



SPOTLIGHT

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Please note that the main Church will be out of bounds on weekdays during the first two weeks of July due to the new AV installation.

JEBBEH'S (BUNDLE OF) JOY!

You may recall the story of Jebbeh Konneh that we ran as part of our promotion of Christian Aid week in May. Jebbeh was at the time heavily pregnant and she was worried about her own safety in childbirth. Well, we are pleased to let you know that Jebbeh has given birth to a now healthy baby boy. Jebbeh says, "When I gave birth to my child he was sick, but now he is healthy. With the help Christian Aid gave me his health is good and my health is good. If Christian Aid could give this help to other women, they could give birth to healthy children and be like me. That's why I'm thanking you very much with joy. That's why I am laughing. Thank you very much. I am very happy and very glad."



*Thank you for supporting Christian Aid this year, in whatever way.
Be proud of the amazing things that can be achieved together.*

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you've ever thought about precisely how Jesus' death and resurrection actually worked/works to save us. What exactly went on with God, sin, evil and our souls that everything changed because Jesus died and then rose again?



One explanation dating from the middle ages is called the Satisfaction Theory, and is based upon old mediaeval ideas of honour.

It goes like this: We have offended God's honour and this demands that recompense (satisfaction) be made. Sadly, we can't meet the infinite demands of God's honour, so we can never pay the debt of honour. Fortunately, Jesus voluntarily offers his perfect, sinless life to God as restitution and so God's honour is duly satisfied.

The biggest problem with this theory is that it makes sin out to be God's problem, not ours. God is all grumpy because we have upset him, and only the death of his son will make him feel better. It's God's attitude to us that changes, not the other way around. If this is right, it makes you wonder whether God would have been better off going to Injury Lawyers 4U instead.

So should we abandon it altogether? Personally, I don't think so. I think we are guilty of taking far too literally Jesus' words, "The Son of Man came... to give his life as a ransom for many" Mark 10:45. We get all knotted up with questions about who paid what to whom and why, and we forget that there is another point to be made.



Whatever else happened on the cross, however it 'worked', the result from our point of view is that we now owe God an impossible (infinite) debt. But it is also a debt for which God expects absolutely nothing in return except our love and trust because it is comes from the bottomless wealth of his grace and generosity.

It's a very contemporary message. There are untold numbers of people with massive loans and maxed out credit cards who know what indebtedness feels like – especially if they have been bailed out by a benefactor.

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Let me put it another way - in the form of a devotional poem:

My soul's mortgaged,
Banked by the vaults of divine love.
And yet I've found a greater freedom
Than could ever be bought by all the stores of human wealth.
This bond holds me captive in the treasury of God,
Obligated to enjoy all the stores of heaven.
There is no exemption,
No clause through which I may escape the purse of Grace.
I must lay aside all:
My broken things,
My poor things,
My feeble things,
My useless things,
And be abandoned to the generosity of God.
In debt, without debt.
Owing all and owning nothing.
I am the richest person on earth.



God Bless,

Tim

JC's LITTLE NUGGETS

Pubs vs Churches—Temperance Triumphs?

According to the National Statistics Office, there are now 43,000 open churches compared to 39,000 public houses that are still open. Churches are now becoming not only places of worship, but community centres. This added use is so vital to our society, for it keeps the cohesive love of our Lord at the forefront of ordinary people's lives.



Test your Bible knowledge

Two books in the Bible do not mention God. The Song of Solomon is one, but what is the other? There is a prize for the first person to give me the right answer and confirm that they didn't use Google to find it!

John Carr

breakfast4men



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with
Richard Jackson

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Main Terminal

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JULY/AUGUST MINIBUS TRIPS

Please be aware that destinations and dates are subject to change due to driver and venue availability, so please look out for our posters and see the weekly notices for more details



Thursday 4 July (day trip)

Mystery Tour/Sussex Scenes & afternoon tea

Thursday 18 July (day trip)

Wey & Arun Canal, Guildford to Arundel

Thursday 1 August (afternoon trip)

Stanstead Park Garden Centre, Rowlands Castle

Thursday 15 August (afternoon trip)

Parham House & afternoon tea

Thursday 29 August (day trip)

Bentley Wildfowl Trust & Motor Museum

(as this attraction is now permanently closed, we are looking for an alternative venue - details to be confirmed)

Donation for Bus £5:00 per person
plus admission to venues (where applicable)

We have only 13 spaces on each trip, so please book early!

Friends of Broadwater and Worthing Cemetery

LIST OF JULY & AUGUST TOUR DATES AND SUBJECTS

6 Jul	Children Bringing More History Alive
3 Aug	Inquests
25 Aug	The Skeleton Army (& More) SUNDAY TOUR

Saturday tours start at 11:00am. Sunday tours start at 2:00pm.

The Art Group recently visited Worthing Museum. Jenny, our tutor, had told us to meet in the foyer, from where we would go to the Art Gallery on the 1st floor to do some drawing - but what were we to draw?



On entering the Art Gallery we came across a wonderful exhibition of wood sculpture by Robert Koenig, an internationally known artist who has exhibited his carved wood sculptures widely around the UK and Europe.

The exhibition is a space for contemplation, recollection, reminiscence and memory using different techniques. Relief and sculpted carvings tackle themes of migration, loss, discrimination, fear and collective responsibility. Koenig also explores his own heritage as the son of Polish wartime refugees.

The exhibition is on until 21 September 2019, so there is plenty of time left if you wish to go and visit. You won't be disappointed - it is wonderful.

Susan Phillips

A business card for John Midwinter, set against a light wood-grain background. On the left side, there is a dark silhouette of a person's profile wearing glasses and holding a camera. The text on the card is as follows:

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ALFRISTON & THE CUCKMERE VALLEY - BY BUS



Why get a service bus when you can have your own private transport? That's what a small group of hardy travellers thought as they embarked on another delightful bus trip.

Our first stop was the village of Alfriston in East Sussex, described by the Daily Telegraph as one of the most beautiful villages in England. And it is. We had a lovely couple of hours walking round the village, visiting the church (known as the Cathedral of the South Downs), the galleries and the gift shops as well as enjoying coffee and cake in the gardens of one of the many old tea rooms.



From Alfriston, we followed the course of the River Cuckmere to the small car park at South Hill Barn. We had lunch on the top of the hill (there's a



small refreshment van) with views of the river meandering through the Cuckmere Valley (surely everybody remembers how ox-bow lakes are formed?) After lunch a few of us set off for the beach at Seaford Head.

On the way down the cliff side we were rewarded with stunning views of the Seven Sisters. It was just a short but nonetheless

energetic walk down to the sea and the Old Coastguard Cottages.

Returning via Alfriston, we stopped at the Viewpoint beside the road. The pathways through the small copse of trees opened out to yet more beautiful views of the river, the valley and the coast, and from this point we could also just see below us the white horse carved into the hillside.

We returned via the Bostal from Steyning to Lancing, enjoying more wonderful views of West Sussex, and arrived back at church at about 5:00pm, tired but happy and feeling well-exercised.



There are lots more trips in the pipeline and we look forward to welcoming you aboard in the near future!

Mike Powell

THE MILLER'S TALE

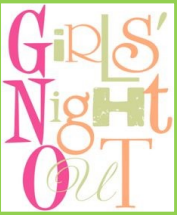
After last month's general grump, when we put a few world events 'through the mill', we're off on tour again - this time to High Salvington Mill.



All grumpy old men (although you don't really need to be either old or grumpy) are welcome to join us on this guided tour of the Mill and it's history. Let's hope it's not too much of a grind!

We will be meeting in the church car park at 10:00am before heading to the Mill as a group on

Tuesday 9 July



Thursday 18 July 2019

6:30pm

at Ruth Kelly's home

*(details available
From Church Office)*

**Please bring your own BBQ food
and a bottle**

Salads and tea/coffee provided

Donations of tasty desserts appreciated!

**For further details and to book a place
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**This event is subject to the
Great British Summer behaving itself!**



ALL OF US ARE IN GOD'S HANDS

by Sue Head

How beautiful is this world we share; and all we have to do is care.
Look after all that we are given, sent from God above, in Heaven.
From the smallest flower to the tallest tree;
The earth; the sky; the sparkling sea.

My garden shows me what God's planned.
How everything is in his hands.
The dragonfly's translucent wing; the nesting birds; oh how they sing.
The fluffy, buzzing, bumble bee; so much life for me to see.

So why do we pollute the seas;
Neglect the earth; cut down the trees?
What is it that we're looking for? Why is it that we're not sure
That God provides all that we need, in every tree or plant or seed?

Locked in our concrete, plastic world; we fail to see God's plan unfurl.
We fail to see that we must share, not take so much without a care.
No need to fight with one another.
No need to turn away our brother.

All of us are in God's hands; just look and listen to his plans.





WE ARE TRANSFORMED!

After 45 years, Tuesday Group is changing!

We are changing our meeting to a Friday morning from September onwards. We hope that this will be a more informal group, to include anyone in the church or outside who would like to join us for faith, fellowship, friendship and (occasionally) food. We hope that the change of time from an evening to a morning will also make it more accessible for those who prefer to meet in the daytime.

Over the years there have been many in the church who have been Group leaders, holding the fort and keeping faith for so long. We have many happy memories of concerts performed when there was a Tuesday Group choir, of coffee mornings and teas to raise funds for charity, and in particular the annual strawberry tea at the home of Margaret and Tony Trevithick in aid of Action for Children.

We have had a host of speakers telling of hobbies, holidays, collections, history and gardens. We have learned to make candles, crackers, and cards, We have learned to circle dance in meditation, to make Easter gardens, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Each year we enjoyed the Men's Challenge, playing shuffleboard, indoor cricket or board games. We are very often beaten, but we all enjoy the fellowship of being together! We sometimes do silly things - we held a summer garden party in January with sun hats, big umbrellas and a Bible picnic quiz! But we also enjoy members' meetings when we chat, exchange memories or recipes.

In short we are a lively group, although 45 years old. We are a group where we can be ourselves, where friendships are forged and where for a moment in a busy week we can meet with God.

We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, beginning with a "Welcome with Cakes" morning on Friday 13 September at 10:30am. No need to book for any meetings - please just join us in the Allan Fletcher Hall.

We would love to see you.

Margaret Hallard

TUESDAY CHOOSES!

We have decided that our new name will be **Offington Cameo**, which stands for **Come And Meet Every One**.

SHACKLETON'S JOURNEY

Perhaps the most arduous pilgrimage of modern times was the journey made by Sir Ernest Shackleton and his two companions across the bitter wastes of the icy Antarctic. Blinded by blizzards, frozen with cold, and weak from exposure they could do nothing but press doggedly on to fulfil their purpose. Out of that seemingly hopeless expedition came a speck of illumination which has since burned in the minds of men where heroism shines and glows. Out of that seemingly hopeless expedition came one of the greatest object lessons to those who grow weary of the way, yet who through the voice of duty cannot turn back. Shackleton wrote: "When I look back on those days, with all their anxiety and peril, I cannot doubt that our party of three was divinely guided both over the ice and across the storm-swept sea' I know that during that long and wracking march....it seemed to me often that we were not three but four. I said nothing to my companions on the point, but afterwards Worsley said to me: 'Boss, I had a curious feeling on the march that there was someone else with us'."



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JULY 2019

Mon	1	7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	2	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Alison Wright & Adam Cook
Wed	3	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
Thu	4	9:45am	Paint Along With Me	Art Club
		10:00am	Minibus Trip	Mystery Tour (fully booked)
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship	Heathen sailors? Faithful Servant? Wrathful God? (Joy)
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Sat	6	10:00am	Flower Show	Worthing Horticultural Society
		7:00pm	Unite Youth Event	
Sun	7	8:00am	Rev John Scrivens	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Rev Tony Brazier	Holy Communion
Mon	8	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		7:00pm	Offington Bells	
Tue	9	10:00am	Grumpy Old Men	Visit to High Salvington Windmill
		11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Adam Cook & Meg Hopkins
		7:30pm	Tuesday Group	Strawberry Tea
Wed	10	2:00pm	Shopper to Sainsburys	Driver: Doug Sibley
Thu	11	9:45am	Paint Along With Me	Art Club
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship (Adam)	A prayer from the belly of the fish
		1:30pm	Knit'n'Natter	
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Sat	13	3:00pm	Open Garden	Jack and Ann Delbridge
Sun	14	10:30am	Mrs. Joy Barnes	

JULY 2019

Sun	14	3:30pm	Messy Church	
Mon	15	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
Tue	16	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Liz & Chris Lance
Wed	17	10:15am	Getaway Club	For Carers and Toddlers
		10:30am	Midmonth Service of Holy Communion	
Thu	18	10:00am	Minibus Trip	Wey & Arun Canal (still spaces)
		9:45am	Paint Along with Me	Art Club
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship	Even the cattle repent (Joy)
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
		6:30pm	Girls' Night Out	BBQ (contact Ruth Kelly)
Fri	19	10.00am	Summer Quiet Day	'Summer Suns are Glowing....'
Sun	21	8:00am	Breakfast Church	
		10:30am	Mrs Pam Frost	
Tue	23	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Doug Sibley & Frances Barrell
Wed	24	2:00pm	Shopper to Sainsburys	Driver: Doug Sibley
Thu	25	9:45am	Paint Along With Me	Art Club
		11:00am	Bible Fellowship	Moaning at a merciful God (Adam)
		1:30pm	Knit'n'Natter	
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Sun	28	10:30am	Mr Adam Cook	
		6:00pm	Circuit Service	At Christ Church, Chichester
Tue	30	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Adam Cook & Lesley Skinner

AUGUST 2019

Thu	1	2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Sun	4	8:00am	Rev John Scrivens	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Rev Geoff Bell	Holy Communion
Mon	5	10:00am	Stay and Play Café	
Tue	6	11:15am	Keep Fit	
		12:00pm	Tuesday Lunch & Social Club	Drivers: Adam Cook & Alison Wright
Please Note: Tuesday Lunch Club will NOT meet on August 13th, 20th or 27th				
Wed	7	10:00am	Play Day	Broadwater Green
		2:00pm	Shopper to Sainsburys	Driver: Doug Sibley
Thu	8	1:30pm	Knit'n'Natter	
		2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Sat	10	10:00am	Open Garden	Carol & Roger Barber
Sun	11	10:30am	Deacon Phyllis King	
		3:30pm	Messy Church	
Mon	12	10:00am	Stay and Play Café	
Tue	13	11:15am	Keep Fit	
Wed	14	10:00am	Stay and Play	
Thu	15	2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Sat	17	3:00pm	Wedding	Peter Bayley & Gloria Landers
Sun	18	8:00am	Breakfast Church	
		10:30am	Mrs Sue Jacobs	
Mon	19	10:00am	Stay and Play Café	
Tue	20	11:15am	Keep Fit	
Wed	21	10:00am	Stay and Play	
		2:00pm	Shopper to Sainsburys	Driver: Doug Sibley
Thu	22	1:30pm	Knit'n'Natter	

AUGUST 2019

Thu	22	2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	
Sun	25	10:30am	Mrs Joy Barnes	Includes Baptism of Kya-Rose
		6:00pm	Rev Dawn Carn	Café Service
Mon	26	10:00am	Stay and Play Café	
Tue	27	11:15am	Keep Fit	
Wed	28	10:00am	Stay and Play	
Thu	29	2:00pm	Short Mat Bowls	

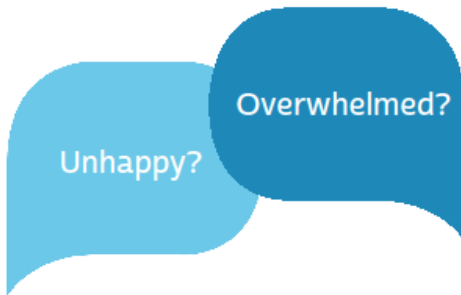
EARLY WARNING / REMINDER

As a church we are hoping to fill shoe boxes for the Mustard seed mission in the Autumn. Please start collecting your box items now!



**that's
Life**

In October 2012, a Mr. Kaboom of Akron, Ohio, caused a major panic when he left his walking stick, engraved with his surname, on the third-floor at Akron City Hall. The building was evacuated and staff were not allowed back in for 90 minutes!



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Editor's Note: Against the Grain report published in the June 2019 issue

During the editorial and typesetting process, some changes made to the report of this meeting resulted in inaccuracies creeping in. Only one speaker was able to attend, not three as implied, it being a true shame that the others were frightened off by unseemly pressure. Whilst the event was well attended, the venue was not 'nearly full' and the question session was more limited than was implied in the article. Our apologies that these errors escaped our normally robust proofing process.

Bible Word Search

A bit of puzzle fun for the holidays!

Can you find the names of these cities mentioned in the Bible?



Words to Find:

Ashdod

Ashtaroath

Beersheba

Bethel

Bethlehem

Byblos

Damascus

Dor

Dothan

Ekron

Gaza

Gerar

Gibeon

Jericho

Jerusalem

Joppa

Petra

Samaria

Shechem

Succoth

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SUMMER QUIET DAY

Friday 19 July 2019

10:00am to 3:30pm



'Summer Suns are Glowing over Land and Sea'

A time of quiet reflection and meditation
and an opportunity to walk the labyrinth

Suggested donation: £5:00

Please bring a packed lunch

For more information please contact the Church Office:

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Diamond Wedding

Peter & Marlie Weston celebrate 60 years together on 23 July 2019



Many Congratulations to you both!

Milestone Birthday

Joy Gibbs

We wish her a very happy time!

Baptism

We will welcome Kya-Rose,
daughter of Richelle and Lee Newman
into the family of God's church on 25 August 2019
and we pray that she may grow in grace day by day

Prayer Book

The Prayer Book is kept in the Church foyer and you are welcome to add prayer concerns at any time.

Please check the Book for any friends who are unwell at this time and uphold them in prayer.

OFFERTORIES

26 May	£445.46	9 June	£437.70
2 June	£593.76	16 June	£368.10

Giving by standing order each month currently averages £3,300.

Thank you for all you give - both financially and with service

Please remember to Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer

LUDICROUS LIBRARY

The Eds recently cleared out their library and found a few books you might have missed reading. Here's a selection of the better ones...

- THE SOUTH POLE by Ant Arctic
ROBOTS by Anne Droid
COVERED WALKWAYS by R. Cade
COOKING SPAGHETTI by Al Dente
BREAKING THE LAW by Kermit A. Crime
LEO TOLSTOY by Warren Peace
MORE OF A LUTE THAN A GUITAR by Amanda Lynn
STOP ARGUING by Xavier Breath
NURSERY RHYMES by Barbara Blacksheep
SURPRISED! by Omar Gosh
THE LOST COFFIN by Sue-Ann Undertaker
FRENCH COOKERY by Sue Flay
THE LOST BET by Henrietta Hatt
TUG OF WAR by Paul Hard
YOU'RE KIDDING by Shirley U. Jest
HOUSE CONSTRUCTION by Bill Jerome Holme
SNAKES OF THE WORLD by Anna Conda
ARTIFICIAL WEIGHTLESSNESS by Anne T. Gravity
THE 100 YARD DASH by Willie Makit (illustrations by Betty Wont)
INSOMNIA by Liza Wake
ACHES AND PAINS by Arthur Ritis
CURED MEATS AND CHEESES by Del E. Katessen
IT'S UNFAIR! by Y. Me
A MILKMAN'S LIFE by Earl E. Mornings
OFF TO MARKET by Tobias A. Pigg
LEAFLET DESIGN by Pam Flett
WHERE TO FIND ISLANDS by Archie Pelago
THE POSTSCRIPT by Adeline Extra
WITHOUT WARNING by Oliver Sudden
A HISTORY OF 60'S MUSIC by Tristan Shout
DESERT CROSSING by Rhoda Camel
LOOKING YOUNGER by Fay Slift



Joshua's Claim To Fame

This short story was published in Spotlight many years ago) and we felt it was worth republishing.

The story contains every book of the Bible.
Can you find them all?

Hint: you may find it easier to read the story aloud!



Joshua Jones had made it through to the final of Pope Idol and was modelling himself on Phil Collins. Simon Cowell wasn't impressed. "I've never liked Genesis", he said. "There was always a mass exodus when they came on. You've got talent and it will be an easy job getting you a record contract. Be wary of the other judges, though. Sharon can be ruthless and Louis can be a bit of a Jonah. But solo artists like Elton John and Billy Joel started through talent shows. Elton's 'Daniel' sold in incredible numbers. Just look at the papers – the Daily Mail for one chronicles Elton's rise to fame and another compares him to Elvis, although there is only one King, surely. The song you've chosen, mark my words, is better than Cat Stevens', 'Matthew and son'. The charts are as tight as they can be at present but you will be a revelation.

Tonight's practice show judges are Esther Rantzen, John Culshaw, Peter Andre and Jude Law, although of course the song publisher Samuel Smedley will be there on the night of the final. To Samuel I have said "Joshua is the one, Samuel", so in terms of practice votes you should get three – one Peter; two Esther; and three John. To be sure, sing directly to Peter Andre and you'll win - no fluke. That Hoseasons holiday is as good as yours".

The next day Simon and Joshua were discussing his chosen song. "Of songs I wish you'd chosen this isn't the best," said Simon. "I originally thought that you could cover "Ob-la-di Ob-a-diah" by the Beatles but on second thoughts maybe not. I have spoken to Steffi and Ian who know the music business well. "Who are they?", asked Joshua. "They are my favourite songwriters and Steffi's Ian's girlfriend," said Simon. "She's always on a diet and frugal at Ian's parties". Simon took Joshua to see a fortune teller and boost his confidence. The lady, Emma Kiel, was a convert of the Reverend Spooner. "Cross my psalms with pilver and I will predict the winner" she said. "That's easy, Kiel!" said Simon "It will be Joshua".

"If you win the holiday," said Simon "I'd go to Corinth, Ian's favourite holiday destination".

"Yes," said Joshua, "I could take my Greek friend Osian and my best friend Timothy Habakkuk". Simon advised him that he could only take one.

"Timothy" said Joshua.

"When I win," said Joshua, "I'll call Osian's place and we'll have a party there. We can invite Phillip, Ian's friend, Osian's wife Aiah, her ex-boyfriend Zack and my brother Zeph. " I'd invite either Zack or Aiah" said Simon "Or Zeph an' Aiah might feel embarrassed". Joshua phoned Osian "Is Aiah available" said Joshua " No" said Osian "She's talking to Timothy. I've kept away because I know he'll be wearing that awful fez-rarely have I seen him without it". "Tell her I called" said Joshua.

"Let's talk about your Rival Acts" said Simon. "I wouldn't worry about Mal achieving success. His performance is too chronic- Les Dance at the Daily Mail wrote a most terrible review. As for the boy band Des Pear and the Lamentations they couldn't perform last week due to Ron Omy, their agent, double booking them. Clearly, your biggest competition is Jerry Mia the 3'2" dwarf, known as knee-high Mia. He's toured Europe singing in Mosques and to kings in Rome. As an ecclesiast, he's definitely going to get the Rome 'uns vote. He's good and when he sings it makes my hair stand on end, I can feel 'em on my neck! Not only that - he brews a mean cup of tea as well.

Mia had an unnerving experience last week and you need to take advantage of that. He was doing a tour of Greece and managed only one Corinth (Ian's favourite destination you'll recall) concert before two Thessalonians stormed the stage. One Thessalonian sadly was arrested.

I've spoken to John Culshaw and told him "Joshua is the one John" and he said "he sounds like my cup of tea".

The night of the final arrived. Simon and Joshua went to the studio and were greeted by Levi the Doorman. Simon said "Levi, tick us off the list". And they went in. Joshua asked if he should sing during the national anthem " Na, hum" said Simon.

The Royal Bank of Scotland sponsored the final, just to prove RBS supported young musicians. Joshua sang his heart out and easily won Pope Idol 2018. Simon was very pleased to have beaten the other judges again. They climbed into Simon's chauffeur-driven limousine.

"Home James," he said. (OK. We admit that some names are contrived!)



Offington Summer Gardens Open Days

Don't forget to visit the two properties that will be opening their gardens in the next two months in support of our Eco Fund. Do come and enjoy a drink and maybe something to eat. We will still be open if it's wet, so don't

be put off by the English summer - hospitality will be provided undercover!

Jack & Ann's home - 13 July **(details from Church Office 01903 205722)**

Jack and Ann invite you to join them on 13 July between 1:30pm and 5:30pm to help raise funds for Church Eco projects. Tea, coffee, cold drinks, homemade cakes and cream teas will be served throughout the afternoon. This garden has easy access and is wheelchair friendly.

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Carol and Roger would love you to see their garden on Saturday 10 August between 10:00am and 12:00noon or between 2:30pm and 5:00pm. Drinks and refreshments will be available, and we suggest that you bring your weed and moss identifiers! The winner can take away a freshly dug weed of their choice. Come and enjoy nature at it's most natural!



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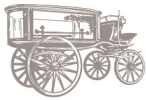


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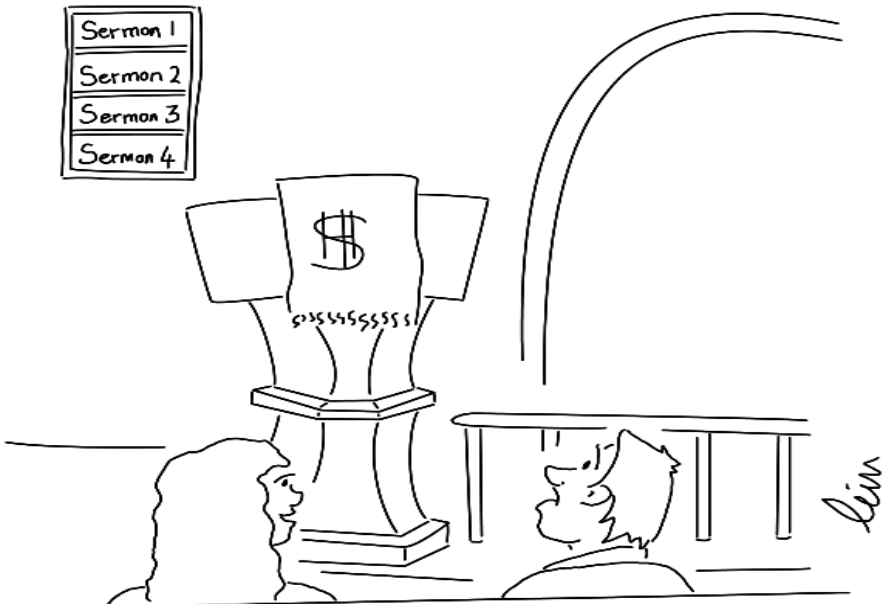
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