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## **November 2020 Magazine**

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# Community Advent Calendar

Throughout the month of December, strangers kept gathering outside Amy's house and peering at her front window. She wasn't getting alarmed or calling the police though, because she was taking part in a 'Community Advent Calendar' in Whitehall Park, London.

Community Advent Calendars are a Swedish invention which have recently made the move to the UK. We all know the concept of the traditional Advent calendar, opening a window a day to countdown to Christmas. Well, Community Living Advent Calendar is the same, except the windows are real ones. Each day throughout December a new window in a different house over a locality is unveiled, helping people follow the story towards the great celebration of Jesus' birth.

We're hoping to have Glenfield's first ever Community Advent Calendar this year. We're looking for 24 volunteers to decorate their front window on a specific day (leaving it up then until the New Year). Through the churches and the schools and a dedicated Facebook page residents of Glenfield will be able to get a map to help them find and visit every window.

Each volunteer will be given the theme and Bible verse for their date. All we ask is that you have a window which can be easily seen from the road or you don't mind people stepping on your drive, and that you unveil your window on your given date and leave it up until Friday 2 January. If you can offer a window but need help decorating, please say so. Likewise if you'd love to decorate but can't offer a window, we'll match you up.

For more information, contact Richard Trethewey ([richard@stpetersglenfield.org.uk](mailto:richard@stpetersglenfield.org.uk)).

Read Amy's story at [www.edenprojectcommunities.com/blog/the-living-advent-calendar](http://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/blog/the-living-advent-calendar)

Some examples



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Rector's remarks



## Poppies and Holly

Usually by now I have, if not completed, then certainly established the main parts of our planning for services and activities through to Christmas and New Year. This year, for obvious reasons, everything still feels somewhat uncertain. The ongoing restrictions on activity, particularly involving large or even medium-sized gatherings of people, look set to continue for some time with no end-date in sight.

So, there will certainly be some changes to 'how' we do things this year, but 'why' remains the same. On Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, and Armistice Day, 11 November, we will want to remember as a community all those who sacrificed youth, hopes and life for our sake in World Wars and other conflicts. We won't however be able to gather for our usual Parade Service or for Acts of Remembrance around the War Memorial. Instead, we are inviting you to take part in a variety of other ways to honour those we remember:

We encourage people to decorate a poppy for your window. A template you can download to colour in is available from the Royal British Legion website and will be linked from our own, as well as a link to help you draw your own.

An area of the churchyard near the War Memorial will be designated as a temporary 'Poppy Garden'. You are welcome to come and place a normal poppy or a wooden cross (available from the British Legion) in the ground in early November.

**On Sunday 8 November** we will be streaming a pre-recorded service at [www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield) (and on YouTube) which will include the 2 minute silence, bracketed by Last Post and Reveille. Do go out onto your doorstep when Last Post is played, that we will be able to see one another

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remember together. Please do not come down to gather at the Memorial.

**On Wednesday 11 November** there will be a small, invitation-only Act of Remembrance at 10.50am during which the Parish Council will lay a wreath. This will be streamed live on Facebook.



I know there will be disappointment that we cannot do our traditional observances, but we must remember that we are remembering people whose lives were disrupted far more than we are experiencing, but who went to their task out of a desire to protect others' lives. We must do the same, having the same humble, selfless heart as Christ.

More details about December and Christmas events will be in the next edition. One thing which we will be aiming to start right at the beginning of the month is a '**Community Advent Calendar**'. See the article on page 3 in the magazine for more details and how to sign up to take part.



Richard



## From the Registers. . .

**Funerals. We commend to God's keeping**

7 September, Vernon Callis, aged 88

Sadly, news has come through that Betty Haddenham died peacefully in her sleep on 15th October 2020



## Stewardship Envelopes

Many are making their offerings via the Parish Giving Scheme or by Online Giving, but, as we have not been able to collect this year's envelopes, for those of us who wish to make our offering that way, it has been difficult. However, the envelopes are now available to collect from Church, but only when the Church is open for a service. Of course, you will be asked to sanitise your hands before handling the packages.

**GLENFIELD  
METHODIST CHURCH  
MINISTER'S LETTER**

*Rev. Helen Bell  
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Dear Friends,

**M**y husband Fred and I have been in Glenfield nearly ten weeks now and we are gradually beginning to find our way around the area. One thing that has struck us, having come from a very rural setting, is just how much the people of Leicestershire love a good roundabout and speed bump!! We have regularly found ourselves in the wrong lane with cars whizzing past occupied by folk who all seem to know exactly where they are going. I am confident we will soon find the way but at present 'tis mystery all" to quote a great Methodist hymn.

One of the most challenging things about this time of pandemic is the uncertainty it generates. How long will these restrictions go on for? Will they get worse. Will I lose my job and many more questions fly around our heads as we are worried and anxious for the future. We often talk about our life of faith being a journey, don't we, and for many friends in Christ this is currently a very bumpy road. It is in these times that we need to recognise our God who journeys with us, and our Saviour Jesus who calls us with the words "follow me." And, whenever we feel in our Christian experience that we are in the wrong lane or we don't know the way forward, we can depend on Jesus who is 'the way, the truth and the life.'

As Richard says in his letter, things just aren't the same this year as we make our preparations for Christmas. One thing is for sure, the birth of Jesus our Messiah and King will not be cancelled and maybe God is prompting us to witness to that in unusual but exciting ways. So, let's all get behind those activities we can do and instead of decorating inside our church buildings show the light of Christ in our windows and on our doorsteps.

I am going to be offering an Advent Bible Study group via

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Zoom for four Mondays starting on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 1.15pm and 7pm, just for an hour, so that we can enjoy fellowship together during Advent. This will be for the four churches I serve and I do hope will be ecumenical too. All are welcome!

Please contact me on 287 0356 or [helenbell136@btinternet.com](mailto:helenbell136@btinternet.com) if you would like to join in.

In the meantime, we continue to hold one another in prayer and ask for God's guiding through these difficult days.

God bless you,

Helen



## **Bishop of Leicester's statement on Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse Report on the Anglican Church**

The Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Revd. Martyn Snow has issued a statement after the publication of the Report on Anglican Church by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse (IICSA):

Bishop Martyn said: "I welcome today's IICSA Report which makes shocking and shameful reading. Its recommendations must be acted upon urgently so that there is greater accountability, a more transparent process which the public can trust, and more comprehensive support of the victims and survivors whom we, the Church, have failed.

"Progress has been made and I am proud of the improvements in Safeguarding processes within the Diocese of Leicester in recent years but the Church must do better still in this most important of matters; the protection of children and vulnerable adults. We all have a responsibility to pray and act in order to truly prioritise Safeguarding and to keep it at the heart of our mission and ministry as Christ's Church.

"For victims, survivors and anyone affected by this report and the issues it raises, there are details of support available on our Safeguarding web pages including the new Safe Spaces service."

# What is Normal Today?

Many people are saying today, "Won't it be good when we get back to normal." What does 'normal' mean? It means doing what we like, when we like; getting on with shopping; meeting and enjoying all the normal things of living in 2020.

Please give a thought for a few moments to 136,000 people living in the UK who are deprived of any hope of living a normal life and they fear they never will. They are the victims of Modern Day Slavery. We have heard of them here in Leicester, working in our local factories, but victims are everywhere. They may be working in cafes, restaurants, kitchens, nail bars, beauticians, car washes, care homes; maybe working on farms and building sites.

Most employees do not know that they are victims because they have legal papers, but their wages are paid into bank accounts which they cannot access and the accommodation they are given is inadequate and squalid and they are extremely vulnerable to all kinds of exploitation. They are, in fact, recruited by criminal gangs or individuals who promise them security but control them for gain. Such people hang around Job Centres and hostels and churches, even answering advertisements and so pick up their victims with false promises and offering false hope. So they become 'owned' and completely controlled by these criminal individuals and gangs; they are in fact prisoners.

The Church of England has launched the Clewer Campaign which aims to raise awareness of modern day slavery. Our Police force in city and county has called together a group including local authorities, government agencies, leaders in industry and business, charities and our own Diocese. There is a National Helpline dedicated to those who need help. There are materials which can be had for groups and individuals to study.

We need to be aware of this very grave problem. But don't on any account make any personal encounter to offer help. The key direction we are all given is - contact the police.

But we can pray and pray regularly and persistently. The page opposite can give help with this important commitment which each one of us must take seriously.

The Bible urges us to 'remember those who are in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering'. (Hebrews 13:3)



*Pam Harvey*

## *Pray as you can, .....not as you can't!*

The page opposite brings to our attention the cruelty of Modern Day Slavery. Our **Parliament** is seeking to get the the Modern Slavery Victim Support Bill passed into law. This is sponsored by Lord McColl and Ian Duncan Smith MP. Please pray about this.

**Mothers' Union** and our own **Diocese of Leicester** and the **Police** are campaigning strongly for better support for those who fall victim and for the law to close in on those who control these poor people in slavery.

### **Here are some prayers – pray them regularly and in faith to our Heavenly Father in Jesus' Name.**

**Father of the fatherless**, we intercede for the thousands of modern slavery victims in the UK who are hidden and powerless to escape from their servitude. Please, may many more situations come to light, bringing lasting freedom and restoration for those who are rescued....



**Lord God, thank you**, for the patient determination of abolitionists and support agencies who are fighting the scourge of human trafficking. May their passion for freedom be united and increasingly effective, resulting in the freedom of many and the successful prosecution of perpetrators....



**Heavenly Father**, we intercede for the millions of people worldwide who have been forced into slavery, suffering physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Nothing is hidden from you. Please bring justice to both the victims and perpetrators of this evil trade.....



**God of freedom**, we pray that businesses and other organisations will make ever greater efforts to eradicate slavery throughout their supply chains, both within the UK and abroad. May growing public pressure urge them to deal with this injustice and misery....

**Father God**, we lift to you the predicament of vulnerable trafficked children, many being rescued only to disappear once more into the clutches of traffickers. We ask that more independent advocates and guardians will be appointed across the UK. We pray too for staff working for airlines, ferries, railways and travel companies to be alert to this problem....

Compiled by Pam Harvey. I have used, with permission, material produced by CARE and by Margaret Rouse. who is a member of the Diocesan Social Responsibility Panel and until recently Diocesan President of Mothers' Union.



## Bishop Guli's Thought for the Day – BBC Radio 4 - 9 September 2020

I recently heard the actor Tom Ellis interviewed about the latest series of *Lucifer*, the hit drama he stars in. I confess I hadn't heard of the programme but with previous episodes still available I've now started watching. The premise is that Lucifer, played by Ellis, fed up with hell decides to take a vacation to Los Angeles where he meets a detective played by Lauren German. They become partners, solving a new crime in each episode. But as the drama unfolds Lucifer begins to change, apparently influenced by the mortals among whom he lives. He loses some of his supernatural powers, begins to make mistakes, and can be physically hurt, bleeding when he's cut for example. But as he grows weaker bodily, he also gains the capacity to love and feel remorse, he develops a conscience and a desire to help others. Depending on how you think of it, his emerging vulnerability can be seen as weakness or as strength.

Frailty of mind and body may well be shortcomings but they're part of being human and more than that they make possible the *best* of what makes us human. Loving someone makes us vulnerable, open to being hurt, thereby exposing our weakness, but the capacity to love is also our greatest gift, drawing out of us compassion, kindness, empathy.

In his second letter to the Corinthians St Paul wrote of people being like clay jars, easily cracked and broken. But Christianity teaches that it is these very cracks that allow God's light to find a way in; and indeed our light to shine out.

Contemporary society doesn't always make it easy for us to acknowledge our shortcomings. There can be a lot of pressure, particularly on those in positions of leadership, to appear super human, with any admission of frailty seen as something entirely negative. Perhaps that's why it's so rare to hear public figures apologise for their mistakes or indeed take appropriate responsibility for errors of judgement. All too easily people are categorised in black and white terms, the bad vilified or cynically dragged down and the good put on glass pedestals that can all too easily get shattered.

At this time of national crisis as all kinds of leaders (political, civic and religious) make decisions at national and local level there are bound to be plenty of mistakes and errors of judgement. But perhaps we might spare a thought for those whose humanity, like ours, includes cracks from which light and goodness can also escape.

*Bishop Guli*

*You may remember that almost a year ago we were praying for Mateo. He is the son of Sarah (nee Alcock) who, as a young teenager, was a member of St Peter's and attended our Pathfinders and then CYFA.. She is married now with three children and Mateo is the youngest*



One year on... Our healthy, happy, beautiful boy...

A year ago today Mateo was diagnosed with AML Leukaemia and look at him now!

His 846 'beads of courage' from the charity linked to Ward 84 at The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, represent the procedures and significant events during his treatment. Chemo, blood transfusions, medication, scans, dressings, operations, nights in hospital etc- all represented by the individual beads. Another lovely charity.

We're so proud of him and feel so, so lucky that we have him here with us one year on.

Thank you again to everyone who has helped Mateo and us through this last year, love Sarah, Marcus, Harriet, Seve & Mateo x



## Thanking God for the past as we look to the future

November is an emotional month. It begins with All Saints Day when we thank God for all the Saints who have gone before us – the Roman Catholic Church recognises more than 10,000 Christians who have been considered worthy of the Saint (with a capital 's') title after their death. The next day is All Souls, traditionally called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or the Day of the Dead. Many Christian denominations mark this with a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died.

A few days later, on Armistice Day, the nation comes together to remember and give thanks to God for all those who sacrificed their lives while serving the country in the armed forces. Armistice Day was first observed at 11am on 11 November 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth to commemorate the armistice agreement that ended the First World War a year earlier. This happened at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. The first official Armistice Day commemoration was held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and this was followed by a peace parade for which the Cenotaph memorial was created in Whitehall and today is at the centre of the nation's commemorations.

During the Second World War, most of the Commonwealth of Nations agreed to change the name from Armistice to Remembrance and so include those who died during that war. In more recent times, servicemen and women killed and injured in other conflicts since the Second World War have also been included, and services are held at parish churches and local memorials on the closest Sunday to Armistice Day.

The Royal British Legion, which cares for ex-servicemen and women injured while serving the country, and for the families of those who have died, plays a leading role in many of the services which often attract the largest congregations of the year. However, this year, for the first time since 1919, these services will probably not be taking place in the usual ways because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As November starts with a series of acts of remembrance to thank God for all those who have gone before us, it concludes with the excitement of Advent Sunday when Christians begin looking forward to celebrating the coming into the world of Christ.

Advent Sunday marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Christian Church, a year that we hope and pray will enable the world to come to terms with Covid-19 and enable us all not only to rebuild our local communities, but make our churches stronger and more relevant to the new world we will be serving.

## A prayer for all time?

*This wartime prayer is taken from the  
'Field Service Book of the British Army'.*

Almighty God, in you alone we find safety and peace. We commend to your gracious keeping all the men and women who serve in the Navy, the Army or the Air Force, who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety. Defend them day by day by your heavenly power; and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care. Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace which alone we must seek and serve; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The above prayer was suggested by Sally Churchus, ACE chair.  
When I read it, I thought that while it is ideal for Remembrance it  
could easily be adapted for the present crisis facing our world ...*

Almighty God, in you alone we find safety and peace. We commend to your gracious keeping all the men and women who are working at the front line of the Covid-19 pandemic, who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety. Defend them day by day by your heavenly power; and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care. Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace which alone we must seek and serve; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Courtesy of ACE*



### **Straplines**

- Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the *reach* of God's love; and your best days are never so good that you are beyond the *need* of God's love.

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- The best gifts you can give: To your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to every person, love; to every child, a good example; and finally, to yourself, respect.

*Last month Bob Peters, editor for ACE told us of a short series he has written about his Bible Garden. Here is the first of that series.*

## **A challenge for our climate-changing world**

While scientists and politicians debate climate change, or indeed, if there is such a thing, you only need to look in your own backyard to see what is happening. It is becoming less predictable and, as some of the experts have warned us, we need to start responding to these changes sooner rather than later.

There have been suggestions that we will need to grow plants that thrive in hot and dry weather and there has been a spate of articles by garden experts about growing such plants in pots on the patio.

About 20 years ago I came across a derelict Bible garden at a Christian conference centre. The garden filled me with disappointment because I thought it was a huge opportunity that was being missed. It was not until 9 years ago, when I married my wife, Sue, that I had an opportunity to start a Bible garden. My first wife had died of breast cancer several years previously. It was a new beginning which meant buying a house together and restoring a garden that had previously been used as a football pitch by the boys who had lived there. Family friends and members of our church were overwhelmingly generous and gave us gifts of garden vouchers to spend on our new garden. It was then I remembered the derelict Bible garden and so we decided to invest the gifts in creating one that we could share with them in the future. Charvil, near Reading, where we live, is you might think the wrong place to grow plants that thrive in the desert, and a few years ago it would have been impossible. Climate change has opened the door a little, but it is still an exciting challenge!

My plan was to only grow plants mentioned directly, or indirectly, in the Bible. While my traditional English crops such as strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb, gooseberries, potatoes etc were becoming less reliable, both in quality and quantity, I have since been overwhelmed with figs and grapes, as the other Bible garden plants have flourished.

I soon discovered that the only books on the subject were written about 50 years ago and are no longer in print — and, of course, our climate has changed considerably since the time the books were written! There are also very few examples of Bible gardens in the UK, I have never seen any others. There are some in the grounds of churches with a limited number of plants, and there is one large Bible garden in Scotland that covers many acres. But please don't be put off by this. If you enjoy a challenge, are prepared to be patient, and accept that some plants will fail, it is not impossible to grow a good number of them. There are more than 100 plants and trees mentioned in the Bible and, to date, I have grown over half of them. They include vegetables, fruit, flowers, herbs, shrubs and trees.

In future issues I plan to write about how anyone can start growing

Bible plants, whether it be in a few tubs on the patio, or if you have the room — and a very tolerant family! — to create your own Bible garden. The first of these is on the following page. You may, of course, already be growing some of them in your garden without realising it, so the first thing to do is to draw up a list of the plants that qualify and create your own wish list.

As well as the plants, there are other elements such as rocks, stones, water, lights and statues, that add considerably to the overall picture. The plants and elements provide a constant reminder of the beauty of God's creation and the powerful message of God's love for us that is revealed through the pages of the Bible.

*Bob Peters*

*A list of Bible plants with Bible reference is on p18*

*Courtesy of ACE*



Figs are plentiful



## Grandma's Christmas Pudding

*from Sonia Boyles, St Andrew's Church Sonning*

*November is an excellent time to make your Christmas pudding.*

*Here is a well-trying, simple and delicious way to do it.*

### Ingredients

- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| — 24 oz currants         | — 1 teaspoon mixed spice      |
| — 16 oz raisins          | — 1 teaspoon nutmeg           |
| — 16 oz sultanas         | — 16oz dark brown sugar       |
| — 16 oz suet             | — 2oz mixed peel              |
| — 1 grated carrot        | — 4oz fresh breadcrumbs       |
| — 1 grated cooking apple | — Brandy - about 3 fluid oz   |
| — 2 eggs                 | — 1 mug of self raising flour |
| — Juice of one lemon     |                               |

### Method

Place all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl, stir well and make a wish!

This mixture fills two 1½ pint sized pudding basins.

Steam the pudding mixture in the basin for about 4 hours.

Leave to cool and store in a cool place to mature.

On Christmas Day, steam for a further two hours.

Serve with brandy butter, brandy sauce or cream. Happy Christmas!

*Courtesy of ACE*

## **Stones, water, light, statues and seats – Part 2 of the Bible Garden series**

Like any garden there is no right or wrong way to design a Bible garden, the choice is yours. It will obviously depend on the space available and the existing garden into which it is to be incorporated. The only rules are those you set yourself!

My Bible garden is based on a cross-shaped bed (4m x 3m) surrounded by grass – grass is something easy to overlook, but it is mentioned in the Bible. Over the years the cross bed has been extended with four adjacent areas.

At the head of the cross bed is a grape vine (Jesus is the true vine) trained on a wooden vertical cross-shaped structure, while towards the bottom of the bed is an olive tree, and at the very bottom, hyssop - which the Bible tells us was growing at the foot of the cross when Jesus was crucified. A fig tree, which after harvesting the figs this year will be cut back severely because it is growing too well, occupies one of the arms of the cross, while the other arm has a mixture of herbs, including a large wormwood. The main body of the cross is home for a broom tree, a basil tree, and more herbs such as sage, chamomile, coriander, fennel, mustard, rocket and rue.

The cross bed is surrounded by a border of small white stones that recall the words of Revelation 2:17 and Isaiah 65:15 which tell us that when we arrive in heaven we will be given a white stone bearing a new name known only to God. At the centre of the cross is a water feature representing the living water of the Holy Spirit that is the centre of life.

Rocks are a natural, and plentiful, part of the Middle East landscape and are often mentioned in the Bible, so larger stones and rocks are also incorporated in the cross bed, mainly around the bottom of the vine and the fig.



In the other beds are a variety of plants and trees including pomegranate, wheat, barley, broad beans, garlic, leeks, date palms, mint and flowers, and such as a tamarisk, oak and carob. There is also a small pond for reeds and a water lily, and two fish (feeding the 5,000) and welcome visitors such as frogs! A useful addition has been a small greenhouse in which the more sensitive plants and trees can be grown and protected, especially over winter.

The most recent non-plant element added to my garden was the

result of the lockdown which gave me time to tidy my desk. I found in a drawer some solar powered Christmas tree lights that I had bought a few years ago only to discover, like many others who have bought them, that the short and often dark days around Christmas means there is not enough solar energy to recharge them, so they don't work! Beware of being tempted by solar Christmas tree lights.

I was just about to throw them away when I had a 'light bulb' moment! For most of the year the broom tree looks very drab after its glorious early spring display of white flowers – white flowers are more common in the Middle East than the more usual yellow flowers seen in the UK – so why not, I thought, light it up at night as a reminder of Jesus, who is, after all, the light of the world! It's a great addition.

There are two other non-plant elements worthy of a mention - a garden nativity scene which is part of a collection that I plan to say more about in December, and some garden furniture. The latter is an 'essential'. There is little point in creating a Bible garden if you can't sit in it to enjoy the efforts of your labour and to read the Bible and pray surrounded by plants, herbs, trees and other things that Jesus lived among and used to teach about how great God's love is for us.



*Bob Peters*

*Courtesy of ACE*



## Time for a smile

The school careers officer had never met anyone like Rupert. He was singled-minded in the extreme about becoming a famous writer. Before leaving school to take a degree in English Literature he announced to anyone who would listen that he wanted to write stuff that the whole world would read. It would include things that people would react to on a deeply personal and emotional level, even making them scream, cry, howl in pain and burst with anger. It was discovered that soon after leaving university he was a technical writer on tax matters.

| Bible plants grown (or trying to grow) |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Acacia                                 | Exodus 25:10        | Nettles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Isaiah 34:13       |
| Aloes                                  | John 19:39-40       | Oak                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Genesis 35:8       |
| Amaranth                               | Isaiah 7:13         | Olive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Matthew 26:36      |
| Anemone                                | Luke 12: 27-28      | Onion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Numbers 11:5-6     |
| Apple                                  | Joel 1:12           | Pomegranate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Deuteronomy 8:8    |
| Barley                                 | Ruth 1:22           | Poppy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 Peter 1:24-25    |
| Bay                                    | 1 Corinthians 9:25  | Ridge Cucumber                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Numbers 11:5       |
| Box                                    | Isaiah 41:19        | Rocket                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Exodus 12:8        |
| Broad Beans                            | Samuel 17:28        | Rose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Song of Songs 2:1  |
| Broom                                  | 1 Kings 19:4        | Rue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Luke 11:42         |
| Carob                                  | Luke 15:16          | Saffron                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Isaiah 35:1        |
| Chamomile                              | Isaiah 40:6         | Sage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Exodus 37:17-18    |
| Clover                                 | Proverbs 16:24      | Sorrel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Exodus 12:8        |
| Coriander                              | Exodus 16:31        | Spikenard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Solomon 1:12       |
| Daisy                                  | James 1:9-10        | Sweet Flag                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Exodus 30:23       |
| Date Palm                              | Deuteronomy 34:3    | Tamarisk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Genesis 21:33      |
| Dill                                   | Matthew 23:23       | Terebinth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Genesis 12:6       |
| Doves Dung                             | 2 Kings 6:25        | Thorn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Luke 6:44          |
| Fennel                                 | Exodus 30:34        | Tulip                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Song of Songs 2:12 |
| Fig                                    | Amos 8:1-2          | Water Cress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Exodus 12:8        |
| Grapevine                              | John 15:1           | Water Lily                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2 Chronicles 4:5   |
| Grass                                  | Psalms 90.5         | Wheat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Genesis 41         |
| Hyacinth                               | Revelation 9:17     | Wormwood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Revelation 8:11    |
| Hyssop                                 | John 19: 28-30      | <p>Please Note: Many of the plants above are mentioned directly in the Bible, the others are referred to indirectly -their inclusion is based on expert opinions. Names also differ sometimes between Bible versions when the translators interpret the original scriptures differently.</p> <p><i>Bob Peters</i></p> |                    |
| Lavender                               | Song of Songs 4:14  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Leek                                   | Numbers 11:5-6      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Lily                                   | Hosea 14:5          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Mallows                                | Job 6:6             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Mandrake                               | Song of Songs 7:13  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Millet                                 | Ezekiel 4:9         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Mint                                   | Luke 11:42          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Mustard                                | Luke 17:6           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Myrrh                                  | Matthew 2:11        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Myrtle                                 | Nehemiah 8:15       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Narcissus                              | Song of Songs 2:1-2 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |

Courtesy of ACE

## THE MOTHERS' UNION AT ST. PETER'S

Greetings fellow members and friends.

During this last week all members will have received their MUs paper and for this we must thank Linda who visited you all in order to deliver them. The arrival of the MUs papers was a pleasant surprise as the Editor had warned that it would probably be published digitally owing to various difficulties. Reading 'The President's Letter' you will realise how much time and effort she and the Trustees have put into keeping in touch with branches and groups and in making sure that the Mothers' Union is alive and well in this Diocese.

You will have noticed that Glenfield MU received a mention in Janice Lunn's letter from the Trustees. She particularly asked that, if you have not given her an email address for easy contact, to please let her have one. You can do this via MU office - details at the foot of front page.

All meetings and gatherings have been cancelled since the beginning of lockdown and we are now looking at a further four or five more months of the same. Unfortunately, the 'Away from it All holiday' for families in need of a break was cancelled but, rest assured that your donations will be carried forward to next year, when it is hoped it will be reorganised.

Please pray for all who are working so hard to keep us safe and those who have to make the difficult decisions when doing so. Continue to pray for one another, friends and neighbours. Finally I quote our Diocesan President - 'Whatever today may hold, Whatever tomorrow might bring, the future is secure for Christ is with us, the same yesterday, today and forever.'

*Lydia*

In the midst of the storm  
you give us your peace.

In the warmth of the sun



you  
In the  
you



give  
sight  
give



us your joy.  
of the rainbow  
us your hope.

AMEN.

*Prayer for Today.*

*MSH*

# The Big Church Read

By Sally Churchus, ACE chair

I recently came across

*The Big Church Read* (<http://www.thebigchurchread.co.uk>). It is a free Christian book reading scheme for individuals or groups, with resources online by the authors to accompany the books, although you need to buy the book which is offered with a discount. The first book is *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer, and the next one will be *How to Pray* by Pete Greig. This will be available at the start of 2021. The website states, '*The Big Church Read* is all about reading great Christian literature and discussing it with friends. It's no exaggeration to say that books change lives.'

*A reflection from Colin Reeves, ACE committee member*

## **Love your necklace!**

There's nothing like the sparkle of jewellery to liven up a pretty neck or a hunky chest. Probably the most popular item ever is a little silver cross - and it comes with a wealth of meaning.

It's **precious**, it's **perfect** and it's **personal**. Perhaps we saved up to buy the best we could. Perhaps it was a gift from someone special. When we want to look our best, it is often our perfect choice. A little cross may hold memories of people we love or of happy times.

It's **popular** - for decades, every jeweller and every market has had a crowded display of crosses in precious metals. When national events are at their height, a million cars and windows are blazoned with crosses on flags.

It's **permanent** - gold and silver, unlike most other materials, never rots or rusts. It can lie in a drawer for years or, dropped in the local river, it might be found centuries later almost perfect.

With all those qualities, no wonder the cross is much loved. Yet we know that it is really an ancient gallows, a replica of a method of bleeding death. A friend in a wheelchair once smiled at the anomaly: "*The cross was for hanging, a symbol of pain. Wearing it as jewellery is like me wearing a model of my wheelchair.*"

So why is it so popular worldwide? *Answer:* the death that the cross symbolises brought so much good to mankind...

**Joy and beauty** - by using the cross, God gave an opportunity to discover the joy and beauty of Godliness, a chance to live for a heavenly rather than a self-centred purpose. Here was relief from the burden of guilt, pain and evil that enters every life. The Christ-centred gospel brought into focus all the good qualities of the human race, our once-perfect creation by God. When the Almighty came down as Jesus Christ and went to the cross, *the manliness of God gave Godliness to man.*

Look again at those qualities of a silver cross, discover how they all

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apply to Christ himself -popular, perfect, permanent, precious, and personal.

Jesus Christ ministered to people individually: the woman at a well, Zacchaeus up a tree, Lazarus in a cave, Thomas with his doubts. And that is still the way he wants to come close, like that little silver, personal, permanent, precious and perfect cross.



## A letter from Iraq

My name is Khoshy, and I work for Tearfund in Iraq.

Recently, my colleagues in the UK asked you to send messages of encouragement to our overseas staff.

Our team here in Iraq were sent some of the responses, and I just wanted to say a huge, heartfelt thank you. To know that so many of you are thinking of us and praying for us is a blessing I cannot begin to describe.

It has been a difficult year for us. There are many challenges to working in Iraq, but coronavirus has created even more obstacles. At the beginning of the pandemic, all travel both into and within the country was banned. This gave us very limited access to our project sites. Not only that, but many banks were closed, making it much harder for us to provide the cash grants that have been such a lifeline to vulnerable people here. People use these grants to buy clothing, food and other essentials.

The level of logistical planning required has been huge, and there have been many long days (and nights) of work. But I am proud of what has been achieved. And knowing that we have people like you supporting us and cheering us on feels like weight is being taken off our shoulders. We do this for God. We do it because of his great love. When things get hard, we will look at the messages you have sent us and feel that love. Thank you. And may God bless you, always.

**Khoshy**, *Logistics Officer, Tearfund Iraq*



### ***Strapline***

Silence is the absence of noise,  
but peace is the presence of God.

**Churches Together in Glenfield**

**MESSY CHURCH**



Glenfield

A Sunday afternoon service for everyone

4pm - 6pm at St. Peter's Church Centre

Contact: Revd. Richard Trethewey. [messy@stpetersglenfield.org.uk](mailto:messy@stpetersglenfield.org.uk)  
(will be viewed through the internet until further notice)

**GROWTH GROUP**

Wednesday evenings fortnightly. 7.45pm  
(cancelled until further notice)

Contact: Brian Hughes



**GROWING TOGETHER**

Tuesday morning fortnightly. 10.30am at 76 Clovelly Road  
(cancelled until further notice)

Contact: Geoff Stokes  
Cheryl Read



**THE ARCHES**

Bereavement peer support group

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.  
(cancelled until further notice)

Meetings are held in Glenfield, at 2pm

Contact: Revd. Richard Trethewey on 0116 287 1604



**LUNCH FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE**

Bring and Share (Savoury or sweet)  
Sunday 12.30pm in the Church Centre

(cancelled until further notice)

Contact: Lydia Speight

Revd. Pam Harvey



## Bumps & Babies weigh & play group.

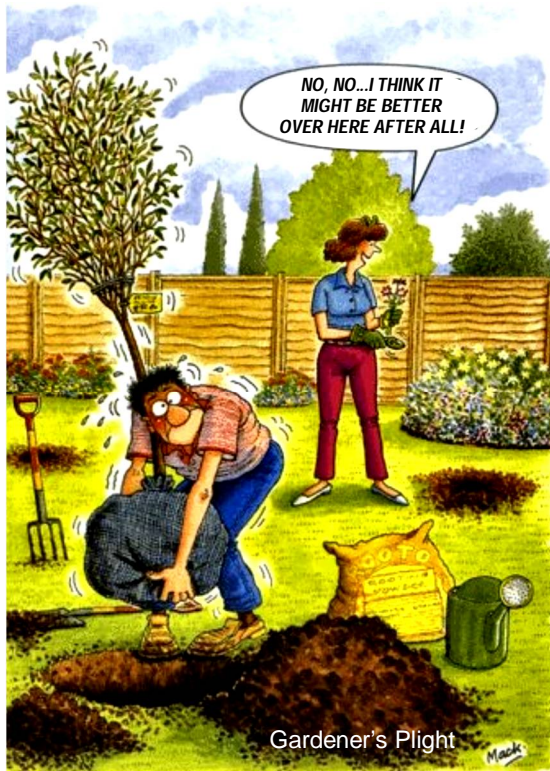
A group for expectant and new parents to come for a relaxed chat over a drink and biscuit to share ideas and concerns and to weigh their babies.

£1.50 for mum plus bump/baby, 50p for any additional children.

Meeting at St. Peter's church hall,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 1.15 - 2.45pm during term time.

(Due to the Covid19 virus meetings are cancelled  
until further notice)

Find more information on: [facebook.com/stpetersweighandplay](https://facebook.com/stpetersweighandplay) or  
contact Diane Hughes on 07790410659 /  
[diane\\_hughes41@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:diane_hughes41@hotmail.co.uk)





*connecting the  
community to Christ*

## **WHO'S WHO AT ST. PETER'S, GLENFIELD 2019**

Rector  
Retired Clergy  
Curate

Rev. Richard Trethewey 287 1604  
Rev. Pam Harvey 232 2959  
Rev. Sharon Andrews 07505323681

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[bookings@stpetersglenfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stpetersglenfield.org.uk) 0116 239 3768 Mon.-Fri. 9.30-11.30am



### **The members of the Parochial Church Council are:**

***Clergy:*** Rev. Richard Trethewey

***Curate:*** Rev. Sharon Andrews

***Churchwardens:*** David Bradbury (Vice-Chair) and Rob Foster

***Deanery Synod Reps:*** Brian Hughes (Secretary to the PCC)  
Diane Hughes

***Other members:***

Yvonne Burton, Doreen Denney, (Assistant Treasurer),  
Andrew Leeson (Treasurer), Elizabeth Oldridge,  
Max (Mark) Oldridge, Jane Quarmby, Geoff Stokes, Emma Winfield

***Attendee*** Racheal Busko.

***Co-opted:*** Rev. Pam Harvey.



### **Have your say!**

If you have any comments to make about any of the items in the magazine, good, bad or indifferent, you can email me at [doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk) or write it down and pass it on to me. Please let me know if I have your permission to print what you have to say.

Thank you

*Doreen Denney*