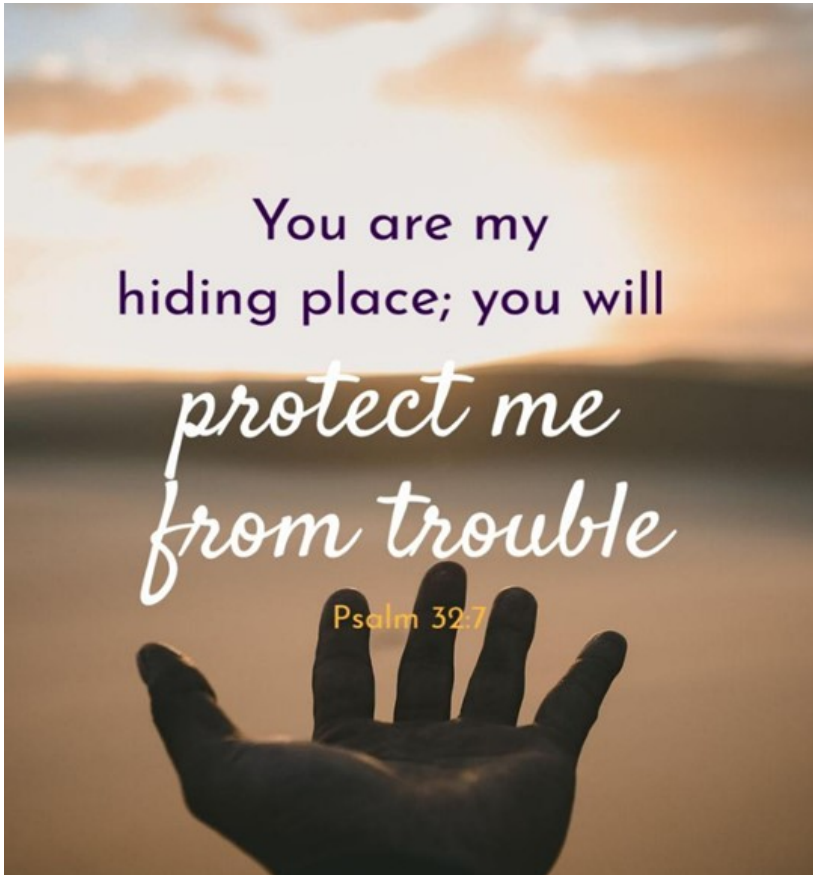




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Letter from the Vicarage...

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is... ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:1-6



Since our last magazine significant events have taken place. So, my letter updates you regarding plans following the changes in legislation on Monday 19th July. We give thanks that restrictions are lifted, particularly as they relate to corporate worship. It was good to sing this last Sunday! But we also recognise the changes may bring an increased sense of unease.

As those verses from Ephesians remind us, as Christ's people we are to seek to avoid the danger of disunity, as people potentially come to different conclusions, self-assertion – focusing on 'me' solely, and fear – having been in the patterns we have been in for so long, any other pattern might feel almost unimaginable, and thus unattainable or even unwanted. Instead, we are to work to be united, other centred, and seek confidence in the Lord. So:

Please love others deeply. This is an opportunity to be extra aware of others. An example of how this might work is before you sit down, look if there is someone near you – on the same pew or in front or behind. Ask something like 'Would you feel comfortable me sitting here?' If that person isn't, please respect that. If someone asks you and you don't feel comfortable, please be honest. It helps the person serve you.

It is a time for us to reflect – on our situations, vulnerabilities, and where we feel on certain matters. Importantly we don't want anyone to feel under pressure to do anything they are uncomfortable with. If taking a certain action at this time of transition is something we feel pressured into, or is not something we are comfortable with, it is better for you, and pleasing to the Lord, not to do it.

Singing – Singing to be reinstated, with the mid-week communion service continuing to be a said service.

Face coverings – Face coverings are no longer required to be worn. But if you feel more comfortable continuing to wear one at this present time, please feel able and free to do.

Social Distancing – While there is no longer fixed seating, we recognise you may feel more comfortable with additional space. Please speak to a welcomer who can help enable this.

Please be aware of others and leave space appropriately especially on entering, exiting and at Holy Communion.

Holy Communion – We will be using the common cup again. For those who feel unable to receive in this way, administration through the minister dipping the wafer in a separate cup continue to be available presently. Gluten-free and non-alcoholic remain.

Areas being continued presently – the livestream; sanitiser; maintaining good ventilation; our cleaning schedule; and quarantining reusable items.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to be in touch. I would be glad to seek to talk them through.

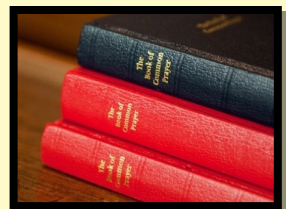
Please be praying for the Lord to be at work in and through us this time, for unity, love and his upholding hand.

With love and prayers

Paul



**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.

Praise in the Park

Sunday 22nd August 2021

In place of the Pentecost Walk of Witness this year, there will be a walk and Praise in the Park on Sunday 22nd August.

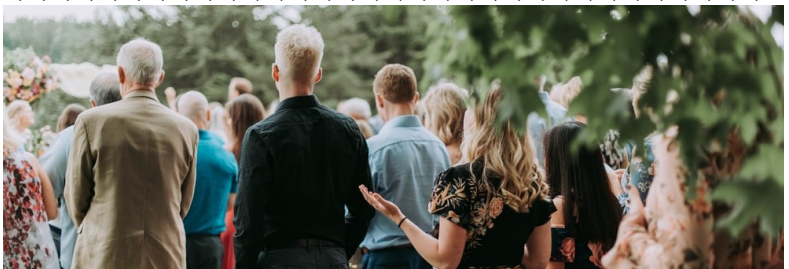
The walk from Lytham will leave from the Promenade near Lytham Lifeboat station at 2.45 pm and the walk from St Annes will leave from near St Annes Pier at 3.00 pm.

The service will take place at Fairhaven Lake at 4.00 pm at the usual place near the Spitfire and will last about 30 minutes.

If you are unable to walk, still feel free to join the open-air service at 4pm.



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5 Things We've Learnt about Truth in the Pandemic

by the Revd Peter Crumpler

I'm involved in a project rooted in the Church of England's St Albans diocese, north of London. We bring together people from a range of backgrounds and faiths to address the question 'Where is Truth now?' A vital issue for us from recent months has been 'How has truth fared during the pandemic? Here are five key points.

Truth can save your life.

Knowing the truth about the Covid-19 virus and vaccines gave vital protection during the pandemic. The advice of scientists, health professionals and researchers has been widely sought out and debated.

But we've also seen a rise in conspiracy theories, anti-vaccination campaigns and growing confusion as people challenge the extent of the pandemic, and whether Covid-19 is really a threat. Social media algorithms stand accused of spreading misinformation faster than reliable facts and corrections.

Truth comes from trust.

Knowing who to trust is one of the fastest growing challenges facing anyone wanting to know more about the pandemic and its causes. While faith in doctors and scientists is generally good, trust in politicians has remained low, and scepticism and confusion are growing.

Truth can be found on your doorstep – but not always.

Local information has become more important, especially during lockdowns. But with local newspapers and radio in decline, neighbourhood social media networks have been taking their place, spreading information – not all of it verifiable and sometimes incorrect.

Often, it's fear that drives our response to the stories we read. We eagerly consume stories highlighting a new 'threat' from Covid or scapegoating people not keeping to the lockdown rules. We respond emotionally, 'with our gut' – rather than our brain or intellect.

Truth has to be valued and protected.

Reliable, trusted journalism has been at a premium. ITV News journalist Julie Etchingham defended the role of the media during Covid-19. The Roman Catholic news presenter explained: "Many in our front-line services and the wider public are demanding answers. We are there on their behalf."

In December 2020, Yorkshire Post editor James Mitchinson, published his response to a reader who believed social media posts over his newspaper's reports. The open letter, headlined 'Do not believe a stranger on social media who disappears into the night' sets out the contrast between verified public interest journalism and disinformation posted online.

Truth can be complicated – and that’s ok.

Throughout the pandemic, politicians have spoken about ‘following the science.’ This, they have said, has guided their decision making. Yet scientists can have a range of views, based on similar research findings. It’s in the discussion and debate that scientific truth arises.

People accept that the ‘scientific evidence’ is not always straightforward. We know that truth can be complicated, from our own daily lives. So politicians who level with their electors about the complexity of the decisions are often received with more credibility.

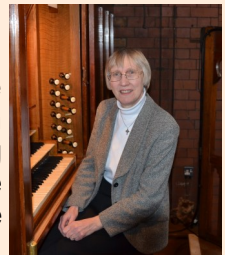
In continuing to ask the question “Where is Truth Now?” our modest project is helping to keep the conversation going – and encouraging others to do the same.



Linda Carrington, our organist, would like to add to the article published in the July PNE about the hymn “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”.



A Note from the Organ Loft



The tune by Haydn mentioned in the article appears in many hymnals to these words by John Newton. However, it isn’t the tune that we sing these days for this hymn at St. Paul’s. We reserve the Haydn tune called “Austria” for “Praise the Lord, ye Heavens Adore Him”.

Instead, we use the tune “Abbot’s Leigh” which was written specifically for these words by the Reverend Vicent Taylor in 1941. One of the earliest hymn books in which it was published was Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised which was used by this church until a more modern edition was introduced. Cyril Taylor had held appointments with the Royal School of Church Music and the Religious Broadcasting Department of the B.B.C..

No matter which tune we use (and some hymnals offer others) the assurance expressed in verse two of the hymn remains undiminished:

“Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.”

Linda Carrington





The Water of Life

'O taste and see that the LORD is good' Psalm 34:8

She came to the well around midday,
To avoid all the gossip she came alone,
She met a Man there who told her all things
Five husbands she had and one not her own.

He asked for a drink, and they started to talk,
A Samaritan woman there with a Jew
Breaking all barriers to meet her need
He told her how she could be made new.

The water of life that He would give
Would mean that she never would thirst again
This transforming draught He offers to all
Once tasted you never will be the same.

At Cana He turned the water to wine
A miracle no-one but He could do
Just as the water was wondrously changed
If you drink from this Fount it can happen to you.

By Megan Carter



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Ordination Experience and Thoughts

by The Reverend Kyle Mulholland



On Saturday 3 July, I was ordained priest at Blackburn Cathedral. Let me narrate the events around the ordination, and offer some reflections.

On Wednesday 30 June, Amy, Hannah, and I went for an informal outdoor lunch at the bishop of Blackburn's residence. Other ordinands and their families were also there: this was the first time we had met most of them in person. We had a good time: but the event ended in a rush. I was hurriedly driven away to Blackburn cathedral for the ordination rehearsal, leaving Amy and Hannah with barely a kiss goodbye; and I would not see them for another three days.

The rehearsal was a little chaotic. The combination of the cathedral's size and its acoustics meant that I could neither see nor hear much of anything. But I wasn't worried: I was well looked-after by those who were there, and I wanted to focus on giving myself to the Lord for this ministry. Photos were then taken outside - it was a very hot day to be wearing a clerical cassock - and we were driven to Whalley Abbey for the retreat.



Whalley Abbey Retreat House

I had an excellent experience at Whalley Abbey. All those about to be ordained were there from Wednesday afternoon until Saturday morning. It was a silent retreat, which meant that, except during the services, and over the evening meal, we spent the time in silence. The purpose of the quiet was to allow space for contemplation and prayer. The retreat was full of worship: we

gathered daily for morning prayer, Holy Communion, evening prayer, and night prayer, in the Abbey's small chapel. We were visited by the diocese's bishops over the three-day period, who encouraged us with exhortations from scripture ahead of our ordinations. I called Amy each night before bed, and we spent a brief time in prayer. The grounds of the Abbey are beautiful: the whole time was very restful and refreshing, and I had much time to study the Scriptures and pray.

Around lunchtime on Saturday, I left the Abbey with another ordinand, and we arrived at the Cathedral. I fasted that morning, as it were emptying myself in order to pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit. Paul Bye met me at the Cathedral before the service, which was a lovely surprise; and we briefly prayed together. I then gathered to pray with Philip North, the ordaining bishop, and Matthew, Andy, and Dan, who were also about to be ordained. I wore a black scarf for the service, and not a white stole.

(The two are likely to have the same origin: but, among clergy, the scarf has come to represent adherence to the principles of the Protestant reformation.)



For me, the most moving and powerful part of the service was the laying on of hands. The bishop placed his hands upon my head, to signify both that the Lord received me into this new office and ministry, and that the Holy Spirit would enable me to fulfil it. Hands were then laid on by Paul Bye - who affectionately touched my shoulder also - and Mark Jones, Hannah's godfather, and a vicar in East Lancashire. Extra ceremonies of later origin followed this biblical original - the giving of the Bible, and anointing with oil - but I felt that the service could have done without them. (However, I almost left the service without my Bible, having left it beside where I knelt: so as the bishop was about to process out, I ran forwards to grab hold of it, and held it aloft as I processed out of the cathedral!)

I was joined by thirty close supporters for the service; and others watched online. A small number from St Paul's were there to represent the church: and I was glad that family, friends, and supporters from other churches were able to come. It was good especially to be reunited with Amy and Hannah after the service - Hannah ran affectionately toward me to greet me - and to spend the afternoon with some close family.





I was deeply moved by the experience at St Paul's on the Sunday. Presiding at Holy Communion for the first time left a powerful impression - for days afterwards, whenever I handled any food and drink, my mind immediately drew me back to that bread and cup. It was a pleasure to welcome a reunited congregation. The reading from Nehemiah 8, and the words that God gave Paul to speak, felt very timely and pertinent. It was a joy to spend time together with the congregation

after the service also: and the rain stayed away until it was almost time to go home!

Some brief reflections

I was inspired by my experience at Whalley Abbey. It was good to spend time in prayer, rest, reflection, and worship. It was especially good to do this before taking on a new ministry from the Lord, seeking his perspective, and his strength. I did not have this opportunity last year: and I valued it this year.

I also think this is a good thing to do with others. We gathered at regular times throughout the day to worship the Lord, and to hear from the scriptures. I think a church could benefit from going away to do this together. It could be a time of real spiritual growth and bonding that lasts beyond the retreat itself.

After the service on Sunday, I thought much about the relationship between authority and responsibility. A presbyter (priest) has a great deal of authority - especially when it comes to admitting people to or barring them from the Lord's table - and



with that authority comes a great responsibility, to know them, to love them, and to care for them. Therefore I need the constant help of the Holy Spirit to do this work.

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,

'On Holiday with Jesus'

Canon Paul Hardingham considers our need to find rest.

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. This year will be very different, with many opting for a 'staycation'! The good news is that Jesus offers us a true rest:

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' (Matthew 11: 28-29). Are you feeling tired or burdened and in need of a holiday? Jesus invites you to spend it with Him!

The Invitation: Our holiday destination is Jesus Himself: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.' We can come just as we are, with all the burdens and sadness we carry from the last 18 months. Jesus doesn't offer a 'quick fix' to deal with our issues; He simply offers Himself!

The Promise: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen to enable them to work the fields. Jesus says: 'My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to Me and get yoked to Me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in Me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you!'

What's so amazing about this holiday is that you can get rest by simply staying at home!

and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn

and you will find rest for your souls.' (Matthew 11: 28-29).

from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart

For anyone who is learning about trust in God....

The Slide

As I watch
She climbs the steps steadily,
Holding the handrail,
Her two-year-old feet following
each other

Rhythmically, unhesitatingly
To the platform at the top
Where she sits down
And freezes.

Holding tight to the sides,
Knees up, feet flat
She judders down a little way
Then looks up.

Her eyes meet my smile, my outstretched arms –
And she takes her hands off the edge of the slide,
Shooting forward with a squeal of delight,
Trusting the love she knows.

Lord, I have climbed so steadily,
I have come so far, in my own strength,
Holding on, holding back,
Sometimes freezing.
But I am Your child,
Today I will lift my eyes
And meet Your smile,
Your outstretched arms,
I will lift my juddering feet –
And take my hands off the edge of the slide
Released to ride, by Your Spirit,
Into the freedom of Your will,
Trusting the Love I know.

By Daphne Kitching



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Prayer for the New Day

Dear Father,

In this strangest of summers, with its traffic-light travel restrictions and on-going concerns about Covid 19, help us to remember that You never change. Your light is constant. Your love continues. Your presence is assured, whether we stay at home, or travel within the UK, or further afield. There are no restrictions on Your Holy Spirit.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of each new day, wherever we may be. Thank You that by Your grace, we share all our days with You, secure in all circumstances, when we put our trust in Your precious son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



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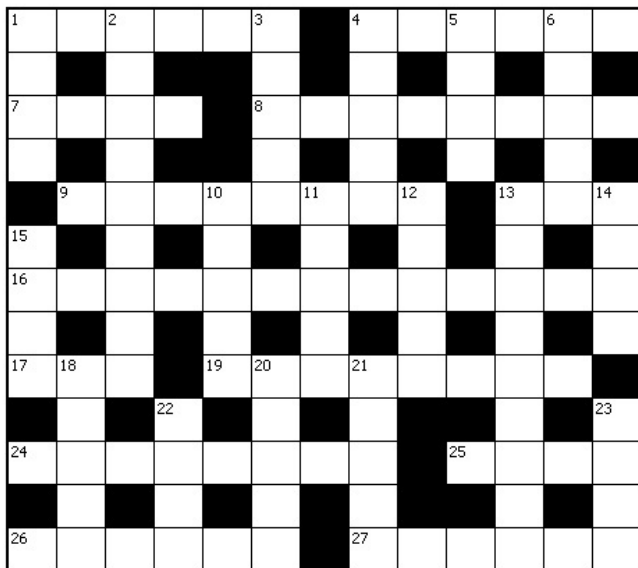
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AUGUST 2021 CROSSWORD

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



Across

- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the - and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)
- 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away — , because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19 Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 24 'The Lord is my — , I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)


Down

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5 Assistant (4)
- 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10 Credo (anag.) (5)
- 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 15 Employs (4)
- 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)




Crossword Solution July 2021

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ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER PNE

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

Thank you.

Janet Kimber

Time for a Smile

With Holidays in Mind ...



Who first

While flying home, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-year-old son. Mum couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember - run to Dad first, then the dog."

Hard to tell

During a summer music festival, a punk rocker stopped at the front desk of the reception tent to ask if there were any messages for her. The desk clerk handed her an unsigned note, and she asked for a description of the person who had left it. "That's easy," replied the clerk. "He wore tight pink-leather trousers, high-heeled black boots and a T-shirt with strategically cut holes. There was a row of coloured safety pins through the outside edge of one ear, and he wore purple eyeshadow. And his hair was orange and spiked."

"Oh, man!" she said, obviously disappointed, "that could be anybody!"



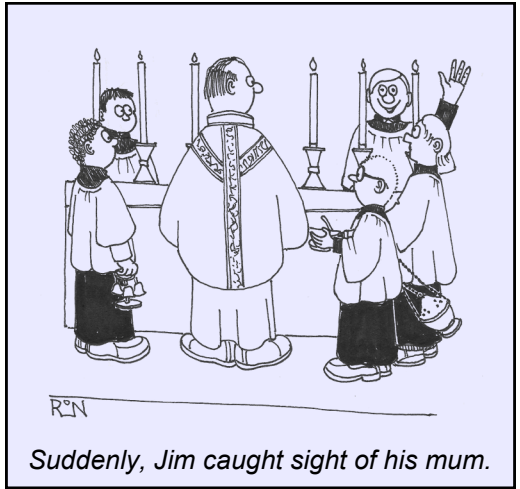
Good camping advice

Going camping this month? Take along a tuba or a drum and carefully place it beside your tent. It will keep the spaces on either side of your tent well and truly vacant.

The purpose of the font

A true story from *Ellen Hallam, a Parish Pump editors.*

One Sunday our Family Service included two baptisms and many young children were there. In his talk, the Vicar asked the children if any of them knew what the font was for – and the answer came back: “For washing babies’ hair”!



Suddenly, Jim caught sight of his mum.

How old

A young child asked a woman how old she was. She answered, "39 and holding."

The child thought for a moment, then wondered, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

Hobby

It seems that those who have hobbies rarely go crazy. But what about those of us who have to live with those who have hobbies?



Bread

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.



Flies

A woman went into the kitchen to find her husband swatting flies. “I killed three female and two male ones,” he said triumphantly. She asked him how on earth he knew that.

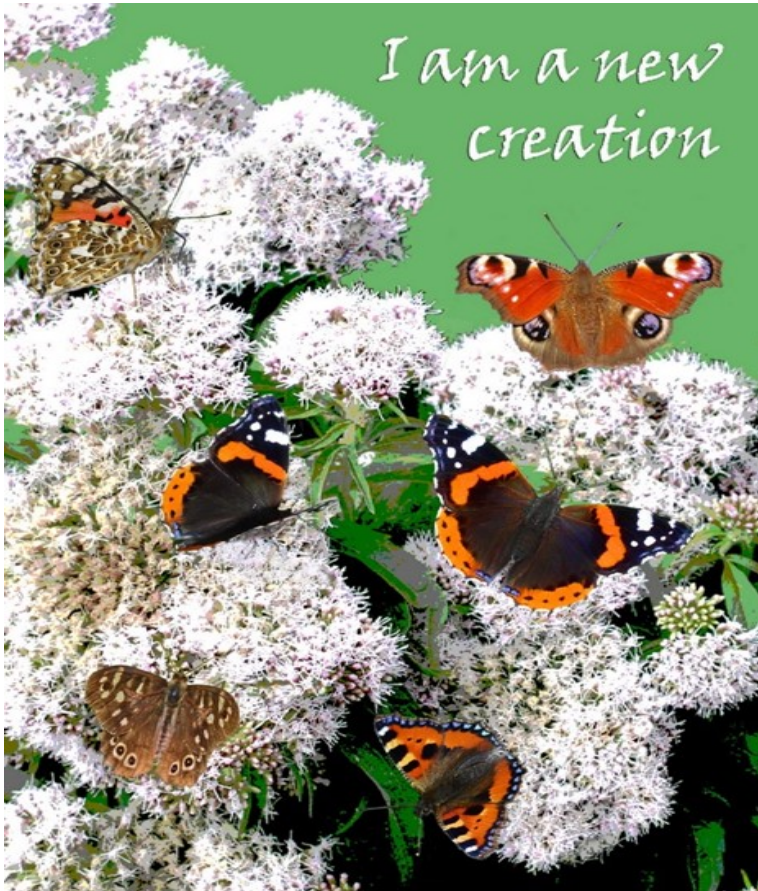
“Easy. Two were on my beer can, and three were on the phone.”

Talk

Did you hear about the self-help group for compulsive talkers? It's called On & On Anon.



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>

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