

ST GEORGE PARISH NEWS

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Climate Chaos In A Warming World
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- * Sunday 5th September 9.30am : Holy Communion
- * Sunday 12th September 9.30am : Service of the Word
- * Sunday 19th September 9.30am : Holy Communion
- * **Sunday 26th September 9.30am : Harvest Thanksgiving**



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Regular weekday services include :

- * Mondays 8.30pm : Compline
- * Wednesdays 9.30am : Celtic Morning Prayer
- * Fridays 8.30pm : Celtic Evening Prayer

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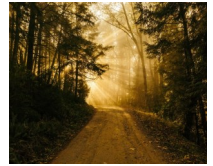
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From the Priest in Charge



The other day an advert for a business processor popped up on my computer with the headline 'Survival requires Change.' Many organisations would probably echo that at the moment!

The big question though is, what does Change look like? - sometimes we can't always know in advance. Where I was before, in the Binsey Mission Community, we knew we needed to do things differently in order to grow. Although I had a vision of us all working together in a more cohesive way; at the beginning I really had no idea of how that would look, or what changes that would involve. The key was for us all to be prepared to take steps on a journey to do things differently, and allow changes from what we had before considered normal practice. Recognising that this could be a difficult and painful thing to do.

As I write this, I know that change will be required for all of us; as individuals, as churches, as communities, as a country and indeed globally. There will be differences and opportunities in society as we emerge into what is being dubbed the 'new normal'. The outbreak caused us to make changes both big and small, many of which will be here to stay. Hygiene will be taken a lot more seriously, people will notice each other more, even if it's only to maintain safe distances, there will be more opportunity for home working....

We have learned a great deal in a very short space of time. In Churches we can have services streamed on-line as well as opportunities for prayer on you tube and facebook. We have mastered meetings using many of the media platforms available. We have discovered many of the beauty spots the UK has to offer for holidays rather than going abroad. People are much more aware of their neighbours, supporting those who are housebound by bringing groceries, medicines and other essential items to them.

As dreadful as this pandemic has been there have been many changes for the good and we must not let those good things disappear as we emerge into this 'new normal'. Sonya Renee Taylor sums it up well: "We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalised greed, iniquity, exhaustion, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate and lack. We should not long to return, my friends. We are 1

being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature"

Let me finish with some words from Isaiah "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (43:19)

So as we embark upon this 'new normal' of fewer restrictions, we can go forward together in hope of something better than before.

With love and prayer, *Tricia*



SACRED SPACE Matthew 9: 9-13 - Reflection

Read Matthew 9: 9-13 until you are familiar with the passage. Then slowly read the reflection, becoming a part of the story yourself.

In your imagination take yourself to Galilee in the time of Jesus. Feel the warmth of the air, the gentle breeze Note the buildings with the outside steps leading to the flat roofs See the Roman soldiers as they stride along the roads How do the people react to them? Do they ignore them? Are there any signs of contempt from some of the people? Join the crowds as they make their way along the tree-lined path..... Listen to their chatteryou might like to join in with some of it

Soon you come across a tax booth manned by the despised Jewish tax-collector, Matthew, Look closely at him Does he appear to be comfortable with what he is doing?Listen to the disparaging remarks of the people - a Jew, working for this hated foreign power, and lining his own pockets as he did so Does Matthew appear to respond to these remarks? what are *your* feelings towards this hated man?..... Is he someone you would feel comfortable striking up a conversation with? Do you feel pity for him ... or disgust? How does he engage with the people as they pay their taxes? Listen to their comments you may wish to join in the conversation

And now, making their way through the crowd towards the tax booth comes Jesus with some of his disciples notice how Jesus stands quite still for a while, watching Matthew and listening to the conversations around him How do his disciples react to Matthew? Watch as Jesus makes his way to the tax booth and simply says to Matthew, "Follow me and be my disciple" Does Matthew hesitate? If he goes with Jesus there'll be no turning back - he'd be giving up everything And what of the disciples? What are they saying to each other? Do they appear pleased at Jesus' invitation to Matthew? What are their reactions as Matthew comes to join them? Do they welcome him?

Now it is later in the day and Matthew invites Jesus and his disciples to his house for a meal and to meet his friends - fellow tax collectors you may join them Do the disciples show any signs of discomfort as they prepare to enter the house? join in their conversation Notice a group of Pharisees arriving on the scenelisten as they accost the disciples , "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" How do the disciples react? Do they attempt to defend Jesus? Do you help them? Jesus hears the Pharisees and comes to the rescue of his disciples - "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." How do the Pharisees respond to this? Do they understand what Jesus is meaning? How do they answer him?

As the Pharisees leave, join Jesus and the disciples for the meal Do you feel comfortable eating in this company? Watch Jesus' interaction with Matthew and his friends Listen to the conversation You may wish to join in

As the meal finishes Jesus beckons you to join him outside the house Perhaps you can both sit comfortably on the stone steps What do you want to say to him? ... And when you have finished speaking listen to what Jesus says to you

*End by thanking God for all he has shown
you during this reflection.*

Jean Radley





Climate Sunday is this month

Canon Paul Hardingham considers an urgent problem.

Sunday 5th September is being designated Climate Sunday, ahead of the UN's climate change conference, COP26, in Glasgow during November.

How should we approach the challenge of climate change?

We have damaged God's creation: God delights in His creation: '*God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.*' (Genesis 1:31). However, we have damaged this world and impacted people, created in His image. The burning of oil or gas and cutting down forests is increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere. The global average temperature could increase by 1.5°C in 2030, resulting in significant damage to our planet. Already, increasing temperatures are melting ice caps, raising sea-levels, changing rainfall patterns and creating extreme climate events. It's the 70% of the world's poorest population who are being impacted most!

Hope is found in Jesus: He has an intimate knowledge of the workings of creation. '*For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*' (Colossians 1:16,17). Our hope for the future lies in what Jesus has done and continues to do in the world. He is the one who sustains creation and will bring everything to completion.

An invitation to respond: Simple everyday actions can help to sustain our planet, including recycling of waste, energy saving and changes in our lifestyle and diet to help the planet. We can fix our eyes on Jesus, as we pray for our world for our world leaders, gathering in Glasgow, asking that they may reach a good agreement for the future of our world.



Reflected Faith : the Bread we eat

The Revd Dr Jo White considers Holy Communion



The majority of Sunday morning service in churches throughout the world are based on the Last Supper of Jesus.

At the Passover meal, on the night before His death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, " *This is My body given for you.*" (Luke 22:19a). He also took wine and passed it to each of them and said, " *This is My blood, given for you.*"

These two elements, the bread and the wine, continue to be the central focus for Christians: doing what Jesus asked us to do, ' *Do this in remembrance of me.*' (Luke 22:19b)

What we call this service varies between denominations and even between churches within the same denomination. It is a way of giving 'thanks' as Jesus did (the word '*Eucharist*' comes from the Greek by way of Latin, and it means 'thanksgiving'), reminding us not only of the tremendous sacrifice that Christ had made on our behalf, but also recalling the love and joy that Jesus brings to the community.

The word '*Communion*' comes from something done with others - the community. It's done with Christ. It's done with other worshippers. In sharing the meal, 'I' becomes 'us'.

The word '*Mass*' comes from the conclusion to the traditional service - which was in Latin: 'Ite, missa est.' 'Go. You are being sent.' Today we use similar words, 'Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.'

At the moment many churches, especially the Church of England, are only giving bread to the congregation with the priest alone consuming the wine. So the meaning underlying the taking / the giving of bread is more crucial than ever. In some denominations the bread is literally the 'daily bread', whilst in others it is a 'wafer' or yeast free bread - as was used at the original Passover.

This month: Have a look at the bread that is placed into your hands the next time you 'receive'. How does it reflect receiving Christ into your life?

Children's pages



Mouse Makes



The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her. ...

She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
 STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
 OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
 DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Kings 1:5-53

King David was now very old, but he had still not said which son would be king. Adonijah decided to make himself king.

Adonijah had a big party at Rogel Spring for all his friends, including Joab and Abiathar, to tell them he was the king. His brother Solomon and Nathan and Zadok were not invited.

Nathan told Solomon's mother

You must tell King David. If Adonijah is king, he will kill you and your son.



You promised our son Solomon would be king, but Adonijah says he is now king.



Nathan told David



He's having a big party to celebrate right now!

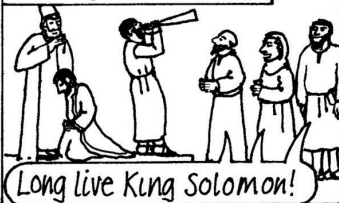
I will keep my promise! Solomon will be the next king. Zadok and Nathan, take him to Gihon Spring, anoint him and tell everyone!



So they went to Gihon with Solomon riding King David's own mule.



He was anointed king and a trumpet was blown.



Long live King Solomon!

At Adonijah's party they heard the noise.



What's going on?

David has just announced that your brother Solomon is now king.



Solomon was anointed and everyone is cheering.



Everyone ran away. Adonijah was so scared he ran to the sacred tent for sanctuary.



King Solomon sent for Adonijah.

If you don't cause me any trouble, I will not hurt you.



Don't be afraid to fail

by *Colin Hammacott*

In my local church, we use a parish prayer which includes the line: 'Help us to be brave enough to fail - but try again.'

Encouraging words indeed, and if we look back throughout the centuries, many men and women who have made the world a better place have taken those words to heart.

For example, where would we be today without electricity? Yet at school, Thomas Edison was told he was "too stupid to learn anything." He was sacked from his first two jobs; and made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb. But in the end, he succeeded, and changed the course of world history.

Car manufacturer Henry Ford revolutionised transport in the USA, but he had five businesses fail before he founded the successful Ford Motor Company.

Winston Churchill was a Nobel Prize-winning, twice-elected Prime Minister, but he struggled at school, was defeated in early elections for public office, and did not become Prime Minister until he was 62.

As the late Nelson Mandela wisely observed: "Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

So, let us commit ourselves to loving God with all our hearts, to putting our abilities at His disposal, and to never giving up.



Funeral : 2nd August 2021
Alan Dixon

SACRED SPACE RETURNS TO CHURCH



We will, at last, be recommencing our monthly Sacred Space on
Thursday 2nd September at 7.30pm.

Please join us for forty minutes of quiet reflection, which include music and
an imaginary journey into one of the Gospel passages.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our harvest service will take place on
Sunday 26th September at 9.30am.

Gifts/donations of non-perishable goods (tins/dried foods etc)
for Manna House and Kings Food Bank would be gratefully received.

PRAYING FOR KENDAL AND THE VILLAGES

Do come along and join members of other Kendal
churches as we pray together on **Saturday, 2nd October.**

Our first event of the day will take place at Kendal
Castle and St George's.



We meet either at St George's at 9.10am, or at the
Castle at 9.20am where Revd Canon Angela Whittaker will lead prayers.
We return to St George's for light refreshments. Offers of help for this
would be appreciated.

We hope that all church members will pray individually during the day -
a sheet of suggested topics for prayer suggestions for prayer will be
produced a little nearer to the event.

Finally we will be having a Zoom Prayer Space at 8.30pm. If you join us for
this it will be useful to bring along a pencil, some crayons and a blank piece of
paper. Time: Oct 2, 2021 08:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81316321070>

Meeting ID: 813 1632 1070



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.

18th September: St Joseph of Copertino — the awkward saint

Joseph of Copertino (1603 - 63) should be the patron saint of all awkward people who mean well, but who drive those around them to distraction - especially their church leaders.

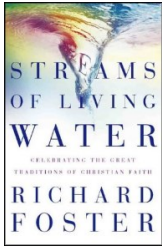
Joseph began life in a garden shed, because his father had sold the house to pay debts. Then he grew up wandering about open-mouthed - his mother despised him and called him 'The Gaper'.

Young Joseph's intense devotion to God led him to try and join the Capuchin monks - but he drove them crazy: forgetting to do what he was told, dropping piles of plates on the kitchen floor, and neglecting to tend the all-important kitchen fire. He was finally accepted by the Franciscans as a servant, and grew so religiously fervent that he was accepted as a novice in 1625, and ordained a priest in 1628.

As a priest he was devout, but apt to do anything - much to the irritation of his superiors. One problem was his repeated levitations, of which there were 70 reported instances. The most spectacular stories are of his flying to images placed high above the altars and helping workmen to erect a Calvary Cross 36 feet high by lifting it into place while he was hanging in mid-air himself. Such feats earned him the name of 'the Flying Friar' by admiring locals, but gave his superiors headaches. They were also disturbed by his habit of going into states of ecstasy, from which nothing could wake him.

Joseph's reputation for flying about and for occasional ecstasy drew the crowds: they were all eager to see what would happen next. What did happen next was that his superiors kept him in virtual isolation for many years, eager to contain this intensely emotional and erratic priest. In 1767 he was canonised, not for his levitations, but for his extreme patience and humility.





BOOK REVIEW

Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith by Richard Foster

Another great book by Richard Foster (from about 20 years ago) - but this time more of an inspiration for, rather than a guide to, living as a disciple. There's too much here to try and summarise but please, please pick it up and dip in if you get a chance.

Chapter by chapter the author takes us through what he considers to be the great traditions of our faith: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical Tradition and Incarnational. For each tradition or 'stream', he presents a timeline of 'notable figures' and 'significant movements' (fleshed out more thoroughly in a 75-page appendix). Then, with his characteristic enthusiasm and clarity, he sketches the lives of Biblical, historical and 'contemporary' individuals who have exemplified each approach before moving on to 'definition', 'strengths', 'potential perils' and 'practice'.

There is so much to learn and savour here, but for me two things stood out. One was that this is a powerful demonstration of the fact that we are members of a vast communion of saints from Antony of Egypt to Frank Laubach (Contemplative) or Francis of Assisi to William Seymour (Charismatic) - most of whom I knew little or nothing about, people who lived remarkable, pioneering lives as they worked out their faith.

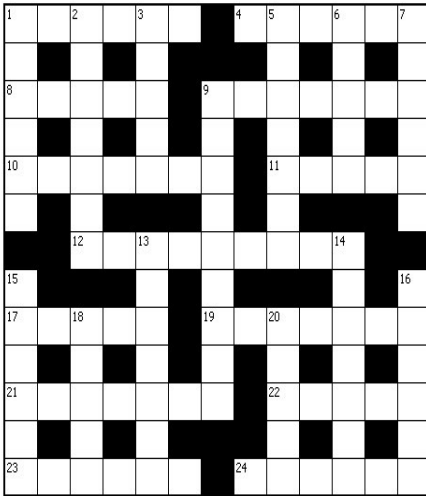
And the other was the thrilling claim that Foster makes (writing in 1998) that 'today our sovereign God is drawing many streams together that heretofore have been separated from one another - a mighty Mississippi of the Spirit'. (After all, as he says, Jesus Christ is the ultimate paradigm of all these traditions, which are just different dimensions of a truly spiritual life.)

About time too, we might well say, and 23 years on we're far from there. But if you need inspiration for those tricky ecumenical endeavours, why not just dive in and get to know some characters from a different tradition to your own. Their work was surely part of God's plan, too.

Many thanks to Lois Sparling for this review and also for making her books available to borrow from church once this becomes possible again

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

This month's crossword



Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
10 Belgium's chief port (7)
11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)

22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)

23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)

24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Down

1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)

2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)

3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)

5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)

6 Lonny (anag.) (5)

7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)

9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)

13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)

14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)

15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)

16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)

18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)

20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

Wordsearch : The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30) Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject - it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So when the wheat came up, so did the weeds.

What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world - there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

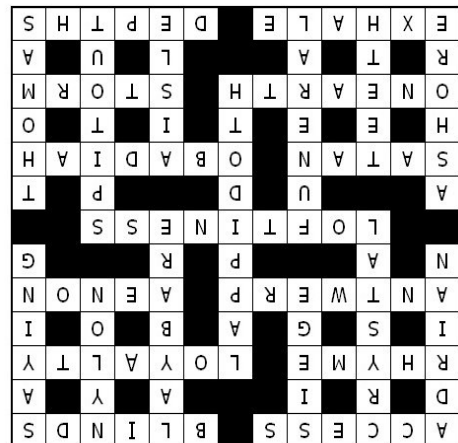


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Crossword answers



Sudoku

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Sudoku and wordsearch answers

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September Prayer : by Daphne Kitching

Dear Lord,

September - the month of new beginnings for many, as summer fades and school and college terms start.

After such a strange time of restrictions, hopes of freedom, with warnings to be cautious, it is hard to

know what to expect this September.

We can't know what lies ahead, Lord, but we *can* trust you to see us through whatever it turns out to be.

Thank you for your promise, *I will never leave you or forsake you... (Hebrews 13:5)*

Help us to hold fast to that promise, to keep trusting you - and to be thankful for each September day.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Miscellaneous observations on daily life...



The main thing is to make sure that the main remains the main thing.

A rumour is about as hard to unspread as butter.

The lazier a person is, the more he plans to do tomorrow.

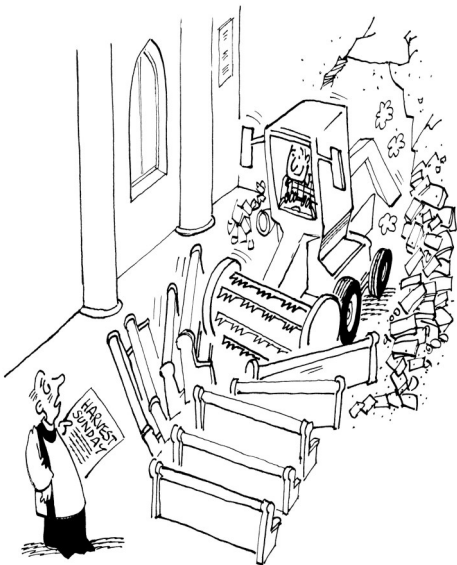
Indecision is the key to flexibility.

Young at heart. Slightly older in other places.

Time is Nature's way of making sure that everything doesn't happen all at once.

All would live long, but none would be old.

The person who lives only for himself runs a very small business.



I don't mean to sound ungrateful Fred, but when I asked for something to 'represent farming in the community'...

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All in the month of : September

Here we look back at events which have taken place in this month through time. It was

700 years ago, on 13th Sept 1321 that Dante Alighieri, Italian poet, died. Regarded as the most important poet of the Middle Ages. Best known for his *Divine Comedy*.



125 years ago, on 24th Sept 1896 that F Scott Fitzgerald, American novelist and short story writer, was born. Regarded as one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century. Best known for his novel *The Great Gatsby*.

80 years ago, on 1st Sept 1941 that Nazi Germany ordered all Jews in Germany and its occupied territories to wear a yellow Star of David badge.

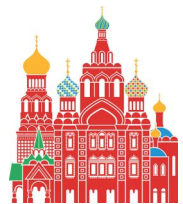
75 years ago, from 20th Sept - 5th Oct 1946 that the first Cannes Film Festival was held.



65 years ago, on 16th Sept 1956 that Play-Doh went on sale in the USA. It was originally sold as a wallpaper cleaning compound, but was then relaunched as a modelling compound when the inventor's nephew discovered that nursery school children were using it to make Christmas ornaments.

60 years ago, on 11th Sept 1961 that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland.

50 years ago, on 15th Sept 1971 that Greenpeace, the international environmental group, was founded in Vancouver.

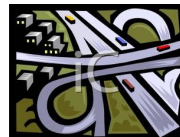


30 years ago, on 6th Sept 1991 that the Russian city of Leningrad was renamed St Petersburg, restoring its original name.

25 years ago, on 27th Sept 1996, that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, Afghanistan, ousting President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

20 years ago, on 11th Sept 2001, that the 9/11 terrorist attack on the USA took place. 2,973 people were killed.

In praise of motorway services



What might you have got in common with the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton? Well, you too have probably visited the Watford Gap Services on your way up or down the M1.

Back in the early 1960s, the M1 transformed the way that bands could travel, and visiting the service station was an integral part of their trip. In the 60 or so years since motorway services opened, they have also become part of life for tens of millions of us.

Motorway services not only provide a much-needed break from the road, they are also a great place for people-watching. All sizes, shapes and varieties of people can be found in one. As one journalist put it: "a motorway service station is the ultimate human zoo."

Not everyone used motorway services back in the 1960s. Many people just pulled over onto the hard shoulder and unpacked a picnic. There was even the true story of the family who pulled their car onto the central reservation of the motorway to have lunch - and survived to tell the tale.

Motorway services also confused people. One distraught couple, heading north, reported their car had been stolen. The police found they had crossed the pedestrian bridge, and then could not find their car in the south-bound car park.

Today there are 111 service stations in the UK. The law states that they must not be more than 28 miles apart, or 30 minutes of travelling time. By law, they must provide two hours of free parking, free toilets, and a free play area for children.

The first two motorway services were Watford Gap and Newport Pagnell, both of which opened in early November 1959, along with the M1.

In 1965 Forton (Lancaster services), with its iconic Pennine Tower, was the second service station to open on the M6 — the first being Charnock Richard.





OUT AND ABOUT: The Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Sheffield

A huge thank you to Lois Sparling for sharing her visit



What strikes you first about Sheffield Cathedral from across the square at the Cathedral Supertram stop is the contrast between with dramatic west end, added in 1966, and the rather ordinary (largely 18th century) building that it's attached to. It is so clearly a parish church re-dedicated as a cathedral with only a modest spire poking up behind the south transept.

But appearances can be deceptive. Inside there are all sorts of fascinating features - including some striking pieces of contemporary art (all carefully explained!), an elegant screen in the York and Lancaster Regiment chapel made of bayonets and swords (pointing down and up respectively to signify being out of use) and (my favourite) the colourful (1999) glass of the lantern tower at the west end. The architecture ranges from early 13th century stonework from the original church in the east end, via the 16th century 'hammerbeam' wooden roof of the chancel, to the RIBA prize-winning 2015 main entrance that links the nave with the 1960s tower. It all blends together surprisingly well.



The cathedral's tagline is 'a place for all the people' and I think they mean what they say. In 2007 a purpose-built drop-in centre for the homeless was opened on the cathedral's north side. Today it offers very similar services to our Manna House but it started from a mere mustard seed sowed in the dark days of the 1980s as Sheffield's proud industry crashed into decline. According to the project website, 'What started as tea and toast served by members of the Cathedral congregation has developed and expanded into a holistic service designed to help homeless people to improve their lives.' How wonderful is that!

Beacon Team Church Gains National Eco-Award

St Thomas's, Selside has recently been awarded Bronze Award in the national Eco-Church scheme run by A Rocha UK. (ecochurch.arocha.org.uk).

The award shows how we care for God's creation as an integral part of our worship and teaching, in caring for our buildings and churchyard, within our community and in our personal lifestyles. If you're visiting St Thomas's look out for signs of our Eco-Church, like the new wildlife area in the churchyard.

St Thomas's are happy to work with other churches working towards Eco-Church status.

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