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20th August—William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

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Reflections for August 2019

I should like to share with you some insights into developments in ritual, culture and theology within the Hebrew/Jewish Bible (our 'Old Testament'), going on to and within the Christian Bible (our 'New Testament') and even continuing subsequently, presented by Meg Warner during the 2018 Annual Modern Church conference.

The word 'Torah' in the Hebrew Bible is generally translated as 'Law', but more generally meant 'Instruction' or 'Ritual' rather than 'Law'. Laws made by kings could be easily changed. Israel's law was allegedly made by God. So there was a problem. If God made the laws, how could they be changed? Such as when circumstances change, and when they do not seem to make sense.

I shall start off with an example of a subtle change, made without any reference to change being made. The books of the Hebrew Bible were not put together until after the books of the Christian Bible were written, but it is generally agreed that Deuteronomy was written some time after Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus.

The "Ten commandments" feature in both Exodus (ch 20, v1-17) and Deuteronomy (ch 5, v6-21). In the Exodus version, the Hebrews are told to keep the Sabbath ritual because God rested on the 7th day (after his exertions, presumably). In the Deuteronomy version they are told to keep the Sabbath ritual to remind them that God brought them out of servitude in Egypt. A theological development arising perhaps out of an understanding that an omnipotent God would not need to rest after creating the world.

Elsewhere in Deuteronomy (ch 4, v2 and ch 13, v1) --- and also in Matthew (ch 5, v17-19) --- reference is made to the idea that there should be no attempt to change God's law. Elsewhere, when change is being made, reference is made to mere tradition, some previous (incorrect) ideas of some old guys a long time ago.

In Exodus (ch 20, v24) the Israelites were told to make sacrificial altars

in a number of different places designated by god, where-as in Deuteronomy (ch 12, v13-14) they are to make sacrifices in only one particular place (presumably Jerusalem) chosen by God. Again, the idea of transgenerational justice/punishment expounded in Ex ch 20, v5&6 and Deut ch 5, v8-10 and also ch7, v9-10 is contradicted as being mere tradition in Ezekiel ch 18, v1-4. The "Levirate law" in Deuteronomy ch 25, v5-10) is 'over-ruled' without punishment when a closer relative relinquishes his obligation by allowing Boaz to marry Ruth (Ruth ch 4, v1-12)

Going from the Hebrew Bible to the Christian Bible, we see Matthew presenting Jesus as strictly upholding the Law (ch 5, v17-19) before immediately (ch 5, v20-48) superseding various injunctions "by men of old time" by new improved and even contradictory teachings in line with the law of loving God and loving neighbour.

Within the Christian Bible itself we see Paul arguing against Peter and Jesus' other longstanding disciples that Gentiles (non-Jews) should be able to become Christians without having to undergo circumcision. (Incidentally, Jesus appears to have only called Jews to become one of his close, twelve, disciples.) Later in the Bible Luke choses to present Peter as the one who persuades the others to accept Gentiles (Acts ch 10 and ch 11, v1-18).

We have seen Christian theological developments taking place long after Biblical times; in the case of abolishing slavery, about 1800 years later. Most Christian Churches have now accepted marriage after divorce, although some Churches and individuals still don't do so; and we have a similar situation with regard to women priests and bishops. We are approaching a similar situation regarding same sex relationships and other LGBTQ+ issues. May we keep ourselves open to God's guidance in all things, neither swept along by 'fashion' nor hidebound by "men of old time". Let us put loving God and loving our neighbour front and centre of our hearts and minds.

Jeyan Anketell

Chad Blog

The new Bishop of Shrewsbury, Sarah Bullock looks forward to discovering Lichfield Diocese.

When I read the Bible I hear the voices of God's people and their stories of faith. These are not always straightforward or easy, but God is faithful and his heart is for all people to come to



know him. In the New Testament we encounter God in his son, Jesus, and the Good News he brings is a message of love and justice for all people.

As Christians we are called to live out this message of love and justice in our relationships as we share in God's transformational work among his people and build communities of hope. Together we need to be open to the transforming message of God's love for us.

As Bishop of Shrewsbury I will be taking every opportunity to connect with people as we journey together as 'pilgrims on the road', discovering this message of hope for ourselves, our families, friends and communities, through conversation, relationship, worship, prayer and encounter. I believe that God has gifted me with a loving heart and a passion to walk with others as together we discover our place in God's story and our home in God's heart.

The gospel message is also a call to dynamic living - stimulating progress, hopeful inattitude and encouraging of others as we live the Good News. We need to be brave and ambitious, creative and entrepreneurial if we are to be truly outward-facing believers, engaged with the world.

I am really looking forward to our journey together!

LICHFIELD DIOCESE NEWS

All things bright and beautiful?

A vicar in south Staffordshire has updated an old favourite to reflect the realities of global warming.

"I was thinking about all the climate change issues that we've been hearing about and especially the role of young people in leading some of the protests about the problems of environmental destruction and climate change," said Revd Andy McCosh "and I thought 'what might be a good way of getting the message across from the Church's perspective?'"

His answer was to rewrite one of the country's most familiar hymns.

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The update struck a chord with Diocesan Environment Officer, the Revd Richard Clarkson: "I'm delighted that Andy and his team have produced this song which takes a well known, well loved hymn, a hymn which encapsulates that goodness of God's creation - all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small - and twists it on its head in the tradition of the great

prophetic protests to offer a bit of a challenge to us - 'all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, unless we're more responsible we could well lose them all'."

Andy said: "I wanted to try and contrast the words that are full of the joy and goodness and beautiful nature of God's creation which is what the original hymn achieves very well and contrast it with our current climate issues - the fact that our trees are being torn down, that our hillsides are bare, that we're getting huge storms that shouldn't really be happening and overall this massive increase in world temperatures and the danger of really serious environmental destruction and losing so many species that actually puts us at risk in terms of our future existence as well."

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, Unless we're more responsible We could well lose them all.

1.A wind of change is blowing, The warning bells have rung. Now acid rain is falling, And climate change begun.

2.The tree-denuded mountains;
Polluted river beds;
The plastic in our oceans,
Are things that we should dread.

3.The storms are getting greater; The floods grow huge and strong. We can't leave things till later, As we don't have that long!

4.The chopping down of forests; The sacking of our seas; The blowing of the tempests, Will bring us to our knees.

5.We've eyes to see injustice, And lips we'll use to tell, If we don't work to stop this, We could be doomed as well!

Words by Revd Andy McCosh, April 2019.

Alternative words to the hymn "All things bright and beautiful" by Cecil Frances Al-

Prayer:

Father God, you welcome us to come home to you to live our lives in the shadow of your loving presence; Stir in our souls a hunger for your company.

Jesus Christ, by your death you opened the way for us to be forgiven and redeemed;

You rose to life again so that we could live in hope and freedom; Stir in our souls the faith to pray for miracles.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with power

And you spur us to action;

Stir in our souls a passion to build the Kingdom.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We humbly ask you: teach us to pray.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Lyndall Bywater)

https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/one-thing-for-us

Parish Surgery

For Baptisms, Banns and Weddings, staff are available at the Parish Office in St Michael's Church, Church Street on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings in the month by appointment only.

Please telephone 01543 262211 or email office@stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk to make an appointment.

Deadlines!

For **SEPTEMBER** 2019 Magazine:

Deadline is

MONDAY 12TH AUGUST

Contact David Bull

Pew Sheet:

7:30am
every Thursday Morning.
Contact Parish Office

CHILDREN'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

First Steps



Monday 12th August
10am St Michael's

Family Praise



Sunday 11th August 10am St Michael's

Come and join us at our ...

MESSY CHURCH

for craft, story, song and food on



NO MESSY CHURCH IN JUNE/JULY/AUGUST
Sunday 15th September

4.30 - 5.45pm

in St Michael's Church Ages 0-11 yrs. welcome

St Michael on Greenhill CAMAS Fundraiser

Strawberry Tea



& Grand Raffle

Saturday 31 August 3.00 – 5.00 pm St Michael's Church















Tickets (£6 adults, £3 children, £14 (2+2) family) & raffle tickets (50p each) available from Camas parents and Ted Green on 01543-262342

Regular Services and Worship in the Benefice

Regular Services at St Michael's Sundays

8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday

10:00am Family Praise

Regular Services at St John's

Sundays

10am Holy Communion

Baptism @ 11.30am

4th Sunday

Other Services at St Michael's Sundays

1st Sunday 12:30pm Holy Baptism

2nd Sunday 6:00pm Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 4:30pm

Messy Church

4th Sunday 6:00pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday

School Service

Wednesday

9:30am Holy Communion

Music in the Benefice

St Michael's Church

Wednesdays

6.30pm Girls Choir

7.15pm Other parts & St Michael's Singers

Monday before 2nd Sunday

7:30pmMusic Group

Bells Practice

Every Thurs 7:30pm, St Michael's

Prayer Group, St Michael's.

For information contact June Frayn (264920) or Brenda Liptrot (251863)



Baptism

Preparation First Tuesday at 8:00pm at St Michael's

William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890



The Salvation Army began on the streets of East London in 1865 when Methodists, William and Catherine Booth, abandoned the traditional concept of a church pulpit to take God's word directly to the people.

The Booths preached and lived out a doctrine of practical Christianity — soup, soap and salvation — to encourage both social and spiritual transformation among society's most vulnerable and marginalised people.

Their work included setting up shelters for people who were homeless, a family tracing service, running soup kitchens, helping people living in the slums and setting up rescue homes for women fleeing domestic abuse and prostitution. The couple also oversaw the world's first free labour exchange and campaigned to improve working conditions.

The movement grew rapidly outside of London and became known as the **Christian Mission**, with William as its General-Superintendent. In 1878 the name was changed to The Salvation Army and the organisation adopted a quasimilitary structure with officers and members wearing a military-style uniform.

The Salvation Army movement spread rapidly across the British Isles and within decades was established across the globe in countries such as America, Canada, Australia, France, Switzerland, India, South Africa, Iceland, and Germany.

The Salvation Army's International Heritage Centre collects, preserves and researches material about the work and ministry undertaken across the globe over its history of more than 150 years.

In 1865, William Booth was invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the East End of London.

He set up a tent in a Quaker graveyard, and his services became an instant success. His renown as a religious leader spread throughout London, and he attracted followers who were dedicated to fight for the souls of men and women.

To congregations who were desperately poor, he preached hope and salvation. His aim was to lead people to Christ and link them to a church for further spiritual guidance.

https://www.newfrontierchronicle.org/how-william-and-catherine-booth-started-the-salvation-army/

The challenges people were facing in the late 19th Century — homelessness, addiction, loneliness and unemployment — are much the same as today. The Salvation Army has continued its founders work, tackling issues and working at the heart of communities to offer practical help, unconditional assistance and support to transform lives.

Today, The Salvation Army is a church and charity that is active in

virtually every corner of the world and serves in more than 130 countries offering God's hope and love to all those in need without discrimination.

https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/our-history



St Michael's Church Music

This article is based on a recent report to PCC on the St Michael's Music Department. We have had a very successful 15 months. The Combined Choir sang *The Way of the Cross* on Good Friday 2018 in the Cathedral; for the Johnson Celebration in the Market Square last September (now an annual commitment); at very successful Advent and Christmas Carol services and a Choral Evensong on Palm Sunday this year, although the latter was less well attended than we had hoped. The Robed Choir sang for a wonderful Archdeaconry Ordination Service at St Michael's in June at which Mel was ordained priest. St Michael's Singers have sung for one service each month (usually including the Bower) and have provided many members for the Combined & Robed Choirs and the Music Group Singers. The Girls' Choir had a memorable return to a flooded Venice last October,

following a very successful dress rehearsal in London.







The girls also make up the front row for the Robed Choir, which is still the bedrock of our support for worship.

Forthcoming events are:

Saturday 14 September at noon in the Market Square – Combined Choir support for the Mayoral Johnson Celebration.

Saturday 28 September – the Girls' Choir will be singing with the Needwood Singers at the Patronal Concert.

Sunday 29 September – Combined Choir singing for our annual Patronal Service.

The Music Group and its singers play for Family Praise and join with St Michael's Singers for the fourth Sunday of the month morning service. They have a flexible group of five or six players and can call on more for special services, such as Remembrance.

None of this could be achieved without great support from the singers and players, the parents and the congregation. Thanks to you all, we are really grateful. Many thanks also to Christine and Diana for their work on sorting out and refurbishing the choir robes.

Our major concern at the moment is the lack of recruitment of girls and boys to the Choirs and the Music Group. Richard is hoping to recruit four young musicians a year from Years 5 and 6 at St Michael's School. That would raise the core group of players and might also make it easier for the choir to start recruiting again. In the case of choristers we are looking at Years 3 and 4, but older children will also be welcome. Peter, Dudley, Richard and the Rector are looking at a variety of options to solve the recruitment problem and we hope to see developments in the new school/choir year.

We have a very successful Music Department at the moment but we do need to build for the future. Any influence that members of the congregation can bring to bear, or any ideas they can contribute, will be very welcome.

Ted Green

If you go down to the woods today.....

A warm, sunny, July afternoon was the perfect time for our first Teddy Bear Picnic at St Michael's Church. We had invited baptism families from recent years to bring their baptism teddies to the picnic.



In addition, we also invited people from First Steps, Messy Church and Network Church, and indeed, all our UB congregations. In the end we welcomed nearly 80 people, aged from 0 to 90+ years and it was a wonderful, fun afternoon.



Inside the church, there was a film-show and craft activities. Outside in the churchyard there was football, boules, tower-building, beanbag throwing and a lot of running around, whilst others preferred to sit, soaking up the sunshine and nattering.



Huge thanks go to: Elizabeth and the Mothers' Union team for serving tea; Ron for the film show; Helen and Vicky for running the craft table; everyone who helped set up and clear away and donated cakes, and to everyone who came along to make the afternoon such a success.

We are already looking forward to next year's Teddy Bear Picnic!

Ruth

The Church on Greenhill had a picnic
For the bears it was all meant to be
But the parents and children
Ate up all the cake
That was meant for the teddy bears' tea!

By Sheila Irvine

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD



We had a very enjoyable Summer Bioblitz in the Churchyard on Friday June 14th., from 9.30-11.00 p.m. and on Saturday June 15th., from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Over 40 people came for the Bat Walk on the Friday Evening. Conditions were not good for seeing bats. Although dry, the weather was overcast. However, we did see a number of pipistrelle bats. An excellent introductory talk was given by Phil Playford, the Leader and the Bat Detectors worked extremely well, indicating that there were many bats in the Churchyard.

Phil had put out the mammal traps earlier on the Friday evening and our first activity on Saturday morning was to open them up and see if anything had been caught. Out of the 35 traps put out, 9 wood mice were caught. After carefully looking at them they were then released back into the wild.





It was good that these and all of the other activities- tree walks, wildflower walks, bug hunts, bird and bee walks and looking for fungi attracted good numbers of people

including a pleasing number of children and their families.

At the end of the day a Presentation was given in Church of all of the species found. It was most encouraging to see that there is lots of wildlife in our Churchyard. Hopefully we will be able to attract even more in the future.

I would like to thank Caring For God's Acre, Lichfield Diocese, St. Michael's Mothers Union, Michael Toplis, the Wildlife Experts and many more people who helped in any way to make the day so successful.

Photographs and a short video can be seen on the Church Website.



Ray Allen 01543 251654

UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP



We were very fortunate to have perfect weather for walking on Saturday 22nd June, although there were some puddles and muddy patches from the rainfall earlier in the week. The walk was around a Nature Reserve in Hazelslade, an area that many of the walkers had never visited before and yet it is only 15-20 mins drive from Lichfield. The numbers were lower this time with 15 walkers and 3 dogs because it was on the same day as Mel's priesting service and also some of our regular walkers were on holiday. Brian was able to tell us some of the history of the area as he lived here as a child.

Our meal and coffee were at the Hazelslade Pub and everyone agreed that the food was superb and excellent value for money. The Landlady was the perfect hostess, so much so that the group spontaneously decided that they would like to leave a tip and had a whip-round! *Angie*

Join us for our August walk at Alrewas National Memorial Arboretum, led by Hilary

We will meet at St Michaels Church on Saturday 24th August, at 10.00am

We then take a return visit to the National Memorial Arboretum to see the new life- size bronze statue, Free Spirit Horse. The statue was unveiled in May 2019. It acknowledges the important role of the horse that it has played throughout history.

Please remember that there is a parking charge of £3 per car.

Dogs are welcome as there is a dog walking area. We take a coffee break at one of the two refreshment areas and we can eat lunch in the well provided for restaurant. As always, the Arboretum offers a variety of walks for those who do not want to stay in the main group. It is planned to walk alongside the river and return along the main avenue. The distance to walk could be approximately 2-3miles on a good surface.

We should be back in Lichfield by 3pm.

It is not necessary to pre-book the lunch. However, I would be grateful to know how many will be coming on the walk so that I can inform the Arboretum that a walking party will be visiting. Please contact me Tel. 01543482027 Mob. 07714958559 Email hilarymaybarker@gmail.com by Thursday 22nd August

Hilary

Ray Allen. 01543 251654

Camas Notes 2019

The Camas expedition this year will take place on 18-24 August, to be followed a week later by our Strawberry Tea and Grand Raffle. The group is smaller in size (14) and older than usual, which reflects the choir age range. We have high hopes of a bigger party with a much younger average age next year or in 2021.

Joe Sneddon will be leading the group and his sister, Catie, and Pippa Bryant will be the Young Leaders (YL). They will leave Lichfield TV for Glasgow at around midday on the 18th, stay overnight at Oban YH and travel by ferry to Mull on the 19th. The first afternoon will be spent under Joe and the YL's control on Iona and then the group will book in at Camas on the Monday evening. Activities will be very much as usual but Market Bay has been superceded in our affections by a new beach, Knockvologan, where we had a wonderful day last year. The group will return on the evening of Saturday 24 August, having travelled from Mull in one day.

There are three other key dates this year:

Saturday 31 August at St Michael's Church from 3-5 pm: Strawberry Tea and Grand Raffle.

Sunday 8 September: Camas Family Praise and Baptism of Gabriel Hawksworth.

Saturday 28 September: Patronal Concert by the Needwood Singers with support from the Girls' Choir. The Rector and Churchwardens have very kindly said that the church half of the proceeds can go to the Camas Fund.

Please support our young people as generously as you have in the past. Camas has moved on from Chris Polhill and now from me, but it has become an important part of our youth work at St Michael's and we want it to continue for generations to come. *Ted Green*

Camas Fundraising: There is a group going to Camas this year, led by Joe Sneddon. We're a bit behind with the fundraising but we have now set the Camas Strawberry Tea and Grand Raffle for Saturday 31 August in (and outside we hope) St Michael's Church at 3 – 5 pm. The Girls' Choir will be providing some of the programme for the Patronal Concert with the Needwood Singers on Saturday 28 September and the Rector and Churchwardens have kindly donated our church share of the proceeds to the Camas Fund - please make a special effort to support the concert as well.

Ted Green



St. Michael's Film Club

1. All is True

(101min. Cert P12A2018.) Biography, Drama, History

A look at the final days in the life of renowned playwright

William Shakespeare.

Monday 5th August 1.30pm start

Refreshments £3.00 from 1.00pm.

St. Michael's Church

All welcome.

Contact: Parish Office 01543 262211

2. Dumbo

(112min. Cert PG 2019) Adventure, Family, Fantasy

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer.

Monday 2nd September



LICHFIELD WILDLIFE GROUP





Saturday 24th August

Meet in the car park of the Fishing Lodge at 8:30 p.m.

Fisherwick Lakes, Fisherwick Wood Lane, Whittington WS13 8QF

Under-18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Contact (01543) 263082





LICHFIELD WILDLIFE GROUP





A talk by Peter Buck (Engineering Director, Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust)

> Tuesday 3 September at 7:45 p.m.

Wade Street Church Frog Lane, Lichfield WS13 6HL

Admission: £3:50 (under-16s free)

A walk at Lichfield Canal Restoration Project's Fosseway Heath Nature Reserve, led by Peter Buck

Saturday 7
September
at 10:00 a.m.

Meet at site entrance by the railway bridge at Falkland Road. Postcode WS14 0GE

Donations to The Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust are requested.

Under-18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Contact (01543) 257812



www.facebook.com/lichfieldwildlifegroup



At the beginning of July we held our traditional strawberry tea which had been prepared by three of the members and was as delicious as ever. What is the secret of Joan's shortbread recipe?

Many of our members were among the volunteers who served refreshments at the Festival concerts which were held in St. Michael's. While on the subject of food, we are looking forward to afternoon tea at the Plant Pot and an opportunity for some shopping in the garden centre.

There will be an M.U. service in the Cathedral on August 9th and several of our members are rehearsing their choir parts.

After the strawberry tea a vote of thanks was given to Elizabeth for her inspiring leadership during the past 12 months.

Betty Lyne

LARGE COPIES of the magazine are available on request

WALL NEWS

WALL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT FOR MAY/JUNE 2019-

May is the month we discuss the Annual Resolutions that are voted upon and then all delegates from every WI. Institute group go to the Annual A.G.M. The Resolutions this year are to vote on A call against the decline in local bus services, and Don't fear the Smear. After the relative discussion the votes were taken. We shall know after June, if the Resolutions were passed at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Bournemouth. Then they are passed onto Government.

Members enjoyed a visit to Wintertons one evening to see behind the scenes, to see everything an Auction house entails.

Dates and events for enjoyment were detailed, such as the walking netball festival at Stanley Park, Blackpool, 16th June, in the autumn there will be a talk by Kate Humble at the Stafford Showground, Bridge drive at Brocton on September 2nd, and a countryside walk at Marchington on 14th September.

The Committee members were asked if they wanted to stand again for another year, and votes were taken for the job of President.

Everyone agreed to stand, and Margaret Ball, retained the position of President.

We ended the evening with refreshments of Pizza, a change from our usual cheese and wine.

THE JUNE meeting began with the news that our dear friend and member Nancy Hood passed away 17th May and her funeral was held at Wall Church on 6th June. Nancy had been a member of our W.I. for over 50 years and was the producer of the Wall W.I. Bluebelle Shows which we think ran for about 12 years. They were very special times

performing and enjoying to sell out audiences. God bless you Nancy.

The topic of our speaker a Mr. Andy French was "The Billy Butlin Story". The famous Holiday Camp founder. He was born in South Africa and came to England as a baby. The family were "Showmen". He emigrated to Canada and joined the Canadian Army, He was in France during the Great War, but never saw enemy action. He went back to London in 1921. He was a great watcher of people and had the insight that people needed fun, ; he hired out bus depots to put his fairs into, and in 1928 Skegness was the first to have dodgem cars, he had 100% monopoly of these. In 1933 he employed 900 permanent staff and 2000 seasonal staff on fairgrounds. The first Holiday Camp opened in 1936 at Ingoldmells near Skegness, and Amy Johnson the famous pilot opened it. Many famous people came through the Holiday Camps, the like of Cliff Richard, Ted Rogers, Des O'Connor, Dave Allen, Johnny Ball, etc. Many more Camps were opened like Ayr, Filey, Pwllheli, Clacton, The image and the holidays were special to many people. His famous Redcoats, the "Goodnight campers" cry at 11.15 p.m. and hotels were also opened, one of which was in the Bahamas. He was given the MBE in 1944, and many of his camps were used by the Forces during the War. In 1963 he was knighted, and decided to retire to Jersey, and handed over the reins to his son. Unfortunately in the early 70"s Butlins didn't move with the times and people started going abroad for their holidays, the Butlins empire was sold to Rank Organization. Billy Butlin died in 1980 and buried in Jersey. HE shaped the British Holiday System.

I myself never stayed at a Butlin Camp but did take my children for a day to Minehead whilst staying in the area.

Our usual Scrabble, walks and rummikub dates were given out and also our Competition trophies for them. Aileen Perry won lst place for Rummikum, Pat Ellett won lst place for Scrabble, and the monthly competition trophy was won by Margaret Ball.

Knit and Knatter will take place at Pat Ellett's on 3rd July.

The visit to Bradwell in Derbyshire to see the open gardens is 10th August, with lunch available at the local pub.

The Wall Annual Show will now be in November 2020.

Enjoy the summer everyone, and all that it brings.

Margaret Wilcox

Vice President.

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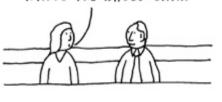
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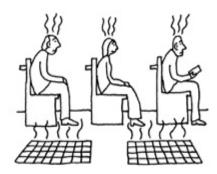
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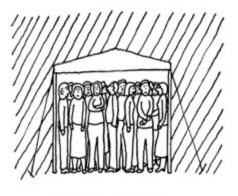
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Sunday 10.00 am	4 August	11 August	18 August	25 August
10.00 um		Family Praise		
Welcomers	Alison Anketell	Mary and Rob- ert McAllester Jones	Maureen Brand	Anne Lingwood
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Servers	Maggie Easton Kay Martin		Phil Clayton Elizabeth Allen	Kay Martin David Shiel
Communion Assistant	Maggie Easton		Elizabeth Allen	Sheila Vaughan
Intercessor	David Easton		Phil Clayton	Ted Green
Coffee	Angela Burgess Judy Godfrey	Elizabeth Allen Trish Jones	Lynn and David Edge	Caroline Green Brenda Eley
Healing				Chris and John Polhill
Transport	Brenda Liptrot	Martin Dewes	Betty Bradbury	Ray Allen
Flowers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Sunday	4 August	Sunday	11 August	25 August
12 20 nm	Pantism	6.00 pm	Communion	Evensona
12.30 pm	Baptism	6.00 pm	Communion	Evensong
		Sidesperson	David Shiel	Margaret Frean
Reader	June Frayn	Reader	Lyn Shiel	Phil Clayton
Intercessor	Caroline Green			
		Communion		
Server	Maggie Easton	Assistant	Phil Clayton	

Bible Readings

Sunday 4th August 7th Sunday after Trinity [Green]

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23 Luke 12.13-21

Sunday 11th August 8th Sunday after Trinity [Green]

Genesis 15.1-6 Luke 12.32-40

Sunday 18th August 9th Sunday after Trinity [Green]

Jeremiah 23.23-29 Luke 12.49-56

Sunday 25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity [Green]

Isaiah 58.9b—end Luke 13.10-17 Sunday 25th August
10th Sunday after Trinity
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[Green]
Isaiah 30.8-21
2 Corinthians 9

Sunday 1st September 11th Sunday after Trinity [Green]

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Luke 14.1, 7-14

Sunday 8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity [Green]

Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33



From the Registers



Baptism

St Michael	30th June	Jack Arthur Lloyd	9 mths
St Michael	7th July	Thea Kate Adams	1 yr

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