

A scenic photograph of a forest waterfall. The waterfall is the central focus, cascading over a rocky ledge into a pool of water. The surrounding forest is lush with green ferns and moss, interspersed with trees showing vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the waterfall and the dense canopy above.

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To journey in faith and share

God's love.

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THIS MONTH'S COVER: Bodnant gardens, N. Wales

Do You Remember when

Do you remember

where you were when the Apollo 11 landed on the Moon (16th July 1969)? Do you remember where you spent Christmas when Band Aid released, 'Do they know it's Christmas' (December 1984)? Do you remember where you were when you heard Princess Diana died (31st August 1997), or the terror attacks on Twin Towers (11th September 2001)? Or where you were when JFK was shot, (22nd November 1963)?

We can remember some details with high definition, yet sometimes we **forget where we parked the car!** Experts suggest that time, repetition and emotion all contribute to the detail and power we remember events.

It's surprising how detailed we can remember events so many years ago. A **smell, a song, or a photograph can transport us back in time** to relive a moment, along with all the emotions that go with it: joyful and funny, as

well as painful and tragic. Remembering is powerful because the emotions attached to that memory can be just as powerful, and just as real, as if it had just happened.

Remembering forms part of our identity, what touched us in the past shapes us in the present and affects the direction of our journey moving forwards. Remembering, to be a healthy exercise, isn't done in isolation. Each week, as Christians, we remember the **gift of life** and hope we have in the death, resurrection and life of Jesus: we declare each week that when we receive the bread and the wine we do, 'in remembrance of me [Jesus]', it is called the Eucharist, which means thanksgiving.

Remembering needs to be done in **partnership** with being **thankful**, to be life giving.

Remembrance Sunday is a time to think, and be

thankful, for those who gave of themselves. Harvest is a time to look back and be thankful for the fruits of the hard work during the summer months. Being thankful keeps us **moving forward**, and stops us becoming introspective, getting stuck in the past.

At this time of year, we have a tradition in the church of remembering those family and friends who have died, **All Souls**. A time to sit and be thankful for the legacy of our loved ones, and the impact their love has had on us. It's good and healthy to remember those we love but no longer see, but it's also good and healthy to remember those who are with us now, be thankful for them, and the future memories we have the opportunity to make with them.

On **Sunday 1st November** we will hold our **All Souls service**. If you would like to honour the life and legacy of someone special, you are invited to join us to light a candle and remember them.

Contact Karen, or visit our website for further information. (01452 550554 / churchoffice@stgeorgebrockworth.uk)



Mike Smith



Listens, Observes and Acts

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If you have not paid please place in an envelope marked

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and post through the Church Centre letterbox or take to the
Church Centre Office

(please wear a mask when entering the office!)

Thank you.

If you need Christmas cards or other occasion cards the MU
office in Millers Green, Gloucester is open on Fridays from
10.00am until 1.00pm

and has a good selection at very reasonable prices

Enid sometimes helps out in the MU office

so would be willing to collect any items for you, please contact
her.

Lord, as today unfolds, may we be surrounded by your love.

Uphold us in our daily tasks and fill our minds with positive
thoughts.

Guide us through the unexpected and help us to surrender
to your will.

Remind us that your guidance is always at hand
and direct us to place our complete and utter trust in you.

As we walk each step may we be present
to your presence as we speak kindly, act lovingly
and give you thanks for your bounteous blessings this day.

Amen.

Is there ought that I can wish you, that has not been wished
before?

Shall I wish that health and gladness be increasing more and
more?

Or perhaps that you will be happy and all sadness stand apart?
No, I'll simply wish "God Bless You", and I wish it from my heart.

Many Blessings, Rona.

A message from
Bishop Rachel

‘You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept.’

Words of Jesus Christ - Matthew 5:14 (The Message)

In 2016 when we discerned our LIFE vision together, one of the things which emerged was a commitment to ‘nurture confident disciples to live out their faith seven days a week’, so Bishop Robert and I were delighted last Saturday to join (over Zoom) with so many people of different ages for our Diocesan Festival of Everyday Faith.

A few weeks ago in the Bulletin I referred once again to that image of ‘trailing the wet footprints of our baptism’ among the people and places of our daily lives, and I wrote that: ‘This time of Covid19 is challenging us to continue to think what it means for us to be the Church Sunday through to Saturday as we live in a time when the words trauma, loss, uncertainty and crisis are writ large. It is my prayer that as we continue to grapple with questions, fears and hopes, amid both joy and struggle, we might enable one another to ask what trailing our wet footprints and pointing to the kingdom of God might increasingly look like both in our individual lives and in our local communities as we live with authenticity holding fast to the hope of Christ.’

This was what Saturday was all about as we talked and reflected not on how we are doing gathered worship at the moment, but rather how we are reflecting the light of Christ every day of every week, whether in a place of tears or laughter.

If you weren’t able to join in on Saturday (and even if you were), do look at the **market place of resources and click on the map and the stories** people across the diocese shared with Bishop Robert. You will be inspired. There are details of resources, upcoming events and recordings of sessions from Saturday – We are sure that there is something that is you-shaped.

But the important thing is that Saturday wasn’t a one-off event but rather part of an important culture change for every one of us who are baptised followers of Christ. This is about how we are sent out from our gathered worship week after week as we ‘Go in peace to love and serve the Lord’ and ‘in the name of Christ’. To that end there was plenty of challenge on Saturday for worshipping communities and leaders as to how we ensure that what we do when we gather for worship supports and strengthens people to know and serve Christ in all the places and activity of the week, not only in the home but in school and work places and everything in between.

As we live these strange days may we each grow in courage as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ, living and

speaking differently as we seek to join in with God's transformational work as we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as in heaven.

Bishop Robert and I continue to hold you in our prayers with thanksgiving,

+ Rachel



PEACE by Megan Carter

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month
The guns had ceased and peace had come
Another war with so much loss
As brave men fought and victories won.

We honour those who gave their lives
And took arms against the foe
Not knowing if they would return
But faithful to the call to go

Battles rage throughout the earth
It seems that wars will never cease
Until the day that Christ returns -
And only then will there be peace.

The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel
Will come to end this world of strife
And as He brings His kingdom in
He'll usher in eternal life

SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY—November 2020

Please remember you will need to wear a face covering

1st All Saints' Day	9.00am	Communion Worship Service: Church This service will also be broadcast live on YouTube
	10.30am	Worship Service: Hall, Church Centre
	3-4pm	All Souls' Service: Hall, Church Centre
	4-5pm	Light a candle for a remembered loved one: Hall, Church Centre
4th	9.30am	Communion: Hall, Church Centre
8th Remembrance Sunday	9.00am	Communion Worship Service followed by short service at churchyard war memorial: Church This service will also be broadcast live on YouTube
	10.30am	Worship Service: Hall, Church Centre
11th	9.30am	Communion: Hall, Church Centre
15th	9.00am	Communion Worship Service: Church This service will also be broadcast live on YouTube
	10.30am	Worship Service: Hall, Church Centre
18th	9.30am	Communion: Hall, Church Centre
22nd	9.00am	Communion Worship Service: Church This service will also be broadcast live on YouTube
	10.30am	Worship Service: Hall, Church Centre
25th	9.30am	Communion: Hall, Church Centre
29th Advent Sunday	9.00am	Communion Worship Service: Church This service will also be broadcast live on YouTube
	10.30am	Worship Service: Hall, Church Centre

Please be assured that we are operating within Government and Church of England guidelines when we worship together.

We have all the necessary precautions in place for our worship: sanitiser, cordoned off pews, safe procedures for distributing communion wine and bread, and stewards to help us.

In order for us to be safe and socially distanced, we can only manage a certain number of people in church/church centre. In order for us to operate within this boundary we need to know who intends to be at **EACH** service.

If you would like to be at the service, could you email (churchoffice@stgeorgebrockworth.uk) or phone (01452 550554) the Church Office how many from your bubble will be there and we can reserve seats.

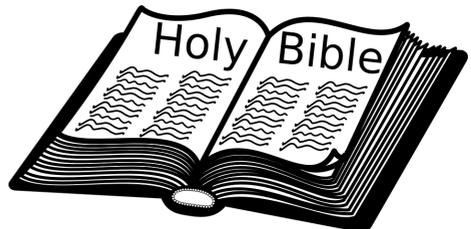
We will then email or phone you back and confirm your space.

BIBLE PUZZLE.

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi

lemonade booth set a new record. The local newspaper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Armana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

Jenny Farmer



BIBLICAL CITIES- “MALTA”

Dear Readers continuing my series on Biblical Cities and the Apostle Paul's journeys I have for this issue, Malta. But I hear you say that is not a City but in fact a European Island of an archipelago in the Mediterranean Sea. It lies 80 km (50 mi) south of Italy, 284 km (176 mi) east of Tunisia.

In the Bible the only references to the Island are found in the Acts of the Apostles which tells the story of how Paul the Apostle was shipwrecked on an island which Chapter 28 identifies as Malta while on his way to Rome to face charges. Traditionally, St. Paul's Bay and S Paul's shipwreck on the island of Malta. According to Christian tradition "The ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. It took 14 Days to reach safety. "Once safely on shore, he found out that the island was called Malta." The cave that St Paul made his home for the duration of his stay in Malta is known as St Paul's Grotto, which has always been considered sacred. The Church of St Paul in Rabat now stands on the site of the Grotto which dates back to the 17th century. This fascinating church was the home of the Sanctuary of Publicus who was another figure from the bible. It was said that St Paul cured Publicus' father which drove him to convert to Christianity. Publicus was later made the first Bishop of Malta. The Cathedral of Medina now stands on the supposed site of Publicus' house.

Porcius Festus was procurator of

Judea from about AD 59 to 62, succeeding Antonius Felix It was Festus who had ordered Paul's journey. In Malta Paul was treated differently from the other prisoners. He was treated kindly and allowed to visit friends. This reflected his status as an uncondemned man awaiting an appeal from Caesar. The other prisoners on the ship were probably condemned criminals going to Rome to die in the Arena.

Christianity has almost 2000 years of history in Malta following St Paul's missionary work in AD 60

It is interesting to note that in Acts Chapter 28 we learn that after fourteen days without eating, St Paul "took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all, and he broke it and began to eat" and 276 Christian believers had eaten their fill. The verse recalls Jesus Christ feeding the multitude and the words said by the priest during the Eucharistic consecration.

Finally, in Acts 28 verses 11-12 I quote " When spring heralds the start of the new sailing season, they set off for Rome on another Alexandrian grain ship that had spent the winter in Malta. The Roman ship is adorned with a figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux (the remains of whose temple can still be visited in the Forum in Rome) "

Allan Delves



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by Lt Col Dr John McCrae MD, (1872 - 1918) Scots-Canadian Army medical officer. He wrote this poem in 1915 from his hospital window where he could see red poppies growing in profusion. Besides the painkilling properties of the morphine extracted from poppies, to him the flowers symbolized the everlasting rest and peace of the fallen.



In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

When John McCrae himself was dying, he asked that poppies should be laid on his grave. Three years after his death, the first Poppy Day was founded by Earl Haig. It has been observed ever since. The name changed to The Poppy Appeal in 1994.
Gordon Clifford

Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.
We will remember them.

Redefining Family Life

Hello, we're Chris and Claire, and we recently joined St George's Church, just after lockdown. We've lived in Brockworth for three years but had continued to attend our church in Cheltenham after relocating away from the town. Over four decades of life we've had broad experiences with church life, both being born into Christian families and having been part of Baptist Churches, Free Churches and C of E. We've been part of churches of twelve people singing Golden Bell hymns to an organ, right through to larger charismatic gatherings of over a thousand people. And there aren't many areas of church life we haven't dipped our toes into either, including worship, PCC's, visuals, Sunday School, operations, prayer ministries, marriage courses, and our favourite area; running or leading small home groups. Our faith is integral to who we are and our marriage, so the right church has always been an important choice for us. During lockdown we got to know our neighbours a lot more and started to think about how nice it would be to be part of a church in Brockworth. We had kept an excited eye on St George's since Mike arrived, because we've known Mike and Sarah previously, after Claire started working with Mike at Trinity Cheltenham back in 2011. We knew what a lovely heart the Smiths have as a family, and how gifted Mike and Sarah are with people, so the idea of joining their church was something we were keen to prayerfully consider.

Those who know us well, know that a large part of our story together has been facing infertility. We have been married for fifteen years and ten of those years have been coming to terms with the fact that having children would be hard or impossible for us. This has been a rollercoaster of a journey and although we're very open about chatting about it, and talking about our experiences and decisions, we've found it's an area many people still feel awkward discussing.

Our faith, and church family, have been an important factor as we've come to terms with life not working out as we expected. God has taken us on a steep learning curve about ourselves, His plans for our lives, accepting them, and learning that not every family looks the same. After all, Jesus' experience on earth was far from married life with 2.4 children.

It's true that our family set-up doesn't look like many others at our stage of life. For example; we don't have children, we happen to have a chameleon instead! And of course that does bring pain (the children bit, not the chameleon... although he can bite!), but we've never lost sight of the hope that God offers us.

Childlessness has brought many ups and downs, even as our friends and family have had children it has changed our lives in ways we didn't expect, and we know this will be an ongoing journey, *but* we also know that God is bigger and stronger than

the fear and pain - and that's what we choose to cling to. We've learnt over the years that this is a choice, it doesn't just happen of its own accord - much as we'd like it to. So we have decided to be victors over our circumstances, and not victims of it. We are increasingly grateful for a God, who unlike humans, doesn't ever change.

Through all this we now have a real appreciation of what 'family life' can look like, appreciating each family unit for what it contains, be it one person or seven people, be it blood-related or related just by choice. It's also led us to have a passion for marriages, not just working hard at our own, but helping others stay strong in theirs (another area rarely discussed).

So we want to encourage you today that whatever you are facing, whoever you are with, or whoever you are missing - we have a God that knows every single sigh and every single pain. All the heartache and disappointments are not lost on Him. It says in Psalms He collects your tears in a bottle, each one is precious to Him, none wasted, and He loves it when we bring them to Him and *choose* to trust Him.

*"You keep track of all my sorrows.
You have collected all my tears in
your bottle.*

*You have recorded each one in
your book."* Psalm 56:8

At one of the recent 10:30am

Sunday gatherings we read from Psalm 139 and finished on this verse:

*"The days of my life all prepared,
before I'd even lived one day."*

Psalm 139:16

We take comfort in the fact that nothing is a surprise to God. We were paired together and God knew this would be our path, our way of showing His love and strength to those around us. Each challenge we've faced was something God knew was ahead, like the other part of the Psalm; wherever we go, He's already there waiting to go through it with us.

*"Is there any place I can go to
avoid your Spirit?*

to be out of your sight?

If I climb to the sky, you're there!

If I go underground, you're there!

If I flew on morning's wings

to the far western horizon,

You'd find me in a minute—

you're already there waiting!"

We are excited for the next chapter of our journey at St George's church, getting to know the community and drawing alongside those who struggle, to show them that there is a God and He is always there waiting for us.

For more about our journey with infertility you can read a blog

Claire wrote for the Not So

Mommy website at the end of

2019: <http://notsomommy.com/>

[claire-cnbc-story-line-in-the-sand/](http://notsomommy.com/claire-cnbc-story-line-in-the-sand/)

Changing roles

At our APCM, held on Zoom on 30th September, I stood down from the role of Churchwarden after 7 years. When Rev Jane asked me to consider the role I agreed after some consideration, and served with Steve Plant for a couple of years. When he stepped down Richard Ashenden became my fellow warden and I have been fortunate to have Derek's support. There was quite a lot to learn as we followed Diocesan guidance and prepared for the Architect's Quinquennial inspection in 2016. The inspection was held in June and we received the report in December. In the meantime, a crack had appeared in the west wall of the church. After consulting the DAC we engaged a structural surveyor to inspect the crack. He recommended fitting a tell tale to the crack to monitor the movement of the crack,

Monthly visits (up a ladder) to read the tell tales and monitor the cracks were carried out. When the crack in the west wall opened to 20mm after a long hot period in the summer of 2018, and cracks had appeared over the North door, a geological survey was booked.

This survey investigated the state of the foundations, which were found to be desiccated and infiltrated with tree roots, particularly from a self seeded oak tree, the nearest tree to the church. It was recommended that this tree was felled. This was done in January 2019 and over the

next few months the cracks stabilized although the north door had swollen and would not open.

At last, in summer of 2020 we were able to employ a builder to repair the stone work and ease the door open. This is now complete and we will continue to keep an eye on things until the Architect's next Quinquennial Inspection in June 2021.

In the meantime there have been many notable events in the life of St George's. The organ restoration was completed and a new handrail installed by the south steps and numerous items of repairs and maintenance arranged.

Bishop Rachel asked Jane to supervise the training of a curate and so Steve Newnes joined us as deacon in 2014 and was licensed as a priest by Bishop Rachel in 2015.

However, life as a churchwarden is not all glamorous but includes, putting the rubbish bins out for collection, cleaning the gutters around the church and dealing with rodents.

I was just contemplating stepping down as Churchwarden at the end of my six year term when Jane announced her retirement. I agreed to serve another year to support Richard through the vacancy. This proved an interesting experience as the standing committee worked hard

at producing a parish profile which would encourage clergy to apply for the post. We were fortunate to have three candidates to interview and Rev Mike Smith was inducted at the end of January 2020. The last six months have been “interesting” dealing with church closure and the rules and regulations for reopening and starting services again. It has been good working with Mike during this time. Thank you to Pat and the standing committee for all you do.

On the day of the APCM Mike and Pat Hartwell presented me with a rose bush, a huge bunch of lilies as well as a very generous voucher.

Thank you to all who contributed to these gifts and for all your support over the past seven years.

Linda Vogwell, who has been assisting Richard and me over the past year has been elected as Churchwarden. I am sure that she will do a great job.

Lizbeth Harbottle



BACK HOME!

If I had the power to turn back the clock,
Go back to that house at the end of the block -
The house that was HOME when I was a kid,
I know that I'd love it more than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee,
And hear once again all the things she told me,
I'd listen as I never listened before,
For she knew so well what life had in store.

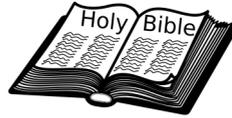
And all the advice my dad used to give,
His voice I'll remember as long as I live;
But it didn't seem really important then;
What I'd give just to live it all over again.

And what I'd give for the chance I once had,
To do so much for my mother and dad;
To give them more joy and a little less pain;
A little more sunshine – a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back
Whether we were born in a mansion or in a shack;
But we can start right now – in the hour that's here,
To do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is travelling so fast;
Let's not spend it regretting that which is past;
But let's make tomorrow a happier day
By doing our "good to others" - TODAY

November 2020 Daily Bible Readings:



Monday 2nd November	Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday 3rd November	Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday 4th November	Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33
Thursday 5th November	Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
Friday 6th November	Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday 7th November	Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15
Monday 9th November	Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday 10th November	Titus 2:1-8,11-14; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday 11th November	Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday 12th November	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
Friday 13th November	2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-end
Saturday 14th November	3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
Monday 16th November	Revelation 1:1-4,2:1-5; Luke 18:35-end
Tuesday 17th November	Revelation 3:1-6,14-end; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday 18th November	Revelation 4; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday 19th November	Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
Friday 20th November	Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday 21st November	Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
Monday 23rd November	Revelation 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday 24th November	Revelation 14:4-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday 25th November	Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday 26th November	Revelation 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9; Luke 21:20-28
Friday 27th November	Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday 28th November	Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Monday 30th November	Revelation 22:8-21; Luke 22:1-20

My Favourite Poems continued- I Remember, I Remember.

As we grow older we all tend to reminisce and think of both the good times and the bad but hopefully more of the good. So, I thought that an appropriate poem that endorses those times is by Thomas Hood and entitled, I Remember, I Remember. The poet recalls his childhood memories and compares his childhood joy with his gloomy present and hectic lifestyle. The poem deals with the wonder of life through childhood memories.

Thomas Hood was born in a room above his father's London bookshop in 1799. His Grandfather was the first person to open up the book trade in America. So it was understandable he would inherit the literary genes. He was privately educated by a School master and left him at the age of 14 to work in a counting house. Does that remind you of the King in Sing a song of sixpence or even Mr Micawber in David Copperfield?

A Counting House was traditionally an office where the financial books of a business were kept. Digressing, back to Thomas Hood who followed his career as an Engraver. He was a sickly child and engraving had an effect on his health. This then allowed him to write and have published a number of short stories and poems for a variety of magazines.

His health gradually deteriorated, and he became an invalid at 41 years old and sadly died at 45 years of age. He was regarded as the greatest poet of his age.

I remember, I remember,
The house where I was born,
The little window where the sun
Came peeping in at morn;
He never came a wink too soon,
Nor brought too long a day,
But now, I often wish the night
Had borne my breath away!

I remember, I remember,
The roses, red and white,
The vi'lets, and the lily-cups,
Those flowers made of light!
The lilacs where the robin built,
And where my brother set
The laburnum on his birthday,—
The tree is living yet!

I remember, I remember,
Where I was used to swing,
And thought the air must rush as fresh
To swallows on the wing;
My spirit flew in feathers then,
That is so heavy now,
And summer pools could hardly cool
The fever on my brow!

I remember, I remember,
The fir trees dark and high;
I used to think their slender tops
Were close against the sky:
It was a childish ignorance,
But now 'tis little joy
To know I'm farther off from heav'n
Than when I was a boy

Reading this poem several times I thought that I could write a Parody of my childhood. Here are 2 verses. Now, dear readers, could you write a parody of 2 verses commencing I remember I remember and following the same stanza? If so, send your entry to Pat Hartwell (or pop it into the office) and I will award a bottle of wine to the winner!

I remember, I remember,
The house where I was born,
My little bedroom window
That o'erlooked the manicured lawn
My Mother's pride and joy was
The rockery of saxifrage and aubretia
Of dianthus, sedum and phlox
No rockery could be neater.

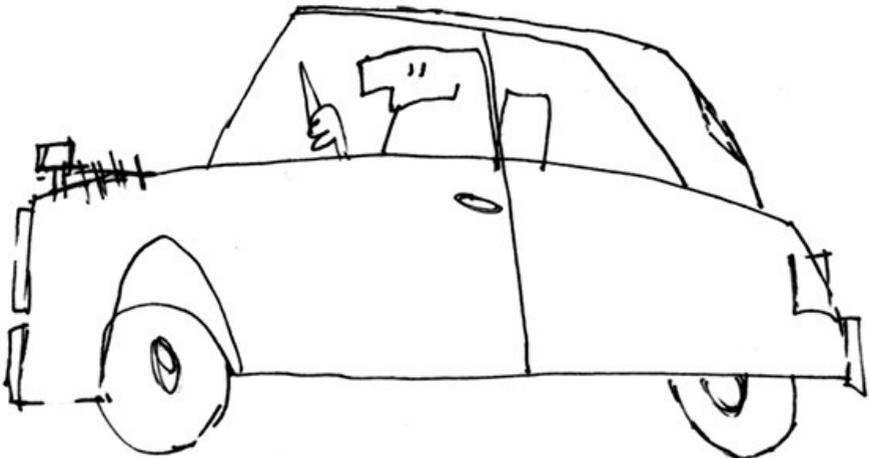
I remember, I remember
Of my childhood days of long ago
The long cold Yorkshire winters
The ice, the frost and the snow
The carrot eyed snowman I built
The snowball fights as off to school I would go
Leaving footprints in the virgin snow
Such fun for Harrogate's pseudo Eskimo.

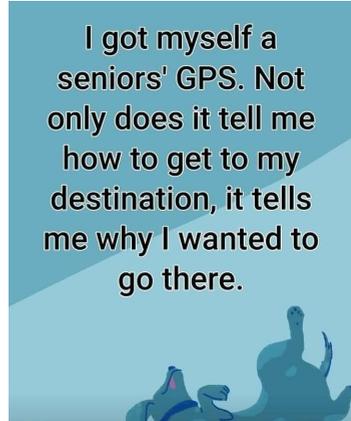
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Ten Commandments for drivers

The Christian Road Safety Association have come up with the following Ten Commandments for motoring

1. Begin with a prayer
2. If you start late, arrive late.
3. Alcohol is for the radiator, not for the operator.
4. If entry into the flow of traffic is facilitated by the courtesy of another driver, wave in appreciation.
5. If you have inadvertently endangered the safe passage of another vehicle, wave as an apology.
6. Make it easy for aggressive opportunity snatchers to get ahead of you – far ahead!
7. So drive that the sudden appearance of a police car is a pleasant sight.
8. Give plenty of space to cars marked with dents.
9. Never accelerate, and decelerate if advisable, when another car wishes to enter your lane.
10. End every trip with a prayer of thanksgiving.





Just a reminder that coin-filled smartie tubes (20p or £1 coins fit beautifully!) can be returned to me via the church centre letter box or my letter box, or placed in the collection plate at a service. We do have a small supply of full smartie tubes, please let me know if you would like one.

Thanks, Derek

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

by Nigel Beeton

Sharp sounds and bright illuminations
Roaring fires and celebrations
Incandescent constellations
Multichrome disintegrations
Festive fireworks and frivolity
Jumping Jacks and all such jollity!

But, pause between those stellar shows
Perhaps we might remember those
Through centuries of “Christian” strife
Have lived their faith, and paid their life.
Remember too, before you’re done
That Jesus prayed we might be one



Personal memories from Gordon

HILDA CLIFFORD was my mum and she died on Sunday 11th November at 11 o'clock in 2001.

Reverend David Sutch officiated at her funeral as he was then the vicar at St Matthew's Church, Cainscross, where as a family we had worshipped for many years.

My mum sold poppies around her village for 40 years to help raise funds for the Earl Haig Fund (changed in 1994 to The Poppy Appeal). She was awarded a gold brooch from The Royal British Legion for Merit and her years of unstinting and loyal service. R I P

From the Registers— September 2020

Baptisms

No baptisms during September

Weddings

No weddings during September

Funerals

No funerals during September

Please also remember all who are sick or bereaved and who need our prayers: *Heavenly Father, giver of life and health; comfort and restore those who are sick and bereaved, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**100 Club
October 2020
WINNERS**

1st — Mary Fowler (22)
2nd — Pat Hartwell (41)
3rd — Chris Carswell (68)

Contributions please!

This is *your* magazine. We need your interesting stories, facts, jokes, poems, quotes, recipes, brain teasers, photos, notices or anything else that others would enjoy reading.

All contributions will be gratefully received by the church office or, preferably, please email:

stgeorgesbrockworthmag@gmail.com

**The DEADLINE
for the double December/January
issue
is 15th November
Thank you!**

Thank you!

**Help Guide Dogs
for the Blind**

Please save your plastic milk bottle tops (they can be any colour, but **only milk bottle tops**)

and pass them to Jenny Farmer or into the Church office to help raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind

Thank you!



A message from the Holbrooks

My sincere thanks to you all for your thoughts and prayers, which gave me much strength and comfort, during my recent breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Ken and I feel blessed that we have such kind, caring and thoughtful members of our St. George's Church family.

God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Erica & Ken

Many thanks for all the kind wishes I received after my recent illness, your thoughts, prayers and wishes really helped with my recovery. Love Rona.

Parish notes November 2020

Our very reduced APCM was held via Zoom on September 30th. Apologies to those of you who would usually attend but were not able to. The next one is less than 6 months away, on April 21st, when we hope you will be able to join us!

At the meeting, Lizbeth Harbottle stepped down as Churchwarden and was warmly thanked for all her years of hard work and dedication.

Richard Ashenden continues to serve as Churchwarden and Linda Vogwell was appointed to serve alongside him. Chris Hickson stood down as a Deanery Synod representative and Tony Wood stood down from the PCC. Tony led the committee looking after the church centre for several years. Both were thanked for all their contributions to the work of the PCC.

Most of our usual activities and groups are still not able to take place or meet under Covid restrictions, but we live in hope of better times to come! As winter approaches, let's all take extra care of our friends and neighbours, and of ourselves too!

Pat Hartwell



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- **TINNED FRUIT (URGENT)**
- **TINNED POTATOES**
- **TINNED MEAT PIES (FRAY BENTOS)**
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- **JARS OF PASTA SAUCE**
- **CUP-A-SOUP/POT NOODLES**
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Welcome back into Church!

St. George's Church is starting to re-open.



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and our

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during October for additional diary events

We look forward to seeing you soon!

