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Fruits Growing in God's Love

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Letter from the Vicarage...

On February 6th 1952, Princess Elizabeth was staying in Kenya with her husband Prince Phillip when she heard of the death of her father King George VI. Without delay, she returned home where she was proclaimed, 'Queen Elizabeth II' aged just 25. Elizabeth's succession to the throne was proclaimed at an Accession Council in St James's Palace and was attended by members of the Privy Council, the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London. This month we begin a year of marking the 70th anniversary of her accession.



Later that year, in her first Christmas broadcast, she asked the nation to 'Pray for me ... that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'

That request echoes the Apostle Paul's command in 1 Timothy 2:1-2:

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

It is right that we pray for all people – our prayers are to have a universal scope. God doesn't call us to a small pool of people or things to pray for. Within that we are to pray for our Queen, and also her family, and our leaders at national and local level.

We give thanks for our Queen who names the name of Christ. But our prayers are not simply to be limited to those. When Paul made this call, the leaders of the world were not followers of Jesus. In fact some persecutors of his people. Yet prayers were still to be made for them.

The request here is that they might govern in a manner which leads to peace. Peace which has at its end good for all people, but also brings about the situation where the church is able to thrive. Both in terms of its devotion to God, and in its living out of the moral life which God is working in his people. In this place of peace, Paul sees also that the ability to make Jesus known is more possible. This pleases God for he wants all people to come to him for salvation.

So as we mark this Jubilee year, do pray for Her Majesty the Queen – that she will continue to faithfully serve God and this nation all her days.

Pray for our future rulers after her, and the leaders under her that they would take up the same mantle in their lives, and that we might know peace – where religion, morality and making the saving love of Jesus known can flourish.

“O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (From Evening Prayer)

With best wishes

Paul



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Tots**

St. Paul's Tots is a baby and toddler group for **0-3s**; their parents, carers and grandparents.

With toys, songs, crafts and Bible stories.

Tuesdays

10am - 11:30am (Term time)

St. Paul's Church Hall, Lake Road North,
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£1 per family, which includes a hot drink for adults.

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The 4

Back in September we began a new service at St Paul's – The 4. This was our more informal service meeting in the Church Hall, on Sunday afternoons. It is designed to be a place where young and old can grow in relationship with Jesus and each other.

So how has it been going? Though early days, we have a number of things to give thanks for.

This first term has particularly been about The 4 finding its feet, having begun from scratch. Having not known who would come, it has been encouraging as the term has gone on to have a core of people forming. On some early weeks there had been 10 present, but more recently it has been nearer 20.

From a regular base of people it is possible to plan more and involve them in different parts. This is something which we will be seeking to do more of this term. Another encouragement has been seeing relationships between those who have been present deepen. For some it has been a place of getting to know people for the first time. It has been lovely seeing adults talking with young people about their lives, or about what craft they have been doing.

We have welcomed some new faces at The 4, and seen some of our families attending, for which we give thanks. This is one area we would love to see grow more. So please pray for us to be able to connect with more families, and see them become regular at the service.

In the autumn term we looked at the book of Mark. A normal service might include a range of songs, a question to discuss, a memory verse, a Bible reading, talk and prayers. The service lasts around 45 minutes. On some weeks there has been a craft, or board games for children (and adults) to play together. For this new term we are looking at 'Short Books about our Big God' – particularly Ruth and Jonah.

It is still early days, so please do be praying as we continue to reflect on and hone The 4, and ask that the Lord might be pleased to use it for His good purposes in our church and community.

If you have not yet been able to join us – please do come along – you would receive a warm welcome. If you are not sure if it is a style you would normally attend, please do come along as well. At the very least having seen The 4, it will mean you will be better able to be praying for it. Thank you for all your prayers up until now.

Look out for updates on our other services in the coming months.

Digital Team Wins Series of Awards for Work During Pandemic

The Church of England's Digital Team has been praised for 'incredible innovation and initiative' as it won a series of awards for its output during the pandemic.

A special Ash Wednesday Instagram filter, using Virtual Reality techniques, the popular Time to Pray app & podcast and the 2020 Advent and Christmas campaign 'Comfort and Joy' were among areas of work honoured at the annual 'Digital Impact Awards' in London.

Competitors included household names such as Lloyds Banking Group, Fidelity, Centrica and Nestle.

The judging panel said: "The Church of England has demonstrated incredible innovation and initiative in its adoption of digital tools to support the Christian community through the pandemic.

"From online services to a multi-channels Christmas campaign to apps and virtual reality filters... The digital in-house team demonstrated rigor and creativity as it built its various projects on a vast foundation of research, as they developed digital solutions to immediate problems."



The full list of awards is below:

Digital Impact Awards

- ◇ In House Digital Team of the Year – Church of England.

The Church of England has won three golds in the Digital Impact Awards for:

- ◇ Best use of VR for the Ash Wednesday Instagram filter
- ◇ Best use of Audio for the Time to Pray app & podcast
- ◇ Best use of existing social media platforms for the 2020 Advent and Christmas campaign

A further two silvers were awarded for:

- ◇ Best use of online video for the weekly online services
- ◇ Best digital employee communication for our Digital Labs training programme



Churches Prepare Platinum Jubilee Plans

Churches, Christian charities and youth organisations are working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which will be celebrated in the UK and Commonwealth over the four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd - 5th June 2022. A new website has been created – www.theplatinumjubilee.com – to provide ideas and resources for communities to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

HOPE Together is working with a wide range of partners to help churches around the Commonwealth to mark this special occasion and, in particular, to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service. As with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, HOPE Together and partners will provide a range of ideas and resources for communities, schools, churches and youth organisations.

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director, says, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for these national celebrations."

HOPE's Platinum Jubilee Highlights will include:

Our Faithful Queen - a gift book using rarely-seen prayers the Queen prayed as she prepared for the Coronation, will be published by HOPE Together and Biblica in January 2022 to buy and give away.

A Happylands animation and book 'The Girl Who Grew Up To Be Queen' for under-5s is to be published by HOPE Together in partnership with The Entertainer and Hope for Every Home.

A new anthem 'Rise Up and Serve' has been commissioned by HOPE Together and written by contemporary hymn writers Graham Kendrick, Mal Pope and Rend Collective for choirs to sing as part of the celebrations.

70 Acts of Service – an invitation to communities to celebrate by serving others with 70 community service ideas drawing on Stewardship's 40 Acts

On Her Majesty's Service for 11-14s – youth organisations, schools and uniformed organisations are involved (Pais, CofE, Youth For Christ, YouthScape, The Message, Prayer Spaces In Schools. Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade). Resources include ideas for action and videos to use.





Candlemas, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple February 2nd

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So, where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis (see below), which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.



Brooklyn Museum/FreeBibleimages.org

Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace : according to thy word.*

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :

before the face of all people;

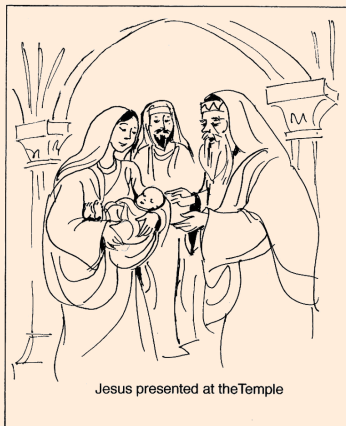
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

and to be the glory of thy people Israel

Anna (Luke 2:36-38)

All those years in the temple,
In waiting widowhood.
All those years
Worshipping, wondering,
What had it all been about?
Seven years of marriage
Then this lifetime alone,
And yet
There was this sense of purpose,
Of Spirit-significance
Impending,
Then there he was,
The child.
And Simeon sang
Of salvation and sorrow,
Of rising and falling,
Of light and loss,
Of revelation and piercing.
I gazed at the child,
Glimpsed the glory of God
And gave thanks
For the years.

By *Daphne Kitching*



A Prayer at Candlemas by Daphne Kitching

Dear Lord God, February can be a difficult, cold month and this year there is much to be concerned about, with the pandemic still affecting our lives in so many ways. But thank you, Lord, that February can also be a month of wonderful signs of hope.

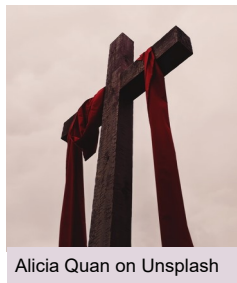
Help us, when we look down, to see the snowdrops - sometimes known as Candlemas Bells - and other bulbs pushing through the dark earth, showing the promise of Spring and brighter days ahead. Help us to look up, to see the light of Jesus, Your revelation to all the world, in that baby who grew and died and rose again to offer salvation, hope and life to all who put their trust in Him.

Thank you, Father, that because of Jesus, nothing - no pandemic, no circumstance - can ever separate us from You. Thank you for Your Holy Spirit, living in all who trust in You, giving us strength for each new day of this and every month. In Jesus name, Amen.

God So Loved the World

Canon Paul Hardingham

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)



This month, as we mark St Valentine's Day, we focus on the importance of love. In understanding the way God loves us, this verse shows us how we should love others. *God's love is unconditional:* God demonstrated His unconditional love for us by sending His Son into this world, to show us how we should love others, especially when it is undeserved! *'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.'* (Philip Yancey).

God's love is sacrificial: God's love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of others first. This is demonstrated by the cross, which is the supreme demonstration of God's love. He died for our sins to give us access to God's love, which is made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit.

God's love is forgiving: According to the film *Love Story*, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' Yet Jesus' love for us enables us to forgive others, as we find His forgiveness through the gift of eternal life, available to all who put their trust in Him.

In this World Cup Year, we remember Bobby Moore describing the terror of receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966: *"I noticed that the Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud!"*

Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, because of His love, we can shake hands with a holy God and share that love with others.



St Valentine's Day

Valentine was a priest during the reign of Emperor Claudius II who outlawed marriage for young men as he thought single men made better soldiers. Valentine defied the emperor and continued to marry couples in secret, but when found out he was sentenced to death and was executed on 14th February 269 A.D. A story goes that while in prison he fell in love with the jailor's daughter, and before his death wrote her a letter signed 'From your Valentine.' He was later made a Saint.

Loved Nonetheless

The Rev Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and then retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the slow and steady type of Christian.

Here is a thought on a verse of Scripture from the encounter of Jesus with a man described as a 'rich, young ruler'.

This man was keen to follow Jesus, but when told he must share his wealth with the poor decided it was too much to ask, and he went away sorrowful. In this context we read that, "Jesus, looking at him loved him (Mark 10:21)."

This is a remarkable statement about Jesus, and the nature of divine love, a love that doesn't alter despite the ups and downs of our behaviour. It is constant and unchanging, truly without condition, and unshaken by the unpredictability of human response.

We might have expected to hear Jesus say, 'You foolish man' or 'You stupid boy', but there is no such rebuke, only love. Jesus might have been annoyed, disappointed, exasperated, alarmed, shocked . . . but all we feel is His love for someone who has missed a great opportunity.

What a joy it is to know that Jesus loves us exactly as we are. When He looks at us, nothing is hidden from His gaze. He sees through all our pretence, all our subterfuge, all our attempts to put on a brave front. He knows who I am, completely. And yet He loves me unreservedly and without reservation. Amazing.



Why walk away from a love like that?

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Some miscellaneous observations on life

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. - *Duane Hulse*

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be looking for it the rest of the day. - *Philip Chesterfield*

Be kind. Remember that everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. - *Harry Thompson*

The success I've achieved comes to me from God. *Justin Bieber*

Thinking of Others:

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
21 FEBRUARY – 6 MARCH



FAIRTRADE

Sally Churchus, Chair of the Association of Church Editors



Fairtrade works with farming co-operatives, businesses, and governments to make trade fair so that producers earn secure and sustainable livelihoods. (Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed *Isaiah 1:17* and, Love your neighbour as yourself *Matthew 22:39*).

The climate crisis is the biggest threat to the livelihoods of millions of small-scale farmers and agricultural workers in low-income countries worldwide. Without a fairer income, farmers and workers are unable to invest in the types of mitigation and adaptation techniques needed to protect the environment, and their businesses. This represents a vicious cycle of poverty in which steps towards environmental protection and decarbonisation are likely to be beyond the reach for those who aren't even able to earn a living income because the price they receive for their produce is far too low.

When thinking of Fairtrade, most people think of bananas, chocolate or tea and coffee, but there are many other Fairtrade products, including gold, wine, clothes, beauty products and flowers. There are over 70,000 people growing, harvesting, packing, and caring for Fairtrade flowers which are traceable to the original farm. Fairtrade certified farms must ensure safety and working conditions for their employees. These farms receive a Fairtrade Premium of 10% for every item sold, which allows workers to invest in healthcare, education and other social benefits.

Fairtrade works with flower workers in countries including Kenya, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Uganda and Tanzania. Fairtrade flowers are available from Aldi, Asda, Co-op, Lidl, M & S and Moonpig, which may be worth bearing in mind with the approach of Valentine's Day and Mothering Sunday on 14 March.



Global Food Crisis Worsens

An estimated billion people worldwide are facing malnutrition as the global food crisis worsens, with 45 million already on the brink of famine. Of these billion people, 239 million are African. Countries such as Madagascar, Mozambique and Zimbabwe are among the worst affected.

Recent studies also show that, globally, 22% of children under the age of five are 'stunted' due to lack of nourishment, and that many of these – an estimated 14 million babies and young children – are suffering acute and severe malnutrition.

Nearly a third of the world's population – more than two and a half billion people – lack an adequate supply of food. Millions of people are going to bed hungry, every single day.

In Madagascar famine has followed years of drought and other environmental disasters. Many people have been reduced to trying to eat bark from trees or cactus leaves, and many have already died.

While famine is an issue that affects all people, Christians who are already persecuted and impoverished are often among the worst affected.

Reports also indicate that famine and food insecurity only increases the likelihood of violence and conflict, which includes the anti-Christian violence experienced by believers across Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

To try and help, Barnabas Fund has launched a new initiative, **food.gives**. If you would like to join others who are filling up their food boxes in their homes and churches, please visit <https://www.food.gives/>



Church Hall Hire

We have vacancies on Monday/Thursday Evenings and all day on Saturdays. The hall is ideal for children's parties and other activities requiring large space

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or via our Facebook page**

Please Pray for Our Christian Brothers and Sisters in India as They Face a Growing Number of Attacks

In India, attacks against Christians have been rising, particularly since the second wave of COVID-19 ended; and more states are imposing anti-conversion laws. This comes as growing numbers of the Indian underclass, the Dalits, are turning to Christianity, and as right-wing Hindu nationalism is on the rise.

As yet another state, Karnataka, is poised to impose anti-conversion legislation, there have been challenges in the Supreme Court to the constitutionality of limiting freedom of religion in India.

Late last year, Hindu nationalists set upon a Christian community in Chhattisgarh state, to drive them out and make the area 'Christian free', according to International Christian Concern (ICC). The mob of 50 attacked Christians in Metapal village with clubs, breaking their bones and leaving nine Christians seriously injured.

And following a similar attack on Christians in Uttar Pradesh, when 100 Hindu nationalists burst into a church meeting, beating the pastor and other Christians. The police turned up soon after and arrested the Christians, later charging them under the anti-conversion law.

The latest report from a coalition of NGOs listed more than 300 violent attacks against Christians in India, over a nine-month period. They included 288 accounts of mob violence, across 21 states. The Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI) also recorded 145 incidents of religious persecution against

Christians – including three murders – in the first six months of 2021.

An Indian pastor said that extremists were resorting to violence because growing numbers of Hindus were putting their faith in Christ and attending church services.

The rising persecution is linked to Hindutva, a form of religious and cultural nationalism that binds Hindu identity to nationality. Hindutva (literally Hinduness) shapes the right-wing political ideology of India's ruling BJP and other nationalist groups. At its most extreme, the notion behind Hindutva is that to be Indian is to be a Hindu – and nothing else will be tolerated.

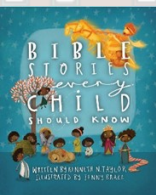
The rising tide of intolerance has increased since the election of the nationalist BJP in 2014. It has resulted in attacks against religious minorities and the passing of anti-conversion laws in many states. These laws are targeted at both Muslims and Christians.

According to the 2021 Indian census there are around 960 million Hindus in India, which has a population of 1.3 billion. Estimates vary as to the number of Christians. The official figure is 29 million, but some observers put the number at almost 65 million, roughly 5 per cent of the population.

Release International is working to train pastors in India and to provide financial and medical help when they come under attack. If you would like to support them, please visit: <https://releaseinternational.org>

Book Reviews

Have you read a good Christian book recently that you would recommend to others? How about writing a review, which could be published in the Pews News Extra?



Bible Stories Every Child Should Know

Kenneth B Taylor & Jenny Brake, 10Publishing (£16.99)

Best-selling author Kenneth Taylor was well-known for his faithful retelling of Bible stories in a way which engaged young children. This newly illustrated collection of more than 120 Bible stories from his Classic Bible Storybook present the truths of the whole Bible in a language understandable for kids. Each story has 3-4 comprehension questions to help children easily grasp Biblical concepts.

Reading this book will help young ones aged four - seven to love the stories of the Bible.



I'm Praying for You – 40 days of praying the Bible for someone who is suffering - by Nancy Guthrie, 10Publishing, £6.99

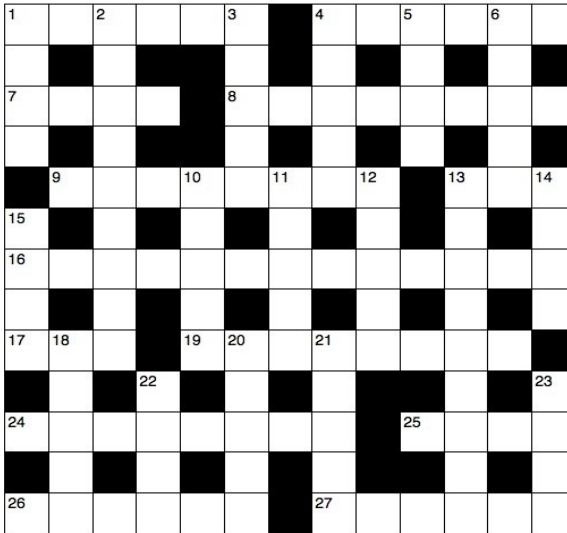
When we hear that a friend is struggling, it can be easy to say, 'I'm praying for you', but harder to know what you can actually pray!

Through forty carefully chosen Scripture passages, Nancy Guthrie opens up the wealth of scripture to teach us how to pray for those who are hurting. She shows us how the Bible provides us with a vocabulary for prayer that enables us to ask God to achieve what He intends in and through suffering. Nancy teaches us to see how God's purposes are revealed even in our darkest days, and encourages us to pray for His will to be done in difficult situations.

Each chapter includes a passage, a short explanation, and a prayer for your friend. Using the QR code at the end of each prayer, you'll be able to load and send a personal text message to the person you're praying for so that he or she will know not only that you are praying, but exactly what you are praying.

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



Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

Time for a Smile

More church bulletin bloopers

The youth group has raised almost £500 for drug abuse.

Any church member over 18 is invited to join in this lay ministry programme. It requires only a minimal amount of training and time: six weekly classes of about 200 hours, each Tuesday night.

The Seniors group will have a picnic on Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, or a dessert, all in a covered dish.

Advert for a church jumble sale: 'We have a gents three-speed bicycle, and also two ladies for sale, in good running order.'



Forgiveness

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy ventured: "Sin?"

Those who want to get married

A minister was preparing to marry a local couple within a couple of weeks. At the close of the morning service, he saw them both in the congregation, and wanted to ask them to come forward, but he couldn't think of their names. So he said: "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" Immediately, nine single ladies, six single men, three widows, and four widowers walked up the aisle.



Helen's electric chasuble was the envy of everyone.

Say it with flowers

A man stopped by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend on Valentine's Day. He asked the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'Say it with flowers'?"

"I do indeed!" the florist enthused. "How about three dozen of my finest roses?"

The man hesitated. "No, make it just a half dozen roses. I'm a man of few words."



February 2022

Love

Love may not make the world spin around, but it certainly makes a lot of people dizzy.



The Rules of Marriage - *With Valentine's Day in mind, here are the real-life answers from a group of children:*

How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you'll have known the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. - Freddie, age 6

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. - Derrick, age 8

What do you think your Mum and Dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8

When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich. - Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be 18, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - Curt, age 7

Meeting Together at St. Paul's

Sunday

- 9:45am Short prayer meeting (Church Hall)
- 10:30am Our morning service with a common liturgy incorporating traditional and more contemporary elements and music across each month. Refreshments served after the service.
1st Sunday - Service of the Word;
2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays - Holy Communion
Sunday Club meets on the 2nd & 4th weeks for 3-11s
- 4:00pm Our new complementary, multigenerational service seeking to reach and disciple all ages of the church together with a deliberate intention of incorporating children, young people and families. Followed by refreshments.
- 5:30pm Our sung service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer to mark selected Christian festivals six times a year.

Wednesday

- 10:00am Our mid-week Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer; followed by refreshments.

Thursday

- 3:30pm Our weekly service of Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, alternating between said and sung forms.

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.