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



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Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity
Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's
Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

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Dear Friends,

‘Just a time such as this.’

As I write I have just returned from the biennial ‘Festival of Preaching’ conference held in Oxford. Delegates who gathered from all over the country and beyond were inspired by the variety and intensity of what was offered by speakers from all over the world, with titles such as ‘Worship that destroys and saves the world’, ‘The Sermon I always wanted to preach but never can’ and the ‘Preacher’s Alphabet’. This last lecture, from the American Anna Carter Florence, featured snapshots of biblical characters from A-Z. ‘E’ was for Esther, a little known book based around a time of great persecution of the Jews. One of the great heroes of the book, the Jew Mordecai, says this to the book’s heroine, Queen Esther, ‘Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just a time such as this. Do not keep silent.’ (Esther 4:14, slightly paraphrased).

‘A time such as this.’ We were all aware of the critical times we were meeting as preachers. The natural environment faces unprecedented challenges; the very notion of ‘truth’ is being slandered as just more ‘fake news’; Brexit is due to happen (or will it?) by the end of this month, bringing many possible dangers or opportunities (according to whom you speak to). What is our role as preachers at a time ‘such as this’?

A preacher is, I feel, different to a politician, or a newspaper columnist, and that was also brought out during the conference. Jesus had many things to say about the state of the world, but rather more about the life lived by ordinary people, day in, day out. His parables were about the things that people faced: family breakdown, sowing and harvest, fishing, building houses, coping with debt, facing aggression. He liked to say ‘The Kingdom of heaven is like this...’. There was a great deal of politics and turmoil going in First Century Israel, and Jesus sometimes drew peoples’ attention to this, but more often he drew their attention to the work of God in people’s daily lives if they would only see it.

A time ‘such as this’ is indeed a time of climate change, of Brexit, of truth and lies in the public sphere, of refugees, persecution of many groups, of church decline and moral decay, and a preacher needs to draw attention to this. Yet it is also a time of ‘summer and winter, seed-time and harvest’; of being born, growing and learning; of finding faith and rejoicing in

it; of getting ill, ageing and dying. A preacher and indeed any Christian has something to say about these things too and how God may be found in them.

For everything there is a time and a season under heaven. May God bless you at a time such as this.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Hugh Wright



Harvest Festival

October 6th

10.45a.m. St Boniface church

We ask those of you who are able to spare a little time to give something to our local FoodBank to help those in need.

Charlotte Elliott



Having noticed that the only hymn writers that I had written about were male, I was prompted to look at hymn writers of the opposite sex by the choice of hymn one day. *'Just as I am, without one plea'* is a beautiful gentle hymn that we often sing at Holy Trinity and it happens to have been written by one Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). A quick look through the list of authors in the New English Hymnal demonstrates a paucity of women authors and a complete lack of women composers (of tunes). The Methodist Hymn Book on the other hand has a better sprinkling of women authors, many of whom seem to have been connected with various mission societies. I will look at this phenomenon in a future article.

Looking Charlotte up on the trusty Wikipedia, I find that she is from a family of clergymen, one of whom founded the Clapham Sect. This was a group of evangelical Christians, prominent in England from about 1790 to 1830, who campaigned for the abolition of slavery and promoted missionary work at home and abroad. The group centred on the church of John Venn, rector of Clapham in south London. Charlotte's maternal grandfather was Rev. Henry Vane, who had continued with the mission of the group. Her brothers, Henry Venn Elliott and Edward Bishop Elliott, were clergy in Brighton, and her sister, Eleanor, is also credited with writing hymns. She wrote *'Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown when thou camest to earth for me'* which is also a hymn which we sing quite often.

Charlotte was born in Brighton, but spent the first 32 years of her life in Clapham before returning to Brighton. She was seriously ill in 1821 and, having led a full social life up to that point, she became more or less confined to the house as an invalid. She had been well known as a portrait painter and as a writer of humorous verse, and apparently been very popular (although she had never married). It would appear that, despite her family background, at that time Charlotte was not a deeply committed Christian, but she met a Swiss Protestant minister and hymn writer not long after her illness and he persuaded her to commit her life to Christ. The Rev. Dr Henri Abraham Cesar Malan became a lifelong friend of Charlotte's and no doubt helped her to maintain her faith.

From her invalid's bed she continued to write poems, hymns and to edit various religious annuals and hymn books. She also enlarged a volume called '*The Invalid's Hymnbook*' contributing 115 of her own hymns (including '*Just as I am*') and wrote hymns for volumes of psalms and hymns published by her brother. Despite visits to France and Scotland for her health, and short spell living in Torquay, she returned to Brighton in 1860 in much the same state of health. As so often seems to be the case, the invalid outlived various of her siblings and when she died in 1871 she was buried alongside her brothers at the church of St Andrew's in Hove.

I note from my Methodist hymn book dating from 1916 that there are three hymns by Charlotte included in it. They all follow a similar pattern of three lines, followed by a last line which is shorter and repeated after each verse, and all are written in the same prayerful or pleading manner. Whether they are still sung in Methodist circles I know not, but I have never sung two of them.

However, '*Just as I am*' remains one of the most popular hymns of today and Dr Billy Graham has described it as "the strongest possible Biblical basis for the call of Christ." He used to use it at every one of his evangelical meetings. One historian of hymnody wrote that the hymn had "touched more hearts and influenced more people for Christ than any other song ever written." and another Christian writer called it "an amazing legacy for an invalid woman who suffered from depression and felt useless to God's service." Yet another wrote: "Though weak and feeble in body, she possessed a strong imagination and a well-cultured and intellectual mind.... Her verse is characterized by tenderness of feeling, plaintive simplicity, deep devotion and perfect rhythm. She sang for those in sickness and sorrow as very few others have ever done."

What a legacy to leave behind. Helen Slade

Free Family Film Night
The film show in October will be
'Mary Poppins Returns'
Friday 25th October at 7.00pm.
St Catherine's Church
All Welcome
Refreshments & raffle

And in a change to Ted's usual style, a very interesting article on

THE BASQUE CIVIL WAR REFUGEES.

A civil war can begin inside any country, it is caused by civilian people who bear a grudge against other people within their own country.

In other words, it is a big quarrel that becomes so big that it gets out of the control of the police and the government of that country.

In the situation of the Basque civil war it was a major disagreement between the left and right wings of the Spanish governmental departments causing political instability throughout the country. And that is what happened in Spain in 1936. The Basque region is located to the north of Spain in the Pyrenees, including the Bay of Biscay and the huge port of Bilbao.

The war was so fierce and horrible that lots of families wanted their children protected by sending them away to other countries until the war finished.

In 1937 a large ship called 'Habanna' docked at Southampton it was overcrowded with More than four thousand Spanish refugee children, most of them were housed and looked after at Stoneham just outside Southampton where a large camp was established. there was another camp at Eastleigh.

The war continued for several years from 1936 involving a lot of bloodshed.

When the war ended many children had become orphaned because their parents had been killed during the war, some were adopted and stayed here and became British citizens, others were looked after by relatives back in Spain.

The whole situation was dreadful especially for the children involved; the suffering must have been unbearable.

Ted.

THE BASQUE REFUGEES.

A civil war of great intensity began to rage in Spain,
The year was 1937, there was a great amount of pain.
Basque was the area involved, fighting was severe
everyone was terrified, children full of fear.

It all got worse and worse involving everyone,
Soon it was decided that something must be done.
Families gathered all their children, four thousand at a count,
and hired the ship 'Habana.' Southampton they were bound.

The children, as they climbed aboard were sad to say goodbye
to all their friends and families. They did not want to die.
The children known as refugees, knew that safety was quite near
but were worried for their families and friends so very dear.

A refugee is someone who seeks shelter from a foe,
just like those small Basque children who did not know where to go.
Those children were not guilty of any kind of blame,
they were caught up in that awful war and suffered just the same.

They were housed in camps at Stoneham and some at Eastleigh too,
four thousand is a large amount, not considered just a few.
Manuel was a refugee who sailed here, I was told,
He sadly was an orphan at only ten years old.

A family at Eastleigh looked after dear Manuel.
They trained him as a waiter, He did so very well,
As he grew up he kept that job, improving every year,
He always will remember Basque and that dreadful fear.

"Manuel loved all children, he wanted children of his own.
He became a benefactor at a nearby Children's Home."

Ted



Holy Trinity AUTUMN FAIR
SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER

10.00am - 2.00pm

REFRESHMENTS

SOUP AND BREAD LUNCH

CHRISTMAS STALL

TOMBOLA - BOOKS - CAKE STALL

RAFFLE

Ventnor FoodBank:

Ventnor Baptist Church, Pier Street, Ventnor.

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am - 12:00 noon.

Pet FoodBank Newport: Asdas, Newport

donation basket located at the end of the tills.

www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE - SPONGE PUDDINGS

DRIED RICE - TINNED SOUP - PASTA SAUCE

MENS AND LADIES TOILETRIES

New Event In The Hub



Second Hand Book Corner



Wanted :

Good quality paper back novels.

Please leave in the Hub.

Many Thanks. Janet Kay



First Thursday of the month at 9am,
St Catherine's Church. A warm welcome
to breakfast and a friendly chat.

A Musical Celebration featuring a visiting
Choir from Hertfordshire

**THE FREE VALLEYS MALE VOICE
CHOIR**

Singing Song from the Shows, Sea Shan-
ties plus some Surprises!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER at 2.30 pm

Interval Refreshments. Grand Raffle
Retiring Collection



Please keep collecting Plastic bottle tops, suitably rinsed, bearing the triangle recycling symbol with the number 02, 2, 04 or 4 only. The “Ability dogs 4 young people” are still collecting these for recycling and financial assistance.

Thank you. Andy Chilton.

Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

16th October - 2.15pm

“American Tea at Three”

Where Something Yellow

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court,
High Street, Ventnor.

Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892



Social Studies Group

7th October - 2.15pm

Fiction, Fashion & Family Values
with Rosemary Cooper

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove, Park
Avenue. For more information contact

Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments.

‘Into the Silent Land’

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 9th October in Holy Trinity Church Hall at 7.30 pm.
All welcome – just turn up

BRIGHTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA, STRING ENSEMBLE

We are hoping to arrange for the Ensemble to give a concert in St Boniface Parish Church on Wednesday 30th October 2019. They will be staying at EAST DENE for half term and they would like to revisit St Boniface as they were made very welcome by us when they have come to us in Previous years.

Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575



Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm

At Mick and Nava Young's St Andrews, Belgrave Road. 852680

Carisbrooke Priory

October at Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Worship Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon
Speakers for October

3rd October	TBC (Communion)
10th October	Rosie Deedes
17th October	Elizabeth Lilley
24th October	Celebrating Age
31st October	TBC

A light lunch is available after the service

Activities @The Priory

Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington
11th October 10.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

Open Art Group – Every Tuesday, Beginners Welcome
10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Crochet Café
Every Friday from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

Prayer Ministry available by arrangement –
Please contact the Priory for an appointment

Phone: 01983 523354
Email: opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk
Website: www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk

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wool

trumpets
Midianites
torch
drink
signal
God
jars
surrounded



Summertime ends 27th
October. Don't forget
to put your clocks
BACK ONE HOUR.

BONCHURCH EVENTS

MACMILLAN BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD

St BONIFACE CHURCH

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 1st
10am to 12 NOON.**

Please come and support this very worthwhile cause. Although this is our regular monthly Coffee Morning slot the proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Research

Coffee/Tea ***Cakes and Sausage Rolls to eat
Cakes to BuyTombola***Raffle***Books
and lots of chat! See you there.

**BONCHURCH BUMPER CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23rd
10am till 12 noon**

Bonchurch Parish Church, Bonchurch Shute PO38 1RG
DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS
(and other seasonal fayre)
COFFEE/TEA and chat!

**CAKE AND SAVOURY STALL TOMBOLA RAFFLE
BRICABRAC BOOKS**



Articles for the **November Magazine** should be handed in by **October 16th** please. You can hand it in at the Hub or email it to Joan Garlick at ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk
 Hand written reports/articles are accepted if you **do not** have access to a computer.

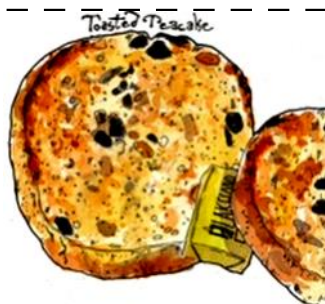
The Hub Coffee Shop
 at St Catherine's Church
 Monday to Saturday 10:30-12:30
 (except Wednesday 11-12:30).
 Coffee, Cake, Chat, Companionship

VENTNOR WEATHER

Weather August

The maximum temperature of 28.8 C on the 27th was the hot test day since 17th of July 2006. The average maximum was 21.6 C. 19 days had more than 20 C. The mean temperature was 18.5 C. The coolest night was the 29th with 12.1 C. Rainfall of 54.3mm was 112% of the average of 48.48 mm. The wettest days were the 12th with 11.7mm and the 11th 10.2mm.

Thanks to Mike Wood for our weather information for Ventnor.



Toasted Teacake Tuesdays

at the Hub 10.30 - 12.30
St Catherine's Church

Ventnor Inner Wheel International charity event.

Come along and join in a fun quiz evening with soup and sweets at Ventnor Masonic Hall, Grove Road on the **5th October 7.00pm**

Tickets £7.50 available at the door.



19th OCTOBER
3pm - 5pm

St Francis Academy - 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

Free event

Trinity Folk



There will be no
"Trinity Folk"

in October.

We will start again in
November

Worship

October 6th The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

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

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church
(Harvest Festival)

October 13th The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Morning Worship, Holy Trinity Church

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

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

October 20th The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

October 27th The Last 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

Bible Readings

October 6th The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
2 Timothy 1:1-14	Philippians 4:4-9
St Luke 17:5-10	St John 6:25-35

(Harvest Readings)

October 13th The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
2 Timothy 2:8-15
St Luke 17:11-19

October 20th The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 32:22-31
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
St Luke 18:1-8

October 27th The Last Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
St Luke 18:9-14

BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?

We are aware that there are a number of people who have been bereaved and might like someone to talk to.

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface, by telephoning 01983 853729 or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 am and 12.30pm. Anything you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

PRAYER TIME

Each SATURDAY afternoon between 1pm and 2pm
in, St Catherine's Church.

For more information contact Ann Allen

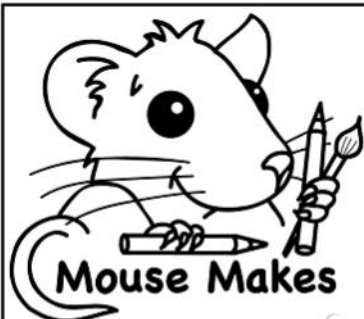
PRAYER CHAIN

Many of you especially newcomers to the Church may not know about **THE PRAYER CHAIN** which has been going for a very long time.

It is made up with a prayerful group of people who pass on confidential prayers one to another.

If anyone has a confidential or urgent prayer for themselves or other people, whether members of the Church or not, then they can ring me on 01983 731142 or email me on e.a.radcliffe@hotmail.co.uk

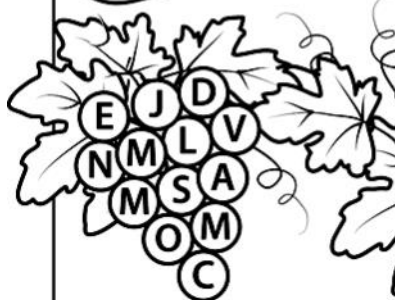
Ann Radcliffe



THE TRUE VINE

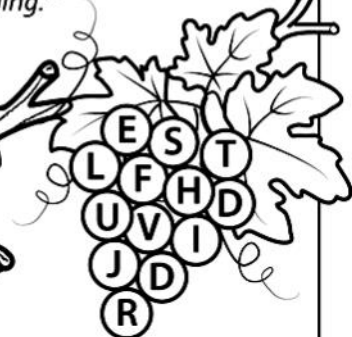
Jesus said:
 "I am the **vine**;
 you are the **branches**.
 The one who remains
 in me - and I in him -
 bears much **fruit**,
 because apart
 from me you can
 accomplish nothing."

John 15:5



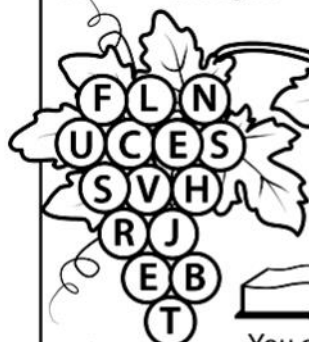
"My **commandment** is this -
 to love one another just
 as I have loved you."

John 15:12



"No one has greater
love than this -
 that one lays down
 his life for his friends."

John 15:13

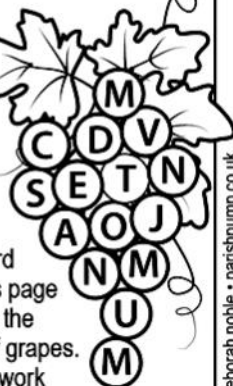


You can read
 Jesus' teaching on
 The True Vine in:
 John 15:1-17



How many other
 words can you make from:
 THE TRUE VINE

Each of the word
 in **bold** on this page
 is hidden in the
 bunches of grapes.
 Can you work
 out which bunch
 each word is in?



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The previous month's Harvest Festival
donation from the Genetic Modification
research laboratory was proving to be a
useful stop-gap until the steeple
restoration fund reached its target