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## LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

I am writing this in January when there has been the usual promises of making New Year Resolutions mentioned in conversations. There have been aspirations to be more healthy, less lazy, more generous and so on but a theme I noticed has been to 'try one small thing'. Rather than promise radical change, we ought to be more realistic and promise to make changes, small steps at a time. If you made any resolutions this year, I wonder how they are going...

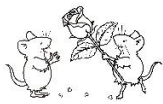


I would rather encourage us to consider new beginnings rather than to make New Year Resolutions. Considering a 'New Beginning' doesn't ignore what has happened in the past – the past cannot be changed. But a new beginning does offer hope and the opportunity for change and transformation. It avoids the guilt of failed resolutions and opens the way for small steps in a new direction. Small steps can then grow into extravagant strides as we gain confidence with each little victory.

There are many issues and challenges that face us individually and as a world. Each can seem immense and insurmountable – like climate change, wars, inflation and so on. We cannot change these things all by ourselves, but we can make small changes in our lifestyles that will help and that, collectively, can make a huge difference.

Early in March we see the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday on 5 March. For Christians, this marks the journey to Easter with time for reflection and repentance for all our failed attempts at living the way we ought to. Jesus, who we have just celebrated as 'God with us' at Christmas, is God's ultimate gift of a new start to the world and to us. Easter is the greatest new beginning offered by Jesus in his Easter Resurrection. In John's Gospel it says Jesus came not to condemn but to save the world through him (John 3:17). As the year unfolds, let us resolve to make new beginnings; small steps of change, to live better and more prudently with our resources and to be more compassionate and caring in our attitudes. With God's good grace who knows what transformations and new opportunities may arise.

With my best wishes



## CHURCH NEWS



### SMART

SMART meets on the **first Thursday of the month 2.00-4.00pm in St. Mark's Church Hall** (except for those marked \*). We welcome men and women of retirement age who live locally. We enjoy meeting together with an interesting and varied programme, stimulating discussion, lively conversations and refreshments provided at each hall meeting. There is a charge of **£1** for tea and homemade cake.

**SMART** is run by **Sarah Cousins**. We are always happy to welcome new members, arrange lifts to the meetings and help. Please feel free to bring a friend to any of the meetings.

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup> "GAMES & CRAFT AFTERNOON"** Please come ready to join in and bring with a game of chess, scrabble, draughts - something that takes about 30 - 40 minutes to play OR bring some craft to do on your lap.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> "SPEAKER: EASTER ISLAND ECLIPSE"** Intrepid travellers Cherith and Adam Baldry will be telling us about their trip to far flung Easter Island and the Eclipse they experienced whilst there.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> "GETTING TO KNOW YOU"** An informal chance to get to know a couple of our group better. Led by Bruce.

**\*May 1<sup>st</sup> "TEA WITH THE MAYOR"** and a chance to tour the town hall. Please put your name down early for a lift as numbers are limited.

**June 5<sup>th</sup> "MY FAVOURITE FILM OR BOOK"** Please share a short recap of the plot and why you enjoyed it so much, without giving away the ending. Was the book better than the film or vice versa? Why do you think that was?

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> "SPEAKER"** Revd Martin Colton Topic TBA

**Aug 7<sup>th</sup> "OUT FOR TEA"** at Knights garden Centre Betchworth. Please put your name down early for a lift.

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup> "SCHOOL DAYS THE BEST OR THE WORST TIME OF YOUR LIFE?"** Please come ready to share memories of favourite subjects/teachers or a terrible one or a friend you made and what you got up to. How do you think education has changed for today's children since we were at school?

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> "A VOCAL INTERLUDE"** Please come and have fun and sing with Bruce.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup> "To be announced"** Hall based.

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup> "CHRISTMAS IS COMING!"** Carols and plenty of Christmas fare. Please bring a friend or family member to join in with singing.



## St Mark's Overseas Aid Trust (SMOAT) – Christmas Appeal

This year we are supporting two very different projects, but both potentially life-changing for many hundreds of people. The first is in partnership with a relatively new organisation to SMOAT – Team Kenya – and is based around self-sufficiency. For the second project, we are partnering with Doctors for Nepal, an organisation we have supported on many occasions, and this time we are supporting a health camp taking place in 2025.

### Team Kenya

Team Kenya was founded in 2008 by a geography teacher in Newcastle-on-Tyne, who had worked with the Ndhiwa community since 1999. Ndhiwa is a remote area in Homa Bay County, Kenya. 63% of its population live in extreme poverty (and that means that those people are surviving on \$2.15 per day). There is severe malnutrition and around three-quarters of the population are unemployed or underemployed. Women and girls suffer the most; they are often orphaned and are subject to harmful gender practices, and extreme inequality and violence.

The project we are supporting is being offered to 180 of the *most* vulnerable mothers who will grow their own sweet potato crops. This involves learning agro-processing, which will add further value and income. They will learn how to convert the crops into other products, such as flour, chips, soups, purees and preserved goods. They will also learn how to create links with markets and co-operatives to market their produce.

Our aim is to give Team Kenya £4,500, which will support the farming and business management training, including support staff to carry out workshops, materials, agro-processing skills and the underpinning marketing and partnerships for all 180 families. This works out at just £25 per household and will give them a lifeline to grow their own crops, feed their families and generate a sustainable income.



Ndhiwa potato planting

## Doctors for Nepal

Doctors for Nepal was registered as a UK charity in 2011 and it provides scholarships for impoverished medical, nursing and midwifery students who, once qualified, return to their remote communities to provide desperately needed medical care. Through their scholarships, they now have a 30-strong team of medics, nurses and midwives in rural Nepal. SMOAT has supported them on many occasions in the past.

For the Christmas Appeal, our goal is to support a health camp in the Karnali Province in rural Nepal, taking place in 2025. Karnali is one of the most deprived areas of the country, with the highest concentration of poverty and the greatest difficulty accessing medical care. Just to give you some idea of what life presents them with: Maternal mortality rates are the second highest in Nepal; the median age of marriage is the lowest in the country and girls in rural areas are more likely to be married before they are twenty; one in five girls aged 15 to 19 are already childbearing.

The World Health Organisation recommends one doctor per 1,000 patients. In the UK, we have over three doctors per 1,000 patients. In Karnali, there is just one doctor per 7,000 patients. People often walk for several days, over some of the world's most challenging terrain, to reach basic healthcare.

The camp would involve medics and nurses travelling to the patients and providing services such as general health check-ups, antenatal care, gynaecological check-ups, contraception and health education, and solid referral pathways for ongoing treatment.

The clinic will cost between £15,000 and £20,000 pounds to run and SMOAT is looking to raise £3,000 towards this total.



The beautiful but near impossible terrain which people have to travel to seek medical help





People line up at the 2024 Women's Health Camp. 600 women received treatment over 2 ½ days

Both of these projects will help hundreds of people; one giving a sustainable living to 180 families and the other giving vital medical help to many hundreds of people who would not otherwise have access to it. The thing that they both have in common is they save and improve the lives of people who would not otherwise get that chance.

If you would like to support our Appeal, our bank details are:

Bank HSBC

Sort Code 40-38-10

A/c No 93027767

A/c Name St Marks Overseas Aid Trust

Every penny of all donations goes to the projects we support.



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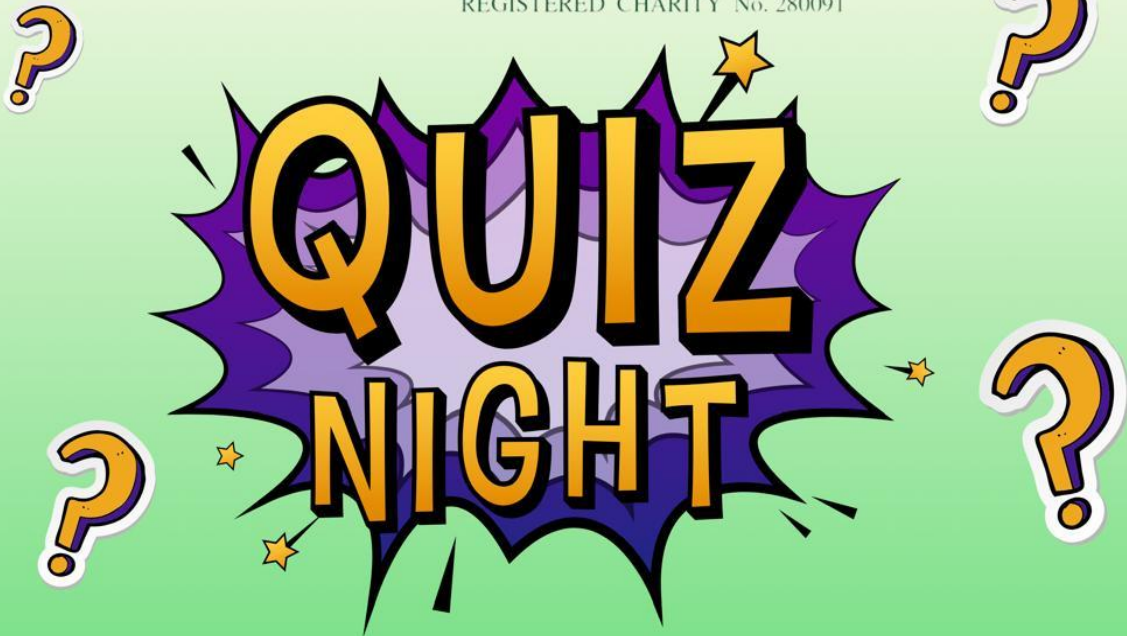




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**Saturday 1st March 2025**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7.15PM FOR 7.30 START  
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[www.smoat.org.uk](http://www.smoat.org.uk) to find a link to TicketSource



## Encouragement

Young or old, we all need encouragement. I met an old friend in Morrisons the other day whom I had not seen for years. His warm smile and approach cheered my day up and as I knew he would appreciate it, I put my arm round his shoulders and gave him a hug. We can't do that with all people but it was alright for him. With others we might need to be more reserved but if we can't give someone a hug, we can try to encourage them and cheer them up another way.

I had a very good friend whom I used to collect from his care home every Friday and walk with him the short distance to the Plough Inn near St John's Church. He used his wheeler and we each enjoyed half a pint of bitter together before we walked back to his care home. He was very much an encourager and printed leaflets to try to persuade others to follow his example. On these leaflets he suggested that we should all follow St Barnabas, a Cypriot friend of St Paul who was known to be a good man, full of the Holy Spirit, but was famous for the encouragement he gave to others.

As a teenager I worshipped at the church of St Barnabas in Pimlico in London and that church still prides itself on being, like its patron, encouragers of others.

Sometimes there might be certain aspects of people we meet that we don't like, but usually there are good points about them, too. Let's concentrate on the good points and encourage them by complimenting them about those good points. Such encouragement might leave these people with an incentive to develop such attributes in the future.

When another person is appointed to a new role we don't know how successful they will be once in office. What is clear is that if they are encouraged by the rest of us success might prevail. On the other hand, if we are critical of that other person, either to their face or behind their back their chance of success could well be weakened.

When Peter denied his friendship with Christ at the very time of his crucifixion, Christ was still prepared to encourage Peter to lead the new Church. And later St Paul was persecuting the Christian Church until that dramatic event on the road to Damascus. Then the Christians had to accept their former enemy into their fold, encouraging him into what was to be such a remarkable Ministry.

So let us all be encouragers and even if it isn't right to put an arm round another's shoulder let us do so metaphorically anyway.

**Ian Archer**



## Aspects of Romantic Love

God obviously approves of romance – after all, putting Adam and Eve alone together in the Garden of Eden was His idea. And romance has been around ever since.

The history of the Israelites began with three great romances: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel. The on-going history of Israel was deeply affected by later romances: Esther and King Xerxes, David's love affair with Bathsheba, and Solomon's marriage to hundreds of foreign wives. There is even an entire book in the Old Testament devoted to the love of a man and woman: the Song of Solomon!

When we reach the New Testament, we find real love between Joseph and Mary (even when Joseph thought Mary had been faithless, he did not want to harm her). St Paul, though himself a bachelor, nevertheless spent a lot of time urging Christians to love and be kind and faithful and considerate to their spouses. He even wrote 1 Corinthians 13 – the great love chapter that is read at millions of weddings worldwide 2000 years later.

Down the centuries ever since, romantic love has been critical in shaping history (Antony and Cleopatra), in shaping cultural ideals (King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table). Some of our favourite stories are built on romance : Puccini's *Tosca*, Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*.

Romance remains as prominent now as it ever was, added to which we have films, television and drama all flying the romantic flag. Wherever we look, whatever we do, romance continues to permeate every aspect of life.

People make amazing sacrifices for love. They defy their family, forsake their culture, turn their back on wealth and position, to be with their loved one. People give their loved ones amazing gifts. Surely the most extravagant was the gift of the Shah Jahan, who built the Taj Mahal in India for his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

Romance is still alive and well in Britain – last year we sent about 25 million Valentines to our beloved ones. And what of the future? Well, just as the Bible begins with a love story, so it ends with one. And *you are involved!* For actually the greatest Love Story of all time is that between God and His people.

Christ is described in Revelation as our heavenly Bridegroom, and the Church is His beloved Bride. He has given us the most expensive present of all – Himself. And, just as in all the best romances, the story will end with the bride and groom getting together at last, so at the End of Time, Christ will return for His Bride.

**Parish Pump**



## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2025

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February      Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

8.00am    Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church  
10.00am    Sung Eucharist and Licensing of Revd Reg as  
Associate Priest– in Church and Online  
4.00pm    Family Service – in Church

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

3.25pm    T-Time Tales

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

12.45pm    Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

2.00pm    SMART

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.00am    Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church  
10.00am    Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online  
1.00pm    Community Lunch

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

3.25pm    T-Time Tales

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

12.45pm    Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.00am    Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church  
10.00am    Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online  
4.00pm    Messy Church

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

12.45pm    Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.00am    Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church  
10.00am    Holy Communion – in Church and Online  
4.00pm    Taizé Prayer – in Church

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

3.25pm    T-Time Tales

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

12.45pm    Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

**Please remember that planned services are subject to change at short notice so please check the details on our website or with the Parish Office.**

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2025

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>St David, Patron Saint of Wales</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday Before Lent – “Green Sunday”</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in the Hall 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in the Hall and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 11.00am Holy Communion with Ashing 3.25pm T-Time Tales 8.00pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm SMART
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00pm Social Ballroom and Latin Dance
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Taizé Prayer
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am Lent Course in Church 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

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## Gratitude

How important it is to say thank you for what we receive from others, whoever they may be. This can be verbally or in writing and hopefully with a smile. Sometimes we can be in the receipt of a gift or a blessing and we don't know who it is from and have difficulty in acknowledging it. Even if what we have been given is not altogether to our liking we should, in courtesy, express our thanks. If we don't, maybe no further gift might be given to me by that donor.

I have received many blessings in my life and apart from thanking people who have been so helpful and generous I must often thank God for all he has done for me over the years. In the past it was the custom to say Grace before or after a meal but I have rarely found that practice to be followed any more. With so much hunger and thirst in the world one would have thought that an expression of thanks to be more prevalent whereas it is nowadays only present at formal occasions. At Royal Naval dinners I have often been asked to say Grace as I can usually provide such a prayer in a rhyming and perhaps humorous way for that occasion. However, the purpose is always to thank God for the food, and other mercies he has provided for those present.

Ian Kittering told me his family just held hands briefly round the table before a meal to acknowledge their thanks to God. Perhaps the sign of the Cross that some of us use in church might be another way to say thank you to God in a silent way. The same practice could also be used on arrival from a difficult journey or on recovering one's health after an illness.

I end with the formal grace sometimes used at the end of a meal.

"For what we have just received, May the Lord make us truly grateful, And ever mindful of the needs of others."

Amen

**Ian Archer**

## Prayer for February 2025

Dear Lord,

February can be a trying month, but there are special associations too and we thank you for the hope they bring.

In February we remember how Jesus was taken, as a baby, to the Temple. Simeon took Him in his arms and by the power of the Holy Spirit, recognised Him as the Saviour you had sent as a light, to bring revelation to the whole world. And how this world needs your light and revelation in this new year, 2025.

Lord – as we notice more light in the lengthening days of this month, as we see the promise of the Spring in the bobbing heads of the beautiful snowdrops – help us most of all to recognise Jesus as our Light and to trust in Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of each new day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Daphne Kitching**





## All in the month of February

### It was:

**175 years ago**, on 23 Feb 1850 that Cesar Ritz, the Swiss hotelier, was born. He founded several notable hotels including the Ritz and Carlton Hotels in London, and the Hotel Ritz in Paris.

**125 years ago**, on 27 Feb 1900 that the Labour Party was founded in the UK.

**90 years ago**, on 22 Feb 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.

**80 years ago**, during Feb 1945 that Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.

**75 years ago**, on 8 Feb 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.

**70 years ago**, from 24 Feb 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

**65 years ago**, on 8 Feb 1960 that Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.

**50 years ago**, on 11 Feb 1975 that Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.

**40 years ago**, on 16 Feb 1985 that the Islamic militant group and political party Hezbollah was founded in Lebanon.

**30 years ago**, on 16 Feb 1995 that the environmental campaign group Greenpeace discovered Shell's plan to dump its defunct *Brent Spar* oil rig in the Atlantic. It launched an international campaign to stop it, and the rig eventually was taken to Norway where it was dismantled and part of it were used to extend a quay.

**25 years ago**, on 11 Feb to 29 May 2000 that the British government suspended the Northern Ireland Assembly, after it failed to strike a deal on decommissioning IRA weapons.

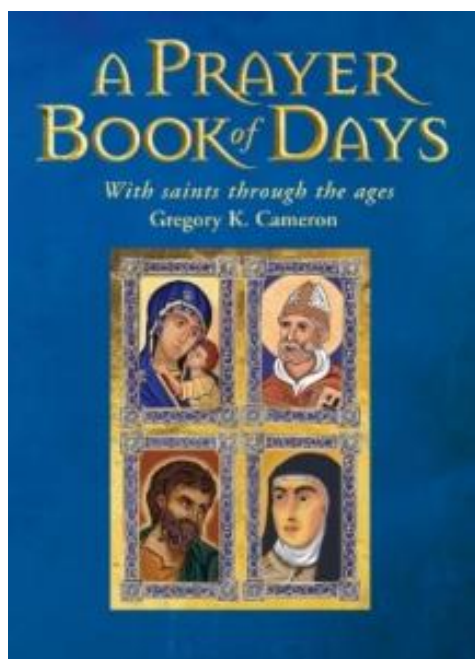
**20 years ago**, on 7 Feb 2005 that yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, gaining international renown.

**15 years ago**, on 18 Feb 2010 that Wikileaks published the first classified documents leaded by US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning. In total, she sent Wikileaks nearly 750,000 sensitive documents. She was arrested and served seven years in prison.

**10 years ago**, on 27 Feb 2015 that Leonard Nimroy, actor and film director, died. Best known for his role as Spock in the *Star Trek* films and TV series.



## Book Reviews

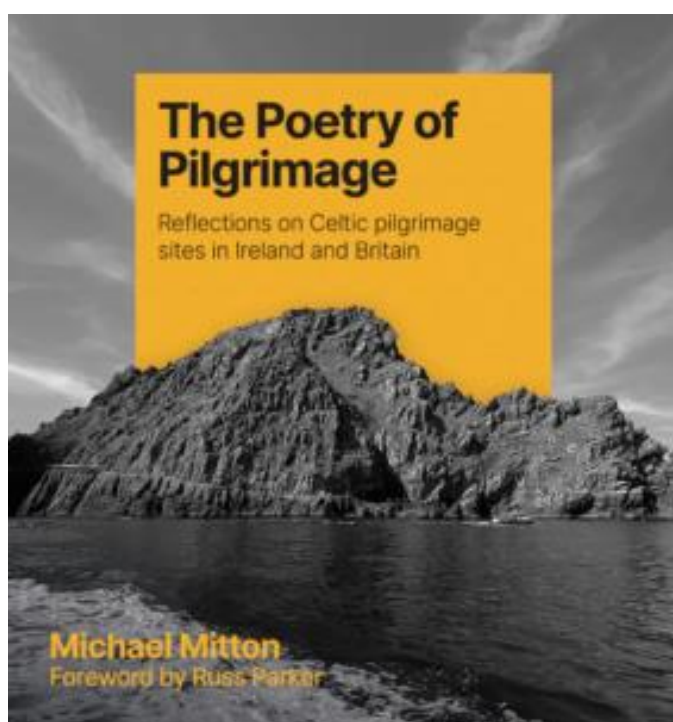


### **Prayer Book of Days – With Saints Through the Ages**

**By Gregory Cameron**

Popular author and illustrator Gregory Cameron offers 31 daily prayers from the treasury of Christian spirituality through the centuries.

The prayers included are from some giants of the faith – Augustine, Patrick, Benedict, Julian of Norwich, Francis of Assisi, Clare – and also lesser known figures right up to recent times. Each daily section includes an original icon-style illustration, a prayer, the story that lies behind it and a reflection on its significance in history and for faith today.



### **The Poetry of Pilgrimage: Reflections on Celtic Pilgrimage sites in Ireland and Britain**

**By Michael Mitton**

Drawing from his experience of co-leading pilgrimages in Britain and Ireland, Michael Mitton captures the essence of 23 significant pilgrimage sites for anyone from experienced pilgrims to armchair pilgrims. Each chapter outlines the story of the Celtic saint who founded the site, together with information about the location, a poem inspired by the author's experience of that place, a reflective question, a suggested Bible reading and a photo of the site.

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## **A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church**

### **Leaving a legacy**

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference to churches. Each year, gifts in wills, ranging from £100s to £100,000s are received. Faithful witnesses leaving generous legacies have enabled churches to invest in their buildings, pioneer new ministries, and sustain a welcoming presence in their communities.

### **Why should you write a will?**

Writing a will means you choose:

- How you would like to share your property and possessions;
- Who you would like to look after any children under the age of 18;
- How to support any charities or churches that are important to you.

Without a will, these decisions will be made according to pre-ordained rules, and by the courts, which may be different from your wishes. Leaving a will gives you peace of mind and lifts a burden from loved ones after you are gone.

To make it easier the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will-writer, so anyone can write a simple will online for free, in as little as 30 minutes. You can find out more by visiting <https://farewill.com/southwarkdiocese> .

We strongly advise seeing a solicitor for more complicated wills, or for people wishing to review their existing will or add a codicil.

### **A gift for future generations**

After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God.

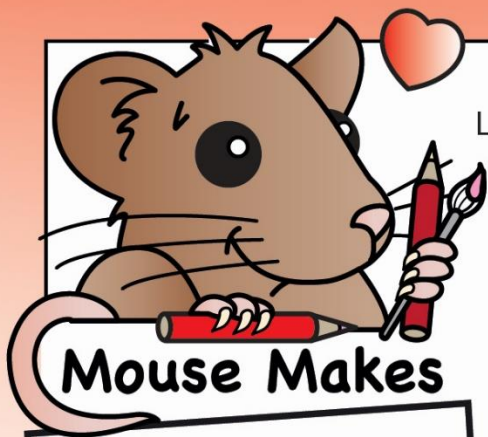
The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund additional mission or development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Circumstances change over the years, so church members are encouraged to leave legacies for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will discuss the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (for example, children and youth, music, buildings).

You may also receive tax benefits for including a gift to St Mark's in your will. A gift in your will to a charity is free of inheritance tax and may also reduce the amount of tax payable on the rest of your will. <https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will>

Please consider leaving a legacy to St Mark's.

**Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer**





## Mouse Makes

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**love** is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
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**Love** delights in

\_\_\_\_\_  
 it always

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 \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .

from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The steadfast **love** of the Lord never \_\_\_\_\_ ;

His \_\_\_\_\_  
 never come to an end;  
 they are new every

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
*Lamentations 3:20-23*



*I pray... you will understand...  
 the greatness of Christ's **love**,*

*how \_\_\_\_\_  
 and how \_\_\_\_\_  
 and how \_\_\_\_\_  
 that **love** is.*

*Ephesians 3:18-19*

God is **love**.

whoever \_\_\_\_\_  
 in **love** \_\_\_\_\_  
 in God, and God \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in them.

*1 John 4:16*



Give \_\_\_\_\_  
 to the Lord, for He is

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 his steadfast **love**  
 endures

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
*Psalms 136:1*

HOW DOES  
 GOD **LOVE** ME?

**God sent me a saviour:**  
 He sent His one and only  
 Son into the world so  
 that we might have  
 eternal life through Him.  
*1 John 4:9*

**God gave me His spirit:**  
 He has given you the  
 Holy Spirit to fill our hearts  
 with His **love**.  
*Romans 5:5*

**God called me His child:**  
 See what great **love** the  
 Father has for us that He  
 would call us His children.  
*1 John 1:3*

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus told us to:

**LOVE** the Lord your God with  
 all your **heart**, all your **soul**  
 and with all your **mind**.

*Matthew 22:37*

**LOVE** your neighbour the  
 same as you **love** yourself.

*Matthew 22:39*

P T Y D E B P O P T E L T  
 E R D L N M A Y R F D G R A  
 A U G O D J T H O P E F U L  
 C S K V U U I K T S F L T O  
 E T P E R S E V E R E S H Y  
 K I N D E T N B C S N L F A  
 M N I Y S L T W T S D M U L  
 I G R A C I O U S E S K L I  
 H U M B L E S E L F L E S S

GOD • **LOVE**  
 PATIENT • KIND  
 GRACIOUS • PEACE  
 JUST • TRUTHFUL  
 TRUSTING • LOYAL  
 HOPEFUL  
 PERSEVERES  
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 SELFLESS  
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# February Crossword

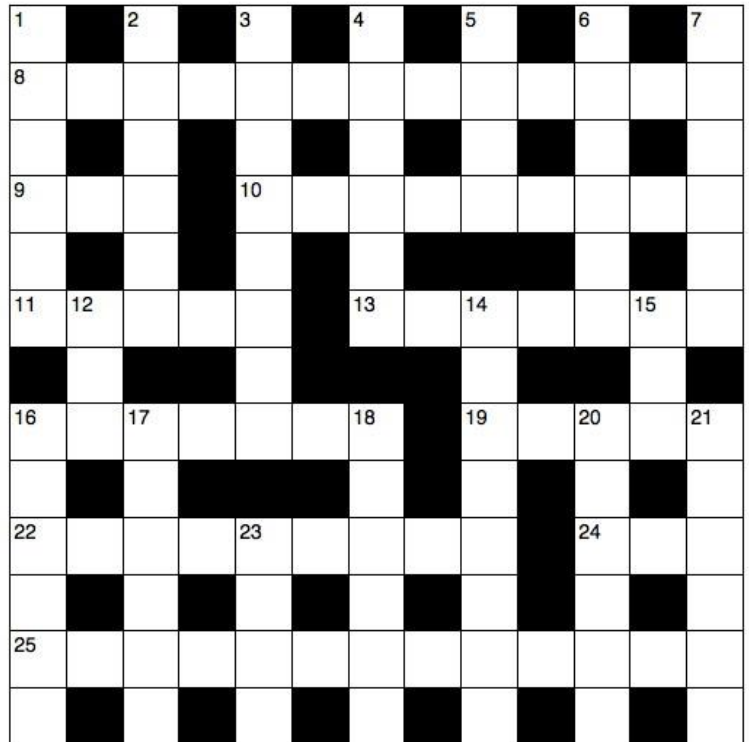
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## Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

## Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)



## January answers

- ACROSS:** 1 Charioteers 9 Immoral 10 Cairo 11 SAE 13 Inns 16 Firm 17 Accuse 18 East 20 Ogam 21 Judith 22 Seba 23 Msgr 25 Den 28 Inane 29 Entreat 30 Chrysoprase  
**DOWN:** 2 Human 3 Rare 4 Oils 5 Ecce 6 Raising 7 Citizenship 8 Commemorate 12 Assail 14 Sat 15 Scouse 19 Sabbath 20 Ohm 24 Seeds 25 Deny 26 Nero 27 Star

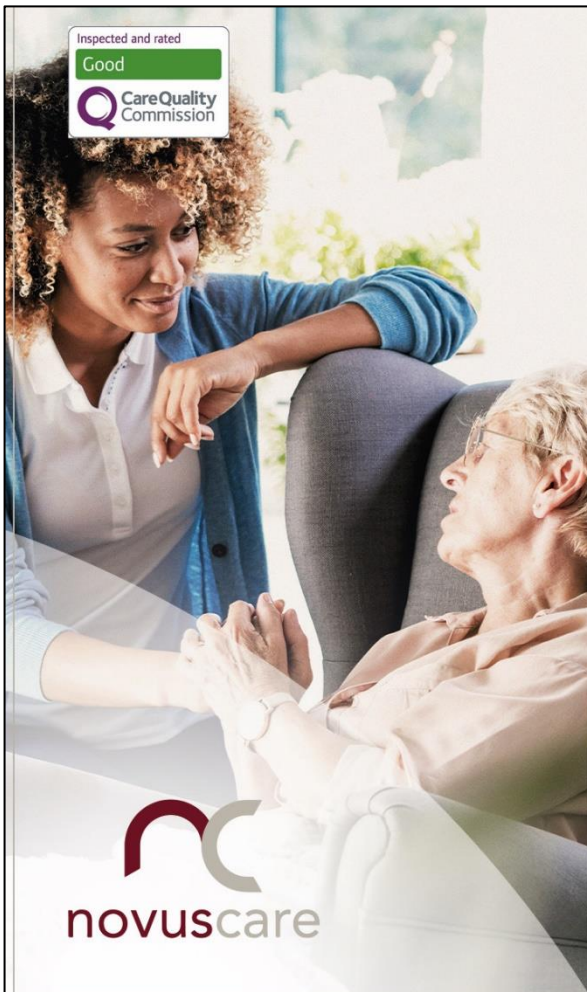
# Puzzles

## February Sudoku

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

## January Solution

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



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