course, we give thanks for the many sacrifices and extraordinary care given by many over this time. We recognise different means the Lord has used to bring us to that day.

But as we are brought through, we are to have our eyes on the Lord. He is the one who has delivered us. He may have used means. He may have used people. We say thank you to them. But it is him whom we need to not forget. It is him to whom we are to give thanks and praise. It is to him we still need to keep praying, for we need him as much post-Freedom Day as at any moment before.

So how should we approach July 19<sup>th</sup>? *'Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God...'*

With love and prayers

*Paul*



## **Would you like to be involved in the Community and help support St Paul's?**

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## Sea Sunday ~ 11th July 2021

Sea Sunday is a day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers worldwide. Seafarers may seem irrelevant to your daily life, but think again because 90% of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat.

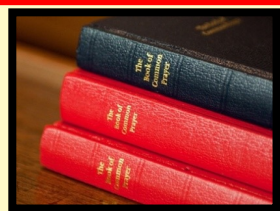
The seafarers work under harsh conditions and life on board ship is tough and dangerous. Voyages are long and seafarers often have to endure extreme weather conditions, particularly during the cold winter months. There is always the constant possibility of piracy and shipwreck.

The seafarers are isolated from family, loved ones and friends, for up to nine months at a time. For many it is a career of choice which enables them to provide a better life for their families at home and is worth the sacrifice of time away from them.

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in more than 200 ports, in more than 50 countries. They are supported by three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).



**Mid-Week  
Book of Common Prayer  
Service of Holy Communion**



*From CofE website*

**Wednesdays weekly – 10am**

*Please keep watching your weekly e-mails and printed notice sheets for any changes that occur due to coronavirus restrictions.*

# Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place. We are pleased to announce Pam Rowell and Alan Curtis will continue as church wardens. We thanked Susan Birbeck and Colin Turner as they stepped down from their time on the PCC.

Two themes arose from Paul's *Vicar's Report*:

## Finances

St Paul's faces a serious financial situation. While the Lord has been amazingly kind in providing in this past pandemic year, at this point we expect outgoings to be greater than our income by £30,500, which would mean a reduction of our reserves to £25,000.

We give thanks for the provision of a one-off grant from the Diocese towards our 2021 Parish Share (our giving which enables a minister to lead us, and wider support for our ministry), as well as income from our Fundraising Shop and hall. However it is clear that a focus on our regular giving is needed as the sustainable and biblical means of supporting our ministry, enabling us to be a further blessing to the wider community. In the 2021 budget, a 20% increase in regular giving was budgeted, with our deficit growing if this is smaller.

Our giving is motivated by God's grace, not guilt or manipulation. Paul encouraged everyone in light of the needs of the church, and the recent series in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, to prayerfully and carefully reflect on our personal circumstances, responsibilities and giving to see if we are able to increase our giving. Not everyone will be – and every penny given in faith is received with thanks by us and pleases the Lord. However, we do also face a real challenge to meet our needs in this current year and beyond.

## Future Ministry Patterns

Paul reiterated our current context as a church – both the changes and questions which the pandemic has raised for us, as well as the wider context of our community and how we reach it with the good news of Jesus.

Paul reflected on our patterns pre-summer, and seeking to take a deliberate journey to rebuilding our fellowship after the impacts of the pandemic. This would seek to chart a course, while creating space for those travelling at a different pace to be able to journey together. These steps would include giving communion by simultaneous administration, beginning to offer coffee, and recombining the 10 and 11.15am services.

Paul also laid out a proposal discussed at PCC meetings regarding future patterns of services. The desire and aim is to have a pattern which fulfils and serves our vision, enables the meeting of a range of needs – both of the lost beyond our church, and those within our church, which is as inclusive of need as it can be, rightly focused and sustainable.

Paul spoke of the great discomfort and pain that change can bring, and also the flux of the past months. The desire is that the new pattern when fixed will enable stability, as well as new steps forward. The pattern focuses around:

**10.30am – Morning Service:** A morning service (recombining the 10am and 11.15am) which reflects a range of traditional and contemporary elements across each month and season, with specific activities for children on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**4pm - Multigenerational Service:** A contemporary, complementary, multigenerational congregation seeking to reach and disciple all ages together with a deliberate intention of incorporating children, young people and families, into the full worshipping life of the church.

**10am Wednesday Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion:** Wonderfully this has grown during the past 16 months. As with any mid-week ministry encouraging people to see it as a supplement rather than replacement for gathering on the Lord's Day.

The impact on other services in this proposal was recognised, including Thursday Service, the 8.30am BCP Communion service, and the 4pm BCP Evening Prayer service. The range of responses and feelings regarding the proposed changes to this latter service were particularly acknowledged. Having discussed different options at PCC, the primary explorations would be regarding a mid-week setting, which it is hoped would enable the service to receive a proper focus and be more sustainable.

Paul recognised all these changes are painful and involve sacrifice. The desire was that all have a place at St Paul's, whilst taking needed new steps for the sake of the lost and our church.

Paul shared that final decisions had not been taken, with reflection ongoing, which would include points raised in the comments time of the APCM.

Please be praying for the Lord's leading,  
and will to be done in both these matters.

## General Synod to Meet Face-to-Face in July

The timetable for what is expected to be the first full in-person meeting of the Church of England's General Synod for a year and a half has been published.

Synod will meet at Church House, Westminster, from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July for what will also be the final meeting of the current Synod, ahead of elections later in the summer and autumn.

In addition to legislation and financial business, areas for discussion will include the programme to develop a Vision and Strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s.

Pastoral matters will include a presentation on bereavement and loss in the pandemic.

There will be a discussion on the role of the Church in the housing crisis, following the publication of the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Housing, Church and Community.

There will be an update on the new Racial Justice Commission, coming after the recent Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce.

Synod will also spend time in small groups reflecting on how members' engagement with *Living in Love and Faith* over the past four years can be handed on to the new Synod.



***It hopefully won't be too long before we our church will once again be filled with the joyful sound of singing our praises to God!***



# *Time for a Change*

*Tony Horsfall considers the challenge of change*

I have had my walking boots for a few years now, and they have been faithful companions. We have walked many miles together during that time, on my daily walks as well as on holiday. They are partly responsible for my physical recovery after Covid-19, so they have a place in my heart. They fit me very well, and we have adjusted to one another. But they are very thin now on the soles and heels, and it is reluctantly time for a change.



So, one recent Saturday I bought a new pair. They are clean and smart, and fully waterproof. The soles are strong and new. There are no signs of wear and tear. But I know that change is never easy. They will take some time to wear in. They may rub and I may get a blister or two. Occasionally I will long for my old boots, and wonder, 'Did I make a mistake?' Hopefully, they will become as much a part of me as my old ones as we tread the miles together. But there is always a risk with something new, Isn't there?

Change is never easy in whatever form it comes. But change is inevitable because life does not stand still, and we have to keep adjusting and adapting and being open to fresh winds of the Spirit. Never more so than in these present, troublesome days.

Strangely enough as I have been meditating on this, my reading this morning (Isaiah 9) contained a reference to 'Every warrior's boot used in battle ... will be destined for burning (v5).' Oh dear. I'm sure like me, warriors were fond of their boots too and found it hard to part with them.



## **Some miscellaneous observations on life...**

We cannot get away from God, though we can ignore Him.  
– James Cabot

Selfishness is the greatest curse of the human race.  
– W E Gladstone

A friend is someone with whom you dare to be yourself.  
– C Raymond Beran



## Fylde Foodbank Update

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone in church and in the community for your continued support of the Foodbank Drop-Off at St Paul's. St Joseph's Church Drop-off also collects significant amounts every Monday.



### Some amazing statistics!

In the past year up until March 2021 924.06kg of food and other items were donated. That is equivalent to 1,697 meals!

From 01 April this year to date, 275.56 kg have been donated, equivalent to 506 meals.

### Current needs

Tinned meat like corned beef, tinned carrots, peas and sweetcorn and full fat long life milk are currently required.

For non - foods we need washing up liquid, and laundry wash tablets.

Many thanks indeed

Julie Webb



## St Paul's Tots

St Paul's Tots is a new toddler group for 0-3s from St Paul's Church. With toys, songs, crafts and Bible stories.

We meet on Tuesday mornings:-

**10am - 11am for Toddlers &**

**11:15am - 12:15pm for Babies under 12 months**

St. Paul's Church Hall, Lake Road North,  
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*Four Pages of  
Poems, Prayers,  
Hymns and  
Reflections.*



*Not too long now!*

*The Difference*

So often  
I can't wear the right clothes,  
Speak the right words,  
Fit the right mould,  
Be the shape people want me to be,  
Expect me to be,  
Demand that I am,  
To conform.

But you Lord  
Accept me,  
Release me,  
Make it possible to be me,  
Perfectly free  
In Your service,  
Open for You  
To transform.

*By Daphne Kitching*

*Following*

*A young mother writes:*

It is always busy in our home, as we have four young children running about. But one particular Sunday afternoon James, my four-year-old kept following me about very closely. He was on my heels every time I turned around, and after nearly falling over him several times, I lost patience. 'Whatever is the matter with you?' I demanded. 'Why don't you go play?'

He looked up at me and said: 'This morning at church the teacher told us that we should walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see Him, so I am walking in yours instead.' I gathered up my young son and felt tears in my eyes. I thanked God for this lesson I will never forget – about the value of being a living example to our young ones."

## *The story behind the hymn: 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, their pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.



*Author: John Newton*



*Music: Franz Joseph Haydn*

## The story behind the hymn: 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'

The year was 1800, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon's troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly playing through his composition 'Emperor's Hymn'. Haydn had composed it for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II's birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn came from. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben's (1798 – 1874) anthem Deutschlandslid, which began with the famous words: 'Deutschland uber alles' (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived in the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle, he most likely would have sung his own national anthem tune to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton's inspiration for this hymn comes from Psalm 87: 'Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God' (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: 'Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...'

John Newton's hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects His people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago He led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, He led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have His very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home.

## *When We Feel Shaken*

*(Lk 10:42)*

Faithful Father,

When we feel shaken by the events of the past; when we don't know quite how to go forward; when our confidence in what we thought we could control is undermined; remind us that one thing is needed – to sit at your feet and listen to You.

You are our security. You will never fail those who belong to You through faith in Your Son, Jesus.

As we take time to listen to You, Lord, and to meditate on Your Holy Spirit-inspired Word, may we know Your peace – and Your good plans for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*



## *A Prayer for Children*

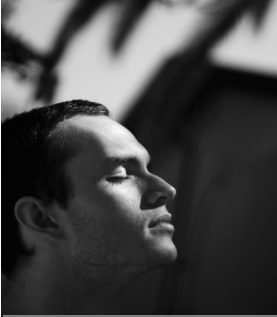
*The following prayer is credited to a UK charity, Children's Aid Direct, which ceased activities in 2002.*

I am the child who lives on the streets; pray for me,  
I am the child in a refugee camp; pray for me,  
I am the child hidden away in an orphanage; pray for me,  
I am the child trying to find my parents; pray for me,  
I am the child dying of hunger; pray for me,  
Share your music, your education, your riches with me.  
Share your shoes, your food, your blankets,  
your fuel, your toys with me.  
Share your ideas, your imagination, your skills,  
your time, your dreams with me.  
Share your world with me.  
It should be mine as well. Amen!



# *Reflected Faith: The Spaces Between*

*Jo White considers the need for listening.*



Picture by Quinton Coetzee  
on Unsplash

Most of us have been in situations where we are not in control, and we don't know how to feel or how to react to our situation. We need help.

The most valuable gift you can have at those times – is time itself. Time to be 'listened to'. Really listened to. But it is not easy to find someone who will 'actively listen' to you.

Think of the last time you were in the reverse position with a friend or a colleague, and they were talking to you. How easily do you recall what they actually said? Most of us are so busy getting our replies ready for when the person has finished speaking, that we don't clearly hear their punch line.

With God it is different. We can take everything to Him; all our worries and cares and failures and faults. And He listens.

He doesn't necessarily jump in with an instant, easy solution, but rather He promises to always guide us, if we ask Him, through life's challenges, and He promises to never leave us. He often speaks to us through his written word, the Bible.

This last year, when many of us have been communicating with others by phone or Zoom, we get nervous if it all goes quiet. We feel the need to 'nudge' the other person, to make sure they are still there. Silence is not a natural state for many of us – and yet it is in the quiet we can hear ourselves and God most clearly.

So, when we talk with God, our conversation should not be rushed and one-sided. We need to give space to our silence before Him, to wait and listen for Him to speak to us.

*This month:*

Next time you worship in church, listen to the silences: the spaces between the words, the music and the actions. Listen to all the prayers that are spoken.

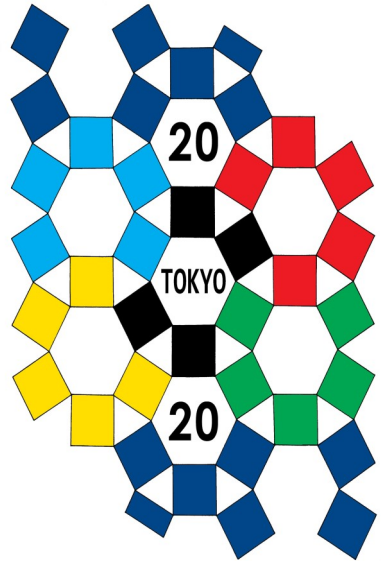
Look at your surroundings and reflect that they have absorbed thousands of prayers – and holy silence – down the centuries of their existence.

Look out the window and see the vastness of the sky above you – and let your prayers join with those that have gone before you. May the knowledge that you are not alone encourage and strengthen you.

# Olympic Gold

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the need for encouragement.

*This month should see the start of the Tokyo Olympics, having been postponed from last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. A number of New Testament letters refer to Olympic sport including Hebrews: 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' (Hebrews 12:1-2).*



The Christian life is compared to a long-distance race, but despite the struggles and obstacles, there is a great crowd of witnesses cheering us on. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, He will enable us to finish the race.

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher bearers came over to him. However, Redmond was determined to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line. Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek, to which his father said, "We're going to finish this together." They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side. Let's not forget the encouragement we have to finish the race!





## *This is a Church Near Us!*

### **How a Vicar's TikTok Meant for Seven Teenagers Reached 1.7 Million!**

What began as an amusing way to keep up with the seven teenagers in her congregation is now serious outreach for the Revd Anne Beverley of Christ Church in Wesham, Lancashire.

When the coronavirus pandemic struck, the first lockdown brought with it a need to stay in touch with the teenagers in her congregation, so Revd Anne Beverley filmed on the social media platform, TikTok – but she did not expect what happened next.

In three days, her video on her TikTok account @ChristChurchWesham was seen not just by the seven local teenagers, but by 1.7 million people around the world.

“We just sat at home watching the numbers go up every time we refreshed our phones,” said Revd Beverley, “it was ridiculous.”



Today, five or six videos are posted each week, which range from dances and singing, to short sermons while walking the dog.

The church has more than 66,000 followers and receives around a thousand comments and questions about God each week.



***O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. (Psalm 95:1)***

## *Exploring the Big Questions: Scientists and Theologians Share Their Views*

*Dr Ruth M Bancewicz writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith. Ruth is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.*



It's important to have debates about science and Christian faith and to dig into the hot topics, but we can't exist solely on a diet of controversy. I find it helpful, at times, to simply enjoy the wonders revealed by science and the big questions they raise about meaning and purpose. What's the universe for? What do you do with your feelings of awe and wonder? Where do we get our sense of the value of the living world from? I had the privilege of meeting a group of Christian scientists and theologians who shared thoughts about these big questions, and will share some of their thoughts here.

The Oxford-based theologian Alister McGrath shared that "science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer...questions like, 'Why am I here?'"

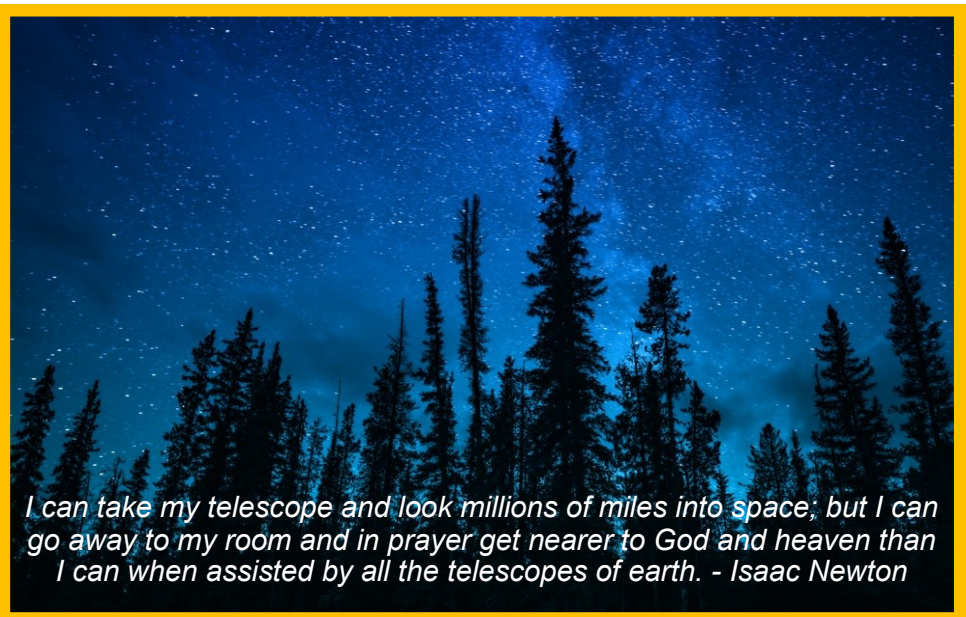
Rhoda Hawkins, a physicist at Sheffield University, has had a similar experience. "I never cease to be amazed at quite how impressive the world is, and how impressive the mechanisms are for how things work.

It really is beautiful in many ways, and it leads me to think about God. I'm not saying that I have any proof, but I'm saying that by looking at the world around me it tells me more about God and it leads me to worship Him."

Another scientist who appreciates beauty is Jeff Hardin, who explained that "studying the wonders of the living world is an exercise in art appreciation. For me, God is the creator of everything... so the joy of discovery is also the joy of appreciating the world that God has made... and leads me to thank God for the amazing world that we have to enjoy and to explore."

I will close with some words from Jeff Schloss, who – like the others quoted above – finds that Christian faith makes science more satisfying for him. "Once I became a Christian...I had the sense that I was studying the marvels of the natural world, which are marvellous in their own right but become more profoundly engaging and enticing when one thinks that you're studying the works of God." Perhaps if we can spend more time listening to people like this, our discussions about science and faith will also be richer and deeper.

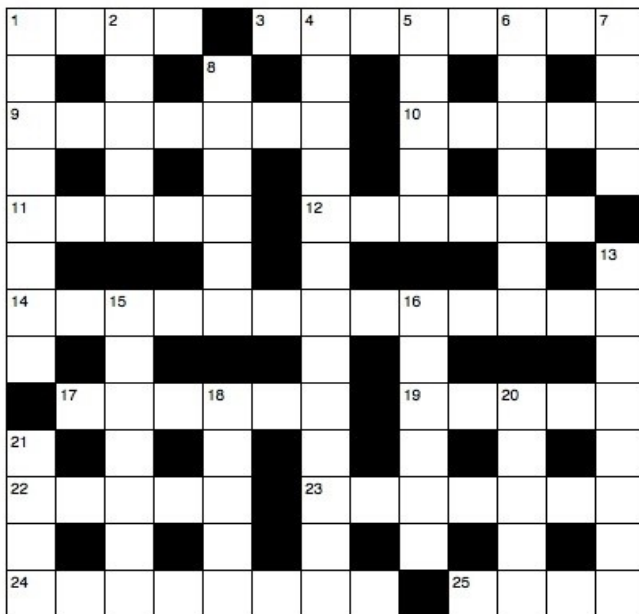
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# JULY 2021 CROSSWORD

*(The Bible version used in these crosswords is the NIV.)*



## ACROSS

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)

- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)  
 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)


**DOWN**

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)  
 2 Church of England incumbent (5)  
 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)  
 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)  
 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)  
 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)  
 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)  
 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)  
 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)  
 16 Real do (anag.) (6)  
 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)  
 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)  
 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)




**Crossword Solution June 2021**

A	M	B	U	S	H		S	C	H	O	O	L
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**ARTICLES FOR THE JULY PNE**

If you have an article for inclusion in the August PNE, please make sure that I have a copy by **Saturday 10th July**.

Thank you.  
*Janet Kimber*



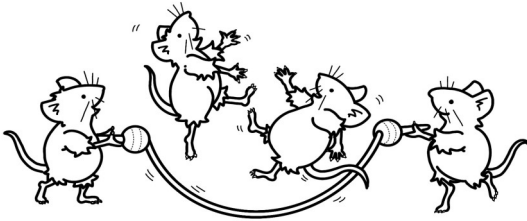
## Cry baby

A woman took her four-month-old baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived. The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. "He was sent down from Heaven," the mother replied, above the screams.

The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!"



... just humour him - he's hoping  
it'll help him reach the young  
people in his diocese...



## Obvious

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

## Church notices that didn't quite come out right....

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

The minister is going on holiday next Saturday. Could all missionary boxes be handed into the vicarage by Friday evening, at the latest.

Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink.

There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

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The sacristan was in a hurry to inform the congregation that their minister had recovered from an illness, so he put the following notice outside the church: *God is good. The vicar is better.*

*And finally ....*



## **Safeguarding**

St Paul's Church takes safeguarding very seriously. You can view all of our safeguarding information at:-

<https://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/safeguarding.html>

*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 the Parish or Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.*