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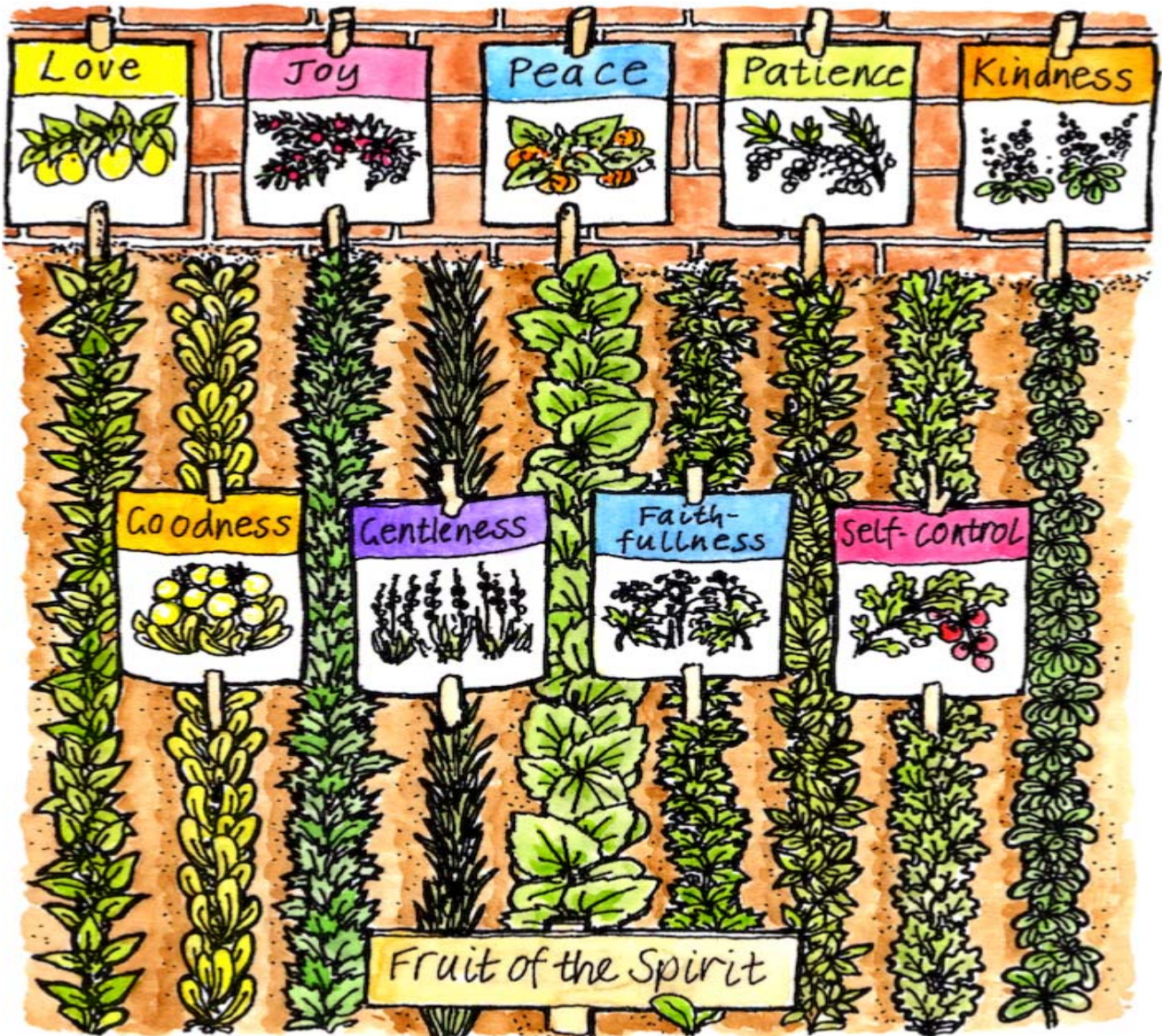
For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



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Small things, done in great love, bring joy and peace.

Mother Teresa



Happy Easter to all from the Link team!

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Community news

Lucy Munro and Liz Mulcahy have retired from the Tarporley High School Home School Association after many years of fundraising to make the school a better place for our young people. Their finale was a very successful Oktoberfest on 1 March featuring local musicians Andrew Dean and Tom Crotty. There was a great turnout, especially from Bunbury parents who enjoyed a tasty sausage dinner and participated in a large number of toasts.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the **Parish Plan questionnaires**; the responses are being collated and analysed. Regular progress updates will be issued and the team is aiming to publish a draft of initial findings at a public meeting in the summer. Email queries to bunburyplan@gmail.com or call Andrew Thomson on 01829 261805.

A **memorial service for Colonel Geoffrey Churton** will be held at St Boniface on Friday 12 April at 12.00pm.

All are welcome to join the **Bickerton & Bickley Mothers' Union** for an open meeting on **Wednesday 10 April** when Angela Klabou, the Chester Diocesan President will talk about the work of the Mothers' Union in the UK and overseas. Free tea & cakes on offer! The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm at Mosswood House on the A534 at Ridley. For more information contact Kate Holland on 01829 261153.

Choir members wanted! Tarporley Baptist & Methodist Church is holding a **Praise Evening** on Saturday 27 April at 7pm, with the choir and Bunbury's own musicians Andrew Dean and Tom Crotty. To join the choir, come along to a rehearsal. The dates



are: Fri 15 March 7-9pm, Sat 23 March 1.30-4pm, Fri 5 April 7-8pm, Fri 12 April 7-9pm, Sat 20 April 1.30-4pm, Fri 26 April 7-9pm. Rehearsals are very sociable with a cup of tea at half-time! Don't worry if you can't make all the rehearsals. Contact Debbie Russell on 730854 or email lexrussell@btinternet.com to find out more and get the music.

In honour of St George's Day, **Johnny Gillett** is holding a dragon-based **storytelling evening** at Tilly's on 26 April starting at 6pm. Call 261691 to book your place - tickets for these events go quickly!

Children's Society boxes will be opened in April; please leave them in church to be collected.

In honour of the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, **Bickerton church Flower Festival and Bank House Open Garden** will be held on Friday 31 May to Monday 3 June, 10am-5pm. With refreshments and stalls, tickets (for adults £3 Flower Festival; £4 Open Garden; £5 both) will be sold on the day from Bickerton Church, Goldford Lane, SY14 8AR. For more information, call 782311 or 720425.

There are two collections for **Bag2School** coming up so start your spring cleaning! Bunbury primary school's collection is 24 April and Early Birds pre-school is 15 May (donations can be stored from now onwards for Early Birds). All good quality second-hand adult or children clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys belts, bags and paired shoes are welcome. For more information, go to www.bag2school.com.

An update from **former youth worker Laura Warrington** and her husband Luke: "Hello from the jungles of the West Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea! We're in a village called Arop and it's 31.5°C with 85% humidity! We are involved in language development for the Sissano-speaking community.



This is an endangered language, so the locals are thrilled that we are documenting and analysing their mother tongue. We transcribed several traditional stories and have begun data collection. Two of the men with whom we are working are translating portions of the New Testament." To find out more, please take a look at: lukeandlaurainpng.blogspot.com

The **copy deadline** for the May issue of the Link is **Friday 12 April**. The magazine should be in church for delivery on **Friday 26 April**.

Our prayers for April

We pray for all who are ill, including **Hilda Elsworth, Mary Williamson and Arthur Cowap**. We pray for everyone who is mourning a loved one including the families of **Eric Davies, Margaret Peers and Geoffrey Churton**.

A note from the editor - what is the point of university?

It seems to me that many of our young people are struggling with decisions about higher education: which university is right for them (if it's right at all); what to study; how to decide what career might appeal afterwards. Tuition fees and the prospect of debt add to the pressure to make the right choice.

But in a new booklet published this month, the Church of England's National Higher Education Adviser adds a new twist. He says that some of the current changes to university education are in conflict with Christian values. In 'What are Universities Good For?', author Dr Stephen Heap observes that universities should be "... helping to form students, not just into good employees, but into good citizens and good individuals who are able to face life's challenges and opportunities in a moral and wise way."

The current trend seems to be for universities to become places that turn students into "job-fillers" in three years, prioritising career goals above a rounded educational experience. Universities should, however, be about more than serving the economy by generating wealth and helping students to get jobs.

I suspect that even outside of the Christian framework of this publication, many parents would agree that a university experience should teach their children not only how to contribute to the economy but also how to live wisely in a rapidly changing world, not just to develop themselves but also to benefit their community. Without keeping that broader goal in mind, surely higher education fails individuals and society?

Bunbury Aldersey Primary School PTA Fundraiser

The 150 Club is a monthly draw with a prize of £40 per month for 10 months of the year and in the summer, there is a special draw with a prize of £85 and in December the special Christmas draw has a prize of £175!

Numbers cost just £10 each and there are 150 numbers.

Well done to the following winners!

October 2012 – Mrs D. Williams
November 2012 – Mrs S. Morrison
December 2012 – Mrs K Lander
January 2013 – Mrs E. Cooper
February 2013 - Mrs M Mort

**To buy a number, please email Suzanne
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TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



"Love has no meaning if it isn't shared. Love has to be put into action. You have to love without expectation, do something for love itself, not for what you may receive. Love in action is what gives us grace. We have been created for greater things - to love and to be loved. Love is love - to love a person without any conditions, without any expectations. Small things, done in great love, bring joy and peace."
(Mother Teresa)

Small things, done in great love, bring joy and peace...

One of the privileges of being a vicar is hearing about small things.

People often tell me about:

Small things that have meant a lot.

Small things that have made a big difference.

Small things that have helped to overcome great challenges.

Small things that make for a richer life.

Over the last month, our children and young people have been doing small

The value of small things

things at church or at school, for the wider community as well as their local community. They have made cakes for charity, surprised neighbours with flowers, picked up litter that wasn't their own, written 'thank you' cards to people they appreciate. They have purposefully thought about the small things, and then acted upon them.

But sometimes the small things in life have a habit of creeping up on us without any warning and surprising us with joy. When you simply stop and realise how perfect a moment is: like reading a bedtime story, or enjoying a pint with family and friends in the pub, seeing new-born lambs feeding, or hearing birdsong in the early morning.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

May we never underestimate the value of small things.

Bunbury school news - Where have all the children gone?

At this time in 2012, Bunbury Aldersey Primary School were considering 70 applications for 30 places in the September reception classes. Sadly, many pupils did not get a place.

Just one year later, for September 2013's reception, there are only about 20 applications and very unusually, there may be vacancies for children starting school. Other local schools report a similar picture. Where have all the children gone?

And where has all the money gone?

This year's projected income for our school is £742,008, while for next year, 2013/14, we have been allocated £676,205 by Cheshire East

Council. Fortunately, the Governors have accumulated reserves of £52,000. Some savings can be made and therefore the education of the pupils will not be affected this year.

Changes for next year in the way schools are funded have been introduced by central and local government. The impact on some individual schools is unexpected and it seems from talks with Cheshire East officers and councillors that adjustments are likely next time round. Some help may even be forthcoming this year. What is important is that the funding of our school is restored to traditional levels.



Eric Wallington
Reader Emeritus
Thought of the month

What beautiful things butterflies are! They have wings of every shade you can imagine: from bright yellow to incandescent purple, in patterns which any artist would be truly proud to create. They seem so fragile, yet they succeed in mastering without difficulty the laws of aerodynamics. Their life seems idyllic, with nothing to do but flutter from flower to flower, sipping in nectar from dawn to dusk.

They display their wonderful wings to attract an equally beautiful partner; then mate, lay eggs, ensure the survival of their species to the next generation and then lay themselves down. A short life but a happy one, or so it seems.

But why should I be writing about butterflies at Eastertide? Jesus said: "In the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in

marriage, but are like angels in heaven". I don't think he meant that we shall have wings and trumpets like the angels in so many paintings but rather that after this life is ended, God will take us to another form of existence - unimaginably better than this world. We, of course, have no words to describe it and the only way we can believe this is if we're willing to take it in faith and behave accordingly.

And, of course, that's why Jesus came to earth, died on the cross and rose again from the tomb. It was for you and me, so that we might know that, beyond our wildest imaginings, we have the promise of a glorious future ahead - not just for a number of years but for eternity. What a promise!

**To be held at St Boniface Church
in conjunction with the friends of Calveley Church**

You are invited to a light-hearted musical evening with

The Kipling Singers



Friday 26 April 2013 at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 and include coffee, tea and cake

Tickets are available from

Jenny Brookes 01270 522214

Yvonne Wood 01270 528442

Celia Kinnersley 01829 260656

or members of Bunbury PCC and Calveley Church

Proceeds will go to both churches

Calveley Church

Spring Fayre

Saturday 4 May 2013

10.30am - 3.30pm

'Made in Cheshire' stall

Cakes Plant stall Books

Craft stall Raffle

Refreshments

Free admission

Calveley Church is off Calveley Lane CW6 9LG

Contact and enquiries: Jenny Brookes 01270 522214

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Pat Edgley Ellis
Reader
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is our light that can never be put out; he has given us a light to drive away all darkness.

At this wondrous Eastertide, let the light of our risen Lord reach every corner of our dull hearts.

Christ our life,
You are alive
In the beauty of the earth
In the rhythm of the seasons
In the mystery of time and space.
Alleluia!

Christ our life,
You are alive

In the tenderness of touch
In the heartbeat of intimacy
In the insights of solitude.
Alleluia!

Christ our life,
You are alive
In the creative possibility
Of the dullest conversation
The dreariest task
The most threatening event.
Alleluia!

Christ our life,
You are alive
To offer re-creation

To every unhealed hurt
To every deadened place
To every damaged heart
Alleluia!

You set before us a great choice.
Therefore we choose life.
The dance of resurrection soars and surges
Through the whole creation.
It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.
This is grace, dying we live.
So let us live.

A poem by Kathy Galloway of the Iona Community

Give us Two Minutes... Tony Burrows



Tony Burrows is the eldest of five children. He was born in a bedroom above the butcher's shop 71 years ago. Having lived in the village all his life, he has worked in the business for 55 years. He married his wife Gwyneth on 1 June 1966, and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

It's a celebrity beer call. Whom would you like to invite?

Sir Bobby Charlton - a gifted footballer, gentleman and a modest man, and Ronnie Barker, who was a very talented and funny man.

What would you call your autobiography?

I did it my way.

What was your first job?

Delivering groceries at the age of 14 for my uncle on a carrier bicycle.

What is the best book you've read to date?

Live from Downing Street, by Nick Robinson.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

More footpaths - especially along Vicarage Lane - and speeding controls.

What is your biggest regret?

Not continuing my piano lessons with my father in favour of playing football when I was young.

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

I would like to go to Wembley to watch Manchester United in the Cup Final.

What is the one thing that people would be surprised to learn about you?

Nothing - having lived and worked here all my life most people know everything about me!

What would you like to achieve most over the next 12 months?

I would like to keep fit and healthy, and to pursue my hobbies of gardening and walking. I'd also love to travel more.

What is your favourite place and why?

The Memories Hotel Lindos (where *The Guns of Navarone* was filmed) - it has a beautiful secluded beach and al fresco dining.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

In London with my wife Gwyneth enjoying the many places of interest, taking in a theatre visit or two and dining out.

Church diary for April

Wednesday 3 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 21 April	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Family Worship and APCM	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 7 April	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Wednesday 24 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 10 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 28 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 14 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Evensong	St Jude's St Boniface St Boniface	Wednesday 1 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 17 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 5 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley

Children seek shelter at the All Age Service



A large tent was constructed in church for the All Age Service in March as the congregation learned about how God shelters us.

Within the tent the children and young people (and some parents) clustered on cushions and furry rugs during the service.

The children and young people then led the church in prayer, thanking God for their homes and families and praying for people away from home or people who are homeless.

After learning about God's tent sheltering the Ark of the Covenant in the Old

Testament, and how it was carefully taken from place to place, they made little notes with pictures of things they wanted to thank God for and pinned them to the tent.

They also tried out a brightly-coloured hammock - managing to get four children in at a time - and made friendship bracelets to remind them of God's love. Fun and learning all at the same time!



Charity begins at church

You may well be surprised (as I was) to learn just how much money churches in the Diocese of Chester gave last year to support charities in the UK and overseas: well over £1m. This is making a real impact in relieving poverty, improving medical care, providing education and supporting those in need. It is a good news story about the church which is rarely heard, unlike debates about women bishops and sexuality!

At St Boniface we have been doing our bit, and each year we direct 10% of our voluntary income to external charities, chosen by the PCC but with suggestions invited from members of the congregation. In 2012 we refined our policy: around 50% of our giving now goes to charities in the UK, 30% to local charities, and 20% overseas. This resulted in our giving of over £4,000 to seven different charities in 2012. We intend to highlight some of these in the next few issues of the LINK, and we start with two: the Church Urban Fund and Hope House.



The Church Urban Fund (CUF) was set up by the Church of England as a response to the report "Faith in the City" which highlighted the problems of poverty and deprivation in our

inner cities. Here are just two reasons CUF gives as to why tackling poverty is so important:

"people living in the poorest areas of England are likely to die 26 years earlier than those living in the richest areas"; and

"those in poverty have a greater proportion of their lives with a disability and are two or three times more likely to have a mental illness".

CUF provides practical help to tackle poverty and to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalised. It makes use of church buildings so they can become active in local communities

running lunch clubs for the elderly, after school clubs for children living in deprived areas, providing food banks for parents desperately trying to feed their families. They provide debt counselling, support and education to substance abusers, and parenting courses that can help break the cycle of poverty that passes from one generation to the next. These activities and many others like them are signs of parish churches quietly serving disadvantaged or vulnerable members of their community. The services they provide are freely given to all regardless of race or creed, and there is no requirement for beneficiaries to give anything back. However, many individuals who see the church in action in this way are moved to explore their spiritual lives, and church growth often follows.

Hope House is a local Children's Hospice charity that is probably already known to most readers. The organisation runs two hospices, Hope House in Oswestry and Tŷ Gobaith in Conwy. It provides specialist nursing care and support to life-limited children, young people and young adults from Shropshire, Cheshire, North and Mid Wales. The support it offers extends to the whole family - from diagnosis, throughout the lifetime of the child and beyond. As well as its two hospices the charity can also provide end-of-life care in the home and counselling and advocacy support. Bereavement support is offered to all children, young people and family members for as long as is needed. Services are free of charge to all families and the charity relies on fundraising to be able to continue its vital work.



More information on these charities can be found at their websites: www.cuf.org.uk and www.hopehouse.org.uk. You can also see their letters of thanks on the notice board at the back of church.

When Anglo-American relations were at their best?



This interview, recently rescued from the wood pile of a fireplace, was originally published on Wednesday 21 November 1973 by the Fort Carson Mountaineer. We thought Link readers might enjoy extracts of this interview with Major John Ellis, newly arrived to Fort Carson in Colorado on an exchange programme during his period with HM Parachute Regiment.

In the article, Major Ellis admits that English, as spoken by Americans, is "a bit tricky," particularly the jargon of abbreviations used with such abandon by the US Army.

He also observes that the pinch of the energy crisis which was being felt in the United States may never reach the proportions that the UK had to accept as a way of life. The availability of gasoline in the US seemed more than abundant to his family who "on a really big outing might drive the 30 miles from our home in Canberley (*sic*) to London." (When John left England gasoline was \$1 a gallon - a far cry from what it is now in either country!)

After giving readers some of the background of John's military career, the interview moves to focus on his observations about life at Fort Carson. Echoing a feeling expressed by his predecessor at Fort Carson, John moaned that the 7:30 am duty hour observed by the US Army was "downright uncivilized". In Ireland where duty hours often didn't end before 1 or 2 am, "no one surfaced before at least 8:30 or 9am." Major Ellis was impressed with Carson's many facilities not found in his own garrisons: the PX and commissary, which were "jolly



good". He was disappointed in the lack of variety in dairy products, but the choice of meats was "just phenomenal."

As far as the two societies are concerned, the remarkable difference is the automobile. In England one would tend to walk from place to place but "in Washington, DC, for example, if you don't have a car or cab you can't get there."

Asked about his views on the monarchy, since he considered himself a historian, John viewed the British monarchy from a long-range standpoint, believing that the Royal Family has been and is a highly stabilizing influence on the country. Then parrying with what appears to be an irrepressible sense of humor, he added, "As a member of Her Majesty's army I could hardly be less than pro-royalist."

In tribute

Eric Davies - a true character

At a funeral service at Crewe Crematorium Chapel on 28 February, tributes were paid to Eric Davies of Calveley, who died aged 86 on 20 February.

Eric was born in Calveley and lived virtually all his life in Alraham. He was one of three, with his brother John and sister Connie.

He attended Tilstone Fearnall Primary School and then went to Miss Davies' Business Training College in Chester.

In his early working life during the war, he was a Bevan Boy in Newcastle, looking after the pit ponies. Thereafter he worked for many years at United Dairies in Calveley, after which he worked at CFA (later North Western Farmers) as a lorry driver, where he stayed until his retirement.

Eric was an avid football fan and season ticket holder of Crewe Alexander football club. He also loved to watch snooker. He was very appreciative of all that people did for him in later life, particularly visits from his friend Len and 'Mag' who cooked meals for him and looked after him.

Lillian 'Mo' Clarke - a strong and driven woman

Lillian Maureen Clarke, known by all as 'Mo', was laid to rest in a funeral service at Crewe Crematorium Chapel on 22 February.

Born in Crewe in 1930, Mo went to Ludford Street school. After the war she became the manageress of a local shoe shop. At the age of 20, she married Alec, having met him at the cafe under the bridge at Beeston. They were married for over 50 years. Alec was a gifted carpenter who loved to make things and was contented in life.

Mo looked after her two children, Cathy and Danny, and had many jobs from cleaning to driving a school minibus. She loved her dogs, and had many bulldogs, some of which had imaginative names such as Carlton Badger, Toby Jug and Hyacinth.

Mo was proud of both her children, Danny for becoming a joiner and Cathy for being the first in the family to get an A Level. Cathy went on to become a teacher and riding instructor. Danny sadly died prematurely at the age of 44, which devastated his mother. Despite living with Macular Degeneration in her later years, Mo remained an independent, strong woman until her death on 15 February.

The Great Debate: The church should embrace same-sex marriage



Caroline Briggs-Harris has been in a civil partnership for six years. She and her partner have a young baby. Between working full-time as a barrister and mother, she is completing a Masters degree in Canon Law with a dissertation on Civil Partnerships, same-sex marriage and the Church of England. Here she responds to last month's piece about the church's approach to same-sex marriage.

The Archbishop of York was quoted in last month's Link: "The only reason I have been given for a desire to re-define marriage to embrace same-sex relationships is that it meets an emotional need of some (though not all) same-sex couples".

Surely meeting emotional needs is quite high on a Christian's agenda, so long as no harm is caused; it is surely part of the reason most heterosexual couples get married? Emotional needs are fulfilled by the Church in many areas. Why do we have funerals, if not to meet the emotional needs of those left behind?

What harm can extending the definition of marriage do? How does Couple A's marriage affect Couple B's? Other European countries have done it and the countries have not collapsed. Denmark, like the UK, has an Established Church, and same-sex marriage in the Church of Denmark is allowed.

In this country, each of us has a right to marry in our parish church, regardless of religion or lack thereof. It is an oddity that our system enables an atheist couple to marry in a church (often for its aesthetic qualities or because of tradition, or because Great Aunt Hilda would be very upset if it was a civil wedding), and yet the homosexual vicar marrying them cannot do the same. An atheist's promises to God are disingenuous, yet the church door is closed to a Christian gay couple to whom marriage in a church would mean everything.

Last month's Link carried a feature about Bunbury School staging a 'proper Christian wedding'. The importance of this was emphasised: "Revd Tim carried out the service and explained the meaning and importance of saying wedding vows in front of your family and friends and also before God." The current law will prohibit that for at least one of the children in the photograph, based on current statistics.

There are a various arguments in favour of keeping marriage as it is, most of them not thoroughly thought through.

Marriage is for the procreation of children. Fortunately, we do not have fertility tests as a pre-requisite of marriage. If someone has suffered a disease rendering them infertile, we still allow them to be married, and, of course, couples are married well beyond the age when children might be expected to result from that marriage. As it should be. Likewise, if a heterosexual couple does not wish to have children, they should be allowed to be married. And of course, there are same-sex couples who bring up children, either the biological child of one of them, or an adopted child. Should their children not grow up in the knowledge that their parents' relationship is as valid as that of heterosexual parents?

Another argument is that the Bible says it is wrong.

The Bible says a lot of things are wrong, and things which most of us do. There is no particular categorisation of levels of wrongness. Often, the references to homosexual male conduct are in the context of violent acts, not loving, long-term partnerships. We do not know what the understanding was of homosexuality at the time, whether it was even seen as a state of being. For those who think they are Bible-obeying at all times, Leviticus 19 makes rather interesting reading. Woe betide you if you wear a material woven

from two different materials or sow two types of seed in your field.

Marriage, as we understand it today, is not really dealt with in the Bible, save that Jesus attends a wedding feast in Galilee. Many see close and potentially physical same-sex relationships being referred to positively (see, for example, the relationship between Ruth and Naomi described in Ruth, or that between David and Jonathan in Samuel). We are gradually coming to understand that homosexuality is not a choice (did you choose your sexuality? could you choose to change it tomorrow?), and exclusive homosexual behaviour is seen in other animal species. If we accept sexuality as God-given, then why not same-sex marriage?

There are those who do not like the patriarchal overtones and proprietary traditions of marriage, who will wonder why so many same-sex couples wish to join such an archaic institution. They, many of them heterosexual, would no doubt like civil partnerships to be open to all, and why not?

Certainly, there are imperfections in the proposals relating to adultery and consummation, but these are not insurmountable. The laws relating to marriage have evolved over the centuries; this is another evolution. Laws change - even Church of England canons.

But traditionalists within the Church of England do not need to worry for a while, as despite the matter not having been properly aired, even in General Synod, they have been afforded 'protection' by Parliament. There is an 'opt-in' system for other faiths, but not the Established Church - a sad result for the many Christians who would dearly love to declare their vows in their local church. Just like their atheist or Muslim friends can.

Big Bible Event

Chester Cathedral is holding an event for 5-11 year olds on Saturday 20 April, 9.45am to 2.30pm, with drama, costume characters, games, puppets, music and much more - the cathedral as you've never seen it before! Tickets: £2 per child - adults are free (but please book) - and bring a picnic lunch. You can sign up to go with St Boniface at the back of church or phone Claire Edge on 720522, or contact the Cathedral box office www.chestercathedral.com or tel: 01244 500959 (75p booking fee).

hear it, make it, play it, give it, know it, act it, read it, live it

Big Bible Event: Luke

Sat 20 April 2013 Chester Cathedral

hear it, make it, play it, give it, know it, act it, read it, live it

News from St Jude's

The one thing that you can be sure of when you visit St Jude's is a very warm welcome. Only recently we received letters thanking us for our warm welcome, and that is the usual experience when visiting St Jude's for the first time, as I know from personal experience.

At the recent meeting of the PCC, our worthy Treasurer presented the committee with the facts and figures for the past year of 'trading'. They do not present a pretty picture, a picture that is all too common when expenditure exceeds income. It is true that we have some capital to call on, but if that is not quickly replaced then we are on the road to disaster. Remember the wise words of Mr Micawber: "Annual income £20 expenditure £19 and 6 pence, result happiness. Annual income £20 expenditure £20 and 6 pence, result misery."

On 16 June we are going to have an evening of hymn singing, a sort of Songs of Praise (but not so formal) when you can choose your favourite hymn. The acoustics of the building are such that the singing always sounds wonderful, so do come and join in!

But the major event of the month is the Easter Festival when we celebrate the RISEN CHRIST, when all our mundane problems are reduced to insignificance in the face of this wonderful news. A reminder that the service at St Jude's is at 9am for this day only.

Finally a historic fact for you: in the early middle ages, Robert de Tremonze gave the manor of Tilstone Fearnall to the monks of the Benedictine Abbey in Chester for the good of his soul!

NSPCC



Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

SANDSTONE X-COUNTRY 10K run

Sunday 14 April 2013

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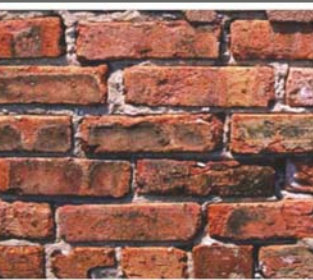
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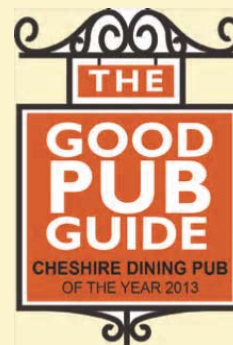


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