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From the Editor..

So here we are at this most beautiful time of the year. The early spring flowers – snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils – that let us know that winter was on its way out have been replaced by tulips, apple and cherry blossom, and trees coming into full leaf again. Nesting birds are hatching their chicks and emptying the feeders in our garden every couple of days as they strive to satisfy the nestlings' voracious appetites, and most mornings I'm woken up at an unearthly hour by the Dawn Chorus. But depending upon where you live of course, once the community singing has finished the only things left to disturb the peace on a warm June day are the intermittent sounds of lawnmowers and Karchers and the occasional drone of an aircraft, and the constant twittering of the same birds who woke you up in the first place. And if you're lucky enough to have a decent sense of smell and don't suffer from hay fever, the fragrance of freshly-cut grass, May blossom and yew trees all adds to the feeling of tranquillity. At those moments it's easy to believe that God is in his heaven and all's well with the world.

But it's not, is it?

No sooner has the fear of the world being decimated by Covid faded away than it's been replaced by the reality of war in Ukraine and the genuine concern that it could escalate at any moment. We're all understandably apprehensive about the potential for disaster when a madman has a nuclear arsenal at his fingertips.

But if we're concerned, just imagine what it must be like for the residents of Kyiv, Mariupol, Odesa, and any number of other towns and villages near those major cities. Living with the constant din of exploding shells, rockets and bombs. Women and their children hardly daring to emerge from their shelters for fear of being raped or murdered (or both) by Russian soldiers, or finding their home is just a pile of rubble, or the streets littered with dead bodies of people they knew. I watched a television news item a couple of weeks ago in which a mother living in Odesa said that whenever she heard the sound of rockets and missiles flying overhead, she put a pillow over her little girl's head to deaden the sound because she didn't want the child to grow up with an unforgettable dread of any noise emanating from the skies.

Compare the life of that poor woman and her young daughter with ours the next time you're sitting in your back garden looking up at the sun shining in a clear blue sky. We may have serious worries about the rising costs of gas and electricity, petrol for the car, and food for our table, but at least we don't live in fear for our lives and those of our children, or our partners valiantly fighting the enemy and who we don't know if we'll see again.

All we can do is ask God to impart skill in the arts of tact and diplomacy to heads of state across the world in order that they may be able to persuade Putin and his acolytes to call a halt to the terror of the indiscriminate, and ultimately pointless, destruction of property and life, and to pray that Ukrainians can once again enjoy, like us, the sound of bird call rather than guided missiles.

Malcolm Webb
Editor

From the Rector

The summer edition of the magazine is now upon us – and I for one am glad that the year seems to be passing with great speed. The thought of some warmer, drier weather (hopefully!) is something that always puts a bounce in my step.



Looking back over the Easter season, I am a happy and thankful Rector. We have seen full churches, joyous celebrations, and a real move away from the shadow of Covid-19.

I am thrilled for Revd Lisa, as she has now completed her first Christmas and Easter as the parish Deacon, and we look forward to her ordination to the Priesthood in October! There's lots of Holy Communion practice heading her way.

We can also be thankful that another 2 curates will be joining the Hutton Parish team over the summer months. Alice Smith, or to give her proper title, "The Good Lady Her Indoors Mrs Vicarage My Wife", is to be ordained as a Distinctive Deacon in September. She will continue to work her usual day job for Christians Against Poverty and will continue to take charge of Rooted Community and other parish work alongside this. We will explain more about this in the August/September edition of the magazine.

Sue Goldsmith will also be joining us as a self-supporting curate. Some of you may remember Sue from her placement in the parish last summer. She will remain a secondary school teacher throughout her 3-year curacy and will offer ministry in Hutton, beginning over the summer months and before her ordination alongside Alice on September 11th. We look forward to welcoming them both to their new roles soon.

Finally, it would be strange not to mention the Platinum Jubilee – although by the time many of you have read this, the event may have happened! The idea that someone might be able to offer 70 years of faithful service to the church and the country is extraordinary and will not be repeated anytime soon.

We are all "Modern Elizabethans" and can be grateful for the example Her Majesty the Queen has set for all of us as both a figure head and as a faithful Christian. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Jubilee Concert on Friday 3rd June, at a local street party over the Jubilee weekend and of course on Pentecost Sunday (5th June) as we celebrate the birth of the church as well as giving thanks for the Queen.

Finally, as we look forward to community celebrations and new beginnings here in the parish:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

With every blessing,

Andy +

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

Date/Church	Service	Celebrant	Preach	Readings
5 th June SP	9.30 Holy Communion	AS	AS	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104:26-end Romans 8: 14-17 John 14: 8-17, 25-27
AS	11.15 Holy Communion	AS	AS	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104:26-end Romans 8: 14-17 John 14: 8-17, 25-27
SP	7pm C.E.W.	AS	AS	Acts 2: 1-21
12 th June SP	9.30 Holy Communion	TB	CT	Prov 8: 1-4,22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 1-15
AS	11.15 Morning Prayer	CT	CT	Prov 8: 1-4,22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 1-15

19 th June SP	9.30 Holy Communion	AS	AS	Isaiah 65: 1-9 Psalm 22: 19-28 Galatians 3: 23-end Luke 8: 26-39
AS	11.15 Holy Communion with Baptism	AS	AS	Isaiah 65: 1-9 Psalm 22: 19-28 Galatians 3: 23-end Luke 8: 26-39
SP	7pm C.E.W.	LW	TimB	
26 th June SP	9.30 Holy Communion	AS	TT	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end Psalm 16 Galatians 5: 1,13-25 Luke 9:51-end
AS	11.15 Morning Prayer	TT	TT	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end Psalm 16 Galatians 5: 1,13-25 Luke 9:51-end



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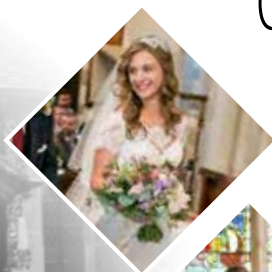


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It's wedding season at the parish and we have six weddings in the coming weeks which puts me in mind of the song "**Love is in the air**", everywhere I look around".

We are delighted that Andrew and Josephine are finally getting married on Wednesday 29th June: they have been waiting patiently through the pandemic and rescheduled their wedding from 2020, then 2021 and now, at last, 2022!

We look forward to celebrating the forthcoming nuptials: Olivia of this parish and Mark on Saturday 11th June, Becky and Sean on Friday 17th June, Karlie and Darren on 2nd July, Colin and Gosia on Sunday 17th July and Carly and Darren on 23rd July. Please pray for our couples as they make their vows under God. **Colossians 3:14 Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.**

All information about getting married in our churches can be obtained by contacting me. My details can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page at the back of this magazine.

Annie Bayley

Weddings Co-ordinator

The Good Shepherd

Recently I went to America, which was lovely. Only for a short time to watch a competition that my daughter was in, and for various reasons I travelled separately to the team from a different airport. It was the first time I had travelled alone, I think, probably ever. And it was great! I looked at all the families around me struggling to get kids into pushchairs, bribing them with food, trying to entertain them with various toys and gadgets, and didn't miss any of it! And do you know the thing I missed least of all? – the continuous questions: when will we get there, what time will the dinner be here, how does this work, why is that lady wearing that, how high up are we, how fast does this plane go, how do we stay up, why is the sky blue – and so on and so on.

I don't know if you have ever been on one of those journeys but it is exhausting; the constant questions. As children grow up they ask fewer questions – perhaps because by the time they are teenagers they “know everything” and they don't need to ask us as parents or older relatives any more! I find myself asking my teenagers things now – how does this work on my iPhone, what have you done to the TV, etc!

I thought I would be so much better at answering questions from my children than I turned out to be; I would give them such a great answer the first time they asked ‘why is the sky blue’ but before I had got through my great scientific explanation they were asking another question about why grass grows up and not down, or something unrelated, and then even when I had finished my answer they just said “But why?” There was never any end to their questions, never a satisfaction that what I had said was it. I don't think they really believed me – perhaps teenagers are really just more eloquent toddlers and children really do know everything – but it did mean that my answers grew shorter and less informative and were more ‘I don't know’ or ‘it just is’ or, more often than not, ‘I've told you this a hundred times’.

In today's gospel reading we hear of lots of people gathering around Jesus – jostling for position, demanding information, wanting to know the answers to the big questions: how long will you keep us in suspense? Are you really the Messiah? And this is not the first time they have asked similar questions wanting proof of who Jesus is. Some people, often those in authority, didn't actually want an answer but just wanted to trick Jesus into saying something that would incriminate him in their opinion, and others asking questions that they thought they knew the answer to, or at least thought that Jesus would give an answer they could use against him.

And every time they weren't satisfied with the answer, wanted more proof, more explanations, or they didn't feel their questions had been answered satisfactorily. Perhaps that reminds you of your toddlers' questions: every time you give an answer it is met with another question – 'but why?' – 'but how?', 'but when?', 'how does that make sense to me?'

It is the same here – Jesus sounded almost exasperated – just as I probably would have when my small children asked again something I had already answered

He has performed miracles after miracles, healings, bringing people back from the dead, stretching food, giving wiser answers than anyone had ever heard before, forgiving sins, and has become the Word made flesh – but that still isn't enough.

Jesus has had other people question his identity repeatedly. This was normal at the time. People who taught or prophesied were often asked to give proof of their deeds and the power behind their gift. But the questions in this passage go beyond



that. They are questioning not only his identity but if his power is actually from God. In verse 25 Jesus says "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me". It feels a bit like he is saying 'I don't really know what else to do and say as with all these miracles and information and prophecy that you have witnessed you still don't believe what I am saying'. He then plainly spells it out again: "The Father and I are one". It can't be any clearer than that, but still there are doubts: they even go to pick up rocks just after that statement to stone him.

And as we hear their doubt creep into their questions, we are reminded that doubt is a constant companion to faith, to theirs then and to ours now. Doubts are normal and although we may grow out of asking questions out loud, we still find ourselves needing to prove stuff with questions because we naturally doubt everything we are presented with. In this day and age

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it is wise to continue to ask questions – if not to our parents then at least to ourselves. We look around and wonder what we can take at face value and what we need to question, especially with false advertising, social media giving untrue accounts of reality, and reality tv being anything other than real life. But what about the truth we are presented with by Jesus?

Everyone has doubts about so many things in our lives. Perhaps the biggest doubts we have now are about ourselves: are we good enough, will we succumb to our old addiction, sinful ways, old patterns of behaviour? Are people aware of what we are going through, how we really are underneath the façade of the outer layer?. Similarly to the people in the passage from John we also doubt God's presence in our lives; not questioning if Jesus is who he says he is standing in front of us, but doubting if our connection to God is even strong enough; if we are enough.

These are normal questions and doubts that we wrestle with all the time. Just because we come to church or count ourselves as Christians doesn't mean we don't ever have doubts or questions, especially when things seem really tough or situations seem unjust and unfair. We often talk about faith in our conversations around being a Christian but not so much about the flip side of that: doubt.

Even the most faith-filled person has moments of doubt; a common saying is 'God never gives us more than we can handle' but I've also heard the next line: 'I just wish God didn't have so much faith in me'. It can often feel like God has more faith in us than we have in ourselves when we have so many doubts and questions, but the doubts we have are just in our own ability to handle things on our own. When we have Jesus with us, those doubts seem less worrying.

Jesus is saying a similar thing when he says to the doubters "I am one with God". He knows his followers and they know him, and he uses the image of the sheep to describe his followers from the Good Shepherd passage in John 10. He is saying he knows everyone who follows him and they know him, proving his actions are sanctioned by God. His followers are protected by the

One who is more powerful than any thief who is coming to do them harm; they are protected from harm, it doesn't mean danger is not out there or that we are free from doubts or questions or worries as they are normal reactions to life going on around us, but we are part of Jesus' flock, hearing his voice and following him.

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (v. 27).

This verse mirrors portions of the Good Shepherd passage that was just before today’s passage in John 10:3-5, 16. We might expect Jesus to say that the sheep follow him because they know him, but instead he says that they follow him because he knows them. We may have doubts but Jesus doesn’t. We long to be known: to be understood at the deepest levels; that is what causes us so much frustration, now and as that teenager who knows everything, and the toddler who questions everything.

Those tantrums and sulks that we experienced then are a desire to want to be understood, to get our needs met and for someone to see us and get us. That doesn’t change as we grow older: we still want to be known, and our doubts may not come out as constant questions but turn in toward ourselves. We doubt ourselves, our self-worth, our abilities, even our place in the world.

This Gospel makes it clear that Jesus sees to the depth of the heart, despite the questions and the doubts, and it is no wonder that the sheep perceive that and follow him. The sheep hear his voice and follow him.

Jesus knows us, every one of us, by name. He has no doubts in our ability to follow him. We may have questions and doubts about knowing Jesus, but He doesn’t have those doubts; he knows us and loves us and thinks we are enough. Even when we have those doubts or Jesus feels far away he is calling us.

He knows us and he loves us all, individually, and Jesus doesn’t have any questions about that.

Amen

Revd.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa x".

The above is the transcript of the sermon given by Lisa on Good Shepherd Sunday recently



Café

With the weather (finally!) improving, we will be putting tables outside for people to enjoy food and drink in the sunshine. Peabody are coming in every Tuesday from 9.30am-1pm and Graham from CAP will be here every other Thursday to offer debt advice for anyone who needs it. It doesn't need to be huge debts but any rent arrears, credit card bills etc. His next session will be on 19th May. We have brand new table cloths which makes the café look much cleaner and smarter. Every Friday for the next few weeks we will have a craft session where people can join in making a clay garden led by Bev and Karalyn.

We have a slightly new system in place in the café as we have moved the welcome/payment desk into the café near the kitchen. It will still be table service but customers can come to the desk to order and it will be brought to the table. This will make it easier for customers to order and pay for food and drinks.

Easter

The first week of the Easter holidays was extremely busy in the café, with over 100 visitors on one day! We were full of families taking part in the Easter egg colouring competition. We had a visit from Marcus and his mini menagerie which brought a lot of excitement in the cafe and the children loved meeting the chicks and ducklings and having cuddles with Funny Bunny!



We took the decision to close the café in the second week of the holidays as many people were away, and also to give our volunteers a bit of a break.



Jubilee

Daily Bread Café will be providing refreshments for the Hutton Parish Charity Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Friday 3rd June. Tickets are available to purchase in the café, please see the advertisement for more details.

United in Kind want to make a large knitted exhibition for the Jubilee and will be speaking to the knitting club about how they might get involved.

Gardening Club

The gardening club will be celebrating their 1st birthday next week and have planned a visit to Hyde Hall to celebrate and look around. Now the weather is improving the gardeners are spending more time in the gardens keeping them tidy and making them look beautiful.

Minibus

We are still in the process of purchasing a minibus/van to help with the transportation of food, empty crates and people who struggle to get to us. If anyone has any connections with mechanics, dealers or servicing then please let us know. Michelle and Rob Yarwood are still hunting for a great deal.

Food Hub

The Food hub continues to be busy, we had 61 families visit in one morning after the bank holidays. New people continue to come every day, sadly a sign of the times as the cost of living crisis starts to bite.

We are always looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours to collect food in the evenings and help in the café during the day, particularly to provide cover in the school holidays. If you think you could help or know someone who would like to volunteer, please email dailybread@huttonparish.com

Hebrews 13:2 - Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

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	COMPUTER HUB 10am-12pm	ARTS & CRAFTS (Decoupage) 10am-12pm	LITTLE FISHES (Babies/Preschool) 10am-11am	ARTS & CRAFTS 10am-12pm	
	COLOURING CLUB 10am-12pm	GARDENING CLUB (Chat 1st) 10am-12pm	UNITED IN KIND COFFEE MORNING (8 fortnightly) 10am-12pm	GARDENING CLUB (Chat 1st) 10am-12pm	
	PEABODY DROP IN 9:30am-1pm	KNITTING GROUP 10am-12pm	CAPDEBT SERVICES (8 fortnightly) 10am-12pm		
		BLUE FLOWER DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP (3rd Thursday) 10am-12pm			

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Tea Break

Something a little different this month: **a Codeword puzzle.**

All the numbers relate to a letter of the alphabet, and when transposed will make words. So, just like a normal crossword but without the clues! You're given a couple of letters to help you on your way. See how quickly you can complete it!

(The answers are elsewhere in the magazine, in case you get totally stuck!)

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We welcome babies and toddlers and their carers every Thursday morning (term time) for singing and playing. Little Fishes is part of the St Peter's children ministry team and our amazing volunteers warmly welcome the very young children and their grown ups to connect with each other.

We had a lovely Easter break and we came back to dance with beautiful ribbons with Jenny to celebrate the beginning of summer and May day. Everyone dressed up for a wonderful Jubilee tea party with lots of brightly coloured pictures by the children and made into bunting by Sheryl. We played and sang loudly along with Mag on the guitar. The cafe volunteers have kindly made a royal feast for the children. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and donations were collected for the Guide dogs charity.



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Some of you may have watched, as I did, the BBC's latest offering in a series of programmes called **PILGRIMAGE** in which a group of people (celebrities) undertake a pilgrimage to a Holy Place and explore their own religious and spiritual lives as they journey.

I have watched some of these in the past, notably pilgrimages to Istanbul and to Jerusalem.

This latest one followed seven people from different faith backgrounds (two Christians, a Moslem, a Sikh, a woman of Jewish faith, an agnostic schooled by Jesuits, and a man styling himself as a pagan content with the world as a chance organic accident without a god)).

Starting in Donegal in the north-west of Ireland, they followed the route through Glencolumle, past the "Stone of Sorrows", Columba's traditional birthplace, through Derry where there is a 6th century monastery founded by him and then following the route he took over land and the North Channel to Kintyre, through the Highlands and back down through the Outer and Inner Hebrides ending at the most famous place associated with him on the island of Iona.

They slept in various hostels, churches and bothies; sampled Benedictine hospitality at a monastery and spent time talking and exploring and examining their own spirituality as they travelled for 15 days.

In an article you will find at the end of this piece are some thoughts on pilgrimage generally- a subject which will be one the meditations at our Quiet Day on June 18th at All Saints.

But **St Columba** is remembered by the church on June 9th together with St Ephraim who between them took the gospel to the ends of the earth, or at least to east and west.

The earliest in time was **St Ephraim of Syria** who lived about 306-373. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1920, the only Syrian Church father to be so distinguished. He was born in Mesopotamia; baptized at the age of 18 and probably attended the Council of Nicaea in 325. He was ordained deacon late in life.

He was a prolific and spiritual writer. His work "On the Holy Spirit" was heralded by St Jerome as an incisive power of lofty genius. But he is best known for his hymn writing, the beauty of which earned him the name "God's Harp" and the fact that



he introduced women's voices into the Liturgy. He was also a great preacher often reducing his congregation to tears with the power of his oratory.

As did the other saint of remembered on that day **St Columba of Iona.**

Who was St Columba and what was the stimulus for the pilgrimage just mentioned? He lived from 521-597 and came from one of the royal families of



Ireland. We know of his life from the writings of Adomnan, his successor as abbot of Iona and from the great Bede of Jarrow.

Columba studied the scriptures under a bishop as a young man and possibly at various monastic schools. After his ordination as priest his family gave him a fort in Derry and this became his first monastic foundation. As I said he too was a great preacher, and it was said that his voice would carry for a full mile –although that might be Celtic hyberbole! He loved books, which endears him to my heart, although his love meant he was sometimes not as scrupulous as he might be over ownership, and he was perhaps the first person to be in breach of copyright when he copied the St Jerome's Psalter belonging to St Finnian.

Just because he was a Christian and a priest did not debar him seemingly from the clan disputes of that land and it may have been as a result of a massacre following a dispute which meant he left Ireland and became active amongst the people of Dalriada to the south of the Grampians after he and 12 relatives sailed for Scotland in 561 in a coracle. Later they journeyed through the land of the Pictish king Brude in Inverness, converting them to Christianity - not an easy task, but his large stature, red hair and huge voice must have helped. It was this king who granted him the island off the SW corner of Mull and there he set about building the monastery which is still the centre of much worship and spirituality to this day. In his later life he was devoted to his books, transcribing them and



writing poetry. He is said to have made 300 copies of the Gospels, so truly he brought the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The abbey became a great centre of illuminated book production including the Chronicles of Ireland and the Book of Kells.

Columba's final blessing on Iona was prophetic. This place, he said, "however small and mean, will have bestowed on it no small but great honour by the kings and people of Ireland, and by the rulers of even barbarous and foreign nations with their subject tribes. And the saints of other churches too will give it great reverence".

Even after his death Columba was a great influence on the churches of Ireland and northern Britain. Indeed, even Bede, who was no great friend to the Celtic Church, testified to the holiness of the way of life coming from Iona, characterized by "their purity of life, love of God and their loyalty to the monastic rule".

Later in the 7th century St Aidan served as a monk on Iona and then travelled to that other island Lindisfarne which became the centre from which Christianity was re-established in northeast Britain and a place still of spiritual pilgrimage. As is Iona where there is an ecumenical order which offers hospitality to the numerous visitors and pilgrims who still visit Columba's abbey.



Chris Thomas

PILGRIMAGE

I feel I should have written this in April when as Chaucer pointed out at the start of The Canterbury Tales,

“When in April the sweet showers fall...

The people long to go on pilgrimages”

But nevertheless, I have been thinking a great deal about pilgrimage just lately as I led the walk with Christ which some of us observed in Lent as we journeyed through the Stations of the Cross, and as I begin to prepare for the Quiet Day at All Saints where I shall lead some meditations using the etched windows of various saints including that archetypal pilgrim route to St James of Compostela.

I shall be looking at their lives as examples to us and how we might live the pilgrimage of our spiritual life and I have included here an article on the pilgrimage of the heart. The idea of pilgrimage, either physical or of ‘the heart’ is not the preserve of Christianity of course and all the great religions of the world include some aspect of it.

It is usually undertaken to a particular place, felt to be a holy place, hallowed in time by ancient rituals, where the participants hoped for a change in themselves, a healing of body, mind and spirit, but in which the journey itself as much as the destination is part of the process.

Most of you will be familiar with the more famous pilgrimage destinations and may even have made those pilgrimages yourself. The big three of course are Jerusalem, Rome and the route to Santiago of Compostela, but there are numerous others. The most famous in this country in the Middle Ages were Canterbury to the shrine of St Thomas Becket, Brentwood being an important stage along the route; to the Holy Islands of Lindisfarne and Iona and our Lady at Walsingham, now much revived.

Of course, we can’t all go on pilgrimage, either physically or indeed financially but there are ways of making one for yourself either in your own home, in your garden or walking in the countryside. Some people have found making a labyrinth with stones or grass or flowers/ hedges helpful, but you don’t have to do anything except walk in a prayerful way.

The poet- priest George Herbert, writing in the 17th century wrote a beautiful poem called “Prayer”, which is a sonnet listing what prayer might be and one of the many descriptions of prayer is as the “heart in pilgrimage”, so that whole of life becomes a holy work with and towards God.

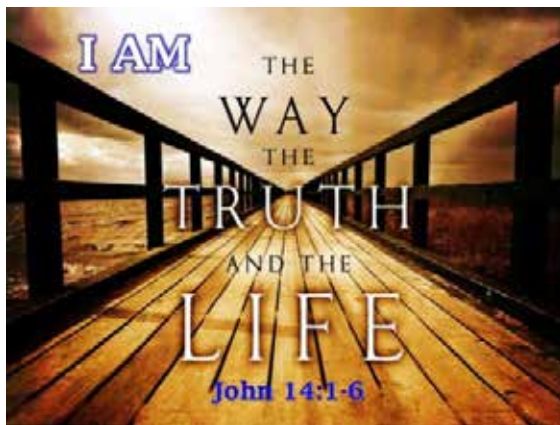
Below you will find some thoughts on that aspect of pilgrimage - one we can all make, whether we we can make the physical journey or not. Prayerful travelling!

Chris Thomas

PILGRIMAGE

Any pilgrimage has most value as a way to inspire inner change. In this, the physical journey of pilgrimage symbolizes the spiritual journey that we are called to take within. As the great biblical translator Saint Jerome observed, *"It is better to live for Jerusalem than to journey to Jerusalem."* Better to stay home and be changed in heart, than to journey with your feet yet remain unmoved in your heart.

Whether or not each of us eventually chooses to embark on a physical pilgrimage at some point in our life, we are all of us called to set out, again and again, on the inner kind of pilgrimage, the pilgrimage of the heart. We are called, in the words of Jerome, to "live for Jerusalem," as we follow Christ on a journey of growth and transformation.



"Come follow me. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). Christianity is not just a body of doctrine, but rather is a dynamic way of life, a relationship. The first term used in the New Testament to describe Christians is "followers of the Way," because of Jesus' compelling invitation to take to the road, to make all of life into a continuous pilgrimage.

Monica Furlong, in her book **Traveling In**, wrote, *"The religious person is the one who believes that life is about making some kind of journey. The non-religious person is the one who believes there is no journey to make."*

The journey – whether it be the journey of Abraham or Moses, Jesus' disciples or medieval pilgrims – has never been simply about traveling across physical space toward a holy site. Every outward journey of pilgrimage always has as its true goal an inner journey of transformation.

The point of pilgrimage, then, is the journey within. The essential pilgrimage to undertake is not the one of the feet, but the one of the heart. Sr. Benedicta in her book on pilgrimage tells the story of the early Egyptian recluse, who was criticised for living a sedentary life. "Why are you sitting here and doing nothing?" one monk asked her. She replied, "I am not doing nothing; I am on a journey."

We can go on amazing journeys without ever leaving our room. Every day we are called to embrace new life, and that means to let go, to leave behind what has become too comfortable, our habits, our compulsions. It means each morning waking to a new day and asking God, "Where do you want to lead me today on the journey of life? What are you asking me to leave behind? How are you asking me to change?"

"To live is to change," wrote Cardinal Newman, "and to be perfect is to have changed often."

And the Sufi poet Rumi asks:

"And you? When will you begin that long journey into yourself?"

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PARISH QUIET DAY

SIT WITH SEVEN SAINTS

SATURDAY
18TH JUNE 2022
10:00AM - 3:00PM
ALL SAINTS HUTTON

A quiet day in church with meditations on the 7 saints in the windows and how they might help us in our spiritual journey.
Led by Chris Thomas

Tea & coffee will be provided - Please bring your own lunch.

For further information please contact Chris Thomas 01277 210862 or the parish office 01277 262864

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ROOTED COMMUNITY

SHARED LIFE, INCLUSIVE WELCOME, DEEPER PURPOSE

Rooted Community in Hutton Parish recently celebrated its 10 year anniversary with a Celebration Breakfast under the theme of 'Flourish'. What a truly lovely morning it was.

From its beginning to the present day Rooted has transformed; by name, by location, in its influence and reach within the Parish and beyond, in depth of relationships and with God, in people as all ages and stages of women now join us. It has transformed individuals as well as families and the wider church and community and we have much to thank God for.



We were delighted to welcome Venerable Elizabeth Snowdon, Archdeacon of Chelmsford as guest speaker for our breakfast and commissioning. As part of her message, she asked us "where would we be in 10 years time?"...and promised that she'd return to see how we had continued to grow as a distinctive Christian community.

The creative Rooted event team put on an excellent spread of breakfast food and decorations and it was great to be part of conversations on tables between 'newbies' and 'old hands', thanks to the hosting skills of the leadership team. Once we'd finished feasting, and refilled our new commemorative 'keep cups' with more caffeine, our service of worship and commissioning incorporated a retelling of our history whilst ensuring we focused our attention on the future. It was a fun and encouraging morning, demonstrating what



can be achieved when each part of a community such as Rooted does their thing, pulling together, laughing, sharing, contributing by paying it forward, praying, serving and celebrating.

You may ask 'What is Rooted Community' and this event shows some of its DNA - it is all the above mentioned and yet so much more than an event. Rooted is love in action, it's life in action, it's friendship flourishing...hence the name we used for our celebration day.

All in Rooted grow together, thrive together, primarily because of God with us and the love of Jesus shared, but also because of the Rooted DNA evident in all our gatherings; whether they be 'one-on-one' chats in homes or on walks, small groups for Friday Rooted lunch, worship, prayer and discussion at Rooted Recharge, larger Rooted garden parties... Rooted is not any one thing or just events - we are Rooted Community - we are sharing life together; the good, the bad and the in between, we are giving people an inclusive welcome to any gathering they come to from the very first time; both in person and online, we are going deeper in purpose as we grow in God, to ourselves, the community and the church.

Women of all ages and at all stages of life are welcome to join us - for shared life, inclusive welcome, deeper purpose.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rootedcommunityhutton>

Email: rooted@huttonparish.com

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WALK BY FAITH

HUTTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP

SPACE FOR THOSE IN SCHOOLS YEAR 6-9

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

Food. Friendship. Faith. Fun

After a two year hiatus, we are delighted that we have been able to restart our regular youth gatherings. We welcome young people in school years 6-9 to St Peter's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

The sessions are relaxed and involve some games, food and a Bible-based discussion. Recently a number of the young people were Confirmed by Bishop John and we hope that there will be more in the next year.

All young people are welcome to come along – do get in touch with Fr Andy for more details.

UPCOMING DATES:

June: 12th, 26th • **July:** 10th, 24th

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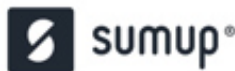
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DISTRIBUTION OF “HUTTON PARISH LINK”



As you will know, since last December we have been able to offer print copies of this magazine along with the on-line edition.

This was, of course, our intention right from the start, but our best-laid plans were scuppered by something called Covid.

Now, though, we are delighted to see how the introduction of the print version has really taken off. In the first month – last December – we only managed to print a handful of copies. We had trouble with the printer (which has since been replaced) and we began to despair of ever being able to produce ‘hard’ copies. But in February we were at last able to go into serious production and we printed 60 copies. They vanished within a couple of weeks!

So for April’s edition we upped the print run to 80. They all went in a couple of days!!

You are now reading one of a print run of 100. Let’s see how we get on with this many!

But on a serious note, it does of course incur a considerable expense in terms of paper and ink to produce this many. Unlike many churches we don’t want to start charging for the magazine. We want it to remain free and available to all members of our churches, our parishioners and local residents. We have been very fortunate to have been supported by a couple of advertisers over the past year, which has helped to defray our costs, but we could do with a couple more. So if you have your own business or know of someone who does, please could



you think about advertising in future editions of the magazine?

We appreciate that these are difficult times for businesses, but our rates are very modest – and consider the amount of exposure you will get.....

Anyone who would like more information in this connection should contact the Editor, Malcolm Webb (details in the “Useful Contacts” page).

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:

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Thank you.

Lynn Rae
PCC Finance Committee
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Darcie Iverson

Weddings at All Saints

24th April

Christopher Holden and Alexandria Hanlon

4th May

James Patterson and Emily Carter

20th May

Courtney Senior and Jamina Cedars

Funerals

28th March

Joan Berry

8th April

John Jenkins

29th April

Kevin McCarthy

29th April

Joyce Porter

29th April

Pamela Baker (Memorial Service)

Baptisms

Any child or adult who lives in the Parish may be baptised in our churches during an appropriate Sunday service at either All Saints or St Peters church.

For a child, baptism is the beginning of an exciting journey of faith. In choosing to have their child baptised, parents are saying that he or she is precious to them and precious to God. For some parents – or other adults, for that matter – they themselves didn't have the opportunity for whatever reason to be baptised as a child. We want to encourage them to be baptised as adults and to enjoy the same feelings towards God as their children will.

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.

Funeral Arrangements

Should you need to book a funeral for someone, please contact a member of the Ministry Team, 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

Weddings

All information about getting married in our churches can be obtained by contacting our Weddings Co-ordinator, Annie Bayley.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE FOUND ON THE "USEFUL CONTACTS" PAGE AT THE BACK OF THE MAGAZINE.

The series of articles that appeared in editions of the magazine throughout last year entitled "A Brief History of All Saints Church" concluded with the observation that the population of Hutton, which had started to grow before the outbreak of the Second World War, really exploded in the immediate post-war decade. New estates were developed for families from the East End whose homes had been destroyed during the Blitz, and young families from other parts of outer London, particularly to the north and east, were discovering that Hutton and Shenfield provided excellent commuter train services to the heart of the City whilst still offering plenty of green space for recreation.

One of the first of these new estates – and certainly one of the biggest to be created spread north off Rayleigh Road more or less from its junction with Burses Way to its junction with Wash Road on what was hitherto fields and woodland. It was a delightful development of its day, known simply as "The Estate" and received a good



deal of favourable press as it neared completion. One of its most compelling features was the sympathetic incorporation of lots of small green areas. Many of the original residents from East London had never had the luxury of green space literally on their doorsteps.

For many years – long before the War – the long-time minister of All Saints, Rev. Piers Claughton, had harboured a dream of a new church to deal with the growing population of Hutton. Obviously it was impossible to make All Saints any bigger, and in any case the population growth was centred around the main roads and shops rather than the farmers' fields surrounding All Saints. As far back as 1934, Rev. Claughton had announced the start of a fund to raise money for the new church and it had pretty quickly reached the impressive sum of £2,000. How much of that money came from the vicar himself is not recorded, but he was rather well-heeled (his elder sister was the Duchess of Argyle). And the site for the new church had already been earmarked: in Mount Avenue, near

the junction with Hanging Hill Lane – land that had been bequeathed to the church by a Mr and Mrs Beck when their impressive house was demolished to make way for what eventually became the Hutton Mount Estate.



The land seemed to be ideally located in the heart of the parish and in a predominantly residential area. And it had cost nothing, so the new church fund was still intact. What could possibly go wrong?

Well, pretty much everything, as it turned out. For a start, whilst nobody wanted to look a gift horse in the mouth, there was a substantial part of the congregation that thought that the new church should be in a more central location, nearer to local shops and transport connections. This led to a certain amount of dithering over the production of plans, and in any case it is likely that all the quality builders in the region were busy constructing new homes on Hutton Mount. So the proposals stalled for a while, and then, catastrophically, Rev. Claughton died on 2nd January 1939, whilst still the incumbent at All Saints, and not long after that Adolf Hitler decided he wanted to rule the world and declared war on anyone who stood in his way.

Whilst Piers Claughton was undoubtedly one of the most popular and charismatic rectors imaginable, it appears that once he got his teeth into a project there was no deflecting him, and one can almost hear the sighs of relief when one of the first things that the new incumbent, Rev. Knight, did upon appointment was to accede to the wishes of the parishioners – by now, apparently, the majority – and start to look for an alternative plot of land more central to the parish. Soon a suitable plot was found on a field abutting the Rayleigh Road next to an existing school, and plans were drawn up for a new church, a hall, and private dwelling houses for the headmaster and the vergers.

And that's as far as it got for the next decade (and more).

Malcolm Webb

I am indebted to a number of our congregation who have supplied information to help me piece together this story of the development of our church over the past 90 years, especially Pam Wright, Len Davies and Margaret Morris, as well as Essex Records Office and of course the ever-reliable Google.



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