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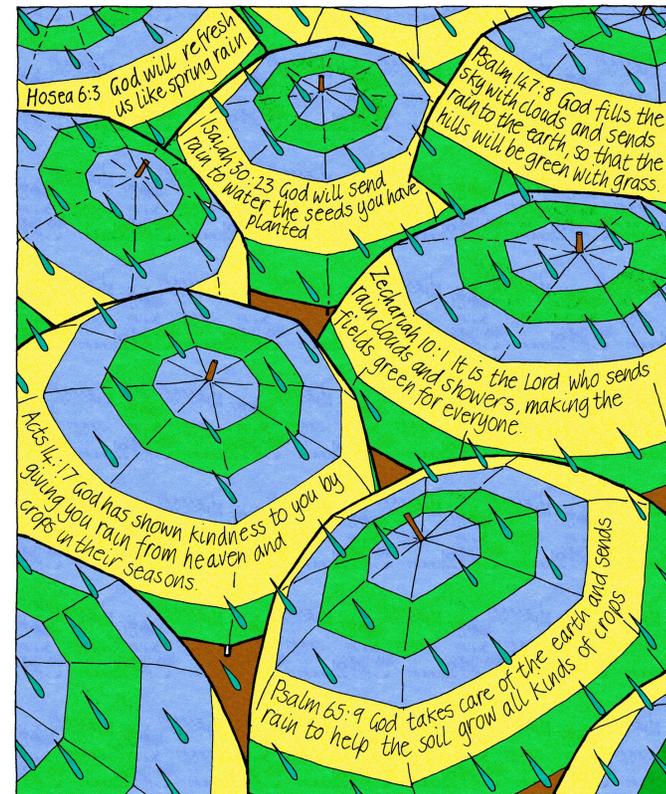
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In Partnership March 2017

Looking outwards and growing together



The Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7 is the longest piece of teaching from Jesus in the New Testament, and has been one of the most widely quoted elements of the Canonical Gospels. It includes some of the best known teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, and the widely recited Lord's Prayer. To most believers in Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount contains the central tenets of Christian discipleship, and we have been following it recently in the Lectionary.

Jesus had no rows of chairs to be set up or a podium from which to preach. So he walks among the crowd teaching as they sat on the ground and listened. His eye contact would seek out the people's faces. He would lift up some seemingly unimportant illustration from the locality and expound on it.

To bring our thoughts into perspective, Jesus uses his listeners and looks around. As he looks on the ground, and recognises the worries they have, he sees those little flowers, and he hears the birds. The birds can't reap or sow, but God provides for them. They still have to work for their food, but it is there. If they seek it, then they find it.

The flowers of the field, the lilies--not those little Lilies of the Valley (nice though they are, my Nan loved the smell I would often collect them for her as child in Dorset) that we sometimes think of--but the flowers, the wild flowers, especially the red poppies brilliantly colourful. They're the colour of King Solomon's robes--radiant and stunning.

We worry about our food and our clothes. We worry about our houses and how we fit into society. Sometimes, I see worry about our churches and Partnership. It could be perceived we're forgetting God's role in our lives and our role in depending on God.

I think if we imagine ourselves on the top of a mountain just for a moment listening to Jesus, you might be as I am sure reflect that some of his listeners were tempted to look back down the mountain to reminisce about the journey so far and long to return to where you were comfortable, because you are being challenged by something new. The Word of God.

You can imagine the drift as people left and Jesus refers to this later when reflecting on the cost of discipleship. It takes commitment, courage to keep going forward and travel with him. Jesus in his teaching invites the people to walk in a different direction to live in a better way, to move away from their past behaviours and learn new ones.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

05 February 2017 Joseph William Cripps
19 February 2017 Edith-Jean Lauren Fiona Cooke

Memorial Service

08 February 2017 Betty Pleasant (who was a member of St Mary's
Mother's Union)

Funeral

15 February 2017 Cyril Bartlett

PRAYERS

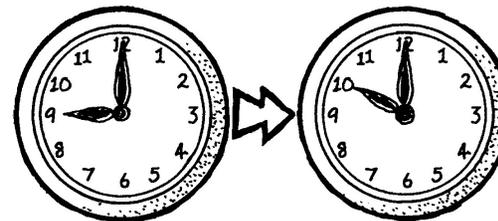
Please pray for:

Those who have and are fleeing their homes into an uncertain future.

Partnership Schools Work Easter Activities

Church AGM's taking place this month

Finally don't forget....



Sunday 26 March 2017

Smile Time

Southern Ten Commandments

This is much easier to remember!!!



Some people have trouble with all those 'shall's' and 'shall not's' in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, in middle Tennessee they translated the 'King James' into ' Jackson County ' language.....no joke (posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro , TN).

- (1) Just one God
- (2) Put nothin' before God
- (3) Watch yer mouth
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
- (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa
- (6) No killin'
- (7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal
- (8) Don't take what ain't yers
- (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's plain an' simple. Y'all have a nice day!

As a Partnership, we have come an enormous way recently and it could be perceived, we are on top of a mountain looking towards a new horizon unsure of what the future might bring and yet we could be tempted to look back and return to where we were. However, the changes in staffing levels and make-up of the partnership means it certainly is not what it was, and there is no turning back.

After our review in 2013/14, as a remaining Partnership, we wanted to commit ourselves to developing more common tasks based on the recommended model of receptive ecumenism. The challenges of implementing receptive ecumenism remain and we also face new challenges, to meet them I believe our ongoing theology has to be our driving force as we step forward.

1. "The Priesthood of all believers" Ministry together by everyone as able across the whole.
2. "Gifts of the Spirit" Enabled and equipped to support each other and build the Kingdom of God.
3. "being thankful and supportive of each other". With an awareness of the bigger picture and that our own context is only a small part of that picture God wants us to reveal.

As some hymns might put it! God calls us to step forward towards a new horizon that can no longer be or is solely based on "You in your small corner and me in mine." But one that sees the Kingdom of God as bigger, brighter and vaster than even the view from the top of a mountain, as we all take a step. "from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you".

Clive

The Beatitudes Matt. 5:3-10

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteous, for they shall be satisfied.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons & daughters of God.
- Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Regular activities

2nd Sunday each month	
Messy Church	12 March 4 - 5:30pm @ Shaw
Every Monday	
After School Youth Group Contact Claire Camm 07981951381	3:30 – 6:00pm @ Holy Trinity Shaw
Every Tuesday	
Bell Ringing	7-9pm St Mary's Bell Tower
2nd Wednesday of each month	
Mothers Union Contact Doreen Henderson 07434377587	08 March 2pm @ St Mary's Stable Room
Every Thursday	
Toothill Tinies	10 -11:30am @ Toothill

The Great Daffodil Appeal

Here is an opportunity to support a really worthwhile cause. March brings us the annual Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal, and volunteers are always needed for collections. Could you help?

Founded in 1986, the Appeal helps fund Marie Curie nurses to care at home for people living with any kind of terminal illness. In 2013/14, Marie Curie was able to support 40,844 people living with a terminal illness.

People cared for by Marie Curie Nurses are three times less likely to be admitted to hospital in an emergency at the end of their lives. Seven out of 10 people cared for by Marie Curie Nurses are able to die in their own homes.

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall how do you see yourself this Lent?

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, '*At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!*' Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, '*You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.*' (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in key three areas of His identity: social action, political power, and religious identity (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus looked into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He would be.

We can also think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question, '*who am I?*' It is a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and the world in which we live. How will you keep Lent period of 40 days running up to Easter? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Alongside taking time to read Scripture, study a Christian book and pray with fasting, why not give up texting for Lent and simply talk on the phone; commit ourselves to just working 40 hours a week or spend five minutes each day in silence!

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

Upper Thames Circuit Service

will be held at

Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church,
Rope Yard, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7BS
on Sunday 23rd April at **6.00pm**.

TOOTHILL CHURCH



Midweek Worship

Every Wednesday

11.30am

Please join us every week



Palm Sunday Worship
09 April 2017

Westlea Church 10.00am

with **Partnership AGM**

Led by the Partnership Executive

and

Partnership Thanksgiving for
the ministry amongst us of

Rev Mike Dilly

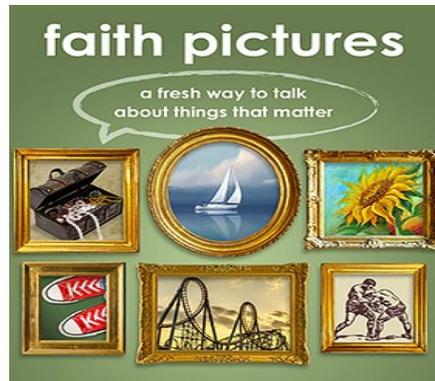
Rev Dick Gray will be returning to
take part in the service



West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership

“Looking outwards and growing together”

Starting Sunday 26th of February 4.00pm at Holy Trinity Shaw and continuing weekly until 02 April 2017



What is Faith Pictures?

Faith Pictures is a short course designed to help Christians talk naturally to friends, neighbours and colleagues about what they believe. The heart of the course is about helping people to identify a single picture or image that embodies something of their faith. This is because the kinds of communication which best stick in the mind are concrete and rooted in story.

The course aims to be accessible and light-hearted, without jargon or inflexible methods. It has a number of emphases not always found in faith-sharing courses. These include the avoidance of one-size-fits-all models and the importance of honesty and listening. Each session contains a short video and encourages discussion in pairs and as a whole group.

Who is it for?

Any adult, growing, new Christians, of any Christian background. May well suit older youth too. Small groups. 'It is for people of any Christian tradition and none. It has been designed to appeal particularly to people who would normally run a mile from courses on faith-sharing.

Church Mitigates the Harmful Effects of Stress

It turns out that stress does more than ruin your day — it can be bad for your brain, too. High levels of the stress hormone cortisol have been linked to declining memory and other cognitive functions. However, seniors may be able to fight stress and protect their minds by staying active in a religious community. In fact, research shows that people who attend church are 27 percent less likely to experience depression and the high cortisol levels that come with it.

<http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2011/11/10/study-links-regular-religious-service-attendance-outlook-on-life/>

Religious beliefs provide healthy coping mechanisms and give seniors a strong support network in hard times. When seniors are able to remain hopeful in times of illness and loss, they're less likely to experience the spikes in cortisol that can harm the brain.

The evidence is clear: Even if you don't identify strongly with a religious belief, attending church can be a great way to make friends, reduce stress, and maintain the vitality of your brain. Whether you're already experiencing symptoms of cognitive decline or you want to take steps to prevent dementia down the line, becoming active in a church community is a great place to start.

Spring

Another winter finished;
Our hearts are full of joy!
The icy frosts diminish
And summer sun's ahoy!

Last summer seems so distant
The autumn leaves long gone;
But now, each passing instant
Is full of sunny song.

The seasons flow reminds us –
The climbing, sinking sun;
That death's dread cords won't bind us
Our time with Christ will come!



by Nigel Beeton

How Attending Church Prevents Dementia in Later Life

Developing dementia in later life is a source of worry for many people. The rate of dementia and Alzheimer's in seniors continues to increase while the cause of these life-changing conditions remains unclear. However, there's great news for churchgoing seniors, because research has shown that attending church and staying active in a religious community can protect your brain as you age. And if you don't attend church, or only go occasionally? Well, it's not too late to get involved in church and enjoy these brain-protecting benefits.

Church Keeps Senior Minds Active

Staying mentally engaged in later life is central to keeping dementia at bay. Unfortunately, it's easy for seniors to isolate as children move away and friends and spouses pass on. However, one important way that seniors can keep their mind active is by regularly attending church services. In fact, studies - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2851403/pdf/nihms-187099.pdf> - have shown that seniors who go to church at least once a week exhibit, on average, better cognitive function after three years than seniors who attend church less than once per week or not at all.

From singing hymns and listening to sermons to discussing doctrine and socializing, church provides a broad range of mental activity to keep the brain and memory strong.

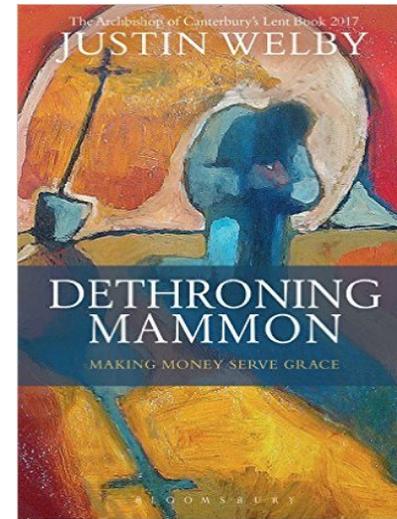
The cognitive benefits of church attendance aren't limited to people who are yet to have their first senior moment. Practicing recall and concentration can also reduce the progression of dementia in seniors who are already experiencing cognitive decline. In fact, some churches have even started social groups specifically for seniors with dementia and Alzheimers, like the Brain Fitness Club at First United Methodist Church in Winter Park, Florida. <http://www.outreachmagazine.com/ideas/20597-church-dementia.html>

Church Keeps Seniors Socially Engaged

Remaining socially active has been shown - http://www.alz.org/we_can_help_remain_socially_active.asp to protect brain function in later life, and few places offer the rich and supportive social network found at church. Seniors who are active in a religious community have regular access to both informal and structured socialization, exercise groups, volunteerism, and other activities. Many churches even provide transportation to ensure that seniors can attend services and participate in church functions regardless of whether or not they drive.

Participating in the diverse range of social activities offered at church keeps the brain active by exposing it to new circumstances, ever-evolving conversation, and stimulating activities. Plus, social involvement reduces rates of stress, anxiety, and depression (which can lead to other troubles) in seniors <http://www.newbeginningsdrugrehab.org/guide-to-addiction-prevention-for-seniors/> which further helps to protect the brain.

Starting on Thursday 2nd of March 7.00pm
for 7.30pm at Toothill



In his first full-length book Justin Welby looks at the subject of money and materialism. **Designed for study in the weeks of Lent** leading up to Easter, *Dethroning Mammon* reflects on the impact of our own attitudes, and of the pressures that surround us, on how we handle the power of money, called Mammon in this book. Who will be on the throne of our lives? Who will direct our actions and attitudes? Is it Jesus Christ, who brings truth, hope and freedom? Or is it Mammon, so attractive, so clear, but leading us into paths that tangle, trip and deceive?

Archbishop Justin explores the tensions that arise in a society dominated by Mammon's modern aliases, economics and finance, and by the pressures of our culture to conform to Mammon's expectations. Following the Gospels towards Easter, this book asks the reader what it means to dethrone Mammon in the values and priorities of our civilisation and in our own existence.

In *Dethroning Mammon*, Archbishop Justin encourages us to use Lent as a time of learning to trust in the abundance and grace of God

The Joy of Easter

Partnership Schools Work

It is through the Resurrection that we can look at the cross and see its wonder, love and joy.

We are called to be an 'Easter' people. Each and every day we are given the opportunity to live our lives to bring joy to each encounter and situation we find ourselves in. Joy is the movement of the spirit: it is loving, compassionate, dynamic and bursting with energy. It is what Jesus offers each of his disciples when he meets them after the resurrection. He offers joy, peace and reconciliation in a personal way and then asks his disciples to pass on these gifts to others. Finding and sharing the joy of Easter is key to our own happiness and to the happiness of others. Our mission is to be 'Easter' people by loving our community and sharing Jesus with them. We have an amazing opportunity this Easter to do just that in our Partnership School Activities and The Easter Tree Holiday Club. Please pray for all of our activities and if you are able please come along and join us sharing the joy of Easter.

'People will know you are my disciples by your love' John 13:35.

There are five key activities we will be sharing:

The Easter Reflection in Holy Trinity Shaw. This is an engaging experience for the children and their teachers to explore the stages of the Easter story.

Eggciting Easter which is a fun and creative experience for KS1 children using large colourful eggs to find clues about the Easter story.

The Easter Cross is a new experience for KS1 children, an open armed cross will be the central focus of this journey through Easter.

One Friday Trail is new for this year and will be used with all the KS2 children in Westlea Primary School. The children will journey through the events of Good Friday reflecting at each stage with a simple activity.

Easter Gardens and Resurrection eggs will be used to share the Easter Story with Reception children.

Please see below a timetable of all the sessions we are sharing. All of the activities need significant adult support and I am extremely grateful to everyone who has already signed up to help. Please let me know if you would like to come along and observe or help at a session.

Lenten Quiet Day

The Harnhill Centre, Harnhill, Cirencester GL7 5PX

Thursday, 30 March 2017, All day

Meeting Jesus on the Road

Led by Rev David Cook

10 am - 4 pm

£35 (to include lunch)

Please call 01285 850283 to book

Saturday 20th May

Rev Graham Horsley is coming to Highworth Methodist Church to lead a day looking at 'Fresh Expressions' of the church.

We would be delighted if friends from across the circuit would like to join us. Details including timescale will be sent out soon.

For further details from Lou Ashford at louashford231@gmail.com

Christian Vision For Men

The Gathering 2017

Lynt Farm SN6 7QZ

From £86 per person

23rd – 25th June 2017

Bookings are now being taken for The Gathering (Christian Vision for Men) to be held 23rd – 25th June 2017. The comedian, Tim Vine, will be in attendance this year alongside Graham Kendrick and many other well-known names.

To Book call 01246 452483

New Wine

United 2017: Week 1- £150

Saturday 22 July 2017 9:00 to Friday 28 July 2017 23:00

Royal Bath a & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

United 2017: Week 2 - £150

Sunday 30 July 2017 9:00 to Saturday 05 August 2017 23:00

Royal Bath a & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

Day tickets are available, for more information please visit www.new-wine.org/united17



The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched, and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.

This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book, illustrated

by Alida Massari, is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with 30 colour-in posters.

The whole range can be ordered online at www.realeasteregg.co.uk (with free delivery) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stocks. You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose and Morrisons.

Christian Aid Week 14 – 20 May 2017



It's better to die in a refugee camp than to die in a war. To risk your children's lives in a plastic dinghy. And to leave everything you know behind.

When the alternative is terror, bombs and bullets, almost anything is better.

This is the terrible choice facing tens of millions of people worldwide - fleeing conflict and disaster, making dangerous journeys in search of safety.

Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support our work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War.

Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Christianaid.org.uk

Easter Schools Work Dates 2017

20/3/17	Easter Garden F/S Westlea	
24/3/17	Easter Garden F/S Oliver Tomkins	10.30am
27/3/17	Eggciting Easter Tregoze	9.15-10.15am
29/3/17	Eggciting Easter Peatmoor	10.30-11.50am
31/3/17	Easter Trail KS1 Oliver Tomkins	9.00 - 3.30pm
3/4/17	Easter Reflection HTS Shaw Ridge	9.00 – 12.00pm
4/4/17	Easter Reflection HTS Brook Field	9.00 – 12.00pm
4/4/14	Eggciting Easter Hazlewood at Toothill	1.00 – 3.00pm
5/4/17	Easter Trail Westlea KS2	8.30 - 3.30pm
6/4/17	Easter Reflection HTS Peatmoor	9.00 -12.00pm
6/4/17	Westlea KS1 Easter Trail	1.30 - 3.30pm
7/4/17	Eggciting Easter Brook Field	9.00 – 12.00pm

As well as the sessions in school we are planning a two day holiday club entitled **The Easter Tree** on Wednesday 12th April and Thursday 13th April.

The idea is to share the Easter Story in craft, drama, dance and song. The two days will culminate in a wonderful service of celebration led by the children. **The Easter Tree Service** will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 13th April and I hope you will all be able to come along to join with the children and their families as we Celebrate Easter in a new way.

We will need lots of adult volunteers to make this a special time for the children and their families.

May the God of hope fill us with joy this Easter.

Every Blessing

Gayle

Fight of the century

The Rt Revd Mike Hill on Global versus National

As somebody once quipped: "The future ain't what it used to be!"

2017 has certainly started with some glaring uncertainties. What will Brexit mean for us? What will be the outcomes of the Trump Presidency for the wider world?

Christians reflect the division that seems to have opened up in our nation. Some think both are catastrophic whilst others think this is the Will of God being enacted on a world out of control. What seems clear is both the referendum and the Presidential election are a rejection of the kind of society that left-of-centre, liberal and progressive politicians have visited upon us in recent years.

Fact: we live in a global world, largely created by that nebulous but powerful shadow institution we call 'the market.' The market is not all bad, but neither is it the morally neutral, rational entity that some project it as. What's good is that wealth creation has a positive impact on global prosperity. What's less good is the unequal way that such prosperity is being shared. It may be true that market correction will ultimately adjust this inequality; the problem is that market correction takes time.

Christianity has always had a global perspective. We believe that all people are created by God and flowing from that is our belief people are inter-dependent. So how should Christians respond?

- We should step up our calling to love our neighbour. My neighbour is a person in need whether in Bristol or in Bangalore.
- We need to listen for the prophetic voices of our culture. Patriotism is good – up to a point, but when it morphs into a narrow self-serving nationalism it becomes ugly.
- Christians in a divided world should work tirelessly for reconciliation. A divided Church has little to offer a divided world.

Some Christians' tweets make me shudder. Instead we need to make a measured and thoughtful response to the conversation.

Read Bishop Mike's full article at www.bristol.anglican.org

26 March Mothering Sunday

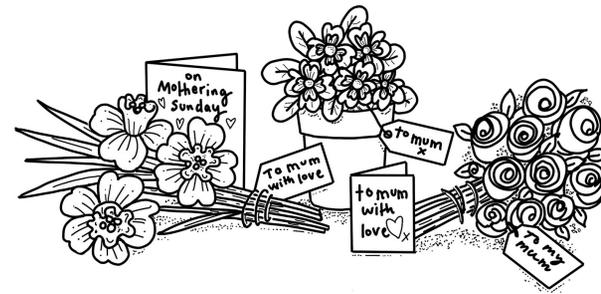
4th Sunday in Lent

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ. On Midlent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." We gain our freedom from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.

Thus Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church.

People were encouraged to go to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The British Isles seem to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.



I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians of England. John Wesley.

21 March Thomas Cranmer

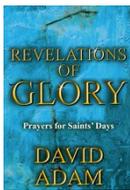
Archbishop of Canterbury - Reformation Martyr

If you have ever been caught up in a great event at work, which has gone on to change your own life, then Thomas Cranmer is the saint for you. He was the first ever Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, following King Henry VIII's decision to pull away from Rome, and set up the Church of England.

Born in Nottingham in 1489, Thomas Cranmer became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533. He was adviser to both Henry VIII and Edward VI. He helped Henry with the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and along with Thomas Cromwell, supported the principle of Royal Supremacy (where the king is sovereign over the Church in his realm).

Under Edward VI, Thomas Cranmer made major reforms to the CofE. He put the English Bible into parish churches, compiled the first two versions of the Book of Common Prayer, and worked with continental reformers to change doctrine on everything from the Eucharist and veneration of saints.

But kings and queens, like American presidents, change, and the Catholic queen Mary I was determined to wipe out Protestantism. Thomas Cranmer was imprisoned for two years, found guilty of heresy, and burned at the stake on 21st March, 1556.



Revelations of Glory

By David Adam, Kevin Mayhew, £24.99

Saints are not set apart as perfect or sinless, for they have the same weaknesses as all humans, but they are who God has called them to be and in being themselves, they reveal God's glory. This book is to introduce you to some of the people who are heroes of the Church and are revelations of God's glory.

Each celebration of a saint follows the same format: a short introduction to the saint's life, the Scripture readings for the saint's day, which are taken mainly from the Common Worship Lectionary, an opening prayer, intercessions, the peace and a blessing.

Together with its companion volume Icons of Glory, this book will encourage you to explore the common union to which we all belong and to discover God's call to you, which is unique. This is a call to be a fellow worker with God and to reveal His glory in your life.

The Bishop of Bristol announces his retirement

The Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Revd Mike Hill, has announced his retirement with effect from 30 September 2017.

Bishop Mike, who has been in the post since 2003, said that he had made the decision after he and his wife, Anthea, had decided that the timing was right for him to retire.

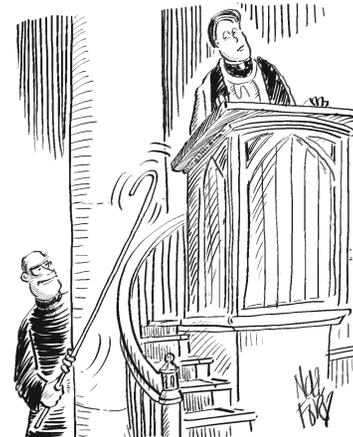
He said: "I have loved my time in this Diocese and there are many people I shall deeply miss. Working with colleagues, both lay and ordained has been a privilege and a gift."

Bishop Mike's final service will be at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 23 September at 3.30pm. More details will be released nearer the time.

Revd Canon Simon Stevenette

Revd Canon Simon Stevenette has decided to step down from his role as Area Dean, at the end of May. Simon has been the Area Dean of Swindon since 2011. Retiring from this role will give him more time to focus on Ministry at Christchurch where he has been vicar since 1998.

We give thanks for all his support to the West Swindon Church Partnership.



The verger was on hand to support the vicar's resolution to keep sermons down to not a second longer than 20 minutes

Church Services in the Partnership St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze

Date	Time	Form
05 March	10:00am	Morning Service followed by AGM
12 March	10:00am	Communion
19 March	10:00am	Family Service followed by Baptisms
26 March	10:00am	Mothering Sunday Communion

Holy Trinity Shaw

Date	Time	Form
05 March	10:30am	Communion
05 March	4:00pm	Faith Pictures
12 March	10:30am	Morning Service
12 March	4:00pm	Messy Church
12 March	6:30pm	Faith Pictures (later due to Messy Church)
19 March	10:30am	Morning Service
19 March	4:00pm	Faith Pictures
26 March	10:30am	Mothering Sunday Communion

8.45am Morning Prayer on Fridays during term time.

Westlea

Date	Time	Form
05 March	10:00am	Morning Service & AGM
12 March	10:00am	Family Service
19 March	10:00am	Communion
26 March	10:00am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service

Toothill

Date	Time	Form
Weds 01 March	11:30am	Ash Wednesday Midweek Communion
05 March	10:30am	All Age Service
Weds 08 March	11:30am	Midweek Worship
12 March	10:30am	Morning Service
19 March	10:30am	Communion
Weds 22 March	11:30am	Midweek Worship
26 March	10:30am	Mothering Sunday All Age Parade
Weds 29 March	11:30am	Midweek Communion

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March – 10.30 am Toothill Church

The Women's World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. This year the WWDP service is devised by Christian women of the Philippines and should be an excellent way of finding out about our Christian friends in other countries, afterwards light refreshments will be served. All are very welcome and it is not exclusive to women.

Ecumenical Joint Confirmation

Thursday 15 June 2017

Ecumenical Confirmation and
Public Affirmation of Faith Service
will take place at

**7.00pm at
Toothill Church**

Preparation Course starts Sunday 30 April 2017 3.00pm in St Mary's stable room.

Please call Clive on 01793 877111 for more information

