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St Martin's Magazine.

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“A time such as this”? (Esther 4:14c) – Some lessons for a Lenten lockdown!

As we continue to experience very testing (and often very sad) times (although, thank God, not without hope), we might ask what the Lord is teaching us through them? After all C S Lewis said, “He whispers to us in our pleasures and shouts to us in our pains”. So what follows are some personal thoughts which may or may not be helpful!

A. Time to reflect

It is a good time to reflect that whatever we plan is subject to the Lord’s overall control. Our Lord’s half-brother James knew this nearly 2000 years ago when he said, “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and get gain.’ Whereas you do not know about tomorrow. What is your life. You are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills we shall live and we shall do this or that.’” Who says the Bible is not bang up to date?! Much more recently according to Mark Carney in his Reith Lectures, General Dwight D Eisenhower, later US President, said, “All planning is essential but plans are useless” and Woody Allen said, “If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans!”

But it is time also to reflect on the fact that we, like all nations, are held in the palm of God’s hand (Isaiah 40:15) and we are accountable to Him both as a nation and also as God’s people. “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34) And listen to these words of Jeremiah, “for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” (Jeremiah 2:13) Who can say that these words don’t have application to us? People are often derided for being “Jeremiads” which is a bit of an own goal since Jeremiah’s prophesy of the downfall and exile of God’s people proved to be correct!

But it is also a time to reflect on our need to be fit to go into God’s presence and in our heart of

hearts we know we are anything but! That is not to make us despair except of dependency on ourselves and to then turn to the only one who can give us hope. When many of his disciples were deserting in droves, Jesus asked the Twelve if they would go away too and Peter replied wonderfully, “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. (John 6:68) And so that leads us on to our second lesson.

B. Time to repent

The very first public word of our Lord’s ministry recorded in Matthew is that word, “repent” (Matthew 4:17). It was actually a hinge word for the Reformation because it came to be seen that this was not a call to do penance, to earn our own way to the Lord, but rather simply to turn to Him and acknowledge our need of Him. As we look and examine our Lord’s sinless life we shall see that it is one of impeccable perfection, resisting temptation from the first to the last. As we begin Lent we think of Him resisting those temptations in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). If He had failed those temptations we would have no hope. Just as if He had yielded to the temptations to come off the cross (“the last three temptations of Christ”) we would again be without hope. But thank God that we can turn to the one who went to the cross for you and for me.

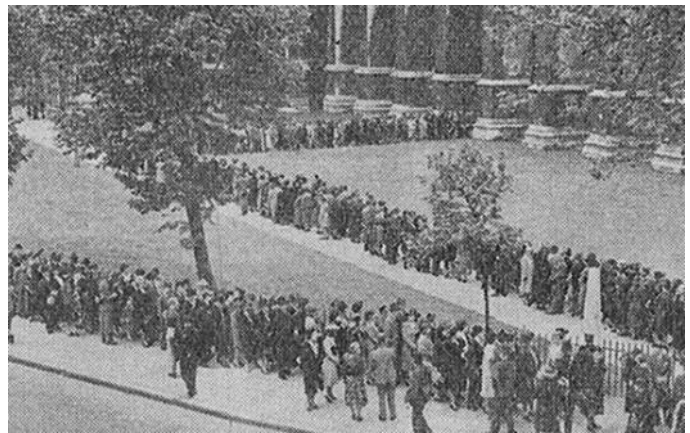
It pays to look at one man who gives us hope and that is the penitent thief. He must be one of the best known figures in history simply because of that one encounter on Good Friday. Doesn’t that tell us everything about the One who was crucified with him and offered him hope? Just think how that thief must have felt that day on the cross. He must have felt he didn’t count for anything; he couldn’t be forgiven and he hadn’t got a future. And just a few wonderful words from the Lord Jesus changed all that and he was told he would be safe with Christ forever. Isn’t that a message that you and I and our neighbours need right now? And that leads us on to our third lesson.

C. Time to reach out

Dear Friends, we have a wonderful Gospel to pass on to others. We cannot keep it to ourselves. Yes, there are certain means of

reaching out which are closed to us at present but as some doors have closed, others have opened not least technologically. There are always people that we can write to, telephone, email and the like. Let's pray that we can be on the lookout for those who are in particular need at present of hearing this glorious Good News.

As a nation, we should look back to a character in the Old Testament called King Jehoshaphat. When he didn't know what to do he called the nation together for prayer, just as in World War II the nation repeatedly had days of prayer, not least on Sunday 26th May the day that our own Vic Viner went as part of an expedition which led to the miracle of Dunkirk. Just look at the queues in the photo!



Jehoshaphat prayed, "we do not know what to do but our eyes are upon you". (2 Chronicles 20:12) May that be our attitude both as individuals and as a nation and may we hear the Lord's wonderful words, "fear not and be not dismayed..... for the battle is not yours but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15) and be encouraged and strengthened to serve Him each day that He graciously gives us.



The Christian Centre Annual Plant and Cake Sale Saturday 1st May 2021 (with social distancing of course)

When you are growing your summer bedding plants and seeds please put a few extra in to donate to the sale. Cakes, books, CDs, DVDs and prizes for the tombola would also be much appreciated.

The Lenten Fast

The most searching and profound prayer any of us can make is to eat our dinner. To eat at all is to recognise – if we are humble enough to admit it – our total dependence.

The trouble is that, in the West, something frightful has happened to our attitude to food. For all sorts of economic and other reasons our appetite for food is grossly over-stimulated, with the result that many of us over-consume it.

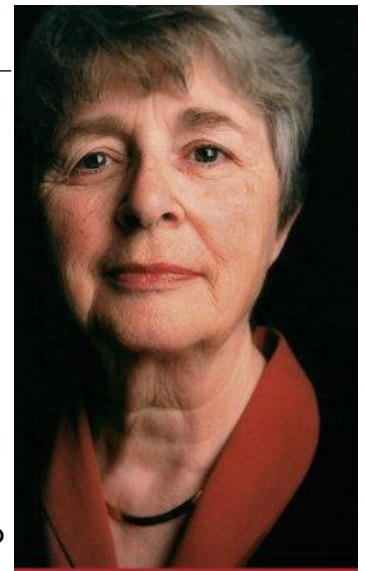
I find that there are three levels on which I need to tackle the problem.

On the first level I need to “tune in” much more patiently and attentively to what my body is saying to me about its hunger or lack of it. Over the years I have developed the dangerous trick of using food to achieve other ends apart from fulfilling simple physical needs – to tranquillise me when I am anxious, to cheer me when I am sad, to pep me up still further when I am jolly. In the end it is hard to know any longer whether I am hungry or not, hard too to break out of “automatic” eating at regular times.

The next level is what we actually do about reforming our eating habits. I recently decided that I wanted to shake up my ideas about food from top to bottom, trying to throw modish ideas about slimming out of the window but to cherish the cross little infant inside me whose fierce rebellion has stymied more than one sensible eating plan; working mainly from the idea of what my body needs, in terms of nutrition, but also respecting what it likes.

The third level on which we have to care about food, that most crucial of twentieth-century questions after the Bomb itself, is on the political level. What has to be redeemed here is the uncaringness, the cynicism, the blind commercialism which affects on the one hand the hungry millions but also the way our food is prepared, marketed and advertised here. In this area, as in others, our need to learn to love matter is part of the kit for survival.

To fast is to learn to love and appreciate food, and one’s own good fortune in having it.



Monica Furlong, 1930-2003
(Seasons of the Spirit – SPCK)

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When God sighed: a reflection by Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking

I was reading a passage of scripture the other day when a word jumped off the page at me. It's only one word, and not a very big one at that. It is a word that I didn't remember seeing before, but it hit me square in the face. I found it in Mark 7: 31-35. Jesus is presented with a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. Jesus took the man aside and looked him in the face. Knowing it would be useless to talk, he explained what he was about to do through gestures. He spat and touched the man's tongue, telling him that whatever restricted his speech was about to be removed. He touched his ears. They, for the first time, were about to hear.

But before the man said a word or heard a sound, Jesus did something I never anticipated. He sighed.

One might have expected a clap, or a song or a prayer. Even a 'Hallelujah!' but the Son of God did none of these. Instead, he paused, looked into heaven, and sighed. From the depths of his being came a rush of emotion that said more than words.

I've never thought of God as one who sighs. I've thought of God as one who commands, weeps, calls forth the dead...But a God who sighs?

I have begun to wonder if this word caught my eye because I have done my fair share of sighing recently. I have sighed at the ever-increasing numbers of those who have died because of Covid. I have sighed as I have watched doctors and nurses cry because of the pressure they are under. I sighed as I watched protestors storming Capitol Hill. I sighed after I realised, I had spoken wrongly and harshly to my son.

No doubt you have done your fair share of sighing.

Of course, there is the sigh of relief, a sigh of expectancy, and even a sigh of joy. But that isn't the sigh described in Mark 7. The sigh described is a hybrid of frustration and sadness. The apostle Paul spoke about sighing:

he said that Christians will sigh as long as we are on earth and long for heaven; and that the creation sighs as if she were giving birth; even the Spirit sighs as he interprets our prayers (Romans 8:22-27). All these sighs come from the same anxiety; a recognition of pain that was never intended, or of hope deferred.

When Jesus looked into the eyes of this man, the only appropriate thing to do was to sigh. 'It was never intended this way,' the sigh said. 'Your ears weren't made to be deaf, your tongue wasn't made to stumble.' In a strange sort of way, this sigh brings me comfort, because in an indirect way, God's pain is our comfort.

For it is in the agony of Jesus that our hope lies. Had he not sighed, had he not felt the burden for what was not intended, we would be in a pitiful condition. Had he simply chalked it up to the inevitable or washed his hands of the whole mess, what hope would we have?

But he didn't. That holy sigh assures us that God still groans for his people. He groans for the day when all sighs cease, when what was intended to be will be.

Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking



Jesus Christ Cures the Man Who Was Deaf and Mute

Artist: Unknown Date: c. 15th century

The Mountain Ash Corner

I cannot believe we are already heading into the month of March. It has not been easy for any of us during these last two months or so. I guess some of you have felt really lonely as you live on your own but there has thankfully been the phone, texts or emails to keep in contact with friends.

Let us take courage at this very difficult pandemic time because the snowdrops are out in the woods and along the road sides plus the daffodils are also beginning to come out. I don't think the world is ever going to be the same, as the COVID virus is not going to go away, but as Christians we have a hope beyond this earthly life. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea" (Revelation 21 v 1). "He (God) shall wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things have passed away" (Revelation 21 v 4). What a wonderful future to look forward to – far beyond our finite minds.

Lent is often a time of 'giving up' things like chocolate, wine, or television. Let us think about 'giving to' someone or something. Maybe a phone call, money to a charity or giving time to do something kind which you don't normally do.

Easter is a special time when we remember the death of Jesus on the cross at Calvary on Good Friday. He died so that we can be saved from our sins. This Easter let us look to Jesus Christ who is our Saviour and Redeemer.

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool". (Isaiah 1 v 18).

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin". (Psalm 51 v 1-2).

On a personal level I had a total hip replacement on the 9th January 2021 and am beginning to make a steady recovery. I am walking with one stick, sometimes no sticks and I can now put on my own socks! I attended a post operative place in Guildford for two weeks where I was fed and watered but also had intensive physiotherapy twice a day. I am now at home but still have carers to help me with all the household chores. I am longing to get outside for a walk but the weather has not been too favourable as it has been either icy or wet.

Thank you for your prayers – they have been much appreciated.

Thank you too to the Revd. Derek Tighe for his committed work in producing the 'On line' Services on Sundays – a lot of background technology has to take place in order for this to happen.

May our loving God bless you at this time and may Easter be particularly special for you this year.

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How gratitude can bring us closer to creation – a prayer guide

Gratitude is not an easy thing to practise at times like these. World-spanning issues such as coronavirus, extreme poverty and the climate crisis can be difficult to engage with, because they feel so disempowering.

But what if gratitude did not need to be a casualty of these difficult days, but instead could be a remedy for them? When it feels as though we have the least amount to be thankful for, giving thanks can be one of the most powerful things we can do.

Here are three prayer practices to take into March, each of which can help you draw closer to creation through gratitude. Choose whichever one appeals to you most and set yourself the challenge of trying it every day for a whole week

Please pray

1. Say grace

The decline of the traditional dinner table meal in recent years has led to the decline of another tradition – saying grace. Yet this can be a beautiful way to connect us with creation. Before each meal, take time to think about the food on your plate, and give thanks for it. Thank God for the farms and the farmers; for the sunlight, the rain and the soil; and for the lives of the animals and plants who give us sustenance.

2. Take gratitude walks

Why not combine your daily exercise with prayers of gratitude for creation? As you are walking around your local area, take notice of creation. Whether you live in the city or the countryside, God's good works surround you.

Grass. Trees. Birds. The sky (or, more likely in the UK, the clouds). All created by God. All indications of glory and goodness. As you walk, pay close attention to these things, and give thanks.

3. Journal

Gratitude journals are helpful ways to cultivate more thankfulness in our lives. If you do not already have one, find a notebook you can write in every day. Or, simply use a note-taking app on your computer or phone.

Every day, write down something about creation that you love. It could be the song of a blackbird. Or the feeling of snow crunching underfoot. Or a particular landscape you enjoy looking at. Hold it in your heart as you write.

Taking in the beauty of God's creation has been vital in helping to protect our mental health during the pandemic. And yet it's a creation that's under threat. Growing our gratitude for what we have highlights how much we have to lose, which will help us to safeguard the wider natural world for the future.'



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Lenten Paraphrase and Twist and Services in Church for March

Lenten Paraphrase and Twist
or

Don't Just Sit There Being Miserable

"Hungry, Jesus?" Satan said,
"Tell these stones to turn to bread!"
Jesus told him "They stay stone.
No-one lives on bread alone."
Christians, if they don't want hell,
Feed on words from God as well.

"Launch, then, from this temple-top.
It won't hurt you when you drop."
"Don't you take me for a chump.
I'll do no such running jump."
Christians, if they know what's best,
Do not put God to the test.

"Come up on this mountain peak.
View the power you surely seek.
All these kingdoms could be yours.
Think of all that loud applause."
Jesus, knowing what was right,
Sent the devil out of sight.

Wine and choccies on the shelf,
Some go thus denying self.
We should also do good deeds,
Fertilising mustard seeds,
Keep that Rising in our sights
All these forty days and nights.

Ecologically clued,
We may feast on heavenly food.
Armed against satanic junk,
Vaccinated against bunk,
We can be Christ's hands and face,
Then comes Easter – watch this space!

Meanwhile we should still beware.
Look who's lurking over there!

Petrus Incognitus



The following is entirely subject to future guidance
from HMG and PCC/Standing Committee

The confirmed cases locally are continuing to drop and
that trend will hopefully continue.
Accordingly plans for services in church are as follows,
but please keep checking our website for the latest
information.

St Martin's
Physical services will take place on the following
Sundays.

7th March 10.00am Holy Communion
14th March, Mothering Sunday
10.00am Holy Communion

The format of Mothering Sunday service will be
reviewed regarding posies and Covid safety.

21st March 10.00am Holy Communion
28th March, Palm Sunday
10.00am Holy Communion

1st April Maundy Thursday
8.00pm Holy Communion

Pre-recording of Sunday services and publication on
YouTube will continue.

It is hoped that supervised private prayer will continue
on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 09.30
until 12.00

St Mary's, Pixham
7th March 10.30am Holy Communion
14th March 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service
21st March 10.30am Pixham Praise and Holy
Communion
28th March 10.30am Service for Palm Sunday

St Barnabas, Ranmore
To continue with Zoom services for the time being.
Church open for private prayer only by arrangement.
7th March 11.00am Matins via Zoom
14th March 11.00am Holy Communion via Zoom
21st March No Service
28th March 11.00am Holy Communion via Zoom

April 2nd Good Friday, A physical Hour at the Cross
service will not take place, but a recording will be
published on our YouTube channel.

Easter cards and eggs from Traidcraft and Bits and Pieces

Now is the time to order your Easter cards and eggs: the sooner the better, but by 18 March at the latest, please. There is a choice of three packs of printed cards (each 6 cards in two designs, £5.10) or the very beautiful pressed-flower cards from the Philippines (£2.30 each, £9 for 4).

Easter eggs available are the Meaningful Chocolate Co.'s Real Easter Egg in milk (£5.00) or plain (£5.95); Divine's 90g hollow eggs (£5.00) in orange milk chocolate, raspberry dark, or hazelnut truffle; Divine's luxury 260g hollow eggs with 100g mini eggs (£10) in milk chocolate with praline eggs, or 70% plain chocolate throughout. There are also 150g packs of mini eggs (£4.20): milk or plain in foil, or candy-coated milk speckled eggs.

Or, for a longer-lasting and non-fattening gift, there are olive-wood crosses from Palestine: a pocket-sized version or a small cross on a keyring (both £5).

The full range of Traidcraft products can be seen at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk, or ask me for a copy of the spring catalogue. To place an order, email me at emddh7@hotmail.com, or telephone 01306 881479.

Elizabeth Dobson



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

We hope to decorate church on Saturday 3rd April.

At Christmas we used real and paper flowers which worked very well so thought we would do the same for Easter. So any donations of paper flowers, individually or in a display would be much appreciated and can be left at the back of church.



There are lots of ideas and instructions on the internet and with a pair of scissors, paper and glue you can be very creative!

HAVE YOU LEARNT A NEW SKILL DURING LOCKDOWN?

Please let us know of new skills you have learnt during lockdown. Photos would be appreciated. Here's a list of some our readers' achievements, with varying degrees of success!

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Dog grooming | Hairdressing |
| Crocheting | Card making |
| Baking | Knitting |
| Quilling | Origami |
| Computer skills (especially Zoom) | |
| Flower arranging | |

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Diana Burges has been writing the popular Hymn of the Month article for a long time and has decided to take a break (there are only so many hymns!). Many thanks Diana, hopefully you will be back soon with a new idea.



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'Inspiring children to be the best that they can be'

The children of year 3 were asked to capture something wonderful in a Magic Box and to use exciting descriptive vocabulary, which I think they have done.

Mandy Parsonson and Jane Gorecka
Co-headteachers at St Martin's C of E Primary
School

My Magic Box poem

I will put in the box

A dazzling, sequin white dress shimmering
brightly,

A warm, cosy onesie waiting to be snuggled,
A dark brown door that leads to great happiness
inviting me to come in,

Two snuggly bunnies as soft as a feathered
cushion, sniffing the air.

I will put in the box

A rainbow with all colours gleaming in the sea
blue sky,
Glistening, cascading waterfall sounds trickling on
pebbles,

Squishy, delicious marshmallows you can jump on
and eat,

Two adorable, fluffy golden retrievers shaking
their fluffy fur.

I will put in the box

Smells of warm crumpets in the air making our
tummies rumble and roar,

The sound of beautiful gleaming waves crashing,

A last picture of an ancient Auntie,
And the first bark of a very cute puppy.

I will put in the box

A million robux just for me,
A dream that everyone would like to see,
A forest full with amazing, cute animals,
And a beautiful, homemade cake in an oven
waiting to be eaten.

My box will be fashioned with gold hinges,
A red carpet the colour of royalty,
And the outside will be the colour of chocolate,
Diamonds and rubies from a queens crown lay
on the sides of my box.

I shall ride a white horse in my box,
In a great, green grassy meadow,
Then beautiful daisies grow,
The colour of the amazing white horse.

By Ruby Cain

I will put in the box
The merrily morning song of a bird on a
summers day
Fluttering wings of a beautiful, blue butterfly
And the sweet smell of freshly baked buttered
croissants.

I will put in the box
The perfect purr of a happy cat
The first wonderful smile of a baby
And the rainbow colours of a unicorns glittering
mane.

I will put in the box
The bright glow of the breath-taking moon
Fluffy white snowflakes softly falling to the
ground
And a shooting star that shot across the dark
sky.

My box is fashioned from glistening jewels of
rubies, emeralds and topaz
With a diamond encrusted lock and a golden key
It's points are like sharp shimmering glass.

I shall ride a horse in my box
On the sandy, southern shores of the sea
Then catch a coconut slowly falling from a palm
tree
The tropical colours of the beach.

By Flora Standly



Tribute to Betty Smith by her son Richard Smith

January 7th, Memorial Service at 11 am

Good afternoon everyone. It is difficult to be talking with you at a distance. I know you all know this, but it feels important for me to say -- under any other circumstances we would be with you in person. But travel and quarantine restrictions unfortunately dictate otherwise.

In paying tribute to Mum, it is appropriate I think to begin with her strength, both her physical strength and her strength of character. She never shirked a task, nor did she ever shrink from doing what was right. She would walk miles in all weathers to and from work each day, and her work itself was physical, caring for the elderly, cooking and cleaning, hours and hours, always on her feet. It's likely that she inherited this resolve from her parents, Doris and Frank Jelly. She was especially proud of her father and how he overcame his own physical constraints, that he outlived his life expectancy. She carried his strength into her own life. He was her role model.

When we think of mum, we think of someone active, ready to spring into action at a moment's notice. Which was good really, because Dad would often volunteer her for things, often at considerable scale. Feeding the Scouts, baking for the church gala. "No problem. Betty will do it." And whether or not an earful was sent in Dad's direction first (and let's face facts here, there probably was), she was happy to put others first, and always with full enthusiasm.

And if it involved food, it was done with precision, care and a high degree of professionalism. Her accomplished career, starting in a bakery in Marylebone and later in school kitchens across the city, culminating as head cook for a large secondary school in Tooting Bec, spread her famous steak and kidney pies, curries and butterscotch tarts to students across south London. Lucky them. And lucky us.

Everyone was welcome with Mum. Stretching a dinner, one more at the table, and at the other end of the scale, large social gatherings especially with church and scouting friends, the more the merrier. Family life at 26 Morella featured many guest appearances, of distant aunts and uncles, and invariably Mum and Dad's friends from church or scouts dropping something off or planning the

next event. Christmas was endless rounds of roasts, sandwiches, cakes and trifles. Life was a constant whirl of activity with fellowship of others at its heart.

Mum hosted Pippadee parties with her lady friends, for example.

Several times a year there were ladies in the house in various stages of undress trying on the latest fashions. Mum herself was fashion conscious, and very appointed in her choices and style. We would always ask if her outfit was new. Bizarrely, it never was. "This?" she would say. "I've had this for years."

Her lifelong dedication to the Scouting Movement, and her steadfast faith in the work of the Anglican church, stand as testament to a life given to organizations that serve communities. She played countless roles throughout her life in the Scouts and at churches from St Luke's Battersea to St Mary's Bookham to St. Martin's Dorking. Mum was always asking, "What can I do?" In all this work, she made a difference and touched the lives of others. In retirement, she did not stop. She provided meals and care for Ms. Gutsell, someone who had no one. For Ms. Gutsell, Mum was a lifeline. This was God's work, and Mum did it for years without reservation.

And she gave of herself for us, too, especially in the complicated business of raising families that she seemed to manage in her stride. She and Dad would travel to Epsom every Monday. Mum would do a couple of hours of ironing, look after Sophie allowing Geoff to work, pick up Sam from Stamford Green, cook food for Sam and Sophie and then later for the adults. Dad would go home alone while mum stayed overnight, sleeping on an airbed so she could do the school run the following morning and look after Sophie. She travelled weekly to do similar duties in Wimbledon. And they visited us in North Carolina also. I think Geoff and Caroline would agree with me: you don't realise what goes into parenting until you attempt it yourself. Mum was a pro.

Can we address her foibles for a moment? A strange fascination for Mills and Boon novels,



Betty's Tribute contd.

bought likely in the several hundred over her lifetime? She was an unstoppable reader, although the less said about her Daily Mail subscription the better. We certainly got mileage out of teasing her about it.

She loved to sing, though she couldn't hold a note herself, much to her frustration. She loved music, especially the hymns and anthems of the Anglican church. If she were with us today, she'd be singing Cwm Rhondda with gusto. It wouldn't sound like Cwm Rhondda, but few would outdo her love of the music.

She possessed a furious curiosity about life. Whenever you saw mum, the chances are she had a burning question she wanted to talk over with you. Perhaps it was a question that came up during a trivia competition she and Dad had just taken part in, or something she saw in a history documentary she'd just watched. There was always something she wanted to talk about with you. She loved a good natter, often at more than the necessary volume. Stand back, we'd say, if she was coming to the phone.

She became, in her later years, a veteran traveller, especially in Europe. From the coast of Africa to St Petersburg, from Croatia to Cyprus, she and dad traveled the length and breadth of the continent, touring the sites and absorbing its rich history. She could tell you all sorts of interesting facts about the Knights Templar. And then forget she'd told you those facts and tell you again ten minutes later.

Long before this, of course, she and Dad provided for the most wonderful family holidays. North and South Wales (where she was born, safely away from London during the war), Southeastern Scotland, Southwest England, we travelled, most often in rented cars or minivans, to cottages and cabins for beach walks and mountain hikes. Stopping for a cup of tea at frequent intervals, naturally.

She couldn't sing, but she could dance. She and dad outlasted most on the floor in dance competitions at the holiday camps. Waltzes, foxtrots and quicksteps, it was a pleasure to watch them dance.

And Mum was beautiful! The photographic portraits taken of her in her youth are gorgeous.

Looking at them now, they can take one's breath away, her beauty just leaps out at you. She was proud of her figure, especially her legs. At the holiday camps, just like on the dancefloor, she outlasted women half her age in Lovely Legs competitions. My favorite photos of mum, those for which she managed to keep her eyes open I mean, are when she is laughing. She loved a good laugh. No one had a twinkle in their eye quite like she did.

It's hard to talk about Mum without talking about dad also. They have always been an immaculate team, a partnership of love and respect that has shone as a beacon across all of our lives. Their sixty years of marriage, celebrated just last September, serves as a role model for all of us in how to live successfully, with purpose and with adventure.

No doubt everyone here has memories of mum that I have not mentioned. In her roles as a wife, a mother, a grandmother and most recently a great grandmother to baby Olivia, she was without compare. Today is a good day to think on those memories that are special to each of us.

In time to come, we should share these with each other. As much as we are sad today, there is a great deal to celebrate and be thankful for when we think about mum and her well-lived life.

For my part, I take great joy in remembering how she would travel the lengths of England to come hear me sing in the choirs of Christ's Hospital. It was well-known that no other parent had this level of dedication or determination. Here comes our fan club, the Director of Music would say. It didn't matter where we were -- churches, abbeys or cathedrals, she travelled by any means necessary to get there and hear us sing.

And I cherish too mum's relationship with Geoff. For many years, when I was at school and then in the States, and Caroline was married and Dad was working nights, Mum and Geoff were alone together. Seeing their relationship later in life, easy and caring, based thoroughly in love and good humour, is an example for me of what life is at its best.

I wish you all peace today.
Mum, we miss you, and we will always love you.
God bless, and God speed.

As many of you will know, Brian passed away on 1st February 2021, so the following words are particularly poignant. He and Betty will be sadly missed at St. Martin's. They took a lively interest in all that was happening and of course Brian was our church secretary and verges for many years. Brian's funeral will be on Thursday 25th March at 12.30.

Dear friends,

It is with sadness that I stand here this morning to pay tribute to a wonderful wife, mother, companion and soulmate. I could go on with the praise she so rightly deserves. My life is incomplete now and it is going to take time to heal.

I ask that you do not shed tears of sadness for the loss of a friend but rather tears of joy that you shared paths on the way to heaven.

Both Betty and I made a friendship from the first day we met when we joined the Anglican Young People's Association at St. Luke's Church, Battersea. We also joined the Church Scout Group, 12th Battersea (Canon Clarke's Own) and have continued our scouting wherever we have lived and, for myself, when I was in the Army in Egypt and Cyprus.

Our churches have been a big part of our lives too and I want to thank the congregation this morning for their support and prayers during the last few months when we have both been unwell and in hospital.

You do not know how it will turn out in the mixing bowl of life. It has not always been smooth, you have to work at it to get the right balance. With Betty's care, devotion and hard work we have weathered many storms. I think we can see today the results and we could not have wished for better children and their choice of partners. Our grandchildren and now our great grandchild Olivia. We have so many happy memories. Our favourite being sitting on the beach at Littlehampton enjoying ice creams.

We were privileged to join Richard and Heather and family for their wedding in Toronto, Canada. This in turn sent us on holidays around the world.

We have been blessed in many ways during the time of our 60 years of marriage together. We

were saddened not to have a family and friends gathering at Canterbury Court to mark the occasion. The virus is a nuisance.

The flowers for our anniversary were lovely and we were taken by surprise and timing of their arrival on the day.

Thank you all for your friendship over the years.

May God hold you in the palm of his hand and until we meet again.



To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragged to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

No; tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick, 1591-1634

Fish in Lent

The forty days of Lent were always marked by fasting and abstinence. The abstinence from flesh meats meant that large quantities of fish were eaten instead. In 1358, in the reign of Edward III, the Exchequer records the following sums paid for fish consumed by the royal household during Lent: "Fifty marks for five lasts (9,000) of red herrings, twelve pounds for two lasts of white herrings, six pounds for two barrels of sturgeon, twenty-one pounds five shillings for 1,300 stock-fish, thirteen shillings and nine pence for eighty-nine congers, twenty marks for three hundred and twenty mulwells."

Fish was *de rigueur* during Lent and anyone who wished to take meat could only do so on account of bodily infirmity. In these cases the clergy would grant a licence for the consumption of flesh meat. Moreover, payment was often made to this end. In the parish record of St. Martin's, Ontwich, in the year 1525 we read: "Received of the Lady Atham for the use of the poore, for license to eat flesh £0. 13s. 4d." In the parish of St. Mary's, Leicester, a licence was granted to Lady Barbara Hastings to eat meat in Lent, on account of her great age.

Those who broke the laws of abstinence were frequently confined to pillory or stocks and made a public example. The laws were continued by Elizabeth I, as much to support the fish trade as to continue pious tradition. These were enforced by a 1548 Act of Parliament which imposed a penalty of ten shillings and ten days' imprisonment on any backsliders (twenty shillings and twenty days' imprisonment if the offence was repeated).



Cartoon by the late John Ryan, who also invented Captain Pugwash.

James II in 1687 inserted in the *London Gazette* a proclamation enjoining abstinence from meat during Lent, but licences for meat-eating could be obtained from the office in St. Paul's Churchyard. A year later James abdicated and the statute regarding Lenten fare became a dead letter, being repealed in 1863 by the Statute Law Revision Act.

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Dorking Museum in March contd.

“The Museum was also contacted by the Imperial War Museum, who are currently “Mapping The Centenary” – creating an interactive map of WWI projects undertaken by organisations up and down the country (<https://www.iwm.org.uk/partnerships/mapping-the-centenary>). As our project is already online, it was easy to add our work to this national partnership. We wonder where our next project will take us....”

Lockdown Activities: You can also visit the Museum’s website for some Lockdown Activities. (<https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/lockdown-activities/>). At home, these include a selection of daily digital jigsaws using photographs and paintings from around Dorking, and ‘Loo Roll Racers’, a family game for up to six people made using recyclable materials and recognising the Dorking-based Rob Walker Racing Team. Outdoors, with the Museum’s programme of guided walks currently on hold, the website also has three **self-guided walks** taken from the archive – a Ralph Vaughan Williams Dorking Trail and two Dorking Town Trails (<https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/selfguidedwalks/>).



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At last, in spite of all, a recognition,
For those who loved and laboured for so long,
Who brought us, through that labour, to
fruition
To flourish in the place where we belong.
A thanks to those who stayed and did the
raising,
Who buckled down and did the work of two,
Whom governments have mocked instead of
praising,
Who hid their heart-break and still struggled
through,
The single mothers forced onto the edge
Whose work the world has overlooked,
neglected,
Invisible to wealth and privilege,
But in whose lives the kingdom is reflected.
Now into Christ our mother church we bring
them,
Who shares with them the birth-pangs of His
Kingdom.

Malcolm Guite

Present Tense

Your holy hearsay is not evidence
Give me the good news in the present tense
What happened nineteen hundred years ago
May not have happened
How am I to know?

The living truth is what I long to see
I cannot lean upon what used to be
So shut the bible up and show me how
The Christ you talk about
Is living now

Sydney Carter, (1915-2004)
Serenity Prayer

Send me a slow news day
a quiet, subdued day,
in which nothing much happens of note,
just the passing of time,
the consumption of wine,
and a re-run of Murder, She Wrote.

Grant me a no news day,
a spare-me-your-views day,
in which nothing much happens at all -
a few hours together
some regional weather,
a day we can barely recall.

Brian Bilston

The Absent-minded Lover's Apology

I would like you to think I love you *warmly*
Like brown cat yawning among sheets in the linen-
cupboard.

I would like you to think I love you *resourcefully*
Like rooftop starlings posting chuckles down the flue.

I would like you to think I love you *extravagantly*
Like black cat embracing the floor when you pick up
the
tin opener.

I would like you to think I love you *accurately*
Like Baskerville kern that fits its place to a T.

I would like you to think I love you *with hurrahs and
hallelujahs*
Like dog whippetting at you down the intricate
hillside.

I would like you to think I love you *wittily*
Like pottery Cox that lurks in the fruitbowl under
the Granny
Smiths.

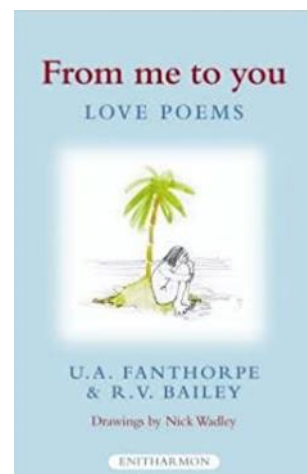
I would like you to think I love you *pacifically and for
ever*
Like collared doves on the whitebeam's domestic
branch.

I would like you to think I love you *chronically*
Like second hand solemnly circumnavigating the
clock.

And O I want to love you, not in the absent tense,
but in the here
and the now
Like a present-minded lover.

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- Half chopped onion
- Half jar of mayonnaise
- Half can of condensed chicken soup
- 1 tbs lemon juice
- Salt and pepper
- 3 small bags of crisps scrunched up
- 150g grated cheese



Mixed all the ingredients apart from crisps and cheese.

Scrunch the crisps and mix with grated cheese.

Put mixture in dish and put crisps and cheese over the top.

Cook in oven for approximately 20 minutes until hot.

The amount of ingredients can be changed to suit your preference.

When I heard that Dr Heimlich passed away I got a little choked up.

I'm in an Indian restaurant having a meal. Waiter comes over and says "Curry OK?" I said "Alright just one song but make it quick as I'm trying to eat."

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Di Sutherland 880148

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gs1stdorking@virginmedia.com

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Choir Practice See next page

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The Revd. David Williams 889754

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