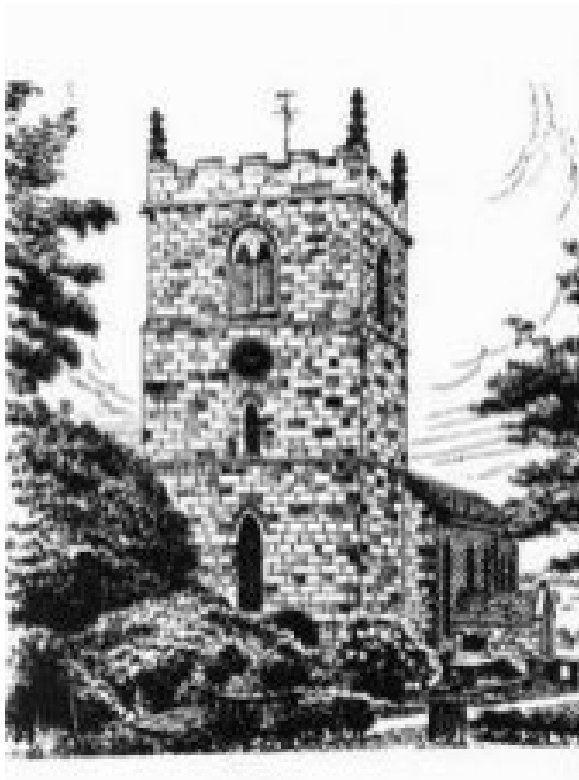


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| July | Wednesday 3 rd & Wednesday 17 th |
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| October | Wednesday 2 nd & Wednesday 16 th |
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Welcome!

Enjoy reading this Parish magazine and, if you wish to know more about Church Groups, please get in touch with the Movers and Shakers - their names are on the inside front & inside back covers. Service times are on the back page. You'd be most welcome to join us. May God bless you and all whom you love.

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A wheelchair is available to help people move easily between the church and Dewsbury Road. Just ask.

**Spring being a tough act to follow, God
created June.**

Al Bernstein

Vicar's Letter

Reverend Sharon Wilkinson

Here we are already. Summer is approaching and we are looking at events that we have planned for the warmer months.

We have our Family Fun Day this month on the 29th (there is a poster later in the magazine).



There will be an Outdoor Service in July and a Teddy Bear's Picnic in August. We are busy trying to get control once more of our churchyard as we wait for the bluebells to die down before we can cut the grass to a more reasonable length. If you fancy a bit of free exercise feel free to join us on a Saturday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. The churchyard has given me (and many others) much pleasure and much needed time and space to think or pray as I walk the dogs.

There have been changes afoot at St Mary's and you may not have recognised them or known about them but they have been happening. Inside the Church we have made a children's area where younger children can sit and play with their mums and dads. We also have an all age worship service on the second Sunday (with puppets), and on the fourth Sunday we have Stepping Stones which is a Sunday School held in the Vestry.

Our Baptism Co-Ordinator, Barbara Tate visits families, takes our magazine and as well as booking their Christenings, she talks about the above groups and about the ABC (Adults, Babies and Children's) Group on a Wednesday morning.

So what you may ask?

The vision for St Mary's is for it to be a truly welcoming space to all people, to all families, to believers and unbelievers alike. The Church family at St Mary's is learning how to serve the community – and to this end we have a Dementia Friendly Café, called the Forget me Not Friends café held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (1.00-3.00) and a brand new Venture starting in June on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday will be a group called Care and Share.

This is for those people who have lost a loved one, a place where you can meet others, care for each other and share a lunch of Soup and a Sandwich. The loss of a loved one can leave many people lonely and isolated – this group will be a safe place to come and meet others. The first one will be on the 12th June and it will run from 12 noon until 2.00pm. If you know someone who would benefit from this please let them know.

We are seeing new faces and a steady small growth on a Sunday mornings. If you are new please say hello and stay for coffee.

If you have any suggestions or needs or prayers please do not hesitate to contact me at any point. My door is always open at the Vicarage.

Blessings

Sharon

Exciting Artefacts found in Jerusalem Point to the truth of the Bible

Not long ago, two archaeologists announced the discovery of “very exciting” ancient artefacts in Jerusalem’s City of David National Park. Dr. Yiftah Shalev of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) and Professor Yuval Gadot from Tel Aviv University (TAU) say excavations in what’s now a car park unearthed a 2,600-year-old seal, known as a bullā. The one-centimetre piece of clay, which served as a stamp for signing documents, bears the name Nathan-Melech, Servant of the King. A similar seal has the name Ikar, meaning farmer. The artefacts, which will be described in the Israel Exploration Journal, date back to Jerusalem’s First Temple Period. They were found in a large public building destroyed in the sixth century BCE, likely by fire. The Babylonians conquered Jerusalem in 586 BCE

Kings Mentions Nathan-Melech

In 2 Kings 23:11, Nathan-Melech is mentioned as a chamberlain, or court official:

“And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the Lord, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire”

This seal is the first archaeological evidence containing Nathan-Melech’s name. Dr. Anat Mendel-Geberovich, who deciphered and dated the artefact, says the official was likely well-known because there’s no last name to indicate lineage. “Although it is not possible to determine with complete certainty that the Nathan-Melech who is mentioned in the Bible was in fact the owner of the stamp,” she says, “it is impossible to ignore some of the details that link them together.”

The second stamp reads “Ikar son of Matanyahu.” Although Matanyahu appears in the Bible and on previously unearthed stamps, Mendel-Geberovich says this is the first reference to Ikar. The person’s identity is unclear.

The Significance of This Find

Archaeologists Shalev and Godot say this discovery is important because the seals were found “inside their true archaeological context,” while other well-known seals have come from the antiquities market. The find offers insights about Jerusalem’s structure, administration and destruction, they add.

These artefacts attest to the highly developed system of administration in the Kingdom of Judah and add considerable information to our understanding of the economic status of Jerusalem and its administrative system during the First Temple period, as well as personal information about the king’s closest officials and administrators who lived and worked in the city.

The public building where the seals were found contain fine stonework as well as burned wooden beams and pottery shards. Fire would have destroyed the parchments on which the seals were used.

“The destruction of this building in the fire, apparently during the Babylonian conquest of the city in 586 BCE, strengthens our understanding of the intensity of the destruction in the city,” Shalev and Godot note.

“This is an extremely exciting find for billions of people worldwide,” says Doron Spielman of the City of David Foundation. “The ongoing archaeological excavations at the City of David continue to prove that ancient Jerusalem is no longer just a matter of faith but also a matter of fact. It is truly fascinating to know how archaeologists have uncovered more than 12 layers of Jerusalem history in what used to be a car park until just few years ago.”

Gail.

Prayerful Thought

"To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive" Robert Louis Stevenson

Hi there

I am writing this as I am enjoying a holiday on the south coast with some of my family and I have been inspired by thinking about travelling and this quote by the famous Scottish writer. Happily, whilst on some occasions the journey has been the highlight of a trip, in the main, I have been lucky in that the destinations have been as nice as or better than the journey, but it got me thinking about travelling and journeys.

Do you like travelling?

I am beginning to discover my sense of adventure, wanting to travel and see more of this wonderful world, something I was never really bothered about in my youth. It was rare for young people to travel from the area I grew up in, 'Gap Years' weren't the thing, my brother was quite the adventurer when he went to Europe with his one month 'Inter Rail' train ticket!

I think a lot of people would like to travel more if someone else packed and unpacked for them and if you could travel like the characters on Star Trek being 'beamed up' arriving almost instantaneously. For younger readers, the equivalent of Harry Potter 'apparating' with Professor Dumbledore.

I have recently bought a new bicycle, it is an 'Ebike' or electric bike, it's not a scooter or moped but has a motor in it so I can have help going up hills and to help me keep up with David, who

is training for a family bike challenge this summer when he and his brother, my sister and brother will be cycling from Zeebrugge to Paris (I'm happily supporting the team in the car!). The thing is, we have enjoyed some cycling this week, including one or two hills and David has urged me to cycle faster, because I can, and I have had to stress to him, it's not about the speed, I enjoy cycling along and looking at the scenery, not whizz along at maximum speed seeing everything in a blur. To me, the joy of slower travel is seeing the scenery, noticing the wildlife and wild flowers, and also saying hello to people as we pass, this makes a journey more of an adventure.

These days it seems everyone wants to get to their destination as quickly as possible. We build more motorways, we may sometime have HS2, LNER have just introduced new faster trains on their East Coast Mainline route between London and Leeds. Everything is about speed.

If you race along a motorway in your 'car bubble' you don't meet anyone, or speak to anyone. You may sit with people if you are on a train, but if it's a busy commuter service, or in a lot of general cases, many people travel in their own 'bubble' with headphones on glued to their phone screens.

I was watching a television programme recently in which two of the actors I liked very much when growing up, Christopher Timothy and Peter Davidson (from All Creatures Great and Small) were travelling in a vintage car along the A30, originally an old coaching route of the 18th Century running for nearly 300 miles from London to Cornwall. I actually haven't watched all of the episode yet but I enjoyed the adventure, the chance for reminiscing and meeting and talking to people along the way.

This got me thinking about Jesus' time and his travelling, they travelled slowly meeting people, talking to people. And to me that is the key...

I consulted my friendly online 'Bible Gateway' and discovered that Sailing is mentioned 45 times, walking 53, travelling 48 times and 'journeying' 106 times. I haven't looked in detail at all the passages, but many in the New Testament were in the books and letter written by or attributed to Paul, perhaps not surprisingly.

Now I'm not suggesting that we all throw away our car keys and walk or bicycle everywhere, but just to encourage you to think about perhaps your route to your final destination, or how you will see the locality once you arrive.

We did just that on our journey down here. Yes we could have whizzed down the M1, M42, M40, A34 and M27 and subject to travel delays made it in about 4 hours, however, whilst we did use bits of motorways, the bulk of the journey was taken using the old Roman road the 'Fosse Way' (A4455) down through the midlands and into the Cotswolds and for an extra hour, we had lovely scenery and a much better travel experience.

Will you have time in your holiday itinerary to walk a little slower, call at an occasional tea room, pop into a local hostelry and meet and chat to people? Can you programme your sat navs to 'avoid motorways' or look out a route before you set off that calls in at some little village or small town instead of whizzing along a bypass or motorway?

I hope you do...

Just remember, Jesus was travelling in the heat of the desert when he stopped at a well and spoke to a Samaritan woman at the well (one of my favourite stories), you can find it in John's Gospel Chapter 4 verses 4 to 26. That encounter changed the woman's life. In Matthew's gospel Chapter 4 Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he called two brothers, Simon called Peter and Andrew his brother, and as we say, 'the rest is history'.

Love and blessings
Dawn

Share & Care Café starting up this June

There is a new Café in Church—aimed at those who have been through a bereavement. Come along and join us for Tea, cakes and a chat on Wednesday June 12th from 12pm to 2pm.

Gail



Sharon,
and Sarah.

The Forget Me Not Café will still run on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

George & Jemima—Counting Sheep

Both pop up.

Jemima. Well, I'm getting better at climbing this 'ere wall George.

George. Yeh, Yeh, well done Jemima.

Jemima. So George, what ya been up to this week then?

George. Been looking after my new pal, Lamb Chop!

Jemima. Who's Lamb Chop?

George. Oh, didn't I tell you, he's my new pet.

Jemima. You've got a new pet and you haven't told me?

George. Well, I haven't seen you have I, so how could I have told you?

Jemima. You could have given me a call George.

George. I didn't think you'd have been interested.

Jemima. Well I am now, so who is Lamb Chop?

George. He's my new pet sheep.

Jemima. Pet sheep? ya can't have a sheep as a pet you numpty.

George. I can so, and I have so. So there.

Jemima. OK then George, so where did you get him?

George. I didn't get him from anywhere, he just turned up.

Jemima. Turned up? turned up? Turned up from where?

George. I don't know exactly, must have come from one of them fields at the back of our house I suppose.

Jemima. He'll have escaped from the flock you blooming idiot. ya can't keep him as a pet.

George. Ok then, he's on loan until the shepherd misses him.

Jemima. Come of it George, course the shepherd's gonna

miss him.

George. Aw come off it Jemima. I know them sheep better than he does and I know for a fact he isn't gonna miss one of 'em.

Jemima. Ya can't know the sheep better than the shepherd does, don't be daft.

George. I just do so. I do honest.

Jemima. How come then?

George. Cause I can name most all of 'em, which is more than the shepherd can.

Jemima. Ok then George, go on; give me some of their names.

George. Right, here goes then. My sheep is called Lamb Chop, Ok?

Jemima. How do you know he's called Lamb Chop?

George. Cause I know his Mum and Dad, stupid.

Jemima. Who's his Mum and Dad then?

George. His dad's called Baaaarny and his Mum's called Bet Lynch.

Jemima. Bet Lynch? Why call a sheep Bet Lynch?

George. Cause she's mutton dressed as lamb.

Jemima. Keep going then George, name me some more.

George. Well, there's another little one who's always hopping about, he's called pullover.

Jemima. Why Pullover?

George. 'Cos he's a woolly jumper. Oh, and then there's one with green dye all over him.

Jemima. (Butts in) Don't tell me. He's called mint sauce!

George. How did you guess?

Jemima. And don't tell me, I suppose there's one called

Shaun?

George. I don't think so, why would you call a sheep Shaun?

Jemima. Oh forget it George.

George. Oh, hang on; I've forgotten the triplets.

Jemima. The triplets?

George. Yeh, the triplets, Flock, stock, and barrel.

Jemima. Ya making all these names up aren't ya George?

George. Course I am Jemima, but you must admit, there's some guddens 'int tha?

Jemima. So how many sheep do you think are in the Flock then George?

George. Well, 99 now that I've got Lamb Chop.

Jemima. Don't you think that Lamb Chop is a very naughty sheep, to run away leaving all the other sheep?

George. Nah, he'll be reight wi me.

Jemima. Yeh, but the shepherds gonna miss poor little Lamb Chop don't ya think?

George. Nah!

Jemima. Don't ya think that the shepherd will come looking for him then?

George. Why should he? He won't miss him; he's got another 99 of em.

Jemima. Because your little Lamb Chop will be scared and feel all alone and he might be worried, that because he's been naughty he will never be allowed to go back.

George. Aw! Ya got me worried now Jemima, do you think the shepherd will come back and forgive little Lamb Chop and me?

Jemima. I know for a fact George that the shepherd always forgives, no matter what the sheep have done. He will turn up at your house and pick Lamb Chop up into his arms and will

probably thank you for taking care of him.

George. Oh thanks Jemima, you've put my mind at ease.

Jemima. What you've just been through George is a bit like how God feels about us.

George. How do you mean?

Jemima. God is like the shepherd, and we are like the sheep. God loves us so much, that if we trust in him, then whenever we feel like we are lost and we can't find him, he will always come to us. Have you ever been lost and couldn't find your parents?

George. A chance would be a fine thing.

Jemima. No, but honestly George, it would make us feel scared wouldn't it?

George. I suppose so.

Jemima. But rest assured George we are never alone because God will always be there for us. He forgives us for all the bad things we do and he wants us to be his friends forever. It says in the Bible that there will be a big party in heaven whenever anyone becomes Jesus' friend, and he will never stop loving us.

George. Wow, I'd better go look for the shepherd and tell him I've got Lamb Chop before he comes and makes shepherd's pie out of me.

Jemima. Hang on a minute George; let's say a little prayer together before you go.

George. How can I say it with you when I don't know the words?

Jemima. They're on the script George.

George. Oh....yes

Jemima. OK George let's say it together.

Both. Dear God. We thank you that you love us so much. Help us to remember that you are like the shepherd, and you will always be there for us, just like the shepherd looks after his sheep. Please help us to trust in you and to remember that no matter what we do, you have forgiven us and we can always come to you. Amen.

Jemima. Say goodbye George.

George. Baaaaaa.

Brian



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Our Church Wardens Sworn in at Cathedral.

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'I solemnly and sincerely declare before God and his people that I will faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of the Office of Churchwarden, for the parish for which I have been chosen, during the period of my appointment.'

Peter reminded the churchwardens of their duties and asked that God help them to serve with humility and strength.

Well, maybe not quite a 'hard-fought' contest but we are very pleased that Brian and Neal have continued with their calling. We are lucky to have them.



Words create worlds.

Words create worlds. That old axiom may not be in the Bible, but it is true. Scripture's way of saying the same thing is found in Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death.

Every single one of us can give testimony to the truthfulness of those words in Proverbs 18. We can go back in our minds to the parents, teachers or grandparent who spoke life-giving words to us. We can remember how much wind it put in our sails when they said those 4 magical words to us... "I believe in you."

We can also go back in our minds to hurtful and attacking words that scarred us. And even though it may have been years ago, we can remember it and still feel the emotion of it like it was yesterday.

The words in our past echo in our present and they continue to shape our lives today. Words have incredible power.

And that is doubly true for all of us. As a Christian, our words can sometimes carry more weight and have more staying power. our words may get amplified and magnified.

Through the years we may have been amazed how many people have come up to us and thanked us for something we have said to them that impacted their lives. The scary part is how often we didn't even remember saying anything to them.

So, let us take a look at the what the book of Proverbs can teach us about the power of our words.

We need to become experts at speaking life-giving words. Let's be honest. It's tough out there in the world. We do not live in a grace and love filled world. In this world, we get what we pay for (sometimes). NO free lunch. NO cutting in line. Eye for an eye. Tooth for a tooth.

Like the great philosopher, Norm, from Cheers said, “It’s a dog eat dog world and I’m wearing milk bone underwear.”

But we can speak to people about life and blessing and hope and encouragement.

Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. Proverbs 16:24

And here’s the great news. It doesn’t cost us anything to do this, and it doesn’t require a line item in our life. And this isn’t about spiritual gifts or personality. This is about sensitivity and love and kindness.

Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up. Proverbs 12:25

We can all remember when we have had a particularly tough season in our lives, let us take a good look at our close family and around our church family and see if there is someone who needs our care and attention at this time, may be someone is spending time by their selves and not communicating with others, when they are usually out going and talkative. Maybe we are scared that what we say may not be the right words, but remember God is there with us, if we trust in him he will give us the words, and remember this person may just be waiting for the right person to show that they care, this could be you. And they may end up being thankful that someone took the time to speak life-giving words.

Think of how God the Father modelled this for us. At the baptism of Jesus, the Father’s audible voice out of heaven said This is my dearly loved son, who brings me great joy. Matthew 3:17

If God thought it was important to speak blessing on his perfect, sinless son, how important is it for us to speak to people who are broken, and lost.

The biggest enemy of blessing people with your words is not meanness or selfishness, it is HURRY. So, slow down today and speak blessing into someone’s life.

Learn the art of good delivery

What is the difference between a good pitcher and a great pitcher?

DELIVERY, and maybe steroids but that is a for a different article.

To use another analogy, the most dangerous part of any airplane flight is the landing. And just before the airplane lands, they will talk about the plane being “on approach”. The approach is critical for a successful landing. Your approach with words is critical to successful relationships.

Words satisfy the soul as food satisfies the stomach; the right words on a person's lips bring satisfaction. Proverbs 18:20 (NLT)

It is the “right words” that bring satisfaction. And it’s not just the right words, it’s also the right deliver of the right words. That’s the point Solomon is making in Proverbs 25:15 (NLT) Patience can persuade a prince, and soft speech can crush strong opposition.

Learn to be soft with your words. When you have to have a hard conversation, think ahead of time not just about “what” you want to say, but “how” you want to say it.

By the way, you can be clear and still be soft.

In my life, the biggest roadblock to soft words is an empty soul. When I am running on fumes, my words are cutting, not kind. When I am leading on empty, my words are too often cynical, not soft.

So, today, steward the power of your words well. And remember, what you say matters!

Gail

PETERS MESSAGE

Could you summarise Jesus' ministry in one sentence? Be careful—your answer will say more about you than it will about him. The Apostle Peter gave a one-sentence summary in Acts 10:38. It's instructive how he chose to summarise the good news:

we know ... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

It's a fascinating account. Peter has recently had a remarkable encounter with God--filled with revelation and mystery--and before he has time to sort it out, he is called upon to share the gospel of the Kingdom to a roomful of people, This is the moment when Peter's experience overwhelmed his theological understanding of the gospel, and it's when the Holy Spirit decided to demolish ethnic walls and renovate the church.

Peter's response is instructive because it provides the essence of our calling as followers of Jesus. *Peter was after more than a mere presentation of gospel message*; he was out to make disciples.

First impressions, as the saying goes, are lasting ones, and I suspect Peter wanted his hearers' first idea of Christianity to include the idea that they were called to be just like Jesus. The tree will grow from the seed, and Peter sowed the seeds of the divine nature becoming flesh.

What kind of tree will grow from the seed we plant? Perhaps we should measure our summary against Peter's inspired example. Here are five points of comparison:

1. Peter's gospel message includes Father, Son and Holy Spirit working together. (*"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit"*) The tree will grow from the seed. Do we present the full picture of God at work in the earth, or limit the image of God to only One Person? Peter's example is instructive. A "full gospel" requires the presentation of the full Godhead.

2. Peter's gospel message doesn't point to heaven as a future event. He paints a picture of heaven and earth linked

together through the work of the Holy Spirit, who spans the divide and pours the stuff of heaven into the words and works of Jesus. In one simple sentence, we get to see how “Let-your-Kingdom-come-let-your-will-be-done-on-earth-as-it-is-in-heaven” works.

3. Peter’s gospel message does not limit Jesus’ mission to redemption only. We see Jesus going from place to place, *“doing good and healing.”* We see God in action, giving practical expression to his goodness and power. How many gospel presentations affirm his essential goodness? True, redemption is part of the story, but Jesus embodied a much bigger “good news” than we dare to imagine.

4. Peter’s gospel message reminds us that we are called to conflict. Those who need healing are *“under the power of the pain.”* Even the most “Missional Churches” of the western world fail to highlight the spiritual nature of the conflict we face. His intent was not to win an argument; his intent was to win freedom for the captives.

5. Peter’s gospel message presents the presence of God as a necessity for ministry. This final point is worthy of a separate study. Jesus—Immanuel—operated in the presence of God. *That presence was essential, not optional. If Jesus needed it, how much more do we?*

Verses 39–43 indicate that Peter had more to say, but the Holy Spirit had heard enough. The Spirit was ready to harvest. God was ready to start a wildfire. Even those who were strangers to the Jewish covenant were welcomed into the Kingdom of God. The church would grow from pagan soil. The barbarians in Europe were about to see the light.

Strangely, God’s not into church history, he’s into the church now. He didn’t inspire the book of Acts merely to interest us, it’s the inspired Scripture—meant to instruct us.

The tree grows from the seed. Peter called the seed “imperishable” because he wanted us to become *“partakers of the divine nature”* (2 Peter 1:4).

Isn’t it time to revisit the gospel Peter preached?

Gail

Leeds Minsters' Church Explorer's festival

Freshly uncovered ancient secrets will be on display at Leeds Minster as part of this year's Church Explorers Festival, which is entitled Lost and Found.

The Minster will be hosting an event exploring techniques for recording and conserving church furniture and monuments, and for creating accessible materials to interpret them.

And in that context, there will be tours of its treasures, including the mysterious stone effigy of a mediaeval knight - found buried face down in the grounds.

There is also the decapitated brass image of Sir John Langton (died 1489) which has just been found behind some choir stalls - far away from his wife who is pinned up on a wall.

"Could these be cases of 'damnatio memoriae' - deliberate acts of condemnation after death?" asks Lisa McIntyre, the Leeds DAC Secretary (pictured), who will be speaking at the event on Wednesday, June 12.

There will be a workshop which will introduce some of the conservation issues associated with church heritage through a series of case studies, including work completed by York Archaeological Trust's Conservation department, and Lisa will speak on DAC support and advice for managing some of these issues, including how improved interpretation can attract funding.

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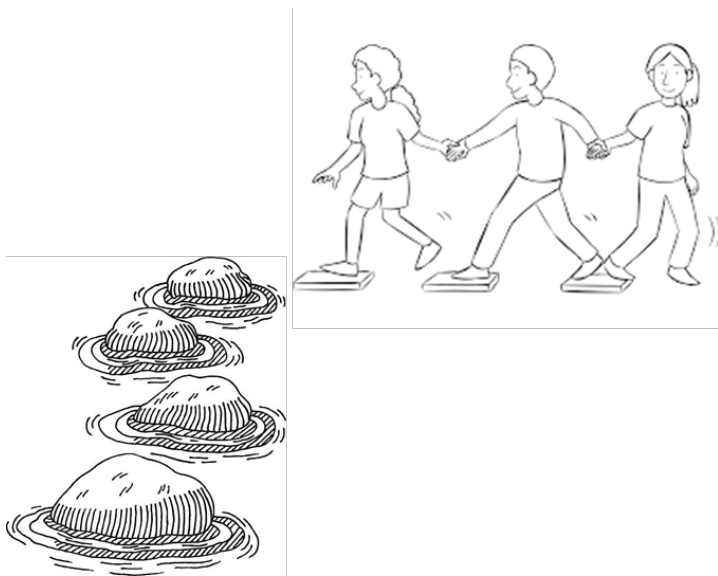
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The Cenacle

The Cenacle is a site in Jerusalem believed by many to be the location where Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples just before his death. Now, archaeologists are using 3D laser imaging to get a more accurate picture of what that Upper Room looked like originally.

“We managed, in one of the...holiest places in Jerusalem, to use this technology and this is a breakthrough,” archaeologist Amit Re’em.

The Cenacle is an upper room located in David’s Tomb Compound, near Jerusalem’s walled Old City. Poor lighting and modifications of the room over the centuries have masked the original appearance of the room.

While the structure itself has been modified over the centuries, archaeologists believe they have been successful at stripping away the modifications with the help of 3D imaging. What lies beneath is of great interest and “tells the story” of the Upper Room, according to Re’em, who works with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

What Do the Images Show?

The images revealed “obscure” artwork such as the symbols of the Agnus Dei, a lamb that represents Christ, and the Lion of Judah. According to Re’em, the images together are significant. “It delivers the message of the Last (Supper) Room, Christ as a Messiah, as victorious, as a victim—and the lion, the lion is a symbol of the Davidic dynasty. They combine together in this room,” Re’em.

The Cenacle Has Strong Significance in the Jewish and Christian Traditions

In addition to the disciples’ Passover meal with Jesus, the Cenacle is believed to be the location of many other significant events in the **New Testament**. It may even be the location the apostles used as a temporary residence in Jerusalem. It is

traditionally thought to be one of the locations where the disciples saw Jesus after the resurrection, and the place where they gathered after Jesus ascended to heaven again. It could also be the place where **Pentecost** occurred, when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and other believers in the form of tongues of fire.

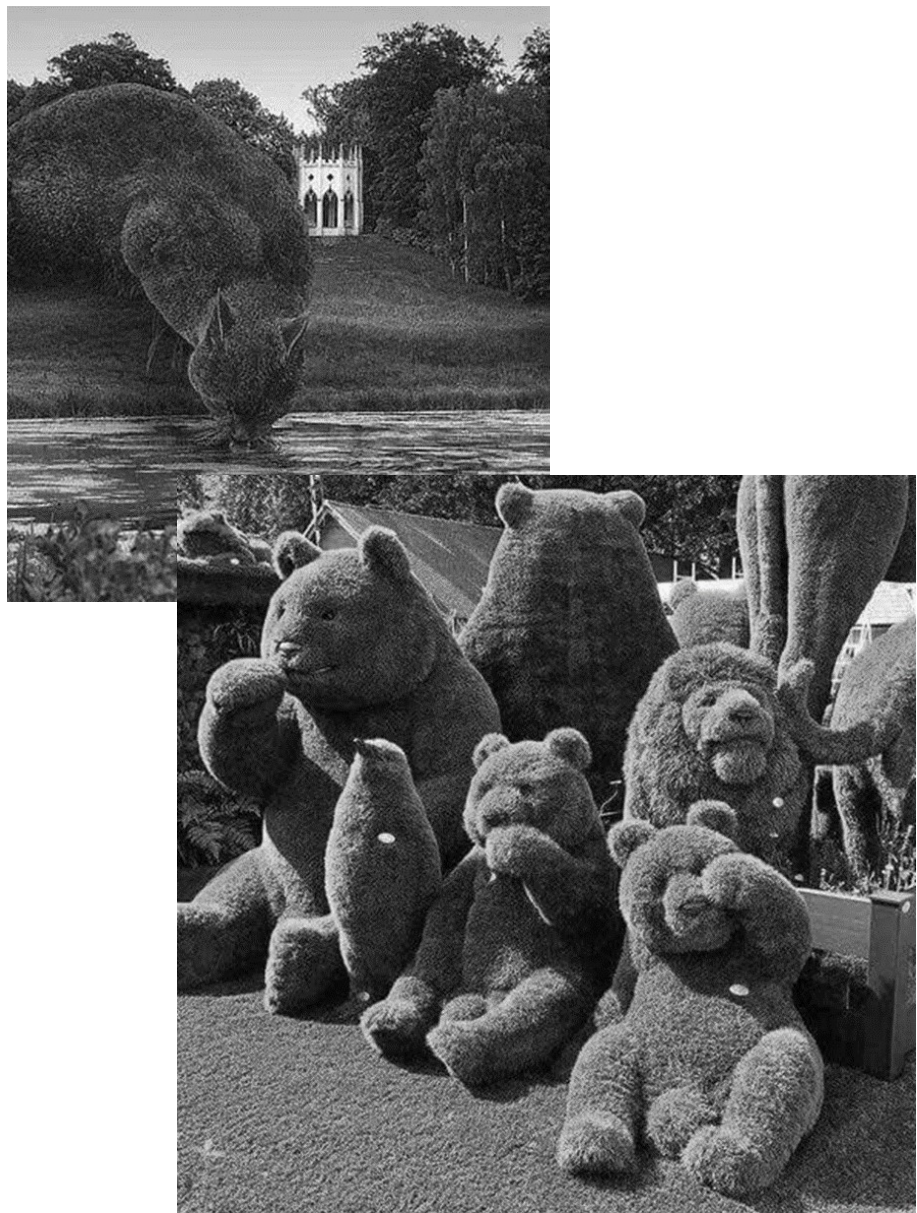
Even before New Testament times, though, the location has held significance. Jewish tradition maintains it is the burial place of King David, hence the name David's Tomb Compound.

The imaging project started in 2016 and is a joint effort between Israel's Antiquities Authority and European research institutions. According to Ilya Berkovich, a historian who worked on the project, it opens "incredibly new horizons."

Gail



Gardeners with too much time on their hands...



Sandra.

Albert's General Knowledge Quiz

1. In which American City is the Golden Gate Bridge?
2. Who said: 'We are more popular than Jesus now'?
3. How many legs does a shrimp have?
4. In Greek Mythology which Titan carried the World on his shoulders?
5. Which detective solved 'Murder on the Orient Express'?
6. Through how many states does the Mississippi flow?
7. What is the most highly populated city in Illinois?
8. Which 1974 film had 4 sequels & starred Charles Bronson as a vigilante?
9. The island of Corfu belongs to which country?
10. Which 'S' is a platform on which executions take place?
11. Which 'Susan' won an Oscar for 'Dead Man Walking'?
12. Which instrument did Jack Lemmon play in the 1959 film 'Some like it Hot'?
13. On TV which policeman was always at loggerheads with 'Top Cat'?
14. Which Irish Rock Band recorded the Album 'The Joshua Tree'?
15. Who was USA President when the first man landed on the Moon?
16. What does a Linguist study?
17. Cairo is the capital of which African country?
18. In Roman numerals what does 'M' represent?
19. Which of the Kray twins died first?
20. 'The Slipper & the Rose' was a film version of which fairy story?
21. Who played the title role in the film 'Spartacus'?
22. Epauettes are worn on which part of the body?
23. In 1996 which pop star released the single 'From Jesus to a Child'?
24. Which kid's TV series has characters named 'Tommy, Chuckie, Angelica, Lil and Phil'?

Answers on P38

Church Mouse Tales

'So how was it?' asked my friend Hubert, the Black Canon.

'How was what?' I asked unhelpfully.

'Your latest trip to—where was it? America?'

'No, Melton Mowbray. America was the one before..' I confirmed a little more congenially.

'Oh, yes. The place with the Pork Pies - I like a nice...'

'I met my other cousin, Margaret, there you know,' I butted in.

'Just how many do you have?' He said, politely.

'Quite a few, but I'm not meeting a relative on my next jaunt.'

Really—where to this time?

'Italy as it happens'

'Italy! You really have got a taste for the travel these days.'

'I've been enjoying myself.' I agreed rather too smugly.

'Yes, that's good—it brings me to a small point....'

He looked like there was something rather larger on his mind.

'It's about the chores....'

'The chores?' I asked

'Yes, I've had to cover for you on the rota.'

'Rota?' I asked, 'what rota would that be?'

'The one that you should be working to, but you are never here....'

'Oh,' I said 'what does that mean?'

'It means that without a pork pie and a nice bottle of Italian red you will be doing a lot of chores on your return...'

'I'm sure we can accommodate you in that case.' I agreed hastily.

Hubert wore a satisfied smile on his face.

Misha



A Book Lover

The tidy guru was heard to utter
That we should rid ourselves of clutter
The latest thing she has decreed
Is thirty books are all we need.

Thirty books that's not enough
Choosing which would be too tough
For most of us have in our homes
Many piles of treasured tomes.

Childhood favourites like Winnie the Pooh
Peter Pan, and Alice too.
The Wind in the Willows—we must have that,
And a new one The Cat in the Hat.

Books collected through the years
Some make you laugh, some move to tears.
Written by the great and wise
Volumes come in every size.

You see them stacked upon a shelf,
Received as gifts or bought yourself.
Could you bear to see them go?
For me at least—the answer's NO.

*Read in a magazine when I was getting rid of Allan's stack and
felt guilty putting all mine back! Alice.*

Diary for the coming weeks

(Morning Prayer 9.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri.)

June

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| 1st Sat | 9:30am | Church & Churchyard clean up |
| 2nd Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| 5th Wed | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | 1:00pm | Forget me Not Café (to 3pm) |
| 7th Fri | 1:30pm | Wedding |
| 9th Sun | 10.30am | All Age Holy Communion |
| 10th Mon | 7:30pm | PCC Meeting in Church |
| 12th Wed | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | 12:00pm | Share & Care Café (see p17) |
| 15th Sat | 1:00pm | Wedding |
| 16th Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| 19th Wed | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | 1:00pm | Forget me Not Café (to 3pm) |
| 20th Thur | 11:00am | Lydgate Lodge Holy Communion |
| 23rd Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| | | including Stepping Stones (see p31) |
| 24th Mon | 7:00pm | LYCIG Meeting—Vicarage |
| 26th Wed | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | 12:00pm | Share & Care Café |
| 29th Sat | 10:00am | Family Fun Day (to 2pm) |
| 30th Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion |

July

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| 3rd Wed | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| | 1:00pm | Forget me Not Café (to 3pm) |
| 6th Sat | 9:30am | Church & Churchyard clean up |
| 7th Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 12:30pm | Baptism |

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. San Francisco 2. John Lennon 3. Ten 4. Atlas
5. Hercule Poirot 6. Twelve 7. Chicago 8. Death Wish 9. Greece
10. Scaffold 11. Susan Sarandon 12. Double Bass 13. Officer
Dibble 14. U2 15. Richard Nixon 16. Languages 17. Egypt 18.
1000 19. Ronnie 20. Cinderella 21. Kirk Douglas 22. Shoulders
23. George Michael 24. Rugrats.
Albert.

Have a laugh.

Tommy's trouble.

Little Tommy had been given the hard word to do better at school, and on his first day back he was looking mightily worried.

'What's up Tommy?' his teacher asked.

'I don't want to worry you, Miss,' he said, 'but Dad said if I don't get better marks, someone is going to be in big trouble.'

Hard Day's work.

I'm doing the work of two men and getting half of the wages.'

Bob complained to his boss, one day.

'I'd be ashamed if anyone heard what you are paying me.'

But his boss was quick to assure him...

'Don't worry lad, I won't tell anyone.'

Alice

Actual Newspaper Headlines:

'Barbershop Singers bring joy to School for the Deaf.'

'Miracle Cure kills fifth patient.'

'Bridges help people cross rivers.'

'City unsure why the sewer smells.'

'Starvation can lead to health hazards.'

'Parents keep kids at home to protest over School closure.'

'Hospital resorts to hiring Doctors.'

Brian.

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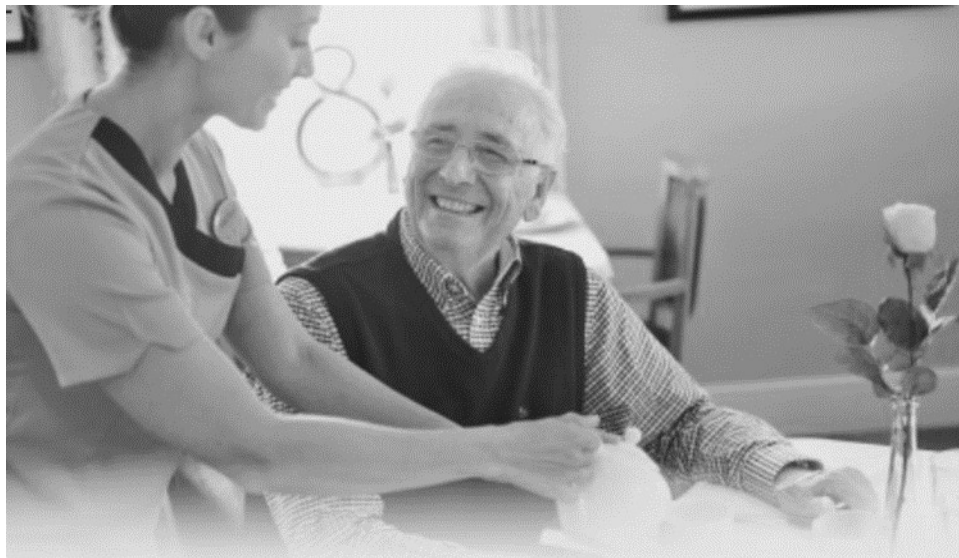


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