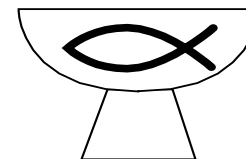
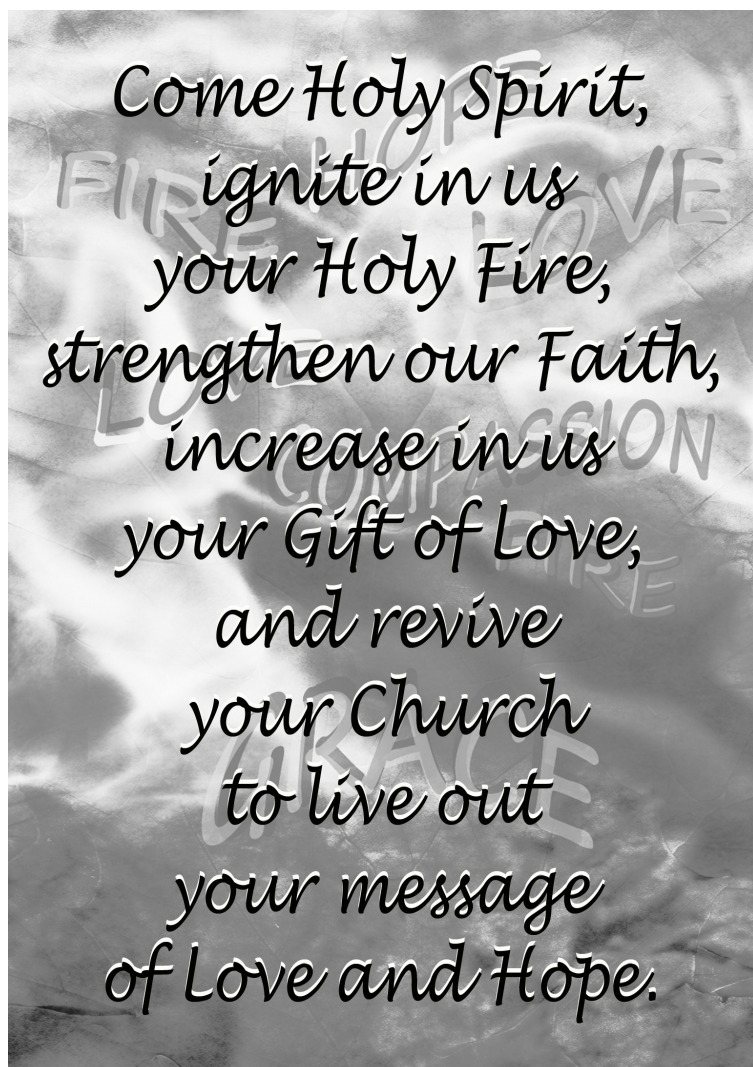


June 2022

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Upton-cum-Chalvey Parish News

St Mary St Laurence St Peter



Parish of Upton-cum-Chalvey

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The Rector Writes:

As I write, all our energies are focussed on our picnic for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our event is part of a nationwide initiative supported by organisations up and down the country and the holiday weekend will see street parties, cream teas and concerts as well as picnics. In some places the activities over the Jubilee weekend will be part of "Thank You Day." This is an annual project letting us show our appreciation to all those whose work enhances our lives or builds our community. This year it is right and natural that these two movements come together so that we can say "thank you" to Her Majesty the Queen for the seventy years of service to our nation.

Thankfulness is something that should come naturally and readily to Christian people. When I worked in Bangladesh, I remember being struck that the priest I was living with never consumed any food or drink without pausing to say a prayer of thanksgiving to God, even for a glass of water. I realised that I was far less grateful even though I had so much more to be thankful for. But, perhaps that is the point. In his relative poverty he was aware of a truth I had forgotten: everything we have comes directly from God's hand.

All Christian worship is fundamentally a response of thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do for us. The very term "eucharist", the primary form of Christian worship, means "thanksgiving". The liturgy constantly leads us to offer thanks and praise to God for the gifts of creation and redemption. Participating regularly in this service ought to gradually teach us to live constantly with a profound sense of thanks.

Charles Dickens once told an audience that he thought that Americans had got it all wrong where their Thanksgiving Day was concerned. He suggested that they, and we, should have one day a year for griping and complaining and 364 days to thank God for all the blessings we receive. Perhaps he would say the same about our Jubilee thank you.

As we gratefully and joyfully celebrate the Jubilee, let us resolve as Christians to make each day of our lives a thank you day so that a deep gratitude can settle in our hearts and overflow in contentment and generosity.

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." (GK Chesterton)

With love

Father Scott

JUNE SERVICES & EVENTS

Regular services at the three churches are listed on the back page

Sun 5th	9.30am 12noon	Joint Parish Eucharist (SM) "Big Lunch" & Entertainment - see below for details (SM Churchyard)
Tue 7th	2.30pm	"Mulling it Over" - see page 24 for details (SL)
Thu 30th	7.30pm	Episcopal Visitation & Swearing in of Churchwardens St Paul's Church, Stoke Road, Slough



THE CENTRAL SLOUGH JUBILEE
CELEBRATION: 5TH JUNE 2022

12-4pm

Saint Mary's Churchyard: SL1 1PJ

Bring a picnic, enjoy the (free) entertainment,
meet your neighbours, celebrate our community



St Mary's News

Since the lock down during the Covid pandemic people's lives and worship routines have changed and it was a welcome surprise to see friends back in church on Easter Sunday. Many were returning for the first time in months and we hope to see them more regularly now they know we are "back in business". Instead of the usual hand held candles all members of the congregation were given a party popper. Smiling faces all round when they were let off.

Now our regular congregation is increasing we are going to re-instate the rotas for sidesmen and readers. Please let us know if you are willing for your name to be included and let us have your email address so that you can be regularly updated.

As a follow up from last month we have had very productive meetings with Police, Slough Borough Council Enforcement and Outreach. As a result eviction notices were issued and all the tents removed and Police patrols have been increased. In the coming weeks this work will continue with a community clean up on 26th May. This will involve police cadets, outreach workers, Premier Inn staff and members of congregation.

All our efforts are now focusing on Jubilee Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June 12noon to 4pm.

Please come and celebrate with us with your picnic and enjoy the musical entertainment.

Jean

St Mary's Lunchtime Concerts

Due to the coronavirus pandemic there will be no Saturday Lunchtime Concerts until further notice.

"Yvonne's Art Classes"

These free art classes are held in St Mary's, every Thursday from 12.30pm to 3.30pm and are open to all.

St Laurence's News

Herschel 200 Exhibition

To say we at St Laurence are amazed by the response to our *Herschel 200 Exhibition* is an understatement. Over 12 days, from 2nd to 14th May, more than 460 people came to view our themed displays and demonstrations, join guided tours and hear talks, from as far as Nottingham, Bath, Cardiff and Wycombe. Groups included parties of children from St Mary's C of E Primary, cubs and scouts from 3rd Upton Group, and members of Slough U3A's local history group, the Herschel Astronomical Society, the Herschel Society of Bath and astronomical societies from all over.

And there was a bonus! Although the aim was simply to draw attention to our beautiful church and our Herschel connections, we also raised more than £900 for funds. Hopefully we've also made friends who will support our events and – who knows? – come to church services.

A big thank you to all those who helped by greeting visitors, making tea and creating a fun atmosphere. And a special thanks to Julie Ramsey for free cakes – enjoyed by helpers and visitors alike!

Richard Emerson

Our Day at St Laurence's Church – William Herschel

On 5th May 2022, Elm Class visited St Laurence's Church to learn about William Herschel, who was a heroic British astronomer. When we arrived at the church, we were welcomed by some kind ladies and gentlemen. We were separated into four groups. Then we were moved to three different stations.

The first station consisted of multiple tables. Each table focused upon different subjects. There was a table about space, which had fact files about astronauts, planets, stars and zodiac symbols. I found out that my zodiac symbol was Leo (lion) because I was born on 1st August.

Some of the tables had enormous posters about William Herschel, his sister Caroline, their lives and achievements. The final table had a wooden model of the 40 feet tall telescope (the model was not 40 feet tall though!)

The next station was a mini cinema. In a purple tent, there were rows of small wooden chairs and a colossal television. There we watched a 30-minute long video about William and Caroline Herschel. Did you know that William Herschel was a musician and Caroline was Cinderella to Celebrity?

The final station had models of two different telescopes. There were facts about the telescopes, which stated how it was made and who it was named after. I enjoyed peering through the telescope at a photo of Saturn. It was slightly annoying as I was not able to see them clearly.

There was also a quiz which we had to answer. We had to answer the quiz while we curiously walked through the stations.

It was an enjoyable, educational visit.

A member of Elm Class
St Mary's CE Primary School

"Third Upton Cub Scouts Seeing Stars"

At a Church Council meeting at the start of the year we came up with the idea that doing the Astronomy badge with the local Cub Scouts would be a way of introducing the children to the Herschel 200 project at St Laurence's. Invitations went out:

"William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus in 1781. He was the King's Astronomer and lived in Windsor Road at Observatory House. He died in 1822 and is buried in St Laurence's Church, Upton Court Road. We are celebrating the bi-centenary of his death and are involved in a year-long project called **Herschel 200**. Will you join us?"

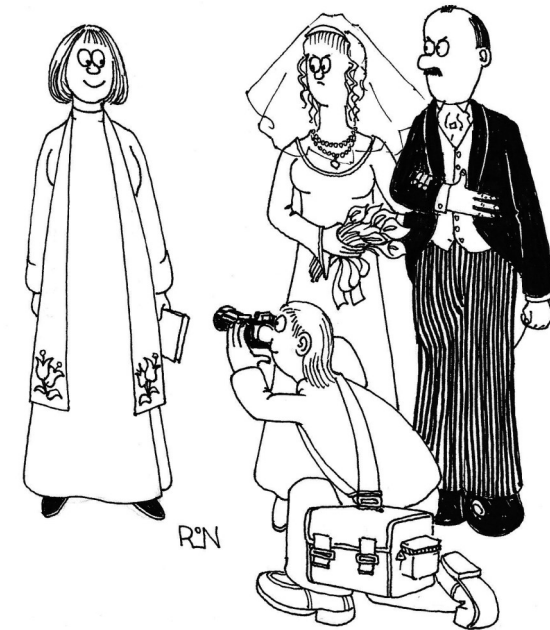
Positive replies came back and during the recent Herschel 200 exhibition at St Laurence's over 120 children from St Mary's Primary School and 3rd Upton Scouts have been inspired to get creative with the theme of "The Herschels, telescopes and more". The district name badge of the 3rd Upton features a telescope and stars and I was mistaken in thinking that they already had their Astronomy badge. They haven't, but they will do soon.

An exciting programme lies ahead, they have already made model Solar systems from items found in the home and also constellations using mini marshmallows and cocktail sticks. They look forward to making telescopes, using a variety of lenses supplied by Ron Lewin, (a member of 3rd Slough Cubs and Scouts 80 years ago), a retired research scientist who worked on the British space programme. They have already seen a refractor telescope with glass lenses called a Celestron Ultmato 80 and a very large and heavy reflector telescope which uses high reflecting mirrors, as well as the model of William Herschel's 40 foot telescope housed at St Laurence's.

Astronomy has become much more popular now with young and old, with the use of computers and iPhones, ideal for viewing the Moon and the ISS (International Space Station) which they will be able to follow as it passes overhead. As part of the Space element of the badge, Ron is looking forward to making a working rocket and firing it off into space. Stargazing and meteor watching are also on the horizon.

Ron Lewin writes to the Scouts and Cubs: "Have fun; learn about the Heavens above and be proud of passing your Astronomy badge! One day you may be an astronaut just like Helen Sharman, the first UK person to go into space; she worked as a scientist at Mars in Slough until she was selected from 13,000 people to go into space. In 1991 she went on a mission to the Soviet Space module Mir." Good Luck.

Julie James



Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...

St Peter's News

On Saturday 7th May, Lynda, Peter and I attended the diocesan conference A-Z Church Fundraising. It was held in Christ the Servant King, High Wycombe - a new church with excellent facilities, including a car park. The speakers were drawn from different funding organisations and each set out very clearly how and what they fund and what they do not support.

The final speakers were from Oxford, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trusts. We were very surprised that the trustees of each trust had totally different criteria when considering an application for a grant. Peter took the opportunity to thank Bucks Historic Churches Trust for their support with a grant to repair the stone work around the west window. As long as we have cyclists and walkers St Peter's will continue to support the annual ride and stride to raise money for the trust.

We are looking forward to St Peter's summer fete on 2nd July. We will open from 12noon until 2.30pm, with the usual selection of stalls, including Caribbean food and a grand draw.

Margaret

Slough in Bloom 2022

This year's Slough in Bloom was launched on 11th May with a photo shoot in Herschel Park with the mayor and members of Slough in Bloom committee. We picked the only wet morning in a string of bright and sunny days, so umbrellas feature large in the picture.

The aim of the competition (which has been running since 1994) is to encourage displays of flowers to brighten up the town. There are categories for residents, businesses, schools and pubs. This year we have included a category for an environmental project and for the past few years we have included categories for allotments.

The competition is free to enter and entry forms are now available in libraries and council hubs. If you would like a form, give me a ring (01753 595838) or go to the website <https://sloughinbloom.org>

The closing date for entries is 2nd July and judging will take place from 12th July.

Margaret Innis

Ukrainian church leaders urge people to pray

A senior church leader in Ukraine has told the citizens that Russia's war on Ukraine "did not begin with missiles and bombs – it began with deception, untruth and lies." So says the head of Ukraine's independent Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Epiphany (Dumenko).

"The Lord is now showing us how we must resist with the testimony of truth. Evil is evil, not just an alternative viewpoint, and war is war, not just some conflict. Rapists, looters and murderers are criminals, and what they are perpetuating is a genocide of the Ukrainian people."

The Metropolitan also said that Ukrainians knew that Russia had long had "evil plans to restore the tyranny of a rotten, overthrown empire."

But, he said "The Lord is with us in this struggle, because we are fighting for truth and goodness against demonic tyranny and resentment.... We believe that our people will overcome all new challenges – that Ukraine will win its victory."

Meanwhile, the Primate of Ukraine's Greek Catholic Church, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, said that this Spring and Summer may well be the last for many, including himself.

He went on: "As the war escalates, and the enemy intensifies its offensive against Ukraine, I call on everyone to pray vigorously and tirelessly for the Ukrainian army, because the fate of Ukraine and the world is now being decided."

Christian Aid spends £8m from British people to help Ukraine

The international development agency, Christian Aid, will spend £8m on vital supplies over the next six months to help the Ukrainian people.

The money comes from donations to DEC, the Disasters Emergency Committee, that has raised more than £300m for Ukraine. That's around £3 on average donated by every person in the UK.

Through its local partners, Christian Aid has already provided medical supplies, first aid kits, baby incubators as well as food and shelter for refugees in Ukraine and Hungary.

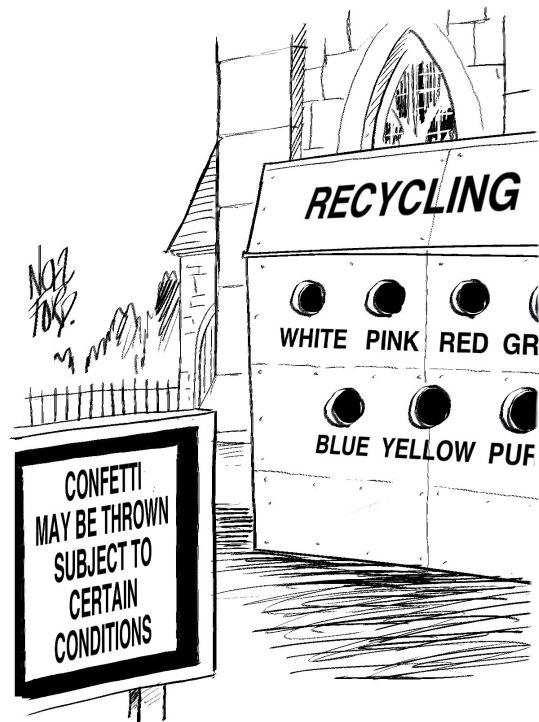
Child poverty strategy needed now “more than ever”

A cross-party strategy is urgently needed to tackle rising levels of child poverty in the UK. So says a new report by the Church of England.

The report brought together the views of 14 organisations, church leaders and grassroots groups. It has called for cross-departmental approach in Whitehall, and formal structures for driving forward this work.

The report argues that any effective child poverty strategy should have agreed measures and specific targets for reducing poverty. There was widespread support for a number of measures, including extended school and extra-curricular activities for school age children and increasing housing support for low-income families in rented housing.

Paul Butler, the Bishop of Durham, who speaks for the Church of England in the House of Lords on child poverty, said: “The cost-of-living crisis is upon us. It's crucial that we listen to the organisations who are responding to child poverty across the country, and we urge the Government to recognise the overwhelming consensus that this report presents.”



Fathers come in five different types

This month brings Father's Day. The Office for National Statistics tells us that of the UK's 68 million people in 2021, 49% are men (33 million). It also tells us that there were 35 million married couples with children in 2021 and nine million cohabiting couples with children. That all adds up to many millions of fathers in the UK.

Of course, there are many kinds of fathers. In a recent study by the (Christian) American Barna Group on fatherhood, they identified five types:

The *irresponsible father*, who “has literally zero involvement with his kids... they don't even know who he is.”

The *ignorant father* “doesn't know anything about being a father, and he doesn't try to learn or improve.”

The *inconsistent father* “is torn by personal ambition. He has the capability of doing better at this fathering thing, but instead he prioritises his own job, career, and hobbies.”

The *involved father* shows up for his kids in a positive way, but “he never seeks to understand specifically who his children are, and why God gave them to him.”

Finally, there is the *intentional father*. He “seeks to understand the children God has given him and wants to form them into young persons who can fulfil their purpose. He sees parenting as central to his call before God and does it with all of his might.”

All these types of fathers are probably present in our own community, and so the categories might form the background for thinking about Father's Day this month (Sunday, 19th June) How can we encourage our local fathers to make the most of their vital role?

Ultimately, our pattern of Fatherhood has to come from God. As Leith Samuel once said, "He who had always known Him as Father came to address Him as God that we who could only have known Him as God could come to address Him as Father."

Dr Peter Brierley

Are you a Velcro person or a Teflon person?

How much daily stress do you allow to stick to you? When it comes to coping with stress, David Almeida, a professor of human development at Pennsylvania State University, says that people can be divided into two categories.

'Velcro' people allow the stressful moment to stay with them, leaving them irritable and frustrated. 'Teflon' people see the moment of stress for what it is, but then let it slide away from them, leaving no effect on their mood.

In a ten-year study, Almeida found that people who become easily upset in the moment and who then dwell on their negative feelings and resentment are much more likely to suffer subsequent health problems such as pain, arthritis, cardiovascular complications, and mental health issues.

Don't fool me

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and still did a full week's work at the age of 96!

It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: *'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'* (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: *"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."* These are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and can inspire all of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and Commonwealth to *"pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life."* Paul urges us to pray for all in authority, *"that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* (1 Timothy 2:2).

Canon Paul Hardingham

Up to 500,000 children's story books on faithfulness distributed for Platinum Jubilee

Up to half a million story books are being given to primary school-aged children for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by the Church of England and Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's global prayer movement.

The book, 'Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle', is the latest development from the Cheeky Pandas, a children's online cartoon series.

The free storybook, based on the theme of faithfulness, helps children understand the faithfulness of God – in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of faithful service.

The book is part of plans for this year's Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, which unites Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide to pray for evangelisation from Ascension to Pentecost. It is also an official Church of England schools resource for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Alongside the book, similar in size to Mr Men and Little Miss books, there will be a brand new five-part online TV series of the Cheeky Pandas, based on the Fruit of the Spirit and inspired by the Bible.

More details at: <https://cheekypandas.com/product/queen-cj-and-the-bouncy-castle/>

When slavery became illegal

It was 250 years ago, on 22nd June 1772, that the Court of King's Bench ruled that slavery was illegal in England and Wales. It remained legal in British Overseas Territories and colonies until 1833.

In the 1772 case of *Somerset v Stewart*, William Murray, Lord Chief Justice Mansfield, made a very specific ruling that it was illegal for a particular slave, James Somerset, to be transported back to Virginia, where he had been bought by his master, Charles Stewart.

Somerset had been baptised in England the previous year, and his godparents obtained a writ of habeas corpus to prevent his kidnapping and transportation, and the judge ruled, rather reluctantly in view of its possible implications, that such forcible transportation was illegal.

This was not of itself a declaration that slavery in Great Britain was illegal, but it was reported as such in the press, both here and abroad, and widely celebrated by those of African descent, as well as many others. However, it was not generally enforced, even in the narrower sense.

The legal status of African slaves in Britain and its colonies in fact remained unclear until the early 19th century. The Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in 1807 made the slave trade illegal; and in August 1833 the passing of the Slavery Abolition Act meant that almost all black men, women and children held as slaves in the British Empire – around 800,000 people in all – were given their freedom.

Tim Lenton



5th June: Fire of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

12th June: Without the Trinity, there is no Christianity

The Trinity is easier to say than to explain. Christians believe in one God, made up of three equal Persons. It is fundamental to the Nicene Creed, which sets out the definitive doctrine of the Trinity for more than two billion Christians worldwide, including all Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Reformed Christians.

The theologian Ian Paul, writing on the Book of Revelation, points out that chapter five has a wonderful depiction of the Trinity in action. He writes: "...another figure appears in the drama, the lion who looks like a lamb. ... Here is the one who fulfils the hopes of God's people Israel, as the promised anointed Davidic king who was to come. Here is one who is fierce and powerful enough to conquer their enemies, and tear them apart.

Churches, Bread, Cake and Biscuit

St Magnus the Martyr Church at London Bridge has the stalest loaves of bread in it! They are stored on the highest shelves beside the west door. About a hundred years ago these loaves were put here each Saturday for the poor people and given out after the service Sunday mornings. The ones that are still there are covered in a thick layer of dust and mould and are definitely too stale to eat.

St Brides Church on Fleet Street has been given the nickname the "Wedding Cake Church". It is around the corner of the small street Bride Lane and the church spire looks like a three tiered spire on the "cake".

Then The Order of St John in Clerkenwell, London, has a biscuit that has been preserved that was sent home from the trenches in WW1 by Henry Barefield. The old dry biscuit has become an object of fascination because of it surviving the mail. They have come to the conclusion that Mr. Barefield must have sent it home to show his family he was still alive.

Alice Sanders

Sermon

A young curate who had just been ordained stepped in to take the sermon at very short notice, because the vicar was ill. At the end of the sermon, he explained apologetically: "At such short notice I'm afraid I just had to rely on the Holy Spirit. Next week I hope to do better."



Beware all donations!

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

This has been an unusual month: we have moved from hysterical excitement to deep disappointment within the space of days.

For many years, our vestry has displayed an oil painting generously donated by the Dowager Duchess of Stansby – given to us, I suspect, because her son, the tenth Duke, would not allow it in his house. It was supposed to depict Daniel in the lions' den, although I always thought it looked more like a prospective adopter visiting a dog rescue centre. The Dowager was less than pleased when it wasn't made the centrepiece in the sanctuary, but we managed to persuade her that her exceptional work of art would be safer from theft if locked away.

Then - our cleaner happened to knock it off the wall. If it had landed in her bucket of disinfectant and been totally destroyed, it would have been a sadness I suspect I could have learned to bear. But something more interesting happened. Some of the Dowager's oil was chipped off – to reveal a painting underneath of what looked like a cherub.

The cleaner told the churchwarden, who instructed her not to tell anyone about the find. This inevitably meant that, within the hour, the entire parish knew of the discovery of what had already been transformed into a priceless

pre-Raphaelite treasure. Our churchwarden has yet to learn the fact that if you tell someone something in complete confidence, they assume it means they can only tell one other person at a time.

By evening, mutually opposed camps had already formed. Miss Timmins wanted the treasure to be placed in a side chapel, as a shrine, preferably with candles permanently burning beside it. She envisaged St James the Least of All becoming a place of pilgrimage, and that this yet-to-be revealed cherub may work miracles of healing. She was already asking for opinions about where the car park should be built to cater for the thousands of tourists who would soon be flocking here. Another group wanted to sell it as soon as possible and use the money to repair our church tower. A third group insisted the fortune it would raise be given to African missionaries. Meanwhile, the tenth Duke was consulting his solicitors to see how he might get the canvas back to his castle.

We compromised by getting the thing X-rayed, to see what work of art lay underneath. It turned out to be by a local artist who had painted an advert for the village pharmacist to sell his own brand of gripe water.

Shrines, towers and good deeds were quietly forgotten and the last we heard of the tenth Duke was that he was consulting a second set of solicitors to see if he can get out of paying the first set for the work that they had done to retrieve the painting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE

Please let me have articles for the July issue by **Sunday 12th June** at the latest!

Dave

Why aren't dinosaurs in the Bible?

The Bible wasn't written to list all the animals on earth or tell us about science. It was written a long time before people started to use science to learn about the world.

When the Bible was written, people didn't even have a word for dinosaurs yet! But it's not just dinosaurs that aren't mentioned in the Bible, it doesn't talk about armadillos, kangaroos, sabre-toothed cats or penguins either!

That doesn't mean that the Bible is out of date or wrong, or that these animals aren't important. Rather than teaching us science, many Christians believe that the Bible was written to tell people about God, how much He loves them, and all the amazing things He has done.

The Bible says that God made everything, and loves everything He made, so that includes dinosaurs. It also encourages people to explore and find out all about the wonderful things it says God has made. Science is a part of this exploration.

Did God make the dinosaurs?

The Bible (the holy book that Christians read) says that God made everything. All the stars, the Earth and all the amazing plants and animals that have ever lived here. So yes, most Christians believe that God made the dinosaurs!

The Bible also teaches that God loves it when people explore His creation, and science is a great way of doing that. So, for many Christians, science is one of the fun things we can use to learn all about **how** God made everything, including all of the dinosaurs!

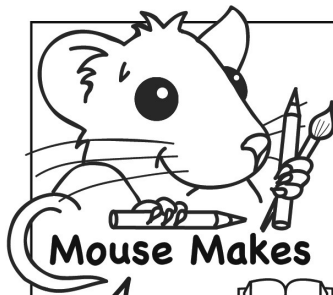
Were humans and dinosaurs ever living on earth at the same time?

Yes! But probably not the kind of dinosaur you're thinking of! Most of the dinosaurs died out a very, very long time ago, way before humans first lived. But some of the smaller, feathery dinosaurs survived and over a long time they have evolved into the animals we call birds.

So, from chickens and robins to penguins and ostriches, there are dinosaurs living all over our world today!


These questions and answers are taken from The Faraday Kids website (www.faradaykids.com). For even more science-faith Q&A's, check out 101 Great Big Questions About God and Science, Edited by L Henderson & S Bryant (Lion, 2022)

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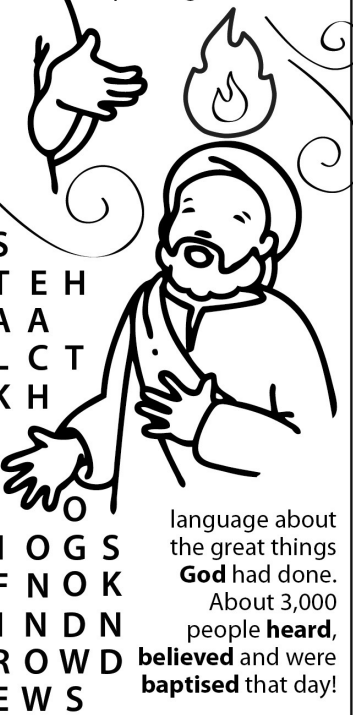
Mouse Makes

It was the **festival of Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**. The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound** like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and **touched each** person. All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them. A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**



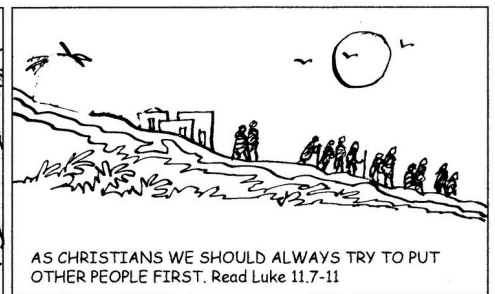
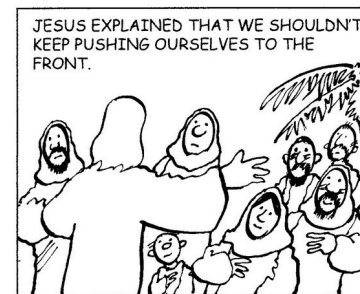
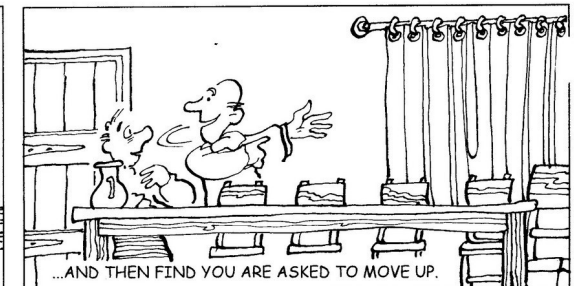
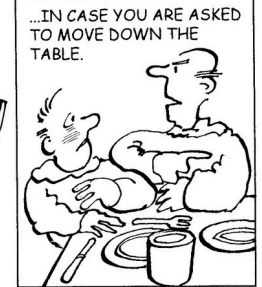
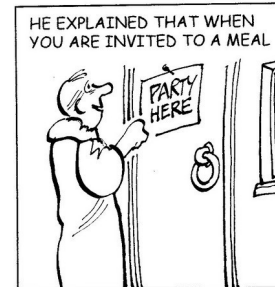
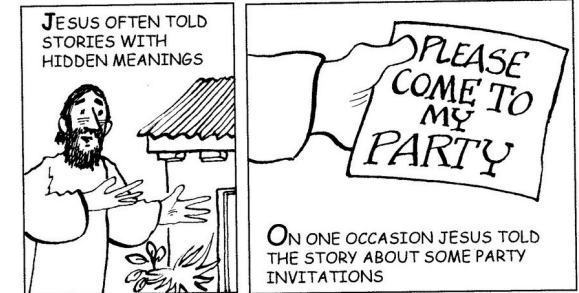
Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11

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language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

All the words in **bold** type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?



Bible Bite

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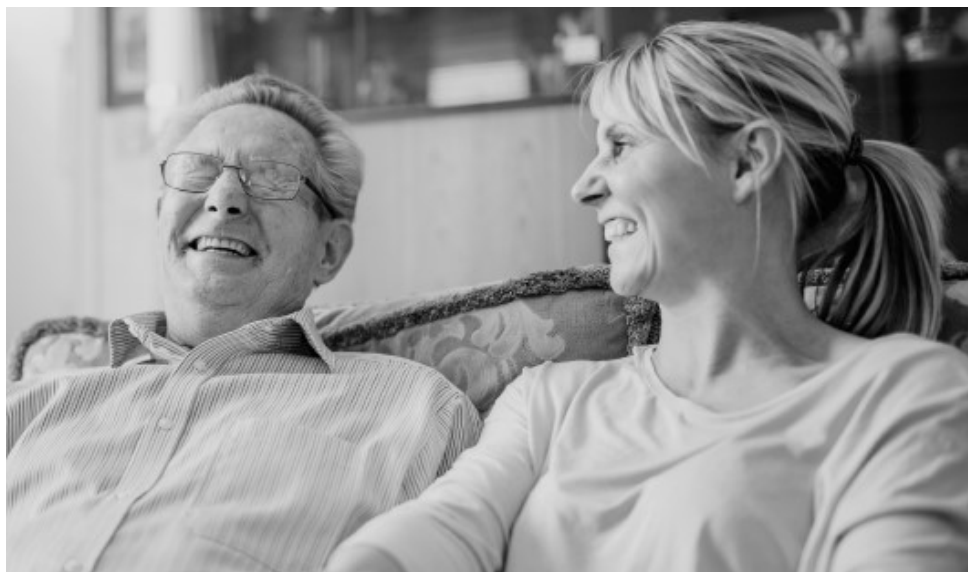
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