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Pastoral letter

BACK TO SCHOOL!

September marks the end of the summer holidays when children and students go back to school, college and university for the new academic year. Some children have not been to school since the end of March. For some the understandable worries of new classes, new schools and higher education will be exacerbated. Many groups have suffered through the corona-virus but children and our young people are often overlooked. Children, education and teachers can become a political footballs.

Despite the best efforts of teachers and governors, lecturers and administrators who worked tirelessly to enable on-line learning for hundreds of thousands of children and students missed out on their education, the social interaction and the extra curricular activities that help form them. Children and young people missed the traditional rites of passage of the end of the academic year; leavers services, public examinations, proms and goodbyes. Examination grades are not the usual validation of hard work over many years but rather the best estimates of their teachers and lecturers. Young people will surely question the value of their endeavours and the accuracy of their grades. This September they are encouraged to return to education full of enthusiasm but they are returning to institutions that have made adjustments and modifications to teaching to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. Their experience of education will be impacted and yet they are expected to do their best knowing that if circumstances demand, their education could be, in a moment, suspended again. How will they manage and cope with the uncertainty? How will they find the resilience and motivation to strive for their best in such circumstances? How can we support and encourage them?

Children and young people are, of course, not unique. To a greater or

lesser extend we all share with them the navigation of uncertain futures. Like children, adults too may find it challenging to invest fully in the present, to participate fully in society when things could change in an instant. Or in the words of Donald Rumsfeld, “We know, there are known knowns; there are things we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know.” The world is always uncertain and unpredictable but the virus has brought greater unknowns.

The notion that science brings certainty has been undermined. Managing the impact of a new disease whether the health implications, the social response, the economic impact or the educational cost is not precise or knowable and ultimately politicians carry the burden of making decisions with finite and imperfect information. How can we support and encourage them? They need our prayers for wisdom and governing for the common good.

Even the most introverted and non-tactile eventually feel the need for social interaction and intimacy. How much more for extroverts and the tactile? The restrictions we endure to reduce the spread of the virus are hard, they are tiring and exert a cost. We must be kind to ourselves and those around us – many people are finding this time and the uncertainty exhausting. How will we find the resilience and motivation to strive for the best in such circumstances? How can we support and encourage others – our neighbours, colleagues, friends and families? Be kind – if you can be anything be kind for kindness is always welcome. Kindness need not be doing something for someone because they can’t, but simply because you can.

This month may you delight in being kind. May you discover new, novel and fun ways of being randomly and extravagantly kind.

Every blessing
Revd Craig

REGULAR EVENTS - are suspended until further notice

Badger's Field Communion Service, Midweek Retreats
Women's Home Group , Women's Christian Book Club
Bright Sparks, Chapel, Home Group
Happy Faces Baby & Toddler Group, Sunday Club

COMMUNITY

Pastoral Care
Since the days of the early church, church communities have cared for and supported its members and the community it serves. Thankfully many people support the clergy in this by visiting and supporting others. In Campden a small team has been formed to help Revd. Craig. The main role is coordinating pastoral care and directing Craig towards people who need visiting, also undertaking visits themselves, taking home communion, meals or other things that are needed.

The team is headed by our Reader, Bridget Wade and includes our churchwardens Naomi Morrey and Sarah Roberts as well as Jopey Eckersley-Hope, Ros Bishop and Sally Dymott. If you are able to cook the occasional meal and would like to be added to our list please contact Ros Bishop.

Flower Guild
If you would like to be part of the Flower Guild please do get in touch with the administrator - on 01386 841927. If you wish to make a donation to our Flower Fund please send a cheque to the Church Office payable to 'The PCC of Campden', together with a note of the name should you wish this to be in memory of a loved one.

PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS

St Eadburgha's Church
Wednesday 22 July Lady Parry-Evans

St James' Church
Tuesday 14 July Jeffrey (Roy) Jones
Friday 24 July Simon Ashworth

Mrs Mary Marston who lived in Chipping Campden for years before moving nearer to her family in London, sadly died on Friday 5 June. Please remember Mary in your prayers.

STAY IN TOUCH

Revd Craig and his team are posting regular videos of reflections and prayers on our church websites and social media. The links are below if you would like to view them:

stjameschurchcampden.co.uk/videosandreflections.htm

Bedtime church - a service for families, takes place at 6.30pm (on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month)
http://grumball.com

Weekly round up sermons from the Diocese of Gloucester
https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/sermons-pod-casts-and-gospel-readings-communications-during-lockdown/

Worship at a Distance with the Vale and Cotswold Edge Team every Sunday
http://grumball.com

If you would like Craig to pray for anyone or would just like to talk to Craig please email:
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Alernatively, you can contact the church office:
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VALE & COTSWOLD EDGE

SUNDAY SERVICES SEPTEMBER ROTA DURING COVID-19

Sunday 6 September		
Broad Campden		
Chipping Campden	11.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Compline
Ebrington	9.30am	Common Worship Holy Communion
Mickleton	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 13 September		
Broad Campden		
Chipping Campden	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Compline
Ebrington		
Mickleton	11.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 20 September		
Broad Campden	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
Chipping Campden	11.00am	Morning Praise
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Ebrington	11.00am	Harvest Festival & Picnic
Mickleton		
Sunday 27 September		
Broad Campden		
Chipping Campden	9.30am	Holy Communion Order One
	6.30pm	Compline
Ebrington		
Mickleton	11.00am	Morning Praise

GRCC Community Action in Gloucestershire

SOCIAL PRESCRIBER
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Many things affect your health and wellbeing. GPs tell us that a lot of people visit them feeling isolated or lonely. Or they might be stressed out by work, money and housing problems. Sometimes it's the stress of managing different long-term conditions. That's where social prescribing comes in. It starts with a conversation. It might be theconversation you've just had with your doctor, or with another health care professional, friend, colleague, neighbour or relative. Health care professionals will refer you to a social prescriber, however anyone can refer you (with your permission), including yourself. Social Prescribers are there to listen to you, and put you in touch with the people and activities that might help you to feel better.

Your Social Prescriber might introduce you to a community group, a new activity or a local club. Or they might help you find legal advice or debt counselling. They might just help you find information and guidance: a bit of inside knowledge on your situation or what local resources there are. They could even support you to create something new or link you with existing local groups such as a gardening club, men in sheds, a book club, lunch clubs or knit and natter groups. Social prescribing can help you to have more control over your own health and find ways to improve how you feel in a way that suits you. Studies show that people get better and feel better faster than those treated with medicine alone. And because it works, it's happening more and more – including here in the Cotswolds. The service is free and confidential, supportsindividuals 16+ who reside in Gloucestershire and/or registered with a GP in Gloucestershire.

Your local Social Prescribers who work in the North Cotswolds are Carol Stockman and Karen Price and can be contacted via Gloucestershire Rural Community Council on 07738 106384 or email cws.grcc@nhs.net

RETIREMENT RAMBLES
by CANON NICHOLAS MORGAN

After retirement 4 years ago, I was asked on numerous occasions what was the best thing about this new stage of life. My flippant response was usually “2 bathrooms – his and hers”! Our little house in Shipston has a luxury not enjoyed by Sirpa and me before – all very civilised.

I officially retired in October 2016 , and as the Bishop of Coventry kindly gave me permission to officiate straight away, a fortnight later I was taking the Remembrance Service at Newbold. I had retired as an incumbent after 43 years in the full time ministry, but not, of course, as a priest, which is a lifetime vocation, and my serious answer about the next stage of life is that I have the privilege to lead and share worship in the many local churches where I have been welcomed.

Retirement is a challenge for people from all walks of life, so I won`t pretend it was different for me - particularly trying to remember I was not running the show any more! However, as the Rector of Shipston shortly moved to a new post, I was asked to help with the Primary School, with pastoral care and with the many services in the benefice. Within the community, I volunteered to be a driver with the Shipston Link and put in a fair amount of time setting up a Table Tennis Club – I`m pleased to report we entered 4 teams in the local league in the 2019/20 season. Tennis has always been my sport, so I spend more time on the courts in Shipston, and also play league tennis.... including matches against Chipping Campden! Membership of 2 local choirs has been a joy as well – one of life`s pleasures we all sadly miss at the moment. Since receiving PTO in the Diocese of Gloucester last year, it`s also been a great privilege to assist from time to time in the Campden Benefice and to meet and greet folk here.

The pandemic has changed everyone`s lives, and it is difficult to see a clear end. I have had the sad duty of taking quite a few funerals; for some of the bereaved families it has not been the restrictions on the service itself which have been the most difficult aspect, but the restrictions on

seeing loved ones in the weeks before they died.

Our prayers go to all recently bereaved and to folk struggling with illness and disabilities of every kind – may the care and compassion that has grown in society be at least one positive outcome.

Our holidays to see family in the USA and Finland have been cancelled, but life in this area has been relatively unaffected – partly because we are surrounded by glorious countryside. Dog walking with Maisie and chatting to all we meet remains enjoyable for us and many others. Now is the chance to discover more locally, but if you are going away, travel safely and return refreshed. Finally, of course, there`s taking part in the sunflower competition, still growing!

God bless, Nicholas

SILENCE - A GIFT TO BE TREASURED

This pandemic has been and, for many, continues to be a time of danger, heartbreak, disruption and despair and yet some beautiful things have resulted from it: neighbourly kindness, clean air, a slowing down of the reckless consumption of the earth's resources and …… silence. God speaks to us in the silence.

Can we learn to listen to him, not just to get the next instruction, but to let him show us how very dear we are to him? Think of a mother holding her little child close to her. See how the child relaxes into the embrace and how precious this moment is to the mother as well as to the child. Take a moment to imagine the pleasure God must feel when we just spend time with him.

"But I'm a doer" many will say, "I want to reach out in God's name and bring people into the kingdom. It's what Jesus commands us to do." Yes, he does, so let's look at Jesus. How did he know what to do, what to say, what his priority should be? Where did his sheer energy come from? Surely it was his relationship of love with the Father, his habit of listening to his Father in silence, that birthed his tireless service.

Mother (now Saint) Teresa of Calcutta said, "Jesus is always waiting for us in silence. In that silence he will listen to us, there he will speak to our soul, and there we will hear his voice……All our works will be useless, unless they come from within."

So make listening prayer a priority. Value the time you daily spend in his presence. Gradually you will find that this is the most precious moment of the day. If this is a new pattern for you, start with ten minutes and soon you will find that is not enough.

Find a place where you can be alone with God and always go to the same place – it will become a place you long to go to. Forget your list of petitions. That can come later. We can't hear God if we're doing all the talking.

You might like to use some helpful tools to get you started. Lectio 365 is an excellent App. I can also highly recommend "Sacred Space: The Prayer Book"

I would also like to introduce you to the prayer of Examen, if it is not already familiar to you. But that will be for next time……..

Bridget Wade

An Ebrington diary

Bell repair work has started. Recently a new steel frame was installed to strenghten the existing oak frame which had started to rot underneath the Tenor bell.

The next phase is to be the replacement of the Louvre Screens to prevent water getting back in.

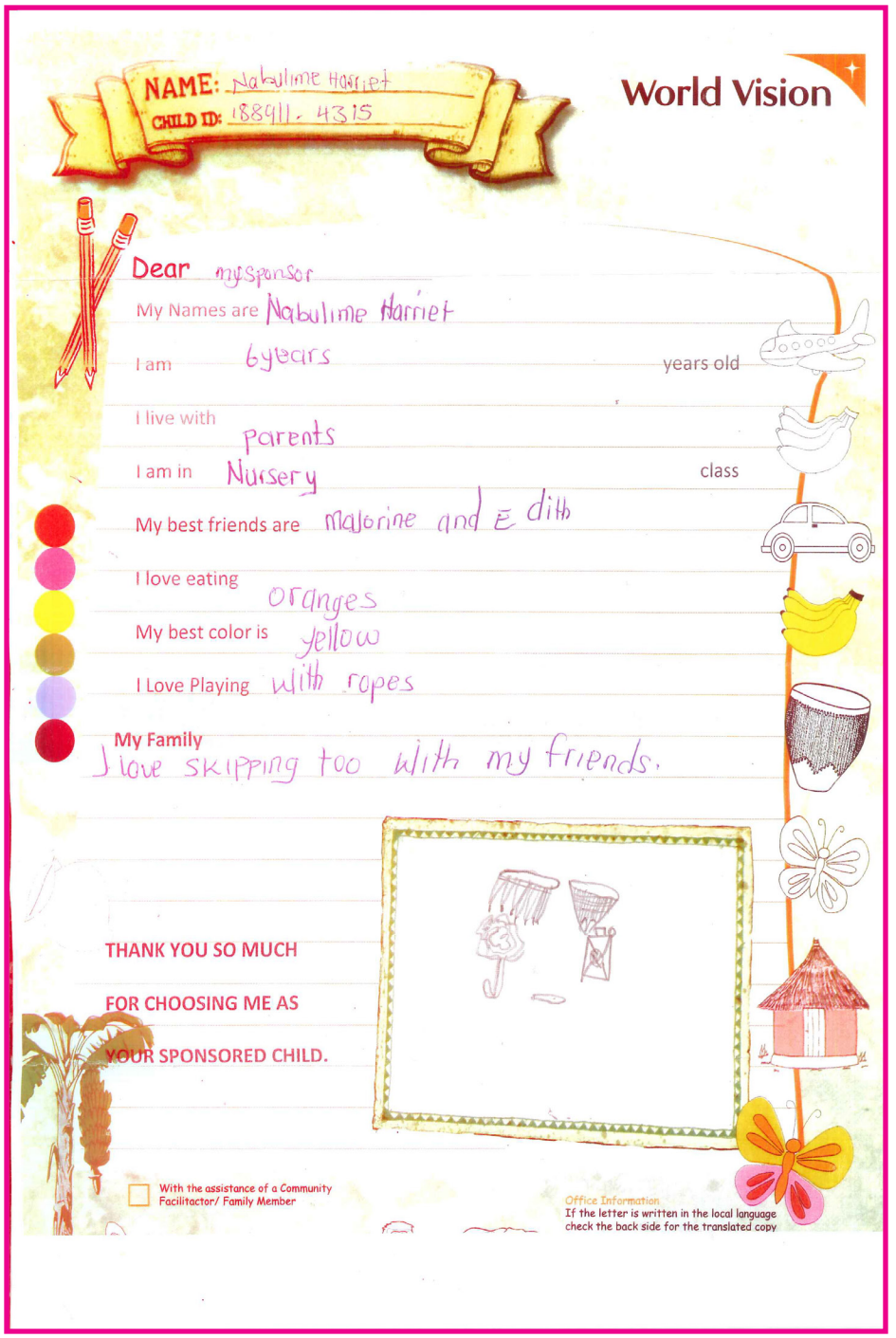
We look forward to being able to ring the bells again soon.

PRAYERS IN SEPTEMBER

- **September 1st the return of Parliament** – we pray for parliament and for decision makers; that they would seek the common good.
- **September 2nd VJ Day in the US** – we give thanks for peace, for peace makers and international co-operation.
- **September 3rd children return to school** – we pray for children, students, teachers, governors and administrators.
- **September 12th Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, 'ride and stride day'** which raises funds for church buildings. We give thanks for those who generously support the church's mission and ministry and reflect on how we support the life of the church.
- **September 17th Hildegard of Bingen** – we give thanks for women in leadership in the church and the growing awareness of the biblical imperative for care of the environment.
- **September 22nd the autumn equinox** – we give thanks for the seasons, the richness of autumn and the harvest safely gathered.
- **September 29th St Michael and All Angels** – "we look not to things that are seen but to things that are unseen" – we pray for the community of Broad Campden.

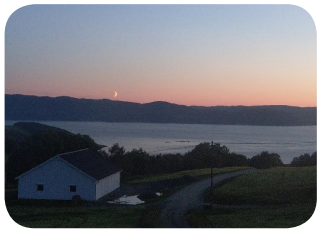
A LETTER FROM HARRIET

One of the charities St James' Church is sponsoring is World Vision. Through World Vision the church is sponsoring Harriet a 6 year old child from Uganda. Harriet has written to the church family which you can see on the next page. The sponsorship will not only impact Harriet but also her family, friends and community through improved agrarian education in the village and teacher ¬training and new school equipment.



CATCH UP WITH REVD SHEILA ROSENTHAL

Summer is a concept that has been revised somewhat while living here in the mountains above Trondheim. For those of you reading this in electronic format try *https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ons%C3%B8y-bakkan+65,+7070+Bosberg/@63.4269603,10.1802576,500m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x4612cd4913f1aced:0x7142cd84d22a9cb5!8m2!3d63.4269603!4d10.1824463*



Where you are having harvest we are still watching green grain ripen. While you turn on lights at 9.00pm we watch moonrise at midnight. While you go out in shirt sleeves we keep a woolly-pully to hand. While you dig in the remnants of broad bean plants we still wait for the pods to fill out. Yet we are just starting to gather in wild raspberries and other mountain berries that grow wild and free here. The varieties of hedgerow plants still astonishes me yet the way the Norwegians cut down trees pains me! But then, trees are not exactly scarce here…

Church has been nomadic of late. Because we are dependent on the grace and goodness of the Church of Norway we have the use of the Cathedral's Chapter House usually but this has been undergoing refurbishment of late. Then there was the St Olav festival during which time the national saint, reputedly buried under the floor somewhere, is venerated in services and street markets in the city. This meant we Anglicans became nomadic for a while alternating between various buildings yet always with good heart and voice. We are becoming adept at singing without any instrumental accompaniment and have broken into singing in rounds of late!Holiday season has meant very variable numbers but this has also given the chance to get to know some people better. We have more men in our congregation than women, many of them scientists from the University.

Another feature of summer is the seagulls that have raised two chicks near my office. Getting into the office became a gauntlet run, trying to get the key in and turned before the second squadron flight of parent bird swooped and scalped! I shiver now on hearing the craw of the gull.

We are in the process of waiting to know if we can get across to UK (you'll know if we were successful by the time you read this!). This morning I watched the swallows line up on the overhead wires and thought how simple life used to be. Book the ferry and the hotel, check the passports for us and the dogs, load the car and go. But life has changed as you in the UK know far more painfully than we do. Yet things have been tempered and put into context. Tourism and travel are not the industries they were, will we see motorways turned back into fields or hotels turned into accommodation for refugees? Who will want to live in a country of intense heat and drought and do the work of the old agricultural, unmechanised economies? But we have also begun to review how we interact not only with the planet but with each other. We don't like not singing, keeping our distance, burying people before their time. Will things 'right themselves' or will the wrongs we have done be allowed to prevail?

The readings in church of late have been about harvest and seed, planting, thriving. The Lectionary reflects the summers of old when England and Europe all, were agricultural economies. How many church goers can identify with the concept of time needed for things to grow and then be rooted out or gathered up is debateable in our contemporary society of instant everything, from credit to coffee, but we can all see, city and country alike, that change is afoot. It's frightening and unnerving and it makes us look harder at what we really do value and cherish and find steadies our hearts and minds.

The readings where Jesus talks about the treasure in the field is worth a visit but look sideways at it. Jesus is not describing the search of the believer for the kingdom. To buy that treasure someone gave all they

had to have the field, not just the treasure but the stones and the muck and the weeds and all. This is not what Christians do, we don't buy God's back yard. Instead the parable speaks to me of what God does – gives all to buy us, for we are the messy places with treasure buried in us which God seeks out and excavates to find. The 'kingdom of heaven' motif is not about how we should seek but how we are sought and the lost coin is the best of them all,

God comes searching for us in the dark places of our lives to find us and restore and treasure us. But this brings change, we cannot stay in the dark, we are brought out into a different place to be a different thing and realise a potential we have not perceived in us.

Whatever this pandemic brings, wherever it came from and wherever it will take us, we are learning to value and cherish and identify the truly important. Maybe we are beginning to see how and what God sees.

BOOK REVIEW OF THE MONTH
GHOST SHIP by A D A FRANCE-WILLIAMS
(SCM PRESS)

The author employs a variety of genres including parables, first person narrative, social history, satire, biblical exegesis, interviews and responses to surveys and poetry to explore 'Institutional Racism and the Church of England' (the book's sub-title). It is an important read and both unsettling and uncomfortable.

The book was completed before the black lives matter protests spread around the globe but it gives an insight into the grievance and injustices that fuelled the protests. The author, Revd France–Williams, a black priest within the Church of England, writes from his perspective; whilst

this perspective may be unfamiliar it should not be ignored and cannot be dismissed - real experiences and real grievances are described. The book is a powerful call for reform and repentance. Stephen Cotterell, the new Archbishop of York, is quoted (pg135) "It is high time we (the church) woke up out of our sleep and realise we are guilty of complacency and neglect."

The book helps unpack terms like 'white privilege' and 'unconscious bias' and shows their damaging effect not just on BAME people but upon all the people of God and upon the church's capability to fulfil the mission of God. There is a useful section exploring 'white fragility' (pg 137), "White people only see racism as the extremely ugly stuff: obvious name calling, racial slurs, and lynchings and beatings … another definition includes when one has power over another to impact their lives and chances, when one maintains the status quo to the exclusion of others and at the expense of them flourishing. Others delineate racism as a type of pollution that affects us all."

The responses to surveys and interviews provide support to the author's thesis and provide a catalogue of shameful episodes in which, too often, the institution seeks to protect itself rather than its members. Denial of the issues, denial of involvement – "It wasn't me that did these things" can lead to a lack of engagement with the issues and a lack of commitment to resolve them. Should the conversation be repositioned? away from one between 'victims and perpetrators' to one between 'victims and beneficiaries'.

Ghost Ship will challenge and hopefully lead into prayer and action. Who else is excluded by the governance, structures and processes that have evolved? This is an important book that can stimulate us to imagine a better and fairer world in which all of God's children prosper.

Revd Craig

CHILDREN & YOUTH

FAMILY PACKS

"Hold my hand and walk with me through this day. Together, we will enjoy the good things that the day holds and together we will find a way through the difficult and uncertain things."

Look out for the all the blessings I have prepared for you: beautiful scenery, cosy spots for resting when you tiered and much more. Do not worry about what is on the path up ahead. I am walking beside you!" – **Jesus calling 365 devotions for kids**

MARCH - AUGUST 2020

What a strange and sometimes scary time the last 6 months have been. Initially for most of the children and families within the church, lock down was great. An impromptu holiday. However, the realisation of not being able to see friends or extended family became increasingly upsetting and unnerving for many. With Parks, soft plays, swimming pools all shut, Clubs, Holidays and social engagements all cancelled. Monotony and fear were able to creep in!

For me, as the teams' children and youth leader. Not being able to engage, see or interact with our church families whilst being furloughed was tough, albeit necessary!

This was equally challenging for many others and the church as we all knew it, had to take on a new shape. As many of our services were being held by zoom the idea to do something similar for our children allowed Bedtime church to be formed. This was a chance for the children within the team to all get together for a 20 mins service lead initially by Craig every fortnight via zoom. The desire to stay connected and give the children a chance to see and engage with one another, albeit in a new way. The format is flexible and allows the children to participate, in anyway shape or form, reading prayers, sharing thoughts, or showing some of their artwork or cuddly toys. A short story, video clip or reflection is directed by one of the leaders and a thought left for the children to think on. This is something we will continue to run and build upon through this season. It is open to all families and if you feel this is of interest then

please do get in touch ***youthworker@stjameschurchcampden.co.uk*** the more the merrier!

Another new and fun initiative during lock down has been the family packs. Each month a pack is created with several activities recommended for families to engage with. Crafts and recipes are given out for children to enjoy and sweets are popped in too!! These have been a real blessing to our church families and something the children look forward to receiving. Photos above speak for themselves!

In the coming months we will look to some new ventures and pray some old ones can resume.

For now, a prayer for summer

Lord God, we put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summer-time. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Amy Todd - Children and Youth Leader

RECIPE OF THE MONTH
BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE

EQUIPMENT
pyrex or ceramic dish

INGREDIENTS
400-500 g freshly picked blackberries
200 g plain flour
85 g butter
55 g sugar

INSTRUCTIONS
Pre-heat the oven to 180 degrees c
Place the washed blackberries in the bottom of a baking dish
In a large bowl, rub the butter into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs
Stir in the sugar
Sprinkle the crumble over the blackberries
Bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes until light brown
Serve with custard, cream or ice cream

NOTES
If your blackberries are a little sharp tasting sprinkle a tablespoon of sugar over the blackberries before adding the crumble mix.

As an alternative, use 250g apple and 250 blackberries to make an apple and blackberry crumble!

pennysrecipes.com

DISCIPLESHIP

Over the past week I thought I would do a bit of research on some of the great leaders of our time (as you do). What I found really interesting is that of the ones I researched, not one of them achieved their great moments without first having been a follower, a disciple of sorts of someone else. They all leaned on, trusted and have been shaped on the works, words and experiences of other people, they have followed in the footsteps of others, learning from and then building on the foundation they received from these others. It's interesting that the people we often put up on pedestals as great examples to us are also people who would not be who they are without the influences of those they chose to follow first. The world has a habit of cultivating this myth of independence into our lives, belittling the fundamental need within all of us to belong to something, to be part of something bigger than ourselves and for a spirit of interdependence. Too often it seems like the rhetoric is, we have to stand on our own, carry all our problems and claim all our achievements as ours done in our own strength without the influences of others; but if that's true why isn't this seen in the lives of the greats? For example, the great Rosa Parks followed in the footsteps of the young Claudette Colvin, a teenage girl who with three friends were the first to refuse to give up their seat for a white passenger over a year before Parks. The entrepreneurial genius that was Steve Jobs was inspired by Edwin Land of Polaroid whose creative approach to presentation can be seen in the structure and visual brilliance of the famous Apple presentations which Jobs was known for. Michelle Obama, one of the most powerful women of our times, was once a young girl inspired by the work of Mary Tyler Moore. And one of my favourite contemporary legends, Dwayne 'the rock' Johnson, literally walked in the footsteps of his father and shaped his life around what his father instilled in him, not just in becoming a wrestler but his whole outlook on life. All of these great people and the many I have not mentioned, did not become who they were without the people who first inspired them and helped them to imagine what they could be and do, they were all followers of someone else.

As Christians we are firstly followers of Jesus and it is part of the role of

encourage you in that following, Matthew records Jesus as commanding us to make disciples, to be actively nurturing people in the way of Christ (Matt 28) and I wonder how often do we stop and check how we are doing at this? Since Covid our churches shut, our gatherings and our usual church life found itself on hiatus, but it was not long before we realised how much we depended on each other to thrive in our faith. Within the Vale and Cotswold Edge Benefice there have been great steps forward, creating online services for young and old, encouraging people with practical support, sharing regular reflections and resources to encourage you in your faith journey (Craig's video shorts have been thought provoking and widely appreciated). But as we start to see the beginnings of what the future may look like post Covid and as we start meeting together again, let us not forget that Covid did not stop us from being called to be disciples of Jesus. On the contrary, Covid has forced us to be more intentional about our discipleship and proactive in looking for ways to grow. This has led to me to put together a little 'discipleship survey' which will find its way to you soon. As we look to the future, we want to get an idea of the ways we have been helpful in encouraging and equipping each other so that we all grow deeper in faith. We also want to see in what ways we can and invest in discipleship more. We are all called to be followers, even the great Dwayne Johnson (193 million followers on Instagram!) and so as a leadership team we want to make sure we are continuing to be obedient to that command of Jesus to make and nurture disciples through what we do here in the Benefice and see all of us thrive in our faith!

"When you've worked hard, and done well, and walked through that doorway of opportunity, you do not slam it shut behind you. You reach back and you give other folks the same chances that helped you succeed."

– Michelle Obama, Convention Speech, 2012

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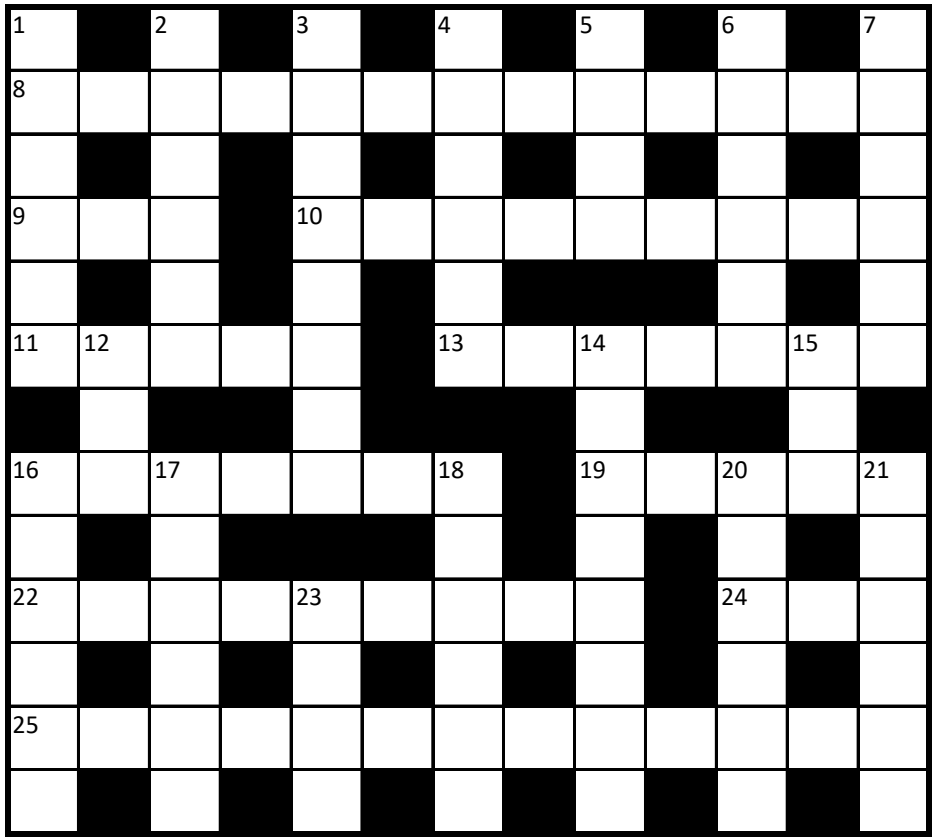

ACROSS

8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)

24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

DOWN

1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
2 See 24 Across
3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
17 Braved (anag.) (6)
18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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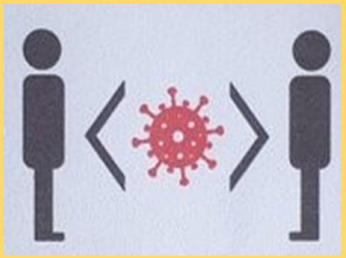

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