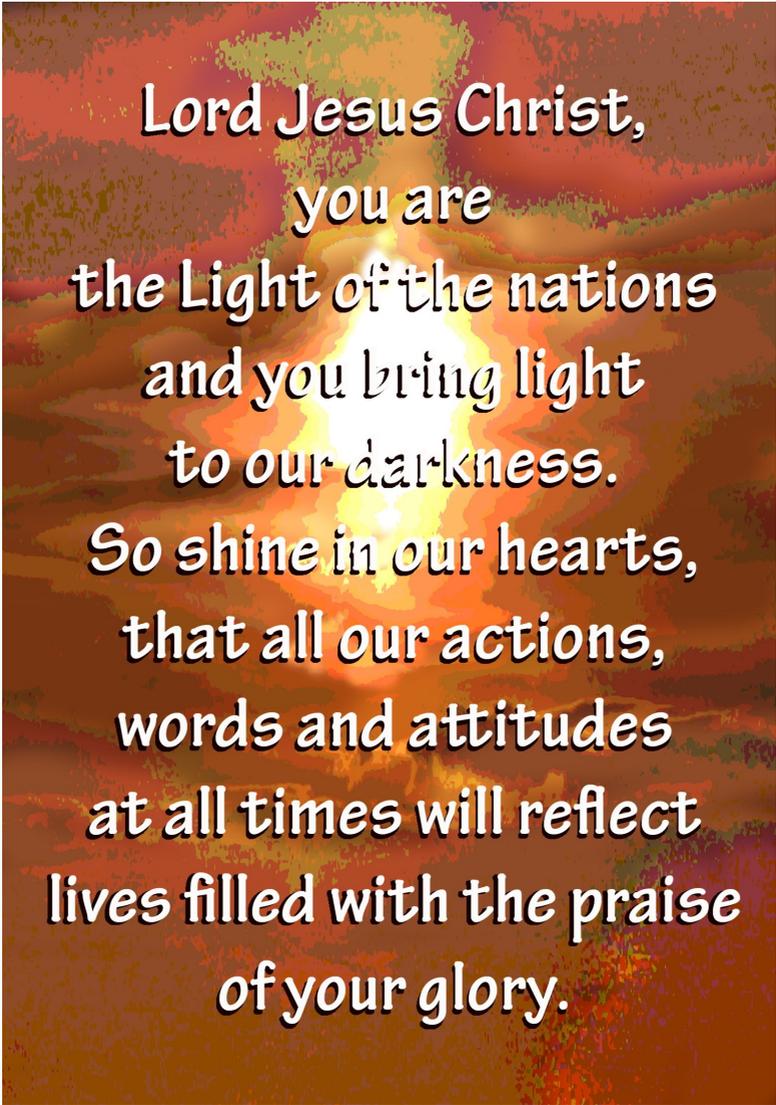


ST GEORGE PARISH NEWS

February 2022 St George, Castle Street, Kendal
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Lord Jesus Christ,
you are
the Light of the nations
and you bring light
to our darkness.
So shine in our hearts,
that all our actions,
words and attitudes
at all times will reflect
lives filled with the praise
of your glory.

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Worship With Us

St George's Church: We are open for worship on

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|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| * Thursday 3rd February | 7.30pm | Sacred Space |
| * Sunday 6th February: | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| * Sunday 13th February | 11.00am : | Morning Worship
with Baptism |
| * Sunday 20th February | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| * Sunday 27th February | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| * Wednesday 2nd March | 7.30pm | Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion |
| | | |
| * Thursday 3rd March | 7.30pm | Sacred Space |
| * Sunday 6th March | 11.00am | Holy Communion |

Online: *Worship is available throughout the week via Zoom*

Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87329356785>

Meeting ID: 873 2935 6785

Regular weekday Zoom services include :

- * Mondays 8.30pm : Compline
- * Fridays 8.30pm : Celtic Evening Prayer

A weekly email with news and updates on services is available - please contact jean.radley@outlook.com if you would like to be added to the list.

From the Priest in Charge

February is a month that always brings about change. The long, darker days of winter noticeably start to recede; snowdrops and crocuses are well above ground, and lambs and young stock can start to be seen on our farms. It seems that spring is definitely around the corner with growth and renewal.



Interestingly the Bible uses many of these rural motifs to describe God and his work.

Psalm 1 describes Godly people "like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do."

Jesus is described as "the vine" and we are "the branches", which when attached to the vine will bear much fruit. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, describes the Church as "God's field"; a field planted and watered by those who minister to it, but grown by God himself.

This imagery from the agricultural world is, I think, quite deliberate. It speaks of God's people as a living and growing body, rooted in Jesus. So just as in agriculture Spring brings growth, we too should be encouraged to grow in our faith and in our understanding of what we believe.

Can I therefore encourage you to think through how you are going to do that? How are you going to ensure that Spring for you is a time of growth and renewal?

One of the ways to grow, or to refresh faith, that many have found helpful is, to meet up with one or two others each week and simply look at a Bible topic or a few verses and learn from each other or join in a housegroup. Next month we will have several Lent Groups happening around the Beacon Team, look out for information nearer the time.

This is another opportunity to find out more about faith and current issues in an informal friendly way.

For Christians it is always useful to remind ourselves why we believe what we believe, and to reassess what that belief means to us, its value and importance - not least because we can then explain it to others if asked.



Many of us within the Church as well as those who would not call themselves Church members often have areas where we are a bit unsure or doubtful about things. My experience is that joining together with others is good place to investigate those things that confuse us. So why don't you give it a try?

Best wishes

Tricia

Sacred Space

Read the account of the Wedding at Cana in Galilee in John 2: 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 a part of the story.



In your imagination take yourself to Cana in Galilee. You may look around Note the green hills, the trees, the flowers Note the smells, the sounds, the temperature of the air

Make your way to a large courtyard in which a crowd of people are singing and dancing in celebration of a wedding As you watch, someone invites you to join in the celebrations Do you join in the singing or the dancing?

See Jesus, his mother and his disciples enjoying the celebration

Watch and listen ... see how the wine is flowing and look at the tables groaning under the weight of food Someone invites you to take some food What do you choose?

Now see a group of servants approach Mary, their faces anxious as they speak quietly to her Mary turns to Jesus and you hear her say, "They have no more wine" A potential disaster for the family - their family honour is at stake - to run out of wine at a wedding would be a never-to-be-forgotten disgrace .

Listen to Jesus' response, "Dear woman, why do you involve me? My time has not yet come." What do you suppose he means?
"Do whatever he tells you", Mary says to the servants.

Watch as the servants follow Jesus' instruction to fill the six large stone jars with water - each one holds twenty to thirty gallons What are the expressions on the servants' faces as they do this? Where do they get the water from? What do they say to each other? and what are **your** thoughts as all this is happening?..... ..

Now the water jars are filled to the brim "Draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet", Jesus says Are the servants happy to do this? What do they say to each other?

Watch the scene as the master of the banquet tastes the water that has now become the finest wine See how he calls the bridegroom aside and tells him "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now" What is the reaction of the bridegroom? What does this incident say to you about Jesus?

Make your way to Jesus and talk to him about what you have observed, listening carefully afterwards for his reply ...

And now leave the scene at Cana and bring yourself back the present, thanking God for all that he has shown you.

Jean Radley

Mothers' Union Report

It was decided that due to the pandemic, the AGM which was to have been held on Wednesday 26th January will be postponed until 23rd February (if circumstances allow).

Sadly, during the last year we have said goodbye to two of our longstanding and loyal members, Eileen Leak and Dorothy Dawes. Both had been very involved with the MU - Dorothy as Branch Leader for two terms and as a Committee member for many years. Eileen was enrolled as an MU member at St George's 60 years ago. She served as Secretary for a time and together with her husband Leslie, put together a history of St George's MU for its 100th year celebrations. We will miss them both.

In November, when Covid numbers had decreased a little, we had a lovely meeting at which we shared poems and readings. Altogether it was a memorable afternoon.

Hopefully during Autumn all members will have received the MU Connected booklet which has articles and up-to-date information about concerns and issues around the world. It has reflections together with daily, monthly and creative prayers, and also contains the Prayer Diary for 2022. Members all over the world are encouraged to pause and pray daily at mid-day. Our theme in February is self-reliance.

Christmas seems a long way away now, but cards were received and sent to our link branches, Orrell and Bolton near Appleby. We also sent cards - and received them - from our Deanery Leader, Ann Wodeman, and the retiring Diocesan President Janice Eadington.

In the near future we will be exchanging programmes with the Burneside with Skelsmergh and Selside MU. Although we will continue to be separate branches, members and friends may wish to go to either or both meetings.

New friends are always welcome. St George's with Grayrigg normally meet at St George's Church at 2pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

Mary Atkinson (Branch Leader)

World Day of Prayer 2022

The World Day of Prayer 2022 will be held on Friday, 4th March. It has this year been put together by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the theme is "For I know the plans I have for you" (*Jeremiah 29:11*)



In Kendal it is proposed that the service be held at Stricklandgate Methodist Church at 2pm. This does depend on the Covid situation, though. The Kendal service is organised by a committee of men and women from Churches of all denominations throughout Kendal. The Church member representing St George's is at present Mary Atkinson who has held the post for several years and is now hoping that someone will be willing to take over from her. Please have a word with Mary if you feel this is something you could help with. And do come along to the service.





Baptism

December 12th: Sophie Dilys Matthews

Funerals

19th November: Dorothy Dawes

13th January: Annette Bryers

Sacred Space

'Silence is golden' goes the old saying. But there seems to be little silence in our daily lives. And even our prayers seem to be all about us talking to God, rather than listening to him. I sometimes wonder if he ever feels like he can't get a word in edgeways!



Sacred Space is a short service which does make space for us to listen to what God may wish to say to us. Together we share forty minutes with reflective music, silence and an imaginative journey into a Gospel passage in which we become part of the story ourselves, meeting with Jesus there.

If you've not joined us before, why not come along to on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. The next ones are February 3rd and March 3rd. We'd love to see you.

BOOK REVIEW

God's Plan for Your Wellbeing
By Dave Smith, CPO, £8.93

Perhaps you're feeling that one or two areas of your life need to be redirected and refocused. The good news is...you can achieve greater wellbeing in every area of your life! And it's all connected.

This book shows you how to improve each of the dials on the dashboard of your life. It covers your levels of physical energy and health; your emotional freedom and peace; your sense of satisfaction in your relationship with God; your connectivity and harmony with others; your financial margin, peace and means for generosity; and your role-based sense of motivation and creativity.



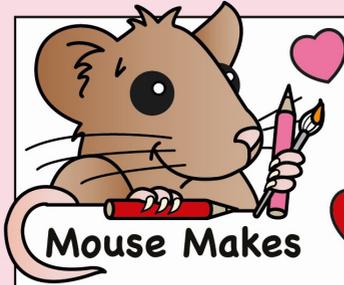
The wisdom of a child

A Sunday School teacher challenged her class to learn Psalm 23 by heart in one month. Jimmy practised and practised, but could scarcely get past the first line. When the month was up and it was Jimmy's turn to recite, he went to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know".



"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota, rota... do I see a hand...?"

Children's pages



Mouse Makes

See what great love the Father has for us that He would call us His

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows _____ and is _____
...You have great _____ and _____

Psalm 86:1

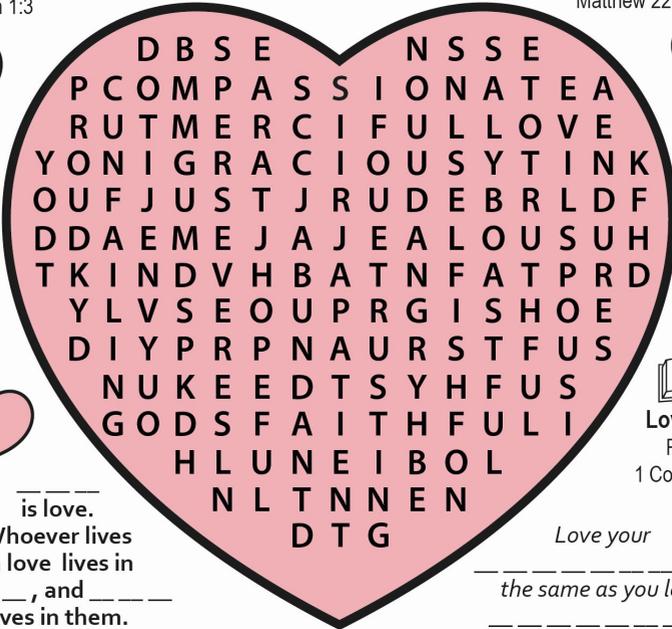


How did God show He **loved** us?
Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your God with all your

_____ with all your _____
and with all your _____

Matthew 22:37



_____ is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in _____, and _____ lives in them.
1 John 4:16

Love is ..
Read 1 Cor 13:4-7

Love your _____
the same as you love _____
Matthew 22:39

Love is:
PATIENT • KIND • GRACIOUS • JUST • TRUTHFUL • TRUSTING • HOPEFUL
PERSEVERE • ENDURES • GOD

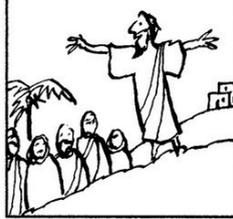
Love is not:
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God's love is:
LOVE • MERCIFUL • FAITHFUL • UNFAILING • ABUNDANT • COMPASSIONATE

The 
Tale of
The Friend
at
Midnight



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS




ONE WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD RUN OUT OF BREAD...



...AND HE NEEDED PLENTY AS A FRIEND WAS COMING TO STAY.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MIDNIGHT...



... HE WENT TO HIS NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE AND BANGED ON THE DOOR - LOUDLY!

BLAM!
BLAM!

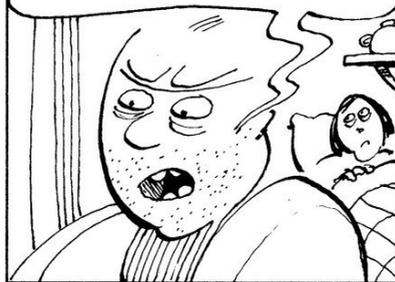
WAKE UP!! I NEED SOME BREAD



PLEASE WILL YOU LEND ME THREE LOAVES?



GO AWAY!! WE'RE ALL TRYING TO SLEEP!




OH GO ON... PLEASE I REALLY DO NEED SOME!

ALRIGHT THEN! BUT I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT SOME PEACE AND QUIET!



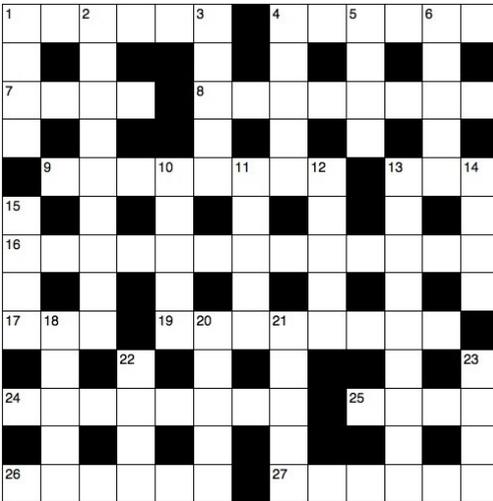

JESUS EXPLAINED - 'THE NEIGHBOUR AGREED TO SHARE HIS BREAD BECAUSE THE MAN KEPT ASKING'

'DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK TO GOD. HE LONGS TO HEAR OUR PRAYERS.'



Puzzle pages *(answers on page 13 and 14)*

This month's crossword



Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
 4 'They threw the ship's — over-board' (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)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

4 Belief (5)

5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)

6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)

10 A seer (anag.) (5)

11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)

12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)

13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)

Crossword clues continued

14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of

16 Across, — and Dolls (4)

15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)

18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)

20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)

21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)

22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)

Crossword answers

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Sudoku

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7				1	5			6
	5	9			6			
			3			4	2	
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		1					8	
		8	2			6		

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Sudoku Solution

3	7	8	2	9	1	6	5	4
5	4	1	7	6	3	9	8	2
6	9	2	5	4	8	1	3	7
1	6	7	3	5	9	4	2	8
8	3	4	1	7	2	5	6	9
2	5	9	4	8	6	7	1	3
7	2	3	9	1	5	8	4	6
9	1	6	8	3	4	2	7	5
4	8	5	6	2	7	3	9	1



Helen's electric chasuble was the envy of everyone

Time to smile on Valentine's Day...



The Rules of Marriage

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

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, 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

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

How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? - Kelvin, age 8

But the favourite is

How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a lorry. - Ricky, age 10

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world. Here are five of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right."

"Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering - remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened."

"Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another."



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.



23rd February : Saint Polycarp

The exact years of Polycarp's birth and death are uncertain, but believed to be from about AD69 - AD155. He is thought to have been acquainted with the apostles and had a long discussion with John the Apostle who later appointed him Bishop of Smyrna. He was a prominent Christian leader in the Roman province of Asia. Like St Paul he wrote an 'Epistle to the Philippians' which has survived to this day, as has a letter written to him from St Ignatius.

Towards the end of his life Polycarp visited Rome and soon after his return to Smyrna he was arrested and challenged to recant his Christian faith and burn incense to the Emperor.

He refused, saying "Eighty and six years I have served my Lord and he has done me no harm. How then can I blaspheme my King and Saviour?" He went on to say, "You threaten me with a fire that burns for a season, and after a little while is quenched; but you are ignorant of the fire of everlasting punishment that is prepared for the wicked." Polycarp was burned at the stake and pierced with a spear. As he died he said: "I bless you, Father, for judging me worthy of this hour, so that in the company of the martyrs I may share the cup of Christ."



God's Valentine

For God so loved the world He sent His Son
There was no other way to let us know,
So Jesus came to us from heaven's realm
To bring God's love to all of us below.



He took on flesh, became like one of us,
Taught and healed and loved wherever He went
Showing the Father's love for all to see
He truly was a gift from heaven sent.

The Bible is God's precious Word of Life
A living breathing word like no other,
It is a heavenly letter of love to us
Sent 'From your God the Everlasting Father'.

By Megan Carter

LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. In the team we will be holding two services of Holy Communion on that day - one at St Oswald's at 1pm and the other at St George's at 7.30pm. We'd love to see you at one of those services.

Lent is a church season in which we put aside extra time for prayer and Bible Study. Revd Tricia mentioned in her letter on page 3/4 of this magazine that we are hoping to hold Lent Groups as usual. Are you able to host one in your home? If so, Revd Tricia would love to hear from you.



Beacon Team Magazine

We are hoping to have a Beacon Team Magazine serving all our Churches and communities with separate sections for each parish and their community news.

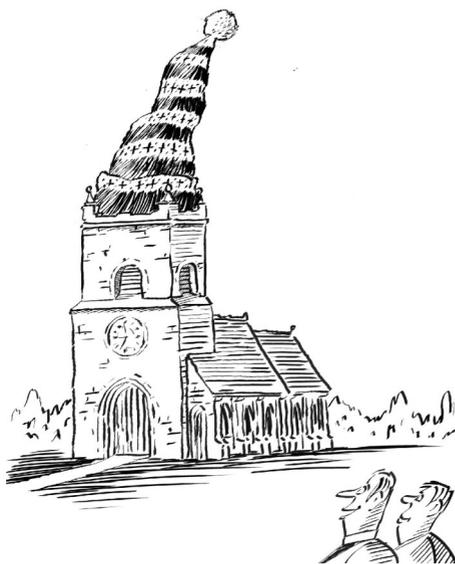
The editors of our current magazines have done amazing work over the years, but two of them now feel it is time to retire and hand on the role to someone else.

Do you feel you may have the skill and time to be our editor? You will get lots of support from the editors who remain, in pulling together information from their own areas AND plenty of advice,

Maybe two or three people could work as an editorial group?

The magazine is such an important way to keep our communities informed about what is happening and we want to ensure this continues.

Please ring Tricia Rogers (01539 722015) for a chat, with absolutely no obligation, to find out more.



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Candlemas

.....the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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, 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.

St George's Community Hub



After a brief period of St George's Community Hub opening it's doors for a sit-down meal, sadly high Covid numbers meant that we had to revert to handing out packed lunches again between 12md and 1pm on Thursdays.

As soon as Covid numbers wane we'll be delighted once more to welcome our friends to a meal on Thursdays between 11.45am and 1pm. Please watch the notice board for up-to-date news.

Even after the Hub opens once more we'll still be happy to offer packed lunches to anyone who would prefer that. Maybe you would be kind enough to come along and collect one for anyone whom you feel would appreciate it.

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