

St James' West End Magazine

June 2022



**Did you join us for the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee
celebrations on Hatch Grange?**

**Well done to the Parish Council,
St James' Church & the Community!**

Linda writes

What a fabulous few days of celebrations we've had. Our cover features images of Queen Elizabeth throughout her 70 year reign and we are grateful as a country for the devotion and faithful servanthood she has demonstrated over this time.



Like all of us, her life has been a series of ups and downs; but unlike us she has had to live this life in the public eye, within the full glare of publicity and social media. It can't have been easy at times, but her gracious manner and dedication to our nation and the wider world has benefited us all.

The days of Empire are long gone, but the Commonwealth survives, a group of nations that support each other despite of and in celebration of their differences, which we thank God for. English may be the common language, but dialects and accents remain important and provide no barrier to a greater understanding.

At the beginning of June we celebrate this great diversity of our world coming together to form what is the church at Pentecost. Noise and commotion and the gift of the Holy Spirit enabled Peter and the disciples to speak to all those who came running to see what was happening. They were all caught up in the joy of the message and soon it was spreading like a flowing river out of the confines of Jerusalem into every part of the parched lands, from east to west and north to south.

Through baptism, people were drenched in both the water and the Holy Spirit and today we celebrate that we too are caught up in helping to bring the joy and simplicity of that message to those around us. 'Love one another, as I have loved you', said Jesus, it's as simple as that.

Let's keep that message flowing out into the world, and live it in our own lives, make our own noise, and share the Good News with everyone.

God save the Queen! God save the world! God save us all!

Linda



What's going on at St James Church?

Services and Diary Dates for June

Wednesday 1st	10.30am Sung Eucharist 2pm Oaklands Service
Thursday 2nd	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival in church 10am to 3pm
Friday 3rd	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival in church 10am to 3pm
Saturday 4th	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival in church 10am to 3pm
Sunday 5th - Pentecost	9.30am Sung Eucharist (Livestreamed) with children's groups 11am Church Alive All Age Communion 6.30pm Sung Evensong
Wednesday 8th	9.15am-10.30am Stay n Play (Church Hall) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Friday 10th	10:30am—12 noon Community Coffee Morning
Sunday 12th – Trinity Sunday	9.30am Sung Eucharist (Livestreamed) 11:00am Church Alive 5.30pm IGNITE Youth Group
Monday 13th	2.30pm Dawson Lodge – Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th	9.15am -10.30am Stay n Play (Church Hall) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Sunnycroft Communion
Sunday 19th – Trinity 1	9.30am Sung Eucharist (Livestreamed) with children's groups 11am Church Alive All Age Informal Service 6.30pm Sung Evensong
Wednesday 22nd	9.15am -10.30am Stay n Play (Church Hall) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Saturday 25th	1:30pm Wedding
Sunday 26th - Trinity 2	9.30am Sung Eucharist (Livestreamed) with children's groups 11am Church Alive All Age Informal Service 2pm Baptisms 6.30pm Taizé
Monday 27th	2.30pm Dawson Lodge - Songs of Praise.
Wednesday 29thth	9.15am -10.30am Stay n Play (Church Hall) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 30th	11am Prayer Time in the Church

Weekly Events:

Open Church - The church is open to visit on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am to 3pm and on Wednesdays 11.30am to 3pm.

Morning Prayer is said in Church on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am.

Choir Practice is in Church on Tuesdays 8pm-9pm. For more information contact our Choir Director, Chris Fay, on stjameswe.music@gmail.com

Stay and Play – Wednesdays 9.15am-10.15am in term time in the church hall. For preschool toddlers and babies and their parents/carers. Cost £1.50 per session and includes an individual snack.

Monthly Events:

1st Saturday Children's Activity Morning - From 10am to 11.30am in church. A short interactive talk, crafts and refreshments for children of all ages. For more info and to book to attend please contact Jan j.barrett77@btinternet.com or 07519 759269. .

2nd Friday Community Coffee Morning - 10.30am to 12 noon in the church hall. All welcome.

2nd Sunday Ignite Youth Group - 5.30pm – 7pm at the Church. For ages 11 to 15. If you would like to join, please contact Vicky at stjameswe.vicar@gmail.com.

Last Thursday of the month Prayer Time - Join for a time of prayer for the needs of the world, local community and individuals from 11am to 11.45am in the Lady Chapel in church.

Notices and News

Food Bank - donations for the Food Bank can be left in the basket at the back of church.

Tree Trail - Enjoy our June Tree trail in the church grounds.

Flower Arranging Team – meet on Friday mornings to do the flowers. To find out more contact Mrs Sue Overell 023 8032 6275

Anna Chaplain – we have an Anna Chaplain at the church, Carol Kidd, who offers support to older people in the community of all faiths and none. To contact her call 07842 244876 or carol-kiddannachaplain@gmail.com

Can we pray for you? Or a situation or person you are concerned about? Please leave a note on the prayer board in the Lady Chapel (down the right hand side of the church).

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Associate Priest: Rev'd Linda Galvin rev.lindagalvin@gmail.com or 07934 419302

See our website www.stjameswestend.org.uk for more information about church life.

Enjoy our parish magazine – available on the home page of our website.

Everyone is very welcome!

Are you good with faces?

Now that events are happening again, we need more space for posters but it is still important that we have some photos of people at St James. Is there anyone who would like to take photos of people whose faces need to be known (a list would be provided), label them and rearrange our board?

If this is something you would be willing to help with please contact Kate at stjameswe.office@gmail.com



A note from the Church Wardens

I am sure that most of you reading this will have visited and enjoyed our wonderful churchyard throughout the seasons and we are fortunate and grateful to have some volunteers who keep the regular maintenance of mowing the churchyard and clearing the paths under control. Such a large and diverse space requires a lot of work to be undertaken during the year and we would like to thank those who helped at our churchyard clearance last month, helping to keep our churchyard a beautiful and welcoming place for all.

If you are someone who enjoys being outdoors we are always grateful for any help offered in the upkeep of the churchyard. Please do get in touch with us if you would be interested in volunteering, either at a time that suits you or as part of a small group with other volunteers.



Scott and Diana

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Welcome Tea

Are you fairly new to St James?

I am sure we know who you are, but do you know who we are?

This is a chance for everyone to get to know each other a little better in an informal social gathering; and of course there will be tea and cake!

Join us on **Sunday 10th July** between **4pm and 5pm**

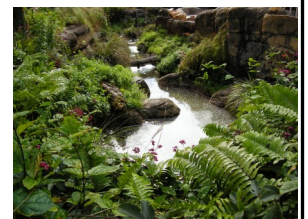
We look forward to welcoming you again

Quiet Spaces

We are all facing the challenges of life at the moment...perhaps you long for some time away from stress and anxiety? Do you feel God calling you to spend some time with him in stillness in the company of a small group from our church community? Perhaps Quiet Spaces might be for you?

We meet about 3 times each school term and new members are always welcome. We have recently started a group that will be meeting in half terms and school holidays. Bookings are made when the days and times are circulated to members.

Each meeting we share prayer, a time of stillness and we discuss our reflections on the theme for the month which aims to bring God's presence into our everyday lives. If this is something you are feeling called to explore in more detail, please contact Brenda Holden tel. 02380 474826 email bmholden84@gmail.com



Creative? Me?

God, the Creator, had fun creating the world
He made hills, mountains, valleys and gorges and gullies
He made streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and waterfalls
He must have laughed with delight to see water cascading down escarpments
making colourful rainbows in the mist.

Creative? Me?

God calls us to join him in being creative...
to build houses...to write books...to bake cakes...
to compose songs...to knit...to sew...to weave...to grow plants...
to carve wood...to paint pictures...
to raise children...

Creative? Me?

We are all blessed with the gift of creativity
Creativity is in our DNA and comes from our maker
When we create...we walk with God...we share in God's laughter...
We bask in pleasure and contentment

Creative? Me?
Yes we are!



This was based on an article I read recently in a BRF book. Brenda Holden

Picture Reflections

Do you have a picture that you would like to be featured on the front of our magazine? Perhaps you have a prayers or reflections that you contribute to go with the picture. Send your pictures to Kate Badcock stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com. It would be fabulous to see some of your pictures. *(Please do not send pictures with people featuring in it unless we can confirm their express permission to use it)*

AN INVITATION
to St James'
Community Coffee Morning
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Community Café

Where? St James' Church Hall

Who For? Anyone who wishes to pop in.
No need to book just come along on your own or with others

When? The 'second' Friday of each month anytime between 10:30am-12 noon

Come and take the opportunity for a cup of coffee or tea, plus biscuits or cake and friendly chat in these early months of the year as we await brighter days and signs of spring.

With warmer mornings and as the weather allows there will be the option of resting awhile at tables and chairs outside in the beautiful churchyard

Covid prevention measures regarding ventilation etc. will be in place as per recommendations

For further information: email stjameswe.vicar@gmail.com or stjameswe.pastoral@gmail.com

Offering Spiritual Care in Later Life

Carol Kidd is Anna Chaplain for Harefield & West End

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Carol offers a listening ear to, and shares time with, older persons especially the isolated and the lonely, and if needed their families and carers in order to also support them by signposting to other help that may be available.

Initial contact can be made by phone or email and this can be followed by further phone contact or if preferred may include a home visit in your own home, in a Care Home or arrangement can be made to meet at St James' Church.

Anna Chaplains are trained in offering spiritual support to older people by the Anna Chaplaincy team at BRF - a UK - registered Christian charity.

Carol works as our Anna Chaplain in a voluntary capacity and has experience of working in the NHS, in pastoral care and in church ministry as one of St James' Licensed Lay Ministers.

Harefield & West End Anna Chaplaincy
is affiliated to Anna Chaplaincy for Older People
and is part of the Bible Reading Fellowship [BRF]
a Registered Charity [233280]



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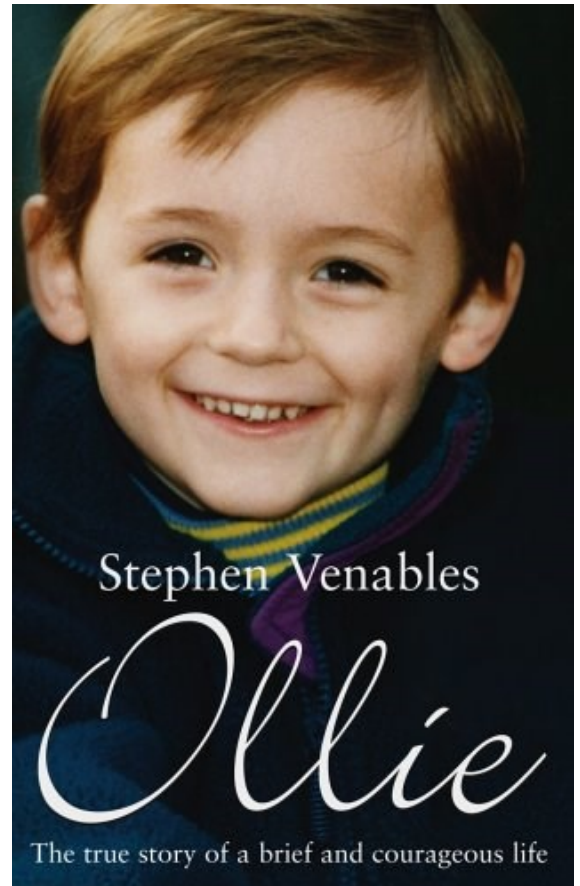


Ollie by Stephen Venables.

This is a true story written by Stephen Venables , who is a well documented mountaineer, and the father of Ollie.

As you read the book you get to know Stephen through his various climbing expeditions and the injuries he sustains during them. Alongside this you learn about the meeting of his wife and the birth of their 1st son Oliver and their 2nd son Edmond. Its a story of family life the great times and the hard times.

And then the life changing moment, when at two years old his son Ollie loses his speech. Following much trial and error Ollie is diagnosed with Autism. The book follows this journey and I found out quite a bit about Autism from reading it. Issues such as how it effects not only Oliver's life, but theirs in so many ways. Throughout you can't help but see the love and the devotion of their family and friends. Ollie has courage and enjoys life in his own way and is very brave, making you laugh and bringing joy.



I won't say anymore as I would encourage you to read it and the ending, but it was a book that certainly touched my heart in so many ways.

I have the book if anyone would like to read it.

Thankyou to Lyn Spratt who submitted our 'Book Club' review this month. We have had great feedback following our Book Reviews and it has certainly inspired people to pick up a book that perhaps that may not have read and 'give it a go!' We are always looking for more reviews to include, so no matter how big or small please send in your reviews to stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com, it is always lovely to share the likes, dislikes and recommendations of books, fiction or non-fiction.

A healthier baker!

Back in 1985 I decided that the time was right to become a 'healthier baker' and I haven't looked back. I use wholemeal self-raising flour in cakes, pastry and sauces and I halve the quantity of sugar in all my cake recipes. Try this recipe and experience the difference!

Wholemeal sponge:

6oz soft margarine
3oz golden caster sugar
6oz SR wholemeal flour
1 tsp baking powder
3 large eggs

Beat the margarine and sugar together. Then add the beaten eggs, the flour and baking powder sifted together and beat 'all in one' to avoid curdling the mixture.

Divide the mixture between two lined 7" cake tins.

Bake for 30 minutes at Reg 3 / 150 fan oven / 160 conventional electric oven. When cooked turn out on to a wire tray to cool and then sandwich together with the jam of your choice.



'God With Us' by Rowan Williams

In 2008 I was privileged to attend the Winchester Diocese Lent Lectures which were given by Rowan Williams, who was then Archbishop of Canterbury. At the time he said that he would be using the material from the lectures in a book to be published at a future date. Chapters 3 and 4 of **'God With Us'** - 'The Victory of the Cross' and 'The Meaning of Christ's Resurrection - then' are based on those Lent Lectures.

Sometimes Rowan Williams' writing is very academic and challenging to read, but in this book he writes as if he is talking to us and the style is very accessible. In his role as a teacher, he includes questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter which help us to think about the topics in greater depth.

In this month after Easter leading up to Pentecost it helps us to reflect on the meaning of the Cross and the Resurrection in our Christian lives from the ideas presented by Rowan Williams, who is arguably one of the great theologians of our time.

Brenda Holden



Churches Together in Hedge End, West End and Botley are connected together for the good of our community.

June 2022 Some Prayers and devotions to commemorate the Queen's Coronation

As our community finds many ways to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee it's interesting to look back at her Coronation, and the Queen's faith for the King she serves. The most sacred part of the whole ceremony was hidden from view. The Queen's royal robes were removed and she was hidden from view by a golden canopy held aloft, as she was left seated and wearing a simple dress, as her devotions reminded her, *'... stripped of all royal dignity, to offer myself in my own person for his work.'*

Symbolically she was coming to God as an ordinary woman like any other Christian without any special status. She was asking God to send his Holy Spirit to enable her to take on her royal role.

In preparation for this special moment she used a little-known book of devotions, written by Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher to prepare her for her Coronation. Bound in black leather, the Little Book of Private Devotions included short, daily meditations with Bible readings and prayers for the Queen to say, such as: *'By the anointing God makes, blesses, and consecrates me Queen: and I am till my dying day 'his anointed servant'. In the anointing God creates a new relationship between himself and me, giving me for my use in this office just those resources of his divine grace which I need to dispose hands and heart and mind to do his will.*

And, *'In answer to this call and consecration I dare to breathe the Virgin Mary's words. 'Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word.'*

At this point in the ceremony the Archbishop anointed her hands, chest and head with oil. In her devotions, to explain the significance of the anointing, Archbishop Fisher pointed to Jesus and his baptism at the start of his public ministry. The first century eye-witnesses reported that the holy spirit descended on Jesus like a dove and God's voice was heard from heaven, saying: *'you are my Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased.'*

In her preparation devotions our Queen was also invited to pray, *'...that my heart may be ready to receive him in humility and godly fear. Come holy spirit and daily increase in all of us and in me thy humble servant, thy manifold gifts of grace the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness and fill us O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.'*

Our gracious Queen received a Bible: *'to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords,' and the Moderator continued: Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God. Amen'.*





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 (1897) – The church was again celebrating Pentecost and offering thanks for the Queen's long reign. This time though it was Queen Victoria, 'Sunday, June 20th, has been appointed as a day of Special Thanksgiving for the Queen's long and prosperous reign. The "Form of Prayer with Thanksgiving," drawn up by the Archbishop of Canterbury will be used. On Whit Sunday the offertories will be for the Church Fabric Fund, and on June 20th, for the Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund (the Church's Memorial of the Queen's long reign). At this point Queen Victoria was celebrating 60 years on the throne, but would only have another four years to reign as monarch.

100 years ago (1922) – The Common Mission Fund (CMF) was being introduced, with parishes moving away from simply financing their own individual parish and 'parson' and contributing instead to Central Church Funds. 'A scheme has been drafted by the Diocese. It means that every member of the Church has to realise what Membership is, and to contribute his or her share to the maintenance of the Church as a whole and not merely as a Parish. There is the question of the Church Central Fund, which provides for the education of those desirous of going into the ministry; the raising of the benefices to a living wage, pensions for the aged clergy, pensions to the widows of clergy and the work of the National Assembly. Then there is the Diocesan Fund, which provides money for Assistant Curates; Building of Churches, Rescue and Preventative Work, Educational Work including Training College for Teachers. Then there is the question of Parochial Finance, the running expenses of the Church and Services in the Parish Church.' Why do we contribute to the CMF? 'Our quota has to be increased by two-fifths to include the Central Church Fund, so we have now a big sum of money to raise annually for the Church. This helps to destroy the idea of the Church as a parochial thing and gives us some idea of the Church as a whole.'

75 years ago (1947) – The West End Institute, formerly the South Stoneham Work House on Botley Road, West End, was looking for part-time nurses up to 30 hours a week. Ward sisters could expect up to 2s 10d an hour or 3s if working on the Mental Wards. However, there were also opportunities for Temporary War Emergency Nurses (not necessarily with experience) to earn 1s 5d and 1s 10d per hour. Meals were supplied free whilst on duty, uniform supplied and laundered free of charge. Hours could also be arranged to suit the convenience of the applicant. Nursing was and still is very much a vocation!

50 years ago (1972) – The vicar, Howard Green, wrote that he had visited 'St Alban's church in Copenhagen, the only Anglican church in Denmark'. The church was founded by Queen Alexandra and had a connection to St James, in that it was designed by the same architect, Sir Arthur Bloomfield. Looks like we just need to open up the South Door again and raise a spire!

10 years ago (2012) – Planning for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were well underway at Hatch Grange. Everyone was invited to bring a picnic and listen to The New Forest Big Band together with a lighting of the beacon before the Queen lit the National Beacon at Buckingham Palace.



**There will be a full report on all of the 2022 Jubilee Activities
in our bumper July/August edition of the magazine**

Reflections on the Coronation June 2nd 1953

For those of us who were children in the 1940s and early 1950s life was in many ways quite bleak with rationing continuing on a whole range of foods including sweets as well as a general shortage on many consumer goods. However, as a child of that era one knew little different and accepted life for what it was. Queuing was a constant and accepted way of life particularly if something in short supply suddenly appeared in a shop. Bananas! Such queues for those exotic beauties. Our family shopping in Southampton required a journey to and from town on a usually very busy bus with the return trip home seeing my parents and I heavily laden with bags and baskets. If the bus was particularly full, we had to stand being jostled by the conductor collecting fares and departing passengers ever hopeful that a seat would become vacant. However, unlike today, if you missed the bus or it was full, it was usually less than ten minutes before the next bus appeared.

Life as children was uncomplicated. Being fortunate enough to live near a small group of woods, I spent most of my childhood together with all the children who lived in the same road climbing trees, making dens and having camp fires where we baked potatoes in the embers. The local bobby always checked with our parents that our camp fire had been extinguished at the end of the day. Once we had outgrown our tricycles, the more adventurous of us looked for suitable pram wheels and constructed trolleys on which we hurtled down the road only using our shoes for braking at the sharp right hand bend at the bottom of the road.



Two friends and myself went one step further and constructed an articulated trolley complete with a roof over the rear section. In a moment of madness we decided to enter ourselves in the Southampton Carnival as 'Going on Holiday'; we festooned our trolley with old cases and dressed up as father, mother and son. Three guesses as to who had to dress up as mother! A neighbour gave us a lift to the start of the carnival on Southampton Common in his lorry but could not take us home at the end. We won first prize for our entry in our section. Then we faced the long route from Southampton Common, down the Avenue, through town, Above Bar, High Street and onwards to the final stop at the Floating Bridge. Being mother I certainly was not expected to push the trolley. I waved serenely to the crowds as we passed by. Then we had to get home to the other side of Bitterne. My dad came down to meet us at the Floating Bridge to take us home. We travelled across to Woolston on the Floating Bridge and then walked and pushed the trolley through Woolston and then all the way up Peartree Avenue to Bitterne and then for another mile along the West End Road. Needless to say, we were absolutely exhausted but exhilarated particularly when we saw our names in print in the Southern Evening Echo.



Evidence of the Blitz and bombing were all too clearly obvious by the black gaping scars in local neighbourhoods as well as the massive chasms in Above Bar and the High Street bearing witness to the sustained bombing that Southampton suffered throughout the Second World War. Many shops and department stores such as Woolworths, Tyrell and Green, Mays and Edwin Jones continued their trade from the remnants of pre-war buildings or utilising often cramped and unsuitable premises.

Trams clanking and clanging made their way down to the Royal Pier passing either side of the Bargate. For many years they passed through the centre arch of the Bar Gate. Until the development of a new top covered tram designed to pass through the arch of the Bargate in 1923. Trams had to be open top knifeboard cars with the conductor shouting out 'Mind your head' as the overhead came down perilously close to passengers sitting on the top deck. It wasn't until the 1930s with the demolition of buildings either side of the Bargate, that tracks could be laid around the iconic building, thus avoiding the potential hazard. By the late 1940s they were sadly neglected with the system finally closing on December 31st 1949. A number of trams found new life in Leeds and continued to operate in that city until 1953. One tram knife-board type No.45 acquired by enthusiasts for £10 in 1948/49 became famous as being the first tram to be preserved, to form what in due course became the National Tramway Museum at Crich in Derbyshire.

In many ways life was so much simpler than today's with its reliance on all the wonders and dangers of modern technology. My parents did not have a telephone for many years and relied on the public telephone in its red box situated at the bottom of the road. When we did eventually acquire one, its use was strictly limited to calling the doctor when necessary and for telephoning distant members of the family on Christmas day or birthdays. Refrigerators and washing machines were luxuries only dreamt of and purchased only years later. The weekly wash and ironing were time consuming and major events in the weekly diary.

And then there was a major event which opened all our eyes to the wonder of a new world. The Festival Of Britain. This wonderful and uplifting event took place in 1951 with all its new technologies and modern designs. It was a brave new world and gave us all hope for a brighter and much different future. Who could forget the Skylon? My parents and I went early one morning on the train from Southampton to Waterloo. Dad even decided the occasion was auspicious enough to allow us to have breakfast in the restaurant car of the train. On reaching Waterloo we made our way to the South Bank and spent a wonderful day totally spellbound viewing such a different world of design and technology. The guide book filled with wonderful and inspiring articles. Fabulous adverts in full colour. Maps and full information about all that we would be able to see. It was very expensive, costing 2/6d (about 30p) but something to be savoured and enjoyed long after the event. As in common with the thousands that visited the Festival Of Britain during that summer of 1951 we were amazed. One lasting legacy was the innovative and modern Royal Festival Hall which I have since attended on a number of occasions over the years.

But that was not quite the end of the Festival Of Britain. The former World War II escort aircraft carrier, CAMPANIA, had been converted into a floating exhibition housing many other exhibits and as such visited the major ports of the country. She visited Southampton for ten days in May 1951. Dad took me to see this exhibition which further highlighted and exemplified all that we had seen in London. We rushed back home to show mum all that we had bought.

Then it was back to normality. Life continued as usual until one afternoon in February 1952 when the headmaster of the school came unexpectedly into our classroom and announced that King George VI had died that day after a long illness. We were saddened but perhaps not fully appreciative of the significance of that statement and the ramifications it would have on all our lives.



Going home on the bus after school the other passengers were quiet and reticent. On arriving home my parents were quiet, tea was subdued. Perhaps the significance of the event really came home to me when I turned on the radio for Children's Hour and instead of hearing one of my favourite programmes, there was solemn music interspersed with sombre announcements.

The beginning of the 1950s began to be more positive with families made homeless from the bombing being re-homed in prefabricated houses, prefabs with mod cons. Slowly the derelict bomb sites were being cleared and new and modern buildings began to be erected.

New and modern schools were beginning to be built with large playing fields, light and airy classrooms with the ultimate luxury, indoor toilets! A transformation of Southampton began with the construction of new department stores in Above Bar and the High Street.



Excitement gripped the nation as after so many months of anticipation the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth was announced to take place on June 2nd 1953. From the beginning of the year the excitement was palpable and as one, the nation swung into frenzied action to plan and produce an astonishing and amazing range of goods, mementos, celebrations, musical activities and street parties to celebrate the forthcoming coronation. Schools were no exception and swung into action to produce a vast range of activities and celebrations.

My father was a teacher and I well remember a very large and impressive display depicting the envisaged coronation procession in vivid colours across the back wall of his classroom, contributed by the 48 boys in his class. Flags, bunting and posters decorated the walls and ceiling of his classroom. All the children in Southampton schools were presented with a special Coronation Mug to celebrate and commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2. I still have mine!

My parents and I travelled up to London to celebrate the Coronation with my grandmother and aunt who lived at Greenwich. We were frequent visitors to Greenwich and enjoyed walks in Greenwich Park, enjoying the panoramic view from the Royal Observatory, standing with legs apart either side of the Greenwich Meridian, visits to the Painted Hall and the National Maritime Museum. Unfortunately I never knew my grandfather as he died in the year I was born. On the journey to London and then down to Greenwich there was so much excitement with many displays and decorations, banners and flags, brightly decorated houses, public buildings and shops all festooned with flags and bunting

We decided on the day before the Coronation to travel up to the centre of London to see all the places that would feature in the coronation festivities. This involved a early start travelling up by bus just after 7am. I have to admit I was somewhat saddened at first as I so missed the trams which we used extensively when staying at Greenwich. They had finally gone the year before in July 1952. However, very shortly I was caught up in the excitement of the big occasion. We must have walked miles viewing The Mall, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey all the sites associated with the Coronation route, marvelling at all the banners, flags, groups of soldiers, sailors and airmen practising the part they were to play in the procession, the large colourful stands, bands practising.

Our disappointment on realising that our hopes of actually being present on Coronation day and not being able to witness such a historic event from any stand or viewpoint was tangible as we headed back to Greenwich on the bus. But dad was already formulating an idea.

Watching it on television! Once we arrived back at grandma's Dad was straight out and down the road to try and find a radio and television shop. Could we hire one for the day? We thought he was wasting his time as it was late in the day. After having something to eat we went upstairs to rest and relax in the lounge. Our revelry was interrupted by the slamming of doors, thumping feet on the stairs and dad shouting out, "I've got one, I've got one!" We were astounded and amazed. "Yes, I managed to hire one from the radio shop down the road. It was the last one he had. He is coming along when he closes up the shop to fit it all up for us" What could we say? We were speechless. Mum just gave him such a big hug! True to his word, the owner of the radio shop appeared in the evening with a television, aerial and all the other paraphernalia required. With bated breath we watched him switch on and tune into the BBC and showed dad how to operate it.

Coronation Day finally arrived, a truly wonderful and momentous day. We were up bright and early and all very excited with anticipation. We turned on the radio and heard the wonderful news that Mount Everest had been successfully climbed by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing. A perfect start to the day. We eagerly turned on the television as soon as broadcasting began and crowded around the small black and white television to watch as the events of coronation day unfolded before our eyes. Despite the rain, it was a wonderful and yes, magical day. We were enthralled as we watched the coronation procession, the stunning Coronation carriage, the huge excited crowds. And then the awesome solemnity of the Coronation service in Westminster Abbey. The beautiful and majestic music, the power and majesty of the service itself.



How young and beautiful the Queen looked. The richness of so many splendid uniforms; the aristocracy of the land in their finest robes and regalia. Kings, Queens, and royalty from throughout the world. Presidents and Prime Ministers all crowded into Westminster Abbey And then the excitement of the return procession to Buckingham Palace, and finally the Queen appearing with all her family on the balcony waving and acknowledging the cheers and best wishes of the vast crowds who thronged to the palace railings. So many street parties and organised events to celebrate such an occasion. Who could ever forget such a day? A day to be long remembered and cherished. The start of the second

Elizabethan era.

Ashley MacFarlane – Watt

PS: rationing of sweets finished in 1954!

All the pictures in this article
are from the
Festival of Britain Guide -
May to September 1951.

Christmas Tree Festival

The festival will return to St James this December. This very popular event will take place from Friday 9th – Sunday 11th December. We are in the very early stages of planning so if you would like some further details, or would just like to be kept informed as the plans progress, please get in touch with Helen Wiseman at hwiseman@hotmail.co.uk or call 07787 511 625.



Thank you to everyone that supported our Lent appeal in support of Water Aid and CAFOD, the amount of change collected in the jars of change for water aid came to £101.43, we received £80.00 in donations and £74.61 from the Lent Lunch giving us a total of £256.04 to send off to them to support the work that they do.

When we had our Christian Aid lunch, the 26 people who attended enjoyed a jacket potato with baked beans and cheese followed by a choice of rhubarb or apple crumble or cheesecake, raising £216.00. However, we expect the total money raised for Christian Aid to increase when the envelopes are counted and we will update the figure next month, thank you for your generous support. It was lovely to be able to share some quality time together after such a difficult time.

After the disappointment of the cancelled Discovery Trail we are pleased to offer the trail as part of our fundraising BBQ on the 3rd July. Please see the separate poster below for details or speak to one of the Hope team. We look forward to seeing you there.



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A Tribute to Our Queen for her Platinum Jubilee Celebration

I'm sure that many folks are just like me, never knowing a time when Queen Elizabeth the 2nd was not on the throne of England. As we come to this very historic bank holiday and as the nation celebrates with cream teas, parties, flower festivals and as neighbours rejoice together, we can look back to her 90th birthday when she shared her faith in a book, 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves.' As a forward she said, 'In the last 90 years the extent and pace of change has been truly remarkable. We have witnessed triumphs and tragedies. Our world has enjoyed great advances in science and technology, but it has also endured war, conflict and terrible suffering on an unprecedented scale.'

I am touched that the Bible Society, HOPE and the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity have published this book to celebrate my 90th birthday. In my first Christmas Broadcast in 1952, I asked the people of the Commonwealth to pray for me as I prepare to dedicate myself to their service at my Coronation. I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness.'

She also invited us to join her in reflecting on the words of a poem quoted by her father, King George VI, in his Christmas Day broadcast of 1939, the year that the country went to war.

'I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.

Then shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

In 2011 the Queen said, "Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general but a Saviour, with the power to forgive."

6 years further on in that journey, conflicts seemed to have magnified but the words of that poem and the invitation still stand the same today. Our Queen is truly by any way a measure of a remarkable woman. Let's celebrate her faithfulness to the King she serves and give thanks.

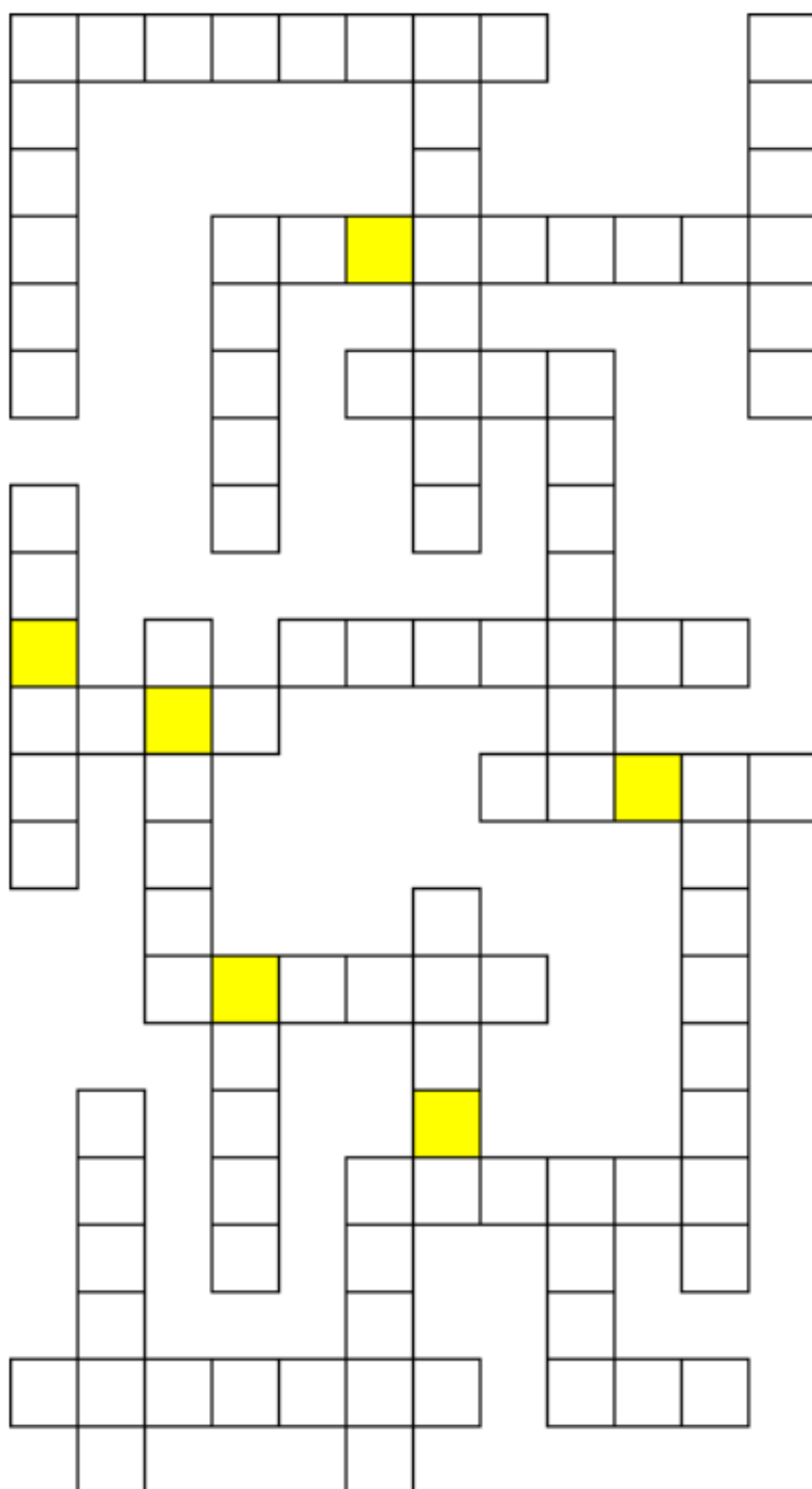
The book quoted can be found in the library at St James Parish Church and at the library at Anchor Community Church, both holding Fridays for coffee and cake.

Jane Castle



Criss-cross for June 2022

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid? The letters in the yellow boxes will spell out another word.



3 letter word

SUN

4 letter words

MARS

MOON

STAR

5 letter words

COMET

EARTH

PLUTO

SPACE

VENUS

6 letter words

COSMOS

GALAXY

METEOR

NEBULA

PULSAR

SATURN

URANUS

7 letter words

JUPITER

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9 letter word

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John 16.12-15

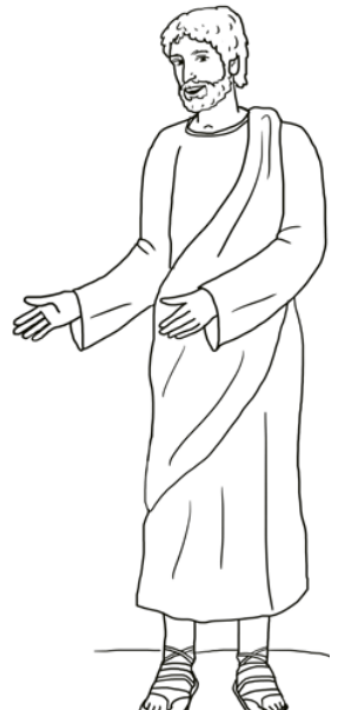
Jesus reassures his disciples that what they know now is important, but more will be revealed later.



We can know God in what we are doing right now.



Draw yourself with Jesus today. How can you focus on spending time with God right now?



The Spirit helps us to learn more about God. Use the code to help you work out the message from Jesus about the Spirit.

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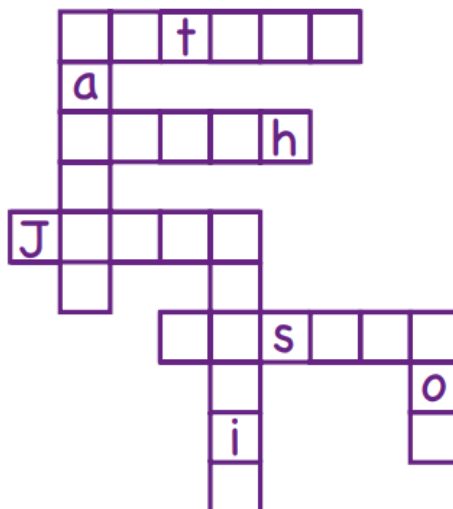
Solve the clues to fill in the answers to the crossword. Some letters have been added to help you.

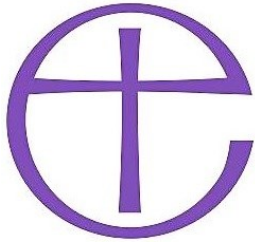
Down

- The creator (6)
- The helper Jesus sent to us (6)
- This time today (3)

Across

- The Son (5)
- Something that is not a lie (5)
- Use your ears (6)
- The time to come (6)





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.

Solution for May Crossword

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Welcome to our June Trail Tree

This month our theme is the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

The trees reflect a selection of the Queen's favourite music and hymns from her Coronation Service. We hope you enjoy the trail.

You will find the lyrics of Jerusalem at the Welcome Tree and we invite you to decorate the shoe shapes as a reminder of all the people that have travelled this way before us.

Move on to the Faith Tree where you will find the lyrics to Sing and in the box we invite you to tie a red, white or blue heart to the tree as we think about God's love for us.

At the Thankyou Tree we give thanks for our Queen and her 70 years of faithful service, you will find the lyrics of God Save The Queen and in the box there is the opportunity to decorate a crown.

We invite you to colour bunting at the Praise Tree to tie to the tree. Here you will find the lyrics to Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven.

Finally at the Worry Tree you can tie a blue bird to the tree as we pray for peace in the world, here you can read the words to
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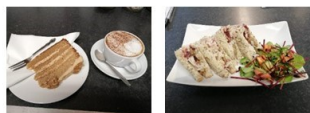


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