

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, a time to use the prayer with the 4 sets of mysteries focus on the Lord's Life. The Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. Using the reflective subjects of Christ's annunciation, birth, finding, baptism, preaching, 1st miracle, transfiguration, last supper, agony, passion and death, resurrection, ascension, arrival of the Holy Spirit and the assumption and coronation of Mary the Mother of God. These subjects allow us to mediate and pray especially for peace, the sick, the dying, our neighbours, the stopping of the proposal to introduce an Assisted Dying Bill in the House of Lords. (The Bishops have invited us to write to our MP opposing this proposal, further details can be obtained on the CCBEW web site).

We can also pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received, we do not say thank you to God enough. There will be opportunities to recite the rosary in common before or after certain Masses.

Watchet

The Pastoral Council met and confirmed the proposal set out in the August magazine. There will no longer be a Saturday Vigil for Sunday Mass at Watchet. To maintain a worshipping presence in Watchet there will be from Friday 8th October an evening Mass at 6.15pm in the Methodist Church. There will be no morning Mass at Minehead on Fridays. The Mass for the day will be said at Watchet. This arrangement will go on till Easter 2022 when the Pastoral Council will review the arrangement and consider the support it is receiving.

Volunteers

At the time of writing I have received 30 replies from Minehead and about 5 at Dulverton. A letter will be going out to all parishioners within the week and I hope we can see a surge in responses. We do need about 120 people to contribute to and keep the two parishes functioning. Thank you for your response so far.

(continued overleaf)

Dedication of the Minehead Church, Sunday 10th October.

On Sunday, 10th October at the 11:15am Mass Bishop Declan will be dedicating the Minehead Church just after its 125th anniversary of opening on 15th September 1896 (Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows). I set out below details of what a Dedication is about. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all the blessings the Parish of the Sacred Heart has received and to welcome Bishop Declan on this special occasion.

God Bless you all.

Michael J Thomas (Parish Priest)

[Feast of St. Vincent de Paul]



This Autumn marks the 125th Anniversary of the opening of the Sacred Heart Church. The Anniversary will be celebrated on 10th October with the Consecration of the Church.

Dedication of a Church

The Dictionary of Liturgy tells us that “the church building is the image of Church, built from living stones; it is a place where the Eucharist is kept, a place where Christians assemble to hear the Word of God, to pray and praise the Lord and celebrate the holy Mysteries.”

In the church is the altar, at which the “people of God partake of the Lord’s Sacrifice to be refreshed by a Holy Sacrament.” The altar stands as a sign of Christ Himself, the priest, victim and altar of His own sacrifice.

The Dedication of a Church and an Altar is a most solemn liturgical action. When the church was built 125 years ago a Foundation Stone (Cornerstone) was laid by the then Bishop W R Brownlow, sadly the stone was lost in the extension building in 1983. We dedicate a church because it is destined to be a permanent place of assembly and worship for a community of the faithful. The Church has to have a titular (title), in our case The Sacred Heart,

Because the Church in Minehead has celebrated the Eucharist and Sacraments for a long time (125 years), the Liturgy is simplified. There is a simple entry procession, we hear the Word of God, a homily from the Bishop, profess our faith in the Creed and proclaim the Litany of the Saints. We then have prayers of dedication and anointing. The Altar is anointed as are the walls of the church in the 12 places where crosses are placed on the walls. Then the candles are lit including the candles in front of the 12 crosses. We then proceed with the Eucharist.

There is important symbolism in the various parts of the ceremony. Anointing the altar symbolises Christ the anointed one, the high priest who sacrificed His life for all. Anointing the church denoted that it is dedicated entirely and perpetually to Christian worship. Incense burnt on the altar connotes that the sacrifice of Christ, an odour of sweetness ascending to God, similar to the prayers of the people rising to the throne of God.

Very briefly I hope, I have communicated the importance of our celebration on 10th October. I have used the Dictionary of the Liturgy (Catholic Book Publishing Co.), for most of the information and I hope on the Sunday to have a simple booklet available for the service. Let us joyfully look forward to our celebration and dedication of our prayer to God in this corner of the local Church of Clifton.

Michael J Thomas



CAFOD Update

The CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday, 1 October this year, and although you will be reading this magazine after that date, there will be time still to make a donation because we will collect donations until the end of October.

This year, the emphasis is on the climate crisis. Pope Francis says that we are a single family living in a common home. This is a crisis that is damaging our world, our common home, God's creation.

The Coronavirus pandemic is pushing millions of people around the world into poverty and deepened inequality. The poorest

and most vulnerable people in the world are also the ones who are being hit hardest by climate change. Harvests are failing, cities are flooding and entire communities are finding it harder and harder to survive in the place they call home; however, all around the world, ordinary people are giving their all to protect our planet, our common home, God's creation.

One of these people is Ivanilde who is featured on the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day poster in the porch of Sacred Heart, Minehead and in Dulverton. Ivanilde is a mother, grandmother and farmer, and for the last 19 years, she has been on the frontline of the struggle to protect our common home.

She lives in a small patch of rainforest in one of the most heavily deforested regions of the Brazilian Amazon. Pope Francis has said that the health of our planet depends on the health of the Amazon, and he is not a lone voice! Every year, thousands of acres are deliberately burned so that the land can be cleared for cattle ranching, or simply to be turned over to make a quick profit.

More than once, Ivanilde's home has been ravaged by fires started on land owned by wealthy cattle ranchers. She has felt the heat on her face and the sting of smoke in her eyes as the flames destroyed her trees and crops; trees that she had planted herself and spent a long time caring for - the trees whose fruit her family relies on to survive. She has faced obstacles that could shake the spirits of the very bravest, but she has never given up!

With the help of local experts from our church network, she has

replanted and restored her land. Thanks to donations like yours, expert human rights lawyers were able to stand with Ivanilde and her community through years of legal battles to help them win their right to stay on their land and to protect the fragile piece of the Amazon that is their home.

Ivanilde is not alone. All over the world, people are doing their bit to fight the worst effects of climate change. In Ethiopia, water experts are helping to build solar-powered pumps to help communities struggling with drought. In Bangladesh, local climate experts are helping people to protect their homes and livelihoods from ever more devastating cyclones.

By giving to this appeal, you will be helping the people who have done the least to cause the climate crisis, but who are being hit the hardest by its devastating effects; you will be supporting people like Ivanilde who are dedicating their lives to protecting our common home.

There are envelopes available for your donations, or you can make a donation online at

www.cafod.org.uk

You can also join us in asking the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis by signing our petition on the CAFOD website or by signing one of the cards, available in the porch.

We pray for all those striving to protect our earth, our common home: that God may strengthen them in their work and inspire

us all to be guardians of the precious gift of creation. As Pope Francis said in *Laudato Si*, “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” Thank you for your continued support.

Nora Maw

NOTES FROM THE ORGAN LOFT



Music plays an important part of the Sunday liturgy, for it is well known that when we sing, the words become part of us. We remember them and they stay with us. They have the power to shape our lives. Music adds solemnity to the liturgy, conveying what words cannot express, drawing people together and enabling people to participate more fully.

The role of the choir is to support the congregation in sung prayer. The best parish choir is one where everyone is a member. It would be appreciated if more of you joined us. We are therefore inviting you to sing with us in the loft any Sunday in September to experience the comradeship and rapport between members of the choir and its ‘Master’ (I hope I am not that threatening!).

Future practice dates are as follows :

Tuesday, 5th October for 10th October Consecration of the church
by Bishop Declan

Tuesday 9th November for 14th November Remembrance Sunday

Tuesday 7th December for 12th December

Meet at 5.00 pm

Ann Hankin

100+ club winners

September 2021 draw

1st prize Erl Plomgren; 2nd Pat & Colin Hancock; 3rd Chris Carter

**West Somerset Food Cupboard Newsletter
September 2021**

Thank you for your continued support of and interest in what the Food Cupboard does to reduce food insecurity in the area. We recognise that we couldn't do it without you.

And thank you for listening when we request specific items - it really helps. If you'd like to know how/where to donate please contact me (details below) and I'll let you know where your closest collection point is. As a result of your generosity our food stock levels are fairly good at the moment. If you are in a position to help us keep them that way here's what we do and don't need at the moment:

We don't currently need:

cereal
tea or coffee
rice or pasta
tins of soup or tomatoes
tins of fish or hot meat meals

We would welcome:

tins of peas, carrots, sweetcorn or potatoes
tins of hot dogs and meatballs
tins of macaroni or spaghetti hoops
tinned custard or rice pudding
treats

As well as the kindness of individuals from within the community, we are very grateful to staff teams at local stores. Tesco, in partnership with Fareshare UK, provide a very helpful Product Collection Point which, in August, brought in an impressive 715kg of ambient food. Morrisons too have pledged their support, and the staff and customers of Porlock Spar continue their generous giving.

We have also received helpful and practical support from the Co-op in Alcombe and, with their help, we are trialling a fresh fruit and vegetable scheme which will add nutritional value to the food that we distribute. We now have £3 gift cards available to our partner agencies to give to their service users along with the ambient food boxes. The gift cards can be exchanged in Alcombe Co-op for fresh fruit and vegetables only. If this scheme proves successful, we will work on expanding it. Let us know what you think.

We also want to thank the local Cats Protection team who help us ensure that the furry friends of those people needing a little support with food provision don't go hungry either.

August has actually been a quieter month in terms of food boxes going out, perhaps because of some agency staff being on leave; 60 have been distributed throughout the month bringing the total so far in 2021 to 710. Two thirds of this month's boxes were distributed by the West Somerset Advice team. The rest by our partners in Community Mental Health Services, Adult Social Care, Village Agents, Home-Start, Job Centre Plus, The Hub and Positive People. All of these great teams use their specialisms to help food box recipients take steps towards improved food security.

Our volunteer team has now grown to 12 fabulous people, each generously giving their time to Food Cupboard activities. We are now in the enviable position of holding a waiting list for volunteering opportunities as there simply isn't room for more of us to carry out the tasks involved each week. We are so grateful for the kind offers of help.

We are looking forward to new projects and partnerships this term and are pleased to be able to support food related projects that other groups are getting underway, including family activities at St. Andrew's.

Our food boxes are not just for young families. A recently widowed older lady was very grateful and relieved to receive a food box this month. Right up until his unexpected death her husband had managed their finances online. Their funds were locked into accounts which she didn't know how to access, having never needed to. While a local agency representative was sensitively helping her sort out access, they noticed that she had very little food in the house and quickly and quietly saw to it that one of our food boxes and a fresh fruit and veg voucher were provided, to tide her over. Thank you for helping us be there for her at such a difficult time.

If you'd like to know more, or have any comments or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

Ali Sanderson

West Somerset Food Cupboard Temporary Co-ordinator and Project Development Worker. Email: foodcupboardws@outlook.com
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THOUGHTS FROM A BLUE ANCHOR DESK

For October 2021

Welcome to this October 2021 set of thoughts from this desk in front of my study window, as summer is drifting away and the dark mornings and dew covered grass are becoming the norm already.

2021 has been a strange and possibly confusing for so many with seasons seemingly merging and the restrictions/non-restrictions of Covid-19 policies varying from place to place even within our own U.K.

Now I know that this little fact from British natural scientists might seem trivial, but to me very significant, and that is that of recent years, dragon flies have been found further and further North. So? You might say? Well, this is a temperature sensitive insect from a breeding point of view and therefore they are an indicator of global temperature rises affecting

nature in every aspect, and that effects all of us.

So, on that rather serious thought - back to here. Scenes reminiscent of WATERSHIP DOWN greet us every morning when we draw up the blinds. "Breeding like rabbits" is indeed a very apt expression! The Canada Geese came and went again in early September, but worryingly in lesser numbers. Perhaps they didn't all have the necessary accination/tests documents to fly in with?

One lucky local resident is the buzzard from the nearby copse. With the field behind us now neatly harvested and the straw brought in, the stubble yields no hiding place for the small mammals and the buzzard not only stands surveying the menu from trees but also from next door's clothes pole!

The final few bees, both wild and from the field hives are feeding frantically on the Lavender hedge and bushes in the garden. This Autumn feed should, we hope, provide enough sweet energy to see the hive inhabitants through the winter. Our greenhouse went mad this year after its feed with Blue Anchor Bay seaweed, with my Chardonnay Grape harvest providing almost 2 kilos of sweet plump black grapes. After eating quite a few, I decided to press the rest through a large sieve, then a tea strainer, and was treated to 500mls of delightful pure juice. That's something else that the new inhabitant of World's End will have to look forward to next year .

Just to spend some quality time together and a little family time, we sailed across to France for a week away, staying in a tiny, rural hamlet in Normandy. Apart from chasing about getting the then mandatory Covid-19 tests, it was great to visit, in particular, a picnic site on a hill across the Estuary from Mont St. Michel. A gorgeous boulangerie provided our picnic, and we sat in the sunshine, watching 3 nervously excited groups of about 15 walkers in flip-flops with guides, setting off down onto the mud below to walk the 4 or 5 miles across to Mont St Michel. As we continued our family picnic the groups gradually, and really slowly

picked their guided ways, now shoe-less, around the slowly appearing dry(ish) areas of safe mud. Oh, MY! we were so glad to be sat at our comfy, dry, un-muddy picnic table.

As many of you might have heard me jest in the Hall after Sunday Mass, when asked through the hatch: “Tea or Coffee for you Dcn David?” to which I reply “ uhhhm, a pint of best bitter please??”, you might gather that I do enjoy the odd pint of real ale. Well, yes, I still do, now and again, but each time we visit our Son's French chillout zone I savour a glass of local Cidre Normande Artisan (Doux). Strangely, with each visit it seems to taste nicer each time. Luckily, the local Le Clerc supermarket keeps their shelves well stocked. Well, you can't just go the 4 miles each day and only buy two baguettes. We got quite discerning learning which supermarket and which boulangerie sold the nicest, crusty baguettes, and how they had to be consumed on the day of baking.

One day trip took Chris and I back to the small city of Fougères and its well preserved medieval Castle/Chateau where all the Crouchers spent Chris's Birthday 3 years ago. Amid happy memories, and familiar ground, we had lunch in the shadow of one of the lovely round turrets, a picture of which stands in our hall with the grandchildren. Ascending on foot, about 1000 ft through the cliff side gardens, we reached the superb Church of St Leonard, The Parish of The Visitation of Our Lady in Fougères. As the sunlight poured through the stained glass windows, we paused by the small sanctuary of St John Vianney and moved up to the Sanctuary of The High Altar and simply sat quietly in front of the ornate Tabernacle. Such a moment of real peace and tranquillity.

In order to even board the homeward Ferry at St. Malo we had to have documentary evidence of formal full laboratory Covid-19 tests each, (££££ !!) and then crazily have the same all over again once back in the UK!? Hey ho, belts and bracers eh? Interestingly, only back here did I realise that we spent more on Covid-19 tests than we did on petrol for the whole week.

By the time many of you get to read this month's edition, our 125th Parish Anniversary will be marked by Bishop Declan consecrating the actual Church building of Sacred Heart, with the formal installation of the Candle Sconces mounted on the walls.

What about the level crossing on Seaward Way? You must be asking. Well, "our own" technicians from the West Somerset Railway have installed the majority of the electronics and we are now waiting for Network Rail to install the actual crossing together with Somerset Highways. Having said that, personally I have enjoyed being a "conductor" on the heritage open platform bus to and from Dunster Station, though the words "I 'ate you Butler" jokingly aimed at me did wear a bit thin after many trips! 1969-1973 – and yet SO many people still remember Reg Varney and Stephen Lewis as Inspector Blake.

Hope you managed to see the fabulous "Harvest Moon" back on September 20th? That full orange Moon rise and the Equinox of September 22nd, mark the end, seasonwise, of Summer. As I started, so I'll finish, with the question, "what happened to 2021?" Soon we will celebrate the Feast of Christ The King and enter our Advent season. Already the shops are starting to put out the start of Christmas stocks and Strictly Come Dancing is back on the TV and as one presenter pointed out "Strictly" is the gateway to Christmas .

Last month, it was noticed that I'd had a serious time and there were no jokes? Same again this time

My wife just asked me IF I'd seen the dog bowl? I said to be honest I didn't even know he played cricket

As I was driving towards Porlock past the cemetery, I saw a man and I called out "Morning", and he replied, "No, just walking the dog"

Locally, a scarecrow won an award because he was outstanding in his field.

“Do all fairy tales begin with “once upon a time?” No, many of them begin with “if I am elected, I promise.....”

The row over how long to leave the teabag in the cup had been brewing for ages

Where DO I get them from you might ask? Well, I confess, Dcn Vincent and I swap puns 3 or 4 times a week!

As the nights continue to draw in and morning daylight gets later, stay safe, stay warm and let your own personal light of faith continue to shine for others to see. Remember a light hidden under a pot doesn't shine out.

With every Blessing

Rev Dcn David Croucher

News from the Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 9QE

In October the free-living pony herds are gathered in, we hope many people will show an interest in purchasing youngstock from these moorland herds. Exmoor ponies make wonderful domestic companions, ridden and driving ponies. We are here to support anyone thinking of taking on the fun challenge of a moor bred foal, please get in touch with us if you are interested.

The end of Autumn also marks the start to our closed season here at the Exmoor Pony Centre. But don't worry we do not shut the doors and hide away for the winter! You will see us at lots of events, holding our own Handling and Training Courses on site at the Centre and welcoming visitors by appointment. Our resident ponies receive a well-earned

winter break, and we are always looking to hear from local landowners who may have a few acres spare who may fancy giving these chilled ponies some down time over the winter, all they require is checking daily and access to water, food and shelter. Please get in touch if you have some rough ground looking for some winter lawnmowers.

This time of year, we are keen to continue engaging with our supporters through social media, Facebook and Instagram. However, we are also thrilled when we get to come out to events such as Christmas Fayres to chat to people and sell our range of lovely pony themed gifts. Our 2022 Calendar is hot off press and available from our Centre, you can purchase one at £7.50 by phone, online or at our shop, all proceeds go towards caring for our ponies. We have lots of other goodies in our shops so please check us out for all your pressie buying this year.

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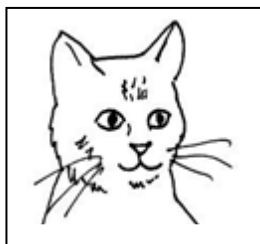
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West Somerset Pets: Letter from Ginge

Dear Finn and Everyone,

It was good hearing about what you have been up to during the summer holidays Finn.

I admire the way you can run so fast and elegantly – I always avoid running if I can. I have been told lately that I waddle about like a hen, which is rather insulting – our neighbour thought I was a chicken a few days ago (a Rhode Island Red I suppose as they are the same beautiful colour as me). He caught sight of me briefly as I went by, and said he'd seen a chicken! And he said he 'had his contact lenses in' at the time, although I don't know what contact lenses are but he thought they meant he could see properly.

Another affront which I have suffered was this – one evening there was a hedgehog in the garden. The family were all delighted by this, so they gave it some of my biscuits! And it ate them! MY biscuits! Even though there is a label on my food cupboard which clearly states 'For His Purriness'. Hedgehogs don't purr, I'm sure of that. That food should be for my exclusive use. I was pretty annoyed, I can tell you, but at least it hasn't happened again. The humans go out every evening to see if the hedgehog has come back but they haven't seen it again. (Or, if they have seen the hedgehog again they haven't told me about it.) I have been keeping a guarding eye on my biscuit supplies though. You can't be too cautious.

I regret to report that my radiators have not yet started to warm up. I patrol the whole house every morning, checking in each room, but so far my investigations have revealed all the radiators to be stone cold, despite the fact that the year is now far advanced and winter will be here soon. My humans keep saying what lovely weather we are having, how balmy the sunshine is, isn't it marvellous that the washing gets dry so quickly on the line, and

congratulating themselves for not needing to wear their winter coats yet. That's all very well, but what about my wishes? It's high time I was able to lie down and luxuriate in the heat provided by a good strong radiator turned up to 'maximum'.

One good thing that happened was, the humans thought I was ill for a few days. I wasn't; I was just taking it easy and didn't bother walking about much. Then I hid for a day because they are all a bit noisy and I wanted some peace and quiet. Well in that day they were worried sick about me, so when I returned to the house they all rejoiced most mightily, and made a terrific fuss of me! It was marvellous! None of my biscuits were in danger of being given to any hedgehogs that day. I must feign illness again soon. But I need to be careful, because if I do it too convincingly they might make me go to the VET which I do not want to do.

I hope you all stay well!
All the best,
Ginge

Dulverton Films



Dulverton Town Hall

Friday October 8th

SUPERNOVA (Cert 15)

Director: Harry Macqueen

93 mins

Sam and Tusker, partners of 20 years, are traveling across England in their old RV visiting friends, family and places from their past. Since Tusker was diagnosed with early-onset dementia two years ago, their time together is the most important thing they have. Stars Colin Firth, Stanley Tucci, Pippa Haywood

Friday October 22nd

THE FATHER (Cert 12A)

Director: Florian Zeller

97 mins

Anthony (Academy Award Winner, Anthony Hopkins) is 80, mischievous, living defiantly alone and rejecting the carers that his daughter, Anne (Academy Award and Golden Globe Winner, Olivia Colman), encouragingly introduces. Yet help is also becoming a necessity for Anne; she can't make daily visits anymore and Anthony's grip on reality is unraveling. As we experience the ebb and flow of his memory, how much of his own identity and past can Anthony cling to? How does Anne cope as she grieves the loss of her father, while he still lives and breathes before her? The film warmly embraces real life, through loving reflection upon the vibrant human condition; heart-breaking and uncompromisingly poignant, a film that nestles in the truth of our own lives.

Tickets limited to allow for social distancing. Dulverton Films members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. Book in advance at Dulverton Post Office (Tel: 01398 323474) or email janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk. Bar open from 7pm.

Exmoor Community Bus

Weekly Bus Service 678 Dulverton to Minehead starts again

This service leaves Dulverton at 09:15.

It travels around the local villages of Brushford, Exebridge, Bury, Skilgate, Upton, Brompton Regis, Heath Poult Cross, Timberscombe.

The bus leaves Minehead at 13:00, retracing the route and arrives in Dulverton at 14:30.

Free of charge for passengers with Concessionary Bus Pass.

Seats are limited. To be sure of your seat please book ahead by calling

07925 044262 by 5pm on the previous day.

Dulverton to Minehead 678

Dulverton – Brushford – Exebridge – Bury – Skilgate – Upton –
Brompton Regis – Heath Poult Cross – Timberscombe –
Dunster – Minehead

Pick Up/Set Down Points	Time	Time
Dulverton Fishersmead Community Centre....	09.15	14.30
Dulverton Jury Road Bus Stop.....	09.17	14.27
Dulverton High Street Pink Rooster.....	09.19	14.25
Hanover Court.....	09.21	14.19
Battleton (hail).....	09.24	14.15
Brushford Bus Stop.....	09.26	14.13
Exebridge (hail).....	09.29	14.11
Bury Gilclose.....	09.35	14.05
Skilgate (notice board).....	09.47	13.56
Brompton Regis.....	10.09	13.34
Brompton regis, Armour Lane.....	10.20	13.23
Timberscombe, Lion Inn.....	10.30	13.13
Minehead, The Avenue.....	10.45	13.00

If you wish to stop at the Hospital or Supermarket let the driver know.

SALE OF CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Minehead Methodist Church will be OPEN from 10am-4pm Monday 11th October until Friday 15th for the sale of Charity Christmas Cards.

Any charity which does not have a shop locally is welcome to take part. Save the Children, Guide Dogs, Lifeboat, Children's Hospice and Cats Protection all plan to be represented. If anyone else would like to take part please contact Jo Watts on 01643 704020.

ST STANISLAUS & SACRED HEART PARISHES



Please remember the following in your prayers, they are the sick and housebound of the two parishes and those we are asked to pray for:

Susan Gray, Simon, Terry-Anne (Freddie), Sue Appleton, Sue Young, Maggie Smith, Theresa O'Neill, Bernadette Smart, Walter Spence, Gill Standidge, Sophy Thursby,

Paula Bennett, Carol Taylor, Bridget Goodridge, Pete Bird.

Please remember all expectant mothers, armed forces personnel injured on duty, and members of the parishes who are housebound and/or ill and their families and carers.

Please also pray for the clergy of the Diocese especially those who may be sick. Remember Fr. Michael Derrick D'Mello, Fr. Louis Beasley-Suffolk.

Clifton Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 2022

Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022 (Monday 26 September to Tuesday 4 October 2022) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem.

If you are interested in next year's pilgrimage, or would like to book, then please contact the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 01179 025595.



CTiP are not meeting regularly in view of the Covid precautions for our participants.

Celebrate Service - Porlock Methodist church, Sunday 24th October 10.45 am alternating between St Dubricius and Porlock Methodist Church.

Open Door in St Dubricius church - every Friday 11 am, a drop-in for coffee and a chat. All are welcome to either.

Count Your Blessings

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

~ Anonymous ~



A Visit to the Holy Land

Three stories that show how our visit is much more than a

We were standing on the **Temple Mount in Jerusalem** on a clear sunny day and our Guide said to us, “Can you see those two hills in the distance? Well King Herod had the top of the one hill removed and added to the other hill to make his fortress Herodian.” Amazing, we thought. But then we remembered Jesus telling his disciples to have “faith that moved mountains”. In today’s language: “if Herod can do that, think what God can do!”

It is about an hour’s drive downhill from Jerusalem into the wilderness to **the baptism site of John the Baptist**. We arrive by tour bus but what a remarkable journey to make on foot! The River Jordan flows here from the Sea of Galilee into the Dead Sea. Opposite is Mount Nebo where Moses stood looking into the promised land. Joshua, his successor, led the Hebrew people through the Jordan to claim that promised land. Baptism takes on a deeper meaning when you see it as a journey from the wilderness into the promised land.

Lots of people follow **the Via Dolorosa**; the ancient route that Jesus trod carrying his cross to his death. It takes you through the heart of the Old City up and down cobbled streets and steps. There are places where you may stop and some people pray and even sing a hymn. But all this

takes place amongst the stalls selling fruit and vegetables, spices, clothes and tourist items. It probably offends you – maybe even makes you angry – until you remember the words, “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by!” Not so very different then.

BARRY PRIORY AND JOHN THOROGOOD ARE TAKING A PARTY TO THE HOLY LAND ON 3RD – 13TH MAY 2022.

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

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How to Get to Heaven from Scotland

A Scots lady was testing children in her Glasgow Sunday School class to see if they understood the concept of getting into heaven. I asked them, she said, “If I sold my house and my car, had a big jumble sale and give all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?”

“No!” the children answered.

“If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the garden and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?”

Again, the answer was “No!”

By now I was starting to smile.

“Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?”

Again, they all answered “No!”

I was just bursting with pride for them. I continued, “Then how can I get into heaven?”

A six year old boy shouted, “Yuv got tae be deid!”

Kinda brings a wee tear tae yir eye....!

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