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First Words...

- **Lent** – Lent begins on 5th March with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7.30 pm. On Wednesday evenings in Lent, at 7.30 pm, we will be holding a series of Lent Reflections. Each Reflection will include hymns and music and will finish with a simple Service of Holy Communion.
- **St Joseph's Day** – In place of the Lent Reflection on Wednesday 19th March, at 7.30 pm, we will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph with a Service of Holy Communion. Please join with us.
- **Cell Groups For 2014** – During 2014 we'll be inviting people to think about deepening their faith by joining a small group of fellow Christians. The groups that we're looking to develop will provide opportunities for people to meet and share faith, care and support. More information is available in Church.

Daniel Hartley



Prayer for Month

A Prayer for Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

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The Vicars' Letter - Deepening Faith During Lent

Lent is a busy time of year for the Church. We are called to prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter by first walking the way of the cross. Lent provides us with an opportunity to deepen our faith through the study of scripture, through meeting in worship to reflect on God's purpose, through prayer and through self-discipline. The purpose of these endeavours is to deepen our personal and corporate understanding and experience of what God does for us in Christ.

The things we do in Lent exist to point us to Christ. They don't need any other justification. We don't fast to get thin, to get healthy or even to raise money for charity (all of these may be welcome by-products!). We fast so that our hearts and minds may be focussed on God's activity in our lives. What is true of fasting is also true of those things that we take on. We might read a particular book, or be more vigilant in our prayers, so as to be drawn closer to God.

At times I think that today's Church of England has become more defined by its good works rather than its faith. St Paul reminds us time and time again that we are saved through our faith and not through our works. Works of charity, care and compassion are important to the Church, but they result from a prior commitment of faith. Indeed the Church has always been most effective in its acts of service when it has been most effective in its worship and zeal for the Gospel.

What unites Christians from all walks of life is a common faith, not a common work. We all develop different manifestations of our common faith depending on the context and circumstances of our lives. Contrary to the impression that might be given by the Church hierarchy, it is entirely possible to be a faithful Christian and a banker, a capitalist and even a welfare reformer! Indeed the first two of these continue to be very useful in the securing of pension provision for paid Church leaders.

Church communities, like all communities, are rich and diverse in their practice. This is something that we should celebrate. Left wing, right wing, and no wing at all – that's the Church. Our differences are reconciled not in the practice of politics and probably not in any secular outward manifestation. They are reconciled in a common faith and a common practice of being Church. So this Lent we are invited to deepen that faith, to deepen our commitment to one another in Christ. We are invited to celebrate that Christians are to be found in all walks of life, wrestling with what it means to follow Christ.

Daniel Hartley

On Why Pews SHOULD Be Uncomfortable

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Visits from your parishioners are always welcome. But I did not expect them to return to you complaining because our pews are uncomfortable.

Pews are *meant* to be uncomfortable. The unshakeable belief of our congregation is that the more uncomfortable the pew, the holier the worship must be. By the same token, an 8am Service is more fervent than one at 11am, since it is much more socially inconvenient. If you add on enduring sub-zero temperatures and damp, then sainthood clearly beckons. Your people may be used to lolling in upholstered chairs in tropical temperatures, but I am sure such comfort places their souls in grave peril.

Our pews were built five hundred years ago when people were several inches shorter and many pounds lighter and so could accommodate themselves on them perfectly adequately. The fact that a twenty-first century body is in constant danger of sliding off the seat and requires knees to be folded somewhere near ears at least helps to keep minds focussed – apart for Colonel Wainwright, who still manages to sleep peacefully throughout Mattins every Sunday.

I could point out that your chairs make kneeling almost impossible – although I suspect that posture is not encouraged in your church, as people would then be unable to read the words on your overhead projector or wave their arms about quite as easily during the hymns. While the majority of our congregation find the Anglican crouch perfectly adequate, you can see those who flop to their knees on hearing “let us pray” from the clouds of dust sent up from suddenly compressed hassocks, which were purchased to commemorate Queen Victoria’s Accession.

I may also point out that our box pews are very useful for modern times. Once a family is seated, with the door firmly shut, then any toddler is penned in and unable to use the aisles as a racing circuit. Medieval carpenters were clearly forward thinking people. Admittedly, box pew doors do tend to stick and few manage to look dignified while they wait for step ladders to be brought before they can climb out.

If only you would remove your chairs and substitute benches without backs, turn off all heating and replace carpets with slate slabs, I am sure your congregation’s religious zeal would soar.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Say Thank you



*Lord Jesus thank you for today,
For family who care,
For tears and smiles and kisses
and all the love we share.*

*Sometimes no words are spoken,
One look's enough to say,
Come here I know you need a hug
to take the pain away.*

*I hear the children's laughter
each unique in their own way,
With silly jokes and chuckles
as together they all play.*

*I pause, and think of others
on their own no-one is there,
To talk about their worries
and all their troubles share.*

*All blessed with loving families
take time to kneel and pray,
We don't know what tomorrow brings,
But thank you for today.*

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The Bishop's Letter - March 2014

This month Bishop Peter writes:

We live in a demanding world where the realities of war, terrorism, poverty, homelessness, violence, injustice, economic and environmental crisis and political unrest press in on us. For the pessimist and the cynic, there's much to be disheartened about. Hearing the news on the radio, reading it in newspapers or watching it on TV, does nothing to lighten the mood. Neither - might we consider - does the period of Lent.



Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day - or the start of the season of Lent - which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included). It's a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose being to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ, his suffering, sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection. Haven't we got enough to cope with, you might ask, without having to load ourselves with things that many would consider gloomy?

Lent is a gift and carries through it a message of hope. It's a sacred space offering a time to pause, draw back from life's daily grind, and focus deeply on the story of Jesus and the promise of salvation, to deepen our discipleship and call to serve him in the world. It's what one theologian called "A sabbatical for the soul. A time for prayer, penance and thanksgiving but also for reflection, connection and action".

The mystery of Jesus' suffering and death lead to the glory of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life, and therein lays our hope. The paradox of the Gospel, which many find difficult, is that through suffering and death we enter into a new, transformed and eternal life. Jesus Christ invites each of us to follow him because he is the light that shines in the darkness of all that troubles us, either in our personal lives or in the complexities and troubles of the world. Every day in Lent we're invited to die to sin and selfishness and to grow in our personal relationship with Christ. This should lead out of gratitude to action to the suffering, especially the poor and most marginalised in society. In responding to their needs we demonstrate the love of Christ in action and take to them the Good News, the meaning and importance of the promise of salvation.

The traditional Lenten exercises that many of us have practiced for years are far from being something to suffer or endure until we get to the glorious celebration of Easter Day. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us grow as people, as disciples of Christ and to bring relief and hope to those who represent the suffering of Christ in our own times. As we experience through scripture the unconditional love and forgiveness of God we must share that gift with others.

May Lent for you be a time of deep devotion, a drawing nearer to Jesus Christ, and in anticipation and hope of the glorious resurrection a time of sharing the good news of salvation to those who as yet don't know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Prayer

“Almighty God, we pray that through this season of Lent, by prayer and study and self-discipline, we may penetrate more deeply into the mystery of Christ's sufferings; that following in the way of his cross and passion, we may come to share in the glory and triumph of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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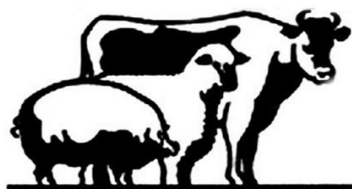
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Will You Remember Them – Nigeria

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Locked in church and killed: Christians among 138 dead in Nigeria attacks

Christians at a church service in Northern Nigeria were targeted in a day of horrendous violence by suspected Boko Haram militants that left at least 138 people dead. The attackers descended on the church, in Wada Chakawa village in Adamawa state, as the service on Sunday 26th January was coming to an end. The attackers, armed with AK47 rifles, killed two police officers who were guarding the building and locked the congregation inside. They detonated bombs, shooting and killing those who tried to escape. The militants then went on a four-hour rampage in the village. They burnt down homes and seized residents, including women, children and the elderly, as hostages; some of them were later killed. Around 53 people from Chakawa are reported to have died, with many more being wounded. Later the same day, Kawuri village in a nearby area came under attack. In a siege that lasted from 5pm until 1am the next morning, the entire village, including 300 homes and 7 mosques, was burned down. An imam and two people praying in one of the mosques were among 85 people killed in the onslaught. The attacks took place in locations that have been under a state of emergency since May 2013. The measure has not been enough to contain insurgency.

Terrorist violence is forcing thousands of Nigerians to flee their homes. In just 10 days last month, nearly 6,000 people fled to Cameroon and Niger. Boko Haram is fighting to establish an Islamic state in Northern Nigeria. Their chief targets are Christians, the security forces and state institutions, as well as Muslims who oppose their radical agenda. The Islamist agenda to bring Nigeria under the 'House of Islam' verses the election of a southern Christian as President has caused much unrest. The decisions of local government, especially in the twelve northern Sharia states, mean that Christians experience restrictions in schooling, threats of abduction, forced marriage, as well as denial of employment, clean water and healthcare. It is dangerous to convert and for churches to integrate new converts.

Please Pray

- For God's Spirit to be at work, comforting families who have suffered trauma or bereavement.
- That Christians will resist the temptation to respond to attacks against them with violence.
- For the protection of workers taking Bibles, relief and training to believers in need.

Mothers' Union Meeting – Wednesday 4th February

Kathryn Rawlings an Information Worker with Dementia Awareness came to speak to us. Kathryn gave an extremely good talk on Dementia Awareness and explaining how we all have a responsibility to develop dementia friendly communities.

The message that they used for 2013 was – ‘Worry changes nothing – talking changes everything.’ Kathryn explained that early diagnosis is essential as drugs are available to slow down the progress of dementia and therefore if you recognize symptoms in someone close to you or even yourself then early diagnosis is essential.

It was explained that there are different forms of dementia and that each individual person is unique. When a person has dementia they slowly lose their confidence and withdraw from society through embarrassment and slowly become isolated. It is important that we do what we can to keep them included in day to day life e.g. When it becomes difficult for them to do simple things like making a cup of tea – suggest that they help you to do it rather than just do it for them.

The carer also needs to be cared for – possibly by giving them time to go out and take part in their activities – also giving them emotional and practical support.

800,000 people have dementia in the UK and 17,000 of those are under 65. By 2021 it is anticipated that there will be over 1,000,000 people with the disease.

Kathryn said that the important things we can do to try to keep ourselves free of the disease is to maintain a healthy diet, keep the mind active and take part in physical activity. Smoking and drinking of alcohol should be kept to a minimum.

It is important that we show empathy with those suffering and encourage them in any way we can.

Stephanie Hartshorne

Editor:

To learn more about dementia visit: <http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>

Or: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/dementia-guide/Pages/dementia-choices.aspx>

Ecclesfield Ladies Group - Living In Zambia

On Thursday 19th February one of our members Anne Rostron spoke to us about her time living in Zambia. Her husband Harry worked for B.T. and in 1976 along with their two young sons they went out to Africa to work for Zambian P.T.C. The country is rich in Copper, Malachite, Amethyst and Silver. It is also a Christian country Catholic & Methodist. Before going they went on an International instruction course to get to know the do's and don'ts, for example to beckon with the finger is rude although even men hold hands. On arrival they flew into Lusaka the capitol and another flight on to Kitwe with chickens in the cockpit, as Harry was working for the Government they stayed in a Hotel for 9 months (as there were no houses until someone left), before being given a Bungalow home which was basic but with a lovely large garden with trees full of fruit Mangoes, Paw Paw, Bananas, Avocado.

Everyday items that we take for granted now were in very short supply out there and came from the market. Cheese was very hard to come by from the local Dairy and it was green. One day in the garden I thought I saw rabbits but they were cane rats. Water was safe in the taps the Mines looked after the water. We had to be careful of snakes you would wear Wellingtons and explain safety to the children. We had a native called Nash an old Maclala who helped us with the house and garden and was a good cook, the boys spent hours with him and spoke to him in his own broken English, everyone was friendly and supported each other socially and the lifestyle for the children was wonderful. Everything was second hand cars, boats etc., they belonged to an outdoor club on a lake with rowing, sailing and Anne played Hockey, they managed to obtain a boat which had holes in it but after patching it up enjoyed hours of fun.

Jon went to Kitwe Primary the only white child there but after a year he went to St John's Convent school started at 7.30.a.m. until 1.00.p.m. 3 months at school then 1 month off the whole year. The younger child went to a nursery and as Anne had time on her hands she went to help at an Orphanage with babies and toddlers. They were broken into twice through the bedroom and they took everything, (but you have to remember there were no clothes shops only a bottling plant and paper factory). Friends rallied round with clothes and even underwear. Harry worked in the Telephone Exchange with different Tribes, Paul Regiment and Gordon two natives sometimes worked Saturday for extra money to pay for children's uniform as you couldn't get into school without it.

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Lent

Lent, before Easter, is like Advent before Christmas, a time of preparation. Lent is when we remember that Jesus prepared himself for starting his ministry by going away by himself for 40 days of fasting and prayer. You can read about it in your Bible: Matthew, chapter 4, verses 1-11; Mark, chapter 1, verses 12-13 and Luke, chapter 4, verses 1-13.

Jesus went into the wilderness – a quiet lonely place away from people – where he could think things out. He knew that his work would be hard, that many people would not listen to him, or if they listened, they would not believe him. During these 40 days Jesus made his choice: to work in God's way however hard that might be.



This year Lent starts on 5th March and goes through half of April - have you thought about how YOU are going to prepare yourself to follow Jesus this Lent?

Spring Colours

There are colours which are mentioned with these things in the Bible. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Pastures, herbs and olives are all?
2. A sea, tents and wine are?
3. Hangings in the Temple, pomegranates and doors of tents were all?
4. A horse, robes and teeth were all?
5. Kings' raiment (clothing), Jesus' robe and the dye that Lydia sold were all?
6. One of the gifts to the baby Jesus, candlesticks and spoons were?
7. A raven, clouds and chariot horses were?
8. Lips, a thread tied to a window and robes are?



What's blue, V-shaped and flies?

The Red Arrows in disguise.



What do you do with a green monster?

Wait till he's ripe.



Answers: 1.green 2.red 3.blue
4.white 5.purple 6.gold 7.black
8.scarlet

Diary for the Month of March 2014

Sunday 2nd

The Sunday next before Lent

	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 3rd	7.30 pm	PCC meets in Church
Tuesday 4th	6.00 pm	Feoffees meet in Church
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 5th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall Jon Buckley – Uganda's Children
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 6th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall Pat Clarke – Bits and Pieces
Friday 7th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

Sunday 9th

The First Sunday of Lent

	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 12th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Lent Reflection
Thursday 13th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall Coffee Evening
Friday 14th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

Sunday 16th

The Second Sunday of Lent

	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing
	4.00 pm	Living Stones
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Tuesday 18th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 19th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion / St. Joseph
Thursday 20th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 21st	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am	Mothers' Union Coffee Morning in Church

Sunday 23rd

The Third Sunday of Lent

8.30 am	Holy Communion
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	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise Service
Monday 24th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 25th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 26th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	2.00 pm	Fabric Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Lent Reflection
Thursday 27th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall
		Grace Tebbutt - Going out in Sheffield in the 18th Century
Friday 28th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

Sunday 30th

Mothering Sunday

10.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service
6.30 pm	Holy Communion

From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd February	Finlay John Isaac Hogg
2nd February	Edward James Phillips

*May they know the love of God in their lives and may all thing
of the Spirit live and grow in them.*

Funerals

10th February	Gordon MacDonald-Bell	83
17th February	Brian Webster	77
24th February	Joyce Margaret Eastwood	98

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota

2nd Vacant
9th Lent - No Flowers
16th Lent - No Flowers
23rd Lent - No Flowers
31st Lent - No Flowers



The Gardening Year – March 2014.

Making the most of your vegetable Garden.

The smaller the vegetable plot the greater the challenge to the gardener who wants to harvest crops throughout the year. This aim can be achieved in many ways but the main point is not to allow any ground to lie idle, as soon as one crop is cleared follow it with another this is known as successional cropping. Sometimes however there is a gap of a few weeks between the harvesting of one main crop and the planting of another. In such cases sow a catch-crop generally a quick growing salad vegetable that will be picked before the ground is ready for another main crop. After brussels sprouts have finished for example sow “Tom Thumb” lettuce in March to crop just before the bed is needed for outdoor tomatoes in June. Under certain conditions some root crops may be sown closer together than usually advised to produce a heavier crop. For instance carrots may yield up to 50 roots per square foot by being sown broadcast that is, scattered thinly in drills 6” side and ½” deep instead of traditional single rows. When growing by this method pull continuously as the roots become large enough to eat, so that those remaining have more space to develop.

Intercropping

In a few cases a slow-growing crop and a quick maturing salad crop may be sown together in the same ground. parsley is notoriously slow to germinate and is often difficult to find the seedlings among the weeds so at sowing time mix seeds with those of radishes, the radishes which will appear in only a few days, mark the row to make it easier to hoe the weeds. In pulling Radishes you will also be starting to thin the parsley. Radishes may also be sown in the rows with slow germinating parsnips and again in the potato bed immediately after planting. Extend the cropping period of a row of lettuces by sowing a mixture of varieties that mature at different times.

Successional crops

Some crops such as sprouting broccoli, spring cabbage or early peas are harvested at the height of the growing season. As soon as they are finished, prepare the ground for a successional crop, which may be quick-maturing for harvesting in the autumn or slow growing for winter and spring use. Quick maturing crops such as lettuce, turnips, beetroot, peas and French beans will not affect your rotational plan. Those that are slow-growing for instance winter and spring cabbages, Brussels sprouts, sprouting broccoli and leeks can be fitted into your rotational plan - some examples of successional sowings next month.

Colin Williams

Do Try This At Home – Make some Taramasalata

Taramasalata - One of Greece's most famous dips, which is widely available in Greek restaurants all over the world. There are many regional recipes and a few contemporary ones for this famous dip. It is a classic during Lent, particularly during the Orthodox Church's Clean Week and on Clean Monday - see below.

Tarama is the roe (tiny, almost microscopic eggs) of; carp, cod or mullet.

Salata simply means as a salad.

Traditional versions of taramasalata use a starch base of either stale dampened bread or boiled potatoes and the fish roe. Olive oil and lemon juice are added along with onion (and garlic if preferred) and then seasoned with salt and pepper.

Ingredients:

100 gr (4 oz.) Boiled Potato (skins removed)

150 gr (6 oz.) Poached Cod Roe - see below

Juice of 1 Lemon

A small Onion – coarsely chopped

A clove (or 2) of Garlic (optional)

100 ml (4 fl. oz.) Virgin Olive Oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Chopped Parsley or Coriander to serve (optional)

Directions:

Put the potato, cod roe, lemon juice and onion into a food processor, blend briefly. With motor running, gradually pour in the olive oil, blending until emulsified and thick. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve cold sprinkled with chopped parsley or coriander. **Note:** you may not wish to add full amount of oil; check as you go.

To poach fresh Cod Roe – Rinse well, place in boiling salted water, bring back to the boil and simmer gently for 20 to 25 minutes and then remove membrane.

NB: Cooked Cod Roe freezes well and will keep for 6-months or more.

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Clean Monday – See - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clean_Monday

The theme of Clean Monday is set by the Old Testament reading appointed to be read at the Sixth Hour on this day (Isaiah 1:1-20), which says, in part:

Wash yourselves and ye shall be clean; put away the wicked ways from your souls before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well. Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, consider the fatherless, and plead for the widow. Come then, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow; and though they be red like crimson, I will make them white as wool.



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Chad should be the patron saint of any modern bishop whose consecration is questioned by another bishop. Chad was consecrated a bishop, then deposed - and then re-consecrated!

It all began when Oswiu, king of Northumbria, made him bishop of the Northumbrian see. But due to a scarcity of appropriate bishops, two dubious bishops did the job of consecrating him. This led to Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, deciding to depose him about three years later.

Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So Theodore re-consecrated him – to be the first bishop of the Mercians. Second time around, Chad was a great success - again.

When Chad died he was quickly venerated as a saint. People took a great fancy to his bones, believing that they would bring healing. Even today, four large bones, dating from the 7th century, and believed to be Chad's, are in the R.C. cathedral in Birmingham.

Bishops today may still argue about consecration, but they are unlikely to have their bones disturbed.

Wiki: Chad (Old English: Ceadda; died 2 March 672) was a prominent 7th century Anglo-Saxon churchman, who became abbot of several monasteries, Bishop of the Northumbrians and subsequently Bishop of the Mercians and Lindsey People. He was later canonised as a saint. He was the brother of Cedd, also a saint. He features strongly in the work of Bede the Venerable and is credited, together with Cedd, with introducing Christianity to the Mercian kingdom. See - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chad_of_Mercia

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

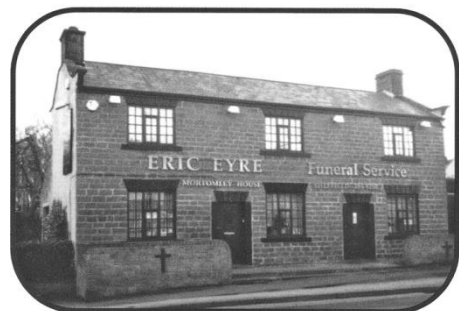
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Prayers and Poems Page

JESUS

If I could package faith into one parcel
And collect all hope into a single can –
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball
And commoditise it in a living man
I'd already have a fully detailed label
Prepared before the world itself began -
And it would have one name -
And that name – JESUS -
At the centre of God's universal plan
To take the world along the course
God's surge of love provoked
Till wholeness flows through everything
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.

by Sam Doubtfire

Letter to Joseph of Nazareth

(Mt 1:16, 18 – end, 13: 55, Lk 1:48,)

Joseph,
Son of Jacob,
Descendant of Abraham,
Carpenter of Nazareth,
Who could have imagined
What you would be called to do?

Loving Mary,
Pledged to the one
Whom all generations would call blessed,
Joseph,
You responded to angelic advice
And continued to love,
Even when you woke up to shocking
reality.

Continues below

The Dreaded Driving Test

Sitting in a waiting room
Nerves a shredded mess
Waiting for the call of doom!
The dreaded driving test!

Then you're in the driving seat
Can't back out now – too late!
Just getting moving's quite a feat
Why must that gearbox grate?

"Please make it face the other way,
"By using reverse gears
"Then stop it quickly when I say
"And please dry up those tears!"

The whole thing passes in a blur
Although you've done your best
And then he says that "I concur
"That you have passed your test!"

By Nigel Beeton

Letter to Joseph of Nazareth

(Mt 1:16, 18 – end, 13: 55, Lk 1:48,)

Continued

Joseph,
You went forward in obedience and faith,
Protecting and providing for
Your Mary and her Son,
Passing on your working skills.

Joseph,
Often overlooked,
Thank you
For teaching Jesus
How to do great things with wood.

By Daphne Kitching

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth(Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'(Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place

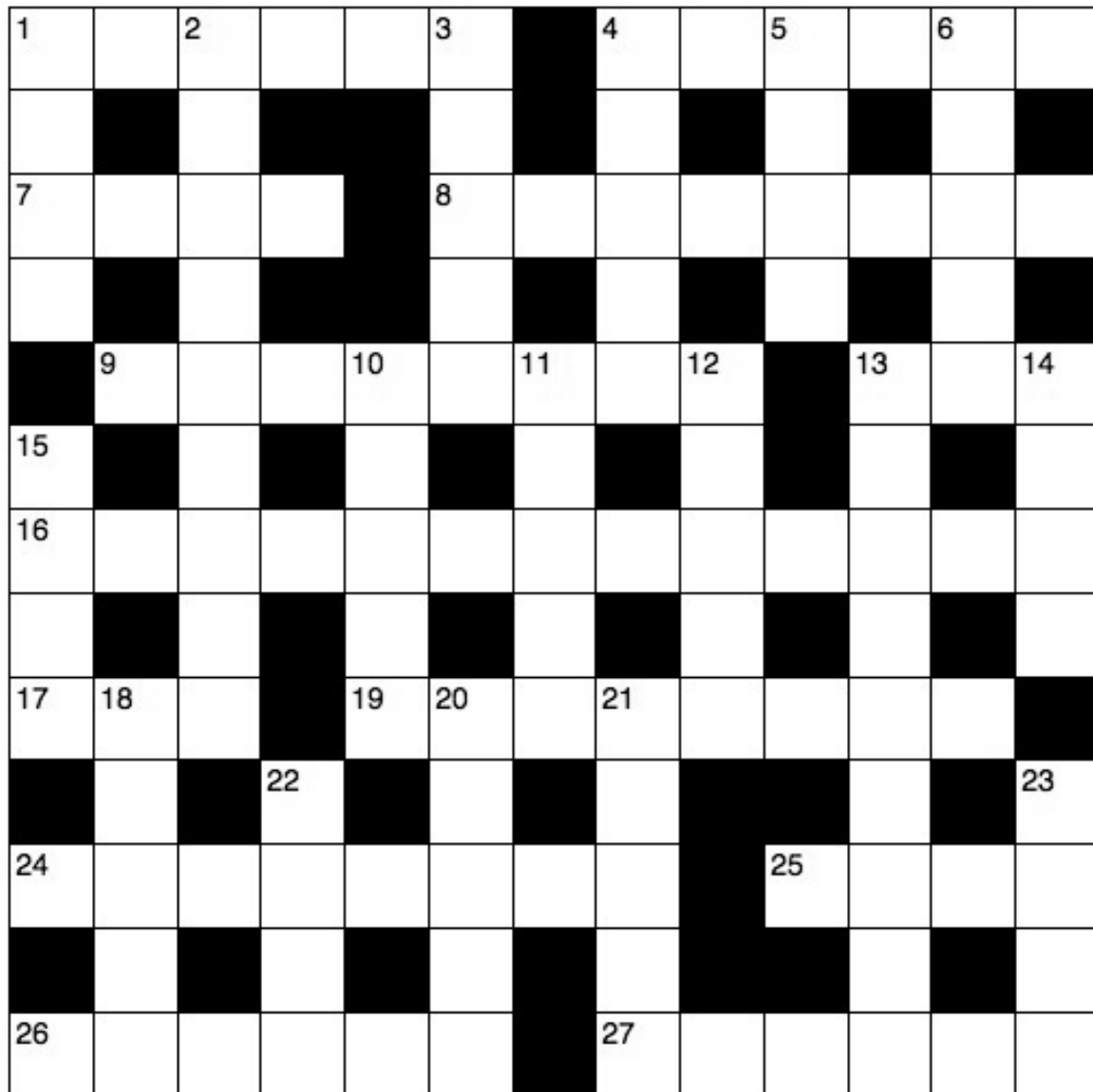
Clues Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)

22 Does (anag.) (4)

23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 21



The Bible according to children

Children's version of biblical stories and events have a charm all their own. The following efforts have not been retouched or corrected (i.e. bad spelling has been left in).

1. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
2. Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
4. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.
5. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Saint of the Month - Cuthbert of Lindisfarne (c 634-87)

Cuthbert beloved monk and bishop of Lindisfarne - Saints Day 20th March

Cuthbert has long been northern England's favourite saint. It is easy to see why: Cuthbert loved God with all his heart, and loved others as himself. By all accounts, he was holy, humble, peaceable, prayerful, faithful in friendship, charming and really kind.

Cuthbert was born into a fairly well-off Anglo-Saxon family, and became a monk at Melrose in 651. He and another monk, Eata, were sent to start a monastery at Ripon, but Alcfrith, who owned the land, insisted that they adopt the Roman customs, which Cuthbert's Celtic church did not allow. So Cuthbert and Eata quietly returned to Melrose, where Cuthbert became prior in about 661.

Then came the Synod of Whitby in 663/4, and the Celtic Church formally decided to adopt the Roman Customs. After this, Cuthbert was sent on to Lindisfarne as prior, where he sensitively introduced the new ways, and won over the monks there.

Cuthbert was very much loved at Lindisfarne. His zeal was evident in his constant preaching, teaching, and visiting of the people. He was also said to have gifts of prophecy and healing. Occasionally, Cuthbert reached 'people overload'. Then he would retreat to a tiny islet called Inner Farne, where he could pray in total seclusion. When, to his horror, he was told he had been made Bishop of Hexham, he immediately 'swapped' sees with Eata, and stayed on at Lindisfarne as Bishop. Sadly, Cuthbert died on little Inner Farne, only two years later, on 20 March, 687.

Cuthbert was buried at Lindisfarne, but that is not the end of his story. For it was only now that his travels began. After the Vikings destroyed Lindisfarne in 875, several monks dug him up and set out to find Cuthbert a final, and safe, resting place. For the next 120 years Cuthbert was deposited in various monasteries around the north of England and southwest Scotland. Finally, in 999, Cuthbert was allowed to rest in Durham, where a Saxon church was built over his shrine. All that travel must have done him good; when his body was exhumed to be put into the new Norman Cathedral in Durham in 1104, it was said to be still in perfect tact, and 'incorrupt'.

Ecclesfield Ladies Group - Living In Zambia (Continued)

Driving in the bush you had to look out for snakes and if you broke down and needed help it was handy to have cigarettes to offer to the natives.

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