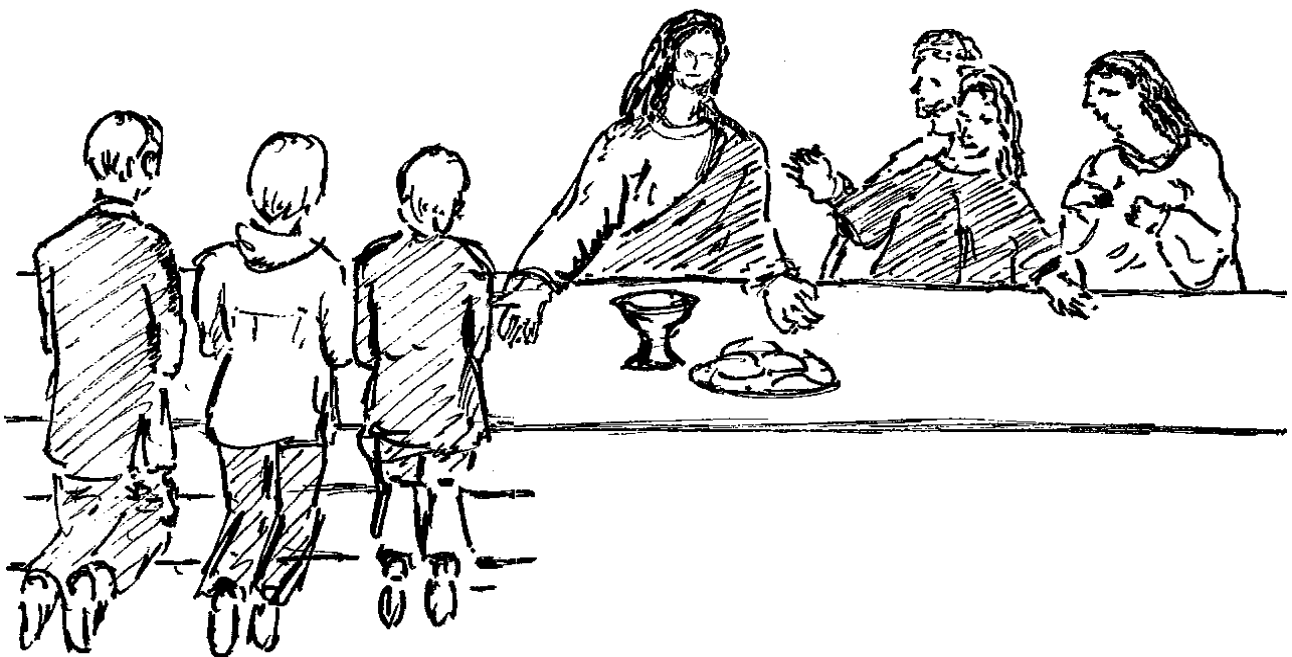


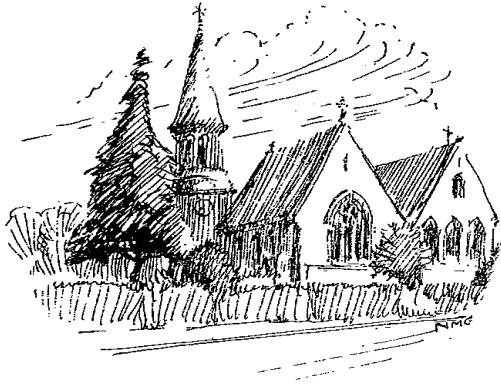
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Revd. Miriam writes:

Dear Friends

As I write this letter, the enormity of the effects of the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on 11th March 2011 is being realised. Towns have been decimated; the nuclear power station has been badly damaged causing explosions and radio-active leaks which will have far reaching consequences, thousands have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their lives. We see a country that was so well equipped to cope with an earthquake, with reinforced buildings in the towns completely engulfed by the after effects, a huge tsunami against which there was no defence.

As we watch in horror at the impact this is having on the people of Japan we may well wonder where God is in all of this? This is the question that people often ask when they are faced with suffering, and for many it is their reason for not believing in God. It may be that people will ask you this question and it is not an easy one to answer.

We need to remember that we have always lived in a world full of threat and risk. The universe, necessarily, is a violent place. Its huge energies, unleashed in the births of galaxies, stars and planets, have made our earth what it is, capable of sustaining and cherishing life, sustaining and cherishing us. In its 13.7 billion year history it has experienced tectonic convulsions, solar flares, volcanic eruptions, meteorite impact, and climate change. Some of these global events have been so catastrophic that they have extinguished millions of living species, abruptly changing the course of evolution: we would not have evolved without them. What is more, cosmologists tell us that if the physical constants that define the universe were even minutely different, life could not exist: we could not exist.

Previous generations recognised the fact that nature is bigger and more powerful than we are, but today, as we have become more technologically advanced, we find it hard to accept that there are some things that will always be a mystery and we will never be in a position to be able to tame and control the forces of nature.

The impact of natural and human made disasters are evident throughout the Bible and we can learn much about the presence of God alongside those who are suffering. We see the effects on the people especially in the books of Job and Jeremiah, and some of the Psalms. The passion narratives in the gospel open for us the reality of God's place in the people's suffering. Jesus, His Son did not put himself outside the pain and trauma of suffering, he took onto himself the pain and suffering of the world through his passion and death. As we walk with him during Holy Week we will see the enormity of what Jesus took on board and the reason that we can know that in any event where there is suffering and pain God is there in the thick of it. Far from being the cause, he is there as the wounded healer walking the path of pain and distress alongside the people.

Like the Book of Job, we know that the victims of this and every other disaster did not deserve this. There is no logic to it, no fairness. We simply cannot speak about why it happened, other than in terms of natural causes we understand. Our priority must be to reach out with compassion and practical support, responding to whatever appeals are put forward to assist those caught up in this dreadful situation. And we bring our prayers. When people ask us 'where is God in this' we point to God who is there in the destruction, the distress and amidst the people. He is alongside those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, homes, communities and life as it was. How can we believe this? Because Jesus through his passion and death took onto himself the pain and suffering of all humankind for all time. We hold fast to the words from the psalms:

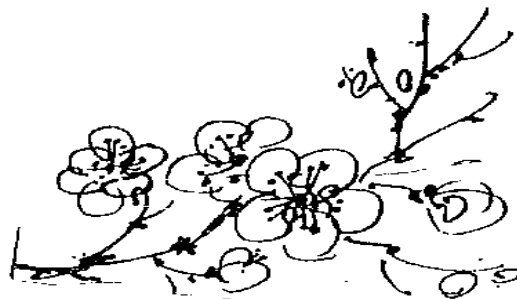
God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea. Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same. Be still, then, and know that I am God. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Take courage if you are challenged about what you believe, in the face of tragedy. We may feel helpless, but God is there. Continue to hold all victims of this disaster and others in your hearts, and respond in any practical way that you can that will help to bring care and relief.

In a few short weeks we will be celebrating Easter, Jesus' resurrection, His victory over death. News of the clear up after the earthquake and tsunami in Japan may have drifted away from our screens and our consciences may be less challenged. But Easter joy should invigorate us with a new commitment to serve God, to battle for the weak and the helpless, to reach out to our neighbours in need.

With my love and prayers

Miriam



Parish Register and Records

BAPTISMS

27th February 2011 Ryan BUSBY son of Kerry and Carlton of New Road

FUNERALS

15th February 2011 Nora CLARE (aged 84) of Rickmansworth

23rd February 2011 Kathleen COOK (aged 84) of Brunswick Court, Watford

1st March 2011 Joan PARKINS (aged 98) of Barton Way, then Watford

3rd March 2011 Jean DOUGANS (aged 84) of Windmill Drive

Pray for Giving in Grace

As we observe during this month the events in Jesus' life that have given us salvation, we pray for a fresh awareness of all that you, Father, by grace have done to assure us of your love to provide for our every need to give us hope for the future.

May our response be a generous renewing of our love for you, and the giving of our best in all our service of you and each other, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Needs in the community for us to pray for in April:

pensioners

adequate financial provision for all retired people

elderly people needing care

care homes and their workers



Charles Parry

April Readings

3rd April Mothering Sunday

Gospel

Luke 2 v41-52



10th April Passion Sunday

OT

Ezekiel 37 v1-14

NT

Romans 8 v6-11

Gospel

John 11 v1-45



17th April Palm Sunday Holy Week begins

NT

Philippians 2 v5-11

Gospel

John 18 v1-end of Ch. 19

21st April Maundy Thursday

OT

Exodus 12 v1-14

NT

1 Corinthians 11 v23-26

Gospel

John 13 v1-17 & 31b-35

22nd April Good Friday

OT

Isaiah 52 v13-end of Ch. 53

NT

Hebrews 10 v16-25

Gospel

Matthew 27 v1-60



24th April Easter Day

OT

Acts 10 v34-43

NT

Colossians 3 v1-4

Gospel

Matthew 28 v1-10

Jean Dougans

We were shocked and saddened by the death of a member of our congregation, Jean Dougans, in February after a short illness. Jean had been a member of All Saints' Church since moving to Windmill Drive twelve years ago, before this she lived in Kenilworth Drive and attended St Oswald's church. Jean was a quiet and gentle lady with a ready smile and a calm presence. She was well known in Croxley Green from the years that she worked as a receptionist at the local Doctor's surgery. She bore her illness with great courage, worrying more about the needs of those around her than her own needs, which was very much the type of person Jean was. We will miss her very much and we send our love and prayers to David her husband and children Graham, Christine and Alison and their families.

Miriam



Kathleen Cook

“Our England is a garden and such gardens are not made
By singing – “Oh, how beautiful!” and sitting in the shade.”

This verse by Rudyard Kipling always reminds me of my dear friend Kathleen who departed this world in February for the paradise of Heaven. For many years she was the gardener who tended the remembrance garden on the south side of the church with tender loving care. She was a quiet, cheerful presence and not many people knew the dedicated work she did for our church. The wonderful roses we had along the church wall were a result of her pruning and dead heading and she always had the flowerbeds close to the gate sparkling with her choice of flowers.

In her latter years at All Saints' she suffered from health problems but gamely carried on making our garden beautiful. On many an afternoon she would be there weeding or watering her beloved patch. We often exchanged reminiscences about past years of fellowship and agreed that the pleasure of gardening can be a great comfort in ill health. On behalf of all who knew her, I say 'Goodbye Kathleen – you will be missed'.

David Wynne-Jones

An Evening Pilgrimage

Quietness and peace surrounded us for our indoor pilgrimage which started in subdued lighting at 8 pm. We were being guided around St Albans Abbey by one of the churchwardens of the Abbey. There were



about 50 of us from four churches organised into two groups. At times we were just aware of the other group but only really heard them as they sang a verse of the hymn 'When I survey the wondrous cross' below the huge carved crucifix above the high altar. We had our chance to sing the same verse later in our pilgrimage.

Our group started at the west end of the 'church' with an introduction to this site 'where Alban was martyred and which has been a place of pilgrimage for 1700 years'. After calling at the font we progressed up the nave, stopping to view the wall paintings. These paintings, important to pilgrims of old were defaced in the reformation and covered with lime wash. They have been carefully uncovered in recent times but some of the images are difficult to see. I was unaware that one of the pictures is of St Christopher carrying the Christ-child. St Christopher is the patron saint of pilgrims as well as travellers were we told.

And so on to the screen between the Nave and Choir where we could get close enough to the illuminated rock-crystal cross to see the fine engraving. Next was the choir stalls with their named seats and memories of the monks of the abbey joining in worship every day. We progressed to the high altar, the Lady Chapel and finally the Shrine of St Alban. At each station of our pilgrimage there was a prayer; sometimes we joined in, other times it was said for us.

The evening was rounded off with both groups joining together for the office of Compline after which could be heard comments about the beauty and peace we had experienced during the evening.

David Williams



Mothers Union

Friday, 4th March was 'Women's World Day of Prayer', the service this year being held at St. Oswald's Church. It was prepared by women of Chile, with the theme 'How many loaves have you?'

After a brief welcome by the vicar of St. Oswald's the service began, led by Mrs. Margaret Roberts. The service started with a procession of ladies bearing the various elements required to make bread, the last person carrying a basket of bread which plays an important part in the lives of people in Chile. We were then welcomed by the three ladies representing the three main regions, using the local language of each region, the congregation replying in the same language.



The address was given by the Revd. Anne Lovegrove. She talked about the way people do not always use the gifts they are given. People think they have no talents but scripture shows that God has given everyone gifts and for a purpose. For example, Florence Nightingale realised there was a need for proper nursing after visiting soldiers on the Crimean battlefield. She realised that this was what she was being called to do. Revd. Lovegrove continued with the theme using the parable of the loaves and fishes. Jesus knew that the disciples would have to learn to use these gifts without relying on him, after he was no longer there. So, instead of producing a miracle meal, or sending them to buy food for the crowds who had stayed late to listen to his preaching, he sent them among the crowd to find a solution. When they returned with what they had found, he produced enough food for all. If people think they have no gifts, they should pray and seek guidance, confidence and reassurance through Christ.

If some of the hymns were little known, they were inspiring and the tunes known. The hymns, readings and prayers all carried through the theme of the service very effectively. There must be faith and sharing in the use of our gifts.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this thought-provoking service, and also to the ladies who provided tea and biscuits afterwards.

Notices:

Next meeting: 1st April, when the speaker will be Mrs. Nesta Williams – 'The followers of Mary Sumner'.

Note that the corporate Communion will now be 9.30, not 10.30am.

Any donations of biscuits will be very welcome.

Jean Spencer

Giving in Grace – the Whole Picture

Our *Giving in Grace* programme is well underway, you will hopefully all have had a letter from me along with a leaflet to explain what *Giving in Grace* is all about and the particular challenges that are facing our church. You may have even seen the article in the Watford Observer, which highlighted the financial challenges that we are grappling with – but which missed out the broader remit of the *Giving in Grace* programme which is to enable us to meet with everyone in our congregation and most people on the Electoral Roll to ascertain what people value about our church, what they think we could do better and what we need to do, to ensure the church grows and remains active in the local community in the future.



Many of you are attending the Lent courses, which focus on Jesus' teaching about the gifts God has given to us and how we should respond to God's generosity. In May there will be a series of sermons where we will look at passages from Exodus and see how God cared and provided for the Israelites as they journeyed away from Egypt to the Promised Land. We will look at how God continues to care and provide for us as we journey together as a community of faith in building up the church for the future.

Miriam

Easter Music

This year I have introduced a new service called “Lift High the Cross” for the evening of Palm Sunday (17th April). This is a service of words and music reflecting on the journey through Holy Week, from Our Lord’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through to his Crucifixion on Good Friday. The service includes plenty of well known hymns for the congregation and I do hope that you will be able to attend.

On Good Friday the service consists of two significant pieces by the 16th century Spanish composer *Tomás Luis de Victoria*. During the veneration of the cross we sing the *Improperia* or *Reproaches*, a series of antiphons expressing the remonstrance of Jesus Christ with his people. Dating from 846-61, these came into use throughout Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries, and were finally incorporated into the Good Friday liturgy in the 14th century.

The tradition of singing the Passion Gospel also dates from this period, originally sung to plainsong with the parts split among the three sacred ministers; the Deacon as the Narrator, the Celebrant as Christ, and the Sub-Deacon filling in the parts of Pontius Pilate and the crowd. Victoria then set the part of the crowd to music for the choir, and this is the version that we will sing on Good Friday.

Victoria was born in Sanchidrin around 1548 and died in 1611. He was a choirboy in Ávila Cathedral, and after receiving a grant from Phillip II in 1565, went to Rome and became cantor at the Collegium Germanicum founded by S. Ignatius Loyola. After being ordained in 1574, Victoria returned to Spain, as chaplain to the Dowager Empress María, daughter of Charles V. His music has seen a significant resurgence in recent years.

For the music on Easter Day, we will move forward 300 years to the late Romantic period, beginning with the popular carol “*This Joyful Eastertide*” set to music by *Charles Wood* (1866-1926), and the anthem “*Sing ye to the Lord*” by *Sir. Edward Bairstow* (1874-1946) who was Organist at York Minster. The service will conclude with the *Grand chœur dialogué* by the French organist *Eugène Gigout* (1844-1925); this piece was originally written for a Church with two organs, and makes much use of the echo effect between the loud and soft instruments. *Benjamin Weitzmann*

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April Diary

1 Fri 2.15pm MU – Gladys Aylward and Successors of
Mary Sumner – Mrs. Nesta Williams

3 Sun Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
6pm Songs of Praise



4 Mon 7.30pm Cell Church at 45, Windmill Drive
 8pm Cell Church at 107, New Road

6 Wed 11am Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court
 2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room
 8pm Cell Church at 4, Old Barn Lane

7 Thur 9.30am MU Corporate Communion
 8pm PCC Meeting



9 Sat 9.30am Children's Workshop



10 Sun Passion Sunday
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
**12 noon Communion followed by lunch in the
 Committee Room**
6pm Evensong (CW)

11 Mon 7.30pm Cell Church at 45, Windmill Drive

13 Wed 2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room

14 Thur 9.30am Holy Communion
 2.30pm Seniors' Tea



16 Sat	9.30am	Church Spring Clean	
17 Sun	Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins		
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9.45am	Holy Communion with palm procession	
	11.30am	Family Service	
	6pm	‘Lift High the Cross’ – hymns, anthems and readings for Passiontide	
18 Mon	8pm	Cell Church at 107, New Road	
20 Wed	2pm	Cell Church in the Committee Room	
21 Thur	NO 9.30am	Holy Communion	
	8pm	Sung Holy Communion followed, for those who wish, by the Watch of the Passion of Christ until 10.30pm	
22 Fri	Good Friday		
	9.30am	Churches Together Walk of Witness	
	12 noon	Meditations until 1.30pm	
	1.45pm	Liturgy of the Day	
23 Sat	Easter Eve		
	9.30am	Decoration of the Church for Easter	
	8pm	Easter Vigil (not a Communion Service)	
24 Sun	Easter Day		
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	9.45am	Parish Communion	
	6pm	Taizé service	
25 Mon	8am	Short service (not Communion) followed by Pilgrimage to St. Albans Abbey	
26 Tues	12 noon	‘Who’s for Lunch?’ at The Red House	

27 Wed 2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room

29 Fri Bank Holiday for the Royal Wedding

Dates of your Diary in May:

2 Mon Bank Holiday

7 Sat 9.30am Gardening Day

15 Sun Start of Christian Aid Week

30 Mon Bank Holiday

31 Tues 12 noon ‘Who’s For Lunch?’ at the Red House



Announcements

SENIORS’ EASTER TEA: The next afternoon tea for the Seniors of Croxley Green will be on Thursday 14th April at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. You are invited to come and join us and to bring a neighbour or friend with you. It is open to all and we look forward to seeing you.

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING: This will be on Saturday 16th April at 9.30am. All welcome and please bring your own cleaning equipment.



LITTLE SAINTS: This is the new name for the young children’s group which will be meeting twice a month (1st and 4th Sundays) in the Committee Room during the 9.45am service, starting in May.

CHILDRENS WORKSHOP; The next workshop is on Saturday 9th April from 9.30am to 12 noon, for children aged 4-9 years. The theme is Easter. Please tell anyone who may be interested. To book call the Parish Office, 01923 772109.



CROXLEY GREEN STROKE CLUB: We meet every Wednesday morning between 9.45 and 11.30a.m. In the small hall at the Baptist Church on Sherborne Way. We welcome anyone who has had a stroke or has a similar heart condition and who does not require nursing type care during club activities. We are also in need of more volunteers to help us in the running of weekly activities – even if this help is only once a month. Please contact Marjory Hutchison 01923 237620 or Gill Thomson 01923 226850 for more details.

Do you Remember the Half Crown?

The founder members of the Half Crown Club could answer ‘Yes’, hence the name of this social group – brought together by Mike and Lynda Lee about twelve years ago. Activities are varied and over the past two years they have included walks in the Chilterns and London, dinners, barbeques, a concert in St Albans Abbey in which Chris Fagan was singing, the Rickmansworth Players’ performances of *Jekyll and Hyde – the Musical* and the contrasting *Wind in the Willows*, a canal trip, a visit to Bletchley Park and trips to Brighton.

While there is a core of people who take turns to organise these, the monthly events are open to all members of the congregation. They are usually advertised in the magazine, but sometimes they need to be booked before the magazine comes out, so if you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Roger Cattermoul. (tel:441269)

Members also form the backbone of the groups who tackle the church garden twice each year as well as cleaning the church before Easter and the hall before the Harvest Singers’ performance.

The next two events will be:

Saturday 2nd April – Ramble and pub lunch (contact Anne Oke 220782 or Diane Galloway 770392)

Saturday 14th May – Pub games in the church hall, with fish and chip supper (Nik and Fran Bennett 773623)

Scams – Watch Out!

What are Scams? Scams are schemes to con us out of our money. They usually come by post, phone or e-mail and every year three million people fall victim in the UK.

Help is at Hand: The Office of Fair Trading has recently issued a booklet to help us avoid being conned. It is called “**Scambusters – your guide to beating the scammers**” and I have a few copies if you would like to see one.

Top tips from the booklet:-

1. Beware of extravagant promises: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don't be afraid to bin it, delete it or hang up.

2. Take your time: Scammers don't give you time to think. Resist any pressure to make a decision right away. Consult a friend or family member for advice, or even an accountant or solicitor if big sums of money are involved.

3. Know who you are dealing with: Be suspicious if you're contacted out of the blue by someone you have never heard of. Don't be fooled by official looking websites and marketing materials.

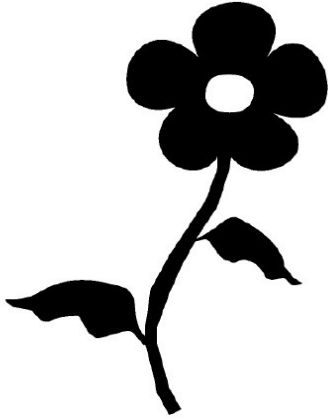
4. Protect your financial information: Never give your bank account details or passwords to someone you don't know. Trustworthy firms will never contact you to ask for this information.

The booklet is full of information and salutary stories of common scams: Advance fees, career opportunities, cheque overpayment, pay-in-advance credit, property rentals, ticketing for events, clairvoyants and psychics, investment opportunities, lotteries, miracle cures, online dating, phishing, prize draws and sweepstakes, pyramid selling and work from home schemes.

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David Williams

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Retreat in Daily Life 5th – 12th June, for Rickmansworth Deanery Churches

How satisfied are you with your ‘prayer-life’? Or does it feel like there’s a gulf between your everyday life and your ‘spiritual life’ – with your daily routine feeling much more ‘real’ than, and largely separate from, time spent in church activities or prayer?

Perhaps you’d love to go away on retreat, but neither time nor circumstances allow. Or maybe you feel ‘It’s all very well for monks/nuns who spend all day in prayer, but I’ve got a school-run to make/train to catch/work to do...’?

If any of this sounds familiar, then here’s a week designed with you in mind... ..as the ‘Retreat in Daily Life’ gives opportunity to spend time with God, exploring what prayer is about, and how it might connect with everything else you are juggling - while still carrying on your everyday life.

The week will involve a few adjustments to your daily routine. There’ll be an initial gathering of all involved in the week, at **4pm on Sunday 5th June at St Mary’s, Rickmansworth**, both to pray together and welcome God into the coming week, and to explain and answer questions on the practicalities; and we’ll gather again, a week later, at **4pm on Pentecost Sunday 12th June May at at St Mary’s, Rickmansworth**, for a service to acknowledge and celebrate all that God has been doing during the week.

Each day in between, from **Monday 6th June to Saturday 11th June**, we’ll ask you

- to meet for half an hour with an experienced prayer-guide at a local venue (at a fixed time each day, whether morning, afternoon, or evening – whatever suits you best) to reflect on your (honest!) experience of prayer, and how it’s related to your faith and life;
- to spend another half hour each day on your own, in personal prayer and reflection (for which your prayer-guide can provide suggestions to help structure).

So yes – it’s an hour to find each day for six days – but that’s why we’re letting you know now, so that if this is something you’d like to do, you can mark the week in your diary as one where you’ll be continuing your normal daily routine – but where possible keeping your diary clear of any ‘extras’.



And why give it a go? Well – it’s a great way to connect, or re-connect, your prayer-life to all that is going on in your daily life. Encouraging you to see where God is at work and to listen to God’s voice – in both the ordinary and the extraordinary that you encounter along the way.

Those who’ve engaged with this sort of retreat in daily life testify to the possibilities that open up: of encountering Christ’s presence in your life – whether for the first time, or in new ways; of growing to know yourself better, both in what helps you to pray, and also in opening areas of your life that have somehow felt closed off to God before.

So, what sort of people might benefit from the Week? Do you have to have a high level of spirituality and Bible knowledge? Be assured – the answer is ‘no’!

The only thing you need to ‘qualify’, is an hour each day which you can set aside to meet with God - half an hour privately, and half an hour in the company of your prayer guide.

Come with open hands, willing to meet with God; come with full hands, weary from all the burdens you carry. Come in joy or gloom; come full of faith or with no faith left at all. In short, come exactly as you are!

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, then pick up an information leaflet (which includes details of cost) from the back of the church and complete an application form. **And if you have any queries about the Retreat in Daily Life, please do contact me.**

Miriam

What's in a Face?

'You never get a second chance to make a first impression' is what our father used to tell me and my brothers as he discussed our future prospects with us in his large rectory in rural Ireland. I never really took a lot of notice as he was a firm believer in a lot of personality traits such as the importance of a firm handshake and the adage 'people value you on the opinion you have of yourself'.

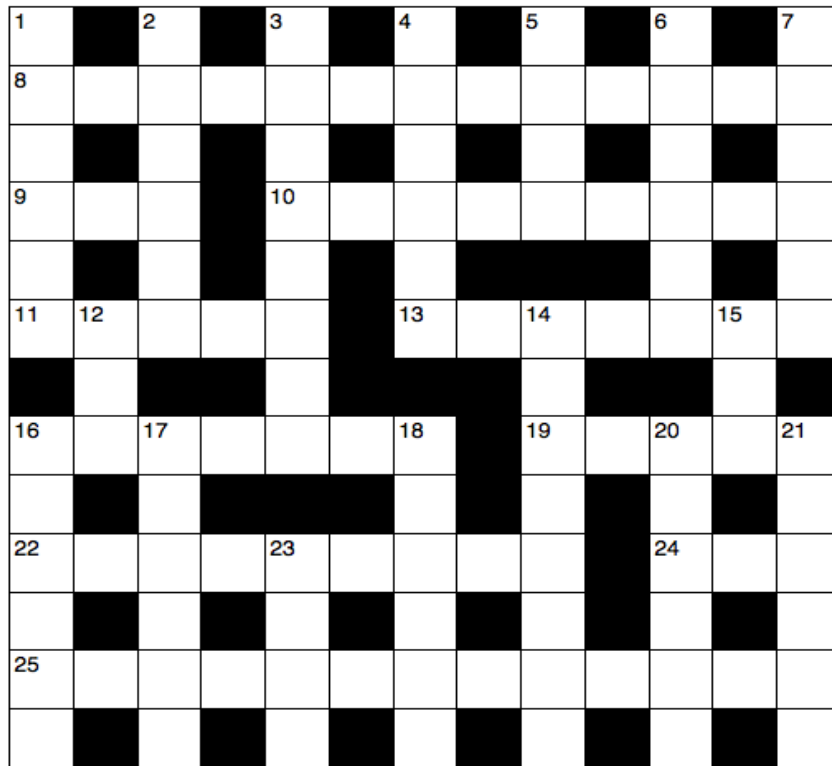
As I begin to approach the glorious autumnal sunset of my life, I have belatedly come to the conclusion that he was absolutely right. The fact is that one's personality is written all over one's face. Self esteem, shyness and even piousness can be recognised within a minute of meeting someone. It does not take long to work out a person's agreeableness, emotional stability, openness, likeability or loneliness.

I think that this becomes easier with age – it certainly has with me. When I was young, I was much more concerned with bringing up the family and getting on with my peer group and career. Now that the need to impress others has gone and other powerful emotions have dwindled, I can understand the way other people feel much more clearly, and as a Christian this is a great help. Certainly it makes one think about our human way of life and the way we each seek to make sense of it. This is where faith comes in. Church going for me is an emotional and spiritual release from a life I can't really understand into a mystery solved by faith in a life after death which validates our presence here on earth. Above all, it makes one understand the quiet desperation that underpins the lives of our affluent society today in its never ending scramble up the pillar of transient consumerism. Enjoying a good church family as we do at All Saints' gives comfort and meaning to life. In fact, having a strong belief system of any kind enhances one's appreciation of the extraordinary world we live in. It also helps us appreciate the privileged lifestyle we actually have and the help we should give as much as we can to others less fortunate than ourselves.

Personalities may be very different in a church congregation or anywhere on life's highway, but eventually we all become exactly the same as we touch the face of God.

David Wynne-Jones

Crossword



Across:

- 8. Lawbreakers (13)
- 9. Not at home (3)
- 10. Following Galatians (9)
- 11. Pulsate (5)
- 13. Muslim holy month (7)
- 16. Least distant (7)
- 19. Welsh town (5)
- 22. Without offspring (9)
- 24. Busy insect (3)
- 25. Debar from church membership (13)

Parish Pump (amended)

Answers on page 24

Down:

- 1. Extreme (6)
- 2. Major Christian festival (6)
- 3. Gather together (8)
- 4. Soldier at Agincourt (6)
- 5. Oxford river (4)
- 6. In easy reach (2,4)
- 7. Like an offspring (2,1,3)
- 12. Garden implement (3)
- 14. Of monks and nuns (8)
- 15. Suitable (3)
- 16. Central parts of atoms (6)
- 17. One portion eg. of cake (1,5)
- 18. Busy (4,2)
- 20. Where the Ark came to rest (6)
- 21. Extreme ill feeling (6)
- 23. Type of Cathedral roof (4)

Smile Lines



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