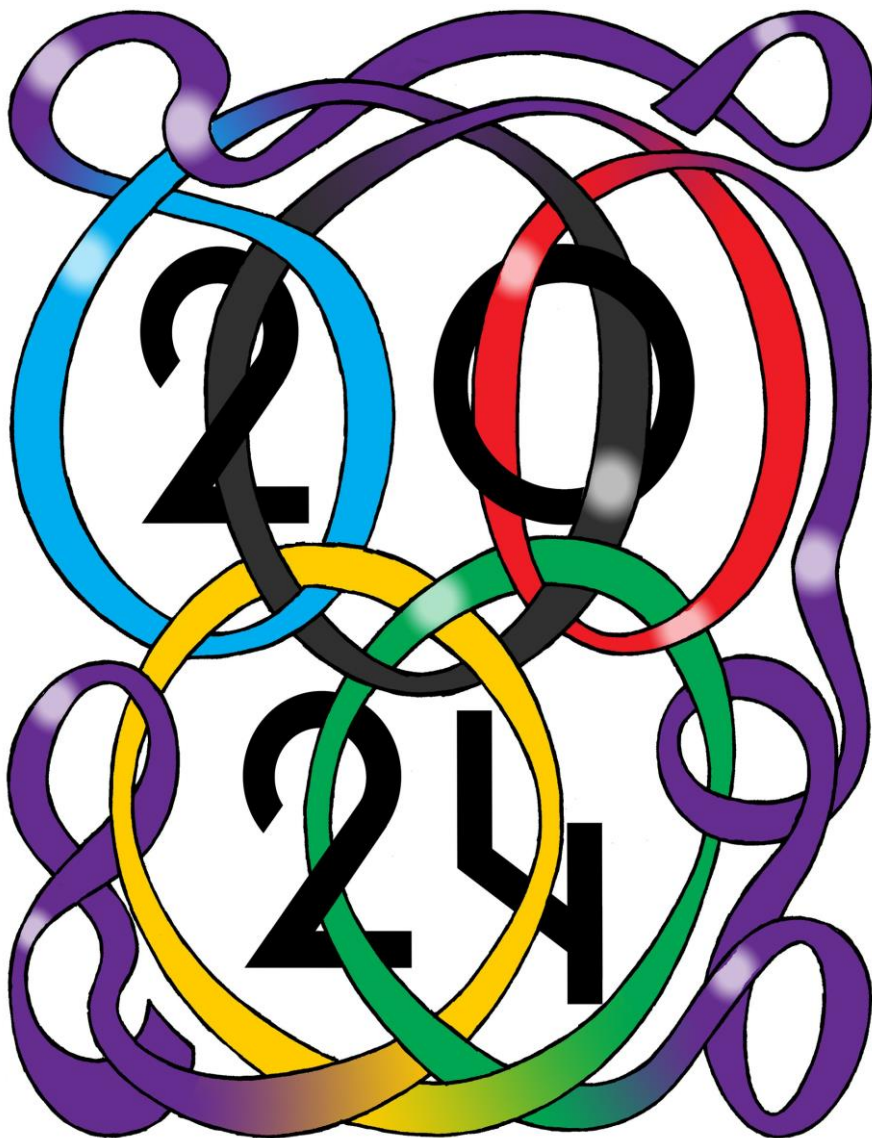


ABBEY HILL U.R.C. MAGAZINE

JULY-AUGUST 2024



Paris Olympics 26 July- 11 August

A Safe Haven

We have recently been away on holiday where I felt drawn to the local lighthouse. Lighthouses shine consistently in the dark and were first used to mark the entrances to safe harbours, or to warn against rocks. I was hoping for some inspiration for this pastoral letter as I walked to it one morning. During my walk I reflected on my new role as church secretary, what it entails and the secretaries who have gone before me.

John and I first came to Abbey Hill around 1988 and since then I've taken on various roles in the church. Some I've felt were a 'natural fit' for me, others I've felt called or inspired to take on. Some have been a joy, others a challenge! Looking back each and every one has furthered my spiritual journey. Abbey Hill has provided a safe haven in difficult times, a sense of belonging and friendship. It continues to shape me and my faith in ways I could never have imagined. Heaven knows none of us are perfect! - but like any family we are united by a bond - a shared love of God, through the teachings of Jesus Christ. Gathering together strengthens this bond.

We are continually updating our safeguarding procedures to ensure Abbey Hill is a safe haven and our Safeguarding Coordinator Alison Crichton does a great job keeping us on track. If anyone ever has any concerns or queries around safeguarding, you can contact her directly or me as church secretary.

Just like lighthouses, past and present members of Abbey Hill have provided a beacon of light marking the entrance to the safe haven of Abbey Hill - a place to be with God through, worship, learning, prayer, reflection and action.

So for all those who have ever held any role within Abbey Hill, Thank-You! This steady beacon of light welcomes people to a safe place. Each and every one has ensured that Abbey Hill has been a consistent place of worship, so that others may have the same opportunity. By being a part of this continuing legacy, I hope your spirit shines brighter and stronger as you go out into the world.

*May the light of God's love:
Shine through your eyes,
Highlight your words,
Reflect your deeds,
Glow in your heart,
Fire your spirit,
And illuminate your way.
Amen*

Vivien Nichols

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

- 7th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by George Jones.**
- 14th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Martyn Todd.**
- 21st Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by George Jones.**
- 28th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Rev Steve Faber - Moderator of West Midlands Synod**



CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2024

- 4th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by George Jones.**
- 11th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service led by Anne Holloway and Kath Shortley**
- 18th Sunday** **11.00 Family Service with Communion led by George Jones.**
- 25rd Sunday** **11.00 Family Healing Service led by Tom Baird.**

Home Bible Study Group

This group meets at Hilary Scott's house on Wednesday evenings – 7.30pm. Contact Hilary for further details – 07749 836928/01926 859337

CRAFT WORKSHOP

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month in Church from 10-12 to enjoy time together, making things. We are currently making items for inclusion in the Teams4U shoeboxes. Our next meetings are on July 16th and August 20th. A job can be found for everyone regardless of skills so do join us!

PUDDING EVENING and QUIZ Saturday August 31st at 7pm prompt

Come along to the School Room to enjoy a delicious pudding followed by a water-themed quiz. We are raising money towards the Love Kenilworth project to buy water storage tanks for Christian homes in Palestine.

Tickets £5 available from members of the Hospitality Group. Tea and Coffee will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

HARVEST LASAGNE LUNCH Sunday September 29th

Join us to celebrate Harvest by sharing a lunch of Lasagne, garlic bread and salad in the School Room after the Harvest Festival. No tickets needed - you will be able to make a financial donation on the day. Look out for the sign up sheet in the porch and add your names to be part of the fun!

Sponsored Bike Ride

Hello. Many thanks to all who sponsored me on my recent sponsored 10 mile bike ride this summer in aid of Guide Dogs to complete my Brownie Charity Badge. I managed to raise an amazing £502 😊 .

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Lottie Todd

Pintgether

Pintgether will be on Friday 16th August in The Green Man from 7pm. All are welcome to join us for a relaxed evening of company and conversation.

Anne and Fred

Regular events 2024

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Coordinators
Elders	Abbey Hill	1 st Wednesday every month	7.15 start	elders
Managers	Abbey Hill	2 nd Wednesday every month	7pm start	Ivan Pointon - manager's secretary
Coffee Pot	Abbey Hill	Every Thursday	9.30 to 11.30	Betty and David Connelly
Community Listening Exchange hosted by Coffee Pot	Abbey Hill	3rd Thursday every month	10.00	Ivan Pointon and Ed Watson
Repair cafe	Abbey Hill	Every 3rd Saturday	2 to 5pm	Kenilworth Repair Cafe

Dates For Your Diary July/August 2024

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Coordinators
String Quartet	Abbey Hill	Thursday 4 th July	5pm	George Jones
Church Meeting	Abbey Hill	Sunday 7th July	After morning worship	George Jones and elders
Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG)	Abbey Hill	Monday 8 th July	2.00pm to 3.30	George and Elders
Craft Workshop	Abbey Hill	Tues 16 th July	10-12	Susan Derwent
A Monster Calls <i>"An emotional journey of grief, loss, and healing awaits"</i>	Talisman Theatre	Tuesday 27 th August	7 for 7.30 Start	John Nichols
Craft Workshop	Abbey Hill	Tues 20 th August	10-12	Susan Derwent
Pudding Evening and Water themed Quiz in aid of water storage tanks for Christians in Palestine	Abbey Hill Schoolroom	Saturday August 31st	7pm	Hospitality Group
Harvest Lasagne Lunch after Harvest Festival	Abbey Hill	September 29th	TBA	Hospitality Group

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY FOR JULY & AUGUST

JULY BIRTHDAYS

As last year, there are quite a few birthdays to be celebrated in July. They include:-

July 5 th	Janet Turner
July 7 th	Anne Gilmore
July 12 th	Jo Warren
July 17 th	Edna Dixon
July 19 th	Barbara Gillard
July 23 rd	Jo Williams
July 24 th	Dave Thomas
July 31 st	Fred Holloway

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Among those who celebrate this month are:-

July 1 st	John & Ayse McKenzie
July 4 th	Jo & Nathan Stratton
July 21 st	Pat & Ian Cowan
July 27 th	Roz & Neil Morris Di & Dave Wilson

Many Congratulations to Roz & Neil who celebrate their Golden Wedding on the 27th July. Love & best wishes from all of us.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating their birthday in August are:-

August 3 rd	Cheryl Ritchie
August 10 th	Hilary Scott
August 14 th	Susanne Hall
August 23 rd	Julia Graham
August 28 th	Colin Ritchie

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 11 th	Betty & David Connelly
August 12 th	Jennifer Jackson & Robert Banks
August 15 th	Gloria & Brian Cordery
August 17 th	Janet & Ken Turner
August 23 rd	Barbara & Richard Gillard
August 24 th	John & Sally Atkinson
August 31 st	Donna & Darren Hall

Thinking of

As was said this time last year we continue to think of and pray for all our members, families and friends but especially those who are alone, housebound, sad or grieving, ill or in hospital.

Kathryn Heppinsall has been in touch with Anne and Fred. She's keeping well and enjoying her working life in Wiltshire, and was keen for us to pass on her very best wishes to the Abbey Hill friends she made during her time in Kenilworth.

ANCIENT WISDOM

Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joys, and dividing our grief.

Cicero 106-43 BC

Without friends no one would want to live even if he had all other goods.

Aristotle 384-322 BC

PLEASE let PAT COWAN know on 01926 313904 if you have any news of our church family.

Coffee Pot in the Garden

Thanks to all who attended Betty's "Coffee Pot in the Garden".

The event raised £255 for the homeless.

Several people said how this event was so typical of Abbey Hill, how friendly and relaxed it was, and how they enjoyed it. A very big thank you to all who baked the most delicious goodies.

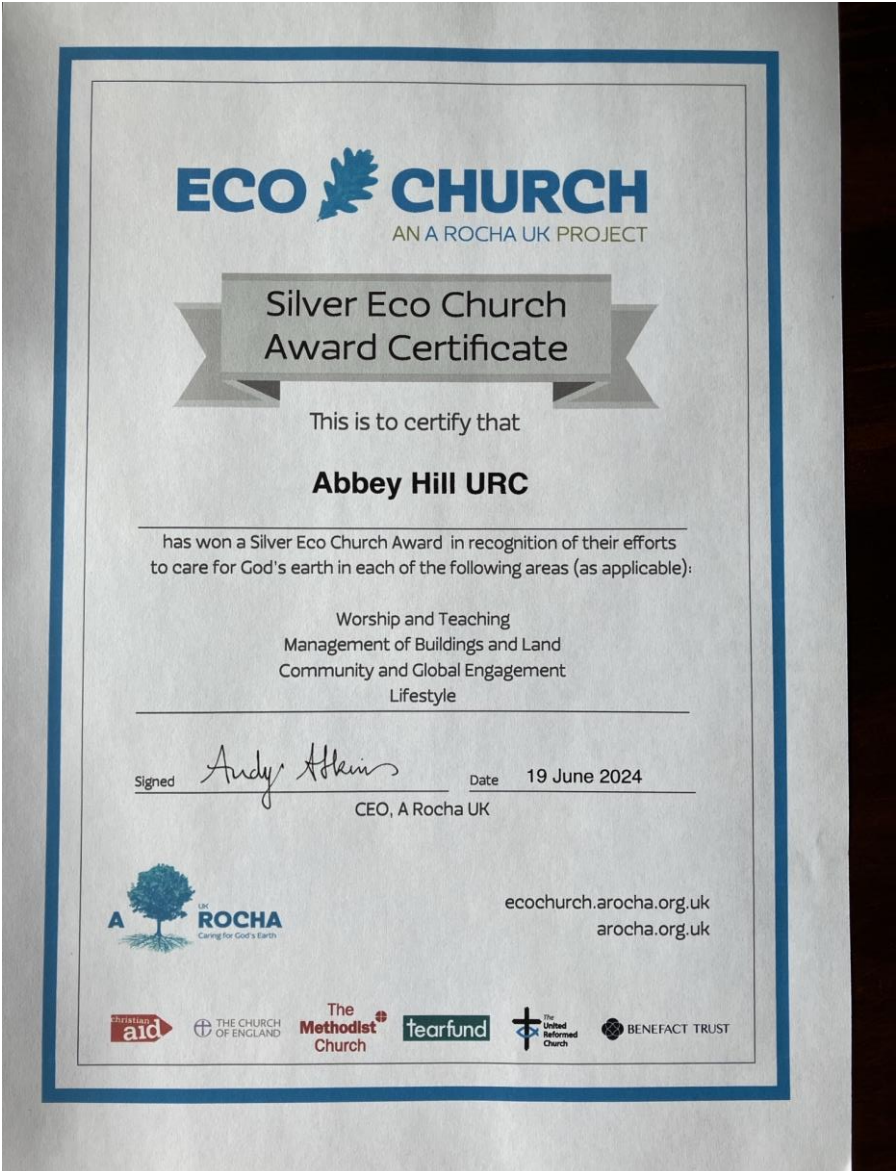
Eileen John

Eco News

Abbey Hill has achieved the Silver Eco Award from A Rocha!

A great outcome for the Eco Team. Thank you to all who have supported the team's initiatives.

Anne



Going to the Country

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ... For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities ... Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour. (Romans 13)

When will you go to bed on 4th July?

This month we have a chance to vote for our Members of Parliament, and the leader of the party that can command a majority will form the government. There is a concern that 'voter engagement' is low, meaning that we are not very interested any more. The turnout at the 2019 General Election was 67.3% which was slightly up from 2015. The lowest turnout in a General Election was recorded in 1918 at 57.2%, due to the end of the First World War.

Between 1922 and 1997 turnout remained above 71%. At the 2001 General Election the turnout was 59.4%. For people under the age of forty it is much less.

Should we be concerned? Voting turnout has been fairly stable since 1918 at between 60% and 70%. The numbers that vote in this country are similar to most other countries.

For the first time at a UK general election, those voting at a polling station will need to show photo ID. Voters should check now if they have an accepted form of ID, and if not to apply for free ID, called the Voter Authority Certificate .

To answer my own question, I am not sure when I go to bed on election night. I do not always stay up all night. Election excitement begins to wane in the early hours! Politics seems to be a spectator sport for most of us. We enjoy the shocks and surprises and the live results when the spotlight is a constituency.

The Christian teaching on politics is clear. We should respect those in authority and admire those who seek it. Most people enter politics for good reasons. Perhaps we should remind them they are God's servants.

David Pickup

General Election expressions and terms

Here are words and phrases we use at this time and explanations on how they started.

Parliament - This comes from French meaning a conference or assembly. Dates from around 1300.

Vote - Comes from Latin votum "a vow, wish, promise to a god, solemn pledge, dedication."

Poll - Again from about 1300, originally meaning a single head, then counting heads, from about 1620s.

Going to the country - A phrase from end of 18th Century, meaning to call for a General Election and test the mood in the country.

Canvass - This originally meant to sift things in a sheet, and then to examine items carefully, then "solicit votes or test support before an election" (1550s).

Hustings - From about 1720, it means a temporary platform from which, previous to the Ballot Act of 1872, the nomination of candidates for Parliament was made, and on which these stood while addressing the electors.

Ballot - From late 16th Century, meaning a box in which balls or pebbles are put to indicate votes.

Mondeo man - After the Ford Mondeo, a family car, popularised by a phrase used at a party conference in 1996, though the vehicle mentioned was actually a Ford Sierra. It means the average voter who wants to better themselves and their families.

Swingometer - Do you remember when television graphics were simple? This was a device consisting of a dial with a movable pointer, used to demonstrate (on television) how a likely or observable 'swing' should influence the outcome of an election. From 1965.

Remembering the faith of Eric Liddell – 100 years ago at the Paris Olympics

The 2024 Paris Olympics (26 July – 11 August) will soon be here. It was 100 years ago this summer, also at the Paris Olympics, that a young science student at Edinburgh University, Eric Liddell, ran an astonishing race that caught the imagination of millions worldwide.

Liddell had been born in China in 1902, to Scottish missionaries there. Early on, he had made a deep commitment to Jesus Christ, and sensed he was being called to spend his life in serving others. But Liddell was also an outstanding sportsman, playing rugby for Scotland before settling on athletics.

When he was chosen for the Paris Olympics, he expected to run his preferred 100m. But then came the news that the race would be run on a Sunday, and Liddell refused. Quickly, he trained for the 200m and 400m. He took bronze at the 200m, but no one expected much from him at the 400m. Instead, he won, and even broke the world record in the process.

After the Olympics, Liddell felt God calling him to his life's work. He went back to China, to teach in a Christian college. As the Second World War loomed, he sent his wife and children home, but stayed on himself. By 1943 Liddell was confined to a brutal prison camp, where he shone among the fellow prisoners – encouraging them, teaching Bible classes, and praying for both his fellow inmates and the prison wardens. Deeply malnourished, his health failed and in 1945, just months before the war ended, he died, aged only 43. In 1981 his story was made into the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*.

All in the month of July

750 years ago, on 11th July 1272 that Robert I (Robert the Bruce) was born. He was King of Scotland 1306-29.

90 years ago, on 4th July 1934 that Marie Curie, Polish-born French physicist died. Twice winner of the Nobel Prize for her work on radioactivity. The first woman to win a Nobel prize.

80 years ago, on 20th July 1944 that the so-called 20th July Plot failed. The German Resistance Movement attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler in Berlin and remove the Nazi Party from power in a coup. The attempt failed, and the conspirators were executed next day. The Germans went on to arrest more than 7,000 members of the resistance movement, killing 4,980 of them. This effectively ended the German Resistance movement.

75 years ago, on 27th July 1949 that the first successful test flight of the de Havilland Comet, the first commercial passenger jet, took place. The jet went on into production.

Also 70 years ago, on 21st July 1954 that the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.

40 years ago, on 9th July 1984 that York Minster in England was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

30 years ago, on 15 July 1994, that the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.

Also 30 years ago, on 21st July 1994 that Tony Blair was elected leader of Britain's Labour Party. He became Prime Minister in 1997.

25 years ago, on 1st July 1999 that the Scottish Parliament was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

20 years ago, on 28th July 2004 that Francis Crick, British molecular biologist and biophysicist, died. He was joint winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering the molecular structure of DNA.

15 years ago, on 5th July 2009 that the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in Hammerwich, a village in Staffordshire.

Sea Sunday – 14th July

Look around your home. How much of the contents of your bedroom, kitchen, living room and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them?

Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you?

It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible, people groups in our society. We depend on them to bring us more than 90% of the world's goods and fuels, yet we rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem a very good idea: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the 1.89 million seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for up to nine months on end. It is also one of the world's most dangerous occupations, with physically demanding work as well as the threat of piracy, shipwreck and even abandonment.

So this Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

One such is The Mission to Seafarers, which has Seafarers Centres in 50 countries, and offers not only practical support such as access to Wi-Fi and a place to relax, but also emotional and spiritual aid through its ordained Port Chaplains, who are constantly visiting the ships.

Some summer reading perhaps?

Antigone Kingsley: Don't Judge Me By Marina Magdalena, Marylebone House, £8.99

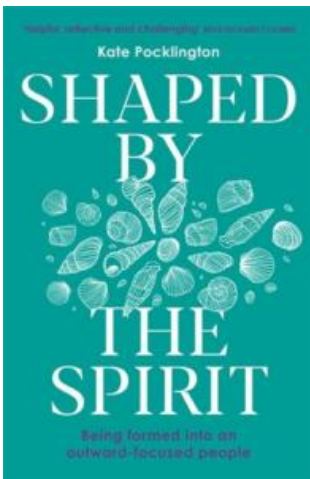
This second book in the Antigone Kingsley series will be a helpful companion for girls aged 9-plus going through the highs and lows of growing up.



When Antigone Kingsley (Tig) and her sister Ismene are invited to join their French cousin Amelie at a holiday camp in Switzerland, adventures and big trouble follow.

The book is filled with positive role models, healthy self-exploration, fruitful relationships, vulnerability and good humour, teens will love journeying with Tig as she faces the social pressures, spiralling emotions, burning desires and grand disappointments of teenage life.

Shaped by the Spirit – being formed into an outward-focused people By Kate Pocklington, SPCK, £10.00

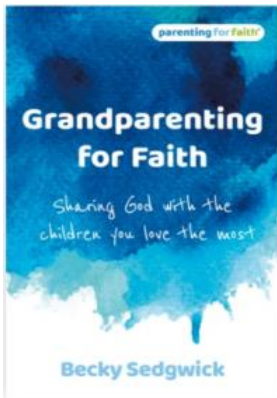


Shun self-help in favour of spiritual-help and become the other-focused disciple that Jesus is inviting you to be. In recent years, the Church in the West has witnessed a growing hunger to engage in spiritual disciplines that help us become more like Jesus. And yet, if our practices cause us to look inwards without looking outwards, then we can unwittingly distance ourselves from Him instead.

Jesus was inherently other-focused, and in this immensely practical book, Kate Pocklington invites us to explore why being formed by the Spirit is only the beginning of the picture.

Grandparenting for Faith: sharing God with the children you love the most

By Becky Sedgwick, BRF, £9.99

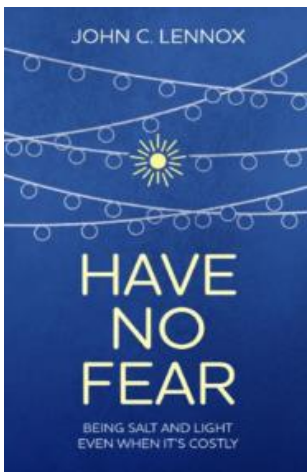


How can grandparents proactively encourage and equip their grandchildren to meet and know God?

Grandparenting brings the opportunity to walk spiritually alongside our grandchildren, offering tools and skills for the journey. Whatever your circumstances, God has positioned you to be a unique voice speaking into your grandchildren's lives, helping to nurture them into the reality of a relationship with the God who loves them.

Have No Fear – being salt and light even when it's costly

By John Lennox, 10Publishing, £3.99



Christians are under increasing pressure to be silent. We're led to believe that, at best, our beliefs are outdated, and at worst they are dangerous. Silenced by fear, it's all too easy to keep quiet.

But our Christian faith was never meant to be private. Jesus' followers are instructed to be deliberately and willingly different, seeking to share the life-changing good news they've heard with everyone whatever the cost. We might feel that we fall very short of this confident evangelistic lifestyle, but John Lennox shows us that any one of us can become an effective gospel witness.

Using examples from the Bible and from his own life, John explains practically how we can winsomely share Jesus with our friends, despite our fears. He argues that it is possible to stand up to the pressure society places on us, and in so doing we'll find our Christian life grows in strength and joy.

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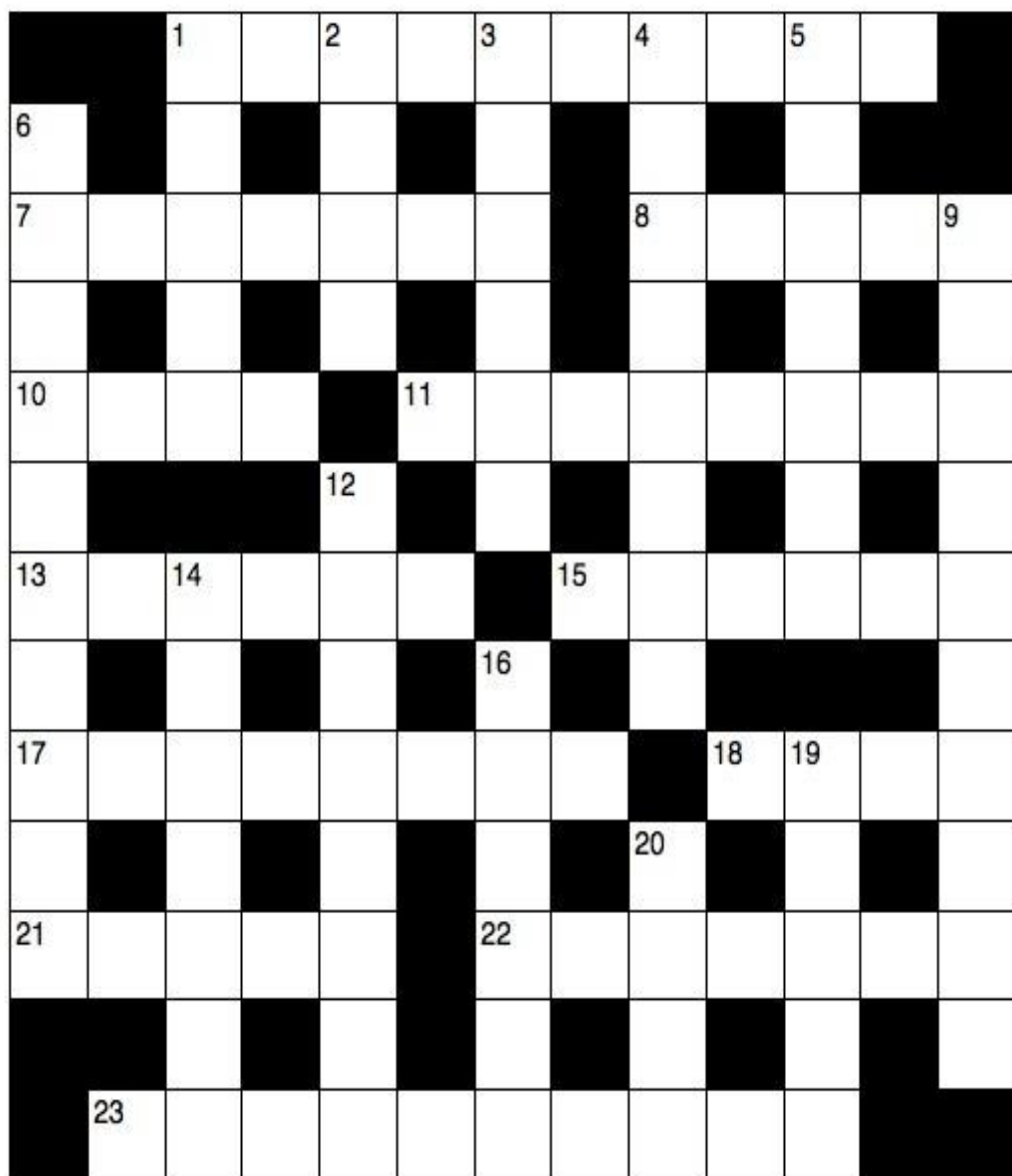
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- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

(solutions on later page)



‘Glorious the song when God’s the theme’: J S Bach’s joy and dance

In 1956 a small novel by a German writer, Johannes Rüber, appeared in an English translation. It was called ‘Bach and the Heavenly Choir’ and tells of Pope Gregory XIX’s desire to elevate Bach to the ranks of the saints. To bring together the Lutheran bishop and his own cardinals, he organises a great Bach festival in Rome. At the festival he announces his plan and the reasoning behind it: that in J S Bach ‘faith has become music.’

In that realisation lies the grace and glory of Bach’s achievement, and why we treasure his works today. The irony is that the bulk of his music was never published in his lifetime. The six Brandenburg Concerti, beautifully copied out and offered, were never performed and the music put in a cupboard. His music in all probability would have been lost for ever had it not been for a young Mendelssohn, who just happened to find a manuscript of the St Matthew Passion in his music teacher’s house. He recognised it for its brilliancy and beauty and ordered a massive search to unearth the decaying manuscripts.

So much of Bach’s music was inspired by his joy in believing. Just consider one of the six motets, ‘Jesu, meine Freude’ (Jesus, my joy). It was probably written for a memorial service in July 1723. In his other works, Freude, or ‘joy’, releases new movement. In this motet, the word is kept within the constraints of the chorale melody that acts as a framework for the motet. The word that brings a joyous release is Geist, Spirit – when it appears, then each voice joins in the chase as notes spill over the page and into our ears, proclaiming the inspiration of God’s Spirit in human life.

This spirit of joy helps us realise that what makes Bach’s music so vital and rewarding is that total sense of movement and dance. Wilfred Mellers wrote a book ‘Bach and the Dance of God,’ showing how so much of Bach’s music is dance-inspired from lively gavottes to more stately sarabandes that can be heard in both the instrumental and choral music. Widor, like Bach a great organist, wrote that ‘For me Bach is the greatest of preachers.’

And what does he preach? That in the end, all is dance and life in the power of God’s Spirit. In ‘Jesu, meine Freude’ as in all his music we hear and relish the movement and pulse of his compositions that open up for us a world where all is joy and dance. That is how Dante ended his vision of Paradise, where everything is movement and dance, and what moves the sun and the other stars is love.

**COULD ANY ARTICLES/NOTICES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 2024 MAGAZINE PLEASE BE SENT
TO ME BY
SUNDAY 18th AUGUST 2024 PLEASE 😊?**

Be careful of the sun this summer – melanoma is on the rise

Skin cancer cases are expected to top 20,000 for the first time this year, according to a recent study by Cancer Research UK.

While the increase in skin cancers has occurred across all the ages, it is highest in the elderly, who enjoyed cheap package holidays to sunny countries during the 60s and 70s. They were exposed to higher ultraviolet radiation without realising the dangers.

The numbers of people aged 80 and over who develop skin cancers has soared by 57 per cent in 10 years. And while younger people are more likely to take precautions against the sun, those aged 25 to 49 are still predicted to see a seven per cent rise in skin cancers this year. Anyone who notices any unusual changes to their skin should contact their GP.

Cancer Research UK has partnered with Nivea Sun to advise the public to stay in the shade between 11am to 3pm, cover up with clothes, a hat and UV-protected sunglasses, and use sunscreen with protection levels of at least factor 30.

Finding safety in shade goes right back to biblical times. The book of Jonah even tells us that: 'the LORD God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So, Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine.' (Jonah 4:6)



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REPAIR CAFE



Repair Café Kenilworth

Repair Café Kenilworth (ReCK) is a free meeting space that's all about repairing things together, be that clothes, toys, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles ... there's very little that can't be repaired by our team of expert volunteers.

We meet at the United Reformed Church every third Saturday in the month, between 2PM and 5PM. There is free parking outside the Church, but it can get quite busy. If your item is particularly heavy or large, we'll always try to assist you as best as possible.



Sustainable. Social. Economic. Fun.

A local Repair Café is a not-for-profit community event, created by neighbours, for their neighbours. The aim of the Repair Café Kenilworth (and those worldwide) is to reduce waste, increase sustainability, save money, and have fun in an informal social gathering.

Oh ... with lots of tea and cake on tap also. It is a Repair CAFÉ after all.

Bin it? No Way!

Some things have to be thrown away ... the old toothbrush with curly bristles, that blown light bulb that's been sitting inside the cupboard since 1983, the fish 'n' chip wrappers from last night's tea ... but what about that broken bedside lamp, or the rickety wooden stool that belonged to your grandparents?



The Repair Café movement has one simple question, and an even simpler answer; Bin it? No Way!

Along with actually repairing your broken items, we'll help you to develop the skills to start repairing them yourself, to promote the culture of repair over replace, and to give you the satisfaction of bringing your treasured memories back to life.

Further details

[Repair Cafe](#) | [Repair Cafe Kenilworth](#) | [Kenilworth \(repaircafe-kenilworth.org\)](#)

The third Saturday afternoon of the month at Abbey Hill Church 2pm-5pm.

ROTAS – July 2024

	Transport	Flowers provided by	Flowers arranged by
07-07	Di Wilson 01926 857002	Heather Barton	Heather Barton
14-07	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507	Pat Cowan	Betty Connelly
21-07	John Nichols 07770 598598	Di Wilson	Di Wilson
28-07	Di Wilson 01926 857002	Pat Scott	Barbara Gillard
	Projector & Sound	Stewards	Readers
07-07	Alison	Anne & Fred Holloway	Janet Paget
14-07	Ivan	Rosemary Lawrence & Donnay Bloy BINS - Recycling	Fred Holloway
21-07	John	Phil Inshaw & Eileen John BINS – grey refuse	Rosemary Lawrence
28-07	Bronwen	Barbara & Ian Rose BINS - Recycling	Ivan Pointon
	Coffee	Car Park	Vestry
07-07	Barbara & Ian Rose		Susan Derwent
14-07	Eileen John & Betty Connelly		Kath Shortley
21-07	Pat Cowan & Ruth Loutit		Vivien Nichols
28-07	Susan Derwent & Di Wilson		John Nichols
	Communion Prep.	Comm. Servers	
21-07	Colin Ritchie & Donna Bloy		

ROTAS – AUGUST 2024

	Transport	Flowers provided by	Flowers arranged by
04/08	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507	John & Jo Williams	Anne Holloway
11/08	John Nichols 07770 598598	Hilary Scott	Helen Thomas
18/08	Di Wilson 01926 857002	Pat Cowan	Ayse McKenzie
25/08	Colin Ritchie 01926 512507		Betty Connelly
	Projector & Sound	Stewards	Readers
04/08	David	Pat Cowan & Anne Gilmore	Anne Gilmore
11/08	Alison	Jo & John Williams BINS-Recycling & grey refuse	Kath Shortley
18/08	Ivan	John Nichols & Mary Lea	John McKenzie
25/08	John	Di Wilson & Julia Graham BINS-Recycling	John Nichols
	Coffee	Car Park	Vestry
04/08	Anne & Fred Holloway		Colin Ritchie
11/08	Kath Shortley & Cheryl Ritchie		Rosemary Lawrence
18/08	Rosemary Lawrence & Suzanne Hall		Anne Holloway
25/08	John Nichols & Mary Lea		Anne Gilmour
	Communion Prep.	Comm. Servers	
	John Nichols & Rosemary Lawrence		

NB: Names in Bold are the Duty Elder



Those church bulletin notices that went wrong somewhere....

- ~ *Glory of God to all and peace to his people on earth*
- ~ *Join us for a skirt presented by the Drama Team.*
- ~ *We will have a Super Bowl party this Sunday night. We will also have our regular service.*
- ~ *Applications are now being accepted for two-year-old nursery workers.*
- ~ *The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.*
- ~ *Song Lyrics: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.*
- ~ *(For the group of ladies called 'Mums Who Care' and pray for the children in school). When their meeting was cancelled one week: There will be no Mums who care this week.*
- ~ *Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.*
- ~ *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget all His benefits.*
- ~ *For the word of God is quick and powerful...piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit.*
- ~ *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men.*
- ~ *We pray that our people will jumble themselves.*
- ~ *Hymn of Response: Crown Him With Many Cows*
- ~ *Childcare provided with reservations.*
- ~ *I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink.*

Den

When W A Gilbert arrived at a provincial hotel to stay the night, he was alarmed to find it filled by clergymen attending a theological conference. He confessed: "I felt like a lion in a den of Daniels." Hesketh Pearson, Gilbert & Sullivan

Miscellaneous observations:

- ~ *I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.*
- ~ *A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.*
- ~ *To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*
- ~ *Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
- ~ *In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify ..." I answered, "a doctor."*

~ *Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright – until you hear them speak.*

Those memorable school reports

(from letters to the Daily Telegraph)

~ *After my first grammar school year: 'A happy soul and quite unconcerned at his ignorance.' I never did improve. – J Swindell, Cheshire*

~ *He has a small red box, which he drops. – R Harrison, East Sussex*

~ *For religious studies, my report in 1973 read: 'Not very interested'. – Revd Roger Hagon Surrey*

~ *I have kept none of my school reports. My mother's maternity records judged me best: 'Feeble at birth with considerable moulding.' – T Duffy, Middlesex*

Press

For the benefit of those who doubt the power of the press, here is a clip from a newspaper: 'Owing to the overcrowded conditions of our columns, a number of births and deaths are unavoidably postponed this week.'

Staying power

Hospital patients' comment about the new minister: "He can stay longer in an hour than most people do in a week."

Hole for one

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. "Cheer up," said the layman. Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day." "Yes," said the priest. "But even then, it will be your hole!"

Signs found outside churches

~ *It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.*

~ *If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.*

~ *Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.*

~ *This is a ch_ch What is missing? (U R)*

~ *Forbidden fruit creates many jams.*

~ *In the dark? Follow the Son.*

~ *Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.*

~ *If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.*

Sky at night

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

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DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.