

Roundabout

The Parish Magazine for St. Anne's Church
March 2021



St Anne's is seeking to be a home to invite everyone into.

WEST

Welcoming
Encountering Jesus
Serving others
Telling His Story

HEATH

Hospitality...
Everyone...
Acceptance...
Teamwork...
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Father Paul Writes ...

In the past, not long ago, most things or people we were dealing with were offline. It meant that every matter was done in person mostly. However, the world has been changing and is still changing at a remarkable speed. Everything we handle now is both online and offline.



We never thought that we would have our worship service online-only, but it has been made a reality due to this global pandemic.

Fortunately, we are reopening our church building from the 14th of March. This means that we can worship the Lord in the church together. However, it does not mean that we will stop having our online services anymore; we will be doing both online and offline services. This is one example of how our church adopts the secular method. Having said that, this is not a 'secularisation' process but a 'digitalisation'.

Our digitalisation has been going well so far. For example, we have a new website which is looking smart and functioning efficiently. Most parish businesses and communications are now being done via a website or on SNS. However, we never gave up our old-fashioned way of doing things offline. For example, we are still publishing our monthly parish magazine, Roundabout, and a fortnightly newsletter. In this regard, to celebrate our reopening, I have two projects in my mind which I do want to initiate as soon as possible. One is for offline, and the other one is online.

For offline, I would like to change the main notice board. As you can see in the photo, our notice board has degraded over the years. People cannot see what is written there clearly. The notice should provide the necessary information for people passing by our church every day as the first contact point. However, due to its current degrading condition, it has not served its primary purpose.

For online, I would like to initiate a project called "Get Connected." We have not lost our communication through SNS or Zoom during this global pandemic. And our worship service has been continuing online. However, some have not been able to join our online community because they do not have any means of internet access. Therefore, I would like to start this project to get everyone connected and join the online community. How? We will start teaching how to gain access to the internet and how to use it.

To do these projects, we need financial support. For the notice board, I will announce my personal fundraising event. I will raise the fund of £1000, by walking 500 miles in a month, starting from the 15th of March. For the "Get Connected" project, Charitas will teach the class but she needs two computers for the lesson, so she is seeking a grant of £2000. For these projects, I need your supports in prayer and donation.

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live [work] together in unity!"
(Psalm 133.1)*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul H. Lee'.

WALKING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PAUL'S LETTERS TO CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians

'Walking with God' is not something you do on your own. Although it does have a personal and individual dimension, all Christians 'walk with God' as one of God's People. Paul's letters to churches are windows into this corporate dimension of Christian living. They are also examples of a Christian leader 'doing his job' - of teaching, encouraging and correcting Christian communities. And thirdly, they are a remarkable insight into Paul's own relationship with God as he walks through a life of joyful love, sacrificial service - and prison cells!

The corporate Christian living Paul describes could be an unpacking of these words from his letter to the Romans, which compare the church to a human body:

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." (Romans 12.4-5)

He unpacks the content of this 'body life' coolly and systematically in Romans and Ephesians; with heartfelt love and compassion in Philippians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians; with argument and tears in 1 & 2 Corinthians; and with uncompromising attacks on false teachers and false teaching in Galatians and Colossians. Church life matters to Paul because the quality of it will either prove or disprove the truth of the Gospel to those who need to hear it *and* see it lived out.

'Doing his job' and 'walking with God' are both bound closely together for Paul, as his words to the Philippians demonstrate:

"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus... I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead."

(Philippians 1.7-8; 3.10-11)

Paul doesn't only *teach* about Church living in these letters but he himself *lives* the life of belonging to God and belonging to God's people.

"As Paul says, he was chosen to preach God's Gospel, which God had promised beforehand by the prophets in the Scriptures that speak of his Son who was born of the seed of David."

A Pathway Into the Holy Scripture
William Tyndale
(c.1530)

EcoChurch

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?
Who decided the dimensions of it?
Who supports its pillars at their bases?
Who laid its cornerstone
When all the stars of the morning were singing with joy?
Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
When it leapt tumultuous out of the womb?
Job 38

As God speaks to Job out of the storm so are we challenged to respond to the climate emergency today.

We are urged to be closer to God in nature and, as Christians, to partake in the vital role of caring for the environment and in acting as good stewards of the earth that we bequeath to our young people and future generations.

Ecochurch is a national programme to encourage local churches in such stewardship. In the Birmingham diocese over sixty parishes including St Anne's have registered to begin the process of enacting this programme. It begins with examining the effect of our buildings and premises on the environment and continues on to challenge us to amend our lifestyles and live more simply.

Our neighbouring parishes of St Laurence and St Nicolas, despite the expense and challenge of worshipping in mediaeval buildings, have gained bronze Ecochurch levels while The Church of the Ascension in Kings Heath, which has a twentieth century building like St Anne's, has obtained a silver award.

At a national level, the Church of England supports the goal of becoming "carbon net zero" by 2030 and members of St Anne's participate in a local group (Birmingham Anglican Climate Action) to consider how to act this out in practice. Additionally, there is a wider interfaith group (Footsteps – Faiths for a Low Carbon Future) which takes part in campaigns in Birmingham and the West Midlands co-operating with secular organisations too. Locally this group has supported tree planting and re-establishing orchards along the Rea valley.

The Ecochurch scheme is administered by an organisation called A Rocha UK which began as a field centre in a nature reserve in the 1980s. It is now an international organisation resourcing Christians in conservation and church leading, producing written materials and sponsoring conferences and networks. As well as working with the Church of England, it has links with the Methodists, URC, Christian Aid, Tear Fund and others. Its Ecochurch programme offers a free online survey with supporting resources designed to equip parishes:

- To express our care for God's world in our worship and teaching

- To assist us in caring for our buildings and land
- To assist us in how we engage with our local community
- To offer help and advice to us as members of our church family to reach towards a personal lifestyle that encourages a caring for creation through loving our neighbours and following God.

Later this year the United Kingdom is hosting a United Nations climate emergency conference in Glasgow (COPEC 26) and all churches will be encouraged to make a "Climate Sunday Commitment" to take to a special service in Glasgow as a vision of our hopes for the future.

Bless the Lord my Soul
O Lord my God how great you are
Clothed in Majesty and Glory
Wrapped in a robe of light
You fixed the earth on its foundations
Unshakeable for ever and ever
You wrapped the oceans over it like a robe
The waters overtopping the mountains
Psalm 104

Peter Baker and John Marshall

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name.

Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Today it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.

History of Mothering Sunday

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.)

And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

Puzzle Page

Women of the Bible

1. Who put goat-skins on her son's hands and neck so that he might receive the blessing intended for his brother?
2. Who was the 'damsel (who) came to hearken' when Peter knocked at the door of John Mark's mother's house after Peter had been liberated from prison?
3. Who was the queen who had heard reports of Solomon's wisdom and came to test them for herself?
4. Who was the woman who betrayed Samson to the Philistines?
5. Who was the woman who was 'cumbered about much serving' and complained to Jesus that her sister was not helping her?
6. Who was the first woman to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection?
7. Who was the mother of Samuel?
8. Who killed a Canaanite army commander by driving a tent-peg through his temples as he slept?
9. Which Jewess became Queen of Persia and saved her fellow-countrymen from destruction?
10. Who was the clever needle-woman of Joppa who was raised from the dead by Peter?
11. Who was the wife of a king of Israel who arranged the death of Naboth so that her husband could obtain Naboth's vineyard?
12. Who was the woman who tried to deceive the apostles by supporting her husband's lie about the price of a piece of land and who, like her husband, was struck down dead for her untruthfulness?

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Children's Page

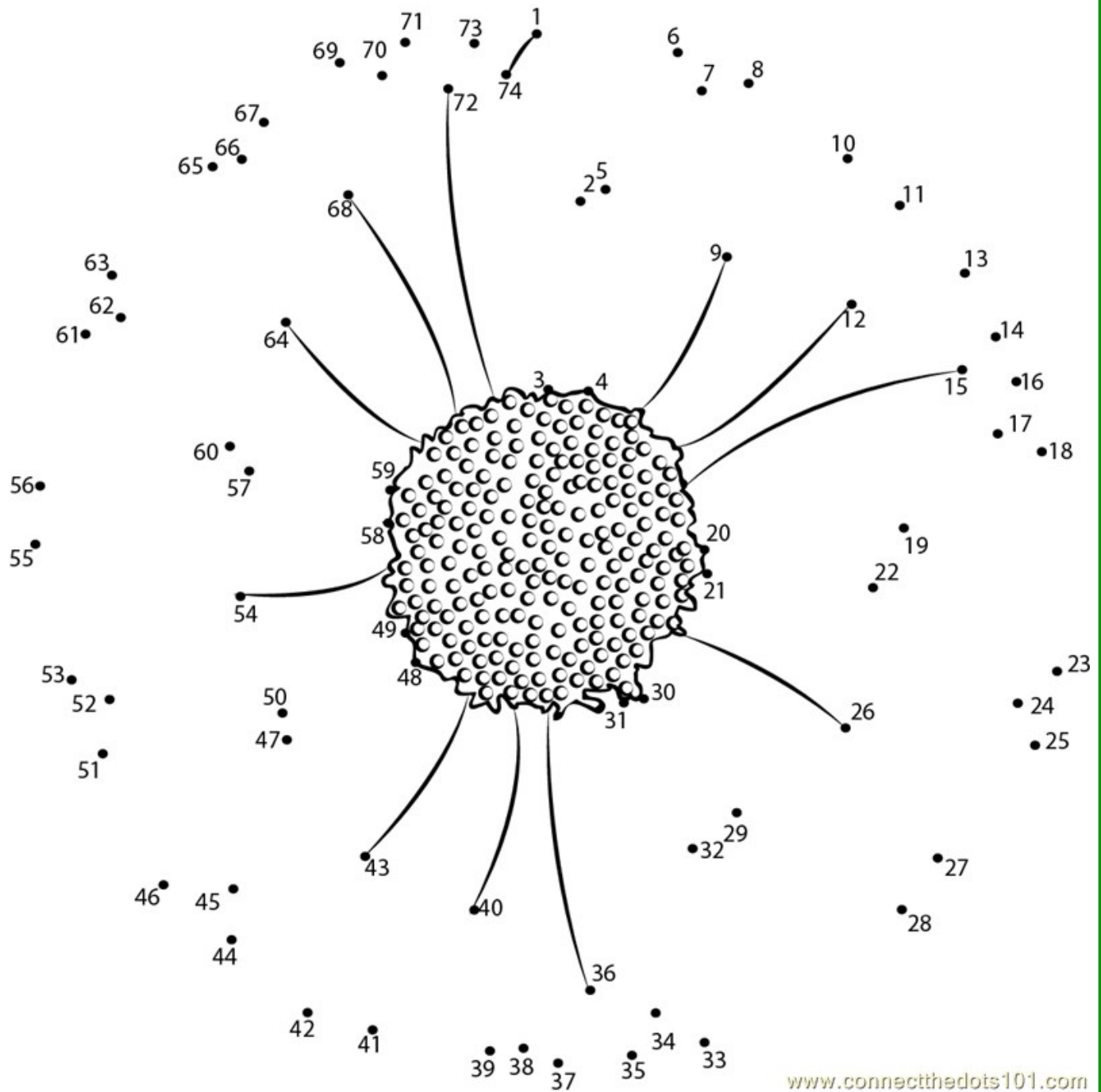
Mothering Sunday Wordsearch

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CARE FAMILY
HOME HUGS
KINDNESS KISSES
LOVE MOTHER
MUM PRESENT

Children's Page

Join The Dots



What have you found?

Thank you to Janet and Ian Bradley for creating the Children's Pages each month.

March 1921

6th March

Police in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, issued an edict requiring women to wear skirts at least 4 inches below the knee.

17th March

The country's first birth control clinic opened in London in the face of bitter opposition from clergymen and doctors who feared it would encourage immorality. The founder was Dr. Marie Stopes, a 41 year old palaeobotanist whose book 'Married Love' caused a sensation when it appeared in 1918. The Holloway Clinic aimed to give free consultations and cheap contraceptives, particularly the cervical cap, to poorer women over-burdened by child-bearing.

18th March

The 80th Grand National was won by Shaun Spadah, the only horse to complete the course without falling.

19th March



Tommy Cooper, British comedian and magician was born.

23rd March

Donald Campbell was born. He was a boat and land racer who held the world land and water records in 1964. He died in 1967.

24th March

29 year old comedian Oliver Hardy married the 24 year old actress Myrtle Reeves.



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8th March

Joe Frazier ended Muhammad Ali's 31-fight winning streak at Madison Square Garden, NYC; retained heavyweight boxing title by unanimous points decision over 15 rounds in the "Fight of the Century".

8th March

Harold Lloyd, the American silent movie actor, comedian and director died of cancer aged 77.

From a Garden Shed in Gloucestershire As seen by Elaine

Plant three rows of Peas –
Peas of mind, Peas of Heart,
Peas and quiet.
Plant five rows of lettuce –
Lettuce be kind, Lettuce be patient,
Lettuce be faithful, Lettuce love one another,
Lettuce pray.
Plant four rows of squash –
Squash gossip, squash indifference,
Squash selfishness, Squash prejudice.
Plant four rows of thyme –
Thyme for family, Thyme for friends,
Thyme for each other, Thyme for ourselves.
Plant three rows of turnips –
Turnip for meetings, turnip for appointments,
Turnip to help a friend in need.
Sown with care, watered with patience and cultivated with love.

Answers to March's Puzzle Page

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| 1. Rebekah (Genesis 27) | 2. Rhoda (Acts 12, 13) |
| 3. The Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10) | 4. Delilah (Judges 16) |
| 5. Martha (Luke 10, 40) | 6. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16, 9) |
| 7. Hannah | 8. Jael (Judges 4) |
| 9. Esther (see the Old Testament book of that name) | 10. Tabitha or Dorcas (Acts 9, 36) |
| 11. Jezebel (1 Kings 21) | 12. Sapphira (Acts 5, 1 - 11) |

Articles for Publication

Please submit articles either by email to: arnold112@btinternet.com
Or leave a printed copy in the Parish Office clearly marked for the attention of the Editor.

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