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## Readings for March

These are the lectionary readings that we will use during March. If you cannot get along to church, do try to read them and reflect on them on the days set.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17

John 3: 1 – 17

**5.30 pm Evening Prayer**

Psalm 14

Jeremiah 22: 1 – 9

Matthew 8: 1 – 13

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**

Romans 5: 1 – 11

John 4: 7 – 14

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30 am Mothering Sunday Family Service**

Colossians 3: 12 – 17

Luke 2: 33 – 35

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

Romans 8: 6 – 11

John 11: 1 – 45

## From the Register of Services February 2023

### Burials Register

1<sup>st</sup> February

Joan McLachlan

(Aged 92 years)

# Greetings from the Vicarage

My dear friends,

The last few days have been beautiful and bright, even though still a little cold. It has been good to throw open the church doors and see the daffodils and crocuses bursting into life. Although we are now in the period of Lent, it is good to be reminded that the dark days of winter are nearly behind us and that God has a plan for new life for us all.

At our last Family Service we had a Celebration of Creation. We heard the story of Creation from Genesis 1 and were reminded that every time God created something new, he stepped back to look at it and said that it was 'good'. He made humans in his image and said that we were 'good' too. He then took a day off! God gave us rest, that is also very good. We all need time to rest. In liturgical terms Lent gives us a time to rest, to pause, to ponder. It gives us a space in which to reassess our lives, to think about where God might be leading us, what he might have us do.

Of course, as we pondered the blessings of creation and the goodness of the earth, we also had to admit that this world also throws up some problems. On the Sunday when we celebrated Creation I saw on the news that the number of those who had died in the Turkey-Syria Earthquake zone had reached the grim total of 45,000. The rescue effort was being stopped and the clear up and rebuilding was to begin. The world may have been created by God, but there are many problems which we all face and have to overcome.

As a church we took a collection which will go to the DEC-Christian Aid appeal for Turkey-Syria. We also continue to pray for those who lost their lives, for the bereaved and for those who were injured. We pray for those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, for the hungry and thirsty. We pray for the Aid Agencies working on the ground, for those who will have responsibility for burying the dead, for medics working with the injured, for those who will care for the orphans. We pray for the politicians and all who will have to make decisions for the rebuilding of the affected areas. In the face of such a huge natural disaster, we can feel helpless. Our response can only be in prayer and in giving what we can.

At our APCM on the 12<sup>th</sup> March we will be thanking Andy for his time as our Church Warden as he steps down to concentrate on his preaching ministry amongst us. The APCM is a time when we will recall some of what went on during

the previous year. I hope that most of you will have an opportunity to look at the Annual Review, I was reminded that as we started 2022 we were still under some Covid restrictions, that only a very little time has passed since our culture was changed completely. We are still recovering from the restrictions on our lives. It is good to see the church calendar so full and busy but we do need to remember those we have loved and lost and the changes that were imposed on our lives as we continue to look to God's future.

So, as we journey through Lent this year, we continue to be challenged by many things. Yet we know that God created this world to be a good place, that he loves each one of us. We acknowledge that we do not always do the right thing but that God forgives us and frees us to live life as best we can each and every day.

Enjoy the daffodils and crocuses while they last and look forward to the tulips which will be with us soon.

With every blessing

*Rev'd. Carolyn*

## **Adam and Eve's true nationality**

A Brit, a Frenchman and a Russian were viewing a painting of Adam and Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden. "Look at that garden they are maintaining so well," mused the Brit. "They must be British."

"Nonsense," the Frenchman disagreed. "They're naked, and so beautiful. Clearly, they are French."

"Ah, but no clothes, no shoes, no shelter," the Russian pointed out, "they have only an apple to eat, and they're being told this is paradise. They are Russian."

**GO!**

A teenager was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied, "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

**St. Mary w. St. Leonard's Church, Broomfield**

# **APCM and Vestry Meeting**

will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
immediately after the 9.30am Eucharist Service

Please Email [stmarybroomfield@gmail.com](mailto:stmarybroomfield@gmail.com)  
to request a copy of The Annual Review  
or it will be available on our website  
2 weeks prior to the meeting

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

This year there will be some vacancies on the PCC.  
Please do consider whether you would like to join the PCC  
and if you would like any further information about the work  
of the PCC please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our PCC Secretary Carol Knott has  
Nominations Forms for those who wish to stand  
as PCC members  
Voting will be held at the APCM

# ***HOLY WEEK***

## ***AT BROOMFIELD PARISH CHURCH***



### **Palm Sunday**

9.30am Procession of the Palms

Meet in St. Leonard's Hall

After the procession the Palm Sunday Service will take place in Church



### **Maundy Thursday**

7pm Eucharist in Church

with Washing of Feet



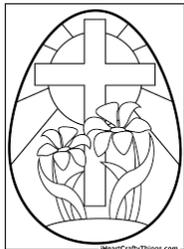
### **Good Friday**

2pm Reflections at the Cross

in Church

# ***EASTER***

## ***AT BROOMFIELD PARISH CHURCH***



### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

6.30am Sunrise Service in Churchyard

9.30am Easter Celebration with Baptism  
in Church

All are welcome

# Don't look back

“His wife looked back ...and ...became a pillar of salt.” Genesis 19:26

Before destroying Sodom and Gomorrah, angels of the Lord rescued Lot and his family. “When they had brought them outside...he said, ‘ Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.’” (Genesis 19:17) But the record reads: “His wife looked back.. and... became a pillar of salt”.

There is an important lesson here for each of us: resist the temptation to linger in the quicksand of past mistakes, either your own or other people's. It can be hard to see ahead when horrendous things have happened to you in the past. But when you get bogged down in the past, you miss what God has for you in the present and fail to see its connection to your future. The good news is that it's not too late to allow God to use you and move you forward on your faith journey. He can heal the wounds others have inflicted on you. He can make you wiser as a result of the poor decisions you made in the past. It's not too late to become who you might have been. God delights in transforming our weakness into strength. He can create treasure from what you have discarded as rubbish. Even if you have backslided and detoured from the path you know He wants you to follow, now is the time to return to His road. “ I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” ( see Jeremiah 29:11 )  
So move forward – and don't look back.

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## Put it this way...

Some people have a keen sense of rumour.

Some people's vocabulary is small, but their turnover is terrific.

## Hymn of the month

### *At the Name of Jesus*

This hymn was written by Caroline Maria Noel who was born 1817 into an aristocratic family, daughter to Church of England cleric Gerard Thomas Noel. She started to write poems aged 17, but ceased to do so for many years afterwards. In the last 25 years of her life she was struck down by a crippling illness which left her bedridden. Due to this illness, Caroline returned to writing poems, to encourage others who were ill, and published a collection of verses in 1870 called *The Name of Jesus*. Our church hymn book contains two tunes: ‘Evelyns’ composed by William Henry Monk (1823-1889) and a more modern setting, ‘Camberwell’, by Michael Brierley ( b1932 ).

So while this hymn was born of suffering and many of the lyrics were the outcome of her times of distress, I choose it for a different reason. It is one of the few hymns (with the Brierley setting) that, when I hear it, I can still hear the voices of my parents singing. With the passing of time, this becomes more and more valuable to me and for that reason I am very thankful for it.

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him, King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angels' faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders in their great array.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.*

*Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.*

*In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour,  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.*

*Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.*

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

*Paul Butcher*

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## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES 2022**

The recent collection from St. Mary's Church Children's Society Box Holders totalled **£633.60** with potentially another **£105** in Gift Aid.

Very many thanks to everyone for your generosity to such a worthy cause. The Children's Society runs local services that help fight for the hope and happiness of young people threatened by abuse, exploitation, and neglect. They also campaign to get laws and policies changed to make children's lives happier and safer.

If you would like to become a box holder, please contact me.

*Sue Cole*

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# Eco Church

## Quick Green Quiz

- 1) Which type of electric bulb uses the least energy? Halogen, LED or Incandescent?
- 2) Which uses up less water? Washing by hand or using a dishwasher?
- 3) Which type of shopping bags are more environmentally friendly? Plastic, paper or neither?
- 4) Approximately how much energy is produced globally from renewable sources? 10%, 1%, 20%
- 5) At what time of day does air travel have the least damaging effect on the environment? Daytime, Night-time, It doesn't matter?
- 6) Which country consumes the most energy in the world per head of population? China, USA, Russia, Canada?
- 7) Which country produces the most energy in the world? USA, Russia, China, Saudi Arabia
- 8) What is the most common type of rubbish polluting our oceans? Plastic bottles, plastic straws, plastic bags, cigarettes.
- 9) Which of the following will save the most energy? Stop flying, No car – walk, cycle or use public transport, Install solar panels, Eat seasonally locally produced organic vegan food.

## Answers

- 1) LED bulbs use up to 60 – 80% less energy
- 2) Washing by hand can use up to 50% more water.
- 3) Paper bags use a lot of energy to produce; plastic bags are difficult to dispose of. So reusable shopping bags are the best and choosing unbagged fruit and vegetables whenever possible.
- 4) Only 10% of energy globally is from renewable sources.
- 5) The scientific evidence is not definitive but suggests that condensation trails from aircraft flying in daylight reflect back sunlight and also absorb radiated heat from the earth.
- 6) The USA consumes the most energy in the world per head of population. It

has only 4.5% of the world's population yet consumes 20% of its energy.

7) China produces the most energy in the world. It has more than 4 times the population of the USA but approx. 18% of its energy is from renewable sources compared with 12.7 % of the USA's.

8) Cigarettes are the most common type of rubbish polluting our oceans. More than 4.5 trillion cigarette butts are discarded each year. The filter tips contain 1000s of plastic micro particles which can harm marine life.

9) Not using a car saves approximately 40 kilowatt hours per day. Not flying saves about 30 kilowatt hours per day. Solar panels save about 5 kilowatt hours per day. Eating locally produced vegan food in season saves about 20 kilowatt hours a day. Globally, animal agriculture is responsible for more greenhouse gases than all the world's transportation systems combined.

## **Prayers for March**

Groundwork UK is a federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK. They are passionate about creating a future where every neighbourhood is vibrant and green, every community is strong and able to shape it's own destiny and no-one is held back by their background or circumstances. Under their banner of 'Changing place, changing lives' they help people gain confidence and skills, get into training and work, protect and improve green spaces, lead more active lives and overcome significant challenges such as poverty, isolation, low skills and poor health. Please check out the great work that they do at

[www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk) and hold all of those involved in crucial community and environmental action in your prayers.

**Don't forget the next Eco-Church and Mothering Sunday service which will be held at 9.30am in church on Sunday March the 19<sup>th</sup>. Fun and worship for all.**

*Rachel Butterworth*

([rachelabutterworth@gmail.com](mailto:rachelabutterworth@gmail.com); 01245 616263; 07799 890306) and the rest of the Eco Team: Sarah Clark, Sheila Hasler, Yvonne Heaver, Karen Paxton, Kathy Rouse and Glynis Worboys. We're always here to help and happy to hear ideas about how we can continue on our Eco Church journey, so please get in touch.



# Travelling Well Together

## Lent Course 2023

For this year's Lent course, we will be following the diocesan course, *Travelling Well Together*. Bishop Guli has published a document of the same name for parishes to use as a resource for discussion, reflection, and prayer – available on the diocese website or some paper copies are available in church.

Bishop Guli writes in the introduction, “The approach outlined... is invitational and based on the principle that how we journey is more important than the exact nature of the destination or the precise details of what we do. The approach assumes that the body of Christ has many parts, that the fruits of the Spirit are varied and diverse but that we are called to be one (1 Corinthians 12 and John 17). We need one another, and our gift to the world is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action by choosing to be those whose lives demonstrate love for God and love for neighbour.”

So, as a parish, we will be discussing, reflecting and praying about how we travel well together as disciples of Christ, one church of many parts. We will meet on Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm. The passcode and details will be available on the notice sheets and website shortly. If you would like to join but are unsure about using Zoom, please contact Rev'd. Dawn.

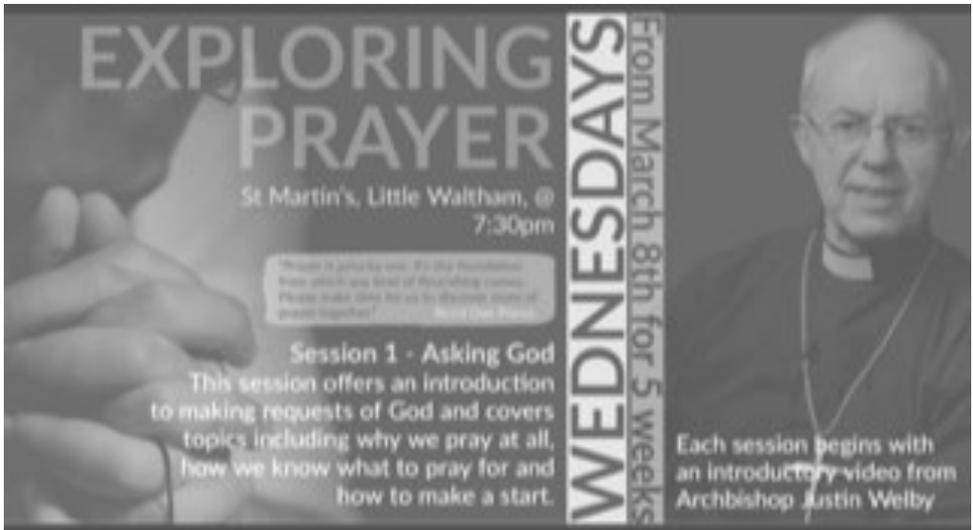
Even if you can't make all the dates, please try and come to as many as you can:

Dates 2<sup>nd</sup> March: 9<sup>th</sup> March: 16<sup>th</sup> March: 23<sup>rd</sup> March: 30<sup>th</sup> March



We look forward to seeing you but should Thursdays be a problem, the NCMMP Lent Course will be run on Wednesdays starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March at St. Martin's Little Waltham. See page 13 for details.

# NCMMP LENT COURSE



## A Prayer for Lent

Dear Father in Heaven

In this month, when Lent begins, we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness. The world today can seem like a wilderness. So many difficult, incomprehensible things going on. It is tempting to turn away in horror or denial, tempting to look out for ourselves, tempting to take the easy path, to pay attention to whatever the culture dangles before our eyes.

Lord, please help us. We need your word to guide us. We need your Holy Spirit to fill and strengthen us. Help us to give our attention and our worship only to you. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Thank you, Father, for Jesus, who by his death and resurrection, opens the way to you. Help us to renew our trust in him and through him, to walk with you every day. In his name, Amen.

*Taken from Parish Pump, a resource for Church Magazines and written by Daphne Kitching*

# A Birthday Treat

Historically, every Spring Bank Holiday Brian and I have travelled to West Yorkshire to stay with our daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters. One year, being close to my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and not being a family for big gatherings or grand gestures, we wondered if they might have arranged afternoon tea or something equally modest.

Saturday mornings there are usually laid-back and haphazard, but not this morning! By 9.00 a.m. everyone was up, dressed and breakfast eaten. “Are we going somewhere?” I asked. My daughter’s reply was that we were going up to North Yorkshire to Sutton Bank, where the Yorkshire Gliding Club is based, for a birthday treat, a trip in a glider over the North Yorkshire Moors and Dales!

That sounds nice, I thought. “Thank you” was my bemused reply. We arrived at our destination, only to find that low cloud would delay my treat. Fortunately, within an hour it was deemed safe to fly. I was escorted to a two person glider where a club member produced a parachute for me, placing it over my shoulders but asked Brian to pass the lower harness between my legs! Ready to go, the Pilot told me to get in the front seat but unfortunately, I was too short to climb in!



A club member made a trip to the Clubhouse and produced a beer crate for me to step on and into the glider seat. By now the tow plane was ready for take-off, checks were carried out and we accelerated towards Sutton Bank which is a vertical drop of a few hundred feet. With no wheels on the glider, we bumped our way along before clearing Sut-

ton Bank where we dropped like a stone momentarily before picking up the

thermals. The tow plane was disconnected and here I was, gliding over Herriot Country and the Yorkshire Dales.

Being short I was not able to see very much when flying level, so the pilot frequently banked to allow me to see what was immediately below. Where there was a significant landmark and to be able to see the patchwork of fields containing yellow rape and various spring flowers was really special. By now any feelings of apprehension had gone and I was really enjoying the experience to such an extent that I had to be reminded that my time was nearly up.



The pilot then performed a wide sweep and banked over where family members were watching and waiting, before coming in to land from over the Yorkshire Moors. The landing was a real boneshaker, worse than taking off! Safely on land again, the beer crate was produced for my exit, and the parachute removed for me to be met with smiles

from the adults and big hugs from the granddaughters.

Adjourning to the Clubhouse for Yorkshire tea and cakes made a lovely ending for what had been an experience that I shall long remember.

*Jennifer Whymark*

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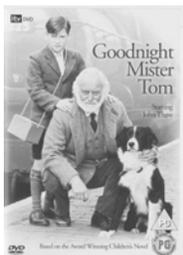
# The Film Club

At the Lunch Club on 13<sup>th</sup> February I handed over the care of the Club to Sarah Clark. It was time for me to pass on the management of The Film Club and I am pleased that Sarah was willing to take on the responsibility. I took over from Wendy Kirkby and have enjoyed my time spent organising our monthly meetings. As it happened we had a good number of picture goers on Monday, and my thanks go to you all for the attractive potted spring flowers with which I was presented. I hope that over the years you have enjoyed our meetings. Doris and I will continue to attend the Club and look forward to future film shows. My thanks again for all your support.

*Peter Baker*

Our film for February was 'Remains of the Day' starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson. Hopkins starred as Stevens, the perfect English butler who serves his master Lord Darlington played by James Fox. Darlington, like many other members of the British establishment in the 1930s, is duped by the Nazis into trying to establish a rapport between themselves and the British government. Emma Thompson starred as the estate's housekeeper, a high-spirited, strong-minded young woman who watches the goings-on upstairs with horror. Despite her apprehensions, she and Stevens gradually fell in love, though neither admitted it.

It was marvellously acted by a supporting cast that included Christopher Reeve and Hugh Grant. The film achieved an astounding 8 Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best actress. There was a good turn out of about 15 people at this session including two new members.



Next month's Film will be 'Goodnight, Mister Tom' starring John Thaw and 'up and coming' young actor Thomas Orange. The film is about the aggressive behaviour of an ageing man (John Thaw) who changes drastically in the company of a young evacuee (Thomas Orange) from London that he comes across during World War II.

**It has been recommended to bring your tissues!!**

This Film Club was the LAST session run by Peter Baker. He has decided after many years to step down and pass on the reins to myself to take over from him. I hope I can fill these 'big shoes' and continue to run a successful group and welcome new members along the way! The group welcomed me with open arms and will hopefully remember me next month!

The members of film club very kindly clubbed together to present Peter with a beautiful basket of plants and gave him a well-deserved 'Thank you' speech and a round of applause for all his efforts over the years. We hope to see him and his wife Doris at future film clubs as a regular members where they can relax and enjoy the film with tea, lunch and cake along with everyone else.

I look forward to seeing those who attend the next film club which will be shown on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks

*Sarah Clark*

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## **St. Mary's Ladies Group**

Our first meeting of 2023 was Holy Communion followed by our Annual General Meeting. Rev'd. Dawn presided at our service in St. Leonard's Hall attended by 29 members.

Annual reports were made by the Secretary (Judy); Treasurer (Joyce) and the Ladies Group Leader (Sue). Joyce reported that we had made donations totalling £340 to the following charities - ReCycle, Chelmsford Museum, the 3 Bs, Christian Blind Mission and The Lighthouse Furniture Project. We also donated £100 to St Mary's Church Spire Fund. Sue gave a short review of the 2022 meetings saying it had been a very successful year having both outside speakers and various member-led meetings.

We look forward to enjoying our planned meetings in 2023 when we will be hearing from local charities such as Sanctus, Helen Rollason, Safer Places for Women and Amnesty International and donating to their work. We'll also be holding several social events.

If any lady wishes to join us you will receive a very warm welcome at our meetings which are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2 pm in St. Leonard's Hall.

*Sue Cole*



## **Music at Broomfield**

*Short concerts to raise funds for the restoration of the  
Church Organ & Spire*

St Mary with St Leonard's Church  
Church Green, Broomfield CM1 7BD

**An afternoon with**

# **The Performers of the Chelmsford Festival**

**“Celebrating Their Success”**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
at 2:30pm

Tickets: £8.00 on the door (card or cash accepted)

Raffle

No Interval

Broomfield Parish Church

# PEOPLE & STONE

A Project Rutherford Talk

## Life & Works of Rosemary Rutherford



**Naomi Courtney-Luck**  
Rosemary's  
Greatniece

# Saturday 25th March

# 2pm

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# PONDER WITH CANON JOHN

Having retired from parochial and diocesan ministry, I still value opportunities to officiate or participate in worship, not least in St. Mary with St. Leonard's thanks to Carolyn. But I try to ensure that I have one Sunday per month off, the opportunity to meditate, generally without interruptions, and with emails ignored! I recommend the practice.

On my Sunday off at the end of January I read through 3<sup>rd</sup> Isaiah, chapters 56-66. (It is suggested by Old Testament commentators that the prophecy of Isaiah is the work of 3 authors at least - chapters 1-39, 40-55, and 56-66, paralleling the years before the people of God went into exile, the time when they were in exile, and then the years following their regaining their freedom.) Through some of the Sundays of the Epiphany season, Old Testament passages on Sundays have come from 3<sup>rd</sup> Isaiah.

What struck me really forcefully were the appeals of the prophet that the people of God learn from their experience in exile, and so not to fall back into their wayward ways which were the cause of their going into exile. And with Lent on the horizon I began to ponder ...

I am always intrigued reading the book of Genesis. Old Testament commentators consider it is a compilation of 4 different strands on the Biblical time-scale of ancient and not so ancient sources. Chapters 1-11 present the reader with fundamental expressions of creation and destruction, chapters 12 and following the stories of Abraham and his successors in their engaging and not engaging with God. As I read 3<sup>rd</sup> Isaiah my memory recalled Noah in Genesis 6 - 9. (I am a bit of a jigsaw addict: I have one of Noah, his family, the ark, and a myriad of animals preparing to enter two by two.) The occupants of the ark were the recipients of salvation while the rest of human and animal kind perished, victims of 40 days of rain. And the occupants of the ark were given the opportunity of starting afresh, the past washed away. Except it wasn't! As the subsequent chapters of Genesis inform, evil had also entered the ark. So the Flood was a waste of time - and water! Or was it? Maybe from God's perspective it was intended as a one-off - but then came the realisation that the rescue of human kind could be far more costly!

Do you see the link with 3<sup>rd</sup> Isaiah? Do you see the relevance to Lent?

Do you remember that rather odd picture Jesus drew when he talked about 'an unclean spirit' having been exorcised from someone, 'seeking a resting place'

and on finding none returning to ‘the house I left’ and finding it ‘unoccupied, swept clean and tidy’ seeking out and finding ‘seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they all come and settle there’? And according to Matthew 12, Jesus adds: “in the end that person’s plight is worse than before.” Call it evil, call it sin, it’s a real problem isn’t it! It drives a wedge between people! God forbid when it shows itself intentionally, but it’s the unintentional - the milk spilt which cannot be unspilt! No wonder in worship we are for ever confessing our sins! Yes, during Lent we have the opportunity to examine ourselves, to seek to recognise all that which mars our discipleship, but also the opportunity to work out how to overcome that of which we are ashamed, and to reckon with the price to pay if we are prepared to work at the overcoming, reckoning that there will be times when we don’t succeed, but hopefully the will to do so is still there.

Have a good Lent - but be prepared for some hard work!

*Canon John Brown*

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# Church Calendar March 2023

The Church Building will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 10.30am – 12.30pm for people to sit and pray or to find out more about The Rutherford Project

Morning Prayer will be said in Church Monday – Friday at 9am ~ All are welcome to join us

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.45 pm 7.45 pm	Baffled by the Bible in St. Leonard's Hall Bell Ringing practice in the Tower*
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am 10.00 am 7.30 pm	Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Church Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall Broomfield Parish Council Meeting in St. Leonard's Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.15 pm	Choir practice in St. Leonard's Hall
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm	Festival Concert in Church (see page 18 )
	5.30 pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am 2.00 pm 5.30 pm	Working Party Funeral of Iris Attew in Church Light Group in St. Leonard's Hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am 10.30 am 11.30 am 12noon 1.45 pm 7.45 pm	Project Rutherford meeting in St. Leonard's Hall Mid-week Eucharist Parish Coffee Morning NCMMP Planning Meeting in Committee Room Baffled by the Bible in St. Leonard's Hall Bell ringing practice in the Tower*
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 10.00 am 2.00 pm	Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Lady Chapel Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall Broomfield Hospital Friends Meeting in St. Leonard's Hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	4.15 pm	Choir Practice in St. Leonard's Hall
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am – 12noon	Spring Clean and Tidy up of Church, Hall, Committee Room and Link Refreshments will be served throughout the morning.

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
	10.30 am	Vestry Meeting in Church
	10.45 am	APCM in Church
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Wedding Blessing in Church Reception afterwards in St. Leonard's Hall
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Working Party in the Churchyard
	10.00 am	Friends with Faith in the Committee Room
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 pm	Baffled by the Bible in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.45 pm	Bell ringing practice in the Tower*
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Church
	10.00 am	Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall
	2.00 pm	Beetle Drive in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.30 pm	Soroptimists Meeting in St. Leonard's Hall
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Film & Lunch Club in St. Leonard's Hall
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am	Working Party in the Churchyard
	1.30 pm	Broomfield Hospital Chaplaincy Team in St. Leonard's Hall
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.45 pm	Baffled by the Bible in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.45 pm	Bell ringing practice in the Tower
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Church
	10.00 am	Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall
	2.00 pm	Ladies Group in St. Leonard's Hall
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Project Rutherford Talk in Church (see page 19 for details)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Passiontide Begins</b>
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Working Party in the Churchyard
	10.00 am	Friends with Faith in Committee Room
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 pm	Baffled by the Bible in St. Leonard's Hall
	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing practice in the Tower*
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving on a Thursday in Church
	10.00 am	Little Lambs in St. Leonard's Hall

10.00 am Standing Committee in Committee Room  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 4.15 pm Choir practice in St. Leonard's Hall

**April 2023**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist  
5.30 pm BCP Evening Prayer

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**19<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.30am**

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# People of the Bible

## Artemis Acts 19

Not exactly people of the bible this month but it is pertinent to the story of how Jesus' life was spread by Paul's ministry in Ephesus. Artemis was a Greek goddess and Diana was a Roman goddess and although they were worshipped as different idols, from the research done it is most likely that they were one and the same, mythical person, just with different names... Both were closely related to the hunt, they both were accredited with the task of protecting virgins, young women, fertility, women in childbirth and girls. Both goddesses were virgins themselves and swore never to marry. Artemis, was known as the 'queen of heaven' and her temple in Ephesus was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. She was very highly revered and many priests and workmen were employed making and selling small shrines in her temple. Her temple was also a very popular tourist attraction in the Roman world. Then came Paul, who spent some years in Ephesus, preaching and performing miracles. Many turned to Christ after listening to Paul's words on Jesus' life, his death and resurrection. The Word of God spread quickly in this great city and grew in power, making inroads into the territory claimed by Artemis, causing many problems for those who relied on the goddess for their livelihood. It led to great disturbances and massive riots among the workmen. The uproar only abated when they were reminded by the city clerk that such disturbances were against Roman Law and Order. Eventually Paul left Ephesus to continue on his third missionary journey but he left behind a church which had been established in the city at the heart of Artemis worship, a city known for paganism, immorality and greed...

**Point:** How strong Paul must have been to go against so many to spread the word in a city that was so damned. Surely he could have only received his strength from God.

**Opinion:** It makes one wonder how so many people can be so dedicated to a god or goddess and yet use their 'so called' virtues and precious protection in order to make monetary gains. What do you think? e: [joan@grabawish.com](mailto:joan@grabawish.com)

**Bible Study:** If you want to know more about bible classes here at St Mary's please speak to Rev'd. Carolyn or Rev'd. Dawn.

*Joan Vine*

# *A Curate's Egg*

Our Lent course this year will be about *Travelling Well Together* (see page 13). How do you think we travel as a church? Well, not so well, together, alone? Copies of *Travelling Well Together* are available in church or on the Diocese of Chelmsford website <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org>. I would encourage you to have a read and do come along to the Lent course if you can.

I was particularly struck by this: Bishop Guli writes,

“Our task is not to control our way into the future but to lean on God, prayerfully discerning the next step of the journey, seeking always to be faithful in the present moment.”

I am certainly guilty of attempting to control my way into the future. Everything feels safer when I feel I am in control, even if the reality is that I am not. But part of our discipleship is submission to God. Submission based on the truth that God’s understanding is perfect, his ways are perfect and he loves me fiercely and completely. When I try and control my direction of travel I am working with faulty tools and incomplete information. But we can lean on God knowing he is solid ground.

We started our journey of Lent on Ash Wednesday with a parish day of prayer. Recognising that praying together is powerful can be part of our travelling well together. I do hope you were able to engage with our day of prayer and do let myself or Trudy know if you were nudged or given a picture or verse during your prayer. But if you weren’t able to join on Ash Wednesday, it’s never too late. Why not this Lent commit to Morning Prayer once a week? Praying together is powerful. And praying is where we can discern the next steps.

And being “faithful in the present moment” captures so much of how we can demonstrate love for God and love for our neighbour. It is in the ordinary, the everyday, where our light can shine distinctly and brightly.

*Rev'd. Dawn*

## Try our March Sudokus (solutions on page 43)

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### Intermediate

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# The Rutherford Project Update

The eagle eyed among you will have noticed very little movement in the exterior part of the Rutherford Project since our last update. The work on the tower and spire continues to be restricted by scaffolding concerns although the on-site meeting in early January did provide some hope for progress. It was decided to remove the spire scaffold to the eaves (since completed) and then install the revised spire scaffold. The process required the spire to be braced and this has also been carried out by Bakers. It is the revised spire scaffolding that is the current cause of delay with both Bakers and our architect chasing the details of the new spire scaffold design. With fingers and everything else crossed it is hoped that this will be forthcoming by the time this edition of the Round Tower goes to print!



Ready for revision!

Once the revised scaffolding is installed Bakers will be free to complete the renovation: finish the one remaining structural timber frame repair, fit firrings to the spire, install shingles, repair the louvres and finish the tower pointing. That should comfortably take us up to the middle of May, frustrating in the extreme, but hopefully the current work will ensure the integrity of the tower and spire for the next few generations. Meanwhile the hunt for funds to complete the project continues...

Internally there has been much progress. The pews have been removed from the proposed display area and sold, the flooring made good and a disabled ramp put in place, The display furniture is being put together off site and should be ready soon and a great wealth of material accumulated about Rosemary Rutherford and her work. The third talk of the year will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> March with Naomi Courtney-Luck, talking about the life and works of Rosemary, her great aunt. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, please do for what will be a very interesting presentation.

*Alun Powell*



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## Musings on daily life

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

I AM in shape. Round is a shape.

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

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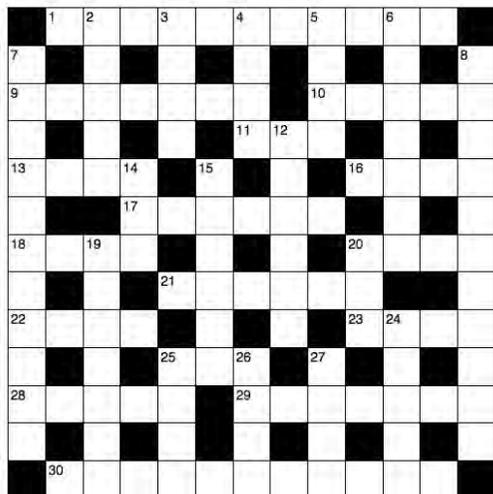
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# Crossword

(answers page 43)

## Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)  
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)  
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)  
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)  
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)  
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)  
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)  
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)  
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)  
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)  
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)  
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)  
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)  
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)  
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)  
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

## Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)  
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4

- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)

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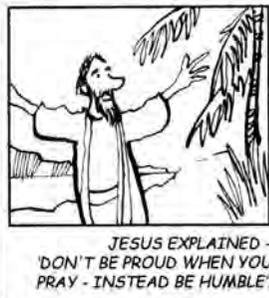
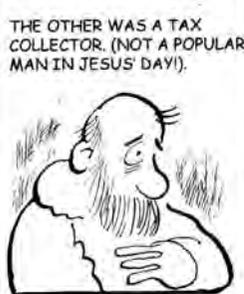
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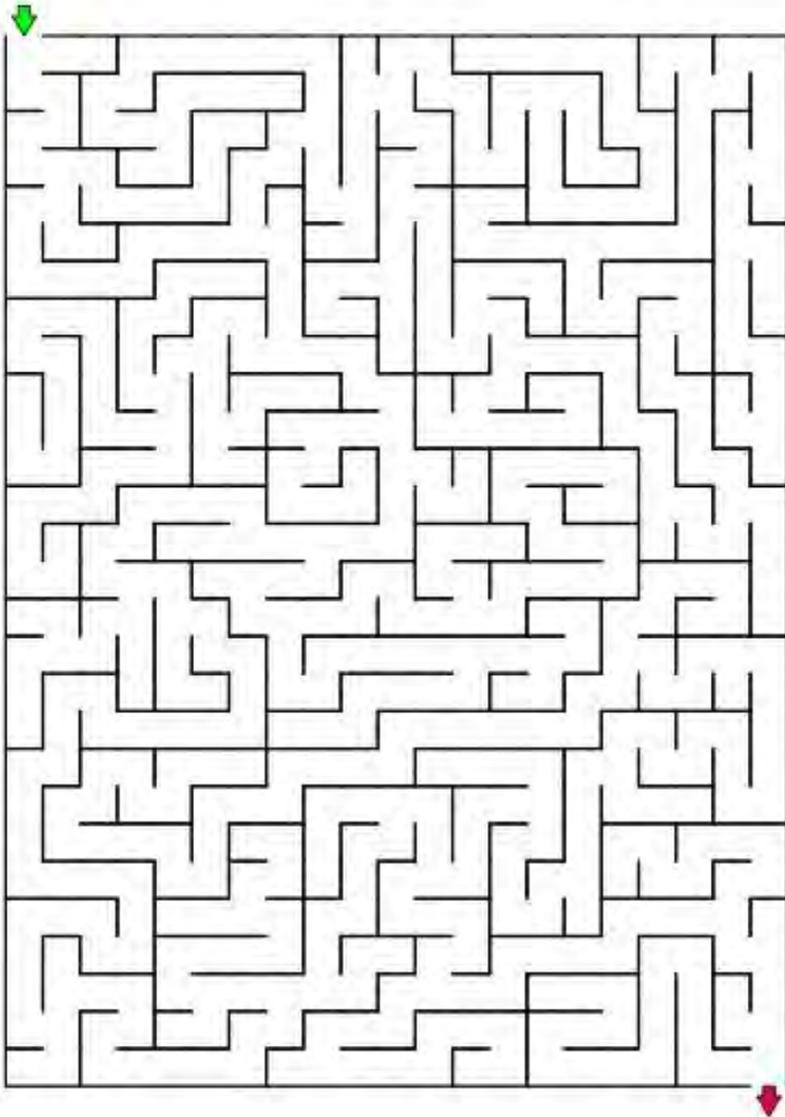
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Answers to crossword on page 32

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