



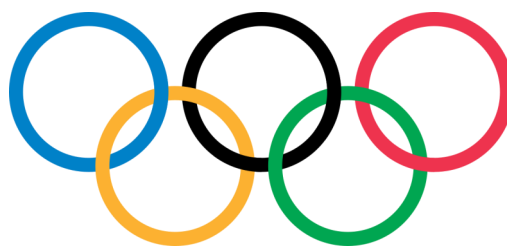
# BOULTON ST MARY'S CHURCH

9th—15th May 2021

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# Editorial

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Boulton St Marys Magazine, we have a bumper issue of articles from Church members.

We are always looking for items to go in the News from the Pews so please share any Good News. The Children's page is looking for our young writers to submit poems, stories or even a recipe. Please send any ideas across to our email address below.

We are slowly getting back to more normality and events should hopefully start to begin again, so if you wish to share any photos or personal reflections of events that you have attended then please forward these to us.

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# The Churchwarden writes.....

Well I'm still here after six months and it has passed very quickly.

You might have noticed some scaffolding appear around the church as our stonemason has begun the essential repairs. As part of this the discoloured covering will be removed off the stained-glass windows to be replaced with a bespoke stainless-steel mesh. This should allow the full beauty of our windows to once again be visible. Also please don't be alarmed by the orange/white safety fencing that has appeared near the south perimeter wall of the churchyard. It is not a problem with a grave, but a dangerous manhole cover that will be replaced by the council as soon as they can. Fortunately they were much quicker at providing a basic repair to a large pothole I alerted them to in the car park!

It has been great to see people gradually returning to church services again and that they are all so well behaved (see cartoon below for use of churchwarden's wand in crowd control). Hopefully this will progress further as restrictions are lifted and we are able to worship with singing. We are also looking forward to hosting at least five weddings this year and a good number of baptisms. Although all enquiries currently need to be made by email we are hopefully going to see a vestry night for booking such events start up as soon as we are able. Please always remember to play your part in welcoming any newcomers to church.

With an APCM coming up on June 6<sup>th</sup> I am planning to stand again, if someone will propose me, and am more than happy to have a partner if you would care to join me. In the meantime do get in touch if there is anything church related that concerns you and I will always do my best to get a resolution.

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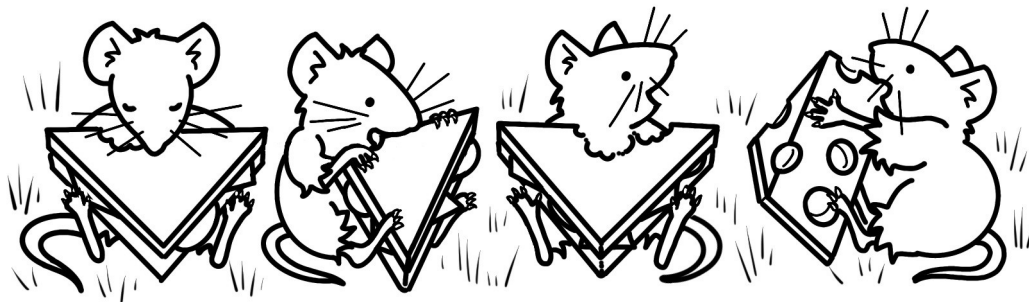
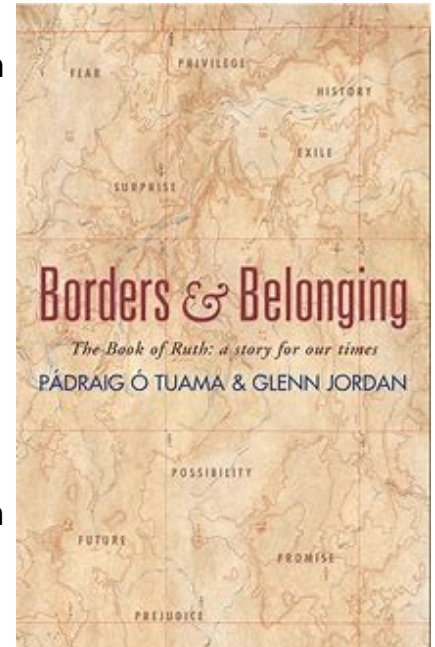


# Book Review

**Borders and Belonging – the Book of Ruth – a story for our times** By Pádraig O Tuama and Glenn Jordan, Canterbury Press, £11.69

A leading Poet and a Theologian reflect on the Old Testament story of Ruth, a tale that resonates deeply in today's world with its themes of migration, the stranger, mixed cultures and religions, law and leadership, women in public life, kindness, generosity and fear.

Ruth's story speaks directly to many of the issues and deep differences that Brexit has exposed and to the polarisation taking place in many societies. Pádraig O Tuama and Glenn Jordan bring the redemptive power of Ruth to bear on today's seemingly intractable social and political divisions, reflecting on its challenges and how it can help us be effective in the public square, amplify voices which are silenced, and be communities of faith in our present day.



**May Day** is a public holiday usually celebrated on 1st May or the first Monday of May. It is an ancient festival of spring and a current traditional spring holiday in many European cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the festivities.

In 1889, May Day was chosen as the date for International Workers' Day by the Socialists and Communists of the Second International to commemorate the Haymarket affair in Chicago. International Workers' Day is also called "May Day", but it is a different celebration from the traditional May Day.



# Parish Pets

By Alec Pitt



“It was not through any fear, but almost all of my life I have never liked going into an empty house. There has always been someone there, or I would have had company.

My wife Eva and I did at one time have a rescue dog that had been abandoned on a motorway. He was a brown and white Border Collie and we called him Brandy. Eva was not a ‘doggy’ person, so after he died we never had another.

After Eva passed away, the house felt even more empty, lonely and quiet, in fact bordering on the depressive, so the need for a companion in the form of a dog was uppermost in my mind. I began to read up on dog breeds and the more I read there seemed nothing that hit the ‘must have’ spot. It began to feel that perhaps there was not one for me, until one day, through my daughter Alison, the Lord in His mercy had it all in hand. Alison had found through a Dog Rescue Charity called Angel Small Paws, a picture of a brown and white Cavalier King Charles spaniel called Bella and this picture hit the ‘must have’ spot for me.

In February 2017 all the relevant checks were made and approved, and I finally got to meet Bella! We bonded instantly and brought her home, only stopping on the way to buy bedding and food. Bella is all I could have ever wished for in a dog. She is a gift from God.

I know from experience that dogs can get bored and are much happier with a play-mate, so in July 2017 I applied for and got Roxy, a tri colour (black, white and brown) also a Cavalier King Charles spaniel, estimated age 7 years. Although their personalities are really different, they are very close to each other. They are my delight, give me great joy and immeasurable comfort as I hope I am to them.

We have walked many miles together over long distances, something I would never have done on my own. Pre-lockdown, as Chaplain, they accompanied me to, and were a delight to the residents in our Care Homes. I do have to add Bella and Roxy have certainly made the lockdown much easier for me personally, to manage.



If you want to see pure unconditional love, then look into the eyes of a dog that knows it is loved and has found its’ ‘forever’ home.

## STREET PRAYER

Each Magazine we will pray for individual streets and local businesses, schools, care homes in the area.



**MAY - Tuesday 4th** Boulton Lane, Alvaston Medical Centre, Nunsfield House, Nunsfield Dr, Boulton St Marys Church, Alwards Cl, Courtland Dr, Longshaw Gardens, Rosedale Ave

**Tuesday 11th** Franklyn Dr, St Marys Cl, Oak Dr, Ferris Ct, Rockhouse Rd, Maple Dr, Thanet Dr, Boulton Lane Baptist, Crayford Rd,

**Tuesday 18th** Crayford Road Shops, Holbrook Rd, Tilbury Pl, Tonbridge Dr, Rainham Gardens, Oakwood Junior School, Oakwood Infant School and Boulton Children's Centre. Sandgate Cl.

**Tuesday 25th** Waldene Dr, Field lane, Garth Crescent, Lilley St, Chapman Ave, The Court, Shardlow Rd, Courtland Gardens, Harvey Rd,

**JUNE - Tuesday 1st** Barrett St, St Marys Community Centre, Wyndham St, Hawtrey

Gardens, Wyndham Primary Academy, Rosedale Store, Harvey Road Shops, Matthew St,

**Tuesday 8th** Holloway Rd, Lang Rd, Anthony Dr, Anthony Crescent, Brackens Lane, Strathmore Ave, Rosslyn Gardens, Casson Ave, Boulton Drive,

**Tuesday 15th** Siddons St, Garrick St, Thorndike Ave, Robson Cl,

Ashcroft Cl, Ainley Cl, Radford St, Anderson St, Booth St.

**Tuesday 22nd** Macready Pl, Irving Pl, Kemble Pl, Kean Pl, Neilson St, Benson St, Coleman St, Kiwi House Care Home, Coleman Street Medical Centre and Lister House, Businesses on Coleman Street,

**Tuesday 29th** Burbage Pl, Terry Pl, Jefferson Pl, Penalton Cl, Jubalton Cl, Merrill

Academy, Landau Forte Academy Moorhead, Stanley Rd, Excelsior Ave.

**JULY - Tuesday 6th** Frederick Ave, Brackens Lane Shops, Holtlands Dr, Arlington Dr,

Moorhead Ave, Dalkeith Ave, Lansdowne Ave, Bracknell Dr, Aycliffe Gardens

**Tuesday 13th** Harlow Cl, Basildon Cl, Stevenage Cl, Hatfield Rd, St Martins School, Noel Baker Academy, Crawley Rd, Maidstone Dr, Faversham Cl, Boulton Lane.

**Tuesday 20th** Frederick Ave, Brackens Lane Shops, Holtlands Dr, Arlington Dr,

Moorhead Ave, Dalkeith Ave, Lansdowne Ave, Bracknell Dr, Aycliffe Gardens

**Tuesday 27th** Harlow Cl, Basildon Cl, Stevenage Cl, Hatfield Rd, St Martins School, Noel Baker Academy, Crawley Rd, Maidstone Dr, Faversham Cl, Boulton Lane.



## Trinity Sunday: Celebrating our God who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, *are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.*

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

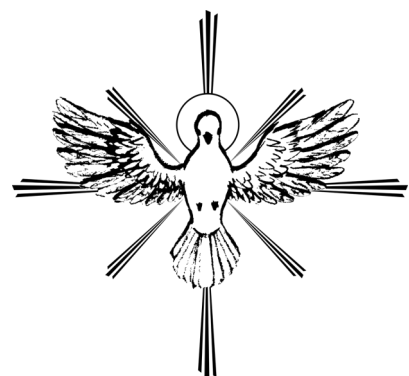
Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' Isaiah 45:22: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.' Genesis 1:1-2: 'In the beginning God created.... and the Spirit of God was hovering...' Judges 14:6: 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: 'I am going to send you what **my Father** has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (**The Holy Spirit**) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that the warmth and life there as well.

**Father,**  
**thank you for sending your**  
**Holy Spirit to me,**  
**in Jesus name. Amen**





**Editor: The Revd Dr Jo White continues her Reflected Faith series on the freedom that May brings....Reflected Faith: Hiding, waiting, hoping – FREE!**

After many long months during the Covid pandemic we are at last beginning to be able to come together again. Some countries and some areas of some countries will be more open than others and we can only hope, pray and wait for all of us to be able to be 'free' again.

May, in the Church's calendar, is supremely the month of freedom.

During the first few weeks we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and reflect on the Bible stories of those who met Him after His crucifixion and resurrection.

Then we celebrate His Ascension – Jesus' return to His Father.

And finally, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and all those locked in that Upper Room – with the subsequent birth of His Church.

Freedom indeed!

This last year has for most of us felt like a waiting time to see and hold friends and family again. We have some understanding of fear and the hope within us.

What a celebration there must have been when Jesus returned to His Father – and what a celebration also when the Holy Spirit so powerfully descended.

It is the story of those 'simple' men who were scared and hiding one day and the next day bold and outspoken that speaks to me of something outstanding happening.

As I received my anti-Covid vaccination I felt that same freedom from fear. Not that I would be 100% safe and never ill again, but rather that whatever happened now would be manageable.

This month:

Have a think this month about fears that you may have held inside you in this past year and how you have been able to manage them. Have you known the Spirit of Our Lord by your side as you have walked these roads?

I hope so, and I hope also that also that together we can help others to know His reassurance from fear. Freedom indeed. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

**HISTORY PAGE** *Editor: The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers the PCC.*



## The history of the PCC

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28***

When you next attend a PCC meeting, which is probably more likely to be by zoom than in person, you could say “Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!” to your colleagues. It is a hundred years since The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921 which was an important stage in the birth of PCCs.

During the First World War army Chaplains found that many men who thought of themselves as church goers were ignorant of the basics of religion. This led to a new interest in mission for the church. There were national days of prayer during the war and in 1915 there was a National Mission of Repentance and Hope. The public were more in the mood for victory than repentance. After the Armistice there was a desire for change in the national church and this led to a discussion about the links with the state.

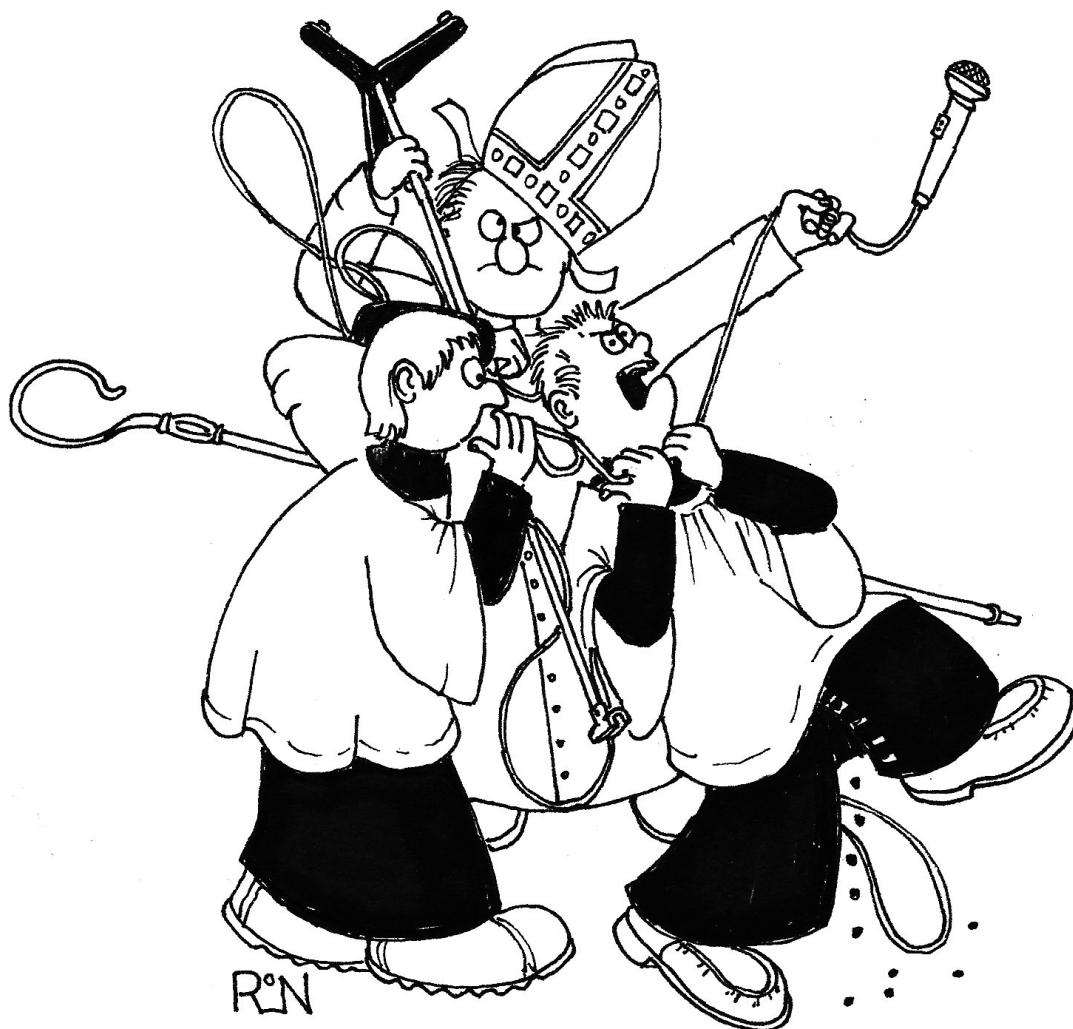
There was a concern that Parliament was often slow to enact laws for the church and many people felt the national church should have more authority to govern itself. The setting up of Parochial Church Councils was part of that process. In the past a lot of local secular administration had been the responsibility of churchwardens in the vestry meetings. Gradually their functions were passed to local councils. Most of their remaining powers were transferred to PCCs by The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921.

The purpose behind these new councils was to give the laity a more prominent role in parish life to go alongside the deaconry, diocesan and national councils which became the synods and have an important role in church life. Some conservative clerics were concerned at this reform and felt that congregations would pick and choose clergy or object to a new incumbent chosen by a patron. The process of starting PCCs to share in decision making in parishes was widely accepted but a few older incumbents and those in more rural areas, failed to do either out of reluctance or ignorance.

A leading churchman in the reform movement was William Temple who became leader of the ‘Life and Liberty movement’ which hugely influenced the move towards democratic government in the Church of England. He was Bishop of Manchester in the 1920s, Archbishop of York from 1929 to 1942 and Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-4).

He had been a secretary of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope in 1916 and became chairman and joint leader with H. R. (Dick) Sheppard of the Life and Liberty movement. 'We demand liberty for the Church of England' he declared at a meeting in July 1917. One difficult issue was what level of commitment to church life enabled a person to be eligible to serve on a church council. It was decided that anyone on the electoral roll whether they attended services or communion regularly could participate. The then Bishop of Oxford resigned over the issue because he thought that councils must only be made up of committed regular communicants. The next Bishop of Oxford in his monthly diocesan magazine endorsed the principle

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*After months of lockdown, the Sunday procession probably needed some practise.*

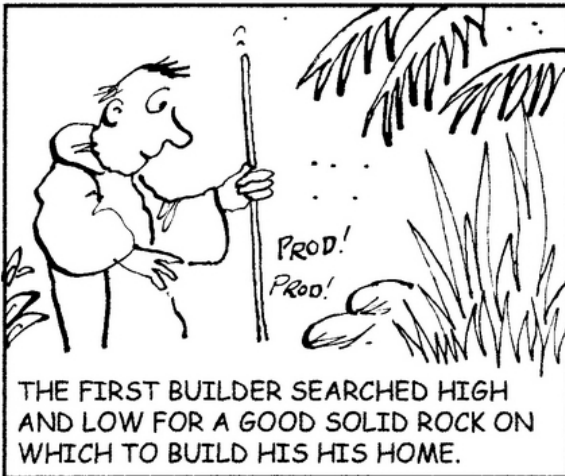
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JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO  
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES



THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH  
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON  
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

AT LONG, LONG LAST HE  
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.

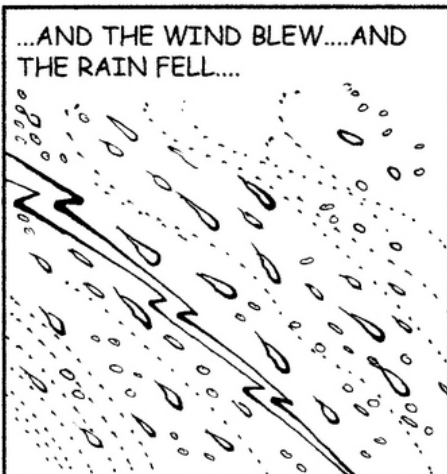


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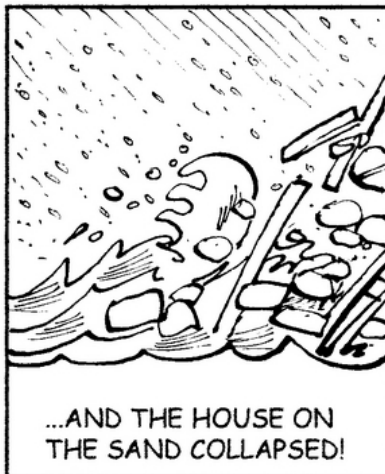
HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND  
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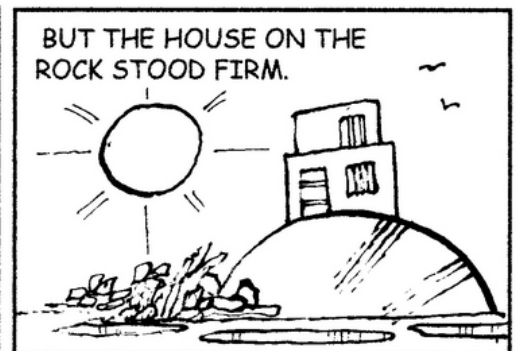
BUT ONE DAY THE  
STORM CAME....



...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND  
THE RAIN FELL....



...AND THE HOUSE ON  
THE SAND COLLAPSED!



BUT THE HOUSE ON THE  
ROCK STOOD FIRM.

JESUS EXPLAINED -  
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE  
A FIRM FOUNDATION.

## SERVICES FOR SUMMER

Every Sunday 10.30am : A service of Morning Praise with Communion twice a month

Every Wednesday 3pm : A service of Evening Prayer



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the Church.

Sunday 23rd May is Pentecost when we celebrate the birth of the Church.



### APCM

Sunday June 6th straight after the morning service.

All church members should attend.

### PraYze

Our service of informal worship returns on Sunday July 4th at



**SUNDAY'S at Six** are returning between July 25th and August 29th. Services will be at 6pm at various churches in the area.



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS



On the 21st April we had a special thanksgiving service for baby Evelyn. The date was chosen to coincide with the Queen's 95th birthday, especially as Evelyn's full name is a tribute to Her Majesty (Evelyn Elizabeth Anne Dunn).

Due to Covid restrictions on numbers of guests we would not have been able to have a full baptism during a Sunday service, so instead opted for a smaller midweek thanksgiving service so Evelyn could wear her Christening gown before she grows too big to fit into it!

We were lucky enough to be able to have a few there and most importantly Evelyn's three Godparents. It was lovely service and we enjoyed popping champagne afterwards to celebrate.



Thank you to all our church family for the lovely cards, gifts and well wishes for little Evvy. We have been well and truly spoilt!



## Wednesday Group

After many years as Treasurer, Secretary and Leader Thelma and I have taken the decision to retire. All our members have been contacted by phone conversation and we would both like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and kind words regarding our Leadership. It has been a pleasure to lead such a lovely group of ladies, we will always treasure the wonderful times we have spent together. Mary and Thelma



"Alan (Noble) and I are pleased to announce our forthcoming marriage on 15th May 2021 at 1pm in Boulton St Marys Church, Alvaston.

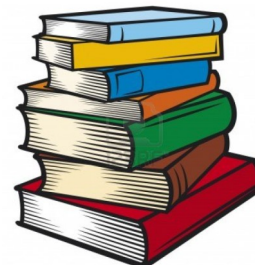
It had been our greatest wish to invite all the congregation to the ceremony, alas Boris has said only 15 guests allowed. Perhaps if the weather is good, some who wish to do so could assemble socially distanced outside. We are aware some members of the congregation really wanted to see us take our vows. Despite everything we are sure you will have us in your prayers and wish us a very blessed marriage.

God Bless you all  
Elaine Hicklin"



## UNITY LIBRARY

We are looking forward to seeing everyone, choose a book or just browse, have a cuppa and biscuit, meet with old friends and new, in a safe and relaxing environment.



If you need prayer or a listening ear, we are here for you.

Kathryn & Teresa

Pastoral Team Members

## **Boulton St Mary's Website**

Just a quick message from the new church website team – Jamie and Emily Armstrong.

Last year, Jamie and I became the new editors for our church website. It has been a real learning curve getting to grips with the editing tools and learning how to add pages and photos etc. It has certainly taken a while to figure it all out. But I hope we are pretty much there with most things now (although I am certain there will be more to learn as we progress).

The reason for writing this article is to ask for your help now. We want the website to be a hub for our church. A central place that people who are members of our church and also those from further afield are able to visit to find out all the wonderful things we as a church are doing. We are a very active church and it would be wonderful if the things we are doing are shared with the world via our website.

So I am asking for people who may perhaps be more creative than me to send me ideas, photographs or even just suggestions for content that we could put up on the website for our community to see. It would be lovely to see our calendar full of events again and we would love to hear about events you are planning so we can add them to our calendar.

If you have any events, ideas, photographs or anything else you want to share with us as the website team, we would love it if you could email it to us at our dedicated email address : [website.bsm@hotmail.com](mailto:website.bsm@hotmail.com) and then we can engage with our community even more!

And as always, please check out the church website if you haven't already done so as that's where we will advertise upcoming events and services along with a whole lot more content! [www.boultonstmarys.co.uk](http://www.boultonstmarys.co.uk)

Written by Emily Armstrong

# Contact details

## **CHURCHWARDEN**

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PCC Secretary & Policy Admin	Lisa Ollerenshaw	574450
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BSM Safeguarding Officer	Rachael Dunn	07376929370
Community Centre Bookings	Grant Wright	679600

## **Children and Youth Groups**

Route 66 (Sunday School)	Rachael Dunn	07752451057
F.R.O.G. (Youth fellowship)	Cheryl Baxter	574645
Family Fun Saturdays	Zac Walsh	07913120785

## **Adult Fellowship Groups**

Sister Act	Vacancy - PCC	
Men Behaving Acceptably	Zac Walsh	07913120785
Oasis Ladies Fellowship	Kathryn Leyland	07581289140



### Boulton/Alvaston Uniformed Organisations

137th St Mary's Beavers at the Community Centre	Alan Seagrave	07968415854
137th St Mary's Cubs at the Community Centre	Zac Walsh	07913120785
137th St Mary's Scouts at the Community Centre	Kim Parry-Burgoyne	07951006830
137th St Mary's Group Scout Leader	Maureen Burgoyne	07725055338
172nd Beavers / cubs	Tom Hilton	07800536977
172nd Scouts	Jo Cudsworth	07796542371
172nd Group Leader	Dave Thompson	07967668008

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Monday	9.45am—12.45 Livewell 3.45pm United Dance 7.00pm Artemis Archery Group
Tuesday	4pm United Dance, Alvaston Ladies 2:00pm (second Tuesday) Women's institute 2:00pm (4th Tuesday)
Wednesday	4:30pm Livewell
Thursday	6pm Footlights Tap 8pm L&B Line Dance
Friday	5.30-9.00pm 137th St Mary's Beaver/Cub/Scouts
Saturday	** Check for Availability **
Sunday	Church Use

Derby City Council 01332 293111

Derbyshire County Council 01332 01629 533190

Derbyshire Police Call: 101

Royal Derby Hospital 01332 340131

Alvaston Medical Centre 01332574487

Alvaston Library 01332 718140

Boulton Sure Start Children's Centre 01332 574902

Derby County FC 08714 721884

Derby Museums 01332 641901

Derby Live 01332 255800

Community Action Derby 01332 227743

Alcoholics Anonymous 01159 417100

National Gambling Helpline 08088 020133



### **Covid-19 Contact numbers**

**Silverline: 0800 4 70 80 90**—for older people confidential helpline

**Domestic Violence: 0808 802 3333**

**Samaritans: 116 123**

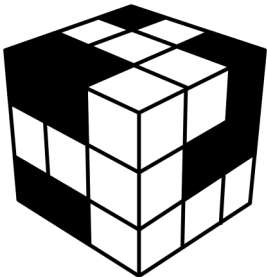
**Derby Covid hub: 640000 or text service for the deaf**

**0777 4333412**

# Childrens Section

Under 16s Only

## Christian's Lockdown Review



I think the lockdowns over the past year have affected us all in a really big way. After all, I think we have all found it difficult to not be able to see our relatives, to go out to a restaurant or to the pub, or even just not going to work. I know for my Dad having to give up time at home to do work was really hard. I found it really hard not being at school and seeing all my friends. I even started to miss doing school work and would moan to my mum that I was bored

because my home school was too quick!

But just because we couldn't go out doesn't mean we have to stop living our lives.

I have managed to practice my Rubik's cubes way more than usual and my personal best times are just getting better and better because of it. I have gone out on my bike more than usual and seen more of the countryside nearby our house. I have spent more time with my cats and other animals which have been lovely. Sometimes they can annoy me but having them around when I am home so much has been amazing.

I spent a lot of my lockdown with my Dad Jamie, as my Mummy was working a lot more than normal and doing extra shifts. Even though I missed her a lot, having one to one time with Jamie has been amazing. We have gone on bike rides, walks, cooked meals and spent time building things in the garden. I am now quite good at using tools and can't wait to do more. If it wasn't for lockdown I might never have had this quality time with him and I am very thankful for that. He even adopted me during the first lockdown so that was something amazing to come out of such a hard time!

Lockdown has had lots of terrible times. But one thing I have noticed how easy it is to only see the bad things and moan about what we have lost. But we have also had the chances to gain a lot too if we choose to take them. We have to learn to look on the bright side of life as there is always a bright side somewhere. I am going to try and remember that for the rest of my life!

Written by Christian Armstrong



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Look forward to reading your pieces x



Fully Rely On God

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All Youth and Children's activities are currently on hold but Skye, Cheryl and Rachael are all continuing to check Government information and CofE websites for when we can all meet back.

There are going to be some new exciting ventures starting up so please look out for news on the Church Website or the Facebook page or listen out to the notices in Church—we'd love to see you there!!

## FOOTPRINTS



I have made the hard decision to step back from the Footprints ministry due to personal reasons. Footprints has brought me so many happy memories, new friends and a passion for delivering a community ministry of Gods love to those I have met along the way. We are having a final celebration at Alvaston Lake on Saturday 8th May 11-2pm for picnic and fellowship. Thank you to Catherine, Kathryn, Nicola, Lindy and Carol for all the support during my time as Leader.

Thank you for all the Love and Support received Lisa Walsh x

## Church Reflection



“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness”

This verse taken from Isaiah 43:19 seems quite appropriate for where we now find ourselves. For many the last year has seemed a bit like a wilderness, unsure of when we might find our next oasis and feelings of anxiety over the loss of “normal” life.

I think we’ve done pretty well at St Mary’s over this difficult period. Unlike many other churches we re-opened as soon as we were able and have kept our doors firmly open since. True things have been very different in terms of what we have been able to do and how we do them, but along with our regular mail deliveries, we have done our very best to keep a sense of togetherness and to provide the fellowship we all love as a church family.

Like most of you we are now looking forwards as we travel the current government road map to June 21<sup>st</sup> when hopefully most restrictions will be lifted (and please let that include singing in church). Some people may still be thinking that this means a return to exactly what we were doing before, but for all sorts of reasons this is now a season of change as God opens up new paths for us. We are aware that there will not be a new vicar coming to St Mary’s at any time soon (if ever) and our future is most likely to expect a shared priest to be appointed, who will only be able to provide limited help as they will be given several parishes. With four very able Readers here at St Mary’s that should not be too much of a problem, but as it is still a time off we need to look at service patterns that are sustainable. Whilst your Readers love to serve you we all have many different roles within the church to juggle, as well as fulltime employment in the case of two of us, and this past year has definitely taken us to our limits.

In terms of the outreach groups that we have run, two groups have made the difficult decision to stop their activities. The Wednesday Group and Footprints are closing their doors, but that doesn’t mean ministry in these areas stops – it just allows for change. The whole area of children and youth ministry is actually at the fore front of our thinking and there are some exciting new ventures being prayed about and even initiated as I write. Equally members of the congregation have already started to come forwards with ideas to engage the older members of our community (and please keep the ideas coming). It is already starting to look like a really exciting time and one which will be made even better when we finally can complete the improvements within the building to create safer, cosier spaces in which to welcome people of all ages.

As I write this I want to really encourage you to pray about the way forward so that we clearly discern the path God is opening up. I would also like to encourage you to think what part you might play in all of this, not least maybe taking on some of the roles your Readers currently cover, in order that we can be freed up to serve in new ways more pertinent to our training. There will be more about this at the APCM on June 6<sup>th</sup> and I really encourage everyone to attend.

More than ever St Mary’s needs to become a true body of Christ with everyone playing their part, no matter how small or insignificant it might seem. Only then will the streams be really able to satisfy the parched wasteland and turn it all into a blossoming landscape to the glory of God.

Cheryl Baxter

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## May

16th Ivan Weston

19th Kay Farrar

20th Paul Brown

29th Thomas Baxter

## June

9th Margaret Lane

11th Teresa Stewart-  
Barlow

27th Mavis Crane

28th Emily Brown

And James Franklin

## July

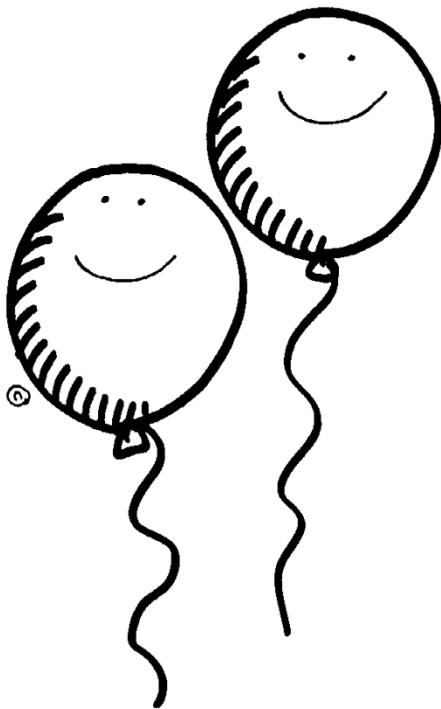
14th Elaine Hicklin

14th Bethany Hill

19th Toby Walsh

30th Alan Noble

**Please let us know if you would like a birthday or an anniversary adding to our page.**



**We would like to wish all our Birthdays a very Happy Birthday and Hope that you all have a lovely day.**

## All Christians Together:

**Act aims to serve the neighbourhood of Alvaston and surrounding districts as defined by the geographical boundaries of the Anglican parishes of St Michael and All angels (Alvaston), St Mary the Virgin (Boulton-by-Derby) and St Andrew with St Osmund (Wilmorton)**

### Foodbank update:

There have been some major changes to the way we run foodbank in response to the Covid -19 emergency.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Jane Whitney was asked to be the co-ordinator of ACT foodbank and ACT was asked to join the Derby food 4 thought Alliance as an established food bank to help with the demand in the DE24 area of the city. Paul Brookhouse is the lead for Derby food 4 thought.

The other members of the ACT team were unable to be physically present for the making up of food parcels for reasons of shielding and front line working.

The Children's centre remained open for the distribution of parcels but to minimise contact they gave the parcels to the families which we had made up and delivered from the doorway of the main building..

The main change was the provision of emergency parcels which formally we would only do on an infrequent basis this became the main demand. The requests came via the Local area co-ordinators and now requests come through the central hub who can also direct people to other help they might need.

Supply of food continues to come from ACT members, either food or cash donations, the Central Supply unit based now at an industrial unit off Ascot Drive (formally at St Alkmunds), members of the public and several local businesses.

The ACT foodbank is based at St Michael's Church Hall on Elvaston Lane several of the fellowships have keys to the building for access to the food and to help with the running of the foodbank. Grateful thanks is given for all those who help with the making up of the parcels and the running the foodbank.

We do have a healthy balance of money in the Act account and these funds may be called upon if needed in the future as the foodbank develops.

Jubilee project has been running by phone and will restart face to face meetings on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

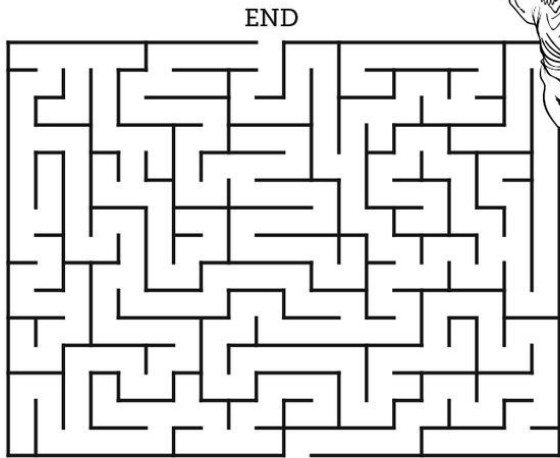
Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

**SUMMERS at Six:** This year we are looking slightly different but following the government roadmap continues we are looking at this going ahead this year with the theme of Time, more details will follow in Church Notices nearer the time.



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# PENTECOST





# SPOTLIGHT

ON..... *Elizabeth*



**Age:** 83 years

**Born:** Louise Margaret Military Hospital

**Which Bible do you own:** Cambridge Bible Good News, Cover to cover and Life Application Bible

**Favorite Passage:** Corinthians chapter 13-end

**Favorite Hymn/Worship Song:** Immortal Invisible God only wise

**Best thing about coming to St. Mary's:** Praising God and Fellowship

**Favorite hobbies:** Reading, walking, Sport

**Favorite food:** Duck and Venison

**Favorite smell:** Sea Air, Lavender

**Favorite TV programme:** Documentaries

**First record/CD you ever bought:** Abba album

**Last DVD bought:** Student Prince

**Which mags/papers do you read:** Derby Telegraph, Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday, Bella and Women's weekly

**Name your favorite holiday destination:** W.N Wales

**What are your likes:** Spending time our Grandson's, family and friends

**What are your dislikes:** Corn on the Cob

**If money no object what would you treat yourself to:** Granny Flat

**What was your best subject at school:** Physical Education

**Did you have a nickname at school/work:** Yes but personal

**Who or what makes you laugh:** My Grandchildren, Family and Friends

**You're on a desert island with 3 items what are they:** Photograph of my husband and family, book and swimming costume

**In a film about you choose which actress would play you:** Judi Dench

**Share a little known fact about you:** I was a Nursery Nurse

**What famous person dead or alive would you most like to meet:** Lady Astor

**Using 4 words, describe yourself:** Caring

# Artists Corner



**Rick Founds** - has a wife Debbie and three daughters and lives in California.

## ***'Lord I Lift Your Name on High'***

A familiar song to many, written by Rick Founds. It became the number one praise and worship song being sung in America's churches according to Christian Copyright Licensing International's Top 25 list. Although it was only one of more than three hundred songs that Rick has written, it is by far his most popular.

As a young child in Idaho, Rick became fascinated with music, often climbing up on the piano stool to explore the keyboard. By the age of ten he was writing songs for his Sunday School class, the first of which was "Come to Me." Young Rick loved hymns and the presentations of the church choir, he also developed a love for the guitar and honed his skills by playing along with television commercials.

Graduating from college with a media technology degree and subsequent college music course qualifications this gave him the background he needed for his future ministry. He spent 7 years teaching, spent weekends leading worship and singing with his praise team. From there he went into full-time employment with ministry of music at a church in California and continued there for 14 years. It was while he was music director at that church that he wrote his now famous song "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

One day, as Rick was having his daily devotional, the Lord impressed on his heart that his work on our behalf was a cycle of events - Christ came from heaven to earth, gave His life on the cross for us, was buried and three days later rose from the dead and went back to His heavenly Father, making the cycle of our salvation complete. That, essentially, is the lyric of the song. Rick picked up his guitar and began to sing "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

A Reflection/Song for Ascension - "The Sacrifice of Praise," Lindsay Terry (2002), *Integrity Publishers Inc.*





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**As they were watching,  
he was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him  
out of their sight.**

**Acts 1.9**

# Next Issue

Articles in by **July 10th.**

Our next issue will be out on **August 1st.**