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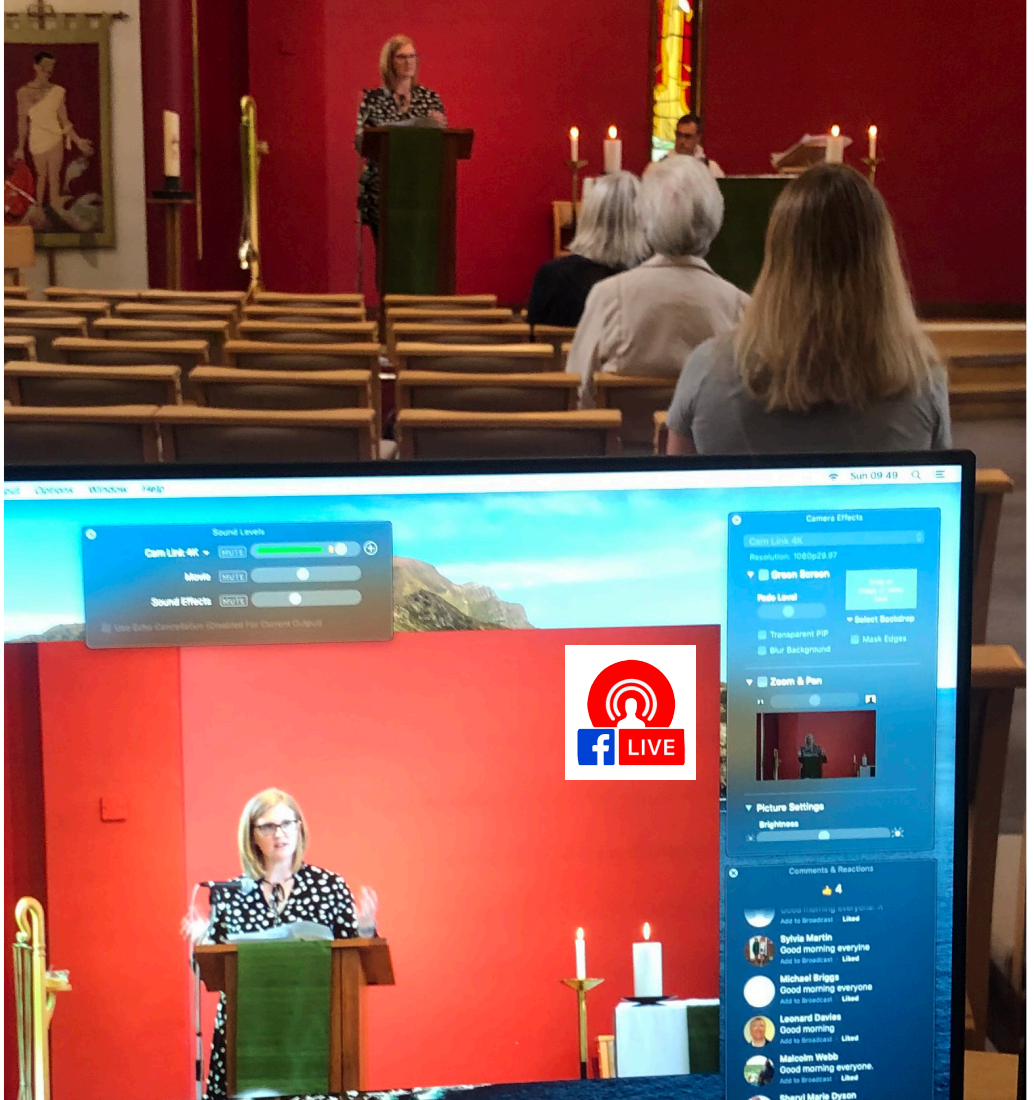
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From the Editor..

Welcome

to the August/September edition of the Hutton Parish Link.

Although the COVID-19 situation is gradually improving and the restrictions that we have all had to live under for the past five months are at last easing, by no stretch of the imagination can we say that we are “back to normal” yet. Or anywhere near it. And that goes for our Churches and the various activities that we used to enjoy on a regular basis too.

But there is hope on the horizon in the form of the Churches being able to re-open – cautiously – for Sunday worship. The services won’t be quite like they were for the time being: no singing; a modified Eucharist; social distancing, etc., etc. but at least it’s a step in the right direction.

And the same goes for the magazine. There are still many areas of the Churches’ activities that remain dormant and therefore don’t feature in the magazine, which is frustrating since the idea is that we will carry articles on everything that goes on. But we just have to be patient for a while longer, I guess.

As usual we have tried to highlight those areas of the Churches’ lives that are still active and intersperse such articles with some thought-provoking or comforting pieces from our Ministry team, and to repeat what I said in June’s edition, we would welcome emails or letters from any of our readers, either commenting on articles (critical or complimentary!) or suggesting topics to include in future issues, or – even better – writing an article for inclusion. Don’t worry about spelling or grammar – we can correct that if necessary – but it would be good to know that at least some people are reading the magazine!

As always, all the articles and information contained in the magazine are supplied in good faith by individuals who are best suited to provide them. Should you find anything that is incorrect, personal or otherwise, please contact the person who supplied the article. Any views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Church or the magazine editor, and no responsibility for errors or omissions is accepted by the Ministry team, the PCC or the magazine editor.

Malcolm Webb

Editor

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From the Rector..

“Non Nisi Te Domine”. Nothing but you, Lord.

These were the words of St Thomas Aquinas, when after a time of deep, fervent prayer, the Christ on the crucifix he was holding spoke to him asking, “what reward will you receive from me?” Most of us would have recoiled, not just at the sight of the Lord speaking from a previously inanimate object but also at the nature of the question. The Old Testament reading from Sunday 26th July was from 1 Kings 3. In that passage, the Lord asks a similar thing of King Solomon. “Ask what I should give you” (verse 5). Solomon asked for “an understanding mind” (v9) and is granted a “wise and discerning mind” (v12) as a reward. Solomon knew he couldn’t govern without the Lord by his side. In essence he was asking for the mind of God to ensure he was a good and fair ruler. St Thomas Aquinas answers the question put to him in a similar way.



“Non Nisi Te Domine.” Nothing but you, Lord.



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If we were to take this story at face value, we might assume that Thomas was so righteous and holy that he did not need to bother with trivial things like human desires, possessions and luxuries. It might mean we feel distanced from such a story, as we know that we could never live up the holiness demonstrated by Thomas' answer. We should remember that through the incarnation of Jesus, God's redeeming work on the cross gave humanity a new hope. Indeed, our humanity was restored and redeemed in the person of Christ. Therefore, it is not our humanity that is the problem before God. It is clear that Thomas knew this, so his answer is so much wiser that it is a show of piety. He is asking the Lord to be the centre of all his life. He is asking the Lord to be his desire, to be his focus, to be his strength, his hope and his joy. None of these things would separate him from the world in which he lived. It made him MORE human – giving him a freedom he couldn't imagine outside of the love of God.

So often we forget that this is an offer made to all of humanity – even us! We hang onto past hurts, worry about how we have failed, try to keep up with others in an attempt to be noticed and spend hours obsessing if we are good enough. Or maybe that's just me?!

The result is that we find ourselves far away from God. Wondering where he is and if he's interested, or even if he exists at all. Humanity has always been good at putting on a pretence and a show for others long before the 21st century perfected it.

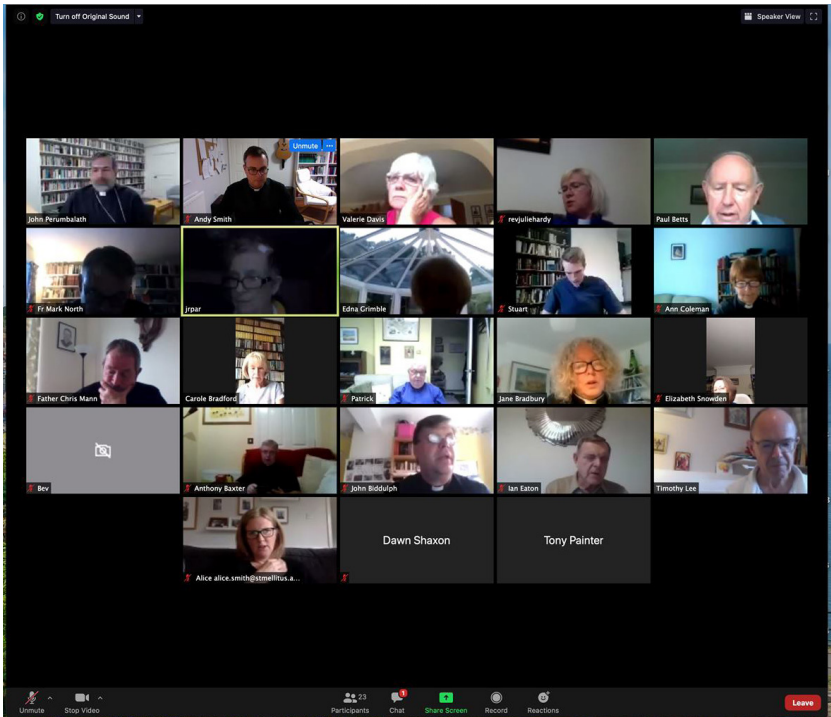
If the Lord asked us a similar question to the one he asked Solomon or Thomas, how would you respond? It's a great question to sit with at some point. It will tell you where your heart is centred. It will show you what your life is focused on. What would you ask of the Lord if he offered you anything?

The truth is, God has already given us everything we need in Christ. So instead of looking for acceptance from the temporary things on offer in society, why not turn to the Lord and just ask for more of Him? Let's allow our prayers to be a way of receiving his love once again rather than simply reading out a list of requests and wants – no matter how valuable some of those things may be. By realigning our heart with His heart, we will learn to see those things with fresh eyes anyway. We will reach out in love, when we are filled with His eternal love. This is how we will be truly set free.

The Word on Fire website puts it this way,

"Thomas Aquinas did not ask for success or personal growth because he knew that we do not need to earn God's love. That is given freely. Plenty of faithful Christians have been, by many measures, failures. But they persevered, slowly growing in virtue and meeting the trials of life with only Jesus to support them. They witness to the fact that God did not create us for such a measly task as worldly success. He created us for love."

On Wednesday 29th July I was commissioned as the new Area Dean of Brentwood. It is a role I will carry alongside my duties as priest of Hutton. It involves many things – the support of the local clergy, church wardens, and lay ministers. It also involves helping each parish to realign themselves with Christ's heart for his world. We want all of our local church congregations to be places of love and unity and full of people ministering to their local communities with the same love.



We must be a people with a love of Christ and a love of one another.

John 13:34-35 states,

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Love – without it we are noisy cymbals or clanging bells. And what might we ask of the Lord as we look to grow in this love?

“Non Nisi Te Domine.” Nothing but you, Lord.

May God bless you this summer.

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ROOTED COMMUNITY

IN LOCKDOWN




Rooted Community gathers for friendship, faith and support, offering a shared life, inclusive welcome and deeper purpose, strengthening women, families and the community.

Through the last couple of months, the activity in Rooted over lockdown has reached a bit more of a settled pattern. In early June, the Core Team met together, socially distanced in the Rectory garden, to reflect on the results of a survey we had conducted of the community at the end of May. We asked people for their views on what they had found most helpful from all the elements we had offered, getting their perspective on how the future might look as we headed for a lightening of the lockdown restrictions.

One immediate change was that The 'Daily Hello', which had been going live each day at 4pm in our Facebook group became a twice weekly '**Rooted Hello**' on a Monday and a Friday. With some lockdown restrictions lifting, it was noted that people were not always able to watch live, now that work, school and some social spaces had opened up again. Making these videos less regular but still in the tea-time slot was a simple change, which ensured we were still able to see and hear from one another regularly and we've continued to have some really challenging, funny and helpful contributions.




ROOTED HELLO



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A very warm week - and a very warm welcome to Friday's Rooted Hello! Thanks to Alex Underwood for sharing this with us - reflecting on 'Time', what we do with it and how this 'time' we're in is shaping us....Do comment below with your own responses, reflections, keep the conversation going! Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you, somewhere, soon!



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Can we have a 'P' please [Linda Haslam](#)? Monday's Rooted Hello comes with a thought and encouragement for the week ahead....what challenge lies ahead for you to get on with or what are you going to stop sweating about? We'd love to hear more in the comments....



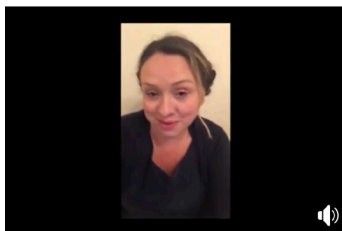
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Friday's Hello is brought to you by Frances [Ara-Oboshie Torto-Annobil](#) - such good stuff in here to strengthen, encourage and challenge us. Let's be planted deeply (or be a persistent weed?)! (Ephesians 3.17) ...We'd love to hear from you, your thoughts and reflections, so comment below!



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We welcome [Heidi Bochio Alderdice](#) for Monday's Rooted Hello - with a beautiful, lyrical look at Psalm 23 and a special guest :-)
Enjoy and do share your responses, comments, prayer requests....
Love to you all!



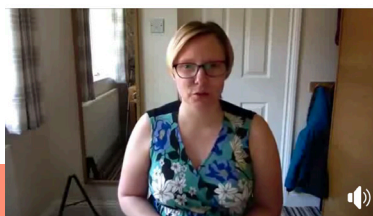
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It's Friday and you've made it to the end of another 'school week'! Today's Hello is from [Elspeth Morten](#), helping us think about first impressions....we'd love to get your instant reactions in the comments so do join in the conversation! Have a great weekend x



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It's been a while since we've had a Hello from [Sheryl Marie Dyson](#) - so here she is with our Monday Rooted Hello, helping us think about perfectionism and vulnerability. Do take a moment to watch as she shares and share your thoughts in the comments too. Have a great evening!





The Rooted@Home gathering on **zoom** each Thursday evening has also provided a place for deepening relationships

– we’ve been delighted to welcome a number of guests to lead our time together and we’ve begun an irregular series on Ephesians, using a LectioDivina style of studying scripture together. Rooted@Home will take a break for August.

New Network

In the next few weeks, we will launch a new network of small groups within Rooted Community, called Pods. With the growth in numbers that we have experienced - during lockdown, after school places were allocated in April, and in a constant trickle over recent weeks - we wanted to ensure that this growth didn’t hinder or impact our values of welcome, connection and support. Everyone in Rooted is allocated to a Pod, which is hosted by two established members who keep connected and communicate in a more focused way with their Pod members.

It is a very light touch approach, but we hope it will ensure that everyone in the community has a contact person who they can get to know, who welcomes them and checks in on a monthly-ish basis. We hope and pray that this will give us a kick-start to conversation and support when we are eventually able to begin meeting face to face again.



Find us on Facebook – search for Rooted Community or email rooted@huttonparish.com for more information!



Alice Smith

Little Fishes is part of Children's Church for babies and pre-schoolers. We meet every Tuesday during term time between 11am and 12noon for parents and carers.

This is a safe and informal space for families to enjoy singing, storytelling, craft activity and playing in a relaxed environment, plus the chance to have a cup of tea and a chat.

We have an enthusiastic group of ladies who act as volunteers and helpers every week.

Unfortunately, like most of the Church activities, we are currently closed until further notice, due to recent events, but we shall of course let everyone know as soon as we are able to re-open.

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ST. AUGUSTINE

August 28th

On 28th August the church remembers St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in the 5th century.

St Augustine was baptised on April 23rd 387 in Milan by the great Ambrose, after an early life of both dissipation and rigorous intellectual study especially in the art of Rhetoric.

He was born in Thagaste in North Africa in 354.A.D.He was educated in Carthage and later in Rome in law and rhetoric. His mother Monica (who the church remembers on 27th August) was a Christian but Augustine himself was for many years (nine according to his Confessions) attracted to the writings of an heretical sect called the Manicheans.

His conversion had been the result of a particular moment in a garden in the hills above Milan when he heard a voice telling him to “tolle, lege” - “take and read” and he had picked up the scriptures and read at random from Paul’s Epistle to the Romans 13 v13-14 and saw in them for the first time a personal message. This led to a distinctive biblical spirituality, and the expounding of scripture was always his highest priority and illuminated his preaching - his favourite texts being the Gospels, the 1st Epistle of John and above all the Psalms. These he meditated on profoundly over the next 24 years and he had the penitential psalms of David pinned to his wall so that he might read them on his deathbed.

If you care to read **Psalm 42** you will find it combines Augustine’s deep love of the psalms and one of the most important of the ideas in his Spiritual writings.

Augustine is known as one of the Latin Fathers of the Church and his influence on the evolution of the Church was profound, and indeed is still felt in theological circles. He was a great preacher and teacher - his church was always filled to capacity - and his writings fill many pages.

The most famous of his writings is probably the Confessions, his spiritual autobiography of his past errors and his faith in Christ as the word and wisdom of God.

Book 1 begins with praise to God and then perhaps one of the most famous of his sayings but which sums up his spiritual philosophy.

“You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you”.

This restlessness is part of the human condition, never to be still except in God; never to be satisfied until that moment when we stand before God. Augustine was convinced that the spiritual life was a struggle, a never ending asking of questions -the aim to know something of God. One of his prayers begins:-

**“Let me know you,
My knower;
Let me know you,
As I am known”.**

The Confessions then is the story not only of the search for God, but for Augustine’s search for God.

For Augustine this search for God, this knowledge of God was also bound up with the search for the ‘inner self’ where he believed God dwelt. The place where he, and God, were to be found was within the depths of his own self.

He writes “you were more inward than my inwardness”.

In many Christian thinkers of both the east and the west - and we meet this motif many times over in the spiritual writers - the ascent to a vision/contemplation of God usually involves some contemplation of the self by introspective method. The young convert Augustine had prayed that he might

“know God and the soul, nothing more –and nothing less”.

His aim was a process of divinization or deification - to search for God; to become Godlike, and to restore the image of God only found in the mind and power of God. His whole life reflected this and his Confessions are a meditation on the mystery of this search - this process.

But this is always a process. For Augustine a continuous conversion is the essence of the Christian life. We are forever the deer panting for the water brooks. But likewise he believes that whilst we are always seeking for God, God is always in the seeking. It is His grace which draws us to Himself.

Through prayer and study, and the search for God, the desire for God, expands the capacity to welcome God. We are drawn to Him by grace and then begin to share in the intimacy and love of the Trinity.

Indeed he considered that as human beings made in the 'image of God', that image was a Trinitarian one. "Let us make man in our own image" means that we are called to be part of the divine intimacy and community which is the Trinity. We do this in a threefold way - by remembering/calling to mind; by seeking to understand (however feebly and through a glass darkly), and by loving God. We are called to do this constantly in the effort of spiritual progress to reform the image of God in ourselves until the day of transformation when we at last stand before Him.

A prayer of his reads:-

**"May I remember You, understand You, and love You.
Increase these gifts in me until You have reformed me completely"**

This relationship is not just a theological tool for explaining the Trinity but for Augustine the central issue of the Christian life - the love of God and the love for each other. He took seriously the prayer of Jesus "that they may be one, even as we are one".

Augustine's spiritual vocabulary has three main words which if you grasp them you will be some way to being on the road with him. They are **delight, desire, and love**: the vocabulary of a relationship between us and the God we constantly search for and the One who is always seeking for us.

Here is part of Book X of the Confessions which reads rather like a love song and in which all our senses are engaged: "Late have I loved you,

beauty at once so ancient and so new. You were within me and I was in the world outside myself. I searched for you outside myself...You were with me but I was not with you. You called to me; you cried aloud to me; you broke the barrier of my deafness. You shone upon me; your radiance enveloped me...you shed your fragrance about me...I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and I am inflamed with the love of your peace”.



(In art St. Augustine is usually shown as a Bishop, with a book and pen as his attributes in reference to his writings. He is also often shown with a flaming heart, sometimes pierced by an arrow, suggesting his flaming piety and love of God.)

So perhaps our prayer in these troubled and unsettling times be that, like the psalmist, like Augustine, we may be the deer which constantly thirsts for God; has a deep craving and longing for God - for the living God who alone can satisfy our hunger and our thirst - the living God for whom our hearts are restless and which will find no rest except in Him.



Chris Thomas



NEW TESTAMENT WORD SEARCH

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There are 27 books in the New Testament, but only 20 different names for those books. This is because some of them have more than one volume – for instance, “1 Timothy” and “2 Timothy”.

Can you find all 20 in the grid above? They might be written up or down, sideways, or diagonally.

To help you, the names you are looking for are:

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

Thessalonians

Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

Peter

Jude

Revelation

THE EVANGELISTS

Everyone will have heard of the Four Evangelists –
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Here is a picture of Mark:



and here is one of Luke:



But can you turn “Mark” into “Luke” in six stages by changing one letter to make a new word each time?

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L U K E

Some Interesting Facts About

The Bible



The Bible consists of a total of 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

The King James Bible contains 788,258 words, 32,102 verses and 1,189 chapters. (If you

don't believe me – count them!!)

The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35 which states, "Jesus wept."

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9

The only book in the Bible which does not mention the word 'God' is Esther.

The shortest book/Psalm in the Bible is Psalm 117, with just 2 verses.

The longest book/Psalm in the Bible is Psalm 119, with 176 verses.

The longest word in the Bible is "Mahershalhashbaz" (Isaiah 8:3). It is the name of Isaiah's son.

While it took over 1,000 years to write the Old Testament, the New Testament was written within a period of 50-75 years.

Adam's name is from the Hebrew word a da ma, which means "the ground."

The first authorized Bible printed in English was the Great Bible of 1539. King Henry VIII of England declared that it should be read aloud during the church services in the Church of England.

While there are no descriptions of Jesus in the Bible, the image of him with fair skin, light hair, and blue eyes is most likely incorrect and reflects the cultural influences of European Christians. Christ most likely had more Middle Eastern features.

While the Bible is the best-selling book in history, it is also the most commonly stolen book in the world, most likely because it is so readily available in hotel rooms and places of worship.

Jesus was not an only child. He had at least 4 brothers namely James, Joseph, Judas and Simon and at least 2 unnamed sisters. (Mark 6:3 Matthew 13:55)

The book of James in the Bible is not written by James the disciple but James the brother of Jesus.

There are 93 women who speak in the Bible, 49 of whom are named. There is a total of 188 named women in the Bible. The world's largest Bible weighs 1,094 pounds. Built by Louis Waynai in 1930, the book is 43.5 inches tall and has a "laid open" width of 98 inches.

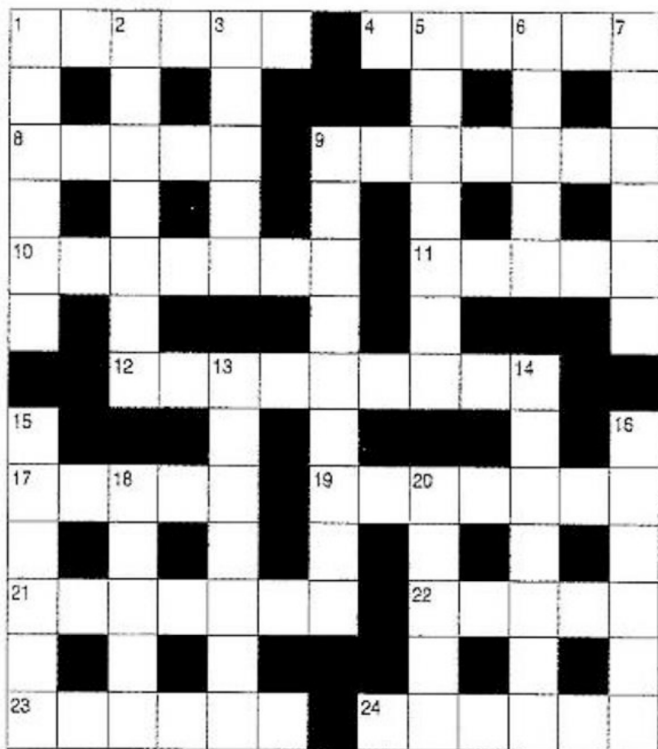
The word "Trinity" is never mentioned in the Bible – most Christians believe God eternally exists as The Father, The Son Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit – all three are referred to as divine in Scripture. There are 20 times when the three of them are mentioned in the same verse.

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Tea Break



Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
 11 '— thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

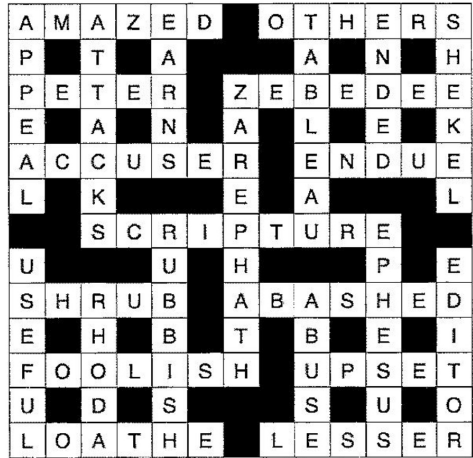
Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is —' (5)
 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them —, that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
 15 See 12 Across
 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

ANSWERS

How to turn "Mark" into "Luke"

MARK
MARE
MORE
CORE
CURE
LURE
LUKE



DISTRIBUTION OF "HUTTON PARISH LINK"

You are probably reading this edition of our church magazine online. In normal times you would have the option of picking up a 'hard copy' from one or other of the churches or a local shop, but of course at the present it is just not possible for us to be able to print the magazine.

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If you know somebody who falls into that category and who you believe would like a copy, would you be able to print one off for them please and deliver it to their house?

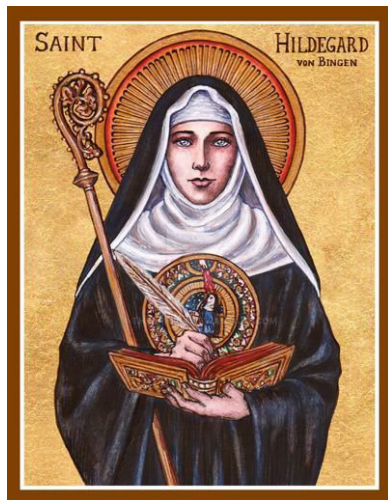


THE MYSTIC HILDEGARD von BINGEN

The Collect for this Abbess of Bingen who the church remembers on September 17th reads:

Most glorious and holy God,
Whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith,
Was caught up in the vision of your heavenly
courts; By the breath of your Spirit
Open our eyes to glimpse your glory
And our lips to sing your praises with all the
angels;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What can the life and work of Hildegard von Bingen, 12th century abbess and visionary from near Mainz, say for us? She described herself as “a feather on the breath of God”. And she seemed to be a woman ahead of her time.



She was born in 1098 in Bermersheim bei Alzey, in Mainz, of a noble family. She was their tenth child and was offered to God as a tithe - at least according to her biographer! Even as a child she had poor health but a visionary gift.

In the Collect for her day we hear that she was strong in faith and was caught up in the “vision of the heavenly courts” and in it we pray that like her we would be given the power of the Holy Spirit to be given a glimpse of the glory of God and lips to sing His praise.

Hildegard was certainly given a great gift of revelation - indeed she was given these as an infant. Her visions started when she was a child of three with “a brightness so great her soul trembled”. She later called this light “the reflection of the living Light” and she said that in her visions “my soul rises up high into the vault of heaven”. Her own innate reticence and the amazement of her sisters held her back from telling anyone what she had seen.

She kept silence until after her appointment as abbess under the Benedictine rule when further visions of light and great beauty were accompanied by a command to “tell and write”. She was reassured and encouraged in this by the great Bernard of Clairvaux, the leader of the great revival on monasticism known as the Cistercian.

Now, very few of us I think have God revealed to us in such a personal or dramatic fashion, but there are some aspects of Hildegard’s life and work which we can perhaps recognise as ways in which God might be revealed to us.

Hildegard was one of the very earliest “ecologists”. Many of her writings celebrate nature, the fertility of the earth, the interdependence of living creatures on the Creator and on each other. She spoke of the Holy Spirit “greening” life and saw

all living creatures as sparks of the radiance of God's brilliance. Indeed her constant theme was the life-giving power of God - she talked of the Holy Spirit as the "fiery life of the divine substance, blazing in the beauty of the field, shining in the waters, burning in the sun, moon, and stars"

We can perhaps learn afresh from her to see God revealed to us in the glory and beauty of all His creation, to rejoice in air and sky and sea; in the grass and flowers and animals and to revere Him in this revelation as children of His creation.

Hildegard was, without formal training, a skilled composer of free verse poetry and of music for the liturgy of the abbey. She also illustrated all her writings in a style which is both iconic and yet strangely modern.

Her music was of great simplicity, almost primitive and childlike, but which fitted the words beautifully. It is highly thought of today. I think that we also can find God revealed in human creativity, in the beauty of art and poetry and above all in the glory of music which most of all the arts, perhaps, has wings to take us to the gates of heaven.

Hildegard was immersed in Word and Sacrament. Her writings and musical compositions are full of biblical and liturgical echoes - it was said of her that she "spoke Bible".

Here again are places where we too find God revealed. Reading and meditation on the word of God, and on the poetry and prose of men and women of God, is one of our most valuable sources for revelation. And as we come to the Communion table to receive the bread and wine we thank God again for His revelation of Himself in the "word made flesh".

Hildegard lived with great simplicity in a community devoted first to God "to love Him above all things" and then to each other. In this frantic and busy world it is vital, literally life-giving, that we turn aside from it and enter the "cloister" of our own hearts and open our hearts and minds and lives to the presence of God. We can then earnestly pray that He will reveal himself to us so that we like Hildegard may rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit and see a glimpse of the glory of God.

This 12th century abbess and mystic was accorded sainthood and was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI for her theological and visionary writings. But it is also for her music that she has gained further recognition. There have been previous recordings of her music - indeed I have some - but recently the British composer Stevie Wishart, a specialist in medieval music, has worked with the pop producer and songwriter Guy Sigsworth to create a sequence of her music using harps, voices and electronics not unlike Vespers.

A rather strange mix could well become a hit! 12th century musical mysticism for the 21st century! Music, art, poetry, the natural world, the Word and Sacrament: all places where Hildegard saw God. And so might we if we look and listen.

Chris Thomas

DAILY BREAD CAFE

The Daily Bread Café continues to go from strength to strength.



It is open every day from **Monday to Saturday, 10.00 until noon**, for food collection and distribution and is run entirely by volunteers from the Church and the local community. All the food comes from donations, mainly (but not only) from local supermarkets.

From what started as a relatively modest enterprise to help those in need has developed – not least of all because of the effects of COVID-19 – into a truly enormous organisation. When the previous issue of “Hutton Parish Link” was produced in June, we had 67 volunteers collecting food donations and 29 more manning the hall, making up food bags and delivering the parcels. Now we have a massive 140 volunteers!

Everyone who volunteers at the food hub is checked and trained to ensure that food handling and safety guidelines are maintained, and ‘anti-coronavirus’ measures such as sanitisers, face masks and social distancing are all adhered to.

There is no doubt that the hub has grown in order to meet the extra demands brought on by the privations of COVID, and amidst all the fear and despondency caused by the virus it is wonderful that so many people have responded to help those who need it. And it is quite evident that the volunteers themselves get a lot of satisfaction from seeing the fruits of their hard work.



Here's what one of them – Michelle – had to say:

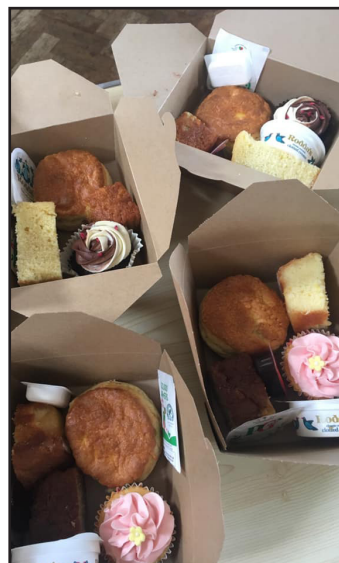
"Lockdown has been a challenging time for lots of reasons, but for me there was one big positive: I had the time and the opportunity to join the army of volunteers at the Daily Bread Café!

These amazing people have taken on a variety of roles to ensure that the food donated reaches the people who need it. Whether they are collecting cars full of food from supermarkets, packing it away, returning crates, distributing bags of food, delivering to people's homes, manning the 'phones or collecting prescriptions they have carried out these roles willingly and with a smile.

Since March these volunteers have collected and distributed over 500kg of food! They've worked closely with BRAG, Brentwood Mutual Aid, Billericay Foodbank, Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, and local schools to make sure that nothing goes to waste and as much food as possible gets to where it's needed. Sometimes the food is a bonus and what our neighbours have really needed is just a chat and to see a friendly face.

The way our community has come together during such strange and difficult times has been wonderful to see. Long may it continue."

And as if collection and distribution every morning wasn't enough, the volunteers recently did **Afternoon Tea** for anyone to purchase, delivered to them in a sweet and savoury box. 130 were sold and raised an amazing **£1,027.45**, which Barclays Bank have agreed to match. The pictures show the volunteers hard at work on the teas together with the fruits of their endeavours.



The Daily Bread Café has become a very well-known and vital part of the local community and it will continue to be so for as long as it is needed, irrespective of the effects of the coronavirus situation. It is clear that, for whatever reason, there is a growing need for a facility such as this. But of course, it can only continue to undertake all its good work if the volunteers are there. We mentioned earlier how many we have: we need them all – and more besides, as some of them cannot devote as much time now as they start to return to work.

Lisa x

If you feel you could help out at the food hub, even if only for a couple of hours a week, PLEASE email me on: lisa@huttonparish.com. All we can offer you is the opportunity to spend a little time with other like-minded people and the satisfaction in knowing that you are making a real difference.

Thank You



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Hutton Parish

TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS,
FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS OF:

DAILY BREAD

138,751 Meal Equivalent

23rd march - 28th July 2020



ON AVERAGE A
WEEK WE SERVE

210 FAMILIES/
HOUSEHOLDS

FOOD COLLECTION GUIDELINES



When collecting food, please let us know your name and information in case you have to Isolate in future.

Please do not come to collect food if you have had any symptoms, been in contact with someone with symptoms or have been advised by the government to stay isolated.

Please stand **2 metres away** from the counter (behind the cones) to allow the server to assist you and maintain the social distancing rules with others in the queue.



4 WAYS TO GIVE

We are working hard to support our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing over 360 bags of free food to residents each week. If you would like to help support us by making a donation Please visit us in person or go to our website:

<https://www.huttonparish.com/donate>



REGULAR GIVING

The most helpful way to give to us is by standing order. Please Click



IN PERSON

Donations via Cash or Debit Cards accepted.



POST

Please make Cheques payable to:
The PCC of All Saints w.
St Peter



ONLINE

Please click to donate via Just Giving

MONDAY SOCIAL

A new venture this year has been a monthly social club held on the second Monday of the month at St Peters organized by Carole Fulcher and her team.

They provide an afternoon of tea, cakes and a variety of 'entertainments' including quizzes, games and music, but above all a space for the lonely to meet and chat.



All Saints • St. Peter
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Monthly Social Club

2nd Monday of each month • 2-4pm



Tea, Coffee and cakes
Musical Singalongs
Meet new friends
Games Quiz

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YOUTH CLUB



All Saints • St. Peter
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SNYC

Sunday Night Youth Club

www.huttonparish.com



7pm-8.30pm on Sunday evenings in term time
St Peter's Church or The Rectory
School Years 6-9

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Because of the current situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic there have been no baptisms, weddings or funerals conducted at our churches recently. However, some funerals and burials of our parishioners have taken place at gravesides with limited mourners present.

Funerals

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| 3rd June | Doris Thompson | Died 12th May | Aged 87 |
| 23rd June | Stanley Harris | Died 2nd June | Aged 90 |
| 29th June | Betty Parsons | Died 23rd May | Aged 98 |
| 17th July | Ronald Tyler | Died 18th June | Aged 88 |

Funeral Arrangements

Should you need to book a funeral for someone, please contact a member of the Ministry Team in the first instance, and they will arrange for you to be talked through what needs to be dealt with. In normal circumstances this would include funeral arrangements, pastoral care, a visit from a member of the Bereavement Visiting Team, if appropriate, and information about interment of ashes, plaques on the Memorial Wall, Book of Remembrance, and anything else that you would like to know.

Baptisms

When life returns to normal again, we shall be able to resume conducting baptisms (or Christenings, as they are often called) at both All Saints and St Peter's Church, during an appropriate Sunday service. Any child or adult who lives in the Parish may be baptised in our churches.

In the first instance please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Administrator will liaise with the Clergy to establish a date suitable to all parties and you will be sent an application form and information leaflets about the baptism itself and the other facilities available for you and/or your child to become involved with, all of which are mentioned elsewhere in this magazine.

Contact details for all the people mentioned above can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page at the back of the magazine.



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