



St. Paul's Church Ansdell & Fairhaven  
Working In Unity To Share The Good News Of Christ

# PEWS NEWS EXTRA

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# *Letter from the Vicarage...*

'Why?' I imagine that is a question you will have asked at some point. Maybe as the news unfolds in front of us, you have asked it recently? Often in times of suffering and distress it comes to our lips.

It is a very human question. It recognises the disorientation and confusion which life in this world can bring.

It is not a question the Bible shies away from. In fact as Jesus died he took upon his lips, words of King David, as he cried 'My God, My God *why* have you forsaken me?' (Matthew 27:46)

Do you notice on the cross, Jesus asks 'Why?' As the eternal Son, he knew his Father's plan. He willingly went to the cross in obedient completion of it. However, for that terrible moment, all that was unknown. He was cut off from all that made sense.

It might seem strange, but that is a great encouragement. In Jesus, God the Son took on our human nature. So in Jesus, there is one who has been where we have been. He knows what it is to face that confusion. We have one who has cried 'Why?'

It gives us confidence to take our 'why's' to him. He is big enough for us to reverently ask him those questions. Rather than run from him, to bring them openly and honestly.

Yet Good Friday not only gives us hope in our 'why's'; it offers us hope beyond them.

We may never know the full answer to our questions. We may have to live with the pain that brings.

However, as Jesus died, and in his human nature was forsaken by God, he was allowing us to be welcomed by God.

The one thing Jesus did not deserve was to be forsaken in divine judgement. Jesus had lived in sweet, obedient union with his Father all his life. It is us whom the Bible says rightly deserve that end. A forsakenness which even the most terrible abandonment in the here and now cannot compare to.

But Jesus willingly carried that upon himself for sinners like you and me. In his death he was making a way to know God. To know a security that the one trusting him will never be forsaken, even in the darkest of days.



Making a way to know the God who does know the answers, even if we don't. Making a way so that while we may never know the reasons why there is such suffering in our lives or in the world, we can know one reason it is not.

It's not because he doesn't love us. Jesus' dying and rising shows the love which God has for each of us if we will come to him for it.

A love stronger than our wrong, which would cut us off from him. Stronger than death. It gives us the full life that we were made for, not just now, but eternally.

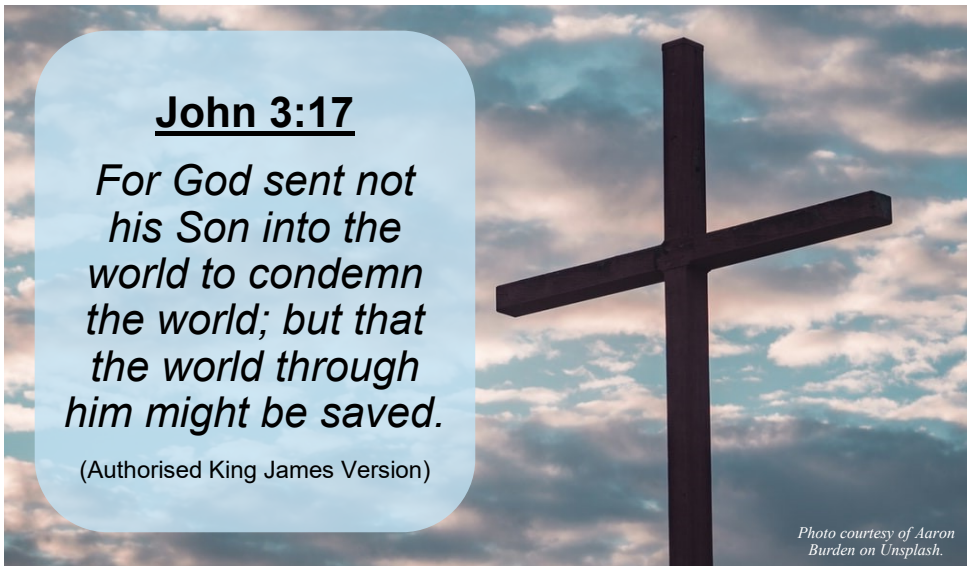
Good Friday presents to us in Jesus, a God who is strong and loving enough to hold before him our 'why's' and be able to trust him with them. Trust him even when we don't have the full answer.

But it makes a way to know God in those 'why's', and in the world which he will create beyond them. A world where every wrong will be righted. Every pain transformed into something beautiful. Where a welcome by God will bring sense to everything senseless in the here and now.

This Holy Week, for the first time or the fiftieth time, let us draw close to Jesus, the saving, suffering and risen King of Love.

With every blessing

*Paul*



**John 3:17**

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

(Authorised King James Version)

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# St Paul's 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,  
Lytham St. Annes, FY8 1BZ

£1 per family, which includes a hot drink for adults.

Booking not required

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**Sunday 3rd April**

**12noon**

Please join us at this important meeting, reflecting on the Lord's work in the past year, appointing office holders, and looking to the coming year together.



# The King of Love

## Celebrate Jesus with us this Holy Week

### MONDAY 11TH, TUESDAY 12TH & WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL

- 4.00PM - NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)

### MAUNDY THURSDAY THURSDAY 14TH APRIL

- 7.30PM - HOLY COMMUNION

### GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY 15TH APRIL

- 10.00AM - OUTDOOR SERVICE  
(OUTSIDE ST PAUL'S FUNDRAISING SHOP, WOODLANDS ROAD)
- 10.45AM - SERVICE FOR ALL-AGES
- 4.00PM - GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

### EASTER SUNDAY SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

- 10.30AM - EASTER SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION
- 4.00PM - THE 4 MULTIGENERATIONAL EASTER SERVICE
- 5.30PM - SUNG EASTER EVENSONG



### *Easter Prayer 2022*

Dear Almighty, All-powerful Father God,  
You brought light and hope out of darkness and despair. You brought life out of death when you raised Jesus that first Easter Day. Thank you that the tomb is forever empty and that Jesus is forever alive!

No matter what is going on, no matter how little we understand, help us to hold on to the Easter truth – Jesus is risen! He is alive today and in Him we can put our trust, completely and confidently.

Because of Jesus, death is defeated. Because of Jesus, the best is yet to be. Love wins! Hallelujah! We praise you, Lord, in Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



## *Palm Sunday*

*Canon Paul Hardingham considers  
the crowds of Jerusalem...*

It must have been a dramatic sight on Palm Sunday when Jesus approached Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. The Bible tells us that *'A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"'* (Matthew 21:8,9).

But not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus; in the very next verse we read, *'the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"'* (10). But by the end of the week, the crowds had turned against Jesus and were demanding His crucifixion. (Matthew 27:22).

Why did they turn against Jesus so quickly? Perhaps they were disappointed because He refused to fulfil their expectations in establishing a new political kingdom. Instead, He came to change our hearts and save us from our sins by His death and resurrection. As He said during that week, *'My kingdom is not of this world.'* (John 18:36). This deeply disappointed those who hoped that He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers.

Where would we have been on that first Palm Sunday? *Among the disciples who welcomed Him or among the sceptical crowds?* It's easy to judge those who condemned Jesus, but would we have acted differently? We too can be disappointed when Jesus fails to meet our hopes and expectations of Him?

The message of Easter is that God still loves and accepts us, and because of Jesus we can be forgiven. He came for one simple reason: *'For Christ also suffered once for sins...to bring you to God.'* (1 Peter 3:18). May we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives this Eastertime.



## THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

When Jesus came to the road  
That goes down the Mount of Olives  
A crowd of disciples shouting aloud  
Praising God's Almighty miracles

"Blessed is the King  
Who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace and rejoicing in heaven  
And glory to God in the highest!"

Then the Pharisee said  
"Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!"  
"I tell you if they say nothing  
The stones will cry out to the heavens."

And as He approached Jerusalem  
And saw the city ahead  
Tears came into His eyes  
As He wept over it and said

"Eternal peace was within your reach  
Now hidden from your eyes  
Your enemies will embank you  
And dash you to the ground

You and your children within your walls  
They won't leave a stone unturned  
Because you didn't discern the time  
Of the coming of the Lord."

Written by Kath Kay  
By the Grace of God

(Luke 19:37-44)

## *Maundy Thursday, Time to Wash Feet*

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.



In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.



## *Good Friday, Jesus and the Thieves on the Cross*

Luke's account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd, '*if you are the king of the Jews, save yourself*' (35,37,39). In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts: '*Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.*' He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save Himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.



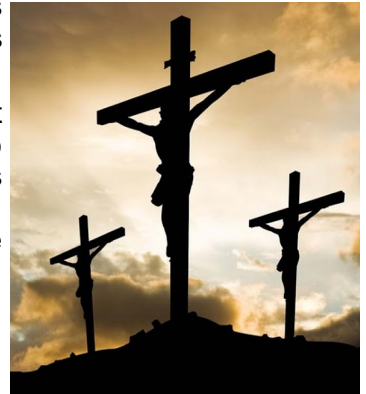
So - what kind of Messiah was Jesus?

The other criminal's response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: *'this man has done nothing wrong.'* He perceived the truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a wonderful picture of grace, *'remember me when You come into Your kingdom'*, the second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus' forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; *'Today you will be with Me in paradise.'* Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand His promise of protection and security in God's love and acceptance eternally.

Each one of us has to choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want Him to 'remember' us when He comes into His kingdom, or not? If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of going to be with Jesus?

*'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God' (1 Peter 3:18).*



## *Why Easter Will Never Go Away*

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man *did* rise?

At the end of St Luke's gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24:4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example.

But of course, each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So, did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, but we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds? That He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped? That the disciples nursed Him back to health? But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus all along, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me," and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.'

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

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## GRACE

Great riches at Christ's expense  
On the Road to Calvary  
The day You gave Your life for us  
Was the day we were set free  
The cruel thorns upon your brow  
And the nails in your hands and feet  
The spear that went into Your side  
Gushed a River of eternal peace  
The earthquake came  
And shook the ground  
And darkness covered the Earth  
Our chains fell off  
You unlocked our hearts  
As You bowed  
Your head to the world  
And now we stand forgiven  
In Your grace of love  
Your mercy You bestowed on us  
As You died upon the cross  
We don't deserve salvation  
For what we did to You  
You are the purest divinest love  
Great riches at Christ's expense.

Written by Kath Kay  
By the Grace of God



## *The War in Ukraine*

How should we respond to the situation in Ukraine? As we see the terrible situation in Ukraine unfold, we will be filled with many emotions. Here are some things God's word draws our attention to:

### **Lament**

Lament is a passionate expression of grief. It is an emotion expressed throughout the Scriptures in the face of suffering and sin. It is right to mourn the violence being inflicted in Ukraine. It is good and right that we feel a sense of outrage in the face of the injustice of the invasion, and the suffering which flows from it. We express that lament to God and ask him to restrain evil.

### **Compassion**

When Jesus saw people in need, his heart went out to them. The hungry crowd, lost from God, were met with his compassion. His greatest love was to die to save those people. But Jesus cared about their physical and emotional needs too. He fed them. We should feel compassion, like him, to those made in the image of God, hurting and in fear and distress. That compassion will flow out in prayer, giving, and for some, in welcoming the stranger into our community and home. Do pray for Christians in the region seeking to reach out in compassion. Some ways we might be involved are on pages 13 and 14. Our heart is also to be soft, rather than hardened, to the Russian people too.

### **Return**

In Luke 13, Jesus calls us when we see tragedy in our world to wake-up and repent. It is an opportunity not simply to lament the actions of other nations and pray for radical change in Russia's leaders. But also to return to the Lord ourselves. To search if there are ways in which our dealings with others as a nation over the decades have compounded the current situation, or where we have wronged others, and to seek mercy. To return to the Lord as the one who is the source of our security as a nation. Not to take it, or Him for granted. Return to the Lord where we see the seeds of war in our own hearts. One Hungarian pastor working on the border supporting refugees, as well as asking for prayer for their humanitarian work, put it this way 'pray also for the world to wake up from her godlessness since, to a degree, we are all responsible for what is unfolding before our eyes.'

## Trust

We don't know what lies ahead in Ukraine, the surrounding region, or indeed our world. That brings distress and fear. Is God in control? Is he still good? In the face of this we renew our trust in God who does not change like shifting shadows. Though we cannot fathom it, God is as on the throne as he was before this war began, and as he was on the day Jesus died. He is just as good today as he was then. We may feel more powerless in recent days. But that only highlights that we have never been in control. Yet wonderfully our God still is.

## Witness

A minister in Ukraine recently said 'In dark places, God sends his children to be light'. We cry for the salvation of people in Ukraine, Russia and the surrounding region. Christians in those countries are having opportunities to provide for needs, to pray for people and share Jesus. The Bible Society report an increase in requests for Bibles in Ukraine. But there is an opportunity to witness here too. In the past 2 years we have experienced the frailty of life when faced with a pandemic. This situation raises that as well. Yet we know the one who brings sense to an often senseless world, life in the face of death, and the promise of a world where wrongs will be righted and wars ceased, for any who come to him. So we seek to share Him.

*(With thanks to an article by Graham Nicholls, Affinity Network, which shaped some of these thoughts.)*



## **How YOU could help someone in Ukraine**

Ukraine is in crisis. Only God knows how the situation will unfold in the coming days and weeks. Meanwhile, there is a need for food and other basic humanitarian aid.

The following Christian charities are at work in the country, and would welcome your immediate support:

Barnabas Fund. <https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/>

Christian Aid. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Methodist Church UK. <https://www.allwecan.org.uk>

Operation Mobilisation <https://www.uk.om.org/Appeal/ukraine-in-crisis>

Samaritan's Purse <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Transform Europe Network: <https://www.ten-uk.org>

World Vision <https://www.worldvision.org.uk>

## *Prayers across Europe for Peace in Ukraine*

*Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop in Europe, has been to Ukraine many times, as the Anglican church has a chaplaincy in Kiev. Here he calls on Christians in the UK and across Europe to pray for their brothers and sisters in Ukraine.*



*He writes:*

“Our little church in Kyiv are right at the centre of this crisis,” he explained. “Some of them have fled the city by car, others are still there. These are our people, our brothers and sisters, and of course we are very concerned for their wellbeing and safety.

“In the face of military action and aggression, we feel powerless. What can we do? One thing that we can all do is pray.”

“The situation in Ukraine is very deeply troubling. President Putin is leading a completely unjustified and aggressive war against Ukraine, a war which many ordinary Russians deeply deplore.

Leaders from many Christian churches, including the Ukrainian Orthodox (Russian Patriarchate) Church have condemned the invasion of Ukraine. Our hearts cry out for justice and peace. We are most especially concerned for the wellbeing of those in Ukraine who are directly affected by the war.

This includes particularly the members of our own congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv. The Churchwarden there, Christina, messaged us this morning saying: ‘Please pray for us as we are standing here for our land and for our roots. The battle for Kyiv has begun; it is fierce and intensive. Pray for us.’

In the face of military action, we can easily feel powerless and fearful. But one thing we can do is pray. We can pray in solidarity with those most affected. We can pray that God will yet overrule in the hearts and minds of those with power and authority. We can pray that the victims will be few and that the innocent will be protected. We can pray that peace will come through justice and not through the infliction of the will of a stronger party on a weaker.

## Praying for the Peace of the World

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



# Spring Craft & Gift Fair

**Quality gifts and handmade crafts  
by local designers**

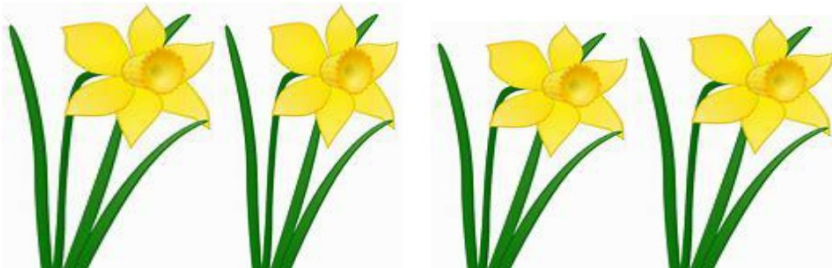
**St Paul's Church Hall, Lake Road  
North, Ansdell & Fairhaven. FY8 1AG**

**Saturday 9 April**

**10.30am – 3.30pm**

**Entrance Free**

**Refreshments Available**



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# **A RIGHT ROYAL RIDDLE**

**A BIBLE HOLIDAY CLUB FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN**

**TUESDAY 31ST MAY 2022**

**WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022**

**9.30AM-12NOON**

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL, LAKE ROAD NORTH, FY81AG**

**Join us for fun activities, crafts, songs and Bible stories**

**Voluntary Contribution - £5 per child**

**To book a place, or to find out more, go to**

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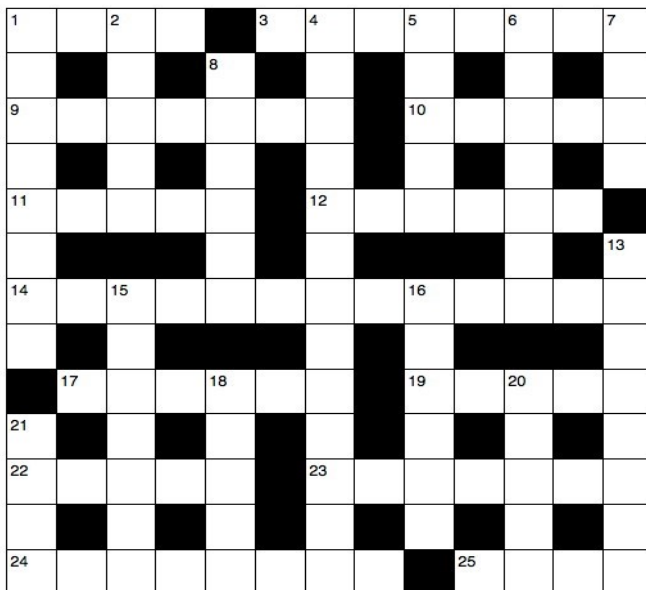
**for the whole family**

**Sunday 5th June**

**4pm**

# APRIL 2022 CROSSWORD

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



## Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

**Down**


- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



**Crossword Solution  
March 2022**

A	W	A	K	E	N	Q	U	E	N	C	H
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 Many of the articles and pictures in the Pews News Extra are sourced from the Parish Pump Website.



**ARTICLES FOR THE MAY PNE**



If you have an article for inclusion in the May PNE, please make sure that I have a copy by **Sunday 10th April**. My contact details are on page 2. Thank you.

*Janet Kimber*

# Time for a Smile

## Directions

The Revd Billy Graham told of an encounter early in his ministry, when he had arrived for a preaching mission in a small town. Wanting to post a letter, he asked a young boy in the street where the post office was. After the boy told him, Billy Graham thanked him, and added: "Son, if you come along to the Baptist church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."

The boy looked doubtful. "The way to Heaven? But you can't even find the post office."

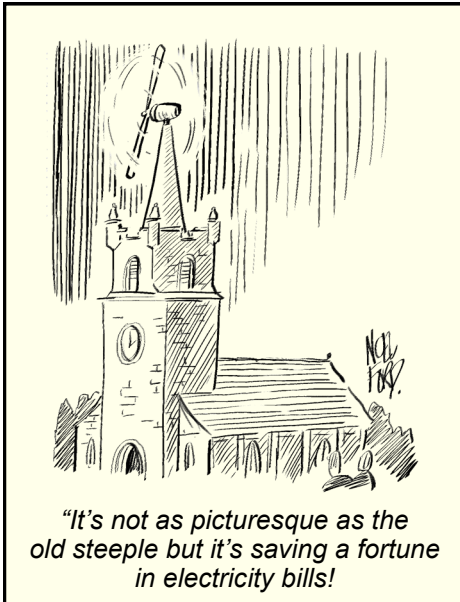


## Comfort

As the new vicar in the community, I tried to have a friendly word for everybody. And so, even while I sat in the reception area of my doctor's surgery, I felt 'on duty'.

Just then a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. I was thinking I should make small talk with him when a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair.

Placing his hand on the man's, he said companionably, "I know just how stupid you feel. My mum makes me ride in the pushchair, too."



*"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"*

## Grandparents

Grandmothers are mums with lots of frosting. - Anon

Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric. - Pam Brown

Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because grandfathers have only so many horsey rides in them. - Gene Perret

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother. - Proverb



### **Some Easter Jokes**

**Why was the Easter bunny upset?**

*He was having a bad hare day.*

**What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music?**

Hip-hop, of course!

**What do you call a rabbit who can tell a good joke?**

A funny bunny.

### **April Rains**

The rain, though raining every day upon the just and unjust fellow,  
falls chiefly on the just, because the unjust has the just's umbrella.



*Leviticus confirmed it - Rob's pullover was a abomination.*

### **A Child's Name**

The real purpose of a child's full name is so he or she can tell when they're really in trouble.



### **Dem Bones, Dem Bones**

It has been said that the body of any organisation is made up of four types of bones....

There are the Wishbones – who spend their time wishing someone else would do something about the problem under discussion....

There are the Jawbones – who spend their time talking about the problem.

There are the Knucklebones – who spend their time knocking everything that everyone has already done or would like to do.

Finally, there are the Backbones who quietly come along, get under the load, and carry it!

Which type of bone are you?

*And finally, A Random Act of Kindness:-*

## St Paul's Charity Shop

On Thursday 17th February, I was helping at the shop in the afternoon.

An elderly gentleman came into the shop, in his eighties and couldn't decide whether to buy two or three dress shirts. The ladies on the till encouraged him to buy three with a comment of "Go on, spoil yourself": they all laughed and he duly bought the three shirts for £7.50 and he went on his way.

About 5 minutes later the same gentleman came back into the shop having seen a disability walker in the window and asked me to get it out for him because he thought it would be useful for his wife who couldn't walk very well and said he was her carer.

The gentleman took it to the counter and then another younger man at the back of the shop got his wallet out and gave me £10 to give to the gentleman to buy the walker. I asked if they knew each other and he said no, he just wanted to buy it for him. The elderly man was both astonished and delighted at the kindness shown by the younger man. He went over to thank him and they exchanged names and had a chat about how difficult it is to look after a disabled family member.

It was such a heart-warming random act of kindness.

*A Shop Volunteer*



## **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**

**Enquiries and further information:**

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**Telephone: 01253 732939 (and leave a message)  
or via our Facebook page**

## *Church Officers*

<b>Vicar</b>	The Rev Paul Bye
<b>Curate</b>	The Rev Kyle Mulholland
<b>Licensed Lay Minister</b>	Miss Janet Kimber
<b>Church Wardens</b>	Mrs Pamela Rowell Mr Alan Curtis
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Vacant
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs Loraine Lee



## *Useful Information*

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# 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.*