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Next month the Messenger will be shorter to give our regular contributors (and ourselves!) a break. We'd like to thank our loyal contributors and if you haven't yet written for us, please give it a thought, we are always looking for new ideas.

Happy Holidays!

Rob and Chris

Letter from Vanessa

Dear Friends

Tonight, I am off to watch the cricket at the Ageas bowl, and the tennis is on in the background as I type. Ampfield school are looking forward to their leavers' assembly in a few week's time, and there is a sense of change and excitement in the air! Our next Friends for Lunch will be an afternoon tea, complete with scones and cream of course, so don't forget to book your place now!

We know, however, that there are difficult things too – the rising cost of fuel and heating is a worry for all of us, and many families in our communities will struggle with the summer holidays and trying to feed children three meals a day. We are doing our best to help, and as a Benefice we are providing a free breakfast once a week at All Saints Church during the summer holidays for any families who feel the need. Please do get in touch if you know of any families who might like to join us.

There are lots of other things we can do to influence this situation – like supporting our foodbanks – most supermarkets have a donation point, and we are very happy to accept foodbank donations at church too. And of course – you can always write to your MP!!

We pray too for God's grace and wisdom for ourselves and for those in authority that we may be a community of hospitality and compassion, both locally and nationally.

See you at Friends For Lunch – and it's definitely jam before cream, for me!

With love and prayers,

Vanessa



Weekly service pattern

Sunday Services

	All Saints	St Mark	St Denys	St John
1st Sunday	11:00 Messy Church	09:30 Tidy Church	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	11:00 BCP Matins or Communion
2nd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
3rd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion or Morning prayer	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
5th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		

Midweek Services

When	Where	What
Tuesday, 10:30	St Mark, Ampfield	Small group Communion in St Mark's room, followed by coffee
Wednesday, 19:00	All Saints, North Baddesley	Communion in a peaceful candle lit space in the midst of your busy week

COVER PICTURE

These orchids are in St. Mark's Church grounds. The red and white tape in the background is where they have been cordoned off so people do not step on them whilst walking in the churchyard.

Benefice News

St Mark's Fun day and dog show Friday 3rd June 2022

The day dawned dry with long periods of sunshine. It was decided that this year after an absence of 3 years that this should be a fun day with side shows and several free games for families to take part in. The feedback from parents especially for the woodland treasure hunt was very positive.



The dog show was as popular as ever with peoples' treasured pets of all sizes, shapes and colour taking part. Many thanks to Kate and Chris for organising this.

Entertainment was provided by the ukulele band and Amy, a harp player in St. Mark's room.



A huge thankyou to Mark and Phil for the time given and the work in organising this event, thanks to all those who helped set it up the day before and packed all away afterwards and thanks to all the stallholders who worked so tirelessly. We must also extend our grateful thanks to those who so generously donated draw prizes, cask of beer, bottles and the £50 note.

Of course this could not have been the success it was without the vast number of people who came and supported us. This exceeded all our expectations and we hope we are able to welcome you all again next year.

On the next page are the totals of the money taken on the various stalls.

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Benefice News

Takings for St. Mark's Fete 2022

BBQ	715.50
Cakes/cream teas	353.51
Doughnuts	216.30
Beer tent	172.90
Pims tent	214.50
Entrance	441.10
DOG Show	206.00
Raffle	1483.00
£50.00 note	151.30
Bottle Stall	175.55
Horse Racing	26.50
Walk the Lego	31.79
Coconut Shy	60.60
Hook a duck	25.50
Hoopla	29.00
Golf putting / Bowls	30.50
Corn Hole	71.00
Donation	2.00
Ice Cream donation	30.00
 TOTAL	 4436.55
Less expenses	192.56
 TOTAL	 4243.99

Adrienne Jeffery

Benefice News

Friends for Lunch - a successful inspection *****

A 'full house' of Friends met on the 15th June and enjoyed Normandy Pork (see p. 24 for recipe), strawberries, meringues and cream. Due to holidays and sickness we were short of helpers, so we were most grateful to Vanessa, Jean, and Pam who stepped in to help.

It was the day of our annual inspection by Environmental Health and we are happy to report that we maintained our 5 star rating. July's meeting will be tea outside (weather permitting!) starting at 3pm and we will bring back the raffle. Bingo will return after the summer break. If you would like to join us please contact Kate on:

07738 467350.

A big thank you to our helpers Annie, Agne, Kate, Rosea and Sheila.



St. Mark's stall at the Ampfield Market - another success

The total taken on our stall at Ampfield market in June was £70.98 which is excellent thanks to your great donations — please keep them coming!

Chris

Village News

A new bread supplier for the Ampfield Market

Exciting news - beginning on July 2nd, the Market team is pleased to announce that we have a new bread supplier. We will be selling granary loaves, white bread, sliced or not, large or small sizes, along with granary baps. There will also be sea salt and rosemary Focaccia or tomato and basil Focaccia for sale.

The Platinum Jubilee Market on June 4th 2022

The Market on June 4th had a fabulous red, white and blue theme to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee . Stall holders dressed their tables with red white and blue, one table had a fabulous vintage theme. On the refreshment table there was a delicious fresh cream and fruit sponge decorated with a fruity flag. Chrissie Terrey won the prize for the best adult costume and she wore a stunning crown which she'd made for the occasion. Mrs. Ewen won the best table prize, she also wore a glittering vintage outfit from the 1950's. Little Max won the children's prize, he'd made a lovely crown and was dressed from top to toe in red, white and blue !

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the many Jubilee events over the weekend. The weather was extremely kind to us and your support was very much appreciated.

Julie Trotter

“People used to think about a new car or iPhone, but nobody was thinking about peace. Now, we are dreaming of it. When old people used to wish each other peace, we didn’t understand what they meant. Now we do.”

Natalia Balasynovych, the mayor of Vasyilkiv, near Kyiv.

A passion for all things Saxon by Liz Hallett

We lived in Ampfield for over forty years and knew many of the people whose names appear on the gravestones in our beautiful churchyard, but in late 1998 we started to worship in Romsey Abbey. This amazing building is a huge contrast to St

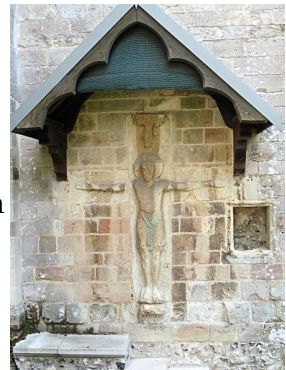
Mark's and opened up to us new lines of interest which in time came to take over our lives to some extent.



Romsey interior rood

It all began with getting to know the two amazing Saxon Roods (crucifixes), one on the transept wall in the garden to the south of the church, and the even older one inside, in St Anne's Chapel. These both came from an earlier nunnery church on the same site and were deemed so important that they were transferred to the present Norman building

which dates from around 1120. The older Rood would have been there when St Ethelflaeda, patron of the church (with St. Mary), was abbess around the time of the first millennium, and she would have worshipped in front of it, together with her nuns: a breathtaking thought.



Romsey exterior rood

I became very interested to learn more about Saxon churches and stone carvings, and my husband Mike and I spent many happy holidays exploring them around the country. Locally, I do recommend that you visit Breamore, Little Somborne and Boarhunt, to name just three. A surprising number of old churches retain at least some Saxon stonework and we also visited such wonders as the churches at Deerhurst, Worth, Brixworth, Bradford on Avon and Escomb which are essentially complete.

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Deerhurst font

Saxon fonts tend to have survived well in many churches, since such solid lumps of stone are not easy to damage. Many of these are plain, but some very ornate examples survive, as for example the Deerhurst font and another, closer to home, at Avebury. We have also found fine examples of other Saxon carvings, some shown here, in an amazing state of preservation considering their great age.

We also learnt to recognise some of the typical features of Saxon architecture, the rounded arched windows, narrower than the later Norman ones, the very high walls (built using a Roman-style mortar which was not used by later church builders), the long-and-short stonework on the corners of the buildings, and, perhaps best of all, the wonderful towers with their decorative stone pilasters and easily recognisable belfry openings, plus the unique survival at Sompting of a style known as a Rhenish Helm, with all the Saxon woodwork inside still extant.

While I was enthusing about all things Saxon, Mike was also photographing other items of interest in the churches we visited, and we very soon realised what a lot of fascinating aspects there are to EVERY church. In fact we have never yet found a church which didn't have something worth seeking out - and each church is a repository of the history of its local community.



Sompting church

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Take St Mark's for example - it can teach us about Keble and the then new principles of the Oxford Movement which has had such an impact on modern worship and church design, and also of the bravery of General and Mrs. Webber Desborough Harris, of Carol Awdry and the other men who died in two world wars, of Frewen Moor, the vicar's son, who drowned while training for ordination in Newfoundland and much else - not least of the community of the 1980s and 90s which came together to build the extension to the church for the benefit of future generations.



Codford St. Peter
Saxon cross shaft detail



Earls Barton tower

So I ended up with many photos and had absorbed so much information on a wide range of aspects of churches that I began a series of articles for Open Door, the Abbey's parish magazine, of which I was the editor for over 17 years. This of course meant that we continued exploring churches wherever we went, right up until covid

brought us all to lock-down. I have found this a fascinating interest and would like to share some of what I have discovered with you all.

For this month, let me share some of the Saxon treasures we have found.



Liz Hallett

Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. In which year did Blackpool Tower and Tower Bridge open?
2. Who designed the famous aircraft known as The Spitfire?
3. Pecorino cheese is made from the milk of which type of animal?
4. Which country has the longest coast line?
5. Cheltenham Green Top, Crimson Globe and Nutting's Red Globe are all types of which vegetable?
6. The logo for luxury car maker Porsche features which animal?
7. Emma Bunton is known as which spice girl?
8. What is the name of Donald Duck's girlfriend?
10. What is the largest Freshwater Lake in the world by its area size?
11. Which magazine has a distinctive yellow border on the cover



Answers on p. 29

The History of Ampfield Village Hall

Part 8: 2013 - 2015

by Julie Trotter

2013/2014

These years were quite difficult for the Village Hall Committee, social events were curtailed, although regular meetings took place and working parties continued to keep the hall in good order. The Market continued to thrive and bring everyone together on a regular basis on the first Saturday of the month for 8 months of the each year. Tragically Martin Trotter died on March 10th 2014. He had been on the Village Hall Committee since 1992 and he willingly and generously provided his many skills to support and enhance the hall for over 29 years.

In the June meeting it was suggested that the Parish Council might be interested in purchasing the Village Hall, an offer had already been sent to the Hampshire Federation of W.Is, but a valuation of the hall was required before the matter could proceed further. The Morley's Green Housing development started on Monday 4th August and work to provide the major new extensions to the hall would begin in June 2015

2015

In January 2015 the committee decided to submit a grant application for £25000 to help fund the new extensions to the hall. In July, the hall was cleared in preparation for the new building works. During the summer, building commenced to provide a the new Faber garden room, the Martin Trotter Committee room, a spacious and well equipped kitchen with serving hatch to the garden room, 2 new toilets, car park and a patio and garden accessible from the garden room. All the work went to plan and was of a high standard.

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In August a working party made up of volunteers painted the main hall ceiling and walls in readiness for the opening. The Market opened its doors again on September 5th, there was an art exhibition featuring work by members of the Ampfield art group to mark the reopening of the hall. In the evening there was a more formal official opening to which invited guests and all local parishioners were invited. canapés and wine were served and the hall keys were officially handed over to the Chairman, Denis Payne.

On September 10th Julie opened the Catch Up Community Cafe in the Faber Garden Room, It would be open every Thursday between 9.00 and 11.30 am. Expectations that the early opening time would attract school and pre-school parents didn't work, so the opening time became 9.30am.

On October 16th the Coal Porters appeared in the hall partly funded by Hog the Limelight.. The Committee revised the booking charges for the new hall rooms to bring them in line with other local halls. New display screens were purchased for general use. A raffle during the December Market in memory of Martin Trotter raised £95 for Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund, this tradition has also continued to take place annually.



The Market celebrates the Platinum Jubilee



Julie Trotter

Friends of Chapel Wood by Graham Roads

Deferred for a week due to shortages and equipment being in the wrong place, the Friends of Chapel Wood were fortunate to avoid one of the blistering hot days we have been experiencing. Instead, it was a relatively mild day, with even the lightest shower of rain. Just the job for a morning in the woodland.

As we all met up, it was clear that the recent weather had encouraged most of the plants to show off their summer wardrobes. In a number of places, the footpaths were becoming overgrown as was the bonfire area, where the bracken had encroached significantly over the past month. Our first job was to clear this area, as it had become our habitual base camp. There is no simple way easy way to do this – simply just pull them out! With the base camp relieved, we were able to split up and set about clearing the footpaths around the woodland.

Whilst most of the group were busy clearing the footpaths, a couple of us went to inspect the burial ground. The box hedge was showing signs of being eaten by the box moth caterpillar. This is definitely not good news and will have to be dealt with. If we cannot do this organically, more drastic measures might be necessary.



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At the same time, we were able to give some thought to creating space for additional burial plots. Due to the encroachment of vegetation, the left-hand side of the burial ground was rapidly running out of space. We managed to free up a bit of space but more detailed work will need to be done over the next few months.

By the time we all got back together again, all the pathways had been cleared, which was good news. We had managed to liberate a number of the footpath signposts which had become almost totally smothered, so visitors can now more easily find their way around. In this connection, many thanks to John who had made a few new posts to replace the originals, which had rotted.

Over coffee, we had lots to talk about, not least what jobs needed to be done over the next few months. One priority would be the pond, where lack of rain was finally beginning to take its toll. The weeds were beginning to encroach into the water and needed to be removed as quickly as possible. This would be for next time.

The Friends of Chapel Wood are a team of local volunteers, who meet on the second Saturday of the month at 09:45 in the church car park. All are welcome.



Graham Roads



Ampfield Fête and Dog Show Jubilee weekend 2022



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The Dog show



Best in show



What's on

FRIENDS FOR LUNCH

Wednesday 20th July

3pm

Tea in the woods

If you would like to attend, please ring Kate on 07738467350



Welcome Café

All Saints Church,

Rownhams Road, North Baddesley SO52 9EQ

The Welcome Café is for any and everyone in the community to come and meet friends for a catch-up and enjoy great coffee. There is no charge for coffee but donations are welcome.

We particularly welcome those who find themselves lonely or who have been bereaved. There are trained 'listeners' who will be happy to talk, befriend and empathise with you and if appropriate signpost to other helpful organisations, all in complete confidence.

10am – 12 noon on

Thursdays 14th and 28th July

Contact joinin@acnb-church.org ☎ 023 8073 7617

What's on

The Ampfield Market

Established in 2000, now in its 22nd year !



Saturday 2nd July
From 10am to 12noon
in Ampfield Village Hall
(SO51 9BJ)

Our Market has a great reputation, we regularly sell:-
Fresh fruit and veg, FairTrade foods, jams, chutneys and pickles, cakes, biscuits and scones, plants and fresh flowers, cards and wrapping paper, books, antiques, unusual crafts, jewellery, children's clothes, toys, honey, seasonal surprises, bric a brac and much, much more.

Fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of cakes will be served all morning.

Parking and admission are always FREE.

All proceeds support the Village Hall. Registered charity no. 1057353

Contact Julie on 023 80254587 for table bookings and info.

Next date: Saturday September 3rd. 2022

What's on

Sunshine Saints

Sunshine Saints is the new toddler and baby group which meets every Wednesday in term time from 9.30 to 11.30am in All Saints Church. It is an opportunity for the children to have fun playing together. There are snacks for the children and tea and coffee for those who accompany them.

Suggested donation: £2.



Paint and Wine is back!

This is a painting evening with a difference. The Paint and Wine trend has become popular in major cities across the world so we are excited to be hosting this event.

No experience necessary. No skills required, you will all be guided step by step through recreating the same image on your own canvas, whilst meeting new people or chatting with your friends.

Our 2nd event will be happening on Friday, July 8th, 2022 6:45 pm - 10 pm at All Saints and costs £10, payable at the door.

We provide all the materials you need for the painting, you just need to bring your favourite beverage. Light nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided.

At the end of the night you can expect to have had fun and take home your very own painted canvas!

Email: allsaintsartevents@gmail.com to book your place.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Recipe of the Month

Normandy Pork

- *600 gm pork cubed
- *1 large onion (or I prefer 2 banana onions) sliced
- *2 rashers bacon chopped
- *1 large carrot thinly sliced
- *Half a red pepper sliced
- *1 chicken stock cube diluted in 400ml hot water
- *2 sprigs of thyme
- *1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- *Cornflour as needed
- *Button mushrooms (optional)
- *1 apple peeled & chopped
- *Olive oil
- *1 stick celery chopped
- *250 ml dry cider
- *140 gm crème fraîche
- *2 bay leaves
- *1 clove garlic crushed

Brown the pork and bacon in oil and set aside

Chop and fry the onion, pepper and celery

Add the pork and chopped apple to the pan

Add cider and stock

Give it a good stir, scraping the bottom of the pan

And the apple and garlic

Add mustard, herbs and carrots

Put the lid on the pan and cook slowly on the hob (or in the oven if you prefer) for about an hour.

If you are using the mushrooms, fry in butter (and more garlic if you like) then add to the pan.

Stir in the crème fraîche.

If needed, thicken with cornflour mixed with cold water.

If you are fond of garlic, add it at the end as this will make it more garlicky.



POLLINATORS

I always had a yearning
To be an apiarist.
Sadly, now I'm awfully old,
My opportunity missed ...

But still, I can encourage
Bees and other insects too,
To come into my garden
And do what insects do.

They like to sip on nectar,
Pollen sticks to them, and so
They pollinate the flowers
As they fly to and fro.

Globally, 76%
Of commercial crops depend
On insect pollinators
Which on the plants descend.

Someone has used these
figures
And been able to conclude
That what this equates to
Is 1 in 3 mouthfuls of food...

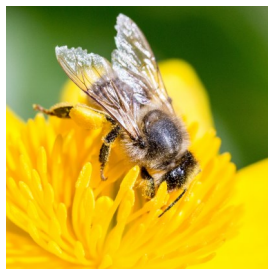
But sadly, in the UK,
35 species of bees
Are under threat of extinction
From habitat loss and disease.

Farmers using pesticide,
Gardeners too, cause harm.
75% more bees will thrive
On an organic farm.

Bees will travel several miles
To find a nectar source.
I'm going to plant my garden
To make it bee friendly of course.

Poppies, lavender, foxgloves
Teasle, coriander and chive,
Lemon balm and nasturtium,
And the bees will soon arrive!

I'll do my bit in the garden
To help pollinators thrive
Despite the disappointment
Of not owning my own hive!!



*Pol-
Poet*

linating

Sue Goldsmith

“There are decades where
nothing happens and there
are weeks where decades
happen.”

Lenin

“The dogmas of the quiet
past are inadequate to the
stormy present.”

Abraham Lincoln

“If you invite a bear to
dance, it's not you who
decides when the dance
is over”

Russian proverb

Every picture tells a story

by Nick Jeffrey

I was 9 years old and being christened when the Reverend Joyce showed my parents and me round Ampfield church, we had only recently moved to Ampfield. Was it then when I first noticed the old picture hanging opposite the door on the north wall of the church?



I have looked at this picture and admired it many times over the years but while cleaning the church this year my wife called me over to see it, the damp of lockdown had caused black mould to creep all over it, I was devastated, where would we find another?

I took it home to let it dry out, in the meantime I looked on line how to clean it, I took it to several people to ask but no one wanted to take it on. Eventually I removed it from its frame and found by using a soft paint brush a lot of the mould had turned to dust and brushed off. I tried using various solvents, cleaners on the surround edges on cotton wool but to no avail. My wife then said, knowing how I had enhanced old photos on the computer why don't you try that printing shop at Chandlers Ford? Taking it to "The Print Room" the shop manager said "we can enhance that." I left encouraged but with some trepidation. Within two days a phone call told me it was ready, the results astounded me, the clarity and detail were amazing, just part of the spire was missing which I soon touched up, I was so pleased.

I had already painted the surround with primer sealer and paint, cleaned the glass and frame, cut new hardboard to the back and soon had it all together. I wanted to show it off to a long standing prominent member of our community, her keen eyes spotted writing on the old damaged print.

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Using a magnifying glass the words at the bottom corner read “Day & Haghe Lithographs to the Queen”. The other corner read “On Stone by G Hawkins from a drawing by Owen B Carter architect Winchester.

Owen B Carter 1806 -1859 was the architect for Otterbourne and Ampfield church, he did many prominent buildings including “The Corn Exchange” now the library at Winchester. He also drew pictures of Winchester which were published in “Memorials of Winchester” in 1830. many of which can be seen on line.

St Mark's was finished in 1841 so we are able to date this picture as being about 5 years either side of 1850 as Mr Carter finished his work in 1854. Go and look at the detail, I remember steps leading from the lower path to the front door, but not the hand rails, the detail in the stone and hinges on the door are visible. The good news is we still have the old picture and I had an extra one printed for future mishaps.



Nick Jefferies

7th July- World Day for International Justice

Every year on 17th July, World Day for International Justice, also known by the name as Day of International Criminal Justice or International Justice Day is celebrated throughout the world.

A Prayer for Justice

God, you have given all peoples on common origin.

It is your will that they be gathered together
as one family in yourself.

Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.

By sharing the good things you give us,
may we secure an equality for all
our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
May there be an end to division, strife, and war.
May there be a dawning of a truly human society
built on love and peace.

We ask this in your name.

Amen



- Author Unknown, from jesuitresource.org

Answers to Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. 1894
2. R. J. Mitchell
3. Sheep
4. Canada
5. Beetroot
6. Horse
7. Baby Spice
8. Daisy Duck
9. Lake Superior
10. National Geographic



A Kitchen Garden (G4G)

by Graham Roads

Note to self – DO NOT go on holiday at the end May – early June. ‘NOT’ that is if you do not want to come home and find your neat kitchen garden transformed into a wild thing that only bees and other assorted insects can inhabit!

Right, moan over, roll up sleeves and see what remains. Actually, ignoring the weeds, wildflowers, aspiring trees and grasses, it’s not bad. The broad beans have lots of flowers. The leeks seem to have taken nicely. There is evidence of courgette and there could be a digging of new potatoes by next weekend. Happily, the cavolo has grown sufficiently to provide its first contribution to the larder. It can be lightly boiled for a few moments, drained, and left to steam in the residual water. Then add garlic, butter, seasoning and blitz in a blender.



All in all, so far, so good. This month will be spent sowing all the seeds that have been preserved safely in packets, in case there was a bad frost during the second half of May. Normally, with a bit of encouragement from the odd poem read softly, it all catches up; and don’t forget the music; French beans, in particular, like (the) Eagles.

Of all the beans, these seem the most up-beat. Parsley, on the other hand, seems to prefer something a bit quieter. ..

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We are always trying to discover new ways to prepare stuff. The latest idea features tomatoes. At the end of each season, there are normally enough tomatoes left on the vine to make it worthwhile drying them in the kitchen. Just cut good tomatoes in half, add some salt and leave them somewhere warm for a week. They can then be preserved over winter in jars of olive oil. Traditionally, they are destined for pizza toppings or similar but this time we have tried draining them, adding in some chopped mushrooms and then sauté until just turning colour. As an accompaniment to barbecued lamb, it seems to work very well.

In the greenhouse, the annual watering regime has started. This year we will try to be a bit more disciplined (ha, ha – might last a week) with feeding. Most fertilisers comprise nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in varying quantities – these are shown on the labels as a ratio of N:P:K, with N helping leaf growth, P giving healthy root system and K bolstering flowering and fruiting. If you have an hour to waste, it is worth comparing product labels in the shops. Back to tomatoes, it is really worth removing the side shoots and the lower couple of branches, this will allow the plant's energy to concentrate on the main event.

As usual, all the information needed for growing vegetables successfully can be found on the RHS website:

(<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/grow-your-own>).

This also provides some a great summary and good ideas on what to do now. It would be great if we could all put together a collection of recipes over the summer, focusing on stuff that we have grown ourselves. We could ask Chris and Rob to be editors. We might even be able to put together a small book, we could distribute at the village market. Send all thoughts, ideas and contributions to Chris and Rob. They are most welcome.

[Great idea! Eds.]

Graham Roads

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

And this one just about sums them all up:

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:

'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

Submitted by Sue Goldsmith

Thought for the Month

A short while ago I spent a very enjoyable day at the Ampfield dog show and fete. One thing that I found very interesting was the ability to just stop and talk to people, such a simple thing for most of us to do and yet, owing to Covid, it was denied to us for such a long time. Human beings are such social creatures and contact with each other is vital to our wellbeing and sanity. It brought home to me how little time we devote to talking to God on a personal level, really showing our love to our creator, who gave us such a wonderful world, filled with beautiful people and wildlife delights. It seems to be beyond the ability of so many of us. We simply need to pray so much more, to confide our fears and embrace our joys.

I regularly walk my daughter's dog whilst she works and one place that I find so much peace and solace is Ramalley Cemetery. I sit on a bench, close to the graves of Sandra and Rod Howell, who regularly attended St Mark's Church and just soak up the peace and tranquillity of the place. It is a place to feel close to God and offer a silent prayer of thanks and remember with joy those who have gone before us.

Help us all Lord to be able to be close to you at any time and share your love.

Ron Cobb



Rotas for St. Mark's July 2022

Date Service	Sides 1 & 2	Reader 1	Reader 2	Inter-cessions	Coffee * Music
3rd July 9.30 Tidy Church	n/a				Jean S * Mark & Abbie
10th July 9.30 Holy Communion	Jennie E Robyn	Deuteronomy 30; 9-14 Jennie	Colossians 1: 1-14 Chris	Rob	Heather & Chris Organist
17th July 9.30 Holy Communion	Ron Daryl	Genesis 18: 1-1a Mark B	Collosians 1:15-28 Heather S	Sally	Heather C & Cathy Nick & Mark
24th July 9.30 Holy Communion	Mark B Sally C	Genesis 18: 20-32 Robyn	Collosians 2: 6-15, (16-19) Ron	Vanessa	Jean & Stella Organist
31st July 9.30 Holy Communion	Jennie E Heather C	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Heather C	Cpllosians 3: 1-11 Jennie	Heather S	Doreen Jennie E Jean

Flowers: Sally

If anyone would like to help with providing flowers for any time please contact Jennie on alan.edwards60@ntlworld.com or speak to anyone at church.

Coffee after Communion: We need more volunteers please. If you are able to offer your services, please contact Jean Smith on 01794 519685.

The Last Laugh

Disraeli, when offered the sorbet at an official banquet, turning to his neighbour and murmuring appreciatively:

“Thank goodness, something warm at last.”

An elderly man complained of a pain in his right leg.

“It’s just old age,” said the doctor.

“Can’t be that,” said the patient, “the other leg is the same age, and that doesn’t hurt.”

Small boy: “Grandfather, were you in the Ark?”

Grandfather: “No I was not in the Ark.”

Small boy: “Well, why weren’t you drowned then?”

Q.: What’s the definition of sadist?

A: Someone who’s kind to a masochist.

Two goldfish in a tank.

One says to the other, 'How do you drive this thing?'

Barry Cryer



Information

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