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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

How do you start your day? You might already know how different your day can pan out depending on how it started! What if you could pro-actively create a positive and calm start which would make the rest of your day positive, calm and more enjoyable than it might have been!



People of faith have been pro-active in this way for centuries, starting the day with prayer, scripture reading or meditation – basically structuring a mindful space to breathe and begin the new day as you hope it will continue. For Christians specifically, Easter is all about making a fresh and positive start. Each year we again recall the sacrifice that Jesus made, and particularly his resurrection, so that anyone can have a fresh start – a new day to start over afresh into a new life. It is the ultimate in re-focussing and pro-actively making a good start, and the wonderful thing is that the natural world reflects this at Easter time!

Each new day is an opportunity for a better day, and a good start is helpful. Some basics that we could begin with are:

1. Being grateful – speak out what you are grateful for such as this new day/the breath in my lungs/the opportunities in this day, or something personal to you.
2. Speaking out positive statements, such as: "I will carry peace and stillness into my daily activities". Or "I will give my best to the things and people of this day".
3. Making a commitment, such as: "I commit to being loving and kind throughout this day". You might hand your day over to God who has the power to make a difference, and so you might pray: "O God, be in my day – may I make the most of the opportunities that come my way, and give me peace and joy in this day."

Perhaps the most important thing to remember is to actively be mindful of how your day has, or is, beginning. We can 'fall' into our day without actually giving a thought to how it's starting, and before we know it, it's not panning out that well. Every day we are alive is an opportunity to love, to think, to enjoy, to give and to receive – to be an integral part of the great community of the earth each having a specific role to play, each day – however small. The Season of Easter reminds us of the miracle of life – each day we have life let's start that day proactively well!

Every blessing,



CHURCH NEWS

KNITTING FOR CHARITIES

Some members of our St Mark's Craft Group, together with residents of Wraymead and knitters at the recent Knit-a-thon at Christ the King, have produced a great amount of knitted and crocheted items, some of which were blessed by the Reverend Reg during the Mothering Sunday Service.



These contributions for the Phoenix Group (who liaise with the Red Cross, UNICEF, and Oxfam International) have now been packaged up and sent off to be distributed wherever there is political unrest, natural disaster or severe weather. If anyone would like to join our St. Mark's Craft Group we meet monthly in each other's homes and you would be most welcome. Contact Cherith Baldry or Sarah Cousins for details.

Patricia Bird

LENT LUNCH

Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation.

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2025 is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. We are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese.



A Lent Lunch in support of the Bishop's Lent Call was held at St Mark's Church Hall on Thursday 10 April following the Iona Communion Service.

How to give to the Bishop's Lent Call

<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/how-to-give/>



Annual Giving at St Mark's 11 May 2025 to 15 June 2025

On Sunday 11 May at our APCM we will be launching our period of Annual giving with donations being welcomed until Sunday 15 June. This is an opportunity for our church community to make a one-off donation to the ongoing work of St Mark's and to the running costs of the church buildings. This year we are aiming to raise £20,000 in total including Gift Aid claimed.

Our budgeted total income for 2025 is £223,000 (including Annual Giving of £20,000) with budgeted total expenditure of £251,000. After taking account of the church lighting expenditure, where income was raised in 2024, we are forecasting a deficit of around £8,000. Planned giving, collections and other donations represent 42% of total budgeted income, with rental income 20%, hall lettings 17%, bank interest and other activities 12%. Annual Giving donations make up the final 9%.

In 2025 we have held our contribution to the Parish Support Fund at the same level as 2024 but church energy costs have risen as have the cost of church and hall supplies. Two doors in the hall have been replaced and the hall floor needs to be revarnished every few years. We are also looking into improving the sound system in the church which is likely to cost around £3,800.

Looking further ahead we will at some stage need to replace both the church and hall boilers as both are over 30 years old and the hall ceiling is also on our list. It would be great to be able to break even this year so that we can carry forward over reserves for these large projects.

Please consider making a one-off donation if you feel you are able. If you would prefer to make a regular donation please sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme, details of which can also be found by following our website link below.

If you would like any more information please just ask.

Thank you, Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer treasurer@stmarksreigate.co.uk

Donations can be made in a number of ways

At services on the card machines at the back of church.
From 11 May we will have some machines dedicated to Annual Giving

By **bank transfer** to the following HSBC account
Name of Account - SAINT MARK, REIGATE (please select 'paying a business')
Sort Code 40 18 22 Account Number 72393263 (With 'Annual Giving' as the reference)

Via our **website** <https://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/donate/> Using 'Give A Little'

By **cheque** made payable to 'Saint Mark Reigate' in an envelope addressed to the treasurer and either brought to a Sunday service, handed in to the church office or posted to
Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer, St Mark's Church, 8 Alma Road, Reigate, RH2 0DA

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation the church will receive an additional 25%.
If we do not already have a gift aid declaration from you [please complete this form](#).



News from the Church of England

Bishop Rosemarie visits United Nations

As part of the United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, an event was co-hosted by Kenya and the Anglican Communion, with high-level panel participation by Barbados, Jamaica and Ghana. The gathering on Monday 14 April focused on reparatory justice and institutional accountability, with the Church of England offering a case study.

Opening the event, Dr June Soomer, Chair of the Permanent Forum and member of the St Lucia Reparations Committee, underscored the urgent need for institutions to make commitments towards reparatory justice.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, followed with a keynote address, beginning with a Ghanaian proverb: "Until the lion has told his story, the hunter will always be the hero." He acknowledged the Church's historic complicity in the horrors of the slave trade and emphasised the moral and spiritual imperative of truth-telling, accountability, and healing.



"The Church is committed to creating a space for truth-telling, reflection, and accountability," Archbishop Stephen said. "Inspired and motivated by the vision of a new humanity that God gives us in Jesus Christ, we acknowledge the moral responsibility we carry in the present for the failings of the past, particularly in light of the wealth handed down through generations. Our hope is that the work we are doing – to repair, to heal, and to pursue justice – demonstrates how Christian faith can bring about real change in the world. As we pursue an ongoing, living process of listening, learning and acting, we also hope it encourages others to reflect on their own histories and responsibilities."

In 2019, the Church Commissioners, who manage the Church of England's historic endowment, began a comprehensive investigation into the Church's financial and institutional links to slavery. The findings were sobering: investments in the South Sea Company, profits derived from the slave trade, and disturbing artifacts like "slave Bibles" – scriptures deliberately stripped of themes of liberation.

In response, the Church has committed £100 million toward a long-term impact investment fund, a grant program, and a research initiative, governed by an independent oversight group. This effort, chaired by The Rt Revd Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop of Croydon, includes descendant communities, historians, and representatives of populations still affected by the legacy of slavery.

At the UN event, Bishop Rosemarie also contributed to the panel discussion, featuring David Comissiong, Barbados' Ambassador to the Caribbean Community and Deputy Chairman of the National Task Force on Reparations, Ambassador Brian Wallace, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the UN, Ambassador Harold Agyeman, Permanent Representative of Ghana, and Ambassador Yabesh Monari, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya.

"The dialogue at the UN represents a new phase of engagement and commitment from the Church of England," said Bishop Rosemarie, "one rooted in the hope that – even after deep historical failure – reconciliation and justice are still possible."

Public apologies have already been issued by both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church Commissioners, but Church leaders acknowledge that apology alone is not enough. The Church is now engaged in a long-term journey of what it describes as "penitence, partnership, and purpose."

To close this time of reflection, attendees gathered in prayer at the Ark of the Return memorial on Wednesday, 15 April at 12-noon EST. The memorial has become a sacred site of remembrance and pilgrimage – honouring those lost to the African chattel enslavement and reaffirming the Church's commitment to remembrance, repentance, and reconciliation.



Corporate Welfare

Last month I examined some areas of modern business, and no doubt missed out others. For example, inflation distorts the direction of enterprise. Developers complain that the increase in employers' contributions inflate their costs and reduce profitability. This may well be so, but the effects of inflation may well make it more profitable in the medium term to simply hold the land waiting for its price to rise with inflation, rather than building the houses now.

Land banks contain not only large amounts of land ready for development but also land on which planning permission is already granted but developers prefer to hold it rather than develop it. Perhaps a hundred percent tax charge on such inflation of land values would encourage developers to get on with their real trade.

Inflation will have lesser but similar effects on other businesses often making it better to hold off and invest in the second-hand share market, rather than expand. But this month I look at another basic influence: Corporate Welfare. This is a somewhat covert activity perhaps not widely known.

Almost daily we hear from those supporting or opposing State welfare for residents. Some resent the tax they pay to support others in poor health or parts of struggling families. There are profits to be made here. Why not privatise it? Currently we are aware that the government is not only cutting the Civil Service but is "trimming" the health and welfare services. But we don't often hear of the substantial government subsidies, or grants nor tax breaks on businesses. That is all called Corporate Welfare.

Corporate Welfare is practised all over the world in a multitude of forms. In the US big subsidies are given to Boeing, Intel, Ford and General Motors as well as many others. I have not noticed any reference to this in pronouncements on "fairness" and tariffs. The EC also heavily subsidises its businesses. China is accused of most practices, the rest of us forgetting that there is no reason why she should comply with our rules any more than we do with hers. Corporate Welfare may simply be another form of subsidy which could equally be termed, "unfair!".

But Corporate Welfare covers far more than simple subsidies and grants. It includes loans, the purchase of shares, the granting of tax breaks and other benefits. In the water industry, for example, it covers subsidies in return for agreements to reduce sewage spillage, but the foreign owners have shown that their business priority is to pay dividends alongside or even indirectly out of subsidies whilst neglecting their contracts.

When there is a tax increase, say the raising of employers NIC, business is concerted in full cry in the press that they cannot bear it. They must pass this on in higher prices and still their businesses cannot stand the burden. No mention is made of the help very many receive from the state.

In the UK this wide use of Company Welfare was high on the list of ways in which David Cameron tried to encourage investment into the UK. Later you may recall the reluctant imposition of tax on excessive profits of oil companies. However, in the same stroke of the pen, relief was given for any investment almost relieving the whole tax. For corporation tax, oil companies are almost exempt through allowances such as for research, exploring and decommissioning. Does this make sense when we are trying to convert to green energy for the purpose of saving mankind on Earth?

Corporate Welfare is so widespread that the effective net corporation tax for UK companies is 20%, the lowest in the G7, with France paying 33% and the US 40%. Does the man have a point there? Did you know you live in a tax haven?

On subsidies, classical economists held the view that such feather bedding only encourages company complacency such that the absence of competition results in further declines in efficiency and change to more efficient practices. That was surely true for the UK in the latter stages of the Empire when home production was protected by Imperial Preference. Industries in other countries became far more efficient than ours so we specialised in trading and finance.

Undoubtedly, Corporate Welfare distorts the pattern which would be present in competition. It finally destroys the separation of economic activity from politics and non-economic influences. It results in taxpayers financing profits, whereas once the idea was that a country's income, including wages, salaries and profits was taxed partly to support the unemployed, the sick and needy. Rationally it removes the concept that profit is the outcome of judicious investment and entrepreneur all skills.

Profit is still partially dependant on investment but also contributions management and labour and now finally from funds and exemptions from government. But profit continues to be seen as the property of capital.

How much does such welfare cost the taxpayer? Well, it's a little-known area. Few may be aware that Drax, which produces electricity from burning wood from Canada and many parts of the world with all the attendant transport costs gets £869million a year subsidy from us. You may well ask how this reconciles with NIL carbon use. Well, Parliament thinks that the wood will be replaced thereby absorbing carbon, but much is from other companies who have no interest in replanting.

The estimates I have seen for Corporate Welfare vary from £98billion through £180billion to a staggering \$238billion, each annually. No doubt differences arise from whether tax reliefs and such are included or not. The question arises whether, when governments are strapped for cash, they should consider some pruning of such largess. No doubt businesses would chorus that when the economy is low the need for such support is at its highest. But one outcome from recessions in the classical model used to be recovery using more modern practices and better machinery. Depression was a driver for change. Subsidies encourage companies to struggle on as before, thus falling further behind.

As an aside it was recently claimed in the Times that UK companies will spend £660billion on reshoring functions currently done abroad. This is a huge sum when you think that the government must cut social security and health to recover as little as £40billion. You might ask whether instead such a relatively small sum could be recovered from either Corporate Welfare of the £660billion for reshoring.

It can also be argued that retaining such support from industries in oil and gas which all governments intend (some time) to stop being used, reduces the advantages and therefore delays the use of green energy (also the subject of government support).

It is also puzzling that companies are expected to pay for licenses yet at the same time they receive large subsidies to install, say, wind farms. This, even for foreign companies when they incur expenditure here and although they generate more income much of that occurs abroad. That is not very helpful when we are fighting our way out of stagflation.

If Corporate Welfare were exclusively used by the UK, it would be simple to condemn it, but since it is in general use change is not easy. However, it should be a major factor in the complex agreements to be made following the introduction of tariffs (another form of welfare). That too will not be easy since no doubt vital defence agreements may be used to insist on terms beneficial to the more powerful country. Economics and politics are intimately entwined.

Certainly, the knowledge of these issues should be more prominently explained by the media. But that raises another issue. What is the underlying intent of the media?

Harry Ingram



Special You

In all the world there is nobody like you. Since the beginning of time there has been no other person like you. Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair. Nobody owns your handwriting, your voice. You are special. Nobody can paint your brushstrokes. Nobody has your taste for food or music or dance or art. Nobody in the universe sees things as you do.

In all time there has never been anyone who laughs in exactly your way, and what makes you laugh or cry or think may have a totally different response in another – so You are Special. You are different from any other person who has ever lived in the history of the universe. You are the only one who in the whole creation has your particular set of abilities. There is always someone who is better at one thing than another. Every person is your superior in at least one way.

Nobody in the universe can reach the quality of the combination of your talents, your feelings. Like a roomful of musical instruments some might excel in one way or another, but nobody can match the symphonic sound when all are played together. Your Symphony.

Through all eternity no one will ever walk, talk, think or do exactly like you. You are Special. You are rare and in all rarity there is enormous value and because of your great value the need for you to imitate anyone else is absolutely wrong. You are Special and it is no accident you are.

Please realise that God made you for a special purpose. He has a job for you to do that nobody else can do as well as you can. Out of the billions of applicants only one is qualified. Only one has the unique and right combination of what it takes and that one is YOU. You are Special.

Ian Archer

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2025

Thursday 1st May	St Philip and St James, Apostles 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 4th May	3rd Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in Church
Wednesday 7 th May	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 8 th May	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 11th May	4th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online including the APCM 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 14 th May	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 15 th May	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 17 th May	8.00pm Social Ballroom and Latin Dance
Sunday 18th May	5th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
Wednesday 21 st May	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 22 nd May	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 25th May	6th Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 2.00pm Rogation Sunday 'Beating the Bounds' 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Wednesday 28 th May	9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 29th May	Ascension Day 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 8.00pm Holy Communion in Church and Online
Saturday 31st May	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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 JUNE 2025

Sunday 1st June	7th Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall
Wednesday 4 th June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 5 th June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 2.00pm SMART
Sunday 8th June	Day of Pentecost 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 11th June	St Barnabas 9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 12 th June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 15th June	Trinity Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
Wednesday 18 th June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 19th June	Corpus Christi 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 21 st June	8.00pm Social Dance in the Hall
Sunday 22nd June	1st Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Tuesday 24th June	Birth of St John the Baptist
Wednesday 25 th June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 26 th June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 29th June	St Peter and St Paul, Apostles 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

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Remembering VE Day – 80 years on

80 years ago, on 8 May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30 April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4 May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7 May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony, in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7 May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11 May, and on 25 May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were "inexcusably" massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.

Parish Pump



Light

How lucky we all are to have light every morning and at the flick of a switch. Then there are other lovely lights we can enjoy, such as the light of the moon and stars and that of candles. Lights can be used in helpful warnings and good light is essential for those with poorer eyesight. Light travels so quickly that distances of planets are thought of as light years away. Times of light are considered safer than those of darkness when evil can so easily take place. Then if we are in trouble it is wonderful to see "Light at the end of the dark Tunnel."

What a relief can come with dawn. I remember the Morning Watch when I was at sea between 4am and 8am when daybreak was so welcome, perhaps with a bacon sandwich. But we can all have worries in the night which, with the break of day, don't seem so serious. I love the prayer, and often use it before I go to sleep which goes as follows:

"Lighten our darkness,
Lord we pray,
And in your great mercy
Defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
For the love of your only Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen"

As Christians we believe that Jesus is the "Light of the World", so he can lighten our darkness if we can let him do so. At the beginning of the story in Genesis God said "Let there be light and there was light. And God saw that the light was good."

However, when morning comes, we must be prepared to start a new day. As St Paul said, "We must cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light."

As John said at the beginning of his Gospel "... in him was life and the life was the light of all people. It shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."

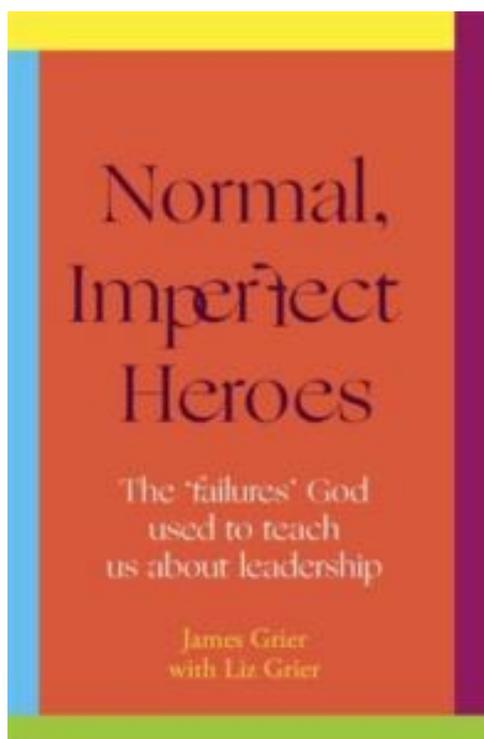
But we are also challenged by St Matthew to "Let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify your father in heaven."

So, as well as recognizing Christ as the "Light" we must attempt to follow his ways of light in attempting to bring some light to those in darker places.

Ian Archer



Book Reviews

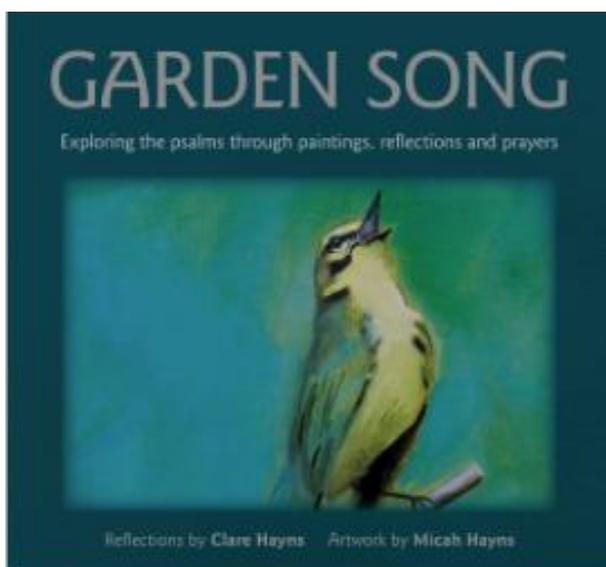


Normal, Imperfect Heroes – the 'failures' God used to teach us about leadership

By James and Liz Grier

The 'heroes' of scripture are more like us than we realise, with both their God-given strengths and profound weaknesses. The book is in four parts: exploring the beginning of leadership in Genesis, through Moses, the first two Kings and finally Jesus' apostles. Bishop James (Bishop of Plymouth), along with his wife Liz, adds to this teaching with insights and anecdotes from their own experiences.

This is a book for anyone who is trying, with varying degrees of success, to follow Jesus, whether as a leader or simply as a follower. It will offer reassurance to those who have been shaken by the failure of a leader, aspire to step into leadership themselves or are just trying to lead where they are.



Garden Song: Exploring the Psalms Through Paintings, Reflections and Prayers

By Various Authors

This book brings together original artwork by artist Micah Hayns and reflections and prayers by Reverend Clare Hayns. Leading the reader through 30 selected psalms, the mother-son duo capture the essence of this ancient text – the worship, the grieving and the joy – and open up new ways to engage with its riches. There is also

a playlist of suggested music to accompany the reflections.

Have you recently read a good book? Tell us about it.
Email office@stmarksreigate.co.uk with your book review.



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

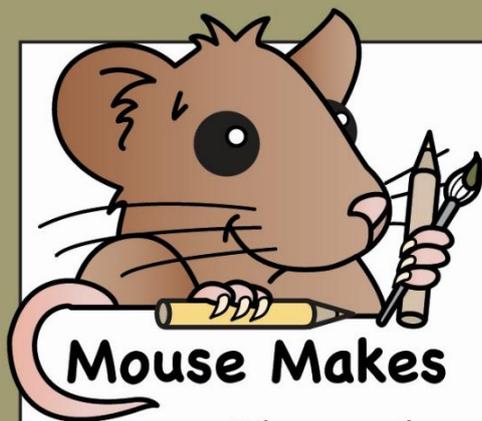
After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness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



MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife who lied to God?

and

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into the streets so that when Peter came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16



How long had Aeneas been paralysed for?

----- years
Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid in the

Acts 9:36-42



"And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly."
Acts 6:7

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

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See the book of ACTS

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CRIPPLE • LAME • WALK • LEAPING • PRAISING • LIED • DIED • SICK
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Find the words from the questions too!

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May Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

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April answers

ACROSS: 1 Cosmic 4 Thomas 8 In his 9 Delaiah 10 Falwell 11 Water 12 Recovered 17 Sidon 19 Radiant 21 Centaur 22 Broil 23 Eleven 24 Prison

DOWN: 1 Cliffs 2 Scholar 3 Issue 5 Holy war 6 Moist 7 Sphere 9 Deliverer 13 Candace 14 Deacons 15 Psyche 16 Stolen 18 Dance 20 Debar

Puzzles

May Sudoku

5	4			7	6	1	8	
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April Solution

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2	9	8	6	4	3	1	5	7
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