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the garden – by Helen

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From the Editor

Hello there,

The last month has been very busy with very mixed weather – deciding what to wear can be quite challenging!

Thanks for some feedback on the magazine – as a result I have increased the font size so I hope that is helpful. I have to produce it A4 size on my computer then Jacqueline in the office reduces it down to A5 for printing – what with that reduction and ensuring the printer does not cut any off around the edges it probably did end up a bit smaller than before. I apologise and hope it is okay now. Do ask in the office for a big print version if you need to, or alternatively you can view it on your own computer if you go online at the Christ Church website and see it as large as you need.

Please do send in articles – we love to know what our church family are doing – hobbies, interests, events, trips – all will be good to read about. I have included a quiz this time – enjoy!

Enjoy reading,

Helen

From the Vicarage.....

And the consequence was....

You may have played the party game “Consequences.” Each player takes a turn to write down an action on a piece of paper before it is folded over to hide from the next player. The game is amusing since it artificially links events as you read on after the other with the final link being the phrase: ‘and the consequence was.....’.

In daily life consequences arise from our actions, some of which are predictable but some are not; some unimportant and others highly significant.

In the early church the events of Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension were followed by a life changing event called Pentecost (fifty

From the Vicarage.....

days after the resurrection and ten days after the ascension to heaven). The Acts of the Apostles (written beautifully by Luke who not only wrote his Gospel but also wrote this book to record what happened as Jesus continued to be active in the world through his disciples) records the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and disciples in Jerusalem. It had a huge impact on the world as the consequence was that the good news of Jesus spread across the ancient world.

Consequently, the church was born: *'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer'* (Acts 2v42). The first believers lived as a community of faith, shared their lives and their belongings with one another and were generous to the poor. The church was magnetic and it grew.

Christians today live as a community of faith as it reflects God's very nature. The knowledge that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit (one God, but three persons in a Tri-unity or Trinity of relations) is the model we base our lives on. An interdependence exists between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is to be reflected in the inter-dependence of believers living as the body of Christ which we call the church. Christian disciples continue to meet for the purpose of corporate worship, learning how to be a disciple and serving God in daily life. Our prayerful hope is that just as the early church functioned so will we today so that we can testify: *'And the Lord added to their number daily those who are being saved'* (Acts 2v47b). This too has consequences as it brings blessings not only to the individual but also to the wider community.

Paul Kingman

June 2026



Christ Church Diary

June 2026

| | Date | Time | Events (Zoom codes in weekly email) |
|-----|------|----------------------|---|
| Mon | 1st | 9.30 am | Toddler group |
| Tue | 2nd | 10.30 am 12.30 pm | Communion; Luke 3: 15-22 "His unity with Father and Spirit" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy |
| Wed | 3rd | 9.00 am 2.00 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Trekks |
| Thu | 4th | 1.10 pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 5th | | |
| Sat | 6th | 8.30 am | Prayer meeting followed by breakfast |
| Sun | 7th | 9.15 am 5.00 pm | Communion; 1 Corinthians 5: 1-13 "A holy people" Gospel Love study course at the Vicarage (1 of 9) |
| Mon | 8th | | |
| Tue | 9th | 10.30 am 12.30 pm | Communion; Luke 7: 36-50 "Supper with Simon" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy |
| Wed | 10th | 9.00 am 2.00 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Trekks |
| Thu | 11th | 1.10 pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 12th | | |
| Sat | 13th | | |
| Sun | 14th | 9.15 am 5.00 pm | Morning Prayer; 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 "A framework for prayer" Gospel Love study course at the Vicarage (2 of 9) |

Christ Church Diary

June 2026

| | Date | Time | Events (Zoom codes in weekly email) |
|-----|------|--|---|
| Mon | 15th | 9.30 am | Toddler group |
| Tue | 16th | 10.30 am 12.30 pm 2.30 pm | Communion; Luke 9: 10-17 "The big picnic" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy Autumn House — Church at Home service |
| Wed | 17th | 9.00 am 2.30 pm 3.30 pm 7.30 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Oulton Abbey — Church at Home service Trekks Standing Committee of the PCC meeting in the centre |
| Thu | 18th | 11.00 am 1.10 pm | St. Mary's Home — Church at Home service Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 19th | | |
| Sat | 20th | | |
| Sun | 21st | 9.15 am 5.00 pm | Communion; 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-13 "Worthy petitions" Gospel Love study course at the Vicarage (3 of 9) |
| Mon | 22nd | 9.30 am | Toddler group |
| Tue | 23rd | 10.30 am | Communion; Luke 10: 38-42 "AT Mary and Martha's" |
| Wed | 24th | 9.00 am 2.00 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Trekks |
| Thu | 25th | 1.10 pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 26th | | |
| Sat | 27th | | |

Christ Church Diary

June 2026

| | Date | Time | Events (Zoom codes in weekly email) |
|-----|------|--------------------|--|
| Sun | 28th | 9.15 am 5.00 pm | All age; 1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 "Praying for others" Gospel Love study course at the Vicarage (4 of 9) |
| Mon | 29th | | |
| Tue | 30th | 10.30 am | Communion; Luke 14: 1-11 "The best seat in the house" |
| | | | |

Thank you

A Note from Doris:-

Thank You.

On behalf of my family and myself I wish to thank you for the kind and loving thoughts, prayers and messages of condolence which we have received following Grahams's death. I have felt warmly wrapped in a blanket of prayers which has sustained me through the last few weeks. Thank you also for the cards and gifts of flowers which have come.

Doris

Take Time to Pray

Mission Prayer Diary 7th to 13th June

Open Doors

In more than 70 countries, Open Doors supports by supplying Bibles, providing emergency relief and helping persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term. In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors helps the church to pray, give and speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom.

Millions of Christians face violent persecution for their faith in sub-Saharan Africa. According to Open Doors World Watch List research, over 90% of Christians killed for their faith last year were in sub-Saharan Africa.

- *Pray for the ongoing impact of the Arise Africa campaign, that international governments would act on behalf of the vulnerable in sub-Saharan Africa and bring about justice.*

Many Kurdish Christians not only face serious oppression by the Turkish authorities and population, but also by their own people after having become Christians.

- *Pray that they will know joy in their walk with Christ.*

This volunteers' week:

- *ask God to stir the hearts of those who could volunteer with Open Doors across the UK and Ireland. Pray that our volunteers will be encouraged by the faith of their persecuted family, spurred on 'towards love and good deeds' (Hebrews 10:24).*

Take Time to Pray

Mission Prayer Diary 14th to 20th June

African Inlands Mission

The Makau family, serving with AIM Kenya continue their outreach work. This includes repairing airstrips, providing supplies, distributing food, audio Bibles and medicines. They also continue with their role of teaching at the Africa International University.

Time was spent preparing for outreach in February 2026 in two villages-Lependera and LMoti in Marsabit, north Kenya. The outreach covered medical camp-child vaccination, treatment of minor ailments, antenatal/postnatal care, health education and training new believers on how to use Audio Bibles for Bible study meetings, sharing the gospel, distributing donated supplies of food, clothes, pads, school materials; delivering toilet building materials and extra water tank for Lependera church.

- *Thank God for increased mission awareness among local churches and their involvement in mission to unreached people groups. Example, AIC Ngong Road, a local congregation in Nairobi has now developed a 10-year plan to support the outreach going on at Lependera.*

The Makau family will be returning to the UK in July for a one-year Home Assignment. During this time, they will be serving with the AIM EU office, and their children will be joining university.

- *Please pray for the huge transition of their children as they are joining university in the UK. Pray that they will get the courses they have applied for and that they will settle well. Please also pray for the family to find a place to live while they are in the UK.*

Take Time to Pray

Mission Prayer Diary 21st to 27th June

The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission Great Britain is a global Christian organisation leading the fight against leprosy. They work with people of all faiths and none to defeat leprosy and transform the lives of people affected. The Leprosy Mission's Global Fellowship works in 27 countries.

Over the last year, aid cuts in the UK and around the world have had devastating impacts on people living in poverty.

- *Please pray as we call for greater commitment to people affected by leprosy and disability. Ask that the UK government will act to ensure these marginalised communities are not forgotten.*

Churches have been at the heart of The Leprosy Mission for the last 150 years.

- *Praise God for the churches changing lives today through their fundraising, giving, and prayers. Pray that their love will encourage more churches and groups across Great Britain to answer Jesus' call to heal those with leprosy.*

Across Great Britain, many people don't know leprosy still exists.

- *Please pray that our campaigns to raise awareness about the disease on radio and TV will be successful. Ask that Jesus will give us wisdom to know how to reach new supporters, and the right words to inspire people to act.*

Take Time to Pray

Mission Prayer Diary 28th June to 4th July

Tearfund

Tearfund is a Christian charity which partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. They tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice. They believe an end to extreme poverty is possible.

Tearfund have some specific prayer requests following the recent escalation of conflict in the Middle East. Where there's a lot of fear and uncertainty about what will happen next.

- *Please pray for the weapons to fall silent.*
- *Pray for a softening of leaders' hearts to bring an end to the violence that threatens the lives and welfare of millions of people.*
- *Please pray for protection for our staff and partners in the area.*
- *Pray that they can move safely and respond to the increasing needs of people across the region.*
- *For people already living in desperate need.*
- *For women and girls at risk of sexual violence.*
- *For children who risk losing their childhood and education because of conflict.*
- *Please pray that local churches continue to be courageous witnesses of Christ's peace and goodness.*
- *Pray that the global church will be a bold advocate of justice, truth and abundant peace.*

Thank you for your faithful prayers and your continued support of communities and people living in extreme poverty.

Gospel Love

Grace, relationships, and everything that gets in the way.

Why can't I get along with you? Why can't you get along with me?

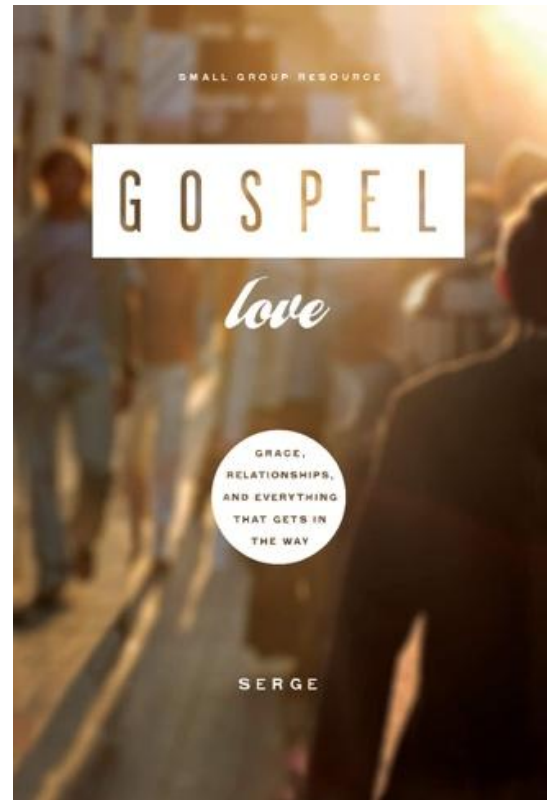
This small group study explores how God's grace makes the messy beautiful! This 9-session small group resource helps participants examine their relationships and learn how the gospel of Jesus Christ frees them to love others.

Topics covered include barriers to loving others, how love is an expression of faith, the role of the Spirit in relationships, honesty vs. judging, and how to live with forgiveness and compassion. A user-friendly small group study with suitable

activities and questions rooted in Christian Scripture. An invaluable resource for Christians to learn more about their faith.

At 5pm from Sunday 7th June 2026. Cost of study booklet £11.00 [please notify me of your order by Sunday 24th May].

Paul Kingman



Trains in the Garden

“It never rains on our Trains in the Garden event” so said our host, Pete. He’d even go as far as recommending choosing the date of your wedding to coincide with the event to be assured of good weather! Well, for the first time in over 20 years we did get some rain at around 3 o’clock.

It didn’t stop the trains running and it didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of passengers and train operators. Children travelled around the garden, after having their tickets punched by the station master. There was a variety of vehicles; a steam train, a tram and 3 single engines that the

Trains in the Garden (cont)

older children could drive solo. Some children had so many trips that their tickets had more holes than paper left in them.

I have been coming to the event for many years. First with my young daughter, who is now a grown up and more recently as a helper.

Previous years have seen me helping Liz in the kitchen with tea and coffee making, serving cake and washing up so that the next round of visitors have a mug ready to be filled.

This year Pete was in need of a tram driver so I swapped teams and thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon in this new role, taking children and adults on trips around the garden. The trains team ran like a well oiled machine, with men operating the signals, stoking the fire of the steam engine and oil cans in operation. Pete welcomed everyone to their garden and gave a quick announcement of the reason we were all gathered, to raise funds for the Jigsaw Kids charity.

Tim and Kate Lee, founders of the Jigsaw Kids charity, were also in attendance. They had a display under the open sided marquee, in the centre of the garden, giving information about their work with disadvantaged children in Manila. There were many pots around the garden and up in the house where visitors could make donations. You could also make a donation by scanning a QR code. Thanks to the many visitors the event raised £1,200, a fabulous amount.

Jacqueline Abrahams



From the Diocese...

Your Church needs you now – every voice matters

The Church is at a crucial moment in our life in so many ways:, there is, despite the debate over figures, an undoubted generational shift in attitudes towards the Bible and the church and locally, we are in the early stages of realising our vision: Seeking the Kingdom. We are at a moment of so much challenge and opportunity. We need to grow our church, our ministry and our financial resources to fulfil our vision.

We need all hands on deck!

A key part of our vision is to grow a younger church and to see younger people taking responsibility for our governance.. It is obvious that young people should be encouraged to take an active role in every part of our church life. There are so many issues of crucial importance for our life, witness and worship that need fresh and new perspectives, rooted as always in the life of the church, our Christian beliefs and faith revealed in scripture and our worship together week by week.

As well as encouraging participation in parishes, in ministry and in chaplaincies, our church is governed by elected Synods. The General Synod is our elected national assembly, essential for shaping its direction and governance. Elections occur every five years, with the next elections between August and October this year.

Would you consider standing for election to General Synod?

General Synod considers and approves legislation for the entire Church of England, develops new forms of worship, discusses important national and international issues, and sets the annual budget for national activities. It has legislative authority – it is one of the few bodies in England authorised to make national laws through Measures that are approved by Parliament and the Monarch.

Candidates for the Synod are driven by their commitment to mission, governance, and pastoral care, aiming to influence policies on key theological and social matters, including social justice and environmental issues.

Drawn from among people across our worshipping communities and voted for by members local Deanery Synods, being a General Synod

member means being ready to speak in debates, with clear sight about their views and the views we represent. This calls for determination, strong communication and negotiation skills and strength of character and conviction.

To be elected, candidates will need to plan, network and build support. Involvement in parish, deanery and diocesan activities helps establish a reputation that can lead to endorsements and votes.

Candidates should create a clear manifesto and set out their stall to resonate with potential electors, engage with voters, and build trust. Synod is not all work. Among the 450 members lasting friendships develop, bringing sharing and support for each other's ministry.

Are you called to serve on General Synod? Are you ready for the challenge? Do you know someone who could represent our diocese? Ultimately, standing for General Synod is a call to serve the Church in shaping its mission and governance for today's world.

Tug Wilson has represented the Lichfield diocese at General Synod for twenty-one years and is active both locally and nationally in supporting the Church's mission and ministry.

Key dates for the 2026 General Synod election:

- 14 July Current General Synod dissolves;
- 14 August Nominations for New Synod open;
- 7 September Nominations close;
- 21 September Voting opens
- 13 October Voting deadline
- 14-16 October Voting Count
- 16-18 November new General Synod meets



GOING FOR GROWTH



General Knowledge Quiz

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1. Which planet is Curiosity roving around in the name of science?
2. What is produced by the bacterial fermentation of milk?
3. What is the art of cutting shrubs into ornamental shapes called?
4. What oath is sworn by graduates of medicine to regulate their further conduct?
5. How many seats did the spitfire fighter plane have?
6. If you are watching cricket at the Oval, in which county cricket club are you sat?
7. Which British explorer was murdered by the natives in Hawaii?
8. Which Beatle has the real name of Richard Starkey?
9. Who recorder the song 'Think' in 1968 and also performed it in the Blues Brothers movie from the '80s?
10. Which Archduke was assassinated in Sarajevo in June 1914 and caused the outbreak of WW1?
11. Pigs are used to sniff out which delicacy in some parts of France?
12. In nature, how many arms (or legs) does a starfish have?
13. In which sport do teams compete for the Stanley Cup?
14. In Roman Numerals, how many players are there in a rugby union team?
15. Who had a hit in the '60s with 'The House Of The Rising Sun'?
16. Who famously stated that '... an army marches on its stomach'?
17. Which former jockey became a best selling author of thrillers about horse racing?
18. What type of goat produces mohair?
19. If the Hammers are playing the Gunners, in which city would you be?
20. What is the term given to a word that can be spelt the same both backwards and forwards? e.g. ABBA, TOOT
21. In which town did the Pied Piper play?
22. What is the last word in the New Testament?
23. What TV show, produced by Peter Fluck and Roger Law, poked

fun at politicians and celebrities in the '80s?

24. In Monopoly, what colour are Bow Street, Marlborough Street and Vine Street properties?

25. What was the name of the dog carried into space aboard Sputnik 2?

26. What was the nickname given to the V1 flying bombs that rained down on London and the South East UK during the latter part of WWII?

27. What is the surname of the author of 'For Whom The Bell Tolls'?

28. Dianna Rigg played which character in 'The Avengers'? (The original TV show, not the 2012 movie)

29. In which sport would you hear the term 'Catching a crab'?

30. As well as Depeche Mode and Yazoo, what other band was Vince Clarke a principal member of?

History of Hymns (1)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Joseph Scriven, a young Irishman, completed his college education in 1844. He returned home to marry his sweetheart. He came home to find his bride-to-be tragically lying dead after falling off her horse. Later on, Scriven moved to Canada and fell in love again. Unfortunately, for the second time, his bride-to-be hit a horrible fate. She became ill and died weeks before their marriage. Scriven wrote a poem to his mother in Ireland to describe the tragedy he had faced. He spoke of how his deep friendship with Jesus, which he had cultivated through prayer, helped him get through the loss of his two loved ones. Instead of believing God was punishing him, Scriven thought God was his rock. The poem was published anonymously under the title "Pray Without Ceasing". Later in 1868, attorney Charles Converse set the text to music and changed the name to what we know it as today.

Tales from the Towpath

Hello Everyone,

Managed to get a good soaking the other day at Great Haywood – the heavens opened with hail, winds and very heavy



rain – such is the life of a Waterways chaplain! I have spent quite a bit of time at Great Haywood recently – it is a lovely busy place being on the junction of the Trent & Mersey canal and the Staffs & Worcester canal. I have been there particularly as we have a new probationary chaplain started with us and he is going to be covering that stretch. We also had some individual boaters who needed some help, so there we were!

I gave a talk to the Mothers Union down at Penn which was lovely. It was good to see a thriving Mothers Union with about 35 people attending including a number of men!

I attended the Norbury Canal festival which was great – always very busy and lots of music and historic boats. Also, there was the Stone Floating Market last weekend alongside the Food & Drink Festival although it was disappointing as there were only a few traders there. Evidently many of the traders had gone across to Willington which is a much bigger event. Still always good to catch up with those boaters who were there.

Went to the Stafford Riverway Link event yesterday. Lots of boaters there plus



information about various restoration projects. Always enjoy an oatcake from the Oatcake boat!

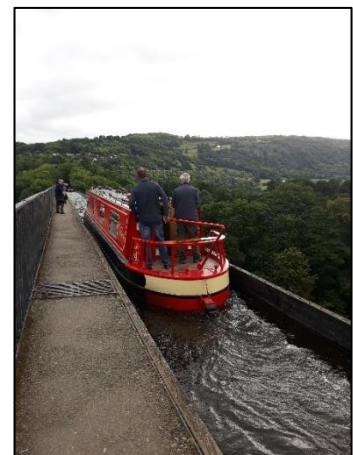
This is a lovely time of year as it's the time for ducklings, goslings and cygnets – isn't nature wonderful? (cont.....)

Tales from the Towpath (cont.)

Did you know?

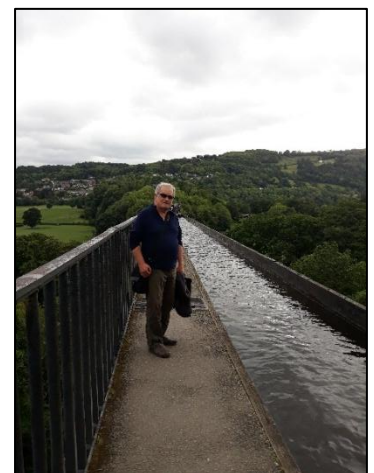
That the Canal & River Trust

- Look after 2,000 miles of historic canals and rivers including 2,970 bridges, 1,581 locks and 281 aqueducts
- Are the third largest owner of listed buildings and other structures in the UK, with 2,705 listed buildings and 50 scheduled monuments – including the Anderton Boat Lift and Standedge Tunnel. The waterways encompass seven historic parks and gardens, six battlefields, 46 scheduled ancient monuments and four World Heritage Sites. The UNESCO World Heritage sites are:- Pontcysyllite Aqueduct & Canal (Llangollen Canal), The Historic City of Bath (Kennet & Avon Canal), Derwent Valley Mills (River Derwent), Ironbridge Gorge (River Severn). Here are some photos of the Pontcysyllite Aqueduct taken on a visit in 2018. (doesn't time fly!!)



Off to Crick Boating Festival next weekend so looking forward to that!

Helen 17/5/26



Safeguarding

The United Benefice is committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies for the welfare of everyone in our congregations. Anyone requiring any further information or raising concerns should contact the Safeguarding Coordinators: **Christ Church, Stone**: Andrew Stone on Safeguarding2@christchurchstone.org

Oulton with Moddershall; Mary Gale on Office@christchurchstone.org

Or contact the church office [01785 811990] to leave your details, and Andrew or Mary will ring you back.

The Vicar, Rev Paul Kingman can also be contacted on 01785 812669. If the matter is more urgent, or you feel uncomfortable contacting someone in our Benefice, you may contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team at Lichfield <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/>

Advent Windows 2026

It's that time of year when we start to plan for Advent windows!!!! After all there are only about 200 days to December!!! Seriously though we need to plan early to secure locations and to get a draft plan out before the schools break up in the summer so they know what they are doing ready for the Autumn term.

The project is great fun but as with all things we could do with more helpers! So, if you have some time to help out – helping with planning, being an MC for one of the days, helping create the Christ Church Advent Window or just coming along to support that would be great.

Please do let me know – you will be very welcome.

Helen

St George

Each year on April 23rd we remember the life of a man whose name has become inseparable from courage and the defence of the vulnerable.

George of Cappadocia was a Roman soldier based in Lydda, Palestine, probably born in Turkey, He was a man whose life took him to work in many places, far from where he was born, who stayed true to his beliefs and in the end was put to death by Diocletian in about AD 303, for refusing to

renounce Christ. It would take over a thousand years before George was formally named England's patron saint in 1348 by Edward III, yet his story had already travelled across Christendom. He is a patron saint of Ethiopia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Portugal and Catalonia as well as cities such as Genoa, Moscow and Beirut. Edward IV built the present magnificent St. George's Chapel at Windsor, where, in the reign of Henry V, the supposed heart of the saint was deposited as a sacred relic.



The legendary tale of him slaying a dragon emerged in about 1100, capturing the imagination of artists and storytellers. Another symbol, the Cross of St. George, has also endured for centuries. Adopted by the Crusaders, the red cross represents martyrdom and sacrifice, the white background signifies purity and hope. In England, the story of St. George was used to develop a sense of national identity and loyalty to the Crown. The red cross, our national symbol, is seen as a signpost pointing to a way of life marked by devotion and service to others. Similarly, across the Eastern Church, George is known as the great martyr. Muslims revere his memory, many of them visiting the Eastern Orthodox shrine of St. George at Beit Jala, near Jerusalem, to pay their respects.

Could the multi-cultural respect for St. George point to a means of solving many of the problems currently facing the world today.

John Bowes

Quiz ANSWERS

1. Mars
2. Yoghurt
3. Topiary
4. Hippocratic Oath
5. One
6. Surrey
7. Captain James Cook
8. Ringo Starr
9. Aretha Franklin
10. Franz Ferdinand
11. Truffles
12. Five
13. Ice Hockey
14. XV (15)
15. The Animals
16. Napoleon Bonaparte
17. Dick Francis
18. Angora
19. London
20. Palindrome
21. Hamelin
22. Amen
23. Spitting Image
24. Orange
25. Laika
26. Doodlebug
27. Hemingway (Ernest)
28. Emma Peel
29. Rowing or Sculling
30. Erasure

History of Hymns (2)

"How Great Thou Art"

This song was written in 1885 by Carl Gustav Boberg, a 26-year-old pastor from Sweden. Boberg was said to have been caught in a thunderstorm after church one Sunday afternoon. From his place in the mountains, Boberg could see the storm rolling in and noticed the immense power and force it had. Once the storm passed, Boberg observed a beautiful big rainbow cover the valley, over the meadows and grain fields. It took his breath away. He wrote the song "O Store Gud," which was then translated into German, Russian, and English. A stanza in the song was picked up in 1949 by an English missionary named Stuart K. Hine and changed to what we know today. Millions now sing the song of Christians in dozens of languages across the world.

Groups and Rotas

| | |
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| Deanery Synod reps | Gary Williams, Sue Kingman |
| PCC Members | Lynne Collier, Maxine Garrington-Miller. Marylyn Hillman, George Holden, Pete Kelly, Liz Mason, Sheelagh Saunders Andy Stone, Shirley Hallam |
| Secretary | Sheelagh Saunders |
| Treasurer | Pete Kelly |
| Envelopes.Gift Aid | Lynda Marengi |

| FLOWER ROTA | | WELCOMER | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 7 th June | Sandra Morray | 7 th June | Eloise Kingman |
| 14 th June | | 14 th June | Paul Price |
| 21 st June | Pam Roberts | 21 st June | Pam Roberts |
| 28 th June | | 28 th June | Jeanette Rowlands |
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| CHURCH REGISTERS | BAPTISMS | | |
| | WEDDINGS | | |
| | FUNERALS | 1 st May | Graham Pickles Age 89 |
| | | 11 th May | Joan Parrish Age 99 |

| ROADS FOR PRAYER | | |
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| 1st June | 8th June | 15th June |
| Arthur Street | Brindley Close | Cameron Drive |
| Barnton Edge | Bromfield Court | Cauldon Way |
| Bentley Close | Caldon Way | Chandlers Way |
| Berkeley Street | Cameron Wharf | Chestnut Grove |
| 22nd June | 29th June | |
| Cressy Close | Dominic Court | |
| Cross Street | Edward Street | |
| Darwin Close | Elmhurst Way | |
| Dixon Close | Fieldhouse Court | |

