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MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Dear Friends,

Just a few weeks ago we were able to reopen our church, and yesterday morning when I unlocked (a Monday morning) it was moving to find the candle stand full of used candles. At the foot of the stand against the wall was a card drawn by a little child which had written on it, 'We love you, Grandpa.' I do not know the story behind this, but it is wonderful that people have returned to a beloved sacred space and are praying and finding sustenance within the walls of Holy Trinity.

So it will be up and down the land. Although we have seen a virtual collapse of adherence to denominational Christianity, there is still a deep-seated yearning for the 'higher things.' Our responsibility and privilege lead us to enable others to know Jesus and experience the fullness of life he offers to all people.

The juddering halt of 'normality' we experienced in March calls us to the realisation that we must reevaluate much of what went before. Here are some questions which occur to me:

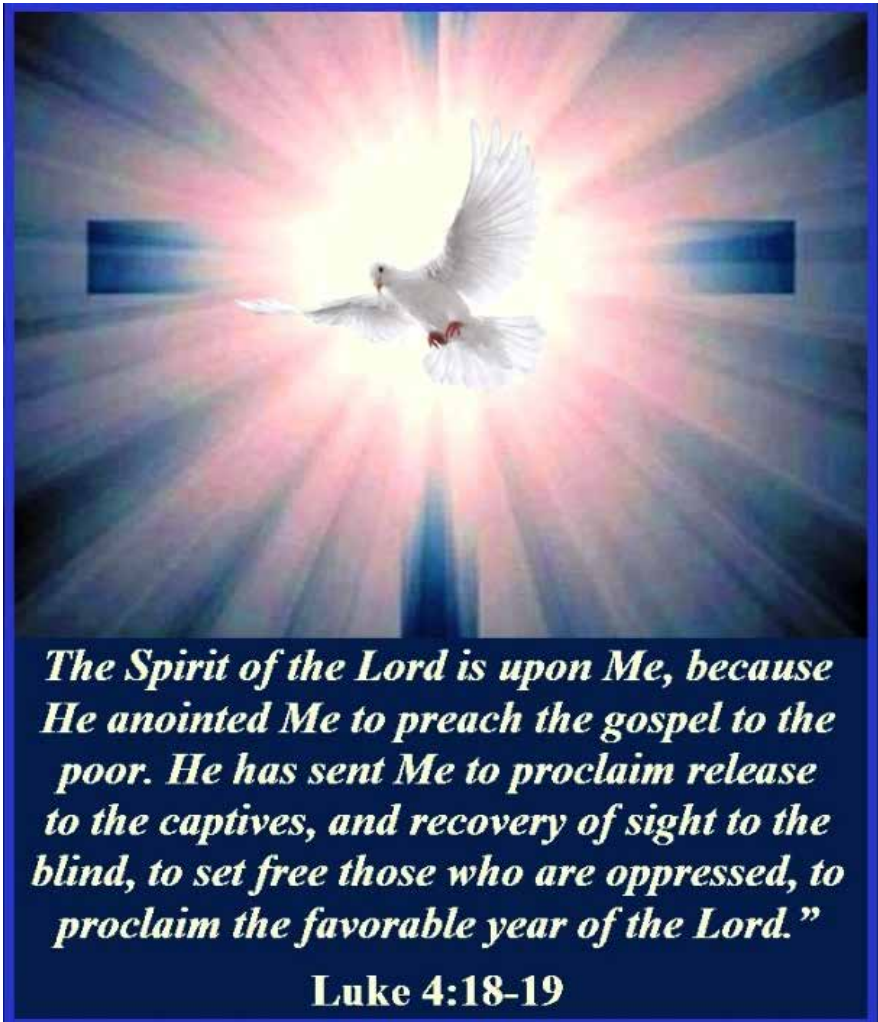
How are we to **make** the relevance of Jesus known within our community?

- How are we to **draw** others into discipleship with a thirst for growing in Christ?
- How are we to **sustain** the vital presence of the Body of Christ within Cuckfield and beyond?

You may have other questions you can add. How do we respond? It seems to me that this is achieved by allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our personal and corporate lives as a community. *1 Peter 2: 9* captures our imagination thus: *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*

This does not mean that we are better than other people. Rather, we are blessed by the knowledge of Christ travelling with us every step of our journey, urging us to interact with the world. Through his presence within our lives, we are called to be Spirit-filled servants of God: challenging injustice of any kind, speaking out against wrongdoing, and above all drawing others to his marvellous light through displaying the same self-giving love that Jesus does for us.

With love,
Michael (Vicar)



FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Christian Aid Bearing in mind the lockdown we have experienced, it was very moving to be able to report that the congregation donated over £1,490 via the church *Just Giving* page to Christian Aid. This wonderful response is greatly appreciated, particularly when we have been unable to carry out the usual house-to-house collection within the parish. *The Zoom Big Brekkie* was also much enjoyed!

Live Streaming from Church At our recent PCC meeting, the decision was taken to equip the church with the capacity to live stream worship. It is unlikely we shall be able to return to normal 'distancing' for some considerable time, and the great blessings we have experienced via Zoom thus far have, I hope, greatly encouraged everyone in this strange new world we now inhabit. Everyone will wish me to sincerely thank the anonymous donor who has generously offered to fund this work, costing over £8,000 - a most generous gift to our community. A temporary faculty has been awarded by the Diocese – the shortest period I time I ever remember in the faculty process! I do know that there are members of the congregation who have not been able to participate, or who feel that it is not for them. News has come today that services (including marriages) will resume from 4th July, although no more than 30 may attend, and there will be other restrictions, no doubt. However, it will be a great day, even if we are restricted in its operation.

The Tower Stonework Brian Cutler heard recently that the *Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust* has awarded Holy Trinity £10,000 towards the cost of the urgent stonework repairs required on the tower. We sincerely thank the Trust as it means that we will now be able to approach other trusts and charities, because (added to the sum we already have allocated) we have thus reached the halfway point in terms of money available. As I wrote in a recent newsletter, it is essential that this work which is proceeded with as soon as funding allows. Post-war contractors used hard cement pointing, and over the years, the stonework (which is softer) has become seriously eroded and now the pointing itself is failing - the south west corner is particularly parlous.



Archie displays energy at the Vicarage!

Archie – the jaws of death to cake I made a lovely cup of coffee a few days ago, cutting a slice of cake to accompany it (I promise that I have lost weight during lockdown – it was a treat). Sitting down, I put both coffee and cake on the table, when a great head came up, and with a sideways movement swiped the cake off the plate and disappeared below. It felt like a scene from *Jaws*! Sometimes Archie joins me for a communion service, and normally is very well behaved. It is only if someone walks past the Vicarage or pushes something through the letterbox that the sound of barking masks all else. Apologies – I fear he is spoilt!

THE PARISH MAGAZINE Copy Date

While we are not currently able to distribute the hard copy edition of the magazine, the digital edition is available free of charge, to read on-line or to download as a PDF, from the following link on the church website, from within the 'welcome' tab on the home page:

<http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/welcome/parish-magazine/>

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GIVING IN THE TIME OF QUARANTINE



While services are suspended, Holy Trinity Church has lost its income from the collections that normally sustain the work of the parish. If you wondered how you can help with this despite being in lockdown, one of the ways you can donate to the work of the parish is via ***Give a Little***.

Have you ever wondered what those strange squares with a pattern of black dots are? They are like bar codes, but are called ***QR codes*** and contain much more information:



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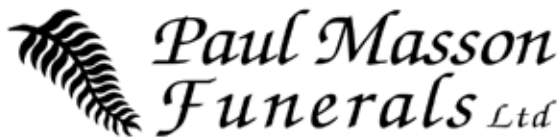


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Mothers' Union across Sussex mobilises to support families effected by Covid-19

Across the county, local Mothers' Union branch members have stepped up their support for their local communities during Covid-19.

Three weeks ago a local Sussex Charity, FSW (Family Support Work) put out a plea for food to help the families they work with across the county. They usually hand out 20-25 boxes of food to families each week. Each box provides one month's basic food needs. Due to lockdown FSW found they needed to support more families and the need increased to 40 boxes of food each week. The increased demand meant that they were rapidly running out of food.

Mothers' Union have 44 Branches across Sussex. So, from Saturday 6th June and then for the following 3 weeks, they all agreed to collect food in their areas, for delivery to FSW at Brighton.

The next problem was how to get the food to the FSW food store. A Worthing charity ***Turning Tides*** came to the rescue by readily agreeing to help out a fellow charity by loaning Mothers' Union their van at weekends for food collections around the county. In two weekends over 300 miles were travelled, with enough food collected and taken to FSW to feed over 80 families for a month.

As well as all the food donated, FSW has asked if donors would also consider giving shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, women's sanitary products, small washing powders and household cleaning products, e.g., Flash, washing up liquid, and Babies Nappies (4,5,6).

Mother's Union Diocesan President, Karen Hill said: "I know Mothers' Union members pray with their feet moving. This is a simple need and one I know we can help with. Whilst our work abroad continues we cannot, at this moment, stop families abroad always going hungry but we can help those on our own doorstep. FSW and Mothers' Union mirror each other's core values, and are an obvious partnership in these difficult times. With the generous help of ***Turning Tides***, this is a wonderful example of community charities pulling together to help those in need. The last weeks in lockdown have been hard and members relish the opportunity to do something, to help others."

Martin Auton-Lloyd, Director of FSW said: "The Mother's Union has always been a great friend to FSW and just as we thought we were going to hit problems with food supplies they stepped in and offered to help us keep our food bank running. Bringing our joint supporters together like this is a great way to show to the wider community the commitment, that we as Christians have, to serving those in need."

This special initiative promoted by Bishop Martin was for a two week 'big push for FSW'. For Cuckfield District, the nearest MU Depot would have been in Horsham, and we are grateful that Jane Coan was able to continue gathering goods locally, collecting as required and delivering direct to the FSW Deanery Worker. Her work continues as ever, and to support this effort, please contact Jane if you have food and other donations to collect and she will deliver onwards direct to the Deanery contacts



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FSW July Update

Dear Friends,

As we moved into June we had got used to our new way of working with families, but are also thinking ahead to what might change as and when the lockdown rules are changed. Our practitioners have been keeping up with all of their families via phone and Zoom, we've been making deliveries of food and other items, and keeping motivated as a team with regular Zoom meetings for practitioners and the whole staff team.

As some children have been able to return to school in the last week there has been some anxiety about what is best to do and our practitioners have been particularly focussed on making sure that each family is supported to make the right decision for them.

Many of you will be aware that we have been supported by the Mothers' Union for the past fortnight, who took on the task of collecting donations for our foodbank from across the Diocese, now that our support from the building company has finished. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of MU members and are receiving a van load of donations every week. Thank you to everybody who has supported us in this way and is continuing to do so.

We remain hugely grateful to everybody for your ongoing contact, words of encouragement and financial support.

May's work in numbers:

- 192 (socially distanced) visits to families and 192 phone calls supporting 49 grandparents, 336 parents, and 392 children;
- 16 supported meetings (virtually via Zoom/Skype, etc.) with other agencies
- 352 deliveries of food and other items such as children's activities made

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

CARRY ON - VOLUNTEERING



The Corona Virus catastrophe has brought out the best in us. Immediately the lockdown started notes were slipped through the doors of people who had been instructed to self-isolate. They were from younger, able-bodied individuals, who were taking the initiative to identify vulnerable neighbours and make arrangements to help them during their self-isolation. It demonstrates that there is a massive amount of goodwill in the community for volunteering to help others.

This spirit has been tapped for the last 37 years by **Cuckfield and Lindfield Rotary**. In the beginning a bunch of 43 year-olds got together and started out to make a difference in the community. Over the years they have raised close to half a million pounds for local causes and for their international projects. They have also done some serious practical work for local mental health care and other establishments. They major in challenging youth from reading assistance in primary schools to teenage competitions and sponsoring candidates for leadership courses.

The great thing is that all this is done with friends, and so it is a lot of fun too. Not only that, but the same things are being done with like-minded people all over the world, 1.2 million of them. Take the campaign to rid the world of polio. This was an initiative by Rotary, who prodded the **World Health Organisation** into action, then got the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** to contribute matched funding. It has taken a long time, but the job is nearly finished with only a handful of cases left in just two countries.

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During the last twelve months we have made 22 donations, totalling over £30,000. Large ones went to the local hospices and mental hospital. Many donations were made to a wide range of smaller causes which fall through the cracks of official funding, including responding to desperate needs caused by CV19. In Haiti, we are directly supporting a school and orphanage. We pay the salary of a schoolteacher every year, and we are currently building a library and IT facility for them.

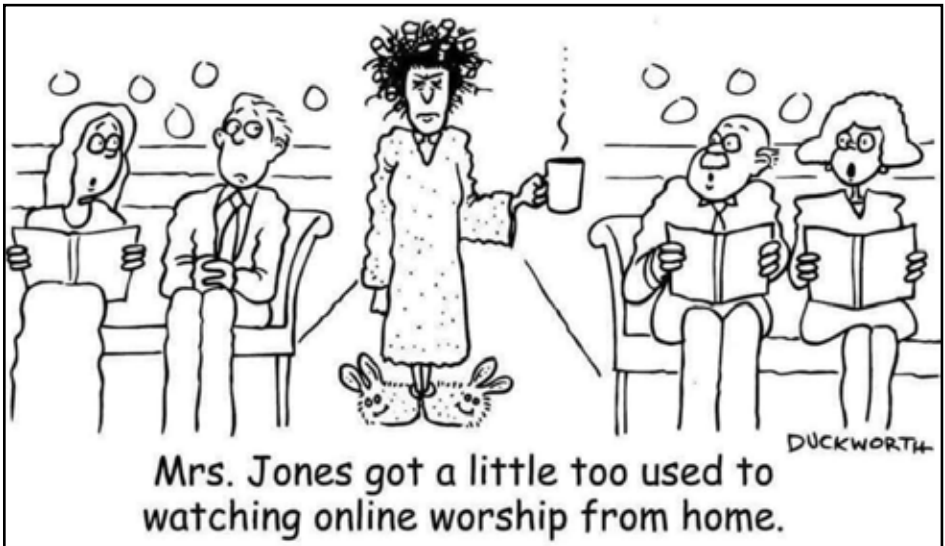
If you find that you enjoy volunteering, why not join with a well-organised, fun-loving bunch of others in your area. We have now also started a **Satellite Club** for those with less time, which meets on social media as well as physically. Or we have the traditional style of club which meets (when permitted) regularly with a meal and speaker. The choice is yours.

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I would
have refrained long since,
but that peering once
through my locked fingers,
I thought that I detected
the movement of a curtain.

R. S. Thomas





MY FRONT LAWN - *PLANT IT AND THEY WILL COME*

Do you remember that Kevin Costner movie, *Field Of Dreams*? Kev plays an Iowa farmer who, after hearing strange voices, transforms his land into a baseball pitch and summons the ghosts of a long-dead baseball team. Ridiculous. Yet, when I bought my first home eight years ago and stood on my new, perfectly manicured 15ft by 20ft suburban front lawn, all I could hear were voices in my head telling me to destroy it.

Rumours spread of my debauched gardening plans. My new neighbours eyed me with suspicion – especially when they overheard that I was planning to hire a stripper for the weekend! The clattering of the petrol-powered turf stripper was only drowned out by my maniacal laughter as I razed the 300 square feet of lawn to mud. You could hear the house prices dropping all along the cul-de-sac. The neighbourhood watched from behind twitching curtains as I carefully broadcast native wildflower seeds over the bare soil. Through the wet winter my front lawn looked ready to host a re-enactment of The Battle of Agincourt. And then spring came.

Meadow Buttercup, Oxeye Daisy, Cowslip, Yellow Rattle, Lady's Bedstraw, Crested Dogtail, Red Clover, Ragged Robin. The ground erupted into a riot of colour. And then the wildlife

arrived. Bees, bee-flies, beetles, burnets and butterflies. Unusual species appeared, too: Wall Brown and Brown Hairstreak butterflies, Ghost Moths, Wasp Spiders and a lone Common Spotted Orchid.

On summer days my mini-meadow sang to me, a choir of buzzing bumblebees and chirruping grasshoppers. My own nature reserve, beautiful, wild, endlessly fascinating and filled with life. I am genuinely bemused as I watch my neighbours struggle with their lawnmowers each week. Why go out of your way to kill something when you can just sit back and let it live? I simply swing my scythe and mow my meadow once at the end of the summer. I imagine I look like that shirtless bloke from *Poldark* (although I actually resemble a chunky but cheerful Grim Reaper).

Wildflower meadows were once a widespread feature of the English countryside but since the 1930s we have tragically lost 97% of our flower-rich fields. Many have been improved with fertilisers, re-seeded with faster growing grasses or ploughed for arable crops. This in turn has caused a massive decline in many species of wildlife that depend on them.

By creating my own humble field of dreams, it feels as if I am summoning the ghosts of the English countryside and giving them life. And then, last month, I turned the corner to see a deer, an actual wild Roe Deer, lost in suburbia but standing seemingly at home in my meadow. Ridiculous.

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JULY GARDEN NOTES

After an extremely dry end of March, April and May, a few weather fronts brought some rain to our gardens in June reviving flagging plants. Warm weather has encouraged aphids to proliferate (in our case blackfly and green fly), so keep an eye and treat as organically as possible (e.g., soft soap for aphids, concentrated garlic extract for caterpillars). Weeds need keeping at bay, too, so as not to run to seed creating, yet more weeds and swamping small plants, flowers and vegetables. In a dry year this is even more important as competition for valuable moisture and nutrients is heightened.

Runner and climbing French beans are climbing well, but if strong winds are forecast, make sure canes or supports are secure as the whole crop may go horizontal. Likewise, sweet peas and annuals climbing up fences or trellis. Tie in new growth on climbers, prune Wisteria tying in new growth, where you want to extend the framework, and cutting back the new whippy shoots to 1cm from the old wood. Prune any early flowering Clematis and honeysuckles you haven't tackled that are in need of a trim.

Berries started ripening early this year with strawberries, gooseberries and currants cropping in June, and raspberries close behind. Prune afterwards, and in the case of strawberries, remove unwanted runners or use them to start a new strawberry bed.

Other pruning jobs for July include cutting privet and hawthorn hedges, flowering currants (*Ribes*), *Weigelia*, *Choisya*, *Spirea*, *Deutzia* and *Philadelphus* and keep dead heading roses.

Feed hanging baskets, pots on the patio and any plants like tomatoes in grow bags. Keep up with tying up and removing side shoots on all but bush varieties (e.g., Tumbler). Watch for whitefly and red spider mite under glass (for which there are biological predatory controls), and outdoors the unwelcome potato/tomato blight which manifests itself as watery spots on leaves and stems.

In the vegetable garden, keep hoeing off the weeds, plant out any remaining leek and brassica seedlings, sow swede and turnips early on in the month. Harvest shallots and garlic once their tops/ leaves have turned brown. Dig all first early potatoes, if you haven't already, and second earlies too by the end of the month. Unless you've watered, they're not likely to be very big due to insufficient rain.

Clear algae, blanket weed and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up.

Ants have enjoyed the dry spring and can be a nuisance in gardens although they do little harm. Only where they remove soil from around plant roots do they need controlling or under paving slabs. Pigeons are much more of a nuisance than ants ... if anyone has any tried and tested ways of deterring them, please let me know!

Lindsay Shurvell



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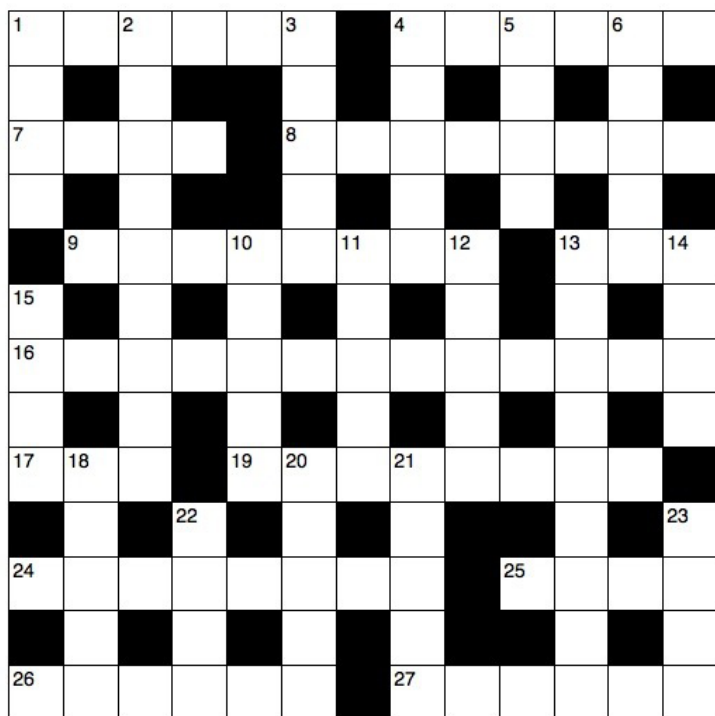


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July Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)

- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

DOWN

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me"" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

(Answers on page 37)

July 2020 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

SUNDAY 5 JULY – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
*Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a;
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end*
- 9.45am Family Service
- 6.00pm Evensong
2 Samuel 2: 1-11, 3: 1; Luke 18: 31-19: 10

SUNDAY 12 JULY – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Isaiah 55: 10-13; Romans 8: 1-11;
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*
- 6.00pm Evening Communion

SUNDAY 19 JULY – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Romans 8: 12-25;
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43*
- 6.00pm Evensong
1 Kings 2: 10-12; Acts 4: 1-22

SUNDAY 26 JULY – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
*1 Kings 3: 5-12; Romans 8: 26-39;
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52*
- 6.00pm Evensong
1 Kings 6: 11-14, 23-end; Acts 12: 1-17
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Cyril Kenneth DIXON Aged 96

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1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.

DOWN:

1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

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