

ST MARK'S PARISH MAGAZINE



Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

As I write this final letter to you, I am thinking back to the time I joined St Marks in July 2016 and reflecting on how nervous I was being fresh out of theological college and wearing the collar for the first time! In the blink of an eye nearly three years has passed and what an amazing experience it has been. From being the annoying over enthusiastic puppy who was constantly annoying Fr Martin with question after question, I slowly began to find my feet and my place at St Marks. Last year I was given the opportunity to lead St Marks through the sabbatical, which was an eye opener to all that is required of Father Martin, and the teamwork which is so vital.



I have formed wonderful friendships too, and so it is with both excitement and sadness that I leave this wonderful community to take on a new challenge as Rector of Buckland and Betchworth. It is very apt that my last Sunday celebrates the transfiguration. The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots trans ("across") and figura ("form, shape"). It therefore signifies a change of form or appearance.

The Transfiguration was a special event where God allowed the apostles Peter James and John to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. This event is revealed to us too in 2019. There are certain times in this life where God gives us experiences of his grace that strengthen our faith when we need it the most. The transfiguration also reminds us that we should not expect these experiences of grace to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease. They are perhaps meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us when the road is hard, and our faith is shaken.

Toby Garrood the amazing director of St Marks Singers asked me what song I would like played for my last service. The one I picked sparked a nervous laugh from Toby, but he agreed to try. The song I chose was performed by Miley Cyrus called 'The Climb' which I think sums up not only my journey here at St Marks and on to St Michael and St Marys, it also relates to each and every one of us who face daily challenges. It serves as a reminder to me and hopefully to you too that, our experiences both joyful and sorrowful are what form and shape us (figura) if we recognise God in all we do.

'The struggles I'm facing, the chances I'm taking
Sometimes might knock me down but, No I'm not breaking

I may not know it, but these are the moments that
I'm going to remember most yeah, just got to keep going
And I, I gotta be strong, just keep pushing on, 'cause.....

Chorus:

*There's always gonna be another mountain
I'm always gonna wanna make it move
Always gonna be an uphill battle
Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose
Ain't about how fast I get there
Ain't about what's waiting on the other side
It's the climb'*

The transfiguration is not about the end result, it is about the journey we take with God and with each other, taking the good times and the bad and learning from those experiences. By taking those moments from our uphill battles and recognising God's presence within them ... that is the transfiguration the astonishing transformation within ourselves! The Climb!

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you all at St Mark, but this is not "Goodbye" it's "See you soon!"

Love and God Bless

Anna

Girl Power!

As we say farewell to Anna in her final month at St Mark's Church before she takes on her new role as Rector of Buckland and Betchworth, did you know that it was just 25 years ago, in the same month, that the Church of England ordained its first female priests. On the 12th March 1994, Angela Berners-Wilson was the first of 32 women to be ordained by Bishop Barry Rogerson in Bristol Cathedral.

It was the experience of one of the first female Anglican priests that inspired the sitcom *The Vicar of Dibley*. By 2004, 1 in 5 priests were women. However, it wasn't until 2015 that England got its first female Bishop, Libby Lane.



The history of St Mark's in numbers



99

The number of names on the war memorial in 1918.



1976

The year Terrance Hancock became Organist.



1892

The year St Mark's first had heating.

If you'd like to know more about the history of St Mark's Church you can now buy Rev'd Martin Colton's book: *The Church of St Mark Reigate – A Celebration of the years 1860-2018*, for just £7.50 from the Parish Office.

The Parish Office is now able to take card payments – in person.

Electoral Roll

This year we are completely renewing the Electoral Roll. This means that no one on the present roll will be included in the new roll UNLESS they complete a new application form. These forms are available in Church and must be returned completed by **Sunday 7th April 2019** at the very latest (early return will be warmly welcomed). This new roll will be used for eligibility to vote and speak at this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 28th April 2019 or to stand for certain roles including PCC members and Sides people. Doing nothing means you will not be entitled to vote or speak at the meeting. If you have any questions, or need help completing the form, please ask Fr Martin or me.

Alison Stagg
Electoral Roll Officer

Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10b)

In 2019 the Bishop's appeal is supporting projects within the Southwark Diocese, as well as Kenya, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

These projects include:

The Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka – The country has some of the highest Leprosy rates in the world with 1,877 new cases diagnosed each year. The disease is curable with a simple course of antibiotics but due to the stigma and lack of education people remain undiagnosed and don't seek treatment early, resulting in disability and impairment. The Leprosy Mission supports those with the condition and aims to educate and raise awareness to reduce discrimination.



Carlile College in Nairobi – Helping fund resources for the college's Urban Mission Training which aims to educate and support churches in reaching out to those in slums and informal settlements.



Zimbabwe – The people of Zimbabwe are struggling to survive under difficult and ever-changing circumstances due to the political and economic challenges. The money raised through Lent will provide investment into money making initiatives such as a gold processing plant, a greenhouse project and dairy project, as well as funding a new hospital.



Local projects – As well as supporting projects in other parts of the world, the Lent Appeal will help support local initiatives including;

- Sutton Women's Centre – which helps women who have experienced problems such as abuse with counselling, parenting courses, childcare and more.
- Christian Care – A 60 volunteer strong team provide befriending, family support including groceries, furniture and children's clothing in the borough of Merton.

If you wish to get involved in supporting the Bishop's Appeal, see overleaf for information about Lent Lunches.

To find out more about the causes it supports, keep an eye out for a display in church over Lent.

Lent Lunches

Every year in support of the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal we hold a series of Lent Lunches between Ash Wednesday and Holy week. Volunteers offer to host a simple lunch at their home consisting of: Soup, bread and cheese (just one type) & water.

Hosts choose how many and when to cater between 11th March and 11th April. Guests then sign up on the hosting sheets, up to the maximum set – anything from 2 to unlimited!

The final lunch of the series for the last 5 years has been held after the Iona Lunchtime service in the church, with homemade leek and potato soup, this year the lunch will fall on Thursday 11th April. This is a popular event and has catered for over 30 people, the new kitchen will make life very much easier and so numbers are unlimited!

Hosts usually absorb the cost of the meal as their contribution to the appeal. Guest donations to the appeal can be Gift Aided. If you would like to consider hosting an event or have any questions please contact me: Stephanie Lawrence 01737 246502.

Stephanie Lawrence

Lent Courses

We will be looking at faith through the life and works of C S Lewis, including video clips from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Shadowlands*. There will be no charge for materials! The dates of the three sessions are:

Wednesdays at 8pm: 13/20 March 3 April

Thursdays at 9.45am: 14/21 March 4 April



St Marks Church

Easter Holiday Club

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April
9.30am – 2.15pm

Come and have lots of fun

Open to primary school children aged 5 – 11



Limited places. £10 per child. Advanced application only by 22 March.
Please email stmarkseasterclub@gmail.com
Or visit the website www.stmarksreigate.co.uk for more information.

St Mark's Church Centre, Alma Road, Reigate RH2 0DA.

Are you looking for a place to party? St Mark's Church Hall - Children's Party Package!

Hire includes exclusive use of:
Large main hall – with tables and chairs



Use of new kitchen with serving hatch - ideal dining area next to kitchen



Outside garden area



Great location; minutes from Reigate train station & parking
The facilities include disabled access

Available Saturdays and some Sundays
3 hours (includes ½ hour set up & ½ hour clearing)
Only £90 (additional hours charged at £25ph)

This offer applies to bookings for under 11's parties only

Further details on hiring the hall available from our
website: www.stmarksreigate.co.uk
For bookings please contact: office@stmarksreigate.co.uk

Have a HAPPY BIRTHDAY Party with us!

St Mark's Buffers

Spring cleaning? These ladies will put a spring in your step. Find out more about the wonderful people who keep St Marks looking so sparkly.

St Mark's Buffers were founded in September 2018 following on from the weekend 'Lavish Some Love on St Mark's'. A small number of cheerful volunteers meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10am-12 noon; to clean and polish many of the precious items that St Mark's own.



The whole experience has been wonderful and revealing, we have found so many of the items have been donated and have fascinating stories about the people who gave them; Fr. Martin, with his book on the history of St Marks, has been able to tell us much.

The team recalls carefully cleaning the old procession cross which was taken out to the war memorial for the first time in a long while.

There is immense satisfaction gained from the results of the care, cleaning and polishing. We are always pleased to accept toothbrushes, nail brushes, donated bottles of 'brasso', silver polish and copper polish, as well as cotton buds and cocktail sticks.

We would like some more volunteers please; if you come along you will find a warm welcome, refreshments and discover what we do with the cocktail sticks!

Thank you very much for the donations and help to date, we hope you can take time to appreciate all the wonderful objects we have managed to uncover and shine on your next visit to St Mark's.

Janet Burns and Team
Caryl, Eve, Tina, Shona, Sonia and Sue

Janet's top tips for spring cleaning

If you are planning on making your own home sparkle this spring then Janet gives these top tips:

- 1) Perseverance is key – it took over 6 hours to clean the Lectern.
- 2) Don't think the first clean is good enough
- 3) A toothbrush is a great tool to get in all the cracks
- 4) Cover yourself up - don't let yourself get too messy in the process – a good pair of gloves is a must.

St Mark's Pull-Out Guide

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST MARK'S

SUNDAYS

8.00am	Each Sunday	Holy Communion (said) Book of Common Prayer
10.00am	1 st Sunday	Parish Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	2 nd Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	3 rd Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Story Telling)
	4 th Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	5 th Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
1.00pm	2 nd Sunday	Community Lunch
4.00pm	1 st Sunday	Family Service
	3 rd Sunday	Messy Church
6.00pm	1 st Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	2 nd Sunday	Taizé Prayer
	3 rd Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	4 th Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	5 th Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel (30 minutes)

MONDAY (during school term-time)

9.30am St Mark's Toddler Group in the hall (term-time only)

TUESDAY

10.00am 3rd Tuesday St Mark's Buffers – in the church

WEDNESDAY

10.00am 1st Wednesday Vintage Tea – in the church (Apr - Nov)
3.25pm TBC 'T' Time Tales (during school term-time)

THURSDAY

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) - followed by tea or coffee

2.00pm 1st Thursday SMART

SATURDAY

8.00pm 4th Saturday St Mark's Social Dance

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2019

Saturday 2 nd March	7.30pm SMOAT Jazz Evening
Sunday 3rd March	Next Sunday before Lent 10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by 11.30am Rev'd Anna's Farewell in Church Hall 4.00pm Family Service 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion 8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 7 th March	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) 2.00pm SMART
Saturday 9 th March	7.30pm CANTAMUS Concert
Sunday 10th March	1st Sunday of Lent 1.00pm Community Lunch 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Thursday 14 th March	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Sunday 17th March	2nd Sunday of Lent 4.00pm Messy Church 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 19 th March	10.00am-12noon St Mark's Buffers – 'buffing the silver'
	8.00pm PCC Meeting
Thursday 21 st March	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) 5.00pm Choral Evensong
Saturday 23 rd March	8.00pm St Mark's Social Dance
Sunday 24th March	3rd Sunday of Lent 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 28 th March	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Sunday 31st March	4th Sunday of Lent 6.00pm Evening Prayer

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2019

Thursday 4 th April	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Sunday 7th April	5th Sunday - Passiontide
	10.00am Parish Eucharist
	4.00pm Family Service (New service)
	6.00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 11 th April	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) 2.00pm SMART
Sunday 14th April	Palm Sunday
	1.00pm Community Lunch
	6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Tuesday 16 th April	9.30am EASTER CLUB 10.00am-12noon St Mark's Buffers – 'buffing the silver'
Wednesday 17 th April	9.30am EASTER CLUB
Thursday 18 th April	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) 8.00pm Easter Vigil
Friday 19 th April	1.30pm Good Friday Service
Saturday 20 th April	8.00pm Holy Saturday
Sunday 21st April	Easter Sunday
	6.00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 25 th April	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Saturday 27 th April	8.00pm St Mark's Social Dance
Sunday 28th April	2nd of Easter
	6.00pm Evening Prayer

PARISH ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, GROUPS & CONTACTS

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Contact: Mrs Valerie Jones 01737 246538

CHOIR PRACTICE

Each Thursday in church - all parts at 7.00pm - other practices as notified

DATA REQUESTS

Contact: Parish Office – 01737 210785

HOME GROUP

Contact : Mrs Susannah Dyde – 01737 221638

IONA COMMUNION – LUNCHTIME SERVICE

Every Thursday 12.45-1.15pm followed by Coffee/Tea

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Contact: Louise Wallis 01737 242129

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Mrs Rosemary Absalom 01737 240351 & Mrs Kate Lovegrove 01737 226776

SMART - St Mark's Afternoon Retirement Team

Meetings on the first Thursday of the month

Contacts: Mrs Sarah Cousins 01737 789943 or Mrs Louise Wallis 01737 242129

ST MARK'S BUFFERS

Meeting in church on the third Tuesday of the month from 10am-12 noon

ST MARK'S COMMUNITY LUNCH

Contacts: Mrs Angela Daniels 01737 247162 & Mrs Alison Stagg 01737 243992

ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL

Regular Lettings Secretary: Mrs Jean Hatton 01737 765759

Party Bookings & Church Bookings via Parish Office 01737 210785

ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST - SMOAT

Chairman: Mrs Barbara Perkins, 01737 226632

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ST MARK'S SINGERS

Rehearsals Monday 7.30pm in the church – all welcome

Contact: Toby Garrod 01737 241979

VINTAGE TEA

First or Third Wednesday of month – Dates TBC 10am-12noon in St Mark's Church

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Contact: Ben Read Email: benread@hotmail.com

YOUTH WORK

Junior Church: Mrs Leonora Corden, l.corden@btinternet.com 01737224534

St Mark's becomes a dojo for a local karate club

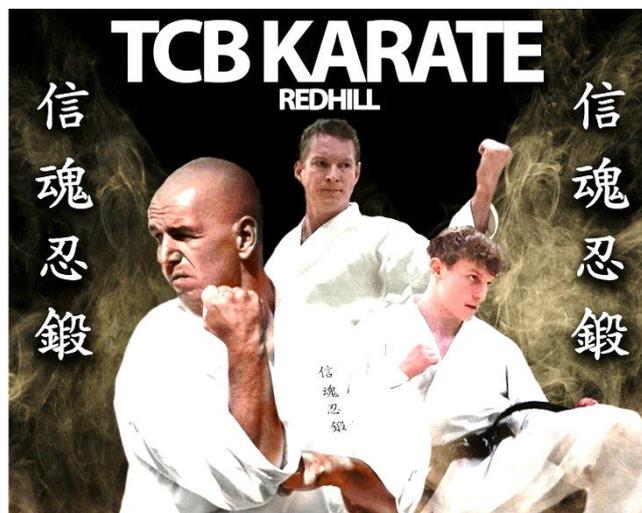
We are very pleased to welcome to our hall a flourishing local karate club, TCB Karate Redhill, which is expanding from its long-established Saturday morning slot at the Colman Redland centre to train mid-week in our hall.

The club offers instruction to all ages and from beginners to black belt and we hope that after a 2 month trial period in March and April, we can make the arrangement a regular weekly event.

The club details are: TCB Karate Redhill.
Website: www.redhillkarate.com

Chief Instructor: Sensei Anthony Wren,
4th Dan
Email: rkk1_awren@live.co.uk
Tel: 07732 127368

It is really important to us that our hall and facilities can help the community and in particular provide a variety of options for all ages to enjoy the hall.



If you are interested in taking part then contact Sensei Anthony Wren. The classes will be held in the hall on the following dates and times in March:

- 6 March – 7.45pm
- 13 March – 7.45pm
- 20 March – 7.45pm
- 26 March – 7.30pm

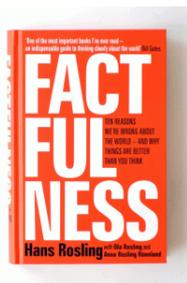
THE MARCH SUDOKU CHALLENGE

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Solution to February's Sudoku

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6	7	5	1	3	8	2	4	9
1	8	9	5	2	4	6	3	7
2	3	4	9	7	6	8	5	1
7	5	1	4	8	2	3	9	6
4	2	6	3	1	9	7	8	5
8	9	3	6	5	7	1	2	4

Book Review



This month we review: Factfulness

The full title of this book is Factfulness – Ten reasons we’re wrong about the world – and why things are better than you think. The book does exactly as it says on the cover. The Introduction includes a quiz to test your current level of understanding of the world and then goes on to show the percentage of people who answered each question correctly. In most cases it tends to be small and ‘less than a chimpanzee would get right’, (the words used in the book, not mine). Using UN and WHO data the book then goes on to debunk myths and share an up-to-date world view, arguing that most people see the world as it was in 1960 and are not aware of the progress which has been made since then. It goes on to talk about 10 basic instincts which people have that are holding back our collective world view.

The book is full of facts and insights and if you are interested in our world and the lifestyles and demographics of other countries, this book is certainly a great read. You will come away feeling more optimistic and informed. Although in places when discussing the ‘basic instincts’ and how to overcome them, it can feel a little patronising, but once you look past this and see the motivations of the author, Hans Rosling, then it is a very enjoyable read. Hans Rosling was a Professor of International Health and founded an organisation called the Gapminder Foundation whose mission is to ‘fight devastating ignorance with a fact-based worldview’. He has spoken and lectured widely on the topics covered within Factfulness and his audiences have included the World Economic Forum at Davos. Hans died in 2017, although this book was published in 2018.

The book touches on religion but cross references it with birth rates. Christian women have an average of 2.7 children compared to Muslim women who have an average of 3.1. Although it notes that income levels are a greater driver of the average number of children than religion.

It views the world situation as ‘bad but getting better’ and talks about what the key initiatives are for improving people’s lifestyles and pulling them out of poverty. Reading this book helps to understand why the Christmas appeal by SMOAT, the Lent Appeal and similar initiatives are so crucial in pulling some of the poorest economies out of poverty and improving their quality of life.

All in all, if you are curious about the world and like statistics, this is worth a read.

Local Spotlight

This month:



Within the Parish of St Mark's Church we have a thriving community of local businesses and each month we'd like to take an opportunity to tell you a little more about them. This month, starting with Beryl and Pegs, a small and charming coffee shop located almost opposite the train station on Holmesdale Road.



If you have ever stopped in for a coffee or lunch you'll know the friendly and welcoming team are available to offer delicious snacks, drinks and baked



goods. Open at 6.30am, a coffee and almond croissant is a commuter's treat. If you are looking for somewhere quirky and interesting for a lunch date then the choice of sandwiches will leave you torn on which one to try. I can personally recommend the Bacon, Brie and Cranberry.

What's even more special about this independent café is the back story, Beryl and Peggy lived 100 years ago and never got to achieve their dream of setting up a tea room, today it is their grandchildren who've realised their dream. And with locally sourced ingredients and a homely feel it is a real winner. It is open from 9-1pm on a Sunday so you could even drop in before or after church.



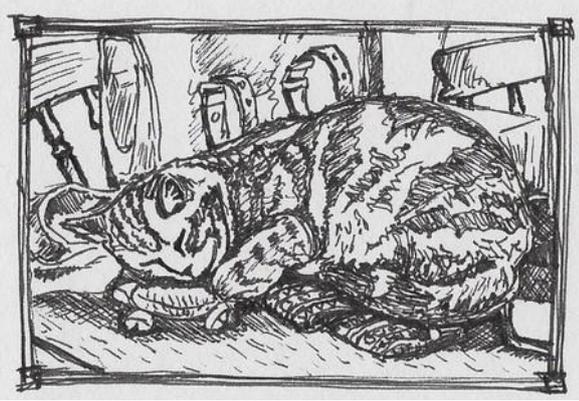
Keep up –to-date with St Mark's



Don't want to miss a thing? Keep your finger on the pulse and follow St Mark's on Facebook. You can find out about upcoming events, get the latest news and find out what the Church of England has to say. Just head over to Facebook and search @StMarksChurchReigate

Marley & the Spring Clean

Written by Shona Prosser and illustrated by Roger Lloyd



Marley is an old cat, a wise cat, a thoughtful cat, a comforter and a friend. Marley has travelled many miles, explored the world and made many friends along the way; he was tired and longed for a home, a place to settle, and reflect on the life he has lived. It was in the early summer while resting curled up on the church wall, that Marley had met

Candlemouse, a very bold and friendly mouse with kind eyes and big heart, who welcomed him into St Mark's. As Marley had followed his new friend through the glass door and into our beautiful church, he thought, 'I could be happy here', and he was.

Marley was a busy cat, a bouncy, wide awake cat. The sun was shining, making the frost on the garden sparkle and the softly drooping heads of the nodding snowdrops glowed brightly. While soft shades of purple, lemon, orange and cream crocuses gathered in friendly groups and the first signs of the daffodils stretched from the sleeping earth, a forest of green stems. Marley loved this time of year; the air was crisp and clean, the light was bright and welcoming, and everything seemed poised, excited at the prospect of the changes ahead!

Marley had decided a trip to the garden was needed. The church was very busy, the Vicar had been rushing about, with lots of meetings and visitors coming in and out of the Parish Office. The copier was working away as the telephone rang and it had been difficult to get any sleep with so much going on. Resting on his favourite chair in the Lady Chapel had not offered the quiet he craved, as an excited group of children had come in to see the church. Marley loved listening to the history and stories about St Mark's and would have stayed with the group had it not been for the arrival of the Spring Cleaning team. This meant the vacuum cleaner would be out and Marley did not like the noise it made, so into the garden he went....

The birdsong was a welcome sound; a thrush was singing it's heart out in sheer joy as it perched at the top of a large tree overlooking the garden, as a robin hopped around under the garden bench looking for discarded crumbs. Marley sat contentedly, purring gently, on the bench and watched the world go by. When suddenly the doors from the church hall flew open and laughter tumbled into the garden, followed by several people carrying tablecloths, which they began to shake – bread crumbs flying everywhere!

'Hello Marley' said a cheerful voice, from behind a blue gingham table cloth. 'You missed a wonderful Lent Lunch today, we had a delicious leek and potato soup, bread, water and some cheese. The Bishop will be pleased, we have already had 9 people agree to host a simple Lent Lunch, the guests make a contribution to the Bishop's Lent appeal, which helps several charities.' What a good idea thought Marley, as one of the children came into the garden. 'Here you are Marley! I have been looking for you, I have saved this piece of cheese for you from the Lent lunch. We were told how important it is to realise how much we have and to share.'

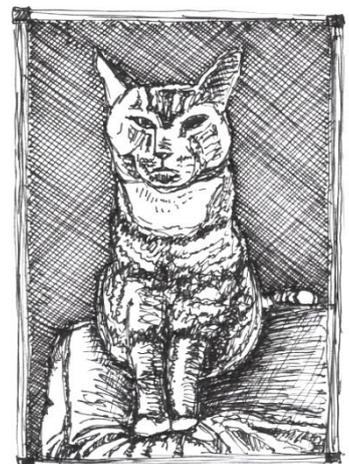
Later that day, the sun having set, the church was clean and fresh from the cleaning teams work, the vestry office was still and quiet. Marley was waiting for his good friend Candlemouse to join him, as he often did in the evening to enjoy the beauty and peace of the church. A small piece of cheese sat at Marley's feet as he thought about his day and all he had learnt about Lent.

Lent is a time traditionally, to give up things for 40 days, to reflect on the hardship, discipline and isolation endured by Jesus in the wilderness. However, it can also be a time to take on a challenge, to take up a cause and make an impact, much as Jesus faced the challenges presented to him and triumphed.

Marley decided he would discuss Lent further with Candlemouse and would also go along to the Vicar's Lent course in April. One of Marley's favourite books was *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, and the course will look at faith through the life & works of C.S. Lewis, who journeyed from atheist to evangelist, discovering a deep and rewarding faith.

Meanwhile, the cheese looked very tempting and having saved half of the piece given to him for his friend, Marley's resolve was weakening. A small voice whispered, 'Candlemouse doesn't know you have saved the cheese for him, so there is no harm in eating it yourself...' yet another seemed to say, 'It is lovely to share, someone took time and thought to share with you, is it not far more rewarding to share with another? Although you may have less of the cheese in your tummy, you will have joy in your heart'

Candlemouse squeaked with delight, 'Thank you Marley, how very kind of you to think of me. I'm happy to share this cheese with you and look, I have a large crust of bread I found after the Lent lunch. Why don't we have a Lent supper together?' And they did....



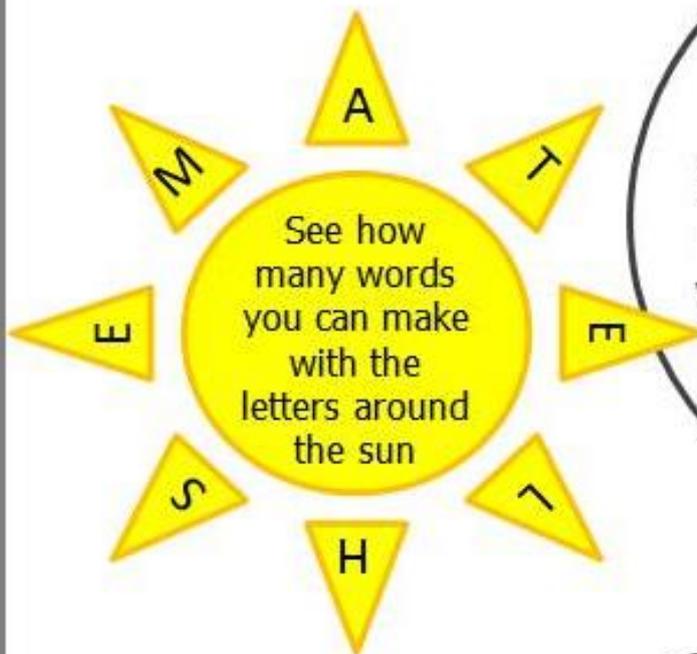


Candlemouse Creates



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S	B	I	C	A	N	D	L	E	F

Spring
St Marks
Marley
Daffodil
Candle
Clean



Decipher the code to read this little prayer for Spring

For 5u4 a4d for 5how3r5,
For 533ds a4d for flow3r5,
W3 giv3 you tha4k5 O God.

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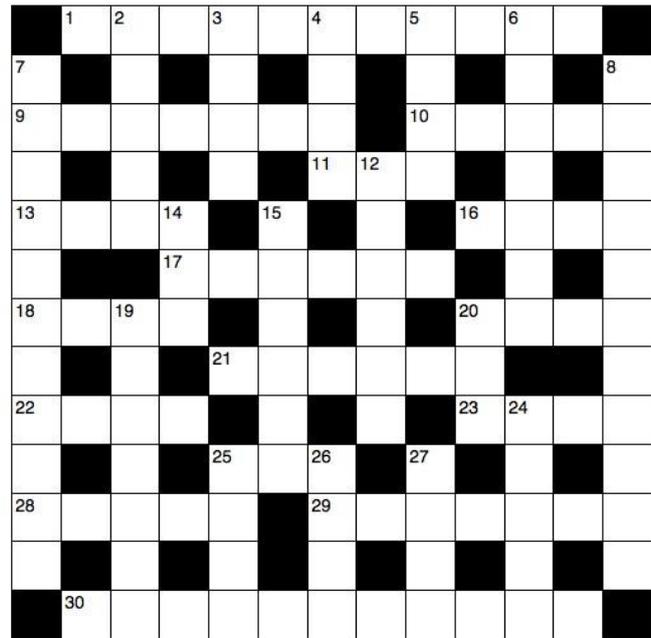
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MARCH'S CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

(Bible references are from the New International version)

Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)



Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Wage 3 Cleansed 9 Plateau 10 Ready 11 Did so 12 Hollow 14 Unregenerated
 17 Offers 19 Islam 22 Is not 23 Overran 24 Barracks 25 Legs

DOWN: 1 Wiped out 2 Guard 4 Laughing-stock 5 April 6 Seaport 7 Days 8 Belong
 13 Oddments 15 Refiner 16 Raided 18 Extra 20 Large 21 Limb

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Vintage tea has run on the 1st Wednesday of the month 10.00am until 12noon, but we are hoping to move this to the 3rd Wednesday. This event assists with the outreach of the church, offering a chance for people to socialise in a relaxed environment. Without a coordinator to help with setting up and clearing away the Vintage Tea cannot run which will be a real shame to those who value this event.

If you feel you can offer a few hours a month to assist with this role please contact: Fr Martin Colton on 01737 241161 or by email to: vicar@stmarksreigate.co.uk

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