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Icon of the Trinity - Andrei Rublev 1411

O World Unknowable

My dear friends,

The end of the month sees us celebrating the Feast of the Holy Trinity, a concept most of us might regard as somewhat unknowable! Of course, we have Church doctrine and the Creeds to assist us, yet how can we truly express the mysterious nature of God – one in three and three in one?

We can certainly gaze at the night sky – at the myriad stars and the Milky Way. Here is the sign of the Creator’s power evident in the birth and death of stars and galaxies; in the farthest reaches of the universe ... or are there multiverses? Yet a creational love seems to me to be shot through the glory of all that exists.

The Son we can say more of. All that we can know within our humanity of our shared life with God is seen in the face of Jesus Christ – the Word made flesh. He reveals the call to be part of the Divine story by offering as much love as we can to the ‘other,’ regardless of cost.

What of the Holy Spirit? Again, the mysterious ‘pull’ of God within people’s lives. The inward grace – always longing for us to be as united as we come to this grace in order to grow spiritually in the way we view the world.

Yet even writing this seems only to scratch at the surface of what we can know of the God who is love. Perhaps ours is the journey just to let go and live, allowing God to abide with us in every aspect of life. Then, we can join Frances Thompson as he starts his poem *In no strange land*:

*O world invisible, we view thee,
O world intangible, we touch thee,
O world unknowable, we know thee,
Inapprehensible, we clutch thee!*

O Holy Trinity – unknowable, yet known - fill us with the fire of your love!

With love,
Michael

A natural Easter garden seen on a walk through Westmeston Churchyard



FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Easter Thanks A huge thankyou to all who contributed to our keeping of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We were led on our journey through participation in Lent Groups, and I am most grateful to Clive, Vicky and Jonathan for coordinating these. We also used our 'home team' to preach throughout Holy Week itself with the addition of Bishop Ruth on Good Friday, but thank you to Clive, Jonathan, Vicky, Helen and Kevin Carey for some powerful reflections. The church looked beautiful for Easter Day through the efforts of Jane and Chris's flower arrangements, and our Sunday's Cool children (who had also recorded clips for the lovely Family Service on Good Friday) planted a beautiful Easter garden in church. Perhaps the greatest surprise to me was the large attendance at our outdoor Family Easter Praise service, after the 9.45 on Easter Day itself. Definitely something to work on, and much appreciated by those who attended. Helen did great work at leading the singing and then supervising an Easter

egg trail. So, thank you, all – particularly to our technical team for their great work over Lent and Holy Week. It really did feel as if we were resuming bodily participation!

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting with the Election of Wardens This will take place on the **Feast of Pentecost - 23rd May**, at 11.30 a.m. after the 9.45 online via Zoom. It seems appropriate that we should consider the life of the Church and how we have fared over the past year. Slightly bizarrely, we weren't able to hold the last meeting until October, and from this year, under new rules, we are allowed to hold it later than in previous years. Please do join us as we elect our wardens and members to serve on the PCC. These are important roles, particularly as we consider the life of the parish as we move forward in the new landscape, we all inhabit!

Weddings As life begins to move forward once again, we celebrate the fact that marriages may now take place with fewer restrictions. I never understood why they were stopped and then started with such wretched restrictions that virtually no couple felt able to proceed. However, let's rejoice that we are able once again to welcome couples back to make their vows at Holy Trinity. As an aside, all clergy have had to re-train, because the registration of marriage has been completely altered, and will now be carried out by the State electronically – safer, apparently! However, we are told that we will have some form of book to keep a record of weddings at church, and banns will continue to be 'published.'

Christian Aid Week (10th-16th May) A reminder of the dates for this important week in the calendar. We will be working out how we may effectively continue to support this important charity. Last year we had our first virtual breakfast via Zoom, but we will give more details nearer the time!

FEASTS THIS MONTH

Ascension Day – Thursday 13th May. Holy Communion 9.00am. Sung Eucharist 8.00pm

Pentecost – Sunday 23rd May Holy Communion 8.00am. Sung Eucharist 9.45am.

Followed by the APCM on Zoom at 11.30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday – Sunday 30th May Holy Communion 8.00am Sung Eucharist 9.45am.

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ONWARDS AND UPWARDS – MISSION AND BUILDING

The Church of England is in a position like few others in Europe, in that the responsibility for the upkeep of churches falls solely on the congregation of each individual parish. In France, all ancient churches belong to the State, and in many other nations, tax is raised for the care of churches, and in some even pays wages of organists and parish workers.

Not so here. No money comes from the central funds of the Church, and it has become increasingly difficult to tap the National Lottery Heritage Fund for work to churches without proving a strong community use for the building applying for grant-aid. Indeed, during this pandemic, the fund has only just begun to refunction with a focus on pandemic recovery. Thus, the maintenance of our churches - the largest number of historic building in the nation and a major part of its greatest historical treasure – falls virtually wholly on the shoulders of worshippers. This I believe will ultimately become unsustainable and should be of great concern to those who love our national heritage.

At Holy Trinity we have to balance the care of our exceptionally beautiful church whilst seeking to engage in Christian outreach – our primary purpose. I hope that this is something we have managed in some measure since I became your incumbent. I feel blessed to be part of a church where people respond generously. However, we should never become complacent about this, and should always seek to regularly consider our own personal giving; something I hope to address later in the year.

Many will know that we have had a number of issues hanging over us. The roof is the most major of these. Current estimates for relaying and making sound this vital protector of our medieval inner roof with its Kempe paintings runs at present at about £1.2 million. However, we have also been aware of the stonework repairs to the tower. These are costed at £200,000 and urgent.

On a completely different front, the technology involved with the sound system and control of the screen and projector has broken down between the sound desk and vestry. When installed, the system was state-of-the-art, but of course everything has moved on very quickly. With services now streamed from church, we have to upgrade and enhance our technology because it has become a very real tool of mission.

Brian Cutler has done sterling work at tapping trusts and charities in regard to stonework repairs; the Friends of Holy Trinity had very generously pledged a substantial sum of money; and several parishioners also having given most generously, but things were stuck. A third of the sum was still needed to enable this work to proceed – something which really should be carried out before another winter.

We are very blessed to receive notice of a generous legacy from the late Marilyn Archbold, with a request from her executor that it would be good if the bulk of the money could be spent on a single project. At around the same time we also received a much-appreciated legacy from Elisabeth Dunnett. Elisabeth's heart was very much focussed on helping others, and it seemed appropriate that her legacy should be used towards the upgrade of technology – thus enabling others to participate not only in worship but outreach. The PCC unanimously decided that both Elisabeth and Marilyn's legacies should be used to enable both projects to proceed.

As I said earlier in this article, we have to hold in tension the fact that our primary purpose is to proclaim the Gospel whilst always doing our best to care for our beautiful church building. Over the past year of pandemic, we have seen a cessation of income on various fronts including the Old School and Christmas Tree Festival. Money from plate collections also ceased, yet wonderfully the generous giving by members of the congregation has increased – a sign of commitment to serving the Lord. At the same time, we must remain realistic. The refurbishment of the great roof will take time and energy. ***What it must never do is to suck the life out of our mission to joyfully serve Jesus through our interaction with the world.***

We thank God for the blessings we have received from Marilyn and Elisabeth – two much-loved members of our community. As we move forward in the new world we inhabit, let us always seek above all else to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in drawing others to know the fulness of life revealed in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Michael

A POEM FOR TRINITYTIDE

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

Malcolm Guite (Sounding the Seasons – Canterbury Press)



Albrecht Durer – 1511

Durer was perhaps the greatest of all engravers, and give us a medieval vision of the indefinable mystery at the heart of our Faith – The Trinity – Three Persons in One God

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AN EASTERTIDE REFLECTION ON THE FIFTY DAYS

*He stretched out a wounded hand
To the loaf on the plate*

This year the month of May continues the celebration of ***The Great Fifty Days of Easter***, until we reach Pentecost on 23rd May. It is a wonderful season which calls us to consider our journeying and lives in the light of Christ's Resurrection.

One of the great accounts revealing this transformation is that of Cleopas and his friend who we read of in Luke's Gospel (24: 13-35). The two of them are travelling on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the Day of Resurrection when their lives are touched as they travel with a stranger. It is only when they invite him to share a meal with them that as he breaks bread, they recognise Jesus and are drawn to Resurrection Lives themselves.

There is a great poem 'A Landlady in Emmaus' by George Mackay Brown, the visionary Scottish poet, in which he imagines this Emmaus moment in modern life, seen from the perspective of this woman. Cleopas and his friend become Tom and Ed and Jesus a preacher whose teachings have changed them. Although she isn't sure about him, the landlady decides that Tom and Ed's going to meetings with him is better than being with football hooligans! Then she sees newspaper headlines proclaim, 'TERRORIST LEADER ARRESTED.' The account goes on, and she becomes increasingly worried for her lodgers. Will they too be arrested?

Ultimately, she too is drawn to new life as Tom and Ed invite a hooded stranger to supper whom they have given a lift to. They ask him to break bread with them, and there is a wonderful moment of transformation for landlady and lodgers which reveals the power of Easter which is open to all. In every time and situation, each of us is invited to grow in the knowledge of God's Love for us shown in Jesus, who wants to break bread with us and silently says, '*Come to me, all you who are weary or burdened in any way, and I will give you rest.*'

In this time of disconnection and sorrow, Jesus offers us new life, renewed hope and love beyond compare.



Caravaggio – Supper at Emmaus (National Gallery, London)



Ascension – Ed De Guzman

THE PARISH MAGAZINE Next Copy Date

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

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The copy date for the **JUNE 2021 Magazine** will be:
MONDAY 17th MAY

Please email contributions *in WORD format (no PDFs, please)* to:

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ZOOM - AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES

Holy Trinity Church has always sought to be at the leading edge of technology: the Museum recently handed to the church for safe keeping three 78 rpm vinyl records made on Sunday 30th September 1954 of a Morning Service. An early experiment in church for those at home?

Translation: **rpm** is a sort of earlier version of **bps**.

5TH SUNDAY GIVING – *Family Support Work*

Sunday 30th May is the 5th Sunday of the month and, as usual, we will be having a collection for a local charity.

Our allocated charity is FSW and all donations will go towards funding activities and days out during the long summer holidays for struggling families and those in crisis.

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- posted through the Church Office letterbox
- posted in the collection box in church

Cheques should be made payable to CDA FSW

If you are able to Gift Aid, please use the yellow FSW envelopes available in church.

Alternatively, money can be donated electronically on the day using the device in church or via the QR square which appears on the final screen of the Zoom service.

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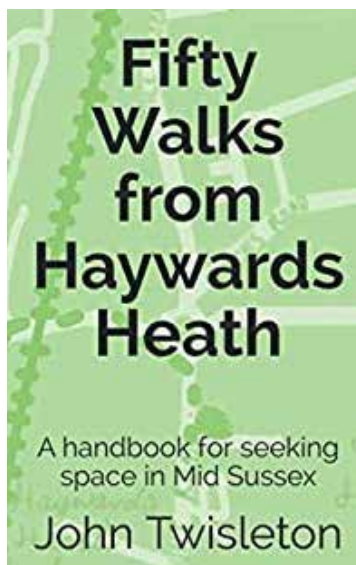
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Fr. John is also an avid local historian, and the book is packed with lots of good information, and often a spiritual dimension, too.

The book is priced at £9.99, and Fr. John will post you a copy if you'd like, for £1.99. Just email him at john@twisleton.co.uk and he'll send you the BACS information.

His book is also available from Amazon, and in Kindle format too.

Paul Johnson

SEVENTY YEARS AT THE CREASE

By Geoffrey Longfield

It gives me great pleasure to announce that my book, ***Seventy Years at the Crease***, has been recently printed. It contains my memories (assisted by fellow members) of the progress of our local club, Cuckfield Cricket Club, from 1945 to 2020.

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Geoffrey Longfield

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I cannot thank you enough for the support you have given us. I'm only sorry I don't get to thank you all in person. The other day I managed a quick estimate - I think we must have given out at least 600 food parcels to families in Bewbush and the surrounding area of Crawley since we started up last summer. What an achievement, but how sad that it has been needed.

So, what do I stick in a food parcel? Well, I've fine-tuned it now. Each parcel is just about enough to feed a family of four for a couple of days. I'll include a couple of meals, for example ingredients to make a tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake along with a Fray Bentos pie, instant mash and peas. Some cereal, fruit juice, long-life milk and jam does for breakfast. It's beans on toast for lunch (minus the toast, as bread doesn't keep especially well in my garage!). I will add in some tinned fruit and custard if I have it, or maybe some instant whip. Admittedly it isn't the most nutritious of food parcels, but it keeps well, and it does the trick! When I can, I top it up with fresh fruit and vegetables.



Just recently I've started adding packets of fairy cake mixes. I'd been given one and a mum told me she and her daughter had really enjoyed making them together and I thought that was lovely.

So, thank you so much to all those who have dropped a carrier bag off on my
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JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA'S EASTER

"He's gone", says Joseph, and, with Pilate's leave
Eases the nails and lowers him from the Tree,
Wraps him in reverent and tender thoughts
And lays him in the cave called Memory.

The cave is deeply hewn in Joseph's heart:
All that's within will always be his own:
In memory's cave the treasure of his past
Is safe for ever, walled and sealed by stone.

"He's safe", says Joseph, "safe in this cool place
And no one now can take my Lord away.
In years to come I'll still see his dear face
As clearly as I've seen it on this day.

"He's gone!" cries Joseph at the empty tomb:
But Mary says, "He's left a word for you:
He cannot rest content to be your past,
So he has risen to be your future too".

W.H. Vanstone

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MAY GARDEN NOTES

Easter and the two weeks either side were rather chilly with some overnight frosts, reminding us not to race ahead and put out non-hardy plants!

Bluebells are later than last year, swathes of blue appearing mid-April onwards, also asparagus which is not showing a single spear as I type mid-month.

The ground is beautifully dry now after four weeks of negligible rain, so we'll be praying for some soon especially if you've sown grass seed or laid turf for a new lawn. Damaged areas of lawn can likewise be repaired with seed or turf, moss and weed killer treatments applied (and watered-in if no rain appears).

Hardy annual flowers (sweet peas, larkspur, stocks, antirrhinums, calendula) and vegetables like leeks, peas, broad beans, brassicas, lettuce, beetroot and spinach can be planted out and hanging baskets made up. Keep the latter protected from frost - we're usually safe by the third week of May but if they're hung up against the protection of a house or brick garage, early May is often fine.

Resist the temptation to plant out any of the tender bedding plants, e.g., impatiens, petunias, begonias, geraniums, marigolds and frost sensitive vegetables, e.g., courgettes, sweet corn, French and runner beans until mid-May. Emerging shoots of potatoes are best protected by earthing up or covering with fleece until the danger of frosts has passed. Keep up with the weeding especially amongst onions, leeks, carrots that are easily choked by weeds. Tie in climbers as they grow (e.g., climbing roses ,clematis, honeysuckle and sweet peas).

On the pruning front, at the beginning of early flowering shrubs such as Osmanthus, Mahonia, Choisya, Camellias, Forsythia, Viburnums, e.g., bodnantense, heathers (*Erica carnea*, etc.) and semi woody perennials like Fuchsias, Santolinas and

Perovskia. They then have plenty of time for new growth to ripen sufficiently to flower next year.

It's not too late to divide/split large clumps of the later flowering herbaceous perennials like Agapanthus, Heleniums, Crocosmia and Michaelmas daisies. They will enjoy a boost of growth from being lifted, split and replanted, and will have time to settle back in before they flower.

Thinking about borders, Forget-me-nots do a wonderful job of covering all sorts of ills. But it's wise to pull up at least some once they have finished flowering and before they set seed. If left unchecked they will seed everywhere and shade out other plants. Honesty (Lunaria) can also do a takeover bid if left unchecked, though in our garden they never have a chance as the pigeons strip them bare, likewise sweet rocket (also a Cruciferae/cabbage family). Plums, gages and cherry trees needing a prune are best done mid-April to mid-May as the sap is rising causing the wounds to heal readily.

Ponds should have been cleared of winter debris and congested clumps of marginal or water plants thinned, and pumps serviced but do it if you haven't yet.

For herb lovers, parsley, thyme, sage and chives are usually more prolific and live longer grown in proper soil in the garden than in compost in a small pot. Annuals like basil, dill, coriander and chervil run to seed mid to late summer so it doesn't matter so much.

Tatty foliage of narcissi/ daffodils and early flowering bulbs can be removed now. May is the season for Alliums - worth a place in anyone's garden.

Enjoy the heady scents of deciduous azaleas and vibrant colours of them and their evergreen cousins.

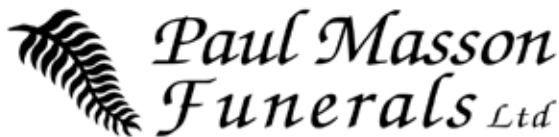
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SEARCHING FOR EXTINCT ANIMALS

A wonderful museum lurks unassumingly on Brighton's Dyke Road, the tree-lined residential avenue that connects the city to the rolling chalk hills of the South Downs. It was here, in the illuminated cabinets and cases of ***The Booth Museum of Natural History*** that my story started.



A display of the bones, eggs, fur and feathers of extinct animals reconnected me with my childhood obsession with lost species. It was the starting point for a journey which led me deep into the caves of New Zealand looking for the bones of the mighty extinct Moa – birds which stood over 12 feet tall.

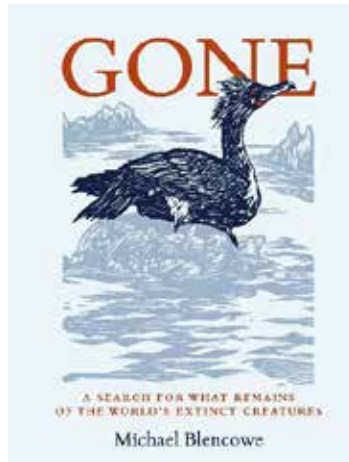
I hike mountain ranges in search of the South Island Kōkako, a bird known as the 'Grey Ghost'; which some believe may still exist.

In San Francisco I seek the remaining sand dunes where the diminutive Xerces Blue butterfly once flew and in a dimly lit museum storeroom. I am granted an audience with the holiest of extinct relics – the mummified head of the legendary Dodo. Although my quest leads me to Copenhagen, Helsinki, Paris and New York, I was surprised to find that, if I was searching for extinct animals, there was a story right on my doorstep.

Sussex was the last known whereabouts of Ivell's Sea Anemone, declared extinct in 1997. This delicate creature once existed in Widewater Lagoon near Shoreham and is known from nowhere else on the planet. Widewater's faded information panel contains a drawing of this mythical beast. Grey and tubular, the illustration resembles a section of somebody's small intestine or a really long sock with wiry tentacles poking out of one end.

I headed off in search of the only remaining specimens of this species, stored deep in the basement of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Here I was handed a jar with a domed glass stopper. Inside the jar was a solution of 75% ethanol and floating in that ethanol was ... nothing. I put on my glasses and raised the jar up to the storeroom's light bulb and only then could I make out the anemone, a miniscule, thin squiggle suspended in the solution.

After giant Moa bones and mummified Dodos there was no disguising my disappointment. I had harboured a hope that maybe I could be the man to gallantly re-discover Ivell's Sea Anemone in Widewater lagoon. The fact that I couldn't re-discover it in a jar two inches from my face didn't inspire me with confidence.



Undaunted, I carried on my quest and, armed with a snorkel, a faulty torch and an inflatable lilo in the shape of crocodile I bravely waded into Widewater. You'll find the rest of this story and many more of my adventures in my new book ***Gone: A search for what remains of the world's extinct creatures***, published on 27th April and available everywhere.

Michael Blencowe
Sussex Wildlife Trust



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Christian Aid Week helps communities cope with the effects of climate change

With every gift, with every voice, with every prayer, with every action, we can stop this climate crisis.

Our planet is changing, but some people are feeling the effects of this more than others. Weather extremes are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis and one place that has experienced this is Kenya.

In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. Together, climate chaos and coronavirus are a double threat to lives and livelihoods.

Climate chaos is causing a hunger crisis

In Kitui, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on rain to grow crops. Without water, staple crops like maize and beans wither up and die. People can't earn a living and they go hungry.

People are forced to walk further and further to collect water. This daily burden robs them of the chance to farm and grow food for their families. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weaker and weaker. They can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk.

One of Christian Aid's long-standing partners, the Anglican Development Services -Eastern (ADSE) helps communities build earth and sand dams, and rock catchments, so they can harvest water near their homes. Dams are simple and cost-effective natural storage solutions. They catch the rain when it falls, increase the amount of stored water available to communities, defend against intense rain and flooding, and free women and girls from making long and dangerous journeys to collect water.

Meet Rose: a loving, hard-working grandmother

One woman who is experiencing the worst of the climate crisis is Rose. A grandmother, Rose is an experienced village leader. She is proud to be able to cover the costs of her grandchildren's education by working as a casual labourer.

After her husband died in 2006, Rose began to feel ill. She went to hospital and was diagnosed with HIV. She says: 'My faith has helped me to accept my status and I believe that, with the doctor's advice, I will live a long life.' The medication Rose takes requires her to eat a balanced diet, but because of the long journeys to get water, she can't farm the vegetables she needs and she goes hungry.

In this desperate climate chaos, Rose battles to bring water home for her grandchildren. Every morning, after nothing to eat, she sets out on a long, dangerous journey, walking six hours to collect water.

While she walks, her stomach gives her stabbing pains. She feels weary under the hot sun and the full jerry cans are heavy (40 litres of water weigh 40kg). Her aching legs walk on, because if she gives up, her grandchildren will suffer hunger and thirst. 'We have to walk long distances. We are suffering,' she says.

Rose needs every last drop to survive the climate chaos

Rose remembers her childhood when the rain was reliable and there was plenty of food. She wishes her grandchildren could have the same lives. Instead, she hopes that her sacrifices will give them the chance of a better future. But the climate crisis is driving her to the brink. When she arrives home, exhausted, her grandson Charles cooks her a meagre bowl of porridge – but he knows she is still hungry. Families shouldn't have to reach this breaking point.

There is a nearby earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home. It should be a lifeline. But it's not wide or deep enough for everyone's needs. It runs out of water too quickly. Rose and her community need a bigger dam, to help them capture the rainfall and create a long-lasting source of water for their families.

A song of hope and power

What happens when the search for water does not consume people's lives? What happened when people have the water they need to thrive? We can find out by meeting Florence: a woman who has transformed her life with access to a dam full of water.

Florence is a soulful, joyful woman: full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous and kind – a survivor. A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. Like Rose does now, she had to walk for hours to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But she is a fighter. With help from Christian Aid's local partner, Florence and her community were able to build a dam together, just 30 minutes

from her house. Using water from the dam, Florence grows tomatoes, onions and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables, and she has enough left to sell. It's her source of life and joy.

Florence also uses the dam to keep bees: the microclimate of plants growing around the dam means the bees don't need to search long distances for nectar. She sells the rich, golden honey at the market. She says: 'I have been sustained by the earth dam. My life has changed. I am very happy. You can see it in my face: my face is shining. I have strength and power.'

Blessings for all in need

You can see Florence's strength and power as she hauls heavy buckets to water her crops. You can see her strength and power as she sings to encourage the women with whom she farms. You can see her strength and power as she takes climate justice into her own hands.

Florence is a generous woman of faith. She knows others are struggling to cope without a reliable water source, and wishes the same blessings she has received will be granted to them: 'There is a village nearby – they don't have an earth dam. They are suffering. I am thankful to people who have donated to build this earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving.'

This Christian Aid Week, will you stand with people like Rose and Florence?

Please donate this Christian Aid Week (10-16 May). Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, providing a regular and reliable source of water in affected areas of Kenya.

- £4.40 could teach 10 farmers how to plant **drought-tolerant crops** that can survive the drought.
- £10 could buy a pair of taps at a **water point** which will be installed at an earth dam, making it easier for people to fetch water.
- **£42** could buy 350kg of **cement**, which is needed to build an earth dam.
- £545 could pay for a **skilled labourer** to work on the construction of an earth or sand dam.

Every pound raised, every prayer said and every action taken, are expressions of our Christian love and compassion, of our belief that all life is equal and precious in the sight of God. Together, we can stop this climate crisis, and give brave, hard-working women like Rose the chance to thrive.

You can also join us as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.

Also, pray with us for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

We can all be part of the solution. All we need is courage and determination.

Stand together with us to fight this climate crisis.

Join us this Christian Aid Week for our Zoom Big Brekkie, Sat 15th May 9am via the Zoom button on the church website page. And

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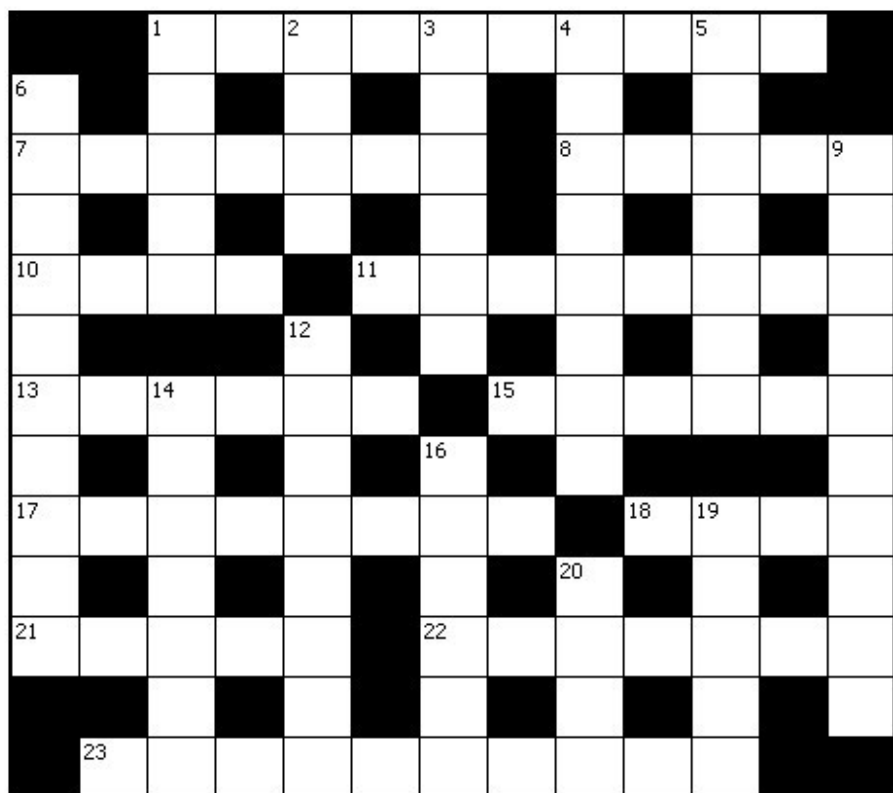
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May Crossword



ACROSS

1 Sense of right and wrong (*1 Corinthians 8:7*) (10)

7 Coming (*John 11:17*) (7)

8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (*John 17:10*) (5)

10 Smarten (*Acts 9:34*) (4)

11 Hold back (*Job 9:13*) (8)

13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)

- 15** At ague (anag.) (6)
17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
18 So be it (*Galatians 6:18*) (4)
21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. — (5)
22 Empowers (*Philippians 3:21*) (7)
23 Imposing (*1 Samuel 9:2*) (10)

DOWN

- 1** Healed (*Luke 7:21*) (5)
2 Central space in a church (4)
3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (*Exodus 2:12*) (8)
5 Bravery (*Acts 4:13*) (7)
6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (*Acts 16:26*) (10)
9 Transgression (*Psalms 36:1*) (10)
12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
16 ‘The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ’ (*Genesis 1:2*) (6)
19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
20 Cab (4)

(Answers on page 44)

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May 2021 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

Apart from on the first Sunday of the month, there are no Evensong services at present but the readings for the day are still listed for information

SUNDAY 2 MAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Family Eucharist
Acts 8: 26-end; 1 John 4: 7-end
John 15: 1-8
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong
Isaiah 60: 1-14; Revelation 3: 1-13

SUNDAY 9 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Communion
Acts 10: 44-end; 1 John 5: 1-6;
John 15: 9-17

SUNDAY 16 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5: 9-13
John 17: 6-19
- 6.00pm Evensong (*For information only*)
Isaiah Chap. 61; Luke 4: 14-21

SUNDAY 23 MAY – PENTECOST

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Acts 2: 1-21;
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15
- 6.00pm Evensong (*For information only*)
Ezekiel 36: 22-28; Acts 2: 22-38

SUNDAY 30 MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion
As 9.45am
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
Isaiah 6: 1-8; Romans 8: 12-17;
John 3: 1-17
- 6.00pm Evensong (*For information only*)
Ezekiel 1: 4-10, 22-28a, Revelation Chap. 4

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

MAY SERVICES

While the church is open for private devotion during the week, like many other churches during the current lockdown until restrictions ease further, regular Services in church are limited to the Sunday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion and the Sunday 09.45 a.m., unless otherwise advertised.

Other than the Sunday 8.00 a.m. service, all our services are on Zoom.

You will find details on the church website and can join the following services via the Big Blue Zoom Button on the home page:

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10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

THURSDAYS

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic)

FRIDAYS

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Traditional Language)