

St James' West End Magazine

August & September 2020

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Vicky writes...



The girls and I have recently been having a sort out and they are passing on a lot of their toys to their younger cousins. We are not little any more I've been told! And it's true my older daughter, Emma, is already as tall as me, and with a bigger shoe size! Plus she will be starting secondary school in September. Our family life is changing and as my children get more independent, I might even get some time to myself. What a blessing! I have a pile of books waiting to be read.

We all go through different phases in our lives when our focus and priorities need to change and adapt. This is what it means to be human and I think the lockdown has intensified our experience of the phase we are in. We've been confronted very starkly with our situation: perhaps being over 70 and classed as vulnerable, or home schooling our children or needing to pay a mortgage.

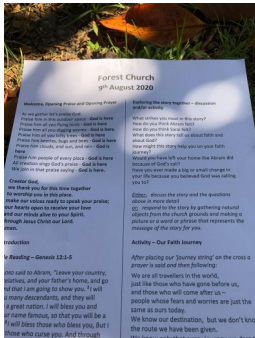
But nothing stays the same, a new stage of life comes, and we are in a new phase of the pandemic now as lockdown eases. Each experience and phase, whether joyful or difficult, offers us a chance to grow and develop as people. Recently the focus of my life has been on children. Issues of birth, growth, identity, dependency, busyness, and loss of freedom have filled my mind; and these experiences and reflections are what I've been able to offer as a person and as a priest. To try and offer anything else wouldn't be authentic. And I've come to understand that that's okay.

A priest and writer, Rosemary Lain Priestly, writes that our calling in life, from the very beginning to the very end, is to be as fully as possible our unique selves. The people God created us to be. I'm very struck by this phrase 'as fully as possible our unique selves'. It makes me think of Psalm 139, one of my favourite psalms. We are each unique. The only person in our particular circumstances with the experiences and character we have. So no one else can be or offer what we can to the world at each stage of our lives. We are each significant and when we try to be someone else or fail to embrace our potential, then the world is poorer without the light we would otherwise bring.

Our lives evolve. Our circumstances, relationships, friends, and activities all change over the months and years, but each day is still as significant, precious and sacred as all the other ones, no matter which phase of our life it is in. And we can only meet and know God in the present moment. Whatever stage we are at, we must accept it and embrace it and seek to live it to its fullness, to be as fully as possible our unique selves in it.

With my love and prayers,
Vicky

Forest Church...



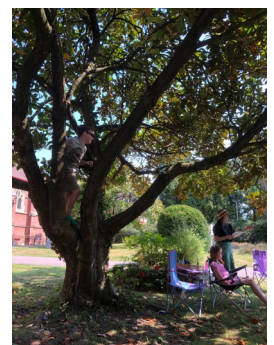
The sun was shining, the blankets spread, shade sought, chairs socially distanced and resources ready for our brand new venture - Forest Church. Now the first question that popped into several people's minds was, 'why Forest Church when we're in the middle of the churchyard?' Basically, because that's what this style of worship has become known as, but like ourselves it can be held anywhere you like as long as it's outside connecting worship with the natural world.



It is **NOT** Church Alive, but it did allow some of our mixed age, church families to come together in person for the first time since lockdown to worship together (as well as climbing trees and having a run around).



We went on a journey with Abram (later to be renamed Abraham), who set out on his own great adventure with God not really knowing what was in store for him, and then we responded to this by creating pictures with the natural objects around us. Each explanation of them helped us to think about the story more deeply - 'sticks in the shape of the cross - to think of Jesus and walking sticks to support us on a journey' (Rebecca); 'the word trust created to know that we can trust God to take us on the right path' (Lucy).

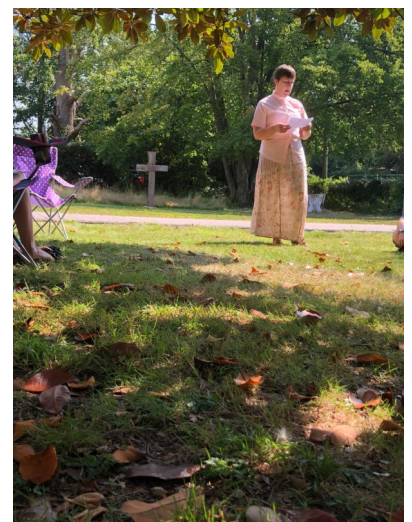
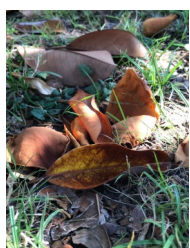


We also then collected objects to string together to tell our own faith journeys, and placed these on the cross; finally each placing an iron nail around the cross for strength and to show our commitment to the journey we are on now and into the future.

All in all a wonderful time and we look forward to meeting again in about a month's time when we will be thinking about 'harvests'

"We had a fantastic time at the Forest Church. Having rarely met together outside, it was a new experience for us all. It was wonderful to spend time in nature and especially to be back with other church members after so long apart. We enjoyed searching for natural objects to complete out Bible scene of the reading; it helped us to apply the story in a different way and connect more deeply with Gods creation - my toddler particularly enjoying searching for just the right pine cones to represent Abraham and his family!"

Lizzie Brunt



All About Alan...

Hi, I'm Alan Jenkins and Revd Vicky has asked me to introduce myself to those who don't know me - and perhaps re-introduce myself to those who do, but think that I've been 'under the radar' lately!

I am officially an LLM Emeritus, which is 'posh' for retired Reader, having been Admitted and received my first Licence in May 1995. For some 12 years I was active at St John's Hedge End, later transferring my Licence to St James' when I retired from full-time employment as a quantity surveyor, although my association with this parish goes back much further to Fr. John Preston's days initially, as an 'occasional organist'.



As a Reader, then LLM, I have been mainly involved in leading worship, upholding tradition as well as enjoying opportunities to explore new ways of serving God. I have a particular concern for vocation, believing that it's not reserved for ordination alone, but recognises that we are all called by God, beginning at our baptism. Over time it has been my privilege to be involved with a number of Diocesan vocation initiatives, and I hope that I have been able to encourage some to find answers to that nagging call to nurture their service through some form of ministry.

Since I reached the LLM retirement age I had generally withdrawn from 'up front' worship duties at St James' - but missed it, despite having spent some time assisting in local URC congregations, - so I have now successfully applied to Bishop Debbie for her Permission to Officiate (PTO), which means that I can re-join the Ministry team here. I look forward to being part of the process that re-develops our parish worship as we eventually emerge from the current consequences of the Covid19 pandemic, exploring together what the 'new normal' might look like, - and require of us.

From the Registers The Parish of St James' West End

Funerals in July 2020

8th - Barbara Fulford

*I shall not forget you.
Look, I have engraved you on the palm of my hands.
Isaiah 49:15-16*

Patrick in Lock Down...

In March, just as the virus was gaining strength, I wondered what to do.... There was the opportunity to go to my holiday cottage in Devon (Lakeview) although restrictions were taking hold so I decided to cut this vacation short as the police were stopping motorists travelling towards the west country, this wouldn't look good in my AA tuition vehicle.

So, an uncertain time lay ahead on the trip home, the only positive thing was the roads were very quiet giving me time to reflect on what I'm going to do with my time being an active person.

Well there is always something to do although we all need a bit of motivation to do it so let's start with a walk down to the local shop, at least there the Costa coffee machine was still in use, also there were some St James' parishioners to have a chat with - after all there is plenty of time for this.



Most of you know my love for swimming with training to be a lifeguard, qualifying as an assistant swimming teacher. Also I was eager to progress to a Level 2 teacher but all this seemed to be on hold until after lockdown. Or was it – Swim England were offering the theory side "online" at a reduced cost which was the dangling carrot to do this. What have I let myself into, it's decades since I was at school or college, although as a driving instructor/trainer we need to do Continuous Professional Development to fulfil the requirements of the DVSA, (more of this later).

I have some IT skills but doing the Level 2 swim theory at home I learnt a lot more, let alone the actual course and assignments, as long as two lesson plans achieve a grade of

100% (no pressure) I'm half way there, then comes the practical when swimming pools open. As I write this my results are pending!

As the lockdown just started to ease I feel it correct to thank many people for giving me jobs to do -especially using my pressure washer which according to a survey is apparently the most rewarding job! Gardening also comes in high on the list, and another new skill I have learnt and practised is cementing; I wouldn't have the confidence to do this before lockdown.

At least the weather has been warm and sunny if not decidedly hot at times so there is only one thought - that is the beach, but hang on a minute - the sea hasn't warmed up, also my wet suit is down in Devon!! There's only one thing to do - buy a new one and try it out at my beloved Hayling Island.

When I was younger we lived near Portsmouth with my dear mum and dad and I can recall begging them to take a friend and me to the beach which was usually the less crowded on Hayling Island, as I got older a group of us would cycle there and hope we didn't get a puncture as it was a long walk home - no mobiles back then! There is one vivid memory I have of charging down to the sea but that was cut short as I trod on a wasp which left the sting in my foot - "ouch"!

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Patrick with some of the churchyard gardening team, Maura and Alan Knights

At this point it is only right to mention our beautiful church grounds (even if I may say so) which I help maintain as part of a team. The only recognition we are after is for you to have a gentle stroll around and enjoy the many different features - who knows what you might find? What animal dug the large hole near our church billboards? Can you name the different shrubs and trees? Many significant features come and go or remain to add to a spiritual feeling in "our beautiful church gardens".

Well as restrictions are easing it's back to instructing, the tuition vehicle must be Covid-19 safe. A fogging machine has been very useful for disinfecting the car. David Lloyd has just re-opened, and most importantly our church has opened for services; yes even men can shed a tear. So gradually some sort of normality is gradually returning.

Patrick Whitbourn

Townhill Community Art Gallery

SO18 Big Local and the Southampton Junior Neighbourhood Wardens have been working together to create a Townhill Community Art Gallery to brighten up some of the hoardings in Townhill Park (currently undergoing a large scale estate regeneration programme by the council).

Participants were provided with pre-prepped boards (thanks to CLC Group) to paint with any design they liked. Lockdown had disrupted this project, but they have now been able to get the first 26 boards up and displayed.



SO18 BIG LOCAL is a resident-led project which was awarded £1m from the Big Lottery Fund to make a lasting positive difference. It covers parts of Harefield, Midanbury and Townhill Park. They have a great website and lots of ideas and projects.

You can sign up to receive their monthly newsletter direct by email via their website which can be found at <https://so18biglocal.org.uk/> and there is also a Facebook page to follow at <https://www.facebook.com/SO18BigLocal/>

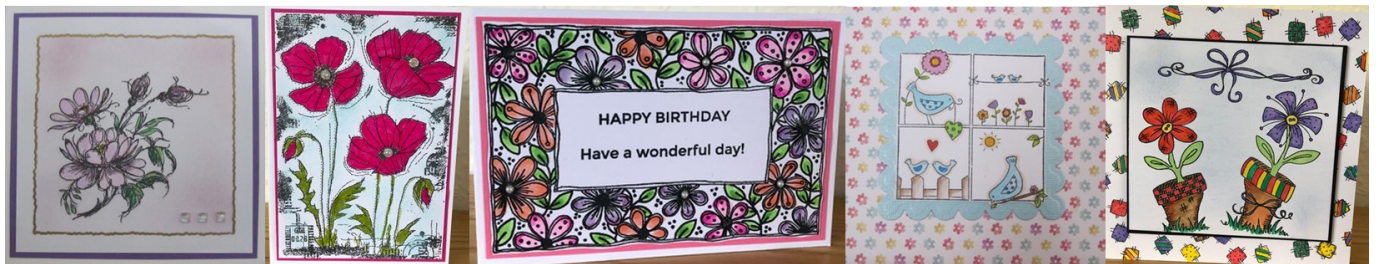
Fundraising...

Behind the scenes, many people are doing their best to raise much needed funds for St James'.

Rita Payne, having sold plants and face coverings from her driveway, has, with June Butler, continued to make them. If you are interested in obtaining these hand-made masks (many sizes available) please get in touch to purchase directly : Rita on 023 8047 0398 (answerphone always on) or June on 07778 645254.



One of our choir members has been hand-crafting beautiful greetings cards, which she sells for £1 each (50p of which will go to Church funds). She can discuss making special commissions, using best quality materials. The cards are stamped and / or embossed and she uses watercolour, pencils and distress inks. All cards come with an envelope. If you are interested in buying any of these cards please call "Made Especially For You" on 02380 477280 or contact us via stjameswe.fundraising@gmail.com for further details.



Just a few of the beautiful designs of cards available

Added to the above activities, on Saturday 9th August a group from St James' hosted part of the West End Community Group's very first "Table Top Sale". Organised by Julie Haylett and friends, stall-holders were invited to put up tables in their front gardens or at the end of their drives; there were also tables in the car parks of the Master Builder and Southampton Arms pubs. Having a large and versatile churchyard, we decided to offer space for hire at £5 per table, and six organisations took up the offer, selling a wide variety of items.



Fundraising (continued)

As well as the community tables, we had an "aisle" of tables offering items for sale with all proceeds going to the church - toys, bric-a-brac, books, a few plants, and hand-made masks too. With only two weeks to organise we were very pleased to have raised over £540 through this event! Not only did we raise much needed funds, we met some lovely new people into the bargain.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Next Table Top Sale will be on **Saturday 3rd October**, so start sorting out any bric-à-brac/ books/ chutneys/crafts that you would be willing to donate to the church stall

If you are crafting, sewing, knitting or making anything to sell that might help with our fundraising, please get in touch with Helen Wiseman or Sue Overell via our new fundraising email address: stjameswe.fundraising@gmail.com

Continuing Generosity

Are you able to make a financial donation to support our work at St James?

Like all churches our finances have been badly hit with public worship suspended for over three months. We have not received any income from the collection plate or from the hire of the church or hall while still needing to pay the costs of maintaining our buildings and our contribution to the diocese towards the cost of clergy throughout the diocese. We are still faced with a deficit of some £1,900 a month.

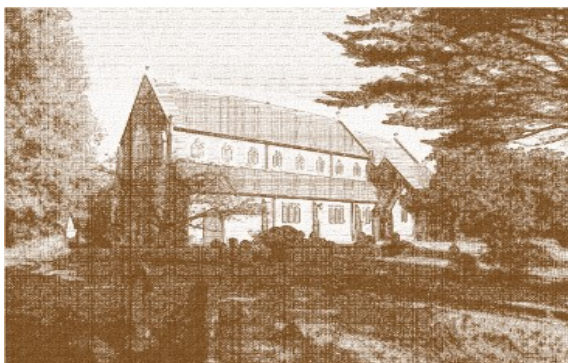
We know this is a difficult time financially for many people but if you can, please make a donation or join our regular giving scheme. All donations, large or small, make a difference and will be greatly appreciated.

You can make an on-line donation through our 'Give A Little' page here: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a2ed136d-57c7-49b8-9203-d25428539dc8>. This can also be accessed through our church website or Facebook Page donate buttons.

Or you can contact our treasurer David Forster stjamespcctreasurer@gmail.com to make a donation or to join our Parish Giving scheme which enables you to make a regular donation through direct debit. If you are a taxpayer please consider adding Gift Aid to any donation.

We are hugely grateful to all our givers for your generosity and especially to our regular givers for your continued support.





Life At St James

Recalling events and activities over the years since 1890, this gives us a fascinating glimpse into what was happening at St James' church set in the context of the world around it. Maybe this will stir some memories of your own. Please do share them at stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com

125 years ago (1895) School summer holidays were certainly timed differently in 1895 as the National School was re-opening on the 12th of August and parents were being urged to 'make a point of sending their children to school on the opening day, and continue to send them regularly throughout the ensuing quarter', perhaps to make sure they were not being taken out to help with the harvest?

However, it had been a time of relaxation for the choir who reported on their annual excursion. They had selected Bournemouth as their destination and had made 'special arrangements with the Railway Company so that the party were enable to leave and return by Swaythling'. A long and enjoyable day was spent at 'this beautiful Seaside Resort' and 'Home was reached by 10pm'. The choir also wished to thank all the kind Subscribers to the Choir and Organ Fund which had provided 'the pleasant Outing'.

100 years ago (1920) After a disappointing lack of male support at the Village Fair, the vicar, Rowland Dawson, took the opportunity to 'advise the young women [of the parish] who are looking for husbands' to 'observe your man carefully, watch him at all time, see how he acts towards others, find out if he is selfish at home and if so avoid him like the plague!' It doesn't give advice for men about selfish women though.

Despite the call for New Houses in the parish in July, there was now a call for a 'curb on the Council for building houses too fast'. Apparently only 'two in Hedge End [were] advertised in the papers since 1918 is something to be proud of'. However, 'demobilised men are not to inhabit them... they are for officials.' The need for housing for those that had seen active service in the Great War was a potential problem and the September issue listed all 275 men on the West End War Service Roll, some of who undoubtedly 'should be entitled to 'Homes for Heroes''.

75 years ago (1945) It was a quiet couple of months, although there had been some excitement as 'our Parish has figured in the National Newspapers in an unusually attractive light, because of the publicity that they have given to our Family Evensong'. Unfortunately, I couldn't find what that report actually contained but it seemed it was an innovation against the norm for services of Evensong.

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Ashley was inspired to write his article (and one to follow in a future magazine) after reading a line in this "Life at St James" feature which jogged his memory. Perhaps you might have memories to share or something you'd like to tell us? If so please get in touch - email stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com or you can phone Sue Overell, temporary editor on 02380 326275.

50 years ago (1970) – It would also seem that housing and social issues were also at the forefront of people's mind, recalling the release a couple of years ago of the gritty film '*Cathy Come Home*'. 'which showed in all its starkness how a young family, not entirely by its own fault, can slip down through all the provisions of the Welfare State to utter homelessness and disintegration, and the family broken up and scattered'. It also coincided with the establishment of the charity Shelter, which is still helping homeless people today

10 years ago (2010) – The August magazine gave a report on the Confirmation service of some of our lovely St James' folk led by Bishop Michael in July. These included, Simon Capstick, David and Fiona Pankhurst, Linda Playford and Barbara McDowell. I did try and scan in the photo from the magazine, but a scan from a scan is not very clear, so if anyone has the original that would be good to see



Worship and Storytelling for babies, toddlers and young children

Outdoors* at St James' Church

Thursday Mornings at 10am

All Welcome - bring a snack!

Phone 07934 419302 for more details



***Weather permitting - ring ahead for confirmation**

Come and have fun with our Diddy Disciples, now meeting outside on Thursday mornings in the churchyard (weather permitting).

We are currently looking at what the Kingdom of God might look like and recently enjoyed searching for treasure after hearing the story of the buried treasure in the field.

With simple rhymes and actions, prayers and a chance to share the Good News of Jesus

MeetAshley MacFarlane-Watt

I recently came across a copy of my treasured book called *Moonfleet* with inscription dated November 27th 1955. This had been a gift from my parents when I became a full member of the choir of the Church of the Holy Saviour, Bitterne having successfully completed my probationary training. The Organist and Choirmaster at the time was Mr R. L. Smith (Reg to his friends) who was also my English teacher at Itchen Grammar School. I was particularly inspired by the organ and its wonderful wealth of music when I heard the organ of Winchester Cathedral for the first time and decided this was the instrument I wished to play - little thinking that in years to come I would actually have the opportunity to play this wonderful organ. For many years I had played the violin. In due course I commenced organ lessons with Mr. Smith and continued them when he subsequently became Organist and Choirmaster at St Mark's Church, Archers Road, immediately adjacent to the Dell.



In the early 1960s I left the Church of the Holy Saviour, Bitterne to take up an appointment as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Christopher's Church, Thornhill with the Rev. Nigel Harley as incumbent.

Choir of Church of the Holy Saviour, Bitterne, approx. 1957/ 1958 (Ashley - front row 4th from left, sitting)

St Christopher's Church possessed a nice and charming Bevington organ very similar to the one to be found in the Chapel of the Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley. Following in the footsteps of my friend Michael Kearley (mentioned in the July magazine), I commenced organ lessons with Dr. Cecil Williams at St. Mary's Church, Southampton. On one occasion I was asked if I would like to give a short recital prior to the weekly lunch time service at St. Mary's. This was fortuitous as at that time I was working at Lloyds Bank in St. Mary Street so managed to work this in with my lunchtime.

After passing the first part of the Institute of Bankers exams I decided banking was not for me and followed in my father's footsteps into teaching. I spent three wonderful and happy years of teacher training at King Alfred's College, Winchester. As a day student this entailed catching the 07:45 train from St Denys and returning on the 21:25 from Winchester, a long day! I studied and had organ lessons with Alwyn Surplice of Winchester Cathedral, so enjoyed playing on the cathedral organ. On one occasion Alwyn Surplice came to hear me at St. Christopher's.

On leaving King Alfred's College I commenced my teaching career at Weston Park Junior, later Middle School, Southampton, with the first month being notable as I walked my class down to the Weston Shore to see the final departure of the Queen Mary, October 1967. For many years I was involved with Southampton Schools Music Association.

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Ashley MacFarlane-Watt (continued)

My organ career continued with a move to Holy Trinity Church at Millbrook which possessed a nice Henry Willis organ and I also played at St Clement's in Regents Park Road. After several years at Millbrook I became Organist and Choirmaster at Church of the Holy Saviour, Bitterne and for some of the time there the vicar was the Rev Michael Perry. He was always busy writing and composing new hymns and songs and sometimes asked for my advice and opinion on a particular piece he had been writing. His wonderful Calypso Carol has long been a favourite with congregations at Christmas. The Vicarage also had another resident, Bossy, a donkey, purchased to graze and keep the grass of the Vicarage lawn nice and short. Bossy had other ideas and on several occasions was found by the local police gazing longingly through the windows of Sainsbury's in Bitterne at 2am in the morning.



St James' Church Choir outing to Weymouth, Maiden Castle and Bovington Tank Museum 1980s. Lionel Paskins, Fred Carter, Reg Smith, Ashley and Stella Smith wife of Jim Smith, chorister.

They say that life moves in circles. This is most certainly true. After taking a sabbatical from organ playing, in 1977 I unexpectedly received a telephone call from Mr R. L. Smith who had just been appointed Organist and Choirmaster at St. James' Church, West End and would I like to become his assistant organist. This coincided with the interregnum prior to the appointment of Rev Geoffrey Rowston as Vicar. For several years I enjoyed a fruitful and happy musical relationship with Reg and thus commenced my long and happy association with St James. In due course I became Organist and Choirmaster and during this time in 1989 was responsible for the rebuilding and enlarging of the organ by Tony Foster Waite, a temporary two manual organ being installed in the south aisle. On one memorable day I completed a twelve hour organ marathon to raise funds for

the organ appeal including any requests from the congregation who came to support me during the day. Even such a wonderful piece as Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor loses its appeal on the sixth time of playing. Increasingly the pressure of work and more responsibilities and caring for elderly parents meant that regretfully I had to relinquish the position, although as many of you are aware I have continued to play for many services as required over the years. And Reg? He continued to sing in the choir and was a regular communicant at St. James.

Musical life in St. James during the 1980s/1990s was very busy with two choral services each Sunday with a weekly practice for men and boys. Girls began to join the choir in the later years of my tenure as organist.

Practices continued without a break throughout the year irrespective of holidays etc. There were weddings virtually every Saturday from April to October, on many occasions with three, four or even five with often a full choir being required making long and tiring days. We always rewarded our efforts by at least one good outing during the year!



St James Church Choir in 1987 - Ashley middle row, seated third from right, next to Rev Geoffrey Rowston.

Churchyard Trees...

When the flower team were arranging flowers outside (we seem to do a lot of that nowadays), a lady came up to ask us about the trees with bronze/green leaves and big creamy flowers. One of them was being used as a Prayer Tree at the time. Needless to say, we had to find out! The following information comes from the ever-useful internet:



"An unusual evergreen, *Magnolia grandiflora* boasts large, leathery leaves with a glossy dark-green colour on top and a bronzed, furry underneath. *Magnolia grandiflora*, commonly known as the southern magnolia or bull bay, is a tree of the family *Magnoliaceae* native to the southeastern United States, from southeastern North Carolina to central Florida, and west to East Texas. "

There are two of these trees in the churchyard at St James, which were probably planted in the 1970s. The picture on the right taken in 1982 shows one of them (on the right), still quite small in comparison to how it looks now, nearly forty years later. You can see how it now dwarfs the stone circle!



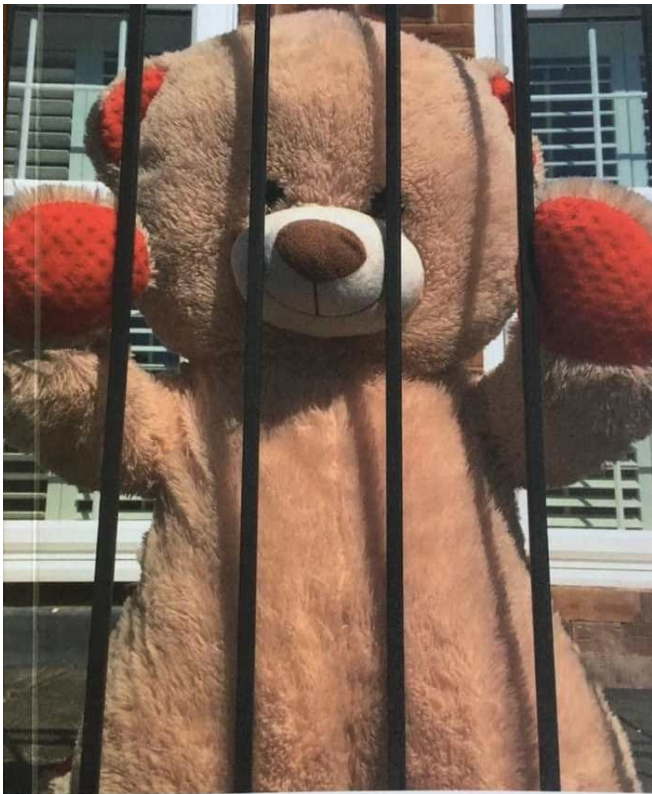
The weather this year seems to have been very favourable to both trees, as they have been flowering constantly from April onwards.

The warmth associated with their land of origin, which we have certainly experienced this year, has obviously been a contributing factor in the abundance of flowers.

Let's hope that both trees stay healthy and continue to delight passers-by and church-goers for years to come.

Stanley Bear's Adventures

Quite soon after the start of Lockdown, a bear called Stanley became quite famous across West End; the lady who lives with him, Gillian Bow, dressed him up every day in a different costume. He would then appear on his balcony in Lime Gardens and became very well-known. Not only was he a regular on Facebook but children would ask if they could walk past his house and see what he was wearing – he had so many outfits!



Stanley's Adventures During Lockdown 2020



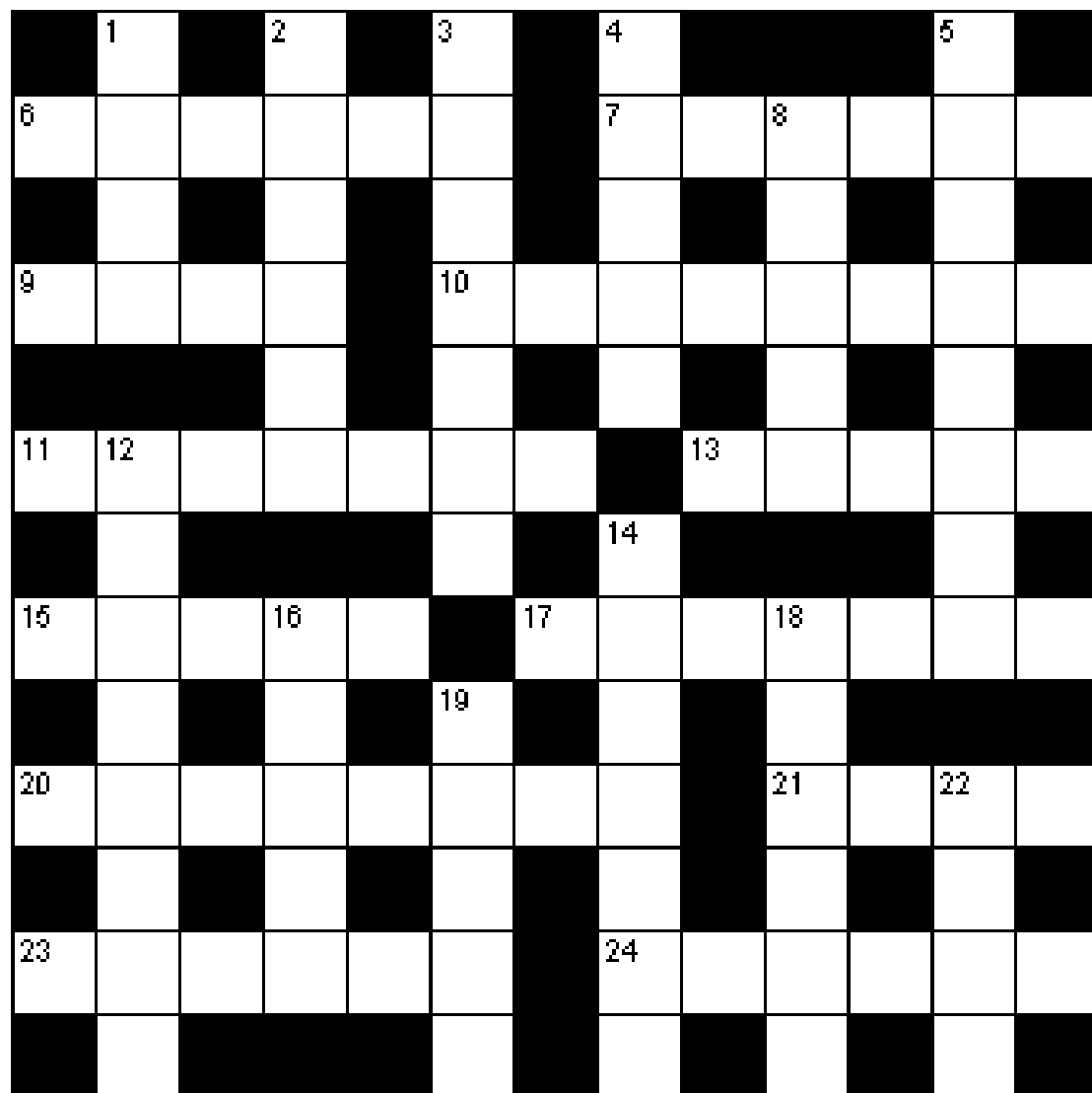
Once he was a jockey, another time a cyclist, a boxer, a certain Prime Minister.... on one Sunday he even appeared as a member of St James' Church Choir. Gillian was so taken with Stanley's success that she decided to make a book of his "Adventures in Lockdown" and donate any profits made from the sale of the book to our NHS heroes. Anyone buying a book was entered into a raffle for a deluxe firepit.

On Friday 7th August, Vicky was delighted to welcome Stanley as a guest preacher at St James' and to draw the raffle for the prize, ably assisted by Holly. Gillian has since let us know that the total raised by Stanley's Adventures was over £1,600. Vicky was also very pleased to have been invited to take part in the raffle and to broaden our links in the wider community.



And the winning number is.....

Crossword for August 2020



Across

- 6. Sea between Greece and Turkey (6)
- 7. City in Arizona (6)
- 9. Largest island in the West Indies (4)
- 10. Ocean between Europe and Africa (8)
- 11. Balkan country (7)
- 13. Capital of Bulgaria (5)
- 15. Japanese city (5)
- 17. Capital of Venezuela (7)
- 20. US state (8)
- 21. English county (4)
- 23. Ottawa is the capital (6)
- 24. Continent (6)

Down

- 1. Lima is the capital (4)
- 2. 12 down is in this state (6)
- 3. Canadian province (7)
- 4. European country (5)
- 5. Part of the Windward Islands (8)
- 8. African river (5)
- 12. US gambling city (3,5)
- 14. Nassau is the capital (7)
- 16. Asian peninsula with North and South (5)
- 18. Capital of Turkey (6)
- 19. Egyptian dam (5)
- 22. Resort on the French Riviera (4)

Kingdom Kids



Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Jesus tells simple stories called parables to help people understand an important message.



Fit the nine letters from 'sunflower' into the gaps below. Cross them off as you use them.



Jes _ s told th _ m a st _ ry
about a farme _ who sowed
_ots of seeds. Some of them
_ell on bad ground, and died.
But all the seed o _ good
ground gre _ tall and _ trong



Family time

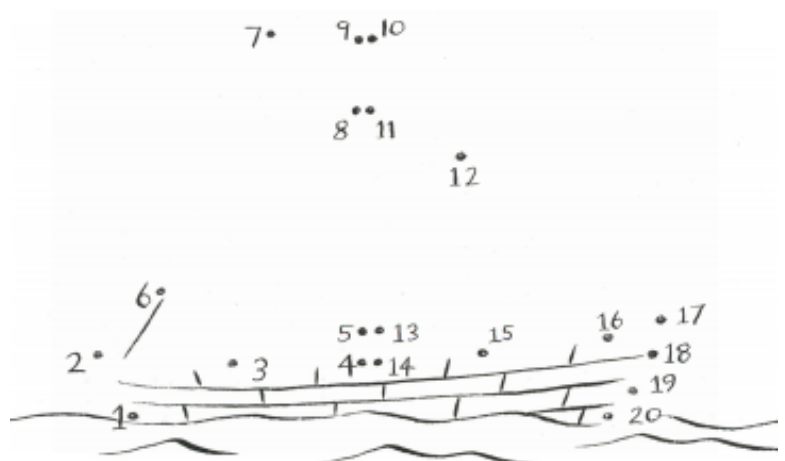
Talk In the story, what helped the seeds grow and what stopped them from growing? What helps us to grow as followers of Jesus? What might stop us from growing?

Do Take it in turns to tell a story. Someone starts the story with a sentence, e.g. 'One day, John went to help clean the church when...'. Continue until the story reaches a natural conclusion.

Pray Make time to read some favourite Bible stories together (some of the parables ideally) and pray about the meaning together.



Crowds gathered to listen to Jesus telling stories. Where did he sit so that everyone could hear him? Join the dots to find out.





Church of England Telephone Line

If you know of someone who doesn't have access to online services the Church of England have launched a free national telephone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full services. It is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers and reflections. Please do let anyone know who might find this helpful.

WEST END CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

This group has a Facebook page called "West End Coronavirus Support Group" and residents can also contact Julie Haylett, the organiser, on 028 8047 0610.

They have also collected shopping and other essentials thanks to the volunteers in the group who are offering their time to help other in need within their community.

The team are also working with local fish and chip shops in West End on a Wednesday and have been delivering meals to those who are currently stuck inside.

Are you living with domestic abuse?

Feeling fearful, scared, hurt, trapped?

Do you know anyone living with domestic abuse?

Abuse is the misuse of power & control.

It is NEVER acceptable, is always wrong.

It is NEVER the victims fault

Affecting persons of any ethnicity, gender or gender identity, sexuality or social status.

Abuse can include physical, psychological, emotional, sexual, or financial harm

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Due to the exceptional circumstances in which we find ourselves, we have decided to produce our monthly magazine in an A4 PDF format so that it can be passed on to as many of our subscribers as possible and to honour those who have paid for advertising space. We apologise to those for whom we do not have an email address and if you are able to let us know one then we would be pleased to add you to our mailing list. With social distancing in place some people have asked if they could print a copy out at home and pass it on to a neighbour who you know would normally receive a magazine. However, we do have to advise you that the Church of England has issued the following advice about doing this:

[Some Studies suggest](#) that Coronavirus COVID-19 can live on paper and cardboard surfaces for up to 24 hours, and so any paper delivery represents a transmission risk. Local hand-deliveries also mean a volunteer will touch gates and postboxes and may come into close proximity with those who may be shielding. For these reasons, parishes are encouraged to look to digital communication and telephone calls to keep in touch. The Government has designated postal workers and delivery professionals as key-workers, so any vital printed communication should be sent through the post.

We are not able to advertise our regular church services as these are not being held in church at the present time due to the restrictions placed on us following the Government and Church of England advice, however we hope to have an update soon. Despite this, we are very much alive and well on our social media and website and you may want to visit these to see what we are offering as alternatives:

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We'd love to hear from you so do contact us as communicating with each other is an important way of helping each other in these difficult times

God bless from all at St James' Church

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