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Worship in November at Christ Church

1st 10.30am Holy Communion - All Saints Day

with The Revd Roger Walker

8th 10.30am Remembrance Service of Morning Prayer

with The Revd George Butterworth and Derek Hansen

15th 10.30am Holy Communion with The Revd Roger Walker

22nd 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hanson

29th 10.30am Holy Communion

with The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel, Archdeacon of Chichester



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One of Barbara's "Amazing Lives".....

George Washington Williams (Born 1849 in Bedford Springs, America died 1891 Blackpool, England).



His story is little known but truly amazing. You can hear a discussion on his life in the radio series "Great Lives" hosted by Matthew Parris. The programme is still available on BBC Sounds.

George was one of five children born into a Free Black family during the time when the issue of slavery was heading towards a Civil War. George lied about his age and fought in that war. When the fighting ended with the victory to the Union States, soldiers had a chance to go to University. George, still semi-literate, went to the newly opened Howard University, where he met and married Sarah, about whom very little is known. George's thirst to achieve and accept new challenges did not end with University. He went onto theological college and become a pastor. This did not provide George with the satisfaction he seemed to be seeking. He published a newspaper, then went into politics and became the first black man in the Ohio Legislature. His book "History of the Negro Race in America" became a highly regarded academic publication in 1882. He travelled widely across America as a celebrity speaker. He continued to look for new challenges and trained as an Attorney. He travelled to Europe and sought an interview with King Leopold of Belgium in order to understand the Congo and the developments that were taking place. The Congo, at the time, was under the personal rule of the King. Leopold was unprepared for George to travel to the Congo where he observed the conditions in which the people were living and working. George's letter to the King is available to read in full on the website "blackpast.org". Needless to say, the observations and insights which George detailed did not please the King one little

bit. George was articulate and told the King exactly what he had found. On the return journey to America, George was in Blackpool when he died of tuberculosis. His gravestone can be found in Layton Cemetery, Blackpool.

The ticket.....

Arnold and his wife were cleaning out the attic one day when he came across a ticket from the local shoe repair shop. The date stamped on the ticket showed that it was over 11 years old. They both laughed and tried to remember which of them might have forgotten to pick up a pair of shoes over a decade ago.

“Do you think the shoes will still be in the shop?” Arnold asked.

“Not very likely,” his wife said.

“It’s worth a try,” Arnold said, pocketing the ticket.

He went downstairs, hopped into the car and drove to the store. With a straight face, he handed the ticket to the man behind the counter.

With a face just as straight, the man said: “Just a minute. I’ll have to look for these”.

He disappeared into a dark corner at the back of the shop.

Two minutes later, the man called out, “Here they are!”

“No kidding?” Arnold called back. “That’s terrific! Who would have thought they’d still be here after all this time”.

The man came back to the counter, empty-handed.

“They’ll be ready Thursday,” he said calmly.



Poet's Corner

In Awe.....

Colours are not my forte
Or else would I a portrait paint
Of charming flowers on display
In cottage garden, O, so quaint!
A rich abode fit for a saint!

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Gem of Hidden Health

When all around is steeped in sound,
O'erwhelming tranquil mind,
Withdraw to inner realms profound,
Imbibing stillness, kind,
Shackles of stress unbind.

Inhaling constant, steady breath,
Exhaling steadily,
Releases gem of hidden health,
Returns serenity,
And deep-set harmony!

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Five men go into a bar and one of them says to the bartender: “A round of drinks for me and my friends.”

They get their drinks and they raise their glasses to a toast of, “To 51 days!” and drink.

The first man asks the bartender to set them up again.

Again, they toast to 51 days and drink. After they order a third round, the bartender says that he has to ask what the toast means.

The guy says: “We just finished a jigsaw puzzle. On the box it said, “two to four years” and we finished it in 51 days.”



**Don't use a big word
when a singularly
unloquacious and
diminutive linguistic
expression will
satisfactorily
accomplish the
contemporary
necessity.**

A QUIZ!! Thanks to Barbara D for this..

Answers are on the inside back page!



- 1 *What country was the first ever Eurovision Song Contest winner?*
- 2 *Who is the current Prime Minister of New Zealand?*
- 3 *In which year did Britain originally join the EEC (Now the EU)?*
- 4 *How many hearts does an Octopus have?*
- 5 *What is the world's fastest animal?*
- 6 *An object with 12 sides is commonly known by what name?*
- 7 *Who lived at 221B Baker Street?*
- 8 *Which country has the longest coastline?*
- 9 *What year did the Titanic sink in the Atlantic on its maiden voyage?*
- 10 *What is the title of the first Carry On film?*
- 11 *Who was Prime Minister of Britain between 1841 – 1846?*
- 12 *What is the chemical symbol for Silver?*
- 13 *The tallest building in the world is located in which city?*
- 14 *What currency is used in Turkey?*
- 15 *How long does Prime Ministers Questions last?*





DESERT ISLAND HYMNS

In the May edition of the parish magazine of my London church, I posed the question, in the manner of that ever-popular radio programme Desert Island Discs, 'If you were marooned on a desert island, recordings of which six hymns would you like to have with you?' Nine readers kindly took on the challenge.

The first thing that struck me about the various selections was their sheer diversity. In all, 46 separate hymns were chosen. So, if everybody ends up on the desert island, there will be quite a reasonable body of hymns to choose from for our Sunday worship. Several people commented that they found it very difficult to narrow their choices down to six, and one person ingeniously sought to widen their choices by nominating seven excellent hymns in joint sixth place! (These have been excluded from the analysis.) And the choices were truly ancient and modern, with the oldest having words originating in the sixth century, and the most recent from the latter part of the twentieth century.

Of the hymns which appeared on several lists, the most popular were Jerusalem, Lord, for the years, and Brother, sister, let me serve you, which were each chosen by three respondents. Not surprisingly, a number of choices, but not the majority, reflected the most popular results of the Songs

of Praise national polls conducted in 2013 and 2019. There were also some interesting omissions; I was surprised that nobody chose Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, given that they would be stuck in a barren land. There were also no Christmas carols.

But perhaps the most fascinating outcome was the range and depth of the reasons that lay behind the individual choices. Many hymns were chosen because of what the words say about God, or about our own relationship with God. Others brought back memories of the highs and lows of life – school and Sunday school, other childhood memories, and events in life such as weddings and funerals. Some were described as comforting or uplifting, and one, Father, hear the prayer we offer, was credited with having provided comfort and support in childbirth. And in some cases, the tunes were important, too.

I also invited respondents to say which of their choices was the one they would most wish to survive should the recordings be damaged in the shipwreck. These were:

Christ is surely coming

Christ triumphant

Fill thou my life O God

I danced in the morning (Lord of the dance)

It is well with my soul

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Make me a channel of your peace

O Lord, my God (How great thou art)

Hymns are said to be one of the most important elements of our worship, which is one reason why the current prohibition on the congregation singing them in church is so tragic. Apparently, we absorb a lot of our theology from the words we sing and, typically, the hymns sung are what we are all most likely to remember longest from a service. But this exercise shows that hymns are also of much wider influence on our lives, providing comfort and support to each of us in so many different and personal ways.

Christopher Ward

An amazing 2 letter English word. Thanks to John C

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition. UP
This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.],[prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.
At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing,
but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing:

A drain must be opened UP, because it is stopped UP.
We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost $\frac{1}{4}$ of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U P.... !!!!

Did that one crack you UP?

SHOULD HAVE GONE TO SPECSAVERS?

***Most of generation of 60+
were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.***

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside.

I just finished cleaning."



2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOUR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up"

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

This should only ring a bell with the over 60 crowds, because the younger ones would not believe we truly were told these "EXACT" words by our parents!!...

I always enjoy a good Bottle Tombola. They are great fun, with potentially two bangs for one's buck; one, whether one wins at all, and two, when one does, the anticipation of where in the range between the champagne and the mineral water the winning ticket will fall.

So, it is no surprise that I was tempted by the excellent Bottle Tombola at last year's Christmas Fair at my Local church. My elder grandson who was accompanying me very studiously selected six tickets on my behalf, and then opened them, one by one. Four losers, then – delight of delights – a ticket ending with a five! The person in charge searched through the prizes and, with the words, "Some balsamic vinegar" presented me with a quite small but relatively tall long-necked cylindrical bottle with a pretty label. Grandson was a little disappointed; he would have preferred one of the numerous bottles of soft drink.

I didn't look at the bottle myself in any detail till I got home. The first thing I noticed was a statement on the label saying 40% alcohol. Clearly, if this was indeed balsamic vinegar, it was like no other I had previously encountered.

Closer examination revealed that it was in fact a small bottle oftequila!

Christopher Ward

November in history, thanks to Barbara H

1605 The Gun Powder Plot failed

1957 Soviet Union puts a dog called Laika into space.
The dog did not come home.

1973 North Sea oil began to flow to mainland UK

1991 Terry Waite released four and half years
after being kidnapped

Going Dark

The Covid-19 pandemic has dominated the news for most of this year and affected everyone to a greater or lesser degree. This is my understanding of how it has impacted one sector - and I recognise that this cannot compare with all those who have to expose themselves to the virus on a daily basis at work.



When the Government realised that the virus demanded a swift response it announced that theatres were “advised” to close but voluntary closure would have had huge financial implications on businesses unable to claim insurance. But the situation changed almost by the hour and that “advice” quickly became an order. Staff were sent home and there followed a period when people did not know where next month’s rent was coming from - a concern experienced by many households across the country and not just in theatre land.

For those not familiar with employment in the theatre there are three main categories; those working for the theatre itself, those employed by the production and those who are freelance. Many will have dedicated themselves to theatre from their earliest days through dance classes, school plays and theatre clubs which will have taken all their spare time followed for many by residential theatre schools from age 13. Performers such as musicians, singers and dancers are likely to have invested tens of thousands of pounds in tuition fees and then more on top for essential equipment (for example dance shoes having a working life of just a few months).

At some point in the process the student has to refine their career aspirations – Performer or Techie? It may be that the “luvvie” and “darling” side of it appeals in which case expect audition after audition and rejection after rejection. As a dancer expect your hips, knees and feet to let you down some time in the not too distant future. If you are lucky enough to land a part in a major West End show your contract is likely to be for 6 months until the next cast change when you restart the cycle looking for another show. By comparison the technical side of it could be split into those involved in the delivery of the performance such as Stage Managers, Dressers, Fly Men, Puppeteers and Carpenters and those who are mainly concerned with getting a production to the stage in the first place such as Lighting, Set and Costume Designers and who, when this is done, move on to design the next show.

But even as a “Techie” there are decisions to be made including whether you work for the theatre or for the production or as a freelance. If you work for the production when it fails or runs out of steam you’re out of a job whereas if employed by the theatre you will hopefully stay on for the next show that comes in.

Now, bear in mind that a high proportion of the UK’s theatre is London-based the majority of those employed in the business are paying London rents or mortgages. To be told that, as from tomorrow, you don’t have a job and don’t expect to restart until sometime next year is a hammer blow. The Chancellor’s announcement of the Furlough Scheme was a huge help to some but not to the freelancers nor to those caught between shows – remember that many only have short contracts.

The end of the Furlough Scheme meant redundancy and if you had been employed for the duration of a long-running show then this might give a reasonable cushion for a month or two. Some people were able to get help from families but imagine the single woman renting in London with no close family and who was just about to sign up on a new show. No furlough, no redundancy, no safety net. Or the freelance Fly Man who relies on the phone call from the Master Carpenter for his weekly rent. The announcement that bars and restaurants would be allowed to open gave a glimmer of hope – after all, when you go to the theatre you all sit facing the same way and (usually) just watch and applaud. Why is that more of a risk than joining a couple of hundred drunks on the street at midnight? It was Michael Portillo on

Question Time who pointed out that rather than arbitrarily closing theatres why not instead try to work out how theatres could be safely kept open as had been argued by Andrew Lloyd Webber months ago. When they do re-open, they will deserve their clap too.

John H

Recipe Corner.....

CHEESE POTATO CAKES thanks to Dorothy....

2lb potatoes

½ oz butter or substitute

1 egg

½ clove of garlic [optional]

6oz grated cheese

Salt 'n pepper

Pinch of nutmeg

Beaten egg yolk and breadcrumbs [to coat]

Peel and cook potatoes and mash with butter. Beat in the egg and add crushed garlic. Stir in cheese and seasonings. Leave mixture to become cold, then roll it into a sausage shape and divide into 8 equal pieces. Shape each piece into a round flat cake, coat with the egg yolk and breadcrumbs and fry to a golden brown. ENJOY!



And another from Dorothy....

PINEAPPLE CAKE

4oz marg

12 oz mixed dried fruit

6oz granulated sugar [brown or white]

1tsp mixed spice

1tsp bicarb

1tin crushed pineapple

8oz SR flour

2eggs

Melt marg in pan, add mixed fruit, sugar, spice, bicarb and pineapple and boil for 5 mins. Leave to cool. Add flour and beaten eggs. Cook for 2 hours on 325 degrees or Gas 3 in a well-greased 8inch baking tin [at least 3½ inches deep].

Enjoy!!!



And finally, some welcome good news.....

My brother and many friends/colleagues offer support to the homeless of London and Slough and have experienced that the Covid lock down has had a little silver lining for some of their homeless guests: he writes....

“Whilst our guests have been accommodated in B & B's, hotels etc. we, and the social services have had a golden opportunity to be able to detect their mental and physical needs and been able to give them help and guidance.

Many of the guests have found that it has given them a time to take stock of their lives without the worry of what the day holds for them.

Together with the help of the Slough council housing unit, The London & Slough Run have taken over 2 properties and we have been able to accommodate 6 men.

The good story is, that three of them got jobs within three days of being in their new homes. Two of them are working in a recycling plant and one has been taken on by a gardening contractor. It proves that given accommodation makes it possible for them to get jobs.

Around 45 were accommodated in an hotel in Datchet and many have taken positive steps to a better future.

Twenty-two of these men have been given accommodation by the council and are looking for jobs. Sadly some of our guests wish to remain on the streets but we now know their needs and can give them better help because they trust us. This would not have happened if it were not for the Covid lock down.

An amusing incident happened one night when the police turned up at the hotel asking if a certain gentleman was staying at the hotel. The security guard said yes and took them to his room to find he had joined up the bed sheets and the curtains to gain his escape. He obviously had been watching too many war films!

Another gentleman said that he had been on the streets for 10 years and missed his hobby of going to the cinema. During the lockdown in the hotel, he had caught up with a lot of films he had missed, so now he wanted to get a job and go to the cinema regularly!

Worthing's "**Turning Tides**" offer similar support in our area.

Answers to the quiz found earlier in the magazine:

- 1 Switzerland
- 2 Jacinda Ardern
- 3 1973
- 4 Three
- 5 Cheetah
- 6 Dodecagon
- 7 Sherlock Holmes
- 8 Canada
- 9 1912
- 10 Carry On Sergeant
- 11 Robert Peel
- 12 Ag
- 13 Dubai (Burj Khalifa)
- 14 Turkish Lira
- 15 30 minutes



What is lengthened if you cut it at both ends?

Ans: a Ditch

What Word am I looking for?

I can't stomach this rubbish, but I lose my head over fruit when its ready or I could take an endless journey.

Ans: Tripe

I'm a word that's hardly there,
Take away my start and give me a shuffle and I'll
turn herbal

Ans: Sparsely & Parsley

I can be offered, I can be made, I can be taken back,
I may be big - I may be small but if I'm broken, I fall.

Ans: Promise/deal

The last few months have provided a marvellous time for some theological reading, here are some wise words from C.S. Lewis, courtesy of Alex:

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to our conscience, but shouts in our pains. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

from 'The Problem of Pain.'