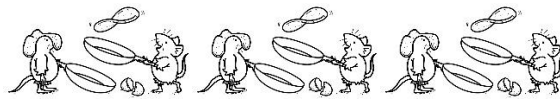




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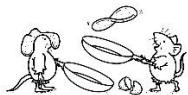
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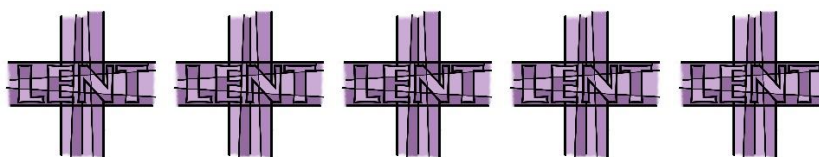
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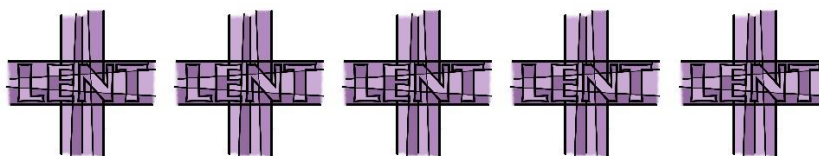


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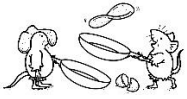
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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Brother and Sisters,

Recently I was at a service where the minister proudly said we don't follow a religion, we follow a man, Jesus. Initially I thought, interesting. The cross above the altar caught my eye. For someone who doesn't follow a religion, he was surrounded by religious symbols.



In certain segments of the Christian church, it has become the vogue to express disdain for religion and theology, the study of the sacred texts which inform us on the nature of God, how we see him and follow Him. I remember in seminary a classmate saying, "I don't need theology; I just need Jesus". If you don't have a need of theology how do you know how to follow Jesus?

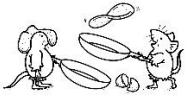
The inspiration of the Holy Spirit is a great help but without theology to guide us we can wander unwittingly into error or madness. The inspiration of the Holy Spirit has been used to excuse the excesses of churches or religious groups. Theology, and the order that comes with religion may have been able to curb some of these excesses.

That said, I see the other side of the argument. Religion has excused some of humanities worst acts to include slavery, oppression, wars. We can say that we are more enlightened that we have a better understanding of God, that the Holy Spirit has shown us the error that previous generations have fallen for. When we think like this we risk falling into a trap, thinking that we have it figured out and we can't possibly fall into error. Theology and religion are living breathing things, that grow and change with their practitioners. If we think we have it all figured out, then we have put God into a box. God is too big for that!

Theology and religion are words with a negative connotation, but they shouldn't. They should reflect a joy that comes from seeking to understand and serve God, to grow deeper in our understanding and relationship with Him. We should not be embarrassed to say we are religious because it gives us an opportunity to show that we and our faith has grown beyond associated negative stereotypes. Every one of us is an advert for what God can do in a person's life. We are an advert for our religion and our God. Let us not be ashamed of that.

May God's grace be with you,

Reverend Reg



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Lent Call

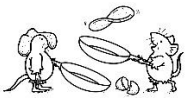
Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation.

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2026 is raising funds for projects that focus on the work of schools that will help benefit children and young people to flourish.

We are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese.

You can find more information on this year's projects and how to donate via the link <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>

As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you will feel able to generously support the projects we have chosen this year.



Introducing Dame Sarah Mullally - the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE officially became Archbishop of Canterbury on 28 January 2026, when she was legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral.

Most people know that she had been Bishop of London for several years, and that she is the first woman to ever become Archbishop of Canterbury. But what else do you know about her?

She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.

She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London.



She worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

She had become a Christian at the age of 16. While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education.

She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as "the biggest decision I have ever made".

In 2012 she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England.

On 12 May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.

Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24 May 2018. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70th anniversary, telling the Lords: "I am the Bishop I am today because of that first vocation to nursing, and compassion and healing are constants at the heart of who I am."

She was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in March 2018 and became Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in July 2019.

As Bishop of London, she led the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process from 2020 to 2023. This included the formative stages of discernment and decision making which saw the introduction of the Prayers of Love and Faith for same-sex couples.

She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.

As a Lord Spiritual, she has drawn from both her pastoral experience and her background in nursing and healthcare and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying.

This year, she chaired the Triennium Funding Working Group that developed the Church of England's three-year spending plan that led to significant investments in local churches and parish clergy.

Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide.

The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.

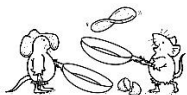
Archbishop Sarah has continued her interest in the health service having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital.

She is Chair of Christian Aid.

She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.

In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

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COP 30

Reflecting on COP 30 still leaves a feeling of betrayal by the hypocrisy of the nation's particularly the leading world powers. No wonder the News on COP 30 has been quite subdued. But it has finally faced the duplicity by nations for years almost built into the system by requiring unanimous agreement by all participants before action can be taken. It makes one wonder just how many international agreements are similarly based on false premises. But I travel too fast. First, I need to recap.

Well before 1995 scientists had warned of the dangers from the world heating up and this was publicised much later (2006) in Al Gore's book "An Inconvenient Truth" also made into a film. The COP's started with a small number of countries and relevant scientists. It emphasised the cause was excess pollution following the Industrial Revolution. No notice was taken. The press failed to inform the public. Further annual COP discussions resulted in the attendance of most nations but also

huge numbers of lobbyists for fossil fuels which by this time may have exceeded the rest. For some years many countries were in denial.

As the truth slowly dawned the fossil fuel lobby became much more forceful and even targeted expert scientists to the level of nervous breakdowns. Still nothing was done. The Paris COP in 2015 persuaded 195 attendees to act to prevent temperatures from rising to 1.5°C of pre-Industrial Revolution levels. It is said to be legally binding but for example, 70% of Republicans in the US do not believe in climate change and Trump has withdrawn from the Paris accord.

COP members signed up to targets for reduction of the use of fossil fuels, the overriding main cause of pollution. It emerged in time that all participants broke their undertakings; no targets were achieved. Worse still, very little was done and those non-believers and frankly vested interests, slowly became dominant. It was then agreed that each country would have a policy as well as a target to suppress the use of fossil fuels. Yet again very little was achieved by governments and pollution instead of reducing has grown year by year ever since.

Today sceptics, with no evidence but often interests in fossil fuel use, feel strong enough to label those intent on action as unrealistic and has publicly denigrated them in the press. At COP 29, a main producer suggested targets should not be applied to production, only to use so no such target arose. Today there has been some change in many countries but mainly through initiatives by private enterprises and in the US, by local authorities. The major oil companies, for example, have abandoned plans for change and the current fashion is to allow more mines and wells to be opened, for the present. This covers the Middle East, the USA and many other countries.

China is said by some to be the main producer (still burning coal) because the West has much of its manufactures provided from there. (On the other hand, China also has a near monopoly in the use of and provision of solar energy). This all overlooks that the longer action is delayed the greater the cost and waste, for example on "adaptation and prevention" which can never even reduce the growth in pollution. There are tipping points beyond which recovery is judged to be impossible, and we are not far from that.

At COP 30 this whole scenario, I think for the first time, has seen the light of day and intensively discussed. The UN was chosen to mount a subcommittee with powers to monitor progress and make internal inspections. The proposal for biannual meetings to replace annual ones was identified as a deferring tactic and rejected. Eighty countries supported a road map to monitor counter climate action, but it was not passed. Increased finance was agreed but is still voluntary and excludes the richer countries.

Local people did their best by parading and demonstrating for ACTION! The Head of the UN commented that progress might be more effective outside of COP, a sure recognition of the power of countervailing forces.

The meeting saw the need for unanimity on policies had simply deferred action and proposed that in future majority decisions should be sufficient. The snag is likely to be that the main offending powers, China and the USA (said by COP to be the major polluter) are likely to withdraw.

Why have most governments chosen not to take necessary climate action? It's partly no doubt because of the influence of the great powers. If they had led the way and exerted the pressure, they are capable of there is little doubt that remedial action could have been made with less disruption taking place which is inevitable on present lines. Ordinary people throughout the world have shown great concern and a willingness to support what is necessary. Sufficient progress has been made to demonstrate that mankind can prosper without the need for fossil fuels.

Ironically, in the UK the cry is to return to fossil fuels. This, by the same people who moved our productive industry abroad in the late twentieth century. They are yearning for yesterday when the future lies in our tomorrows and that sooner or later involves industries not based on fossil fuels. Short termism again. Wishful thinking to return to the past. The response to the death of lady Macbeth seems appropriate - "And all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death."

It is now clear that strong financial operators can make it very difficult for governments to take remedial action against their wishes. We are faced by a failure of democracy. And why is there so little public action to demonstrate the wishes of the people? Instead of explaining themselves, governments have passed laws outlawing any positive action by objectors. These are the very people who demonstrate the underlying wishes of much of the electorate.

But admittedly this does not apply to some people. I have heard an elderly person saying that he rather likes the mild weather, and he is not worried about distant problems. I doubt whether many of such attend church. Rather some people resist at all costs, say, the loss of a motor car. Often such transport is a necessary way of life so as the get to work and so on. Instead of providing leadership and putting the actual position to the people and enacting help with change, governments hide behind the fossil fuel vested interests. Instead of leadership governments take the easy short-term options.

Clearly supported action can only take place with the cooperation or indeed the participation of the population generally and with international cooperation also. But by now it must be evident that government is short term and follow the lead of their powerful and influential fellows. As a human race we are simply too immature to

make the necessary changes and the longer we wait the quicker and more expensive the change necessary. Instead, sceptics emphasise the need for preparing for events such as floods and fires, knowing that further warming will inevitably make such provisions redundant. How can we possibly imagine that carrying on as before is likely to solve the problem created by that very same behaviour? Waiting for pie in the sky with heads in the sand is the current policy. It is those who accuse responsible climate concerns who are unrealistic. "Don't look up" is the implied cry. When shall we all grow up?

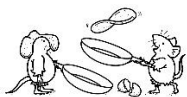
You may have heard the story entitled:

"Whose job is it anyway"

Four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody knew there was an important job to do and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. Readers may be sympathetic to this attitude, but it is inexcusable for responsible governments.

Harry Ingram

Ian sadly passed away on 12 December 2025, but he has left us with unpublished articles. These articles he had planned to be included in the magazine.



Hearts

In a recent scribble of mine I suggested a choice in comparing us with suits in a pack of cards, suggesting we might strive to be an "Ace of Hearts". But what should that ace be made from?

Gold, Silver or Brass?

If it's gold it will be long-lasting and loyal. But extremely hard. It will be inflexible, extremely valuable and costly. Possibly unable to be obtained except by the wealthy. If we are so rich, can we still be in touch with the poorer members of our society?

If it is silver, it won't be so long lasting as gold and although it can tarnish it will shine if with hard work we polish it enough.

If our heart is likened to brass it will need even more polishing and won't be so sparkling for all to see at other times. All these metals are long-lasting and not open

to change, however necessary that may be.

All of them need us to work to obtain, or to keep safely in the best condition we would want to provide.

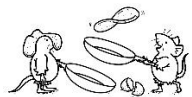
Instead of making our hearts from something like metal we can now rely on credit and debit cards but with the risk of overreaching the limits of our wealth.

But for Christians, Jesus would want our hearts to be not so hard and inflexible as all of these. We need to have much softer and kinder hearts, ones that can change if necessary, and ready to do God's will and to help others, wherever they are from and in whatever difficulties they are in.

In his story of the Good Samaritan, He gave the hero a kind, understanding, soft hearted foreigner, the job of saving the person in difficulties.

He set us all an example, washing ALL the disciples' feet, including those of Judas, and Jesus died to save us all from our sins, whoever we are and whatever our origins. Clearly his heart was far softer than any of ours, but we must strive to have hearts not like those of metal but have more flexible and understanding hearts than before.

Ian Archer



Prayer – of thanks for Candlemas and the Presentation at the Temple

Dear Lord,

The shortest month, the snowdrop month! February brings those beautiful, hopeful little flowers, also called Candlemas Bells. Thank You, Lord, for the beauty and the hope.

Thank You for the reminder of when Jesus was presented at the Temple as a baby. Thank You, for Simeon recognising in that vulnerable baby the promised Saviour of all the world.

Oh Lord, how this world needs to hear afresh that message of salvation. Open eyes to see You and to know You. Open ears to hear Your message of hope and reconciliation. Open hearts to receive Your love and to share it, for the sake of all the suffering people of the world.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2026

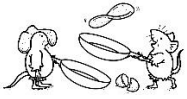
Sunday 1st February	4th Sunday of Epiphany (<i>Green Sunday</i>) 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in the Hall 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in the Hall 4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall
Monday 2nd February	Candlemas
Wednesday 4 th February	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 5 th February	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 8th February	2nd Sunday before Lent 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 11 th February	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 12 th February	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 15th February	Sunday before Lent 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
Wednesday 18th Feb	Ash Wednesday 9.00am Prayer Meeting 8.00pm Eucharist and Ashing
Sunday 22nd February	1st Sunday of Lent 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Taizé Prayer
Wednesday 25 th February	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 26 th February	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2026

Sunday 1st March	2nd Sunday of Lent (<i>Green Sunday</i>) 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in the Hall 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in the Hall 4.00pm Family Service – in the Hall
Wednesday 4 th March	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 5 th March	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 8th March	3rd Sunday of Lent 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 11 th March	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 12 th March	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 15th March	4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick
Wednesday 18 th March	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 21 st March	8.00pm Social Dance
Sunday 22nd March	5th Sunday of Lent 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
Wednesday 25th March	The Annunciation 9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 26 th March	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 29th March	Palm Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Monday 30th March	Monday of Holy Week 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline
Tuesday 31st March	Tuesday of Holy Week 8.00pm Stations of the Cross and Compline

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Winnie the Pooh and Lent 2026

Remember the Winnie the Pooh stories? And Kanga's insistence on Baby Roo's taking his Strengthening Medicine? It's 'really quite a nice taste when you get used to it', she explained, although I'm not convinced Baby Roo always agreed.

It can be helpful to think of Lent as a sort of medicine; an opportunity to strengthen us in the things that are good, rein in other facets of our personality, and reset the compass to the true North of following Jesus. A Spring-clean of the soul, if you like.

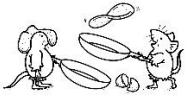
Baby Roo (and Piglet on the one occasion he was subject to it) found Strengthening Medicine not to their liking, and we may groan inwardly at the thought of 'giving up something for Lent'. Think of what lies behind this 'giving up'. It's so that we may be strengthened, our character refined, our prejudices examined, our junk thrown overboard, and we may come to Passiontide and Easter more fit to walk the way of the Cross, and rise in new life with Jesus at His Resurrection.

Nor is Lent just a case of giving up chocolate. One year I gave up Facebook for Lent, having spent far too much time scrolling through it each day. It freed me to do other, more constructive things. And instead of giving up, why not take up something you've been meaning to do but never got round to; something life-affirming, something good for God.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 18 February. Many Christians go public with their intention to keep a good Lent by being 'ashed'- the sign of the Cross made on the forehead in a mixture of ash and holy oil at a special service that day. The ash is usually the burnt remains of the palm crosses from last year. Having been ashed, the intention of the 40 days of Lent is to maintain a steady course closer to God, symbolised by the giving up of something - like chocolate - which has a hold on us. We walk with Jesus on the way to the Cross, mindful of the 'riches of God's kindness, forbearance and patience' as St Paul has it, and mindful too of Jesus' choice of the Cross as a way for us to enter those riches more fully.

And to face the immensity of that sacrifice, and the immensity of God's riches made available to us in Jesus, we need all the Strengthening Medicine we can get!

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All in the month of February

It was:

125 years ago, on 2 Feb 1901 that the funeral of Queen Victoria took place.

80 years ago, on 11 Feb 1946, that the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published. It was the first major English-language update of the Bible since the King James version was published in 1611.

Also 80 years ago, on 14 Feb 1946 that the Bank of England was nationalised.

Also 80 years ago, on 19 Feb 1946 that mathematician and cryptanalyst Alan Turing presented a detailed paper for the national Physical Laboratory that gave the first reasonably complete design of a stored-programme computer.

70 years ago, on 11 Feb 1956 that two members of the Cambridge spy ring, British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, announced that they had defected to the Soviet Union. They had both vanished in mysterious circumstances in 1951.

65 years ago, on 9 Feb 1961 that the Beatles played at the Cavern Club in Liverpool for the first time.

50 years ago, on 11 Feb 1976 that John Curry won Britain's first-ever Olympic gold medal in figure skating.

40 years ago, on 12 Feb 1986 that the Treaty of Canterbury was signed by Britain and France. It was the agreement to construct the Channel Tunnel linking the two countries. The tunnel opened in 1994.

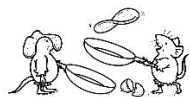
30 years ago, on 1 Feb 1996 that US President Bill Clinton met Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams at the White House, to discuss the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

Also 30 years ago, on 15 Feb 1996 that the oil tanker Sea Empress ran aground near Milford Haven in Wales, causing a major oil spill along the coastlines of Wales and Ireland.

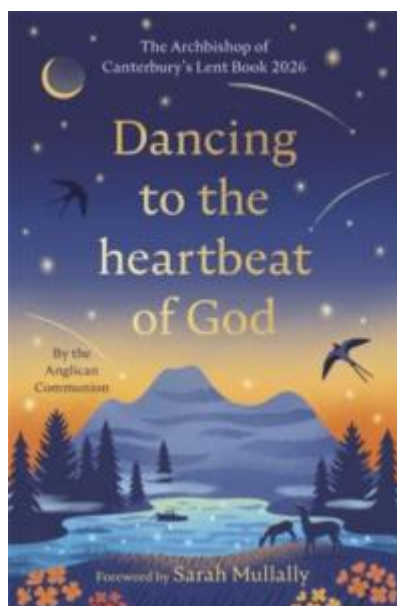
25 years ago, on 12 Feb 2001 that the Human Genome Project announced the publication of the first complete working draft of the human genome.

Also 25 years ago, on 19 Feb 2001 that the first case of foot-and-mouth disease in the 2001 UK outbreak was detected at an abattoir in Essex.

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Book Reviews



Dancing to the Heartbeat of God Stories of Discipleship: the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2026

With a foreword and an afterword by the Archbishop of Canterbury designate, an introduction by the Archbishop of York, and chapters by around thirty authors drawn from across the globe, the volume creates a sense of excitement, dynamism and faithful witness in its gloriously diverse writers and readers alike.

Its testimonies and stories aim to encourage people in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion to share their faith with others.



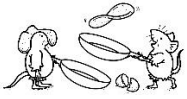
In Quietness & Trust – Lent Devotions from the Beatitudes

By Matt Searles

Early in his ministry, Jesus gave His followers a description of how He wants His people to live. Rather than seeking to ascend to God, Christian discipleship is a downward flourishing; a counter-cultural way of blessing. And so these 40 devotions will guide you through the beatitudes Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount. Join Jesus on His path to the cross, and see that His way – though so different to the way of the world – leads to freedom, joy, and life.

This book has eight groups of five devotions, with each group focusing on the theme of one of the beatitudes from Matthew's gospel. Each day there is a verse or passage from Scripture with an accompanying devotion, a prayer and a song.

*Have you recently read a good book? Tell us about it.
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A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church

Leaving a legacy

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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

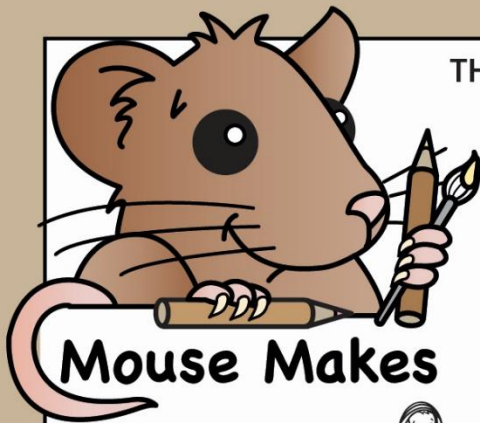
After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness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



Read the story in
Luke 4:1-13



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into? What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him? What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do? What did Jesus say? v9

FIRST TEMPTATION

THE
DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:

Read the Bible
Learn God's word.



SECOND TEMPTATION

THE
DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:

Put God **first**
Worship **only** Him.

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What did the devil ask Jesus to do? What did Jesus say? v9

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THIRD TEMPTATION

THE
DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:

God cares, **trust**
Him do not test Him.

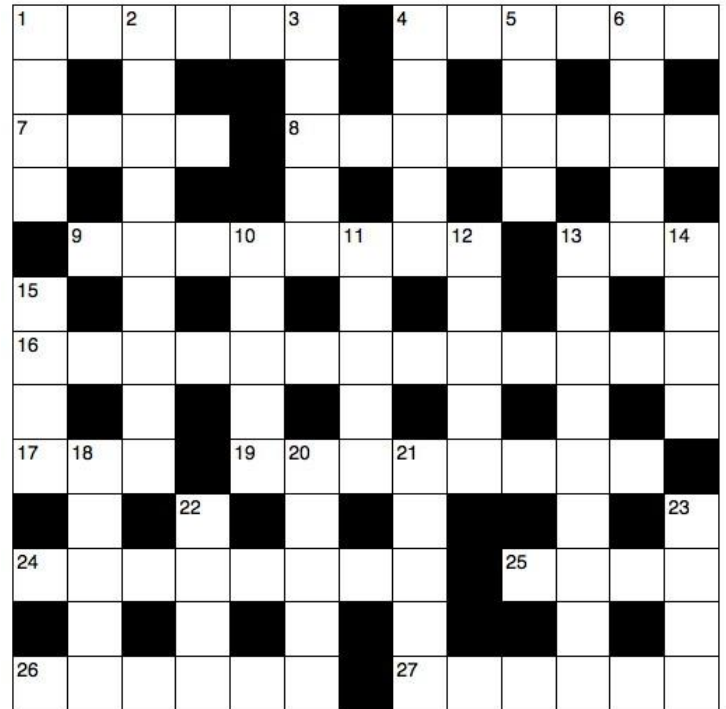


February Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)



Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

January answers

ACROSS: 8. Bottomless pit 9. Ice 10. Decalogue 11. Limbo 13. Seconds 16. Crimson 19. Eager 22. Abhorrent 24. Lap 25. Alpha and Omega

DOWN: 1. Abdiel 2. Stream 3. Wondrous 4. Flocks 5. USCL 6. A pagan 7. Athens 12. IOR 14. Creation 15. Dye 16. Cravat 17. In hope 18. Need no 20. Galley 21. Repeat. 23. Read

Puzzles

February Sudoku

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

January Solution

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