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FORWARDINFAITH

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Dear friends

Recent events have clearly illustrated our Lord's words: "You do not know either the day or the hour".

To the west, the recent earthquake in Haiti has left many dead, and hundreds - if not thousands - without homes and in desperate need of assistance on many levels.

To the east, the astounding speed with which the Taliban filled the vacuum left by the departure of the troops of the US and their allies, apparently took governments around the world by surprise. It certainly shocked the Afghans.

Periodically, we are surprised by events around the world. Perhaps we should be surprised by our surprise! Surprising things happen all the time: we should expect them.

It is our Christian faith that at some point in the future we will find ourselves standing before the Father's throne of justice, with the Lord Jesus by our side, pleading in our defence his Sacrifice on the Cross, but in the Gospels Our Lord's own words and parables remind us that we will know neither the day nor the hour.

Despite the attempts of pundits and forecasters, we cannot know the future. Many of the fascinating 'predictions' of Nostradamus seem to have been proved correct, but it's interesting to note that we have only been able to see this in retrospect.

As a youth I was a member of the Scouting movement, whose motto: "Be Prepared" is one we should take to heart as Christians, too. Be prepared for that time when we shall come face to face with our Lord and God. On a mundane level, this could include making sure we have a will and that it is up-to-date (see the article later in this magazine); it could also include ensuring that our next-of-kin know what sort of arrangements we would like for our funeral (our churches have simple forms specifically for this).

More importantly, though, we need to prepare ourselves to give an account of our lives: have we used God's gifts wisely and to his glory? If not, perhaps we should begin to do so. Have the words issuing from our mouths been wholesome, edifying, constructive and healing? If not, perhaps they should be.

Are there things in our past we regret, or wrongs that can or cannot be righted, or ways in which we have failed or hurt God? If so, then perhaps sharing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation would be appropriate.

We cannot know what the future holds, nor do we know when we will be meeting our maker. It is never too late to "be prepared". After all, like the Prodigal's father, God our Father is already running towards us, with his arms open wide in loving welcome.

With my love and prayers

Fr Tony

FREE WILL-WRITING

The Diocese of Manchester has partnered with Farewill, the National Will Writing Firm of the Year 2020, to offer church members the opportunity to write their Will for free for a limited period only.

To take advantage of this offer visit:

<https://www.farewill.com/manchesterdio>

WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL

Having been unable to hold a Festival last year, we are delighted that Bishop Glyn, the Bishop of Beverley, is able to join us for this year's Walsingham Festival. It will take place at 3.00pm on Saturday 16th October (a slightly later date than usual), beginning with Sung Mass, and concluding with Benediction, following a buffer reception.

Put the date in your diaries: we hope to see you there.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on Sunday 29th September, and in addition to the traditional gifts of fruit, vegetables, bread and other foods, we are also asking for gifts of toiletries and other household necessities. A list of suggested items is given opposite.

These gifts can be brought to church on the 29th, and will be received at the altar during mass. They will then be donated to Bolton Urban Outreach and Bolton WinterWatch respectively.

Donations continue to be made to Bolton Urban Outreach throughout the year, via the Grub Tubs in our two churches. They are very much appreciated: please keep them coming.

Fr Tony

COVID RESTRICTIONS

At its recent special meeting, the PCC agreed to relax further the restrictions put in place due to the Covid pandemic.

While the majority of adults are now fully vaccinated, meaning that symptoms and prognoses are far less serious than previously, it is still possible to carry the virus and pass it on. We are, therefore, still requesting that people continue wear face coverings in church, and to sign-in upon arrival.

From the end of August we have resumed singing (although trying to sing at speaking volume), and the distribution of communion (still in one kind only) has been returned to its more traditional position in the mass.

Refreshments are also being served after mass in the Parish Hall, but just tea/coffee and biscuits for the time being.

These changes have been publicised among members of the congregation and Electoral Roll by email or letter, and have been introduced keeping everyone's safety very much in mind. I hope that those who have not yet ventured back to church will feel confident that they can do so in a safe and secure environment.

Fr Tony

TONGE & HAULGH COMMUNITY CHOIR

We are delighted both that Tonge & Haulgh Community Choir are to reassemble and resume their inspiring concerts after suspending them during the Coronavirus pandemic, and also that they have chosen to base themselves at St Augustine's. Their rehearsals recommence on Wednesday 22nd September in the Parish Hall. If you would be interested in joining them, please speak to Mandi Watson at church, or just turn up at 6.15pm.

If anyone would be interested in joining our choir at St Augustine's, please have a word with Mike Cheetham, our organist, or with me.

Fr Tony

CATHOLIC EVANGELISM

I mentioned this annual event at St Matthew's Church, Carver Street in Sheffield, in last week's magazine. As well as attending in person (book by email: lucy.nunn@sheffield.anglican.org) access is also available via St Matthew's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/carverstreet1855/>

The speaker is The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel SSC, Archdeacon of Chichester, and takes place on Friday 24th September at 7.00pm.

Fr. Tony

Churches Together in Tonge Moor

There was a break over the Summer, but the videos made in the past year are still available on the YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdqj28fO4Z4pmrgD8JUXkUA>

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th September 2021 7.30pm at the Church at the Centre to plan the Harvest Service that is to be on Sunday 26th September 2021.

Ruth Taylor

Grand Christmas Draw

It is proposed to have our Grand Christmas Draw - to be drawn at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November 2021.

In preparation for this we need donations (or pledges) of bottles of wines, for the main prize.

If you have any bottles for us or would like to donate a 'main' prize, do let Ruth or David Taylor know as soon as possible. To enable us to get tickets prepared and printed, and indeed sold, in advance of the Draw

100 CLUB NEWS

The fifth monthly draw was in the Parish Hall on Sunday 1st August 2021.

Pam drew the numbers verified and by David & Ruth Taylor.

First Prize Number 20 - Jean Turner - wins £25

Second Prize Number 3 - Enid Butler - wins £15

Third Prize Number 71 - Valerie Coward - wins £10

The sixth draw for this term will be on Sunday 5th September 2021, in the Parish Hall

If you are not a member contact David or Ruth Taylor to be allocated a number just £12 a year. Also to renew and/or take on a new number

Keep Tonge Moor tidy!
Join us on the first Saturday of
each month



We will meet after the 10am Mass
approx 10.30am in St Augustine's
Parish Hall.
Grabbers, bags
High viz jackets provided.
Do as much as you feel able!
Meet back at The Parish Hall for Brew
& Bikkies approx 11.30am

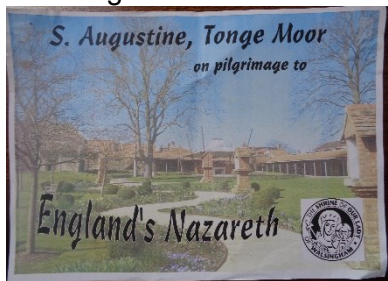
The next litter pick will be Saturday 2nd October

Walsingham News



If you are on the ball with reading this back-to-paper edition of the magazine (hurrah!) we will be eagerly anticipating the departure on Bank Holiday Monday for our Parish Pilgrimage. If you are reading it within a few days of it being printed, then we shall be in Walsingham and if it's more than a week later by the time you pick a magazine up, or get round to reading it, we shall have returned!

23 pilgrims are travelling this year and are looking forward to continuing the Tonge Moor tradition of visiting England's Nazareth at least once in



the year. Of course due to the Pandemic, for almost everyone in our group it will be the first visit for two years. It is great to be joined by two new pilgrims who have it all to look forward to, and hopefully will come to share our love for this very dear and special place. We are mindful of those who are not with us this time and past pilgrims who we remember with

such affection.

It is good to take with us the Intercessions of many in our congregations and lay our petitions at the feet of Our Lady. As I'm writing this, August weather seems to have returned (after a spell in what seemed like October) and we hope that the huge, blue skies of Norfolk will be much in evidence. More of our visit in October's edition of the *Parish Paper*, and hopefully some new photos on the board in the Parish Hall. The ones from 2019 have been there far too long.

We held a social afternoon on the 21st August and it was lovely for us to meet in person for the first time in almost 18 months. We were able to remind ourselves of what the Shrine church, gardens and village look like by watching a slideshow, had a long-awaited opportunity to chat with each other in 'real life' and enjoy some light refreshments.

On 8th September we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with an evening sung Mass, followed by tea & coffee. In October we have our Walsingham Festival on Saturday 16th, an important day in our Parish's calendar when we come together and

welcome visitors from other parishes. Note the change from our usual date and put it in your diary (now that we are using them again!)

Linda Parkington

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Thank you to everyone who helped and supported The Bolton Archdeaconry Festival last month. It was good to be able to meet together again.

This month our meeting is on Wednesday 15th September starting with Mass at 7.30pm followed by Hymns & Pimm's.

There will be craft afternoons on Mondays' 6th and 20th September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The Manchester Diocese MU Service of Thanksgiving is on Saturday 18th September at 2.30pm in Manchester Cathedral.

Elsie Hollinrake

BARBARA DAVIS would like to thank all those who offered her best wishes on the occasion of her birthday on 15th July

*Congratulations to
Josh Holmes-Patel
for a cracking set of GCSE results and our best
wishes as he continues his studies at Holy Cross
College, Bury.*

ST. AUGUSTINE'S and ST. AIDAN'S
Invite you to join them for their



Saturday 25th September 2021
at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall

Come as a team or join one on the day

£2.50 each

(£1 for accompanied children)

including

Afternoon Tea

Tea/coffee/squash

Tickets from Ruth Taylor 07812956731

Prizes

Raffle



WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Messy Church is back! Do
come and join us

The next session has us finding out about
Peter's Profession

Find out more

Saturday
18th September
2021

11am - 1pm

St Augustine's
Parish Hall



- Whatever your age – come and enjoy being creative!
- Join us for activities, crafts, and a short period of worship then a simple meal.
- There will be no charge for this event.
- Children will need to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

A man read his obituary in a newspaper. In great indignation he telephoned a friend: "Have you seen my obituary in today's paper?"

"Yes", replied his friend, "where are you phoning from?"

Why is it that everyone can remember their childhood phone number, but can't remember the password they set up yesterday?

Country Lane

Every morning I drive to town by way
Of a country lane.
This is an important start to the day for me,
My eyes swim in the green of bursting
Hedgerows
And my ears shrill to blackbirds' clamour
-Even over the noise of the engine!

Down there the chimneys lie in wait
And narrow streets and grey stone walls.
The air, here clear and washed with
Morning freshness,
Will soon turn to thin grey drifts,
Blotting out the sun's bright arrows
Into an ochre haze.

But – to return to the lane. It is
Long and winding and bumpy.
The car rattles on – green waves on
Either side,
Some foam flecked with may blossom.
And – in spite of odd rubbish dropped
Here and there by recalcitrant motorists,
This lane is still my road to this day's heaven
This green, this leaf, this bud,
This flower – this bird,
This lane.

Jocelyn Darbyshire



The Rectory

St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

As with many of your ideas, your intentions are admirable; it is just that they don't work.

So it was with the recent wedding in your church, where you allowed the happy but quite mad young couple to try and imitate the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. It was kind of them to want to celebrate Will and Kate's recent 10th wedding anniversary, but it did not seem to occur to anybody that your church, converted from a 1960s warehouse, is fractionally less impressive than Westminster Abbey. And I feel that a backdrop of a car park and canal make a poor substitute for the Houses of Parliament and the Thames. Finally, even 43 very enthusiastic young people can hardly pretend they are a congregation of several thousand.

However, I do applaud your decision to invite me to take it, in order to impart a degree of gravitas to the proceedings, though of course I would not presume to upstage the Archbishop of Canterbury. (Although were he to ask my advice on how to run the Anglican Church, I have several helpful suggestions to hand.) But even I struggled to keep things on a proper course when the

bride, lacking a horse-drawn carriage, simply walked up the lane with her ancient pony. (Which then tried to bite me at the church door!)

Her arrival was greeted with music. I will pass no comment on this, as the Bible says we are to make a joyful noise, not necessarily music, unto the Lord. I am sure that drums and kazoos and guitars all have their place - somewhere or other.

It was a pity that the groom, unlike Prince William, had not thought to get to the church on time - or indeed, at all. It was fortunate that the bride's mother found him in that pub nearby, or really, we would have struggled to complete the wedding.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Who was the first man in the Bible to wear a wig?
Moses, because sometime he was seen with Aaron and sometimes without.

Why was Moses hidden quickly?
It was a rush job.

What's a gargoye?
What ghosts take for a sore throat

What will a wise person say on the Last Day?
Armeddon out of here!

Like Sweet-Smelling Incense

A Meditation on Acts 10:4

by [Dr. Ralph F. Wilson](#)

<http://www.jesuswalk.com/early-church/sweet-incense.htm>

([Audio 5:26](#))

He gives alms. His heart is strong after God. One afternoon -- about the time the evening sacrifice is being offered miles away in the temple in Jerusalem -- Cornelius is praying. Suddenly, he has a vision. An angel announces: "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering¹ before God." (Acts 10:4)

The angel is comparing Cornelius's prayers and righteous deeds to the temple offering of fine flour and oil that is burned with frankincense on the altar producing a sweet-smelling "pleasant aroma" to the Lord (Leviticus 2:2, 9, 16; 5:12). Incense! David says something similar:

"May my **prayer** be set before you like **incense**;

may the **lifting up of my hands** be like the **evening sacrifice**." (Psalm 141:2)

Paul says of the gifts the Philippian church have sent to support his ministry:

"They are a **fragrant offering**, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18)

In Revelation, they offer before the throne "golden bowls full of **incense**, which are the **prayers of the saints**" (Revelation 5:8; cf. 8:3-4). These prayers smell sweet to the Lord.



Zechariah burned incense in the temple when an angel appeared to him (Luke 1:9-10). James J. Tissot, 'The Vision of Zecharias' (1886-94), gouache on gray wove paper, Brooklyn Museum, New York.

Those who love the Lord spend time in prayer before him. They show compassion to the hurting. They help those in need. They serve on the Lord's behalf. And this is right!

But have you ever thought of it from God's point of view? That our prayers and service are sweet to him, like a fragrant incense before him.

Eric Liddell, a strong Christian and Olympic runner whose life is depicted in the Oscar-winning film "Chariots of Fire" (1981), is quoted as saying:

"I believe God made me for a purpose,
but he also made me fast!

And when I run I feel his pleasure."

Oh, to live our lives to bring pleasure to our Lord!



Why are married women fatter than single women?

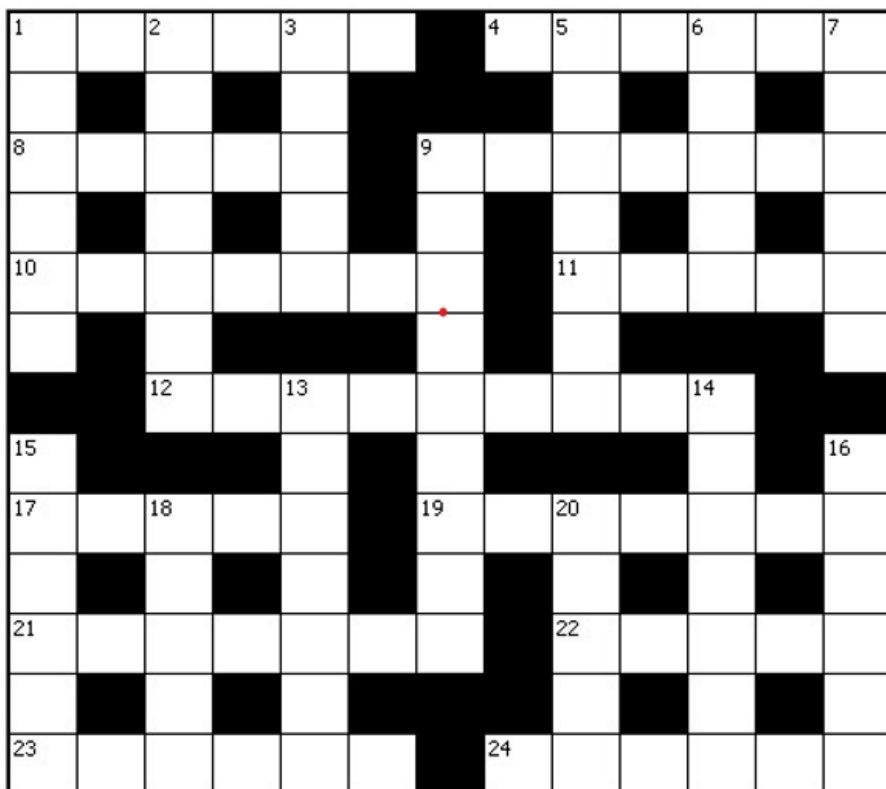
Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed.

Married women come, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.

When a child says, "Daddy, I want Mummy" that's the child's version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."

My wife screamed, "You haven't listened to a single word I've said, have you"?!"

I was taken aback..... What a weird way to start a conversation.



Clues 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)

Clues 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)

Miscellaneous musings on daily life.....

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...

Ask advice but use your common sense. - *Yiddish proverb*

Kind: someone who could tell you all about his operation – but doesn't.

Government expert: one who complicates simple things.

Farm: a portion of land covered by a mortgage.

Nothing is as inevitable as a mistake whose time has come.

I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here. - *Stephen Bishop*

They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge. - *Thomas Brackett Reed*

He has the attention span of a lightning bolt. - *Robert Redford*

Sharp tongues have a way of sharpening other tongues. - *E Stanley-Jones*

Deficit: what you've got when you haven't as much as if you had nothing.

If I understand what the economists are saying, the situation is hopeless – but improving. - *Herbert V Prochnow*

Some people just can't unbend and be human until misfortune has taken the starch out of them.

Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

The average person works themselves to death so that they can live.

PARISH DATES

SUN	5th	Interment of Ashes: Ray Coward (pr)
Tue	7th	Home Communion in the area 7.30pm: Churches Together in Tonge Moor (Church @ The Centre)
Wed	8th	BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY: 7.30pm Sung Mass 7.30pm: Deanery Synod
Thur	9th	Home Communion in the area
SUN	12th	10.30am: Family Service 3.00pm: Baptism Preparation Class 6.30pm: Evensong & Benediction
Tue	14th	TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS 7.30pm: Sung Mass
Tue	21st	7.30pm Mass (no 6.15) followed by PCC
Sat	25th	2.00pm: Family Disney Quiz (Parish Hall)
SUN	26th	Harvest Thanksgiving 12.15pm: Holy Baptism

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

August 8th
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Calendar and Intentions for September 2021

- Wed 1 feria: The Bishop of Beverley and all bishops of The Society
Thu 2 feria: The fire, police and ambulance services
Fri 3 S Gregory the Great: The Church in England
Sat 4 S Cuthbert: for wisdom in church politics
- SUN 5 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God**
- Mon 6 feria: The Churches Together in Tonge Moor
Tue 7 feria: Those receiving the Blessed Sacrament in their homes this month
Wed 8 **BIRTHDAY OF THE BVM:** The Parish and the People of God
Thu 9 feria: Bolton Deanery, its churches and congregations
Fri 10 feria: The Bishop of Manchester and his staff
Sat 11 feria: Those preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism
- SUN 12 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God**
- Mon 13 S John Chrysostom: the grace to speak the truth in faith and love
Tue 14 **THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS: Christian Unity**
Wed 15 Our Lady of Sorrows: All suffering under oppressive regimes
Thu 16 Ss Cornelius and Cyprian: Those persecuted for their faith
Fri 17 feria: The Unity of Christ's church
Sat 18 feria: Those preparing for Marriage, or for the renewal of Marriage vows
- SUN 19 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God**
- Mon 20 Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions: All who suffer for their Christian faith
Tue 21 **S MATTHEW:** The work of Evangelists
Wed 22 feria: Our PCC and Church officers
Thu 23 S Pius of Pietrelcina: Confessors and their penitents
Fri 24 Our Lady of Walsingham: All pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine
Sat 25 feria: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its Priests Associate
- SUN 26 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God**
- Mon 27 S Vincent de Paul: All involved in Youth Work
Tue 28 feria: The social life of our Parish
Wed 29 **SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL:** The Parish and the People of God
Thu 30 S Jerome: Theologians and Biblical Scholars

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