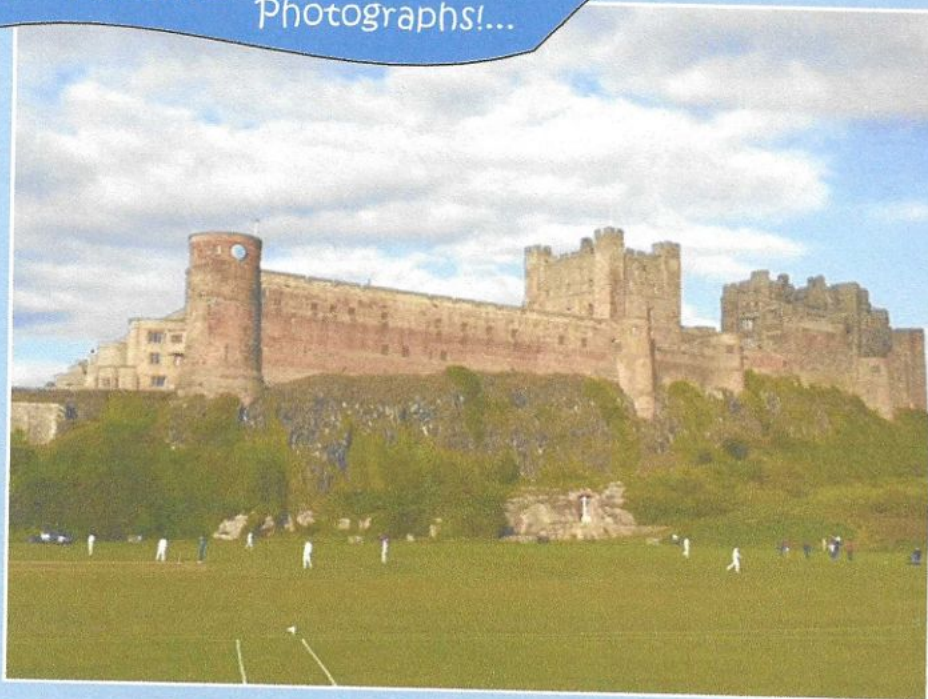


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Trinity *Tidings*

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'A Typically English Scene'
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...all are welcome in this place!

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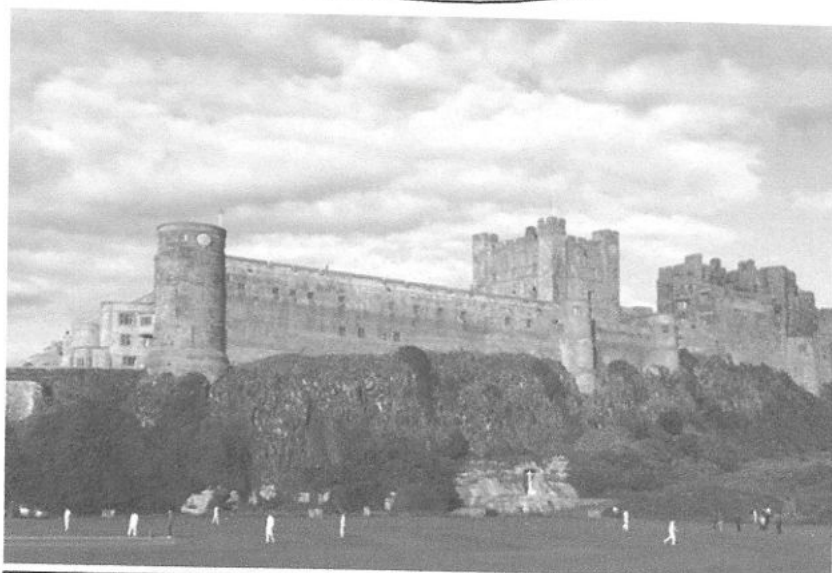
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Thanks to John Harris for Designing the Front cover each month.

Favourite Photographs!...

Front Cover Photographs:



A Typically English Scene. Photograph by Alan Stinton

A Typically English Scene.

Cricket on a sunny afternoon
on the green with Bamburgh
Castle on the Northumberland
coast as a backdrop.

We happened to be driving
past and could not resist
stopping awhile to enjoy the
match and the setting...

...perfect!

Alan Stinton

Dear Friends,

I like to think of myself as reasonably tech-savvy. I use computers, digital cameras, mobile phone, etc, and as you know, during Covid recorded, edited and uploaded videos to YouTube. I order goods online, I make payments and bank transfers via the apps on my phone, I have meetings on Zoom and book holidays in the sun, all without leaving the house.

However, we have a new landline telephone (which we've had for a few months now) and can I get the hang of it? Can I heck!

It is one of these new completely digital phones that work via the internet router in the house. It no longer relies on a cable running from a pole in the street, which would keep working even if there was a power cut, but instead if the internet goes down, which it occasionally does, we have no phone either. I think this is what is loosely termed 'technological progress'!

Leaving all that aside, when it first arrived I managed to work out how to record my own personal message for the answer phone, but cannot remember how I did it and cannot therefore change the message accordingly for when I'm not available, holidays etc. Another downside with this new DECT Phone is the second handset which came with it doesn't seem to want to connect to it, so has thus far been completely useless. Because of this if I'm anywhere else in the house other than the office or the hallway just outside the office, I don't hear it ring, and if someone should leave a message it isn't blatantly obvious and easily not noticed.

Thank goodness we don't rely on technology to communicate with God.

In his letter to the Philippians Paul writes:

"The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God". Phil 4⁶

In Luke's gospel, Jesus when teaching the disciples how to pray to the Father, reminds them to persevere and be persistent:

"Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened". Lk 11⁹⁻¹⁰

Perhaps this is a lesson for me to apply in my search for wisdom, knowledge and understanding of this new telephone. Therefore, until the perseverance and persistence pays off (which I hope it does), if I don't answer your call or reply to the message you've left on my answer phone, at least you'll have some idea of why that might be.

You never know, I could even possibly be in another part of the house on my knees praying for enlightenment!

Every blessing,

Nick

PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz Potter, Betty Norman, Josephine and Ranzi Seremwe, Maureen Homer, Anne Wix, those on the Prayer Vine, those whose names are put in the prayer book and people we know who need the love, comfort and the knowledge of Christ's presence with them.



During the Month of June, please remember in your Prayers the people and places in the area of Kidderminster known as Spennells & Hoobrook.

Spennells and Hoobrook

June

Spennells Primary School and Nursery

Heronspark Nursing Home

Kidderminster Covenant Church

Residential Housing

Retail Units and Trading

Small Businesses

From the Editor.....

June. Almost half way through the year, but June is a time when most flowers are at their best and in my vegetable patch the potatoes, runner beans broad beans and onions are all growing well. I haven't mowed the grass yet, as there are many wild flowers growing in it. It is not a lawn, and never could be, as it slopes downwards slightly in two ways down to where the old septic tank is. Fortunately it is never used now, and you would not know it was there. We have a wonderful Bio Disc system which discharges clean water through a culvert into the river. But enough of that.

Blue Tits are nesting in a small crevice in the bridge which spans the railway, they have found a hole big enough to build their nest. They don't seem to mind the smoke and steam. Best of all, House Martins have built a nest under the eaves of the house. This is the first time for four years.

I have seen many more bees and butterflies so far this year, which is good news. I think the recent warm weather and the early blossom has provided plenty of nectar.

Two of our regular station volunteers hate sycamore trees, because they are not English, and grow like weeds. Margaret grew one in a large pot, and I planted it in the hedge. It grew well, then someone broke it in half. I tidied it up and it grew well again, then two years ago a muntjac deer ate all the bark. It grew again and is now about seven feet tall. I knew Margaret wouldn't be beaten!

I'll finish with a short poem by George MacDonald,

The roses make a world so sweet,
The bees, the birds have such a tune,
There's such a light and such a heat
And such a joy in June.

David



OFFERTORIES FOR THE FOUR WEEKS TO 25th MAY ARE AS FOLLOWS

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
04.05 & 11.05.25	192.00	436.00	1547.00	2175.00
18.05 & 25.05.25	197.00	262.00	1547.00	2006.00

This is a weekly average of £1045.25

For the current church year to 31st August 2025 it is estimated that offertories of £1200 per week will be required to break even.

SERVICES IN JUNE

June 1 st	10.30am	Dr Ken Mothersdale
	6.30pm	Mr David Skitt
June 8 th	10.30am	Mr Ray Simpson
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison -- Café Worship
June 15 th	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison -- Baptism
	No Evening Service	
June 22 nd	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison -- Healing Service
June 29 th	10.30am	Mr David Skitt
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison -- Café Worship
July 6 th	10.30am	Mr Albert Wilkinson
	No Evening Service	

THURSDAY SERVICES at 12.30pm

June 5 th	Dr Ken Mothersdale
June 12 th	Rev Suzanne Newton
June 19 th	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
June 26 th	Mr Andy Skitt



TUESDAY GROUP

Our speaker for May was our own Rachel Cobon who gave us a snapshot of her mother's early life in Germany and explained how she came to England on the Kindertransport. It was a delight to see photographs of Loree's family, hear their history and understand how Loree eventually made her home in Kidderminster.

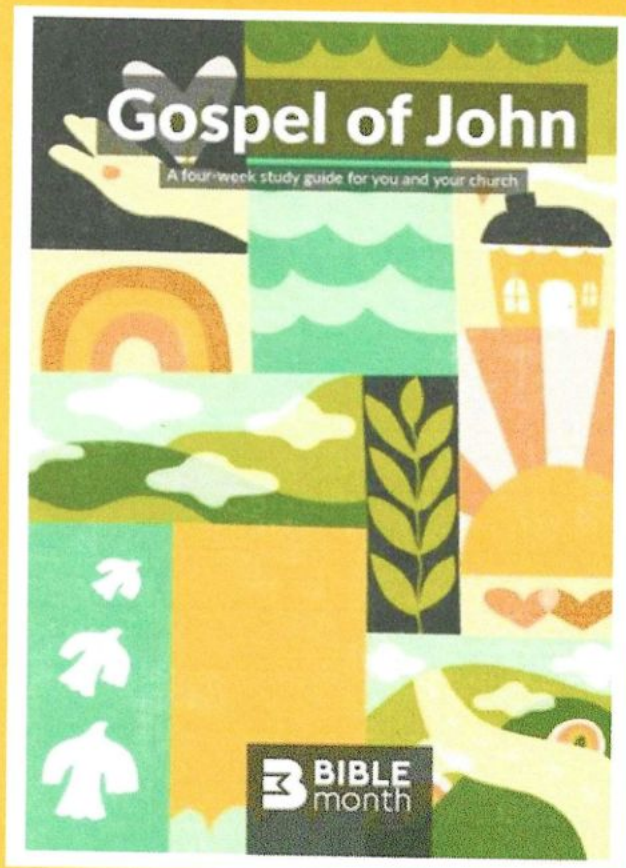
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The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd June at 2.30pm. Gail Tucher will give a very interesting talk on Conservation in the Galapagos Islands. If you haven't been to the Tuesday Group before do come along and try it out. Everyone is welcome, and there will be cake too!



Bible Month

will be back this October!



Yes, our Circuit will once again be taking part in Bible Month, the annual campaign that celebrates Scripture by inviting the whole Methodist Connexion to *feast* together on one particular book of the Bible. After *Revelation* and *Genesis*, the featured book for 2025 is the **Gospel of John**.

We will be having themed preaching on John in all our churches throughout October.

FREE COPIES of the Bible Month booklet, including resources for small groups, are available from Mike Dernie
mikedernie@aol.com or tel. 07977 063380

STUDY EVENINGS

Why not join your preachers to explore John in preparation for October? Come along to Trinity at 7.30pm on

Tuesday 1st April

Tuesday 6th May

See also: www.methodist.org.uk/BibleMonth

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A Quiz from Stan Rose.....answers next month

These are anagrams of USA States

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| 1. Ad nave | 11. A bankers |
| 2. Ainorz | 12. Yuck kent |
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Anagrams by Wordsmith.com and Stan

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Old Nun's Prayer

Lord, you know better than I know myself
that I am growing older and one day will be old.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must
say something on every subject
and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to
straighten out everybodys affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom
it seems a pity not to use it all;
but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details,
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains,
they are increasing and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I dare not ask for grace enough
to enjoy the tales of others pains,
but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for growing humility and a lessening cocksureness
when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally
I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet;
I do not want to be a saint, some of them are so hard to live with,
but a sour old person is one of the
crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places
and talent in unexpected people,
and give me O Lord the grace to tell them so. AMEN.

Anonymous – 17th century.

Found in an old English Church

Our thanks to Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley, for the following articles. We appreciate your contributions each month, Mike.

Here I am Lord

Some people believe that The Bible is just a collection of fairy tales, should only be read in pantomime season. A boy, David, slaying a giant, think Jack and the beanstalk; Johah, a man swallowed by a fish, think Moby Dick. Dick Whittington, knapsack on his back searching for roads paved with gold in Damascus. Jesus's miracles came out of Aladin's wonderful lamp. Many people think that a lot of the happenings in The Bible are just good stories with a nice moral ending, ok. This is great for children, the book of bible stories told them all, but in a simple way. Let's face it, what a better introduction to The Holy Bible. Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start.

This is how Jesus spoke, not in fairy tales but parables. Easy for people to understand and to get the message through. Parables full of truth so that one day we will all live happily ever after. The opening words of The Bible say that God made heaven and earth. It did not come about by mere chance, but as a result of God's purpose and design. The Bible goes on to tell us of Jesus's healings and teachings. It tells us of His love, how He died and how He overcame death so we might be free. However, strange as it seems, many people often seem to find themselves distant from God. People can sometimes feel isolated. This can be quite common, no matter how much we read the Bible we can sometimes feel out of touch with Jesus. God will never leave us or let us down. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever". Again, in Hebrews 13:5, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you". Yes, there are times when you feel alone, when you don't know where you are, where you're coming from. God is there "Here I am, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with me", that's His promise. Don't feel alone, open that door and Jesus will come to you, but you need to pray. We see a God who loves us, we see a powerful God, we see a God who cares. In 2025 years, Jesus was never with us for only one day, the day between His crucifixion and resurrection. Was it a Saturday? One day in His life and He wasn't there. As for that, He was always there. "Take my hand, I'll lead you to salvation, take my love, for love is everlasting". Well, that's from 'Les Mis', but it serves.

O course, we all want to hear God speak, but He's not going to shout down from Heaven or send us a text. We have to read The Bible, this is how God speaks to us. In 2 Timothy 3:16 it says "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching". This is where we get to know Him. The Bible is the very thoughts of God Himself. This will help you form a relationship with God, you should never feel alone. There again, never stop with the words because these words lead us to Jesus and God Himself.

God created us because He loves us, and wanted a relationship with us. Love is all I have to give goes the song, so God is always with us, never feel alone. We are loved and cherished. God is never distant; He is always there.

The Dash Between the Dates.

Napoleon's tombstone is huge. Churchill's is simple. The eternal flame burns over the grave of President John Kennedy. Very different lives, very different markers. As different as each was

from the other, their lives share at least one common mark; the dash between the dates. On every tombstone, whether simple or ornate, there is only one dash or hyphen between the dates.

The character and quality of our lives varies greatly, yet, when all is said and done, we become precisely equal. They put one dash between the birth date and death date. We get one dash through life and that's it. No seconds, no restarts, everybody finishes!

Some dash through life with great flair and style. Others become a quiet blur. Some run with long strides, leaving only toe marks in the sand. Most leave an erratic trail of foot prints with more than a few heel marks. Many show evidence of being lost. Yet having lost their direction they run faster.

The content of our 'Dash' varies, but in the end, the workmen still chisel only a dash. It reminds us of the stark truth "Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people". In the end, men reduce all living to the cold mark on the stone. Those of us who live a life worthy of the Lord, following in the footsteps of Jesus, find the end of earth's dash to be the beginning of Heaven's glory.

Thanks to Joseph B. Foiten for this.

Mike's Smile Lines

When the human cannonball retired from the circus they struggled to get a replacement. They couldn't find anybody of the right calibre.

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Dad, I've just got my first job on the stage. I play the part of a man who has been married for 30 years.

Well done son, keep at it. Next time you might get a speaking part.

**

A cosmetic surgeon knows how to raise a few eyebrows.

**

People complained that the lights on the latest Chinese restaurant were too bright, so the manager decided to dim sum.

**

A man was having trouble understanding the game of darts. So I showed him the finer points.

**

Old teachers never die; they just lose their class.

**

Chinese cooks come from all woks of life.

**

Every Eskimo does the lottery. Well, you have to be Inuit to win it.



I'd Pick More Daisies

If I had my life all over again,

I'd learn from it...make more mistakes.

I'd relax more, be sillier, and take things less seriously.

I would take more chances,

Make more trips.

I would climb more mountains and watch more sunsets.

I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones.

I'd be less sensible, think less of tomorrow.

I'd have just moments, one after the other,

instead of living so many years ahead each day.

I'd travel lighter.

If I could live my life over again,

I would start bare-footed earlier in the spring

And stay that way right into winter.

I wouldn't get such good exam results except by accident.

I would go on more dodgem cars, play more games,

Stay out on my bike longer.

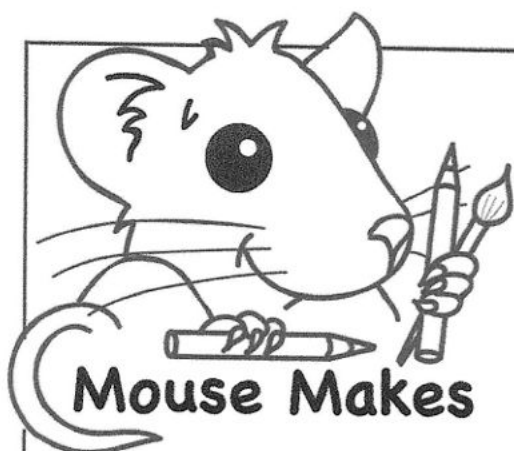
I would recognise that there was always time

To enjoy a happy and fulfilling childhood

I'D PICK MORE DAISIES

I will pick more daisies --- won't you join me?





Mouse Makes

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 HOLY • SPIRIT • TONGUES • RESTED
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It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language.

How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing

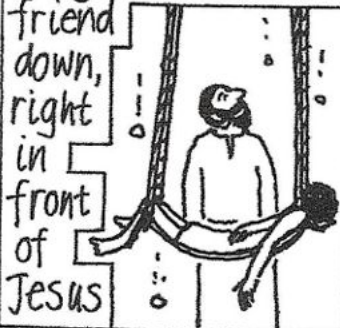


But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus

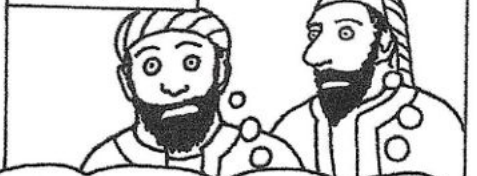


Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?

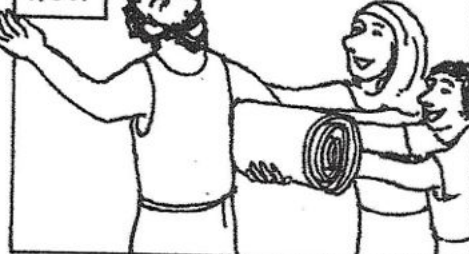


But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!

8th June – Pentecost, not a Ghost but a Gift

We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. There are no processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover, they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3,000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn’t helped by the earlier title ‘Holy Ghost’. The spirit is not spiritually a ‘ghost’ but a precious gift.

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Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday has its place in our liturgical calendar (15th June), yet the term ‘Trinity’ isn’t found in the Bible, and the Early Church took nearly 400 years to come up with a clear understanding of it.

However, there are hints of trinitarian language in the New Testament, e.g. Jesus instructs His disciples to baptise ‘in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’ (Matt 28:19). Our understanding of the Trinity arises from God’s activity in our world, as reflected in the creedal questions:

- ‘Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the One for whom we exist?’
- Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
- Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

So why should the Trinity be important for us? If ‘God is love’ (1 John 4:8) it means that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in a community of love together. Their relationship has been expressed as a divine dance, as they interact with one another, expressing love for each other and complementing the work each one has to do. As people made in God’s image, we are called to live this community of love in our lives and churches.

The Trinity also provides the basis for our mission, ‘As the Father has sent Me, so send I you.’ Just as God the Father sent Jesus into the world, so Jesus sends us into the world to do the Father’s

work, equipped and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. In sharing God's love, we share the life of the Trinity. Augustine spoke about the Spirit being the love between God the Father and the Son. 'The Spirit unites us with Christ so that we begin to experience the same depth of love that exists between the Father and the Son.' (Graham Tomlin).

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Like Father, Like Son

'Dead Ringer' is the odd phrase we use when referring to someone who looks like somebody else. Sometimes, instead, we say 'spitting image' when we see a likeness or similarity between one person and another.

This month includes Fathers' Day (15th June) and is an occasion when dads are particularly remembered by their children. As far as the boys are concerned, how many have heard someone say 'Oh, you really look like your father'?

One day, Jesus was talking to His disciples and said, "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9) What an amazing statement! Jesus was saying that He was the dead ringer or spitting image of God! At another time Jesus said, "I am in the Father and the Father is in Me." (Jn 14:10) These words must have shocked His hearers, for He was saying that He was equal with God. No one had said anything like this before, but certainly His miracles were proof that He was different. No-one else could do what He was doing. Some people wondered—could He really be who He said He was?

So Jesus attempted to make His position clear and said, "If you knew Me you would know the Father also." (Jn 8:19) The people were being urged to know Jesus more. They had to look, listen and believe. Were His deeds of God or not? They had to decide!

Today, we all stand in a similar position. Who is Jesus? Do we look at Him and say 'Yes, this is God in the flesh' or 'No, He was just a good person — but also perhaps, deluded or crazy?' Thomas, the disciple with the nickname 'doubter', exclaimed: "My Lord and *my God*" (Jn 20:28). Thomas was convinced that he was in the presence of God, in human form. And when the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Colossae he said clearly: 'It was by God's own decision that the Son has in Himself the full nature of God' (*Colossians 1:19*). Like Father, like Son!

Parish Pump 2025

Are bananas really good for you?

On the one hand, bananas offer good things. They count as one of your five a day, carry only about 90 calories, and are packed with the essential mineral potassium (good in lowering blood pressure.) But they are not perfect...

So, here are some pros and cons of bananas:

Pro: High in potassium, good for heart health, lowers blood pressure, has Vitamin C, helps digestion, provides energy, full of fibre, cholesterol-free.

Cons: Can raise potassium levels too much (avoid them if you have kidney disease), can lead to wind and bloating, cause blood sugar spikes, weight gain, and disrupt sleep.

Overall, experts recommend eating no more than two bananas a day.



All in the month of June

It was:

250 years ago, on 23rd June 1775, that the first Thames Regatta was held in London.

175 years ago, on 24th June 1850, that Herbert Kitchener, the 1st Earl Kitchener, was born. This Irish-born British Army officer and politician became Secretary of War during WW1, when he appeared on an iconic poster asking people to join the army. He was killed in 1916 when his ship was hit by a German mine. 150 years ago, on 3rd June 1875, that George Bizet, French Romantic composer, died of a heart attack at 36. Best known for his opera *Carmen*.

125 years ago, on 25th June 1900, that Louis Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was born. He became Governor-General of India (1947-48), First Sea Lord (1955-59), and Chief of the Defence Staff (1959-65). Assassinated in 1979 by an IRA bomb planted on his fishing boat.

90 years ago, on 1st June 1935, that driving tests became compulsory for all new drivers in Britain.

75 years ago, on 3rd June 1950, that the first successful ascent of Annapurna in the Himalayas was made. It was a French expedition and the first successful ascent of a mountain over 8,000 metres. Annapurna is the tenth highest mountain in the world.

70 years ago, on 11th June 1955 that the Le Mans disaster took place. A car spun off the track during the Le Mans 24 Hour race in France, and the driver, Pierre Levegh, and 83 spectators were killed, with 100 more injured. It was the greatest loss of life in the history of motorsport, but bizarrely, the race was not stopped. The survivors carried on for the full 24 hours, while the dead and the injured were removed from the site.

65 years ago, on 28th June 1960, that the Six Bells Colliery disaster took place in Monmouthshire Wales. 45 coal miners were killed by a gas explosion.

50 years ago, on 7th June 1975, that the first Cricket World Cup to be held in England began. Also 50 years ago, on 18th June 1975, that the first North Sea oil was pumped ashore to Britain.

40 years ago, on 2nd June 1985 that UEFA banned all English football clubs from playing in European competitions following the Heysel Stadium disaster of 28th May. The ban was lifted after five years.

30 years ago, on 25th June 1995 that Ernest Walton, Irish physicist died. He was the first person to split an atom.

25 years ago, on 10th June 2000, that the Millenium Bridge opened in London. It closed for a while two days later, when it was found to sway uncomfortably when people walked in step.

15 years ago, on 28th June 2010, that the US Supreme Court ruled that American citizens have the right to own a gun, regardless of which state they live in. The right is protected by the Second and the Fourteenth Amendments. There are an estimated 393 million privately owned guns in the USA, and about 340 million people.

Mini is named the best-ever British car

What is your favourite British car? Think of the Land Rover, Aston Martin, McLaren, Bentley and Rolls Royce. Then think of the Mini.

That is what a group of judges for the Auto Express did recently, and they chose the Mini. Their verdict? "Put simply, we reckon no other British-built vehicle better represents the relevant, innovative and pioneering UK automotive industry quite like the world's original small car." Phil McNamara, editor at large, Auto Express, adds: "there was only ever going to be one winner of our Top 50 Brit cars rundown. The Mini was crowned undisputed champion."

It was in the late 1950s that the British Motor Corporation (BMC) asked car designer Alec Issigonis to come up with a sub-three-metre compact car that could accommodate a family of four. The result was the Mini, soon beloved of the public, celebrities and even (in a modified version) racing drivers.

The modern version of a Mini Cooper is nearly 90cm longer than the original, and prices starts at about £25,000.

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People who can't see should not drive!

So says a coroner, following a spate of four deaths caused by drivers who, in one case, could barely see his own steering wheel.

Dr James Adeley, the senior coroner for Lancashire, has said that letting motorists self-certify their fitness to drive is the 'laxest system in Europe', and is highly ineffective. And, until it is changed, road deaths will continue to be caused by drivers with failing eyesight.

Dr Adeley has sent a report to Heidi Alexander, the Transport Secretary, calling for action. He points out that the UK is one of only a handful of countries to use 'self-reporting' of any visual conditions that affect one's ability to drive.

Dr Adeley said: "The current system for 'ensuring drivers meet the visual legal standards is ineffective, unsafe and unfit to meet the needs of society."

The Department for Transport has responded: "The NHS recommends adults should have their eyes tested every two years and drivers are legally required to inform the DVLA if they have a condition which affects their eyesight.

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Quote of the month

Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence. – *John Wesley*

Parish Pump Smile Lines

The vicar asked a member of his congregation, a banker, why he seemed a bit down. The banker replied: "I'm a walking economy! My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression."

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A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motorhome, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?" "Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he or she fits in the cannon."

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I gave my four-year-old grand-daughter money for sweets and the church collection plate. Later, seeing her enormous pile of sweets, I got suspicious and asked if she hadn't also given some money to God in church that morning. "No," she replied sweetly, "He wasn't there."

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My husband was attempting to build a patio for the first time. He bought 100 cement blocks. Laying them out in a pattern, he discovered the chosen area was too small. He stacked the blocks against the house and cleared more space. The next day he put the cement blocks back down, only to find that the ground was too hard to keep the patio level. He ordered a truckload of sand to be delivered the following morning. Again, he stacked the 100 blocks against the house.

Observing all this, our next-door neighbour asked, "Are you going to put your patio away every night?"

Sudoku puzzle solution:

4	7	5	9	6	1	2	8	3
2	3	9	7	4	8	1	6	5
1	6	8	3	2	5	4	7	9
7	8	4	1	5	9	3	2	6
9	5	2	6	3	4	7	1	8
6	1	3	2	8	7	5	9	4
3	9	7	5	1	6	8	4	2
5	4	1	8	9	2	6	3	7
8	2	6	4	7	3	9	5	1



Crossword answers:

ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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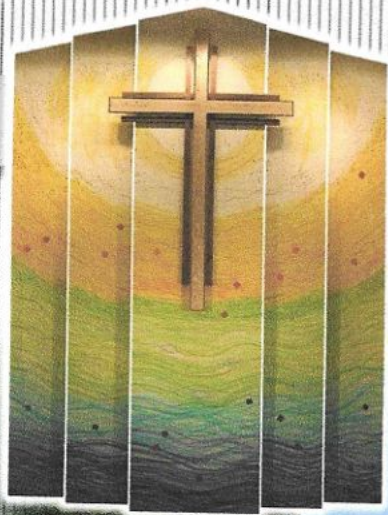
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Fruit Crumble Sticky Toffee

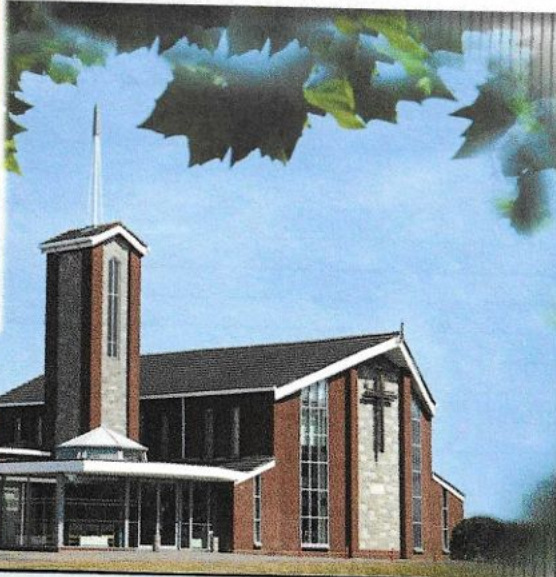
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