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The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and Holy Trinity Ventnor and **St Boniface** Bonchurch



A sower went out to sow his seed

Luke 8:5

JUNE 2017

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Morning Prayer

Tuesday - Bonchurch Old Church - **8am**

Wednesday - St Catherine's Church and Thursday Holy Trinity Church - **9am**

Friday - Bonchurch Parish Church - **8.30am**

All Welcome

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

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FORWARD INTO GROWTH.....

...is what's happening all over our beautiful Island at present! Walking with friends this week near Bleak Down, the last of the bluebells glowed in the sun, the red campions swayed in the breeze, the buttercups glistened and the foxgloves were thrusting up towards the sky.

And Forward into Growth is what we all pray for in our churches. About forty people from all three churches gave up their time and made an effort in Lent and beyond to talk about the different sections of the LYCIG course, because they cared about the growth of the church, while others who were unable to attend, prayed about it.

BUT, it's important that the discussion that took place isn't the end product! A lot of people wrote down the things that they'd like to see happen, for themselves in their personal growth, and within their church, and so now it's the next stage, when those ideas are presented to everyone for **PRAYER** and **ACTION!**

I know that an "audit" of church life is something we've done before, in the far past and more recently, but times change, congregations change, circumstances change and needs change! So it's always worth looking at things again, hopefully with fresh eyes, for the new opportunities the Holy Spirit gives us.

Accordingly, we took time to correlate all the ideas, **YOUR** ideas, and came up with five sections:

For ourselves....the things we felt we needed to do on a personal level,

For **ALL** our churches....the things we all need to think about,

For our individual churches, with their different styles, different buildings and different needs.

All the ideas are being incorporated into a booklet, available to everyone.

We shall then spend the week of the Archbishops' Initiative, "Thy Kingdom Come", when they have asked us to focus on praying for our nation, to pray for our LYCIG initiatives as well. All the prayer-times will start at 9a.m.

On Monday, May 29th, we'll meet at St Catherine's, and think of our own growth in faith.

On Tuesday at Holy Trinity, we'll pray about our mutual concerns.

At St Catherine's on Wednesday, we'll consider the aims of that church.

We'll look at the ideas from Holy Trinity there on Thursday.

On Friday at Bonchurch Parish Church, we'll think about the things mentioned by Bonchurch people,

And on Saturday, we'll sum up the week at Bonchurch Old Church.

THEN, on Thursday, June 15th, we would invite you all to join us in the evening at 6:30 for a meal together to celebrate and pray about the way forward for our plans, as we lead forward into growth for all our churches in numbers, depth of spirituality and outreach and involvement in the community

Please come to as many of the prayer-times as possible, and put our Celebration Evening in your diary!

Gill

St Boniface Patronal Festival celebrations

SUNDAY 4th JUNE

6.pm PRAYERS IN THE OLD CHURCH



6.15pm WELL BLESSING

**6.30pm FESTAL EVEN SONG
(BCP)
IN THE PARISH CHURCH**



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Along with a number of others I attended a 'Quiet Day' at Carisbrooke Priory at the end of April, organised as a follow-up to the course we had run at Holy Trinity last year called 'The Way'. I had never been on a day like this, and in fact had never spent much time at the Priory, apart from singing in the chapel on one occasion some years ago. If I am honest, I really only went to support Hugh, who was keen to offer the opportunity to people, and to support Tim Slade and Lynn New who, with Hugh, were guiding the day. I knew a lot of work had gone into the preparation, and I did not want to see it go to waste.

Well, am I glad I went! It was such an interesting day, and as the afternoon wore on, the sun came out and we were fully able to benefit from the lovely surroundings of the Priory to immerse ourselves in the concept of peace and 'quiet' time.

The three sessions, introduced in sequence by Hugh, then Lynn and finally by Tim, looked at different aspects of our own being and how we can grow closer to listening to God. Hugh began by getting us all to slow down, and recognise the benefit of passive behaviour. I was strongly affected by the concept of the dignity of waiting. I was reminded of this attribute when listening to politicians in the run up to the local and the general elections, and thought how much more dignity there could be in the whole process if a bit of quiet was introduced!!

Lynn then re-introduced us to an author she had referred to in the earlier course, and explained how life can be like a valley with two hills either side. The experience of falling (from grace or due to some misfortune, for example) can help us to re-evaluate the importance of life from the vantage point of the opposite side of the valley. I am sure we are all aware of people who have expressed this awakening to the value of life, following some serious illness or other unhappy time.

Finally Tim relied on another book by the same author to demonstrate the theory of the 'False' self and the 'True' self, and the journey from one to the other. The identity you create for yourself to start out in life, and how it is always in some way inadequate and wanting. As you move closer to God, you find your true identity, and reach a sense of contentment. God is in you, and you are in God.

After each introduction, we were given the run of the Priory, not open to the public on weekends and so blissfully quiet, with just the sound of the

birds singing and the sheep bleating in the nearby fields. The gardens were oases of peace, and we were all able to find a quiet spot, either inside or outside to reflect on the concepts to which we had been introduced. We had a short reflective prayer service in the chapel at midday, and a short discussion to round off the day, to see how we had each reacted to the experience.

We will all have found something slightly different to take away with us I am sure, but all of us were grateful to have been given the chance to examine our spirituality in such a delightful setting. If you would like to try this out sometime, keep your eyes open for future dates announced via the pew sheets, and also keep an eye on the website for Carisbrooke Priory, where Lynn is running a series of quiet days over the next few months. Make a bit of space in your busy lives for some quiet reflection. I can guarantee you will find it is worth it.

(The books which we were guided by are as follows:

'Stature of Waiting' by W H Vanstone (out of print but you might find a copy available second hand on-line)

'Falling Upwards' by Richard Rohr

'Immortal Diamond' by Richard Rohr)

Helen Slade

Letter from Ghana

This is a short one to commiserate with you on the incident of the Manchester City terror attacks. We are saddened by this kind of barbaric acts being visited on innocent people. We stand in solidarity with you as you unite against these 'bunch of lunatics' I believe that darkness can never overshadow light.

We join you in prayer for the wounded, those traumatized and wish the departed souls a peaceful rest.

Dean Clement

Ventnor Afternoon Townswomen's Guild Social Studies Group

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove,
Park Avenue

2.15pm - From Barnado Girl to where I am today.

Josie Morey

For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments

EVENSONG FOR ST BONIFACE

This year we will celebrate **St Boniface Day (5th June)** by sharing in a joint service of Evensong on Sunday **June 4th.**

All choir members from the 3 churches are welcome
Practice in Bonchurch - Thursday 1st. 7.30pm



The HUB Coffee Shop

10.30am - 12.30pm Monday - Saturday

St Catherine's Church

St Catherine's Church.

Dates for your diary.

JUNE

Friday 2nd: Friends of St Catherine's Spring Quiz 7.30pm

Sunday 4th: Gemma Connor (cello) concert 3.00pm

Wednesday 7th: Francesca's afternoon concert 2.00pm

Thursday 8th: General Election *no coffee shop*

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th:

McNaughton-Howe Craft Festival

Sunday 18th: Jessica Thayer (Soprano) concert 3.00pm

Tuesday 20th: Friends of St Catherine's

Bridge Competition 2.00pm

JULY

Sunday 2nd: "The Old Maid and the Thief". Opera. 3.00pm

Wednesday 5th: Francesca's afternoon concert 2.00pm

26th-Sat 29th: Holiday Club 9.00am-1.00pm (3.00pm on Saturday)

Concerts at St Catherine's

For most of the concerts held at St Catherine's we have a team who provide refreshments during the interval. The income from this goes into church funds, and during 2016, the sum of £858 was raised. Thank you to the team for their hard work in helping the audiences and performers feel welcomed and looked after at St Catherine's.

Prayer Ministry Team

Thank you to all those involved in the Prayer Ministry Team on Sundays, after the service. It involves working in pairs, and committing to being available once a month.

People come for prayer when they are going through a difficult time, are not well, to share answers to prayer and to say thank you for answered prayer.

We meet together as a team occasionally, and have a meeting planned for Saturday 3rd June at 12.30 in the Hub.

Some are hoping to attend a Spirituality Day on Saturday 8th July at Seaview, run by the Diocese. All members of the team have attended a Christian Listening course. The present members of the team are -

Ann Radcliffe

Ann Allen

Linda

Diane

Mick and Nava

Shirley Brett

Shirley and David T

Patsy



LYCIG celebration evening

On June 15th we will gather in St Catherine's for a fish and chip supper, some hymn-singing and an offering to God of the LYCIG plan. Everyone who has been involved in the groups + others are very welcome to join us.

Please sign the lists at the back of church.

From Chris M.

A Baptist pastor and his wife decided that they wanted a dog, but it had to be, they said, a Baptist dog. So, they visited a number of pet stores, but didn't find what they wanted, until they got to the last one. On meeting the shopkeeper, they explained what they wanted. The shopkeeper showed them a number of puppies, but not one fitted the pastor and wife's wishes. Then the shopkeeper, on thinking about it, said, "I think I have the very one!" He went into the back, and returned with a puppy. He put a Bible on the floor, and said to the puppy, "Find the Book of John!" The puppy did. Then he said, "Find Psalm 23." The puppy did. The pastor and his wife was so impressed, they bought the puppy, and took it home.

After a few days, they invited some friends in their congregation to their house to show off the puppy. They ordered the puppy find some scriptures, which it did. Their friends were very impressed, and the pastor and wife was pleased. Then their friends asked if the puppy did normal dog tricks. Nonplussed, they replied "Well, we don't know, we' never really tried." So they did, and ordered the puppy to "Heel!" At once, the puppy stood on its hind legs, put a paw on one of their friend's forehead, and began to howl! Taken aback, the pastor cried out, "Oh, my gosh!", he exclaimed. "This puppy's a Pentecostal!"

I don't own this joke, neither do I really ascribe to denominationalism, but I did get it from a televised Joyce Meyer conference when she was demonstrating the absurdity of traditional denominational lines in the global Christian Church, using it to make the point, but very effective, nonetheless. And genuinely funny!



Churchwarden
Steve on his
new mean
machine

"The best kind
of Vespers"

Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with Thy Kingdom Come, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (**25th May to 4th June**), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.' (Colossians 4: 2-4).

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth. Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.

Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'

Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

JUNE 21st - 2.15pm

American Tea at Three in aid of the **Hospice**

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month
in the Common Room at Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.

Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892

ST BONIFACE AND BONCHURCH



Tuesday June 6th Coffee Morning 10am – noon

Tuesday June 20th Sewing Bee 2-4pm



Carisbrooke Priory
39 Whitcombe Road, NEWPORT
Tel: 01983 523354

QUIET DAY



Monday 19th June - 9.30 a.m.—2.45 p.m.
Tea and Coffee will be provided

Please bring your own lunch
Places are limited – please contact Maxine
as soon as possible if you would like to attend

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Messy Church

JUNE 24th



3pm - 5pm

St Francis School - Upper Ventnor
"Come and share a meal with us"

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or carer. Do please tell any families you know about this event.

Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon

1 st June	Peter Sutton (Communion)
8 th June	Where Is God In This? – the book of Esther
15 th June	Where Is God In This? – the book of Esther
22 nd June	Where Is God In This? – the book of Esther
29 th June	Anne Linington

A light lunch is served after the service

Activities @ The Priory

Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington – Friday 9 th June	10.30 a.m.
Creative Writing with Lynn New – Wednesday 14 th June	10.00 a.m.
Music and Melodies with June Cox – Monday 26 th June 2.00pm – 3.30 p.m.	
Walking with Maggie – Wednesday 28 th June	11.00 a.m.

All enquiries to Carisbrooke Priory Trust Phone: 01983 523354
Prayer Ministry available by arrangement – Please ring 01983 523354 for appointment
Email: opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk
Website: www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk

The Cherub



Welcome to the month of June of happiness and joy,
Let us dance and sing a merry tune every Girl and Boy.
All God's gifts are wonderful, Flowers and the Trees,
He decorates our great big world with colourful reprise.

Then lift your heart with gladness, laughter and then sing,
Enjoy the lovely colours and the comfort they all bring.
"All things bright and beautiful," such a lovely hymn,
Our Lord God gave all this to us, let us give praise to Him.

Our gardens are reflections of how our lives should be,
Extended, up across the downs as far as we can see.
The Gorse in yellow, Bluebells ring, what a lovely sight
and then of course, the animals enjoying day and night.

The beauty of the blossom, a sign of fruit to come,
Yes, thank you Lord for everything, all that you have done.
Let us all give thanks as well for being who we are,
Without His intervention we could not progress so far.

I am pleased to be a Cherub, I like my heavenly wings,
I like meeting people, all animals and things.
God wants us to enjoy our lives. He likes to see us live
To scale every walk of life with as much as we can give.

I am Cherubic at heart you see and very close to God,
He is our Heavenly Father, we will tread the paths He trod.
We must love our earthly parents, Father and our Mother,
All our earthly family too, our sister and our brother.



THE BEAUTY OF COLOURS.

I love colours, the brighter, the better. In fact, I do own a bright yellow suit, that I have worn several times especially at Easter, on our Easter parade in upper Ventnor. I also wore it once when talking to the children of the Isle of Wight Free School.

Our dear friend Jesus would approve of our love of colours, I am sure. Look at all the beautiful colours that appear in nature regularly in sequence throughout the years: white snowdrops in Winter followed by a graduation of Green, the Yellows of early spring, the Blue of the bells and then the multitude of colours of the onset of Summer. The birds and animals are often to be seen wearing bright colours as well. It is indeed a wonderful world. To keep all these colours healthy and bright we have the rain often followed by the magnificence of a Rainbow with its beautiful colours of the heavens. Even in some of the coldest regions on earth, welcome colours suddenly appear in the beauty of another natural event known as the Northern lights. I know of a young man named Joseph, who was given a very brightly decorated cloak of many colours. You can read about him if you open your Holy Bible at Genesis Chapter 37. Verse 3. Joseph's fortunes did not turn out to be as colourful as Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's depiction of him. That is why I

urge you to read Genesis 37. Verse 3.

Colours play a very important part in our lives. I have always been fascinated with colours, the brighter the better. When visiting clothing stores I often look at the Children's clothes and think: "Why don't they make men's clothes bright and colourful like those? I have finally found a shop that does, It is a small shop in Jersey, I bought my yellow suit there and I intend to travel back quite soon to review their stock.

The Church is also expected to keep a certain colour code, with all the very refreshing colours used on the Altar frontals and the bright colours the clergy wear according to various seasons of the Church calendar and their universities.

The lovely colours of our very own flag, Red White and Blue, and the beautiful colours worn by our sportsmen and women on the Football, rugby fields and many other sporting venues throughout the sporting world, they are a great symbol of our heritage.

I do of course, respect the need to wear more formal attire on certain occasions, if and when we are expected to do so.

Ted.

MACNAUGHTON - HOWE ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL

Friday 9th JUNE

1pm - 5.30pm

Saturday 10th JUNE

10am - 4.30pm

St Catherine's Church
ADMISSION

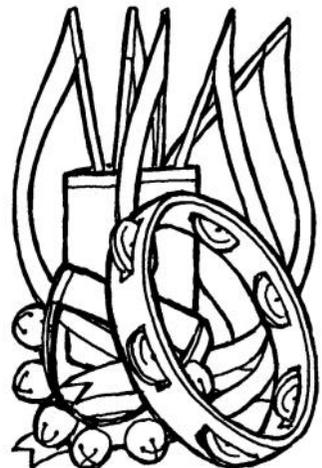


Adults £1. Children Free

Competitors and Exhibitors 50p

Raffle, Sales Tables. Refreshments

Entry forms available inside and around various
outlets or call Sandy on 857383



VENTNOR WEATHER

APRIL

Rainfall of only 5.4mm (0.21ins) was the fourth lowest in the last 40 years, only 9% of the average of 45.97mm (1.81ins). Rain fell on only 6 days and the wettest was the 3rd with only 2.6mm (0.11ins).

The mean temperature of 10.7C was warmer than the average of 9.7C. The hottest day was the 22nd with 18.2C and the coldest night was the 25th with 1.5C.

Thanks to Mike Wood for our weather information.



Monday Evening 7.45pm - Jenny Holder 852575

Wednesday Evening 8.00pm - At Mick and Nava Young's
St Andrews, Belgrave Road. 852680

Thursday Afternoon 4pm - In the HUB - Hilary Davis
855797



**Don't forget to pick up your free
copy of The Pompey Chimes**

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, UPPER VENTNOR

Dedicated to Alban the Proto Martyr of England.

HOLY COMMUNION (said) Traditional Rite on Wednesday 7th and 21st at 9.30am. On these days - for visitors in particular - the Church will remain open until 12 Noon.

SOLEMN SUNG MASS each SUNDAY 4th, 11th and 25th JUNE at 9.30am.

SUNDAY 18th JUNE is St Alban's PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

At 10.00 there will be CHORAL MATINS (B.C.P.)

where the Guest Preacher will be the **Lord Bishop of Portsmouth, The Rt. Rev. Christopher Foster.**

At 3.30pm there will be a SOLEMN SUNG MASS and BENEDICTION for CORPUS CHRISTI.

The JUNE Music List will be available from the Honorary Director of Music, Andrew Pellow, will be only too pleased to supply a copy on application. His phone number is 01983 612796.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Sunday June 18th St Alban's celebrate their PATRONAL FESTIVAL and anticipate a visit from the Anglican Bishop of Portsmouth. Details in the June issue.

www.stalbansiw.org.uk

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St Catherine's Church 7th JUNE

Afternoon Recital 2pm

Tickets available on the door



1st Wednesday of the month



VENTNOR WI meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at St Margaret's Hall, Lowtherville Road.
All welcome. Phone Gill on 854470.

**11th June Trinity Sunday
celebrating our God who is Three Persons**

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space – unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, and which illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one..'

Isaiah 45:22 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other'

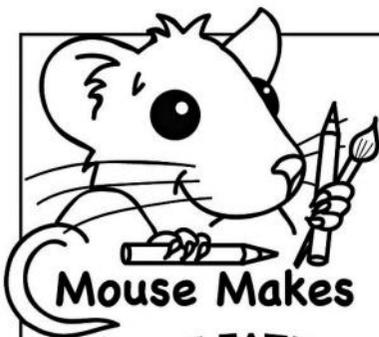
Genesis 1:1-2 'In the beginning God created.... And the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6 etc 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we stand in its brilliant light, we find that the warmth soon follows.



"May the *grace* of the Lord **JESUS** Christ and the *love* of **GOD** and the *fellowship* of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all."



2 Corinthians 13:13



Can you find all the names of the Trinity in this 3 in 1 word search?

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GOD - THE FATHER

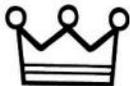
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LORD • GOD
 JEHOVAH • I AM
 YAHWEH • 
 HOLY • ONE
 SAVIOUR • KING
 ETERNAL
 ALMIGHTY
 CREATOR • JUDGE
 FATHER • ON HIGH



JESUS • CHRIST
 SAVIOUR • LORD
 EMMANUEL
 SHEPHERD
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 WAY • SON
 DOOR • LIGHT 
 BREAD • WORD
 MESSIAH • VINE



GOD - THE SPIRIT

HOLY • SPIRIT • COMFORTER • TEACHER • GUIDE
 WITNESS
 HELPER • TRUTH • POWER • WISDOM • BREATH • ETERNAL



Hiding in one of the puzzles is the word 'TRINITY', can you find it?

Bible Readings for JUNE

June 4th PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

St John 20:19-23

June 11th TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end

2 Corinthians 13:11-end

St Matthew 28:16-end

June 18th The First Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 19:2-8a

Romans 5:1-8

St Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25th The Second Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:1b-11

St Matthew 10:24-39

Worship for JUNE

June 4th PENTECOST

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. JOINT Evensong at Bonchurch Parish Church to celebrate St Boniface Patronal Festival, beginning at Bonchurch Old Church at 6.00p.m. and stopping by the "well" at 6.15p.m.

June 11th TRINITY SUNDAY

10.00a.m. JOINT Service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church.

June 18th The First Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. "Come and See", St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

June 25th The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

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"It's most kind of the church to donate these things but I wish they'd check there wasn't anything left inside, first!"

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