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* Wednesday 2nd March	9.30am	Ash Wednesday
		Holy Communion
* Sunday 6th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
* Sunday 13th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
* Sunday 20th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
* Sunday 27th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
* Sunday 3rd April	11.00am	Holy Communion

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St Thomas Selside

* Sunday 6th March	9.30am	Morning Worship
* Sunday 13th March	With Ske	elsmergh
* Sunday 20th March	6.00pm	Celtic Evening Worship
* Friday 25th March	9.30am	Mothering Friday Service
* Sunday 3rd April	9.30am	Morning Worship

St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh

* Sunday 6th March	11.00am	Morning Worship
* Sunday 13th March	9.30am	Holy Communion
* Sunday 20th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
* Sunday 27th March	With Burr	neside
* Sunday 3rd April	11am	Morning Worship

Longsleddale

* Sunday 6th March	10.30am	Abbey Service
* Sunday 3rd April	10.30am	Abbey Service

A welcome from the Interim Editor



Welcome to the first edition of the Parish Magazine of St George's Church, Kendal with St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg.

In 1990 Clifford Kendal took over the editorship of the Grapevine, which covered Grayrigg and Old and New Hutton. In 2008 the parishes separated when Grayrigg became a United Benefice with St George's, Kendal. Clifford continued to edit the Grayrigg Grapevine, but now he feels the time has come to pass on this responsibility. We thank him for his faithful service as editor over these past thirty two years.

We now have this joint magazine, and suggestions for its content are always welcome. The closing date for entries in the magazine is the 15th of the month. Please could you email them to me by that date: jean.radley@outlook.com. Do keep the entries coming - the more we have, the more interesting is the magazine.

Jean Radley

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends

The days are definitely getting longer, but I don't know about you, as you get older the years definitely go by more quickly. Along with that we seem to have less time to fit everything we want to into it. This month we are entering the period of Lent, but it seems just a short while ago that we were celebrating Christmas. Time seems to fly by...

I am writing this as I embark on a couple of weeks of leave. Time to catch up with all those things I have neglected over the past year, time to read the books I have been given or bought that sit untouched on my desk. Time to reflect upon the opportunities and priorities there are for us here in The Beacon Mission Community, not just the Church



but the wider communities that make up our Team. And above all time to pray and think more about all the challenges I see in front of us.

In the midst of busy, noisy and often very crowded lives it is hard to make space to read, to reflect and to pray, to make time to listen to God and to build our relationship with him. Lent gives us once again a golden opportunity to stop, to slow down, to take stock.

Often people use Lent to give up habits they want to break, to stop smoking, to stop drinking so much, to lose weight. Just as important as taking care of our physical health, is taking care of our spiritual lives as well.

Jesus knew that He too needed time to stop, to take himself away from all the activity and have time quietly with His Heavenly Father. That was necessary in order to be able to resume a busy active ministry with its demands and stresses.

I know that not everyone can take a couple of weeks out, but even a half day will often help to charge the 'spiritual batteries'. To carve out a space each week, even if it has to be short, to listen to God, to build our relationship with Him. Maybe when out for a walk, to stop for a minute or two, giving thanks for what you see and hear in the natural world. To find a few minutes every day to have some quiet to listen to what God may be saying to you. If you find it difficult to

sustain this practice on your own, try committing to an evening a week to join one of the many Lent groups that will be happening - it's often easier to keep up a discipline when you do it with others.



Lent isn't all about legalistic rules and regulations. But it is a time that we should expect to be different, to learn something new about ourselves and our faith.

Let's not waste the opportunity this season gives us as we prepare for Easter.

With best wishes for a thoughtful Lent

Tricia



The Mothers' Union

How did the MU begin?

The Mothers' Union is now a worldwide, Anglican organisation whose founder was Mary Sumner. Mary was born in Swinton near Salford, Lancashire. She married in 1848, eighteen months after her husband's ordination. In 1876 when her eldest daughter gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found motherhood. She was inspired to arrange a meeting of mothers in the parish to offer mutual support. Her plan, which involved women from all social classes supporting one another and recognising motherhood as a profession, was quite radical.

In 1885 Mary was part of the Portsmouth Church Congress. The Bishop of Newcastle was to have addressed the women church members, but invited Mary to speak in his place. She gave an address about national morality and the importance of women's vocation as mothers.

Inspired by her talk, a number of women returned to their parishes and founded mothers' meetings based on Mary's pattern. The Bishop of Winchester made the group, now entitled the Mothers' Union, a Diocesan organisation. Soon the Mothers' Union had spread throughout the United Kingdom and in 1896 the Mothers' Union Central Council was formed, with Mary being unanimously elected President, a post which she held into her nineties.

St George's branch of the MU was formed in January 1895. Forty mothers met at that first meeting. By August 1897 the membership was in excess of one hundred (how things have changed!). In 2012 MU members from Grayrigg joined the St George's group forming the St George's with Grayrigg branch of the Mothers' Union.

Membership

Our members are not all mothers, or indeed all women. They are

single, married, parents, grandparents or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. The Mothers' Union provides a network through

which they can serve Christ in their own communities through prayer, financial support and actively working at grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

In the Carlisle Diocese there are several projects undertaken by members of the Mothers' Union, for example Children's Safe Play Areas for visitors to Haverigg Prison, help at Contact Centres, toiletries and knitted garments for those in need - and many more.

St George's with Grayrigg Mothers' Union meet on the last Wednesday of each month at St George's at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

March Meeting

Our speaker will be Dinah Ball on the subject of Dementia Awareness. Do come and join us.

Mary Atkinson - Branch Leader

When the angel told Mary she would give birth to God's Son (Annunciation, 25 March)

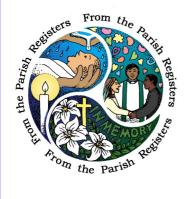
Almighty, loving Father,

Thank you for the month of March, the month of Spring, the month when hopes are high and new things seem possible, when even coming through the pandemic seems possible.

This month we remember the day that the angel told Mary that she would bear your Son - how could that have seemed possible to her? Help us to trust you as she did. Whatever we may face, help us to have peace and confidence, knowing, as she did, that nothing is impossible with you.

In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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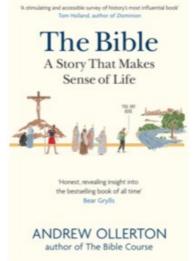
Funeral: 22nd February: Allen Marshall

BOOK REVIEW

The Bible: a story that makes sense of life

By Andrew Ollerton, Bible Society, £11.99

The Bible has been called the greatest story ever told. This book explores how the story of the Bible not only helps us understand our own lives, but also gives us a framework for making sense of life in general. We can see how the narratives in the Bible mirror the narrative arcs we go through.



Wherever you stand with the Bible, whether you are seeking to find out its meaning for your own life or just want to know more about its stories, this book is a fantastic starting point.

LENT GROUPS 2022



Lent this year begins on 2nd March with Ash Wednesday. We will meet in three venues across the Beacon Team on three different days and at different times. This way we hope there will be a venue and time that is convenient for everyone. Please come and join with us. You don't have to know any theology! There will be time to listen, ask questions and give your point of view.

Week 1 - God's Call

7th March St George's, Kendal 2.30pm 10th March Grayrigg School Staff lounge 7.00pm 11th March Timerondale, Bowston 7.00pm

Week 2 - Crossing Divides

14^h March St George's, Kendal 2.30pm 17th March Grayrigg School Staff lounge 7.00pm 18th March Timerondale, Bowston 7.00pm

Week 3 - Navigating Disagreement

21st March St George's, Kendal 2.30pm 24th March Grayrigg School Staff lounge 7.00pm 25th March Timerondale, Bowston 7.00pm

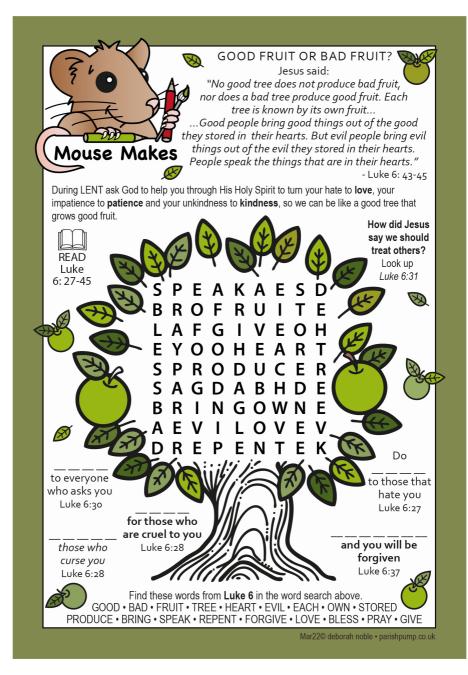
Week 4- Practising Forgiveness

28th March St George's, Kendal 2.30pm 31st March Grayrigg School Staff lounge 7.00pm 1st April Timerondale, Bowston 7.00pm

Week 5 - Risking Hope

4th April St George's, Kendal 2.30pm
7th April Grayrigg School Staff lounge 7.00pm
8th April Timerondale, Bowston 7.00pm

Children's pages



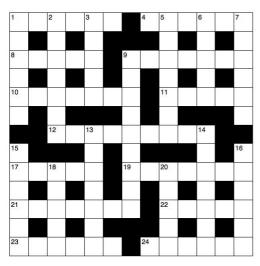


It can be read in the Bible in Luke 15:11-32 A short story from the Bible

Jesus told stories about a lost sheep and a lost coin, then one about a man with two sons. The younger son said to his father...



This month's crossword



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)

8 "They — — ," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!"" (Proverbs 23:35)

(3,2)9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)

- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)

12 'A truthful witness gives honest

- , but a false witness tells

lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9) 17 Paul guoted from the second one

in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)

19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)

21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to - death' (Luke 23:15) (7)

22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)

23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home" (Judges 20:8) (4,2)

24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)

2 'In an - to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)

3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)

5 'But I have a baptism to - , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)

6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be -- ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)

7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)

9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)

Crossword clues continued

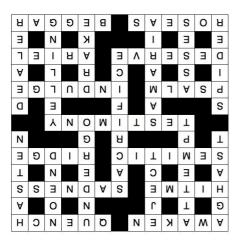
13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)

- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)

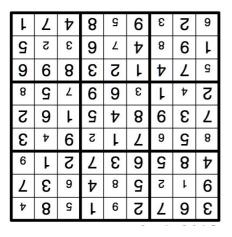
16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)

- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

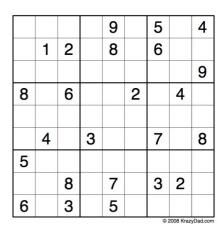
Crossword answers



Sodoku Solution



Sodoku

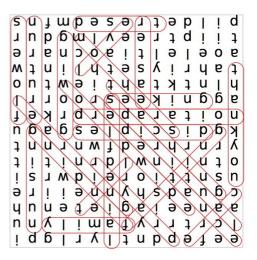




"Don't worry, I'm not getting Covid - I didn't realise the sign meant a low door..."

WORDSEARCH AND ANSWER

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March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

lent	fasting	repentance	mothers
spiritual	prayer	seeking	love
easter	desert	finding	care
preparation	selfdenial	growing	nurture

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else. - GD Stewart

Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to him only when they are in trouble. - Anon

Time to smile on Mothering Sunday

Why God made mums

These were the answers given by some seven- year-olds...

Why did God make mothers?

- 1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
- 2. Mostly to clean the house, I think.
- 3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.

2. I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.

3. God made my mum just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

1. His last name.

2. She had to know his background, like has he put anything too disgusting on Facebook?

3. She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.





St George's Community Hub

St George's Community Hub is up and running again, meeting from 11.45am to 1pm. It would be great to see you there as we offer our five star lunch of soup, sandwiches, cake and fruit. There's no charge for this, although donations are always welcome.

We will also be making packed lunches to take away for anyone who prefers that. Maybe you would be kind enough to come along and collect one for anyone whom you feel would appreciate it. It's a good way of showing that you care.

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SAINT OF THE MONTH In this regular feature we explore the lives of some less well-known saints whose feast day falls during the current month.

St Chad - the recycled bishop

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 about the middle of the 7th century, when Oswiu, King of Northumbria, made Chad the 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 in about 672AD, 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 7^{th} 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

Sacred Space

Read John 8: 1-11 two or three times until you are familiar with it. Then, make yourself comfortable and, taking your time, read the reflection slowly, imagining yourself to be a part of the story



In your imagination take yourself to Jerusalem and stand with the crowd, just outside the Temple. Listen to the sounds, and feel the temperature of the air Take note of the impressive Temple, the gold leaf on its pillars shining in the early morning sun Sense the excitement of the crowd as Jesus approaches and begins to teach listen to what he is saying

You realise that this is a trap. If Jesus tells the men that she should be stoned, his messages of mercy and forgiveness will be discredited. If he says that she should be spared, he would be accused of dishonouring the law of Moses. He can't win! But see how Jesus silently bends down and begins to write in the dust on the ground. Does he write words of scripture which tell of the love and mercy of God? Does he write a list of sins hypocrisy, pride, greed, gossip? Or does he write something else?

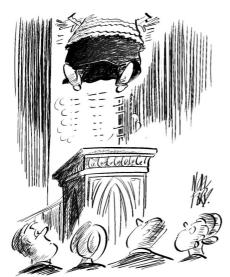
How does the crowd react? Listen to what they say How do you feel towards the woman? Put yourself in her place for a moment Meanwhile the Pharisees and teachers of the law continue demanding answers Does the crowd join in this? Does anyone support the woman? How do you feel towards the Pharisees and teachers of the law? Now Jesus straightens up and faces the men. "Let the one who has never sinned cast the first stone". How do the men react to this?

Watch as, beginning with the eldest they slowly slink away See how Jesus approaches the woman what is the expression on his face? How does the woman look at him?

Listen to their conversation, "Where are your accusers? Has no-one condemned you?" "No-one, sir" "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more" How does the woman react to this? As the woman leaves Jesus, go up to him yourself. What do you want to say to him? After you have spoken, listen to what Jesus says to you......

Now bring yourself back to the present, thanking God for what he has shown you during this reflection.

Jean Radley



The fan-heater under the cassock idea proved not to be such a good one



GRAYRIGG COMMUNITY NEWS

Platinum Jubilee Sports and Village Celebration Friday, 3rd June Save the date!

1.30 - 4pm Sports and children's fancy dress4pm onward BBQ, bar and musicJubilee themed dress codeAll Welcome



More details later.



LADYBIRDS



A short Mothers' Day Service will be held in St John's Church, Grayrigg on Thursday 24th March at 9.45am followed by refreshments in the Coronation Hall. The Service will be led by Mr Clifford Kendal. Please do join us, All are welcome.

Rainfall in Grayrigg

The rainfall in January 2022 was 96.0mm or 3.78 inches The rainfall in January 2021 was 188.6mm or 7.43 inches .The average January rainfall over the last 30 years is 166.2mm or 6.5 inches.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH MEETING

To be held on Thursday 3rd March at 8pm in the Coronation Hall.

This meeting is to discuss planning an application by Grayrigg Hall to develop High Barn.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

This year Mothering Sunday falls on the 27th March and a Family Service will be held at St John's, Grayrigg

At 10.30am Please note the time

The Children will be making posies at school which will be distributed at the Service

Please join us for this Special day.

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