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St. Anne's East Wittering

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	10:00am	PARISH EUCHARIST and Sunday School
Tuesdays	7:00pm	Said Eucharist
Wednesdays & Thursdays	10.00am	Said Eucharist
Fridays	7.00pm	Said Eucharist (1st Friday Compline and Benediction)
Saturdays	9.30am	Said Eucharist
		Morning and Evening prayer is said Tuesday to Friday At 9:00am and 5:30pm and Saturday at 9:00am

Earnley

Sundays:	9:00am	Sung Eucharist
	6:00pm	Evensong as announced

Weddings, Holy Baptisms and Confessions on request to the Rectory
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RECTOR'S LETTER



In reflecting back over previous newsletters, I came across an article I wrote about one of my cats, Cleo, and how she could always make it known when she wanted attention by spreading herself out across my keyboard. Whenever I moved her away, she would return to stop my work. Cleo was no stranger to ecclesiastical matters; she was well known within St Anne's and was a regular visitor to church, often accompanying me to morning and evening prayer and to Sunday worship. Since that time not only have we seen new faces in church but an increase in the number of new dogs. I have to admit that Pauline and I have just undertaken to give a 'forever home' to a rescue greyhound. He's not been in church yet but has made a few visits in the hall for tea and coffee.



Now some of you may be horrified in that statement and wonder what the Church of England is coming to - 'all those changes and now they are even allowing animals into church, it was never like that in my day'. I have often had it said to me that 'church is now very different than it was in my day', meaning that, when they were small, they were taught certain values to uphold and respect. Children were to be seen and not heard and you had to be silent in church. You're not there to enjoy yourself, hymns were only to be sung from the prescribed hymn books, no deviation from the text in the order of service. Men had to remove their hats, no touching of holy vessels was allowed, and people had their favourite pews and woe betide anyone who sat in their place. These sentiments are often referred to as 'the good old days' and some lament their passing.



Now it's hard for me to accept but you might be calling me liberal or a bit trendy, but I think while moral values have sadly declined, part of the demise in church-going congregations is partly due to some wishing to lock the church in a time warp, to remain in those 'good old days', not allowing the church to evolve, and as a consequence, for some the church has now become irrelevant, out of touch with modern values, and is losing its future generations. There is often a genuine desire to attract younger people, but without the will to adapt and to change, so that they feel welcomed and at home. People do get frightened when change is mentioned, they feel as though all that they value will be lost or thrown away, but change is more taking what we value and repackaging it to make it more vibrant and alive. We have a duty to preach the gospel to every generation, we must make it relevant to people and their circumstances today. That does not mean watering down the gospel message but retelling those truths that make them active and relevant to all. Here at St Anne's and at Earnley church we are trying to alter that trend, trying to meet people where they are, using the great wealth of liturgical resource the Church of England has to offer and repackaging it in our all age worship suitable for all the family.

This is our goal, how with your help can we achieve it?

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WONDERFUL WORLD – Family Activities at Chichester Cathedral,



**Friday 1st November 2019
10am – 3pm (last entry 2.30pm)**

**Follow our themed Cathedral trail and collect
your prize when you finish!
Design and Make Creative Crafts**



No need to book just drop in - £2.50 per child Ages 3 – 11 accompanied by an adult

Suitable for children aged 3 – 11 years, accompanied by an adult. For younger siblings under 3 years there is a carpeted area with toys.

Lunch offer: one child's meal for £1.50 when an adult spends a minimum of £5.50 in the Cloisters Café between 11.45am and 2.30pm, collect your voucher when you arrive.

Join us at the Cathedral for a fun packed family day.

Our Family Activity days are popular with parents, grandparents and carers looking for a place where everyone can come together and be creative.

CATHEDRAL TRAIL

The trail around the Cathedral is themed to each activity day, making it different each time. Children choose the trail that fits their age and ability to find different places and objects within the Cathedral before collecting a prize at the end.

CRAFT ACTIVITIES

The craft element of the day gives everyone the opportunity to get creative and use our resources to make something special to take home. If you're not a crafty adult don't worry, there are lots of helpers on hand to get you started and offer support during your visit.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our Family Activity days soon.

For further details contact Luna on 01243 812998
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NEXT FAMILY ACTIVITIES: – Friday 21 February 2020

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When I was in the motor trade we frequently had seminars that told us time and time again that 'the company has a great product to sell, we need to market it in a way the consumer will buy it, otherwise the company goes bust'. The church is no different, we have the best product you could ever imagine, we need to market this product that we so freely give away!

WE NEED YOU, young and old alike, so why not come and join our family and help us make those changes.

With love and prayers, Fr Steve



Have you ever been escorted out of a public toilet by a toilet attendant? Well, probably not, but I was on 10th September. I was in The Gardens by the Bay in Singapore waiting patiently behind two young girls for my turn to use the facilities. I wasn't being rowdy, I wasn't writing on the wall, I wasn't doing anything as far as I was concerned to necessitate my expulsion, but the toilet attendant,

dressed in what we westerners might think of as typical Chinese attire – coolie hat, loose blue jacket and black trousers – beckoned to me to follow her out. As I moved, the two young girls smiled kindly at me and nodded their approval. Totally bemused and a bit apprehensive I followed the attendant, who was now standing outside pointing across a small yard to another toilet that had the disabled symbol on its door. “Senior,” she declared as I emerged, smiled at me as I thanked her and then returned to her duties in the original toilet where I'd been waiting. I wasn't quite sure how to take this but eventually came to the conclusion that this was a general concession for older people perhaps, as I'd already found that ‘seniors’ are treated with a lot of respect by the younger population here and are often encouraged to go first in a queue of younger people. Mind you, I've often found similar courtesy in our area, particularly when it comes to getting on the buses.

What was I doing in Singapore last month. Well, we were on a trip, which consisted of 3 nights in Hong Kong, then a 7 day cruise down the coast of Vietnam, finishing with two nights in Singapore. We had seen the protest marches and riots in Hong Kong before we went, and various friends had been a bit concerned about our presence there. ‘Be careful,’ they'd warned, but we saw nothing of what had been broadcast on the media. David had been in Hong Kong in his former life in the navy, but he recognised nothing except the ‘Sweet Water Canal’, so named by his colleagues because of its stench caused by sewage, dead donkeys and all the rest of the rubbish dumped in it! We were on a daylong tour when we passed this and David explained about its nickname to anyone on the bus who cared to listen.

David had spent longer in Singapore in 1965/66 and again in 1973, but again he recognised nothing there either. We passed Raffles on ‘The Big Red Bus’, but despite walking past it many times in his navy life – he couldn't afford to actually go in – he didn't recognise that either, as it was swamped by the lofty modern high-rise buildings surrounding it. Thankfully his reaction was not the same as it had been in Gibraltar some years earlier when we had been on a Mediterranean cruise – he'd had a right strop then, especially when he found that the dockyard clock had been moved!



But everything changes over time, doesn't it, and we have to accept that reality or suffer if we don't learn to. That doesn't have to mean giving up our basic principles or standards that we live by, though, does it! Just giving a little and adapting could be a start, don't you think?

WHAT ABOUT HALLOWEEN?



It's that time of year when the shops are full of pumpkins and youngsters are knocking on our doors to 'trick or treat'. How should Christians respond to Halloween? Is it simply a fun festival for the children or does it have a dark side that we should avoid?

Firstly, Christians should not respond to Halloween with *superstition*. The Bible reminds us that evil is a real force at work in our world, as '*the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour*' (1 Peter 5:8). We shouldn't underestimate his ability to blind the minds of unbelievers to the reality of spiritual warfare. (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Secondly, we can respond with *confidence*. While people are often fearful of witches, ghosts, and evil spirits, we mustn't forget that God is in control, not Satan. Jesus has secured the victory over sin and evil on the cross: '*having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*' (Colossians 2:15).

Finally, we can also offer *hope*. '*Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.*' (Romans 14:9). Halloween is an opportunity to share the hope of the gospel. For example, if we offer sweets to children calling to trick and treat, we might include information about the Christian faith or church. Or we could organise an alternative *Light Party*, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world.

C S Lewis provides a helpful balance for us: '*There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.*' (The Screwtape Letters).

EARNLEY QUIZ NIGHT 9TH NOVEMBER

Yes, it is time to test the grey matter again and help raise some money for Earnley Church restoration fund. Please come and join us for our annual, fund-raising fun quiz on

**SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AT 7 FOR 7.15PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, EAST WITTERING**



We do hope you will be able to enter a team – **maximum of six players** – for what promises to be a great evening.

There will be questions for all, a True or False round with the winner taking a cash prize, a sausage supper half way through, a raffle, prizes and trophy for the winning team! The ticket price is £9. Feel free to bring your own wine, beer or soft drinks.

To be sure of a place please book your team in now with John Stant by phone on 670227 or with Pauline Norris by text on 0774 852 1183 by, email at mediapack@btinternet.com

We regret that as space in the hall is limited we are unable to provide seating for observers. ***Hope to see you on the 9th November***



IN PRAISE OF GRANDPARENTS!

6th October is 'Grandparents Day'. Grandparents in the UK number about 17 million, or more than one in four of the adult population. Grandparents average out at 68 years of age, have four grandchildren who live 10 miles away, and who spend five hours per visit.

Grandparents have multiple roles as their grandchildren grow up: playmates, teachers, confidants, spiritual guides, mentors, role models and nurturers, as well as pray-ers. They also can keep children's milestones, family history and family events alive. Grandchildren will often discuss their personal concerns with a trusted grandparent.

Grandparents are also important for the UK economy! Nine million of them looked after their grandchildren in 2017. On average they did so for eight hours a week, and 96% received no payment.

Research has found that if grandparents go to church regularly, 60% of their grandchildren are likely to go to church also. Grandparental example is followed! As about 10% of UK grandparents are churchgoers, would a church 'Grandparents' Group,' to help grandparents meet, discuss issues and pray for their grandchildren be useful? Moses' injunction to the Israelites "not to forget the things your eyes have seen ... make them known to your children and children's children" (Deuteronomy 4:9) is a constant challenge, but Psalm 92:14 is a wonderful promise!

Grandparents' Day in the UK is the first Sunday in October. Should we put that day in our church diary for a special celebration of our grandparents?



*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My Rock in whom I trust!"*

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.*

*For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*



The treasurer made the most of his moment in the limelight

FEATURES

ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY – 6TH OCTOBER

A new scheme, the 'Animal Friendly Church', has been launched by the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals (ASWA).

In a similar way to the initiatives that encourage communities to become Fair Trade churches, the project recognises parishes and chaplaincies which operate as 'Animal Friendly Churches'. It also gives an annual prize for an example of outstanding achievement or dedication in this area.



As with Fair Trade, a huge difference can be made by people choosing to take comparatively small steps: for example, a commitment to use exclusively free range eggs or getting the Sunday school to do a project and build a 'bug hotel'.

As ASWA explains: "It isn't so long ago that people thought that Fair Trade was for eccentrics who drank strange coffee. Christians thankfully changed that culture in the church and in the wider society. This new scheme is a chance for Christians to achieve the same feat with animal welfare."

And so ASWA now awards 'Animal Friendly Church' Certificates to churches which practise and promote compassionate attitude towards God's creatures. Applicants are also automatically entered into the annual 'ASWA Animal Friendly Church of the Year Award'. The winner receives a hamper full of ethical and useful goodies for their Church, and a plaque to display on your wall.

Entries are now being accepted for 2019. Go to: <https://www.aswa.org.uk/our-work/animal-friendly/> and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

OPTING OUT

There are 100 members in our church,
But 30 are frail and elderly.

That leaves 70 to do all the work,
But 18 are young people at college.

That leaves 52 to do all the work.

But 14 are tired businessmen,

So that leaves 38 to do all the work.

But 16 are busy wives with jobs and children,

That leaves 22 to do all the work.

But a further 10 have most important outside interests,

That leaves 12 to do all the work,

But 5 live too far away to come regularly,

So that leaves 7 to do all the work.

And 5 say they've already done their bit for the church.

That leaves you and me,

And I'm exhausted.

Good luck to you!

DID YOU KNOW..?

200,000 caribou make a 500 mile journey from winter foraging grounds to summer calving grounds every year in temperatures of -40 degrees c.

20% of the world's land is desert and the driest of all is the Atacama in Chile, where in some parts not a drop of rain has ever been recorded.

3,500 species of plant can be found in Africa's Namib Desert, where temperatures can reach 60 degrees c, and the sand dunes rise to 300m in height.



DIARY DATES

- Tuesdays** 'Meet & Greet' - Memorial Hall, W. Wittering 10am - 1 pm
2nd Tuesday - Garden & Wine Club - E. Wittering VH 7.30pm
1st & 3rd Tues (Sept-May) - Wittering Camera Club - Sports Pavilion, Rookwood Road, W. Wittering, 7.30pm
- Wednesdays** **Youth Drop In Centre**, - W. Wittering Pavilion, 7.00 - 9.00pm
- 4th Wednesday - St. Anne's Fellowship Circle** - E.Wittering VH 2.30pm
- Thursdays** **1st Thursday-The Thursday Group** - Bracklesham Barn 2.00-4.00pm
- 1st Thurs** **Citizens' Advice Bureau** back of Health Centre 9.30-11.30am
- Last Thursday - VIP (Visually Impaired) Club** - Medical Centre 2.30pm
For more information or a lift please contact Jean Church on 670799.
- Fridays** 'Tea & Chat' at the URC Church , Oakfield Avenue. 1.30 pm onward

October

- Sunday 6th** Trinity 16 - Harvest Festival
Sunday 13th Trinity 17
Friday 18th. Luke the Evangelist
Sunday 20th Trinity 18
Weds 23rd James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord
Sunday 27th Last in Trinity - Bible Sunday



November

- Sunday 3rd** All saints
Monday 4th All Souls



FROM THE REGISTERS

The Recently Departed:

Sheila Robinson

Anthony Lansdell

"In my Father's house there are many rooms....." John 14 v.2



JOBS FOR THE SAINTS

ST. COLMAN OF STOCKERAU - AGAINST BEING HANGED

Colman's place of origin could have been either Ireland or Scotland as in the Middle Ages German speakers used the same word for both countries - Schottisch. Wherever he was from he was, in the story, on his way as a pilgrim to Jerusalem. Having reached Stockerau, about 6 miles from Vienna, he found that the country was in the throes of a war with Moravia and Bohemia - an area covered by the Czech Republic today. Unfortunately for Colman the Austrians were convinced he was a spy and that the way he was dressed and the fact that he seemed not to be able to understand German was all part of the plot. He was arrested and dragged off to prison.



He was stretched on the rack and interrogated. Not being able to understand German meant of course that he didn't know what they were asking him, and they, unable to understand Gaelic, didn't know that he was asking them why he was being tortured. Because he wouldn't admit to being a spy, the local magistrate ordered that Colman should be hanged from a dead elder tree. There he was left as an example to any future would-be spies. There he stayed for 18 months, during which time no animals or birds tried to feed on his body nor did it show any signs of decaying. Meanwhile the dead elder tree came back to life, cradling his body amongst its leaves. The people of Stockerau came to the conclusion that they had killed an innocent man.

Colman's body was taken down and buried at Melk Abbey nearby. It wasn't long before his story spread throughout the German-speaking lands – Bavaria, Swabia, Bohemia and Austria. Criminals and prisoners began to pray to him to save them from being hanged. Pilgrims started to come to his shrine and petition him for a myriad of favours. The stories of this miracle worker spread to Rome and successive popes encouraged pilgrims to go to his tomb. In 1713 plague spread throughout the area around Melk and the monks fashioned a 70 pound beeswax candle and kept it burning before his shrine until the plague died out. His feast day is October 13th. **CRC**

DEFINITIONS

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.



NEVER GET USED TO INJUSTICE

Hedi Fried was 19 when she arrived at Auschwitz from Hungary. Shortly afterwards she said goodbye to her parents for the last time. Now 94, she channels her extraordinary philosophy into Holocaust awareness by visiting schools in her adopted home of Sweden. These are the questions she hears most often from pupils.



What is the worst thing that has happened to you?

The moment I was separated from my parents. But I will tell you the road that led there. The Germans' planned extermination of the Jews was a very slow process, very cleverly calculated. Just as the eye cannot observe the metamorphosis of a flower from bud to rose in full bloom, we did not notice the small, almost imperceptible steps that would lead, eventually to the full execution of their plan. All of a sudden a change for the worse was introduced, but you could live with it. It would pass, we thought. It did not pass. Instead there was another change. One of the lessons from the Holocaust is this: never get used to injustice. An injustice is like a grain of sand in your hand; on its own its weight may seem insignificant, but injustices have a tendency to multiply, they soon become so heavy that you can no longer bear them.

What helped you survive/

"How did you cope?" many students say to me. "I would have died." You may think so, but dying is not easy. It can be difficult to live but it is all that we know, and we cling to life until the very end. What helped was having my sister with me. We felt responsible for each other, there was a meaning to the meaningless. If she was downhearted, I tried to cheer her up. If I was sad, she joked around. We would probably not have survived without each other. The thought that we must survive in order to tell of everything that had happened to us, was often in our minds. At the same time, we doubted that anyone would want to listen.

How often do you think about your time in the camps?

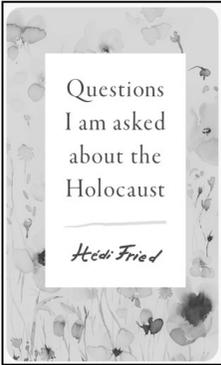


Most survivors find it difficult to talk about what happened to them, and so it lingers as a constant ache. Because I talk about it, and write books about it, it is not present in my consciousness, though it is there under the surface, and not much is needed for it to rise up. If I walk down the street and hear a dog barking behind me, I am back in the camp instantaneously, in a group of girls in rows of five on their way to work, guarded by SS soldiers. If someone stops or falls out

of line, we know they will set the dogs on her. I can feel the fear and the icy wind that blew through my thin dress, and the pain in my raw feet.

Do you hate the Germans?

Hate is a natural reaction to being wronged, and it must be accepted for what it is. However, you do not get far with hatred, it is very counterproductive. Hatred does not affect the hated, but the one who hates feels terrible. It arouses vengeful feelings, and, if these are acted upon, the hated will soon become the one who hates. It leads to a never-ending spiral of hatred.



After everything, do you believe in God?

Faith can be helpful on life's journey, regardless of one's religion. I have kept the same faith I had before the Holocaust. I was raised Jewish and have remained a Jew. But I do not believe my God is special. If there is a God, it is the same God that we all share, whether we use the name Jehovah, Christ or Allah. I don't believe that God can be in heaven and watching over each and every one of us, telling us how we should act. God is found deep inside us, in the moral compass that helps us solve life's problems. The Golden Rule, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,' can be found in all religions and in all languages. If all people decided to be led by it, we would live in a better world.

Do you see yourself in today's refugees?

When I see the shocking pictures of ramshackle, overcrowded boats on the Mediterranean, I can see myself sitting there. Instead of being met by a helping hand, they are met by high walls and indifferent people who have lost their humanity. I see the same egotism and irresponsibility that existed in the beginning of the 1930s, but even stronger.



What made you start lecturing?

I finally realised that I had survived so that someone could tell of what happened during the Holocaust. If it fades into oblivion, no one will remember that six million Jews, and countless communists, gay people, people with disabilities, Roma and others – considered to be less than human value – ever existed. I have lectured for many years, and I have done so for two reasons, so that the names of my parents, Frida Klein Szmuk and Ignatz Szmuk, shall live on, and so that coming generations shall take the lessons of the Holocaust to heart, so that they will never have to experience anything like what I have been through.

Could it happen again?

Looking back on the course of history, we can conclude that just one generation is enough for the experiences of the past to pass into oblivion. We apprehend the world both with the mind and with the heart. If knowledge only addresses the mind it is easily forgotten. It must also reach the heart, where it can awaken emotional learning. There are still a few eyewitnesses who can speak about their own experiences. Soon there will be no eyewitnesses left, and in order to try to prevent these horrors from happening again, our stories must be passed on. We already have a nominated day of remembrance, January 27. I hope that this becomes a long-lived tradition, through which new generations can pass on the story and tell it in a way that reaches their listeners' hearts.

Extracts from *Questions I am asked about the Holocaust* by Hedi Fried, translated by Alice E. Olsson. It was published on 27th January 2019 (Scribe UK, £12.99)

Taken from The Big Issue, 21-27 January, 2019.

5 TIPS TO HELP A CHILD FEEL CALM AND HAPPY

Children's mental health is every bit as important as their physical health. Some simple mindfulness techniques can teach them that they are in charge of their thoughts and feelings. These skills can be very empowering and increase feelings of happiness and self-confidence., meaning they get off to a great start in life. The following five top tips are based on our expertise working with children and young people, and are focused on helping them dial down negative and anxious thoughts, and dwell on positive ones.

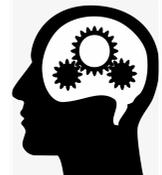


- 1. Give a teddy a calm ride.** Using a favourite stuffed animal, ask the child to lie flat on its back with teddy on its tummy and put its hands on the teddy. As it breathes in and out, ask it to focus its attention on the gentle rise and fall of the toy as it breathes in and out. This is great for children who have trouble sleeping or feeling calm.
- 2. Pop thoughts in the happiness box.** Each time something happens that puts a smile on the child's face, ask it to write it down on a piece of paper, and pop it in a clear jar. Younger children can join in too by asking you to write their 'happy' moments down for them. It can be as simple as capturing when someone says or does something nice for them. Whenever the child feels down, pull a 'happy' note out of the jar to remind it of positive things.
- 3. Practice the 'I'm glad because' exercise.** At the end of each day, ask the child to reflect on five things that it's glad about that happened during the day. That way it'll go to sleep feeling grateful for the day and positive about the next.
- 4. Try a one-minute silence walk.** It's always fun to go for a walk with the child and take the time to notice and comment on things you see. Agree that for one minute you will each be completely silent and concentrate on the sound you can hear and the thoughts in your head and feelings in your body. Afterwards, you can talk about what you felt, heard and thought.
- 5. Shake your mind jar.** Either using a snow globe or a homemade one (with glitter, water and glycerin in a closely screwed jar), shake it up and watch the storm. When you sit and breathe deeply and watch the storm settle, your mind will feel settled too. This is a good one to keep in teenagers' rooms for when they may be feeling stressed or anxious.

Taken from *Believe*, a Barnardo's publication, Summer edition

BEWARE OF PREDICTING THE FUTURE

Brain-work will cause her to become bald, while increasing masculinity and contempt for beauty will induce the growth of hair on her face. In the future, therefore, women will be bald and wear long moustaches and patriarchal beards. *Professor Hans Friedenthal of Berlin University on the evolution of women after Higher Education and voting rights, 1914*



A VAMPIRE STORY FOR HALLOWEEN



Two nuns, Sister Mary Agnes and Sister Mary Vincent, were travelling through Europe in their car, sight-seeing in Transylvania. As they are stopped at a traffic light, out of nowhere, a small vampire jumped onto the bonnet of their car and hissed at them through the windshield. "Quick, quick!" shouted Sister Mary Agnes, "What should we do?"

"Turn the windscreen wipers on. That will get rid of the abomination," said Sister Mary Vincent. Sister Mary Agnes switched on the wipers, which knocked the mini-Dracula around. But still he hung on and continued hissing at the nuns. "What shall I do now?" she shouted.

"Try the windscreen washer. I filled it with holy water before we left the Vatican," replied Sister Mary Vincent. Sister Mary Agnes turned on the windscreen washer. The vampire screamed as holy water burned his skin, but he hung on and continued hissing at the nuns.

"Now what?" shouted Sister Mary Agnes.

"Well, show him your cross," urged Sister Mary Vincent.

"Now you're talking," said Sister Mary Agnes. She opened the window and shouted: "You stupid vampire! Get off our car!"



THE FEUD



There was a feud between the minister and the choir director of a local church. It seems the first hint of trouble came when the minister preached on *'Dedicating Ourselves to Service'* and the choir director chose: *'I Shall Not Be Moved'*.

Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the minister put the incident behind him. The next Sunday he preached on *'Giving'*. Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the director led them in the hymn: *'Jesus Paid It All'*.

By this time, the minister was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. Sure enough, the minister's sermon on *'The Sin of Gossiping'* was followed with the choir director's *'I Love To Tell The Story'*.

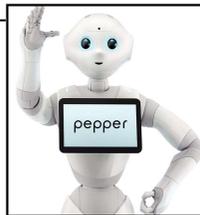
There was no turning back. The following Sunday the minister told the congregation that unless something changed, he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the choir director led them in: *'Why Not Tonight?'*



Truthfully, no one was surprised when the minister left a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The choir director could not resist: *'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'*.

F O R: 'Improves engagement'

We have been working with Middlesex University for several years on its parenting programmes, and got involved with its 'Let's Get Started with Maths' project as we felt it was an innovative approach, combining EdTech with parent engagement in education. The programme is aimed at reception children and their parents, and will involve Pepper, the Social Assistive Humanoid Robot as a teaching assistant. Parents and children will undertake maths activities, some via an iPad and from instruction provided by Pepper.



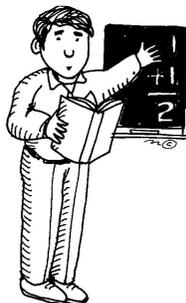
A 'Let's Play' section involves physical activities incorporating counting. During this section the parents have a 'Let's Talk' session, which is an opportunity for them to discover how they can support their child's maths learning and develop relationships with each other. We believe children will benefit from improved engagement in the learning process through the use of technology, while parents will develop skills and techniques to support their child's education, and with the school and other parents.

Charlotte Davis, executive head teacher, Victoria Academies.

A G A I N S T: 'Teaching is about relationships'

As a physics teacher, I spend my day educating young people about the benefits of science and technology. But we also discuss appropriate use. Science gave us plastic, and while being a fantastically versatile material, it is damaging to our environment. In just the same way we need to think carefully about the use of artificial intelligence. Teaching is about relationships. Human beings are a social species and we respond most effectively to learning in a communal environment from another human.

If you ask any adult what they remember about school, they often refer to a person. My favourite teacher was a physics teacher. I could not tell you specifically what made Mr Beckett my favourite teacher, but something made me connect to him. That sort of human connection sticks with you, and you won't get that from a machine. How would a machine know to recognise when Sarah is fizzing with rage over something Lucy said at break, and know to possibly change the task to something light-hearted? Would a machine know to engage Andy with genuine talk about a football team to get him to open up? Head teachers might like the sound of the Educator 3000 because it is cheaper than a human, but that doesn't make it right. Education and educators should not be cheap. Technology will always have its place in our classrooms, but they must remain our classrooms.



Bob Webb, physics teacher.

Taken from 'Educate', the NEU's publication for May/June 2019



FEATURES -THOUGHTS ON THE BUS - THE 09.32

Crisis, we have an arrangement clash. My friend is meeting me at the next prearranged stop but I have got to take the dog for swimming. So the car comes out to intercept him early. We get to the Selsey farmyard by crossing the busy traffic carefully. In the farmyard tented dog pool they are all having a go up and down on long leads. Some have floatation aids, poor things. They can't complain but the tails stop wagging after 20 minutes and they look like drowned rats. Only small dogs today, bigger ones another time.

We get back to dump the car and catch the late 10.26 -52 bus. It is a relief to lose the car after the log jam traffic on the Selsey and Birdham straights. Bus luxury. Among friends. Soft seats with leg room. At the Chi bus station the coffee bar chat is happiness personified.



In digitally timed 18minutes there is a Bognor bus. That will do as it is so convenient, five an hour and about a half hour run. We cross the A27 which is at full locked capacity. We are going south to beach holiday.

In the Alexandra Theatre the atrium is therapeutic with organ music and an 80p mug of tea. A quiet sun trap.

As it is 12.30 and my colleague had cornflakes last at 07.30, he has scampi and I Caesar salad in the Brewers Fayre. This a 2 for 1 treat for a negligible price in a window seat.

Across to the beach bench seats to shine with the promenaders. I go for two single scoop tubs. Mine is vanilla the other is coffee ice cream. Delicious. The five year olds are buzzing the play beach swings. These are family time chirpy joys.

I get home first on the 53 at about 4pm.

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BLESS THIS GENDER NEUTRAL SHIP AND ALL WHO SAIL IN.....IT

Shiver me timbers! Those politically correct land-lubbers have decided that generations of seafaring tradition must end. In a move that would scupper the custom of launching a boat with the words 'God bless her and all who sail in her...' a leading museum wants to make sailing vessels gender neutral. For centuries ships have been referred to as 'she' and given feminine names. But the Scottish Maritime Museum says it is to introduce a 'gender-neutral interpretation' of craft and call them 'it'.

Officials say it is because signs on exhibits bearing the words 'she' and 'her' have been vandalised. However, critics have accused them of caving in to a few politically correct protesters. David Mann, director of the museum in Irvine, North Ayrshire, said it is looking to phase in the use of gender-neutral signs that 'recognise the changes in society'. He says he has been forced to act after an incident last week in which vandals scratched out the words 'she' and 'her' on a sign explaining one vessel's history. Mr Mann said it is the second time the 'very expensive' signs have been targeted and the museum – which holds an important collection of historic vessels, artefacts and ship-building tools – cannot afford to keep repairing them.



MISSION ON THE CRICKET FIELD



If you know anything about cricket, you'll know that in Pakistan it's a national obsession. Even the country's Prime Minister, elected last year, is former international cricket hero Imran Khan. So if you're engaged in mission and you want to reach all levels of Pakistan society, including huge numbers of young people, where do you need to be? On the cricket field.

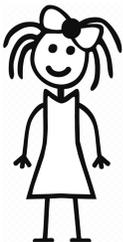
For the last 17 years, Bible Society in Pakistan has been running a national sports tournament. Around 30,000 competitors, aged from 13 up to 30, take part in football, badminton, athletics and basketball tournaments. But the real draw is the professionally run T20 cricket competition. Anthony Lamuel, who leads our team in Pakistan and admits he'll 'still swing the bat' if he has the chance, says, "Sport brings everyone onto a common platform. You forget everything when you are playing out there. The only thing is wanting to win, full stop."

Teams of Christians, Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus all take part, and there's widespread positive media coverage. It's fiercely competitive, with balls flying down the wicket and each six loudly cheered. But there's a spirit of friendship and sportsmanship. Crucially, before every match, the teams listen to a 15 minute Bible talk. A pastor is assigned to each game and, before a ball is allowed to be bowled, they pray. Last year 30,000 Scripture booklets, wonderfully entitled *Jesus is an ideal Captain*, were also handed out. But it's not just the scale and professionalism of his ministry that's taking place at all.....

Pakistan is in the top five most dangerous countries in the world in which to follow Jesus. Only 1.8% of the population are Christians, and there have been a number of brutal terrorist attacks on churches. Indeed, one of Anthony's nephews was widowed when nine people were killed by gunmen who stormed a church in December 2017. More recently, the release of Asia Bibi, a Christian who spent eight years on death row, after being accused of insulting the Prophet Muhammed, triggered violent protests and death threats.....But on the cricket pitch, for 40 overs, that can be put to one side.

"The beauty of sport is that you come together," said Anthony. "We don't go wanting to convert people, we just want to share the love of Christ and share that, as Christians, we love human beings, we are made in God's image and we need to respect each other. It's the way we present ourselves, the way people look at us, that's the witness.

Taken from Word in Action, a Bible Society publication



THE SERMON

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mummy, if we give him some money now, will he let us go?"

FAMILY BIBLE SURPRISE

A little boy was fascinated as he fingered through the pages of the old family Bible. Suddenly, an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages fluttered out. "Mum, come quick!" he cried. "I think I just found Adam's underwear!"

QUOTATION MARKS AND SEMI-COLONS

I have a passion for quotations. I am the editor of The Oxford Dictionary of Humorous Quotations. My wife is the compiler of a dictionary of theatrical quotations. We rarely attempt to say anything original to each other. We simply exchange other people's brilliant banter. For quotations, one requires quotation marks... Quotation marks are used to mark the beginning and end of direct speech – 'You don't need a bigger screen,' she said. 'Just move the sofa closer to the one you've got.'



In British English, single inverted commas are used more frequently than double ones. In American English it's the other way around. Either is acceptable, but having made your choice, stick with it. You only use both sorts if you happen to have a quote within a quote – or, as I think of it, a quotation within a quotation: 'Money talks. All mine ever seems to say is "Goodbye".'

SEMI-COLONS

This won't take long; it's important, believe me....It's providing a pause that is longer and more significant than a comma, and less abrupt and intrusive than a full stop. For those who relish nuance in their punctuation it's the go-to punctuation mark. I love the semi-colon; for my money, it's undervalued and underused.

It should be used between two main clauses that balance each other – or contradict each other – but are too closely linked to be written as separate sentences. I love my wife; she loves me. I love my cat; my dog doesn't give a damn. You must use a semi-colon when a comma is replacing a full stop in a quotation, or a quotation is linking two separate sentences: 'I'm so sorry to have to tell you this,' he said; 'your cat has croaked.'

'Would you like her cremated?' his assistant inquired; 'we have a special offer this month.'

Semi-colons come in handy too, with lists, when a comma alone is not up to the job.

This example shows how poor punctuation can be confusing: 'At the party we saw a stranger kissing the host, the hostess, the stepson who appeared as high as a kite and a budgerigar that had escaped from its cage.'

Commas in this instance simply can't deliver. Surely the stranger wasn't kissing the entire family? And was the stepson as high as both a kite and a budgerigar? Here only the much-maligned semi-colon can do the trick: 'At the party we saw a stranger kissing the host; the hostess; the stepson, who appeared as high as a kite; and a budgerigar that had escaped from its cage.'

Taken from Gyles Brandreth writing in The Daily Mail, October 2018



SCHOOL

A little girl was struggling with her first term at school. "I'm just wasting my time," she sobbed to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

WARNING

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her father donning his dinner jacket, she objected. "Oh Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit."..... Bemused, her father asked why not. The little girl explained: "Because you know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

POLE TO POLE - MY Esperanza sets out



The arms of Tower Bridge parted earlier this year so our ship, the Esperanza – aka the Espy – could pass through. It had made a short stop in London as we launched our new Blueprint for Ocean Protection, before the crew set sail for the Arctic, ready to begin a groundbreaking voyage. For almost a year, people from all walks of life – from marine engineers and climate scientists to volunteer deckhands – are joining us on the Espy to travel Pole to Pole from the Arctic to the Antarctic. We're taking this pioneering voyage to understand how our seas and marine life are changing, and to highlight the many threats facing our oceans. Ultimately, we want to help build irresistible worldwide pressure for a strong Global Ocean Sanctuary.

Our plan is to witness a year in the life of our oceans. We'll encounter the unique wildlife of both Poles, from beluga whales in the Arctic to iconic penguins of the Antarctic, via colossal squid, loggerhead turtles and many other underwater wonders inbetween. We'll document everything, from the illegal fishing vessels plundering the South Atlantic to seabeds that mining companies are intent on ploughing up for profit. At every stage we'll collect evidence and make a case for ocean protection, as governments at the UN continue negotiations towards a Global Ocean Treaty. These talks – which are due to finish in 2020 – provide an historic opportunity, and the science is clear: we need the Treaty to deliver a network of ocean sanctuaries covering at least a third of the world's oceans by 2030.

These protected areas would not only provide a safe haven for wildlife to recover – they would benefit us all. Healthy oceans provide food security for billions of people. They play a crucial role in storing carbon and keeping climate change under control. Our fate and the fate of our oceans are intimately connected.

30x30: OUR PLAN FOR OCEAN PROTECTION

Following a year-long collaboration with the University of York and the University of Oxford, we recently published '30x30: A Blueprint for Ocean Protection'. The report shows exactly what a planet-wide network of ocean sanctuaries needs to look like, and the benefits this would bring. The research team broke down the oceans classed as international waters – which belong to us all and cover almost half the planet – into 25,000 squares of 100km x 100km. They then mapped out how it's entirely feasible to achieve scientists' calls to safeguard 30% of our oceans, by creating ocean sanctuaries that protect the full spectrum of marine life. The need is immediate and the means are readily available. All that is needed is the political will.

ITINERARY

1. **ARCTIC** The frontline of warming oceans, with polar bears, whales and other wildlife facing food shortages and habitat loss, top scientists joining us will document the damage already being done to this fragile region by climate change.

2. **LOST CITY** The spectacular collection of venting towers and chimneys was only discovered 20 years ago. It's like nowhere on earth, but is already at risk from deep sea mining – a powerful symbol of what we need to protect together from industries seeking to plunder the oceans. Gretchen, the scientist who discovered it, will join us to dive almost a kilometre down and show exactly what mining here would put at risk.

3 **SARGASSO SEA** It's famous for floating forests of seaweed where loggerhead turtles feed and find shelter, but how much damage is plastic pollution doing? We'll arrive in the summer to find out.

POLE TO POLE - OUR ITINERARY AND CREW

4. **AMAZON REEF** A Greenpeace expedition captured the first images of this pristine underwater reef. Now we'll return to learn more about how oil drilling here would put the ecosystem at risk and fuel climate change.

5. **MOUNT VEMA** A second Greenpeace ship, the Arctic Sunrise, will travel to Mount Vema, an underwater mountain, which has been devastated by historic industrial fishing. It's a perfect reminder of why protection is urgently needed.

6. **SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC** Aka the Wild West of industrial fishing, far from scrutiny, this area is infamous for illegal and unreported fishing – often on a massive scale. We'll be on the lookout for the ships involved.

7. **ANTARCTIC** Arriving in early 2020, our crew will study this fragile ecosystem inhabited by emperor penguins, colossal squid and great whales. Parts of the Antarctic are warming up dangerously fast. We'll see what's happening – and make sure a strong Global Ocean Treaty follows.

CREW - What's life like on board the Esperanza? Assistant cook Alice shares her favourite moments.

What have been the early highlights as you've begun your epic journey? - *Seeing a glacier up close. We sailed past and it was just breathtaking to see, knowing it has been there for thousands of years.*

What are you most looking forward to seeing? - *I'm really hoping to see some more Arctic wildlife. As our trip has taken place early in the season, we've mostly seen sea birds so far. Seeing a whale or polar bear would be amazing.*

What do you hope the voyage will achieve? - *I hope this journey really spreads the message to the world about how crucial it is to protect our oceans. As we've experienced already on this trip, the temperature is warmer in the Arctic now than it has been in previous years, and I've even seen plastic in the water. It really proves how our actions and decisions can impact even the most remote places, so we need to act now.*

How would you sum up the experience of sailing on a Greenpeace ship in five words? *Exciting, unpredictable (in a good way!), breathtaking, worthwhile, family.*

BUILDING PRESSURE POLE TO POLE

Our crew's journey began in the Arctic, where warming oceans, retreating ice and ocean acidification are already big problems. Wildlife like polar bears and walrus have spent thousands of years adapting to conditions there, but the climate is changing drastically. Scientists sailing with us are exploring how climate change is affecting the algae bloom that attracts zooplankton, which in turn attracts blue whales to this spectacular place.

A strong Global Ocean Treaty could stop and reverse the damage being done in the Arctic and across the globe. This is our chance. Decisions made in the coming months will affect how governments and industries behave at sea for decades to come. Our epic voyage will help ensure everyone involved in negotiations knows just how much is at risk.

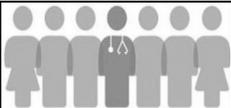
ACT NOW

World leaders are meeting between now and 2020 to discuss a Global Ocean Treaty that could pave the way for a network of ocean sanctuaries, but this will only happen if millions of us rise up to protect our blue planet. By signing our petition today at greenpeace.org/uk/protect-the-oceans

SAVE THE ARCTIC 

Taken from Greenpeace's 'Connect', Summer edition

COMMUNITY NEWS



BOOK IN FOR YOUR FLU VACCINATION AT WITTERINGS MEDICAL CENTRE NOW!

Clinics for 65s and over are being held on:
Saturday 21 September & Saturday 12 October: 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

Clinics for under 65s at high risk (certain medical conditions, pregnant ladies, eligible carers and healthcare workers) are being held in October:

Thursday mornings 7.20 am – 8.30 am

Thursday afternoons 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

To book your appointment call 01243 671833



By the time
you make ends
meet, they
move the ends.



An unbreakable
toy is useful for
breaking other
toys.

How does
Moses make
his tea?
Hebrews it

The family that
sticks together
should bathe
more often.

BOOKS



John Hyatt has a large collection of books from the stock of King's Bookshop, of varied subjects and authors.

Come and browse, you may find something of interest.

John can also order books.

These can be found in

Wittering Walk-

in Dean Semain's emporium

Second Chance- look for the sign.

As John is the only member of staff, the 9-5 hours will not necessarily apply; please be patient.

If Jesus tried to feed the 5000 today... ☺



WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 8.30AM SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER (DOORS OPEN AT 8.00AM)



**THE BARN (HARVESTER),
BARNFIELD DRIVE, CHICHESTER PO19 7AG
(Opposite Homebase -Free Parking)**



**Reverend Tony Jackson will be with us and we look forward to his inspiring talk.
Forty years giving little thought to God.**



Tony has lived in Malta, Hong Kong and West Africa. He served in the Royal Navy and worked as a stand-up comedian, publican, bouncer, bingo caller and gadget sales demonstrator. Tony was divorced. His background includes violent petty criminal, prison, homelessness, living on the streets and in squats, an alcoholic, drug abuser and scavenging food from dustbins to eat.

He thought he had been everywhere, seen and done everything but nothing had prepared him for a life changing Vision of Jesus Christ. Tony was set free, healed, delivered and restored by God. He re-married, attended bible college and became a church pastor. Tony is now retired but continues to be involved in short term mission in many parts of the world as he has in the past 15 years

As always, we welcome all men irrespective of faith or none. It's an excellent opportunity to bring along non-Christian friends and neighbours to join us for breakfast, fellowship and to hear this interesting and maybe life changing talk.

Cost Just £8 - includes the 'Harvester recommends' or other set cooked breakfast (there are several) or waffles & eggs plus unlimited coffee/tea, unlimited cereals, toast, pancakes etc from the breakfast bar (for an extra £2 you are welcome to order the unlimited breakfast! which means you can have as many cooked items as you wish).

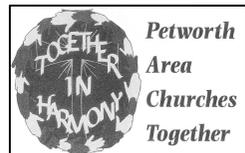
Contact Peter Sutton 07813 024 585

PACT AUTUMN LECTURE

Friday 11th October 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Petworth, GU28 0AD.

Petworth Area Churches Together have invited Mrs Davina Irwin-Clark, the Queen's High Sheriff for West Sussex, to speak on *A Day in the Life of a High Sheriff*. In her role, she is responsible for supporting the judiciary, police, prison service and the Lord Lieutenant. In her year, she will focus on fractured families, marriage breakdown and children going into crisis.

- Excellent canapés and wine afterwards.
- Loos at church. Free entry - All welcome.
- Ample free parking 6 minutes walk away.
- Organised by PACT - Petworth Area Churches Together



Further details from Gerald 01798 342151 or Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com

ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE -
WITTERINGS & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP



50'S/60'S EVENING

ON SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 7.30PM TO 10.30PM

AT EAST WITTERING VILLAGE HALL

Included in your ticket price of £15 will be a Fish & Chip Supper/Dessert and there will be a licensed bar. We look forward to seeing you all again, dress optional.

Please contact Jean 670799 or Sandie 670163 for your tickets

COFFEE MORNING

AT RUSSELLS GARDEN CENTRE

ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER FROM 10AM - 11.30AM.

Look forward to seeing you at our October fund-raising events.

Best wishes Raynor



YOUR GOOD MORNING CALL

This free new initiative beginning in October 2019, and set up by trained and DBS checked volunteers, aims to address loneliness and vulnerability in older age, by making a daily phone call to you for a chat to see if you are ok.

The Witterings, Bracklesham and surrounding villages have a relatively elderly population with many retirees, a high proportion of whom have lost their partners and live alone, often far from their families and friends; as a result, there is an increased risk of loneliness and social isolation.

A request for this service was initiated by local people through our Community Warden, Drew Allardice, working in partnership with Selsey Community Forum (Registered Charity No. 1156460). We are also working closely with local groups and the Witterings Medical Centre.

You can request a call yourself or refer someone you know. All referrals will be treated in the strictest confidence.

This service will operate from Bracklesham Barn with huge support from the Parish Council.

For further information please ring 07949704175

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH Oakfield Ave, East Wittering



Pastor Mr John Gunning "Glen Two" Bracklesham Lane
Earnley, West Sussex PO20 7JE Tel. (01243) 511121

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30 am

Children can attend a lively Sunday School during the second half of the service.

Holy Communion 10 am on the 1st Sunday of the month

In the Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month

Bible based services seeking to learn more of God

Bible Study - Mondays 6pm Thursdays 10.30am

Thursday Fellowship 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2.15pm

Varied topics – tea and cake!

Friday Tea and Chat 2pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ALL OF THE ABOVE!

**DOES YOUR GROUP OR CLUB
REQUIRE A PLACE FOR MEETINGS?**

St. Anne's church may be able to help.

Contact Fr. Steve 01243 672260

Or Barbara on 01243 670791



**ST PETER'S R.C. CHURCH, Church Road, East Wittering.
Tel: 673194**

Priest in charge:

Canon Tom Treherne
(St Richard's Chichester) 782343

Sacraments

Sundays:

Mass 9.00am

Fridays:

Mass 10.00am

Holy Days of Obligation: 10.00am

Sacrament of Penance:

First Friday of the month at 9.30am

