



# May 2019

## Up?

I wonder, are you feeling 'up' today? Are you 'on top of the world', 'on cloud nine' or 'up in the seventh heaven'? Has something 'lifted' your mood, or are you 'on a high'?

So much of our language about feelings has to do with location. And the place where we want to be with feelings is definitely 'up'! Days when we are 'down', or 'under the weather', or feeling 'low' are the ones we want to avoid. When it comes to emotions 'up' is good and 'down' is bad. Just like thumbs.

Springtime is approaching, and for many people it's a time when we feel a bit more 'up', as the weather warms. Like the sky we might well feel 'bright' and 'sunny'. Our mood becomes less 'dark' and 'gloomy' as light fills the world after the darkness of winter. For as well as the language of location, our feelings use language of light and shade. 'Dark' and 'down' are bad, 'up' and 'bright' are good, when it comes to our mood.

The month of May is historically a time of celebration, as bright flowers shoot up and the light lifts spirits. Maybe it's just connected with higher levels of vitamin D! But for Christians the month of May also brings a festival which should make us look, and feel 'up'. It's called the Ascension, and falls on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May this year.

At the Ascension Jesus goes 'up'. He ascends vertically through the clouds, leaving the depths of earth, to enter the highest heaven. There's a lot of language about location in the story. But I wonder if the meaning is in the metaphor. The story tells us that Jesus is ending up 'on top'. He's the 'top man'. He's 'exalted' to a new 'raised' status in the presence of God. Like Tiger Woods he's bounced back and reached the top of the tree.

And that should make us, his followers, feel a little bit 'up' as well. Yes, there are moments when our life and our worship take us 'down'. We need to acknowledge our sin, and lament the pain of the world. Following Jesus isn't just mindless cheery optimism. But the Ascension says that Jesus has won. He's overcome all that drags us down and puts us low. He raises us from sin and death and pain. He's been exalted and wants us to share his exaltation. So when we celebrate the Ascension, on 30<sup>th</sup> May and again on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, may we let it raise our spirits and lift up our hearts? Like Jesus, it's a feast that should also give us a 'high'.



Derwyn

## Thy Kingdom Come 2019

This year we are looking forward to wide and diverse engagement with Thy Kingdom Come from churches of many different denominations across Hertfordshire.

To complete the 10-day prayer journey from Ascension on 30<sup>th</sup> May, to Pentecost Sunday. Please 'save the date' in your diaries for the Beacon Celebration on Pentecost Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June which takes place at St Albans Abbey and this year has been put together by an ecumenical planning group. This celebration will bring together representatives from across the local and regional Churches and we will also be joined by Paul Goodliff from Churches Together in England.

A wide range of free prayer resources from across the denominations is also available on the dedicated website [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) and there are various planned opportunities to come together for prayer across the county.

For more information about Thy Kingdom Come in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire please visit the Churches Together in Hertfordshire website <http://www.ctherts.org.uk/events/thy-kingdom-come> .

mothers  
union



Christian care for  
families worldwide

## St Michael's Mothers Union

At our MU Branch meeting in April, Esther Welsh, a musculoskeletal physiotherapist, gave members a talk entitled, 'Move better, get better.....How to get the most from your body'. It was most interesting and 'eye opening', especially when informed that our joints deteriorate from 20 years of age! So, with the help of her skeletal model and illustrations, Esther explained how the joints worked, covering



all problems, e.g. knees, feet, back, arthritis, etc. She then demonstrated some simple exercises, which members were encouraged to try out, causing much amusement! Thus posture, exercises, diet, fluids, especially walking, will be most beneficial to us all.

Sadly, a dear friend and long-standing MU member, Joan Mansfield, recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Our MU speaker on our Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, is Susan Roberts, whose talk is, 'Walking in God's Garden', which sounds most calming and beautiful.

Heather Johns. Branch Leader.



## Company on Sunday

I have heard say that a family who eat together stay together!

Are you aware that each first Sunday of the month there is the opportunity to enjoy a 3 course lunch in the Windhill Churches Centre with friends from our congregation and nearby neighbours. It is a lovely occasion, low key and with plenty of time to chat beforehand and during the meal – and afterwards too!

The cost is £10 for all 3 courses (£2.50 each for starter and dessert and £5 for the main meal) and we meet to sit down at 1pm. Each month a delightful starter, a roast and a choice of two desserts are offered with gluten free and vegetarian options available and if you only wish to have two courses then that is fine too.

This is all prepared by a dedicated team led by Daphne Birchmore (she of the fantastic celebration cakes which we enjoy from time to time) and if you know Daphne you will appreciate that there is a considerable amount of fun and laughter in the kitchen which spills over into “the restaurant”.

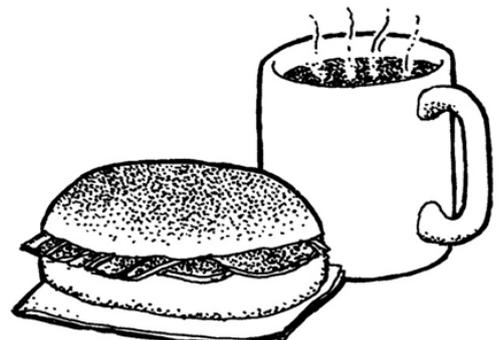
A list appears on the welcome desk in Church a few weeks before and where the menu is displayed and you can choose if you want 2 or 3 courses or have any dietary considerations.

I know that some of you do find Sundays difficult after the morning service and so do consider coming along: you will be delighted at the standard of a really inexpensive Sunday lunch – and the staff are quite pleasant too!

### **The next Parish Breakfast, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

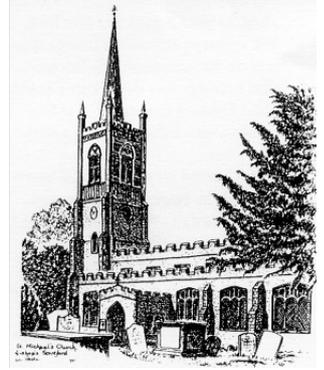
From 8:50am in the Windhill Churches Centre serving coffee and tea, bacon sandwiches and pastries.

Everyone welcome.





## St Michael's Church



This year marks the Silver Jubilee of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Church of England.

We warmly invite you to join us to our Family Eucharist at 10am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June when we will be celebrating the Rev'd June Knight's 25 years as a priest and giving thanks for the ministry of women in the Church of England.

### Mystery Tour!

Whilst I intend to organise what has now become a regular pre-Christmas outing, I have spoken with a few parishioners who have responded delightedly to a suggestion that we might have a Summer outing too.

So we are going on a Mystery tour with an Afternoon Tea as our destination where we will be catered for as a separate group and then return back to Bishops Stortford also on a mystery drive!

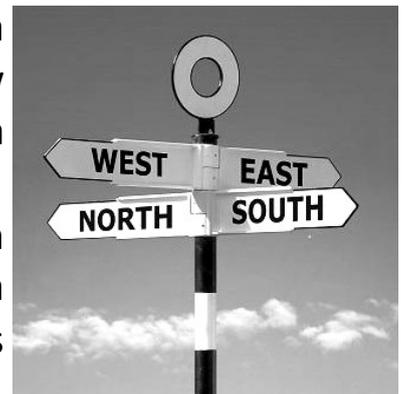
The date is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and we will leave the car park at the back of Sainsburys, Thorley around 2pm (exact time to be advised) and will return to Bishops Stortford early evening.

The cost is £20 per person which includes coach travel and afternoon tea comprising of freshly baked scones served with Cornish clotted cream and Tiptree jams served with coffee and tea. There is also an alternative choice of a savoury or gluten free tea too.

If you would like to come along please sign the form in the folder on the Welcome desk in Church asap so that I can confirm to our destination and the coach company as quickly as possible.

Any queries please do speak to me. Many thanks.

Rosemary Thomson 758389



A Book Review  
by Richard Baron



**‘Les Saints vont en Enfer’ by Gilbert Cesbron.**

In this novel written in 1952 the French author Gilbert Cesbron tackles the then controversial topic of ‘*Les prêtres ouvriers*’ (worker priests). The ‘*saints*’ are the priests who undertake often hard physical jobs to be close to ordinary working people who had to work in poor, underpaid conditions under unscrupulous bosses. This was their ‘*enfer*’ (hell). The novel is in some ways a kind of allegory of the Gospel and I found it spoke to me very strongly about the Christian message in a way I felt compelled to share.

Worker priests exercised their ministry outside their diocese, were not very popular with parish priests and were often seen as Communist sympathisers. The word ‘worker’ can take on here a double meaning.

The main characters have obvious New Testament names. Pierre the central character had said of his first experience of being a worker priest; ‘I found the workers gave me and taught me a lot more than I gave or taught them’.

As well as working in a factory by day Pierre runs a centre which welcomes various ‘misfits’ and individuals who have drink or psychological problems and who are drawn in with their questioning and challenging attitudes. Jean (John) is one such person who asks Madeleine, Pierre’s assistant whether a worker priest is just a priest who becomes a worker or more a worker who happens to be a priest. Madeleine throws the question back to Jean who replies that for him it’s the latter. It’s actually the answer Pierre would want!

On another occasion Pierre is talking to Father Pigalle an experienced worker priest who warns him quoting Jesus; ‘See how I send you out like lambs among wolves’. Pierre’s faith shines through however; ‘If I start to think about tomorrow instead of living for today I’m lost. Christ lived for the day, He won’t let me down’. Nevertheless he prays; ‘Oh God, help me not to falter...’

Madeleine, always with a sense for the practical warns Pierre about his 'imprudence' vis-à-vis of the church hierarchy with whom he will clash later, to which he retorts with a comment on '*l'imprudence du Christ*' (the foolhardiness of Christ). He states that 'our strength is in Christ and our raison d'être is to spread his love and his example; that's what HE did, that's what HE would do today.

When Madeleine doubts herself saying 'and what about me, what use am I all day long? Pierre replies; 'by being there....it's not about being where one can be most useful but rather where one ought to be. God fills the gap.' Even Fr. Bernard whom Pierre replaces believes in being 'useful' but Pierre sees this as a subjective aim only. 'No' he says to Bernard, 'we go where we are called, where there is a need, where the absence of God calls us'.

Now Jean who is growing in faith is quizzing Madeleine;

**Jean;** 'This 'guy' Pierre talks about, he found food for people, he healed people, he didn't just talk to them'.

**Madeleine;** 'Yes but remember HE was God.'

Now Jean confronts Pierre;

**Jean;** 'It's because you're just an ordinary bloke.'

**Pierre;** 'And that's precisely the reason you should trust. If Christ had not become an 'ordinary bloke' like us.....

On another occasion Jean asks Madeleine;

**Jean;** 'And what proof do we have that God actually exists?'

**Madeleine;** 'Absolutely none. Fortunately'.

**Jean;** 'Why fortunately?'

**Madeleine;** 'Where would our trust be? Our faithfulness?'

I feel in this exchange Cesbron makes Jean a symbol of our own questioning. However this is not a complete 'conversion' as according to Pierre who said later of Jean; 'he discovered Christ but not fully in others'.

Towards the end of the book we begin to feel how much Pierre's way of life is taking its toll on him. In many ways he is perhaps the most Christ like character in the novel (he actually performs a miracle) and he is determined not to give up despite serious setbacks not mentioned here. True fulfilment for him is to continue in the life he has known and loved best. This is an uplifting and inspiring story of real faith.



## Puppets Galore

### What's So Surprising About Easter?

Great fun was had by all during the last two weeks of term as Puppets Galore gave other presentation of "What's So Surprising About Easter?" We were able to visit 11 schools and take 13 assemblies (The larger schools need 2 performances as they cannot fit all the children into the hall at the same time.) There were usually 8 team members and only occasionally we dropped to 7.

At one school a member of staff came up to speak to a team member that she knew and said, "I have never been free to be able to see the puppets before. It has just struck me that Jesus IS alive, today." This lady and another at the same school both accepted Gideon Testaments.

One grandmother spotted a notice outside school that Puppets Galore were coming in and asked her 5 year old grandson what it was all about. He replied, "It was a surprise as they had to wait but Jesus came alive again. They were all very excited."

At another school the nursery teacher approached me after her class was seated saying that Rosie was very excited that people from her church were coming into school and could she bring Rosie up to look behind the puppet stage, because if she didn't do so now, she thought that Rosie would come up during the performance! I ask the children to click their fingers or play "air guitar" to the songs rather than clap along, so that we can all still hear the words. Rosie was playing "air guitar" for all she was worth! Some children sang along to one of the songs and others copied the coordination of the bird puppets. An older lad broke rank as his class were leaving the hall to personally thank Samuel, a team member, who he knew from choir at Church.

Christine Solway

# Christian Aid Week

12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2019



What does Christian Aid do?

Christian Aid has a vision of an end to poverty across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. It is a partnership of people, churches and local organisations who work together, to bring lasting change for people living in poverty, regardless of their faith, gender or race.

What's **Christian Aid Week**?

Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty. During the week, Christian Aid asks supporters to give their time, money and voices to help bring lasting change to some of the world's poorest communities. The money they raise helps fund their vital work to transform the lives of people around the world.

How is the money spent?

Last year Christian Aid raised an incredible £8m to help poor communities.

Of every £1 given over the last year, 86p was spent on helping people living in poverty and 14p is spent on raising the next £1, which keeps their work going.

How can you help?

In Bishop's Stortford during **Christian Aid Week** most of the churches take part in the House-to-House collections. We have a great team of volunteer collectors at St. Michael's, who last year raised almost £2,000!

Please support us, in our work for Christian Aid, with your prayers and by your donations.

BUT, if you could also spare a little of your time during **Christian Aid Week** to help us with collecting, it would be fantastic and greatly appreciated! You can collect in pairs or with your family and it's a great way to get to know your community! Join thousands of others to take part in the longest-running fundraising week and really make a difference!



Please contact Carole (07766029329)([carole.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carole.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk)) or Bill Macdonald (07768711777)

Thank you.

All members of St Michael's Congregation

are warmly invited to

## **AFTERNOON TEA**

On Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

In

The Charnley Hall

Windhill Churches Centre

If you would like to join us please sign the list at the back of church.

Please make us aware of any dietary requirements you may have.

Lifts can be arranged if needed.

Further details from Pam J-C [jandpic@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:jandpic@dsl.pipex.com) or telephone 504012

# **HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK 2019**

## **"The Incredible Journey"**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**Bishop's Stortford College Pre-Prep School**

**Sign up now ... [www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk)**

A fun packed, week long holiday club for children aged 5 – 11 years old, run by the churches of Bishop's Stortford

Games, Crafts, Bible study, Singing & more



[Facebook.co.uk/HBWStortford](https://www.facebook.co.uk/HBWStortford)

The HBW website is now live, so adult volunteers and children do sign-up as soon as possible to guarantee your place! There will be an opportunity to chat to some of the helpers and watch a short video over refreshments in the WCC one Sunday soon!



## Mental health and young people

An evening with Rachel Welch  
of the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust

-for parents and professionals looking at practical  
strategies and greater understanding of the issues  
affecting the mental health of young people.

Rachel will help us examine issues such as anxiety and  
depression affecting our children and teenagers.

Why does it happen and how common is it? What coping  
strategies are there and what can parents, friends and  
school professionals do to help their young people be  
more resilient. Why do some young people resort to more  
extreme measures such as self-harm? What are the  
warning signs and how can we help? There will be an  
opportunity for questions and a resource pack to take  
away.

Rachel is a speaker and ambassador for young people's  
mental health through CWMT, is the founder of Freedom  
From Harm and has previously worked as the Director of  
Self Harm UK

The evening is aimed at parents and professionals and  
should not be attended by young people or children.

*Photo Loren Kerns. Proceeds will support the work of CWMT*

### When

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

### From

7.15-9pm

presentation 7.30pm

### Tickets

£5

### Where

St Barnabas Centre,  
Church Lane, Bishops  
Stortford CM234BE

### To Book contact

JO

[admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk)

*Hosted by St James Thorley in  
conjunction with CWMT*



The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust  
Depression and self-harm

CWMT aim to raise awareness of  
mental health among young people  
through programmes for schools  
and families, providing evidence-  
based information that motivates,  
and practical tools that can be easily  
implemented

## *Country file May 2019*

Welcome my friend to a little corner of God's amazing kingdom; an oasis of peace and tranquillity, except of course for the occasional aircraft, which strangely I don't notice, that is until someone mentions them.

Since you were last here mother nature has been busy painting the trees and hedgerows with delicate verdant shades of lush green with intermittent splashes of white and pink.

As if in a play, Act 1 was the Waltz of The Snowdrops, Act 2 - The Dance of The Daffodils and Act 3 The March of The Bluebells and Cowslips, after Act 3 we have an interlude until the tender frost sensitive plants begin to creep onto the stage, some come under their own steam and others we nurture and direct and tell them where to stand. In my greenhouse are the geraniums which will have to wait until Act 4 in June when all possible threats of frost are out of the forecast.

As you will see my lawns have recovered well from last year's drought. The spring 'weed and feed' is paying off and the lawns are looking very healthy. When you came over in February I showed you all the polyanthus I had planted, twelve trays! These have been amazing this year, although I was very disappointed last month when many of them became 'pudding' for the birds, who systematically chumped their way through many of the flower heads, just leaving the green leaves, BUT I must apologise to nature, because I now realise they were doing me a favour as by dead heading the plants, they have been stimulated and are now magnificent. So a big thank you birds. I suppose with seventeen bird feeding devices, I should expect a little help from my feathered friends!



Buzzard waiting for lunch

As in previous years, I am beginning to be plagued by errant crows knocking on my windows, time to bring 'Olly,' the plastic owl, out of hibernation and see if he can ward off the attacks, which are so damaging to the paintwork, and worse still leaving significant scratches on the glass.



Cheeky Jackdaws

I also have a pair of cheeky jackdaws who have perfected the art of hanging very ungraciously from the peanut holders, pecking so hard and even knocking them down, which I suspect is the motive behind the aggressive attack; unsightly as this is to watch, they are very intelligent birds, but I really wish they would practise their acrobatic moves elsewhere.

Several times in the last few days I have seen the buzzard sitting in my walnut tree waiting for his lunch. Minty is becoming quite proficient at taking a run and barking at him, but her preferred chase has always been a squirrel. Talking of squirrels, pretty as they are, they are very annoying, as having depleted their winter store cupboard, are now trying to find ways to steal the bird food.

By the way, I have found a great way to dispose of chicken remains – I put these in a dog safe place within my gated vegetable garden and within a very short time the red kite comes and does a refuse collection, very dramatic to watch. They are such beautiful birds, and as they are mainly carrion eating, are no threat to most other birds, unlike the hawks.



Red Kite

Well, I think I have twittered on long enough. Lovely seeing you. Take care and God bless

*June*

# **The Three Valleys Male Voice Choir**

## **in**

# **Concert**



**St Michael's Church**  
**Saturday 18th May, at 7.30pm**  
**in aid of the**  
**Bell Tower Refurbishment Appeal.**  
**Tickets £10.00.**



# *Music for four hands*

Concert of piano duets

given by

**Martin Huggett and Oliver King**

To include works by

Mozart      Schubert

Mendelssohn      Brahms

&

Fauré 'Dolly Suite'

7.30pm Saturday

8<sup>th</sup> June 2019

St Michael's Church

Bishops Stortford

## CMS-Doug Marshall visit and report from Malta - March 2019



The Charities Support Group regularly supports CMS (Church Mission Society). It is one of our major donations sending £1500 annually. A few years ago we decided to link with Doug and Jacqui Marshall who have been working with refugees in Malta for 4 years. We were pleased to welcome Doug to St Michael's in March for his third visit. In July 2017 we had also met Jacqui and their young children. It is always interesting to hear from Doug about the plight of the refugees first hand. The refugees are mostly from countries in Africa and in particular Somalia, Eritrea and Yemen. Doug showed an aerial photo of the containers at Hal Far where many are housed.

Malta has not welcomed refugees and feels particularly vulnerable to large numbers arriving. As a small island, Malta has never been a destination for refugees but if boats had run into difficulties they often arrive in Malta. Before Donald Trump, America had taken 500 refugees each year but this is no longer the case.

There are some success stories and Doug told us of a refugee who is employed as an interpreter in the hospital 2 days a week and voluntarily helps with interpretation at other times. This man is a Christian and was happy to be photographed with Doug (see photo below) but some of the people he endeavours to support have desperate stories and it would be intrusive to take a photo. As a Christian, Doug walks alongside the refugees and uses his local knowledge to help and advise them. He is someone they can turn to for support, particularly as many have mental health problems following the ordeals they have faced.

Doug's link letters tell of some individual stories and are often displayed on the noticeboard in the WCC.

The following extract is from the link letter at Christmas.

### **Opening a new information office (Written by Doug)**

Two happenings in Malta have given us opportunity to start an information office for refugees near open centres in Hal Far, a commercial area near the airport.

Firstly, Malta has been receiving arrivals by boat for the first time in a number of years. More people are placed in open centres, once their asylum applications have been processed and protection of some sort is given. Secondly, one of the largest open-centres in Malta has been shut down and converted to an initial reception centre. Former residents have been moved to Hal Far.

It is not the only information office but is right on the doorstep/bus stops of the main open-centres in Malta. It is another step in the right direction of helping people and providing some hospitality in an otherwise inhospitable place. The office is at Peace Lab and the friar who runs it has put in free Wi-Fi. Many people in the open centres come and hang around outside using the Wi-Fi on their phones. We will be offering tea/coffee along with information. This location could not be more perfect.

Doug asks us to pray for the refugees, for him and his family and for the Maltese people.

## **Lonely Bouquets**

A small group of the flower team made 30 Lonely Bouquets prior to Easter for the second time. Lonely Bouquets are small posies which we leave in public places around town for people to find and take home. A card is attached containing a bible verse, the Easter services times and contact details for St. Michael's. We know not what effect this little bit of outreach has, but we would love to hear from readers if you ever heard any stories from people who have found and appreciated them. If you are interested in taking part in this activity in the future, please let us know.



Claire Conquest and Jenny Klincke

# GARDEN OPEN

In aid of Grove Cottage (The home of Bishop's Stortford Mencap)

Hannah and Michael Shine invite you to enjoy a walk around their garden and relax over some homemade cakes and a cup of tea or coffee.

**Saturday 25th May 2019**  
10.00am–4.30pm  
**Sunday 26th May**  
2.00–5.00pm

**Longridge**  
**Sawbridgeworth Rd**  
**Hatfield Heath**  
**CM22 7DR**

**Entry donation £2**  
Children free

## SATURDAY

**Jess Daugirda**

*Singer, Urdang Academy*

**Sarah M Singer**

*Adrienne & Malcolm Singers*

**Ukes of Hazard Band** *Ukulele Group*

*ukes.of.hazard.band@gmail.com*

## SUNDAY

**BSUS**

*Bishops Stortford*  
*Ukulele Society*



- ✿ Tea with cake £2.50
- ✿ Lots of plants for sale
- ✿ Craft stall  
with hand-made glass, jewellery etc.
- ✿ Book stall  
with many almost new best sellers
- ✿ Raffle
- ✿ Head massage, Reflexology  
and Thai Foot Massage  
pre bookable by appointment

Tel: **01279 730296** or email  
[michaelandhannah.shine@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelandhannah.shine@btinternet.com)

**Grove**  
**Cottage**  
The home of Bishop's Stortford Mencap



# On the Lighter Side !

The Rogation  
procession had taken  
the scenic route!



“... And then, as the organist  
hits us with a cool hip-hop  
riff, you kick off the wedding  
vows in a smoking’ rap  
style...”

Relax! I’m not the prison  
chaplain - I’ve just been  
given three months for  
wearing a crucifix in  
public!

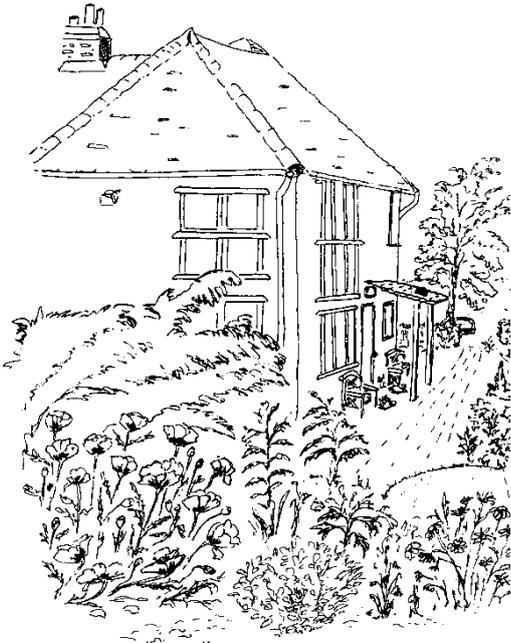


**Trailblazers, for retired men  
or those not in work –**

We meet every first Thursday of the month  
in the Emmaus Centre at St James' Church.  
There's a short meeting from 11am-12 noon  
then lunch in The Harvest Moon.

Contact [ken.mollison@ntlworld.com](mailto:ken.mollison@ntlworld.com)  
for more information.

# *Paint with God and Quiet Days* *at Albury*



Next are: -

## **Paint with God Days**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

## **Quiet Days**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

*Both Days are from 10.30am until 3.30pm*

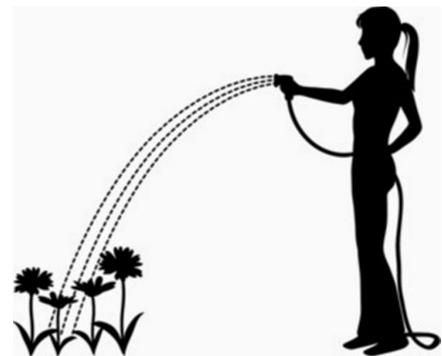
*Please bring a packed lunch – morning coffee and biscuits  
and afternoon tea and cakes provided*

For more information and to book your place

please ring June on 771756

## ***The Inexperienced Gardener***

*A vicar, from Westminster way,  
Permitted his rose to decay.  
His wife, with more vigour  
Bought a hose with a trigger  
And said to her spouse, "let us spray!"*



## Calendar May 2019

|                           |           |   |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday | 9.00am    | Nockolds Training Session WCC CH                |
|                           | 10.00am   | Holy Communion                                  |
|                           | 10.45am   | Tiny Tots                                       |
|                           | 3.00pm    | Wedding Rehearsal                               |
|                           | 7.45pm    | Fabric Committee Meeting WCC 1                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday  | 9.45am    | Church Home Group WCC CH                        |
|                           | 1.30pm    | Wedding   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday  | 9.00am    | Bulgarian Education Session WCC 1/2             |
|                           | 9.00am    | Admission to First Communion Preparation WCC CH |
|                           | 10.00am   | Fabric Committee Working Party                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday    | 8.00am    | Holy Communion (said)                           |
|                           | 10.00am   | Parish Praise                                   |
|                           | 11.15am   | Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptisms               |
|                           | 1.00pm    | Company on Sunday Lunch                         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday   | 12.00noon | Thanksgiving Service for the life of Janet Mead |
|                           | 7.30pm    | Deanery Synod with Talk on Mental Health WCC CH |
|                           | 8.00pm    | Alpha 4 Home Group 21 Marlborough Close         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 10.00am   | Holy Communion                                  |
|                           | 10.45am   | Tiny Tots                                       |
|                           | 1.45pm    | Mothers Union Meeting WCC CH                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Thursday  | 10.30am   | Paint with God Albury                           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | 9.00am    | Bulgarian Education Session WCC 1/2             |
|                           | 7.00pm    | Bellringing Appeal Talk with Supper WCC CH      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday   | 8.00am    | Holy Communion (said)                           |
|                           | 8.50am    | Parish Breakfast WCC CH (see p.4)               |
|                           | 10.00am   | Parish Communion                                |
|                           | 12.30pm   | Holy Baptism                                    |
|                           | 3.00pm    | Afternoon Tea WCC CH                            |
|                           | 6.00pm    | Evensong  |

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| 13 <sup>th</sup> Monday                 | 10.15am | Wardens Meeting WCC 1                             |
|   | 7.45pm  | PCC Meeting WCC CH                                |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday              | 10.00am | Holy Communion                                    |
|   | 10.45am | Tiny Tots   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Thursday               | 9.45am  | Church Home Group WCC CH                          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Saturday               | 9.00am  | Bulgarian Education Session WCC ½                 |
|   | 7.30pm  | Three Valleys Male Voice Choir Concert (see p 17) |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday                 | 8.00am  | Holy Communion (said)                             |
|   | 10.00am | Parish Communion with Holy Baptism                |
|   | 6.00pm  | Choral Evensong                                   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday              | 10.00am | Holy Communion                                    |
|   | 10.45am | Tiny Tots   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Saturday               | 9.00am  | Bulgarian Education Session WCC 1/2               |
|   | 5.30pm  | Alpha Plus Bring and Share Meal Albury            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday                 | 8.00am  | Holy Communion (said)                             |
|   | 10.00am | Parish Communion                                  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday              | 10.00am | Holy Communion                                    |
|   | 10.45am | Tiny Tots   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Ascension Day |         |   |
|   | 9.45am  | Church Home Group WCC CH                          |
|   | 10.30am | Quiet Day Albury                                  |
|   | 8.00pm  | Sung Eucharist                                    |

