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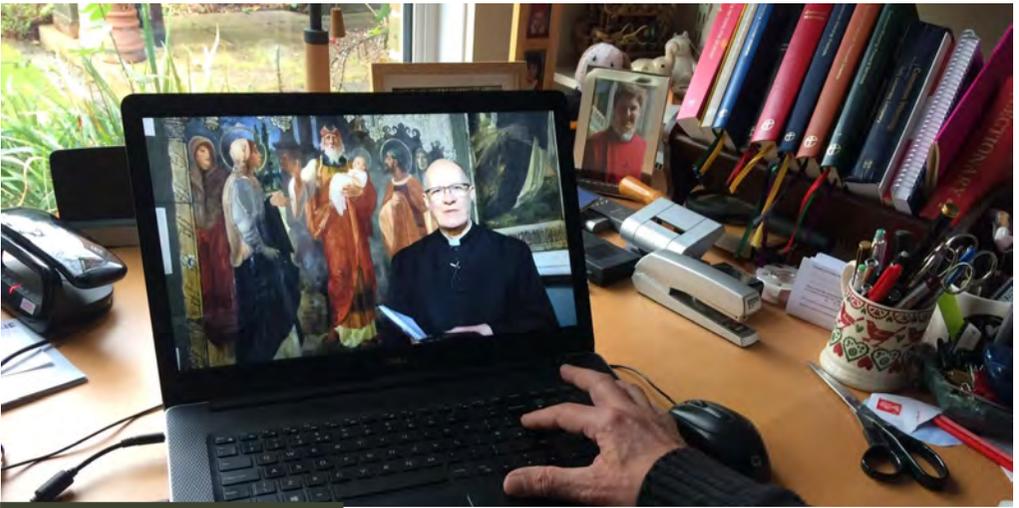
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# ***Welcome!***

## **From The Reverend Dr Chrichton Limbert Vicar of Christ Church Southgate**

Welcome to the first Spire of 2021 – Candlemas has happened and the baby Jesus was presented in the temple, so the Christmas season is officially over. It is also two months since I wrote an opening leader. Looking back, it has been an eventful two months. At the end of November, we were ending the second lockdown to stop the virus in its tracks ready to be in a good place for Christmas. It didn't quite go to plan – and here we are, closed again. However, Christmas was still celebrated and, if you add up the numbers, our ticketed Nine Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass, as well as Following the Angels, combined with those who watched our different pre-recorded services, we actually had more people “at” church than usual. The arrival of the Christ Child was well and truly marked. After this weekend, Judith, Bea and I will go in and take out the lit Eco Tree branches ready for Lent. I'm

sure they will be back.

Before writing this letter, I looked back at what I wrote last year – it feels like a different country! I was launching the Lent Book - “Saying Yes to Life” by Ruth Valerio – which was to be discussed during the Sunday Eucharists in Lent, including an Eco-Eucharist for the Second week of Lent on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. That was the first appearance of the Eco-trees and was about the last service in church before lockdown. We never made it to the end of the book, and the lent course based on the film Mary Poppins Returns was also cut short. So, even though we can't pick up in church where we left off, can I suggest that Lent is a really good time to take a good look at creation, as the days lengthen and new growth springs up all around us. At Christmas, Judith gave me a diverse selection of

Eco books (recommended on Amazon!) which have been very good reads. To guide your appreciation of God's wonderful creation, can I suggest "Losing Eden – Why Our Minds Need the Wild" by Lucy Jones, "The Oak Papers" by James Canton, and "Spirit of Place – Artists, Writers & the British Landscape" by Susan Owens. All very different and thought provoking!

Can I also recommend to you one of the features in this edition of the magazine. As you may know, we are very lucky that Amy Li has been selected to follow in the illustrious footsteps of Cathy, Jackie and Sandra to train for becoming a Licenced Lay Minister. As part of the final year, Amy has to complete three projects to help draw people closer to God. The first one was launched on YouTube at the end of last year with extended passages of the

New Testament read in English and Chinese to make the gospel more accessible – and which is still being added to. This edition contains her second project that is a weekly meditation for the season of Lent to lead us in private prayer and reflection. It is a great piece of work from Amy and is a good thing to do, together but apart. I commend it to you as a personal 'at home' Lent Course for this year.

So much has changed since last February, but we are still safe in the hands of God and so we should prepare as always to walk with Jesus in his Easter passion and joyful resurrection – hopeful that we shall be able to gather again in person for worship before too long.

Stay safe and every blessing.

*Fr Chrichton*

## Virtual Church

Please visit <https://www.christchurch-southgate.org/virtual-church> where you will find a range of resources, including activities for children, that you may find helpful at this time.

The Virtual Church YouTube Playlist is at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchN14/>

Our weekly pre-recorded service and other new resources are publicised via the weekly email newsletter. If you do not already receive this you can sign up at <http://eepurl.com/do5wlv>

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**DAILY HOPE** a free phone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as services from the Church of England. Available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

## Chink of light at the end of the tunnel

Bishop Rob, last week, gave the Clergy very clear instructions about encouraging people to accept the invitation to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

Jesus gave us clear instructions to love God and humankind. One of the best ways we can show our love is by trying to protect ourselves and others by accepting this vaccination.

I for one didn't need the encouragement to accept, and was very excited to receive a text inviting me to make an appointment to be vaccinated. My husband, Philip, got the same invitation on his phone, so we decided to apply on line at exactly the same time, so that we might go together. It didn't quite work like that. I was so excited that I pushed the wrong button on my phone and had to start again. By the time I had booked, I was 50 minutes behind Philip, but that didn't matter.

I seem to have been surrounded by scientists for most of my adult life. My daughter-in-law is a research scientist and my husband was one. My science teacher son, not to be outdone in the research field, volunteered to take part in the Oxford vaccine project. They needed people in his age group who were likely to meet lots of people. He volunteered, unaware of the efficacy of what he was receiving, so that others might benefit.

I am aware that there are people who are anxious about accepting the vaccine. I would encourage anyone who has doubts about it to seek informed scientific advice, rather than rely on unsubstantiated posts on social media. I realise that the vaccine may not be suitable for a very small cohort of people. Unless you know you are in that cohort, I strongly advise you to accept the vaccination.

I found the whole experience uplifting. The government and health authorities worked together to get the vaccine, the administration people to co-ordinate the distribution, the personnel to administer it, finding the buildings to use, etc., etc.

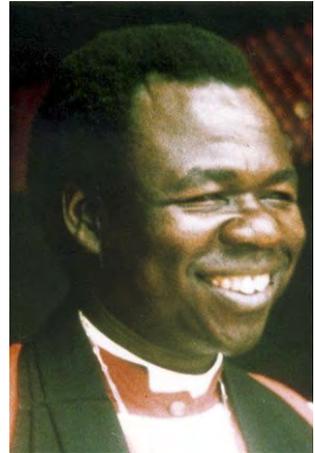
At the Vaccination Centre I was pleasantly received after a short, socially distanced, queue. The retired doctor who administered my vaccination introduced himself, asked a few relevant questions, and gave me the jab. After a fifteen-minute sit-down in the glorified, heated, gazebo, where I found a fellow parishioner, I was allowed home.



Hazel Miall

## Saint of the Month: Janani Luwum (Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr (1977)), Feast Day February 17<sup>th</sup>

Janani Luwum was born in 1922. In 1948 he converted to Christianity and became active in the East African revival movement. First a Lay Reader, then a deacon, in 1956 he was ordained to the priesthood. He was chosen to study for a year at St Augustine's College in Canterbury, England. Returning to Uganda, he worked as a parish priest before moving to a teaching post at Buwalasi Theological College where, after a second visit to Britain to study at the London College of Divinity, he became the Principal. In 1969 he was consecrated bishop of Northern Uganda.



In 1962, Uganda had become an independent country within the British Commonwealth. But in 1971, General Idi Amin, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, staged a coup, overthrowing the government. Almost immediately, Amin began a policy of repression, arresting anyone suspected of not supporting him.

Over the next few years, many Christians were killed for various (often trumped up) offences.

In 1974, Janani Luwum became Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga-Zaire. It was a time of widespread terror, and Archbishop Luwum often went personally to the office of the dreaded State Research Bureau to help secure the release of prisoners.

The tension between Church and state worsened and in 1976, religious leaders, including Archbishop Luwum, jointly approached Idi Amin to share their concern. They were rebuffed, but Archbishop Luwum continued to attend Government functions. Accused by a critic of being on the Government side, he replied: "I face daily being picked up by the soldiers. While the opportunity is there, I preach the Gospel with all my might, and my conscience is clear before God that I have not sided with the present Government [...] I have been threatened many times. Whenever I have the opportunity, I have told the President the things the churches disapprove of."

On 16 February 1977, the Archbishop and six bishops were tried on a charge of smuggling arms. Archbishop Luwum was not allowed to reply, but shook his head in denial. The President concluded by asking the crowd: "What shall we do with these traitors?" The soldiers replied "Kill him now". The Archbishop was separated from his bishops and as he was taken away, together with two Cabinet members, he turned to the bishops and said: "Do not be afraid. I see God's hand in this."

The three men were placed in a Land Rover. This was the last time they were seen alive. The government story was that one of the prisoners tried to seize control of the vehicle, causing it to crash, and the passengers were killed. But the story believed by the Archbishop's supporters is that he refused to sign a confession, was beaten, abused, and finally shot. His body was placed in a sealed coffin and sent to his native village for burial. Here, the villagers opened the coffin and discovered the bullet wounds.

He was an immensely popular man. Memorial services attracted crowds of thousands, both in the Ugandan capital Kampala and in Nairobi, the capital of nearby Kenya. A year later, some 25,000 Ugandans (many of whom had abandoned Christianity, but then returned to their Faith, inspired by the courage of Archbishop Luwum) came to the capital to celebrate the centennial of the first preaching of the Gospel in their country.

Archbishop Luwum was recognised as a martyr in 1977, and has recently been commemorated by a statue which you can see along with statues of nine other Twentieth Century martyrs on the West Front of Westminster Abbey.

Cathy Dallman

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**Editorial note:** The material for this article comes from a number of online resources, including: The Episcopal Church's *Satucket Lectionary* at [www.satucket.com/lectionary/janani\\_luwum.htm](http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/janani_luwum.htm), Wikipedia at [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janani\\_Luwum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janani_Luwum), and *Juicy Ecumenism*, the blog site of the Institute on Religion and Democracy (Washington).

The image is from the *Anglican Communion News Service* website.

## Prayer of the month

So we've made our resolutions and set off into the New Year – 2021. But almost any priority tends to be dwarfed by Covid and the need to ride out the pandemic. We try our best to remember others, to look out for our neighbours, to help when help is needed. But the knock-on effects of Covid are deep, hidden and sometimes difficult to understand – not everyone feels as we feel. And not everyone needs what we need. As well as promising only what we can manage, we need to get better at imagining and trying to understand feelings that are not our own and which might be difficult to grasp, or even believe. We tend to talk back, commiserating, projecting our own feelings on those of other. But it is often enough just to listen – we may not need to reply or advise. And when emotions are raw and people are stumbling, just because we do it ourselves, it might not be enough or appropriate for someone else just to 'get a grip'. We need to be sensitive to the needs of others, not just aware of them. This is a difficult message, but it is in part behind this prayer, based on Ecclesiastes 5:2-4 – listen, but don't necessarily talk, and if you promise, then try to act on that promise:

*God of all wisdom  
 Help me to think before I speak, before I make rash promises.  
 For you are in heaven and I am on earth,  
 So I will say no more than I have to.  
 Help me to realize that the more I talk  
 The more likely I am to say something foolish.  
 So when I make a promise [...] O my God,  
 Help me to keep it as quickly as possible. Amen.*

[Prayer adapted from *A Time to Pray* compiled for Lion Books by Philip Law, 1997

## Social Responsibility Committee

Although our Christmas fund raising activities were greatly affected by Covid-19 restrictions, we had a marvellous result. We sent 40 shoeboxes plus £200 + gift aid to **'Operation Christmas Child'**. From our Gift Tree Appeal we delivered over 100 gifts for abused children in refuges to **'Kids Out'** in Leighton Buzzard.

As a result of our sales of Advent Candles, Christmas cards, gifts, and Bottle Bags of preserves, we raised £500. This has enabled us to give £100 to **St Andrew's Can Bank**, and £300 each to **Cooking Champions** and **Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB)**.

As previously reported, **Cooking Champions** are using the church hall of St. Peters Grange Park. They prepare and distribute hot meals and food parcels to vulnerable families in Enfield who are struggling with poverty or illness or other difficulties. You can read about them at <https://www.facebook.com/cookingchampions/>. Right now, they are in need of pasta, rice, cereals, tinned fruit & veg, pasta sauce, coconut milk, biscuits, crisps & snacks. Your donations can be left on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am till 4pm at St Peters church hall, Grange Park.

### THE BISHOPS LENT APPEAL 2021



Over the last few years, we have raised our donation to the Bishop's Lent Appeal in a variety of ways: coffee in church, a contribution from the Christ Church Association, and through the Vicar's Pre-Lent Quiz. This year raising over £1,000 requires a different approach. Perhaps you would like to have a physical 'Jar of Hope'? Or if like many of us, you don't use much cash these days, you might prefer to give by cheque?

If 50 of us gave £20 each, or 40 of us gave £25, then £1,000 would easily be reached. Over the six weeks of Lent, we will save that amount by not drinking in the bar or buying coffee in church, and (while hoping that it will return next year!) by missing the Vicar's amazing Pre-Lent Quiz. Although we are all missing all these activities because of the present restrictions, we can easily turn this into a positive by donating to the appeal.

This year the Bishop has chosen 'Challenging Youth Violence' for his appeal. There will be three charities benefitting: the hospital-based **Redthread** charity, **XLP** (providing educationally-focused mentoring) and the church-led **TLG** charity (Transforming Lives for Good). You can read more about them on the inside back cover. Please give your donation to a committee member by Easter or, if you require more information, please contact me.

Although our **Fundraising** at present is restricted, I do still have several 2021 desk and pocket diaries for sale, I always have greeting cards, and I have several jars of marmalade. Socially distanced local delivery or collection is possible.

Many thanks for your continuing support enabling us to maintain most of our charitable giving.

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## Fun February Festival Food

At Candlemas Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple. Simeon predicted Jesus would be *A Light to Lighten the World*.

This is also Imbolc (or Imbolg, and pronounced 'immawlg') – the Celtic festival marking the beginning of spring... lambing starts, the first snowdrops bloom and St Bridget's Eve celebrations take place.

A St Bridget's Eve Supper needs a nice clean house, the best china, a lovely dressed Corn Dolly and Boxy potato pancakes to go with a steaming mug of your favourite tea. There are as many recipes for Boxy Pancakes as there are Irish Aunties, maybe more...

### 🔗 BOXY PANCAKES - The Family Recipe 🍷

#### Ingredients

1 lb peeled potatoes, half to be grated raw and half to be diced and parboiled until just soft

1 egg

Up to ½ pint milk

4 oz plain flour

1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Salt and White pepper to taste

Oil or butter or dripping to fry.



#### Method

Boil the diced potatoes in a little water until just soft. Drain. Put in a bowl with the grated raw potato and mix in flour, bicarbonate, and seasoning. Add beaten egg and enough milk to make a squidy dough. Use about a tablespoon to make flat cookie sized cakes. Fry gently for about 5 - 7 mins on each side until the raw grated potato is soft and the cakes are golden both sides - Serve with your choice of toppings.

(Enough for 2 as a meal.)

The secret ingredient here is the white pepper – it ought to come out of a stained, little, off-white, cardboard container lurking among forgotten spices, or a very old pepper pot! Freshly ground black pepper is very different but IMO is just as nice.

TOPPINGS, IF REQUIRED: Butter! And anything you can balance safely on the pancake: lardons, fried egg, bacon, smoked salmon, cream cheese and chives, baked beans, etc. (These are also tasty with a drizzle of syrup!)

Angela Parker

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Editor's comment: Angela has asked me to mention the equally delicious Jewish latkes (often eaten with apple sauce and syrup) and Polish placki ziemniaczne (eaten with sour cream). Varieties of potato pancakes can be found all over the world, from northern European countries (including Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of man) to Korea (where they are eaten with kimchi!). A truly international delicacy! (PA)

## The Clarke's visit to Oberammergau

Jean and I joined a coach tour to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. At the time, Jean needed a wheelchair for the longer sight-seeing trips included in the tour itinerary. We stayed for three days at the same hotel in Austria, and our room had a balcony where I was able to sit and draw the beautiful scenery.

One day, I dropped my only 4B pencil. It rolled over the balcony edge and landed on the roof of a small van that was parked on the driveway below. I dashed to the hotel main door, only to see the van leaving.

The following day, still distracted by the loss of my precious pencil, I failed to notice a small pothole in the pathway. The wheelchair came to a sudden halt and Jean, not wearing the safety belt, carried straight on, falling out onto the path. Although badly shaken, it was a miracle she survived without a bruise or scratch!



Next morning, back on the balcony, I was amazed to see the van there again with my pencil still on the roof. Hurrying down to the driveway once more, I told the driver the story. Highly amused, he climbed up and retrieved my precious pencil!

The hotel in Oberammergau was, I believe, a private home only used during the year of the Passion play. We had a lovely room, and the food was excellent. The landlady, seeing the wheelchair, suggested that I go to the ticket office and ask for a disabled space. After a long wait a space became available, and the tickets were exchanged. Seen by them as a carer, I was given a refund on my ticket. Entering the theatre was beautifully organised and the viewing position was perfect. The play was all we had dreamed of. The acting, scenery, and atmosphere were so moving. A clap of thunder at an appropriate moment added to the wonder of a day always to be remembered.

Join the party in August 2022 – you will absolutely love it!

*John Clarke*

Images taken by Fr Chrichton in 2018 on his recce for the Parish Trip to Oberammergau originally planned for 2020 now taking place in 2022.

## Stewardship News

Since my December update, the situation has changed a couple of times with church once more being closed after celebrating Christmas. This means that cash collections have again dried up. However, during December there were several, much appreciated, one-off donations and I thank all those who responded in this way.



In the last edition of *The Spire*, I gave some figures on our finances and I am pleased to say that during 2020 income from regular giving was only 1% down. But, as expected, cash collections were down by over 60%. Fortunately, due to over £6,000 of one-off donations during the year, our giving income has not suffered as much as expected. However, we have no control over this type of income and if this is not repeated this year, we will have a significant shortfall.

With the continued closure of Christ Church and with no obvious end in sight any time soon, it looks like another challenging year for our finances. The obvious point is, as has been repeatedly pointed out, that regular giving by bank payment is the way forward, ensuring that we need not constantly worry about how we balance our books. Our preferred method is using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). At present 72% of the regular donations are paid in this way which equates to 84% of the regular stewardship income.

I really urge all our regular cash donors to make this change to their payment method, switching to payment through their bank. It makes a huge difference in all sorts of ways: it provides us with certainty of income for budgetary purposes, reclaiming gift aid is quicker and easier, it makes administration less onerous, and it reduces our bank charges.

I will shortly be contacting individually each of those that still donate by standing order to ask them to consider converting their giving to the Parish Giving Scheme as soon as possible.

### PLEASE HELP NOW!

For those willing to **join the Parish Giving Scheme**, this can be set up easily over the telephone.

All you needed to do is

**make one call to their dedicated helpline number 0333 002 1271.**

When calling please quote our parish code 230623352.

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# *Parish Life in Pictures*

## *December 2020 & January 2021*



On the Monday before Christmas, Team Vicarage installed the avenue of lights for the angels to lead people to visit the crib on Christmas Eve.

The Eco-trees came out again and were decorated with glittered pine cones from the cemetery and over 4000 lights.

Mary, Joseph and donkey found that there was room in the font!



# Weekly meditations for the season of Lent

## Ash Wednesday: Ashes to Ashes – Repent



It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,  
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,  
it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity,  
it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness,  
it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair,  
we had everything before us, we had nothing before us.

*Charles Dickens from "A Tale of Two Cities"*

### **Bible Readings:**

**Old Testament – Genesis 10:32-11:9; New Testament – Luke 12:16-21**

### **Reflection:**

‘Repent, for the Kingdom is near!’ This was not the voice of John the Baptist in the wilderness, but of a priest who travelled 10 cities in 10 days in America in 2020, in linen cloth he made by himself, urging people to repent their sins and turn to God.

We are all sinners. And the biggest sin is our human pride!

Genesis 11:1-9 tells a story about a Tower of Babel. ‘Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.’ And they tried to build a city and Tower of Babel in a plain in Shinar, reaching heaven. However, God forbid them from proving their ability, technology, their authority and power, because God knew that they had rebellious hearts and they wanted to be like God, or to be God. Therefore, God confused their speech so that they could no longer understand each other and communicate, and they were scattered around the world.

Today, we still hold tight to that human pride in our hearts. Politicians boast of their political power; scientists are proud of their new research and findings; rich ones rely on their wealth. However, when the Coronavirus pandemic swooped across the whole earth, the world structure and order has been completely changed. The power, the wealth cannot withstand the virus - it attacks every nation, every race, rich or poor, those in authority and/or those without power.

Covid-19 was not started by God, but allowed by God to teach us the lesson of repentance and abandoning human pride. God has forewarned us:

To fear the Lord – ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.’ (Proverbs 9:10)

To look up to Jesus – You will see His Glory.

To hope in the Lord – ‘Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.’ (Isaiah 40:31)

To trust in the Lord – ‘Anyone who trusts in Him will not be put to shame.’ (Romans 10:11)

**Ponder & meditate:**

Have you ever doubted God's love toward you? Do you believe He welcomes you anytime when you repent?

Do you agree that true repentance is a decision of the mind in which we decide to turn from our sins and live for God, preceded by godly sorrow for our sins and followed by a changed life?

**Prayer:**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbours. We have gone astray from Your way like lost sheep. Lord, forgive us our sins, cleanse our hearts, enlighten our minds, and grant us the knowledge that in you lies the fullness of light and wisdom. Reconcile us to you and restore us by your power, so we can turn away from our sins and turn to You and to live a holy, righteous and sober life to glorify your name.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Lent 1: Resist the Temptation



No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it..

1 Corinthians 10.13

'Instead of alarm when temptation is fierce, welcome the temptation as an opportunity for proving My liberating power! Evil will contest your growing obedience and union with Myself; I cannot remove all temptation from you, but will only permit what will assist your spiritual growth.'

*I Am With You* by Fr. John Woolley

**Bible readings:**

**Old Testament – Job 1:6-22; New Testament – Matthew 4:1-11**

**Reflection:**

This weird story happened one morning in 2003 when I commuted to university by tube. A stranger approached me on the platform, telling me eagerly and seriously that he had a friend who was the boss of a company that could apply for a Work Permit for the graduates! I was shocked and in panic! How did he know that I was a new graduate? How did he know that I needed a work permit? As if all that information was written on my forehead! The three minutes' waiting for the next train seemed forever! I cried out loud in my heart: 'Satan, go away!' and jumped onto the train. What a good riddance and relief!

Temptation is everywhere! In olden times, and in this unprecedented changing world!

In the Old Testament, Job was tempted by Satan with God's permission. He lost his beloved sons and daughters, and his herds and flocks, and eventually all his wealth and health! Yet, he did not curse God, he endured the trials and received double blessings in the end; Daniel's three friends would rather go to the scorching furnace than bow down to worship the king; Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to the wilderness to be tempted by Satan; yet without sin!

Do not be alarmed to see so many temptations in this broken world! Satan is tirelessly prowling around to seek someone to devour or sift them like chaff! They disguise themselves as a shepherd, they come to steal, to destroy the lives of the sheep. They lure people with earthly things - materialism, money, success, reputation, self-indulgence, rather than the things above. They constantly and relentlessly try to poison your hearts and minds with your fear, helplessness, powerlessness and hopelessness! They make you feel defeated in every possible way! Including your spiritual well-being!

Do not fear! Because we have never been alone! Jesus is with us!

He is surrounding and upholding us, and by His Holy Spirit, we are made spiritually strong to withstand the opposition of Satan, and all his attempts. Although Satan seems fierce, God is always in control. When we turn to Him the moment we are tempted, we are sure we are in safe hands! In His Kingdom are truth, peace, wisdom, freedom, and eternal life. Therefore, let's immerse ourselves in His Word daily; pray to God unceasingly, as Lord says, 'my strength is made perfect in your weakness!' Therefore, let's never go astray from His path - the only safe path, and let's journey with Him all the ways towards victory!

Let us use every temptation as an opportunity to grow our spiritual muscle! As it is said, 'Blessed is anyone who endures temptation...' (James 1:12).

Yes, temptation is everywhere, and SO IS GOD!

### **Ponder & meditate:**

What's the biggest temptation in your life?  
How might you overcome it with Jesus?  
Have you experienced God's presence while facing temptation in your life?

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord, thank you for providing a way out when I am facing temptations. Strengthen me with your Holy Spirit and guide me to resolutely turn away from sinful temptations immediately they appear in my way. May you be in control and restore calm, peace in me, and free me from anxiety, worries. Lead me on your path all the days of my life.

In Jesus' name! Amen!

## **Lent 2: Do Not Worry!**



'No, it is not a time to retreat or a time to fear. Even as you see certain fearful events take place across the world, know that I will use these things to create open doors and divine appointments for my people to display the anointing. Look and see that by My hand great things are happening in the earth, says the Spirit of the LORD!'

*The Daily Prophecy* by Brenda Kunneman

### **Bible Readings:**

**Old Testament – Isaiah 40:1-31; New Testament – Matthew 6:25-34**

**Reflection:**

The year 2020 was not a pleasant one, many people may think. Wild fire in the forests, earthquakes, floods, swarms of locusts that destroyed the crops in Africa, Coronavirus pandemic that has been prevailing for more than a year and the unceasing wars and conflicts in middle east, all these hit the headlines last year. As the result of these catastrophes, many businesses have closed down, a large number of people have lost their jobs. People are struggling and suffering financially, emotionally and mentally, despite the financial aid and other support from the government and local communities.

Have your thoughts and minds been clouded with darkness and despair? Have you lost courage and heart in your life? Do you still stand firm in the faith of God?

God has never promised that He would remove all the hardships, sufferings and temptations from our lives. But one thing He has assured us is that He is always with us whatever we go through and whenever we need Him. He has promised, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' (Hebrews 13:5); He also declares 'No one will snatch them out of my hand.' (John 10:28); and 'But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.' (Luke 12:7).

In the Bible, there are 127 mentions of plagues, pestilences, and other diseases that God used to serve the purposes of: divine judgement; one nation to warn another nation; as a wake-up call to the nation to repent. Today, God allows these disasters to happen to serve as a wake-up call to us, to draw us closer to Him - the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is our refuge, our rock, our saviour, our sustainer, and the source of all resources. He will bring out good from the chaos. He will fulfil His divine purposes in our lives, even in the midst of these dark

moments, because He is good. He longs for us to rely on Him and fix our eyes on Him, regardless what the dark world may bring us. He is the true light that separates us from the world's darkness.

So, let's dwell not on 'what ifs', but on His faithfulness, His provision, His protection, His healing power, His wonderful grace and abundance!

Remember, whatever challenges we are facing today, Jesus is sufficient. He is in the midst of every challenge that we are encountering.

**Ponder & meditate:**

Are you overburdened and worried? Do you need a way out? Who would you turn to?

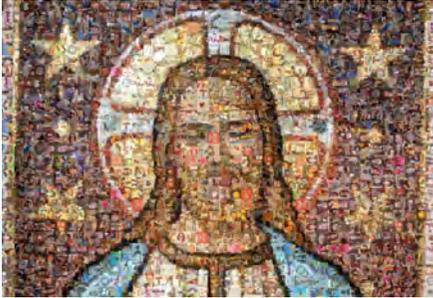
Have you experienced lightness after unloading yourself and putting the yoke on Jesus' shoulders?

**Prayer:**

Dear Heavenly Father, you are the creator of the universe, you watch over us day and night: in our weakness, you are our strength; in our darkness, you are our light; in our shortcomings, you are our abundance and provision; in our sorrow, you are our comfort; in our distress, you are our peace; in our tribulation, you are our comforter; in our despair, you are our deliverer; in our trouble, you are our very present help. Give us courage and confidence to cast out all our worries and fears, because you say, 'Perfect love casts out fear.'

In Jesus' name, Amen!

## Lent 3: Every Life Matters



God created everyone to love and to be loved; If you will not take care of people, just leave them as they came... Don't scratch them with your actions. – Israelmore Ayivor

### **Bible readings:**

**Old Testament – Psalm 34:17-18; New Testament – Colossians 3:11-13; Ephesians 2:1-22**

### **Reflection:**

Black Lives Matter protest hit headlines worldwide during the global George Floyd protests in 2020 following the killing of George Floyd by a police officer. Millions of people participated in the protests in the United States, marked as one of the biggest movements in United States history.

This reminds me of Nelson Mandela and his tireless work in dismantling apartheid and establishing a more just political system in South Africa. So many years passed, prejudice and partiality have not been purged completely from the earth! There are times that the brokenhearted and crushed are being rejected or mistreated.

In the Bible, David had gone through the pain of rejection and rebellion when Saul tried to kill him and later on, he tried to escape from his son Absolon. He cried to the Lord for His mercy

and protection and grace. David was not alone, our Lord Jesus was mistreated by His own people, 'He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.' (John 1:11)

But God's desire is for every tribe, nation, tongue and race to cross the barriers, to break the walls and to be gathered together, to fulfil the purposes He has designated for them. And they, in return, praise Him and glorify Him with one voice. As it says in Psalm 133:1, 'How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!'

No one is more inclusive than Jesus. He accepts every one with love and compassion - poor or rich, good or bad, Jewish or Gentile. Let us imitate His good example and embrace the diversity of the backgrounds, cultures, ideas and other differences. Let us be united in one body - Jesus Christ as He reconciles us to Him. We are His chosen ones - holy people, sanctified for Him.

To Him, every life matters!

### **Ponder & meditate:**

Have you ever been rejected or marginalized? How did you feel about it at the time?

How have your past experiences shaped your view on culture differences and diversities?

How difficult is it for you to accept others who are very different from you in every aspect?

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord, thank you for making us in your image and granting us the privilege to be called Your children. But our sinful nature has marred us in loving and accepting each other. Lord, we pray that you give us the heart of flesh and fill it with Your love, and drive out discontent and strife, anxiety and fear; break the wall and barriers between nations, races and faith.

Empower us to embrace the differences and diversity, so we can live in harmony and glorify Your Holy name with one accord.

In Jesus' name. Amen!

## Lent 4: It is the Action that Counts - He is My Father



‘Faith without action is delusion. Faith does not wait for miracles but produces them. If you think you can or if you think you can’t, you are right.’ – Henry Ford.

### Bible Readings:

**Old Testament Psalm 89:5; New Testament: James 2:14-26**

### Reflection:

I heard about this story - Several years ago, a very skillful daredevil walked a tightrope across the Niagara Falls. One day, at the scene, he asked the people who were watching, ‘Do you believe that I can cross these Falls on this tightrope?’ They said, ‘Of course, we believe, since we have witnessed it with our own eyes.’ Then he asked again, ‘Who believes that I can carry you to the other end of this tightrope?’ No one responded despite his repeated invitation. At that moment, a young man put himself forward, saying, ‘I believe, carry me to the other end.’ Everyone was astounded, and asked, ‘How can he be so bold to put his life in this man’s hand?’ The young man said, ‘Because he is my father.’

What a wonderful story! Because he is my father! That’s sure enough! If our earthly father

can be trusted like this, how much more trustworthy is our heavenly Father! He is Almighty, all powerful and faithful. In Him, there is no accident. He is the creator of the whole universe, and He is also the controller of it. ‘Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.’ (Psalm 89:5). If you say you trust God, but still try to take control of everything in your life, your faith is fake and dead, ‘For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.’ (James 2:26)

Just like when you receive your new credit card, you need to activate it before enjoying all the benefits it brings you. So, let’s activate our faith in Jesus today with action - fully commit and surrender to Him, walk by His side day by day, until we meet Him face to face.

### Ponder & meditate:

Have you found it difficult to take further steps of faith by walking the walk, not just talking the talk under some circumstances?

What kind of personal qualities do you need to increase your faith?

### Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us Your faithful Word. May you direct our hearts and minds. Grant us wisdom and enlighten us to understand your Word. Strengthen us to put our trust in You with complete confidence. Empower us to practise our faith as the doers and not only the hearers.

In Jesus’ name. Amen!

## Lent 5: Getting Ready for His Second Coming - Ashes to Glory



'The second coming of Christ will be so revolutionary that it will change every aspect of life on this planet. Disease will be eliminated. Death will be abolished. War will be eradicated. Nature will be transformed.' – Billy Graham.

### Bible Readings:

**Old Testament – Malachi 3:1-6 ; New Testament – John 14:1-3**

### Reflection:

How often we hear people say, 'I will do this or that when I have more time; ..... I will serve the Lord when I retire....' Really?

God's timing is not our timing! As it is written in Hebrews 4:7, 'again he sets a certain day - 'today' - saying through David much later, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." '

So, today is the time to act, to repent, to prepare for the Lord's second coming. This time He will come in a cloud, with trumpets and loud voices, and with great power and might and glory. He has promised that the righteous ones will not perish, but be the heirs and co-heirs with Him in our Father's house; and the wicked ones will be judged by fire.

He also sent an invitation to us to enter His Feast - the Bridegroom's banquet. But we need to be like those five wise virgins, get the oil and lamps ready, eagerly waiting for His coming at an unexpected time.

Some may think the Lord's delaying, and the second coming is a thing that is far away from us. But 'The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.' (2 Peter 3:9).

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.' (Mark 13:32). Watch therefore, and pray that we might be counted worthy when we meet the Lord in the air, to be transformed from corruptible to incorruptible, from mortal to immortal.

### Ponder & meditate:

What is the sign of Jesus' second coming?

Are you ready for His return? How do we prepare for His second coming?

### Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for going to the Father's house to prepare rooms for us. Enlighten us and bestow wisdom on us, so we can be like those five wise virgins, preparing the oil for the lamps, and eagerly waiting for your second coming. We look forward to entering the glorious banquet with You.

Lord, come, we welcome You! Amen!

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**On Christmas eve the junior choristers were the voices of the angels to lead over 150 people to visit the crib.**



## ***The Art of Lent* by Sister Wendy Beckett**

I wonder whether you remember Sister Wendy Beckett? She was a nun who graced our television screens with her lively and engaging presentation of several series of art programmes. Personally, I loved watching her and often wondered how she balanced the life of a solitary nun with all that gadding about around the world. But she did; it was not so much balanced as being completely focussed on her simple life of prayer and occasionally sharing her love of art with the world. For all her success, she remained a nun with commitments to prayer, solitude (when possible) and vows of poverty.

Born in South Africa, she grew up in Scotland and at the age of sixteen entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur a religious order dedicated to education. After completing her novitiate, she was sent to study English Literature at St Anne's College Oxford, living in a convent and observing its strict code of silence for four years. Returning to South Africa, she taught for 15 years at a Cape Town convent and later lectured at Johannesburg's University of Witwatersrand. After suffering three grand mal seizures and learning that she had a form of epilepsy, she gave up teaching for a life of solitude. In 1970, she returned to England and moved into a trailer at the Carmelite Monastery in Quiddenham, Norfolk.



Until she was 61, she had been a model of worldly renunciation: a hermit living in her windowless trailer on the grounds of the Monastery, subsisting and rarely speaking to anyone. She prayed seven hours a day and went out only to morning Mass or to a mobile library van for books. Sister Wendy had not seen a film since 1945, visited a museum or even seen a painting, only reproductions in books. Nevertheless, she was spellbound by art: she read about it voraciously and began writing about it. Her first book, "Contemporary Women Artists," was published in 1988.

In 1991, a BBC producer persuaded her to do a documentary about Britain's National Gallery, talking about its paintings. It seemed to her a modest venture – just a weekend here or there. She was a hit, a natural if eccentric personality with a gift for drama that made art accessible to the general public. Following this, the BBC produced the six-part "Sister Wendy's Odyssey," with a wider focus on museums across England and Scotland. It drew 3.5 million viewers, and it secured her unlikely stardom. For a 10-part 1994 BBC series, "Sister Wendy's Grand Tour," she crossed Europe and for the first time swooned over Matisse and Cézanne at the Louvre in Paris, Michelangelo's Pietà in Rome, the canvases of Rembrandt and van Gogh in Amsterdam, and the art treasures of Madrid, Florence, Venice and Berlin.

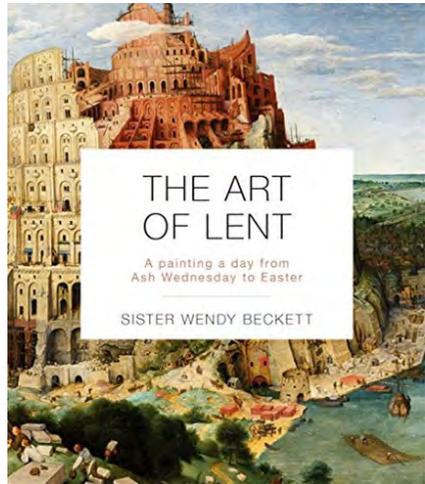
Her most ambitious series, "Sister Wendy's Story of Painting," took her 30,000 miles through Europe, the Middle East and the United States, to survey works ranging from prehistoric cave paintings in France to the masterpieces of Picasso and the Pop Art of Andy Warhol.

During this time, Sister Wendy wrote 25 books, including collections of poetry and meditations,

and made a dozen documentaries, many released on DVD. She always returned to the austere seclusion that was her home for nearly a half-century, although her trailer was 'upgraded' in 1994 to a small mobile home, with a lavatory, a bathroom and electricity.

As we continue in our self-imposed lockdown and semi-isolation, the story of Sister Wendy's life highlights how much joy is to be found without leaving our homes; fortunately we don't have to live in quite the same austerity. One of her most lovely small books: 'The Art of Lent' offers us a painting a day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Sister Wendy's thoughtful and perceptive reflections do not require us to be great scholars of art, or to know anything about art at all. She invites us to look at pictures, and perhaps to see things in a way we have not thought of before and to discover something we hadn't realised was there. But most of all she reveals the potential for reflection. Few of the paintings are religious or spiritual in any overt way, and yet she is able to help us find meaning in them that can accompany

our Lenten journeys. The book follows weekly themes: silence, contemplation, peace, joy, confidence, and love. Each day of each week has a picture and Sister Wendy reflects both on the whole picture and on specific elements, connecting these aspects with our inner lives. A few of my favourites are in the second week 'Contemplation' – 'meditate in your heart ... and be still' (Psalm 4.4). On Monday she gives us 'Young Woman with a Water Jug' by Vermeer (1662) and invites us to look at the way light is used in the painting. She notes: *'Every element in the painting celebrates the presence of light, revealing and transforming.'* On Saturday of the same week, we find 'White Lilac' by Manet (1883): *'... it reminds us that we only have to be still...'*



I recommend this fabulous little book to you for daily reflections in Lent. It will be a joy for years to come.

*Cath Harvey*

P.S. Although I know we can't go to libraries or bookshops at present, 'The Art of Lent' can be purchased from a new online source consisting of independent local bookshops. This means we don't have to buy books from giant online retailers. If you have internet access, or know someone who has, you'll be able to find books at [uk.bookshop.org](http://uk.bookshop.org) and you can obtain Sister Wendy's lovely book knowing that you are supporting independent small businesses. If you do not have access to the internet and want to have 'The Art of Lent' I would be happy to place an order for you – just contact the Church Office for my phone number.

# The Darkling Thrush by Thomas Hardy<sup>1</sup>

I leant upon a coppice gate  
 When Frost was spectre-gray,  
 And Winter's dregs made desolate  
 The weakening eye of day.  
 The tangled bine-stems scored the sky  
 Like strings of broken lyres,  
 And all mankind that haunted nigh  
 Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be  
 The Century's corpse outleant,  
 His crypt the cloudy canopy,  
 The wind his death-lament.  
 The ancient pulse of germ and birth  
 Was shrunken hard and dry,  
 And every spirit upon earth  
 Seemed fervourless as I.

Writing at the end of the nineteenth century, Hardy paints a bleak picture of the desolate winter landscape as night falls, which reflects his feelings. Like many of his contemporaries, he cannot look forward to the new century, being disillusioned about the established values and beliefs of the Victorian era. Developments in Science and Philosophy had shaken religious faith; Hardy, having read Darwin, Schopenhauer and Comte at a young age, had long since ceased to believe in a loving creator.

The image of the *corpse* and associated words and images in the first two stanzas illustrate not only decay and decline in Nature but also that of the last century and the anthropomorphic metaphor links it to the human spirit, which is *fervourless* with no hope of renewal: the *pulse* of life is *shrunken hard and dry*. The use of so-called 'hard' consonants (c, d, g) often alliterated and the slow pace of the ballad form are appropriate to this, while the image of the broken lyre strings adds to the sense of disharmony.

The mood changes in Stanza 3 with the thrush's song. Contrasting with its poor physical state and gloomy surroundings, the bird sings with *joy illimited* and lifts Hardy's depression. Despite his loss of faith, Hardy

At once a voice arose among  
 The bleak twigs overhead  
 In a full-hearted evensong  
 Of joy illimited;  
 An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,  
 In blast-beruffled plume,  
 Had chosen thus to fling his soul  
 Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings  
 Of such ecstatic sound  
 Was written on terrestrial things  
 Afar or nigh around,  
 That I could think there trembled through  
 His happy good-night air  
 Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew  
 And I was unaware.

(trained as an architect when young) had retained his love of churches and their rituals, as indicated in his choice of words – *evensong*, *soul*, *carolings* and *blessed*. The thrush's song almost persuades Hardy to feel *Hope*, one of the three Christian virtues, and therefore trust in renewed life promised by a benign deity. Sadly, we know that his faith was not restored, much as he wanted it to be.

The poem seems particularly appropriate for us at the present time, as for almost a year we have watched in fear as our world has been devastated by a tiny organism which seems to have no positive use in the circle of life and which for a long time seemed unconquerable. It has raised many questions and some have struggled to keep their faith. However, the Pandemic has led us to reassess our values, which could lead to a better world; moreover, it appears that our scientists are, after all, empowered to save us from the worst effects of the disease. We might therefore be more convinced than Hardy of *some blessed Hope*.

Margaret Gourd

(1) Probably written in 1899 and first published under the title 'By the Century's Deathbed', this text can be found at <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44325/the-darkling-thrush>

## News from the Committees

Throughout the pandemic, one committee that has continued to meet regularly (online, of course) is **Social Responsibility** and their activities and considerable achievements are recorded in detail – as always – elsewhere in this magazine. Another committee that has also kept going, although it has been less widely reported, is **Parish Centre Management**. Like Social Responsibility, Parish Centre Management is another small group of individuals who are very hands on and active – in the case of PCM, they have managed to keep the halls open and running (when permitted) throughout the pandemic, on a daily basis locking and unlocking, maintaining the buildings and ensuring everything is cleaned, sanitised and in order to meet the requirements of the different client groups. As a Parish we owe a great debt of thanks to both these committees (real people who work hard and tirelessly for Christ Church).

The activities, decisions and hard work of all the committees, come together in the regular online meetings of the **PCC**, the most recent of these being held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

At this most recent meeting, **Plant & Fabric** – another committee that been regularly active over the past months and weeks – reported arranging for and overseeing the cleaning of the church and vicarage gutters (expertly done by the Diocesan appointed *IPH Solutions*). At the same time, the company also undertook repairs to the Vicarage roof. The Plant & Fabric chairperson also reported on the plans for appointing a new architect (which in turn should enable work to begin on the chancel floor, and eventually, on the new lighting system) and the tree work to be undertaken on our oak and cedar trees (old trees, both with preservation orders).



It is clear from these monthly summaries that our committees are not just ‘talk shops’. They are very small teams of super-active, hard-working individuals. New members (the ideas and especially the manpower that they bring) are always welcome. You do not have to be on the PCC to join a committee – a **team**. Parish Centre Management especially is appealing for new recruits! All you need to do is to make yourself known to the Vicar, a Warden or to Caroline in the Office. Your help will be warmly welcomed. As we make our way through 2021 and enter the post-Covid era, more contributions will be needed to ensure our plans to extend and develop our **Outreach** (another team of volunteers – responsible for everything from gardening to worship!) in the community, and enhance all aspects of our collective Parish life.

There is much truth in the old adage: *Many hands make light work*. Do, please, consider joining us!

Patricia Ashby

## Note from the Editors

There's nothing like a new year! Clearly everyone is full of resolve, and nearly all contributions arrived on time (for which we are extremely grateful – thank you!)... but not all made their way to the office, which is still a source of anxiety for us both, lest we inadvertently lose a file!. So, while it is fine to send stuff early, especially if you think some tinkering or tweaking to the text might be necessary, please send it to both your editor of choice **and** to the Parish Office. Thank you.

We have one further request, too. If you are including a published text with your piece, could you please keep that reasonably short because space in *The Spire* can be at a premium. And please can you **always** include the source (that is, the specific place you have copied or pasted it from). Older material may be out of copyright, but we cannot afford to take chances and searching for sources (and we can only guess at which one you have used) adds time to preparing contributions for printing.

The copy deadline for the March issue is **Tuesday 23rd February**.

Many thanks, and good wishes from both of us for a much better year in 2021.

*Clare & Patricia*

## Weekly email

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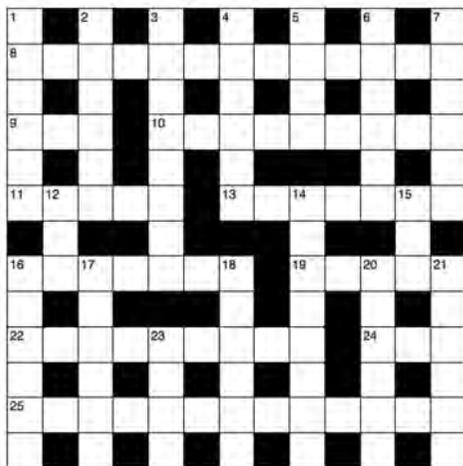
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**ACROSS**

- 8. Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9. ‘Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap’ (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10. Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11. Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13. Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16. Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19. ‘Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices’ (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22. David’s plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: ‘On — — let them escape’ (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24. Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25. How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

**DOWN**

- 1. Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2. One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)

- 3. Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4. ‘Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father’ (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5. One of Esau’s grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6. Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7. God’s instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ‘— salt to — your offerings’ (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12. Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14. ‘All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me’ (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15. The crowd’s reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow’s son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16. Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17. How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn’t rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18. What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20. Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21. Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23. Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

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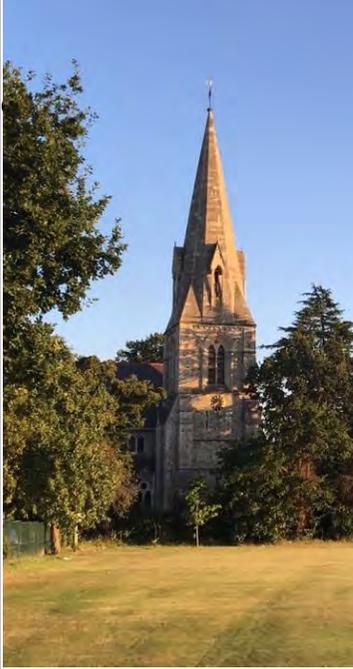
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