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ST ANDREW'S SERVICE TIMES

Each Sunday

- 08.00am Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
10.30am Contemporary Eucharist Service (Sung)
- 02.30pm Russian Language Service
05.00pm N Cyprus International Fellowship Service

Each Thursday

- 10.00am Said Holy Communion
(1st Thursday there will also be
prayers for healing)

Each Saturday

- 10.30pm Seventh Day Adventist Service

Sunday, 8th July is Sea Sunday and Ken Wiseman, who is the Director of the Mission to Seafarers in Cyprus has agreed to come and preach for us as guest preacher at our 10.30am Eucharist service.



Each week refreshments are served in the Church Hall after the 10.30am service, all are welcome.

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Thoughts from St Andrew's

The Lord's Prayer - Rev'd Mike Graham

Dear Friends,

My wife Janet has recently had a hip replacement operation which, we're glad to say, appears to have been very successful. But going through that with her reminded me of when I was a curate in St Fin Barre's Cathedral in Cork.



One of the places where I always found you could have a bit of craic in the hospital, was in the orthopaedic ward with those patients who'd been in for hip replacements. Not that there's anything remotely funny about that operation, as we now know from personal experience! But it was the sight of grown people having to learn to walk again with the aid of a frame and a nurse to hold them up - just like a child taking their first steps. I'd tell them that there was no running allowed in that corridor or the sister would be after them, or that I bet that corridor didn't look so long before the operation as it did afterwards.

But it was that idea of having to learn again how to do something that is so basic to most of us that we never ever give it a second thought. Walking.

It's a bit like that with prayer sometimes. Something so basic to our faith life that we never usually give it a second thought, until one day we find that we've forgotten how to, or that we can't pray. And like those patients learning to walk again, we have to

go through those first tottering steps like an infant as we struggle to get even the basics right.

Jesus' disciples, presumably, knew how to pray. As devout Jews they would have followed their daily routine, offering up prayers to God, probably going to the Temple on high days and holy days, listening to the familiar words of prayer, saying them to themselves, saying them out loud as a family, because to the Jews family prayer is so very, very important.

But yet, when they see how Jesus prayed, they said to him "Lord, teach us to pray." And Jesus gave them that most simple of prayers, what we call the Lord's Prayer, yet one which is so very profound.

It is a prayer still used today, though the version we usually pray is the much more formal and rigid one that we just heard in St Matthew's Gospel. Luke's Lord's Prayer is remarkable for its simplicity and its familiarity. And perhaps for that reason, like walking, we don't often give it a second thought.

Here it is from Luke 11: 1-4:

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

So let's look at that simple prayer again. Jesus simply addresses God as "Father". We love our "Almighty and Most Merciful

Father", or "Almighty God, who art the fountain of all". No Jesus simply said "Father", echoing his use of the familiar word "Abba", which can be translated for us as "Daddy". We can come to God in prayer, not in fear and trembling, but as someone whom we can call "Daddy".

"Hallowed be your name". Simply acknowledging God's holiness and worth. "Hallowed" means something like "honoured" - you are our Father, and you are worthy to be given honour and glory.

"Your kingdom come" - may we here on earth learn to live in love and respect for each other and for all your Creation. May we think of the other person first, before our own needs, and do only that which will not hurt or harm or offend our neighbour. Then, truly, God's kingdom of justice and love for all people will come on this earth.

"Give us each day our daily bread" - we can ask God to supply our needs - note, supply our needs, not our wants. We ask for our daily bread, not for a bakery. Sometimes people feel guilty about asking God for things, but here we see that Jesus tells us that we can come to God and ask. The little parable following the prayer shows us that - better even than a friend, God will not turn us away when we have a genuine need, and he will give us the good gifts that he knows we require.

"And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us." - here we see that prayer is a two-way thing. We have duties and responsibilities too - we are responsible for forgiving others if we expect ourselves to be forgiven.

"And do not bring us to the time of trial" - here we ask God's protection, that we may be kept safe in his arms, that we may gather under his wings as the chicks do with a mother hen.

A simple prayer. So simple that most of us learn it as children at our mother's knee, and no better way to teach prayer than by example. And yet so familiar, that most of us never even give it a second thought. Like walking, until we find we can't walk.

So, if you're finding it hard to pray, try the simple way. Use the Lord's Prayer. Pray it slowly, thinking of each petition as you say it. Let it once more soak into your heart and your soul. Learn to walk again, and soon you'll be up and about like it was before.

Mike

Please remember to inform the Chaplain or wardens if someone you know is unwell or in hospital. We cannot contact or visit them [if they would like a pastoral visit], unless we are aware of their situation. We often hear people say, 'I thought you knew'. It is better that we hear several times than not at all.

Items for the next magazine should be sent to the Editor by **Monday 27th August 2018**. Email graniannie@hotmail.com



Fr Edward and his wife Janet

Sunday 1st July marked a special day of celebration. On that day **Fr Edward Jervis**, one of the retired priests in St Andrew's, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The lectionary was laid aside for that day and instead the readings for the Feast of SS Peter and Paul were used, together with hymns appropriate to the occasion, for it was during Petertide that Fr Edward was priested in 1978 in Lichfield Cathedral while serving as a curate in the parish of West Bromwich in the Diocese of Lichfield.

Fr Edward served as curate in West Bromwich from 1977 – 1980 when he became curate in Horsham in the Diocese of Chichester from 1980 – 1986. Following this he was Instituted as Rector of the Parish of West Tarring, also in the Diocese of Chichester, where he served until his retirement in 2014.

The guest preacher for this special service was Mr **Justin Arnott**. Justin lives in Cyprus and has been a Lay Reader attached to the Cathedral of St Paul in Nicosia. Following training he is to be ordained Deacon in the Cathedral on Saturday 7th July 2018 and will continue to serve in St Paul's.



During his sermon Justin marvelled at the juxtaposition of a new ordinand and a long-serving priest, but emphasised to the congregation that all ordained ministers, indeed all in the Church whatever the ministry to which they are called, ordained or lay, are supported by the prayers of the whole Church. This is vital and must be continued throughout the Diocese and beyond.



Following the celebratory Eucharist the congregation were invited to St Andrew's Hall for some delicious anniversary cake made by **Linda Smith** and "fizz", where they were joined by other members of the Diocese to congratulate Fr Edward on his special day.

CHURCH HALL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	BELLAPAIS GROUP (not every week)	14.00 - 16.00
	REHOBOTH CHURCH	18.30 - 21.00
TUESDAY	MARA (1st and 3rd Tues each month)	19.00 – 21.00
WEDNESDAY	KYRENIA CAMBER CHOIR	18.00 – 19.30
THURSDAY	REHOBOTH CHURCH	18.30 – 21.00
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS	10.30 – 12.00
	AA	13.00 – 14.00
SUNDAY	RUSSIAN GROUP	14.00 – 17.00

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GOD SAVED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. titus 3:5

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation can be an important part of a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. In confirmation, you make the promises your parents made on your behalf at your baptism for yourself, making public your commitment to a journey of faith. It's a great moment to acknowledge your place in the local and worldwide church. In turn the church will promise to support and pray for you.

Rev'd Mike Graham was recently asked by someone about adult confirmation. He began to think that there may be other adults out there who would be interested in finding out more about confirmation. So before arrangements for "classes" (which will really just be sitting down and having a discussion about our faith) are made it could be timely to ask a general question: "If anyone is interested in adult confirmation would they please contact the Rev'd Mike Graham" – 0533 877 8307 or revmike@standrewskyrenia.org. You may even wish to participate in a confirmation course to help you think about whether the time is right for you to take this decision.



Friends of St Andrew's

A letter from Pat Eberington

Hello Everyone,

Well, we got off to a good start this month as on the first Sunday in June our celebrant was Archdeacon John Holdsworth. He preached to a full church on the letters of St Paul. Afterwards we had a full church hall for coffee and chat, (I think that's down to Rev'd Michael's biscuit advert). We do seem to be having lots of visitors and what is extra nice is that they come back for a second visit if their holiday is long enough.

Our Music Week came next and commenced on the morning of Thursday 7th with a Choral Eucharist and continued on the same evening with a Festival of Favourite Hymns. (I sadly missed both of these occasions as I was returning from a visit to Turkey), but I was in time for the Friday Evening Concert and what a treat it was! Canon Martin White played a selection of solo organ pieces and then he with his wife Noreen, who was playing the piano, performed a movement from a Handel Organ Concerto for us which had everyone smiling.

John Crothers then read a tribute to Gordon Appleton and the choir followed it with the anthem " He came singing love" which was introduced to us by Gordon two years ago. It was both beautifully sung and very moving. A collection taken during the concert raised



over two thousand TL, which was to be shared between Tulips Cancer Charity and The Women's Refuge in Lefkosia. The evening was beautifully rounded off by a reception in the Church precincts for all present.

On Sunday morning A Sung Festal Eucharist was the final item on the Music Week Agenda and even a short power cut didn't put the choir off their stride and they continued without missing a beat. It really was a beautiful and moving occasion. Looking at the faces of the choir one could see how much they had enjoyed it themselves.

I must, also say how lovely and appropriate the floral decorations were with music notes popped in amongst the flowers and down the columns below, both at the front and rear of the church.



Bishop Michael and Mrs Julia Lewis visited us on the 24th June when the Bishop was both Celebrant and Preacher at our 10.30 am service. Using all the Lectionary texts we had heard that morning Bishop Michael reminded us that parishes have their times of storm as well as their times of calm and that we must remember that Jesus is always with us.

They both joined us downstairs in the hall for coffee after the service and as usual, lots of chat.

The following Sunday, July 1st we had a lovely extra after the service as we celebrated with Fr Edward Jervis the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in Lichfield Cathedral in 1978. He served as curate until 1986 when he became Rector of West Tarring in the Diocese of Chichester where he remained until his retirement in 2014.

Our preacher at the above service was Justin Arnott, well known to visitors to the Cathedral and Synod, who is being ordained Deacon the 7th July at St Paul's Cathedral which several of St Andrew's congregation will be attending.

There are some lovely photographs of both of the above occasions on our website taken by the Rev'd Michael Graham and well worth a visit.

Well, I think that's about everything covered for now.

Have a lovely summer and enjoy.

Much Love.

Pat E.

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Forgive

Forgive someone. Today forgive.
Turn from bitter to positive.
End frustration, anger, pain;
Wash the anguish from your brain.

No need to reconcile or tell;
Just feel better and get well.
A brand new, peaceful life to live,
That's your gift, when you forgive.

By Joanna Fuchs

Calendar of Services and Duties - July 2018

Date	Service Time	Sidespersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
1 July Trinity 5	10.30am	Myka Katende and Gayne Lubo	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24 Psalm:30 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Mark 5: 21-43	Sandy Oram Bob Taylor Gloria Tattersall Clergy	Mavis Steele	Pat Etherington
8 July Trinity 6	10.30am	Amanda Warrender and Linda Luster	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 2: 1-5 Psalm:123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	Mercy Sue Walker Gordon Hayes Clergy	Anne Kevil	John Hodgson
15 July Trinity 7	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Amos 7: 7-15 Psalm:85;8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6: 14-29	Frank Gillin Jacqueline McIntyre Gillian Hodgson Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	Precious
22 July Trinity 8	10.30am	Precious and Mercy	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Psalm:23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56	Carolyn Hayes Diana Peek James Gibbs Clergy	Mavis Steele	Gloria Tattersall
29 July Trinity 9 (5th Sunday)	10.30am	Stuart and Lyn Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm:145: 10-19 Ephesians 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21	Alan Peek Lyn Hillard Izzy Clergy	Gloria Tattersall	John Hodgson

The Chaplain requests that all readers, intercessors and chalice bearers are at church by 10.15 at the latest on the weeks they are on duty for prayers before the service.

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if you do swap your duty please ensure that it is recorded on the master list in the Vestry.

Calendar of Services and Duties - August 2018

Date	Service Time	Sidepersons	Readings	Text	Readers	Prayers	Chalice
5 August Trinity 10	10.30am	Linda Lister and Amanda Warrender	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78: 23-29 Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6: 24-35	Shane Barnes Sandy Oram Gillian Hodgson Clergy	Mavis Steele	Anna Lloyd
12 August Trinity 11	10.30am	Frank and Joan Gillin	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	1 Kings 19: 4-8 Psalm 34: 1-8 Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2 John 6: 35, 41-51	Gordon Hayes Carolyn Hayes Diana Peak Clergy	Anne Keevil	Stuart Hillard
19 August Trinity 12	10.30am	Jacqueline Monnye and Anne Lloyd	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Proverbs 9: 1-6 Psalm 34: 9-14 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58	Alan Peak Sue Walker James Gibbs Clergy	Anne Lloyd	Gloria Townerall
26 August Trinity 13	10.30am	Lyn and Stuart Hillard	1st Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34: 15-22 Ephesians 6: 10-20 John 6: 55-69	Stuart Hillard Amanda Warrender Frank Gillin Clergy	Mavis Steele	John Hodgson

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The Marvellous Food Bank

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THURSDAY LADIES GROUP

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St Andrew's collects used postage stamps which the charity **EMBRACE the Middle East** sells to raise funds for the Helen Keller Centre for the Blind in Jerusalem, one of the many organisations they support throughout the Middle East.

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Diocesan Prayer Requests

During this month please add the following
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St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia: we welcome all those who come through our doors as worshippers and pilgrims, as visitors and sightseers, in prayer and in communion whether local to Nicosia, visiting us from elsewhere in Cyprus or coming from overseas from anywhere in the whole world. We rejoice at the opportunities to reflect our faith in Nicosia to help those who are vulnerable; sick and suffering; in need; in our homes, work and places of rest and recreation. We continue to pray with hope at the development of our Sunday School and the Jesus Church Ministry. We pray for the ordination and ministry of Justin and for his family as we begin this new journey together. God, our Father, pour your blessings upon your Church. May your kingdom come according to your will. Amen.

Standing and Finance Committee: Pray for the business of synod to be carried on thoughtfully through the year.

Holy Trinity Dubai and the daughter congregation in Al Ain, St Thomas: Pray that the new regulations of the government may not adversely affect our function and the uniqueness of the HTC Compound is maintained. Thanks to God for the completion of the Renovation of the HTC Compound. Praise be to God for his guidance throughout the period of the Renovation project. Please pray for the upcoming programmes of the church. The Youth Camp, the Volunteers Meeting and the various special days that are planned for the next six months that we as a church grow together in love and fellowship. Breathe in us, O Holy Spirit, that our thoughts may all be holy. Act in us, O Holy Spirit, that our work, too, may be holy. That we always may be holy. Amen.

Finance: Pray for generosity, responsibility, and imagination in the use of money and resources and for the Director of Finance.

St. Martin's Sharjah, UAE: We praise God for the various fellowships of the church, especially the women's, men's, children's, teen's, and African Fellowship, as well as important ministries such as welcome, prayer, choir, acolytes, altar guild, chalice bearer's, new member's, and the Migrant Labour Ministry.

THE SUMMERTIME

Thank you Lord for the golden sun
That warms the earth from sky of blue
The rays that brightens the summer's day
Speaks of the love that flows from you

The summertime of heat filled days
We thank you for the cooling breeze
And the shade that cools us down
Under the shadow of leaf topped trees

We seek the shelter of your wings
Your breath upon us like a cooling wind
To ease the spirit and comfort the soul
And the rest you give to us who sinned

We thank you for the sparkling sea
To dive beneath its cooling waves
And Lord we thank you for the blood
Of your Saviour Son the One who saves

The summer days we thank you for
The joys of spending sun filled hours
Along the coast or countryside
Or in the garden viewing pretty flowers

For in the heart redeemed by you
Your Saviour Son brings a better clime
Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace
And for our souls it is always summertime

Colin Moffett

Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

The Feast Day is celebrated on 6th August

QUESTION: What is the significance of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ?

ANSWER:

"After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:2-9).

The account of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ as recorded here in Mark (parallel passages are found in Matthew 17:1-3 and Luke 9:28-36) is a demonstration to three witnesses that Jesus Christ was who He claimed to be. In all three accounts of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, we are given the names of the three disciples who accompanied Jesus and who stood as human witnesses to the glory that was Christ's. There were also three heavenly witnesses, Moses, Elijah, and the voice of God from heaven. Therefore, the Old Testament law of three witnesses required to attest to any fact (Deuteronomy 19:15) was satisfied both in earth and in heaven.

The word "transfigured" is a very interesting word. The Greek word is "metamorpho" and it means to transform, literally or figuratively to

metamorphose, or to change. The word is a verb that means to change into another form. It also means to change the outside to match the inside. The prefix "meta" means to change and the "morphe" means form. In the case of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ it means to match the outside with the reality of the inside. To change the outward so that it matches the inward reality. Jesus' divine nature was "veiled" ([Hebrews 10:20](#)) in human form and the transfiguration was a glimpse of that glory. Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ displayed the Shekinah glory of God incarnate in the Son. The voice of God attesting to the truth of Jesus' Sonship was the second time God's voice was heard. The first time was at Jesus' baptism into His public ministry by John the Baptist ([Matthew 3:7](#); [Mark 1:11](#); [Luke 3:22](#)).

Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a unique display of His divine character and a glimpse of the glory, which Jesus had before He came to earth in human form. This truth is emphasized for us in a passage in the Apostle Paul's letter to Phillippi. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form (morphe) of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form (morphe) of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" ([Philippians 2:5-11](#)).

The Son of God came to earth in the form of a man to be the true servant of God and to gift mankind with the greatest gift ever given, eternal life. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a visible sign in the presence of reliable witnesses of the reality of the power of God and the glory, which is Christ Jesus.

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For Jimmy

One morning in May, BBC Breakfast News carried an item about the Mizen Foundation, whose slogan is 'Making Children Safer for Jimmy'. Jimmy Mizen was murdered during an unprovoked attack whilst shopping in a bakery on 10th May 2008, just one day after his sixteenth birthday.



His mother made a promise on the day that he died that she would make his death and life count for something good. Having a child so brutally murdered in an unprovoked attack could have caused hatred and a desire for revenge, but Margaret Mizen said, as Jesus taught, that she would show compassion and not retribution. She wanted to create a living legacy of forgiveness, peace and hope for Jimmy. Barry and Margaret Mizen refused to let evil win and they, working with schools, youth workers and the police set up their Foundation. They go into schools to talk to the children about love and peace, and keeping safe without retaliation, they actively promote non-violence.

In Lewisham, in south London where they live, a programme called the Safe Haven has been started. The idea is to create safe places (mostly in shops), marked by yellow stickers, where children who are threatened can go for help. They have also set up Good Hope Cafes which gives employment to young people and a sense of purpose whilst funding the foundation. In this way something good is coming out of Jimmy's premature death.

Christians following Jesus' teaching believe that love should show itself in actions rather than just words and the Mizen family are certainly acting out their faith. A faith which has been their 'rock' throughout the dark years since Jimmy dies. Thankfully not many of

us will have to face the terrible tragedy experienced by the Mizen family. However, everyday we can find ourselves challenged by things that test our faith and even our decent human nature.

How do we respond to insult, disappointment, to those situations that seemingly break us? Do we respond with love and generosity or do we simply give up and turn our back? At the end of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives us a strong reminder of what counts with God. He says trying to hide behind empty words or rhetoric is the futile because it is what is in our hearts that counts and it is that what distinguishes between those who say they listen but don't pay heed and those who do listen to his words and act upon them.

Jesus says those who listen and act are 'like a sensible man who built his house on rock'.

Rev'd Janice O'Shaughnessy
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Should you wish to discover more about the Jimmy Mizen Foundation and the work it has undertaken in the ten years since his untimely death and the work that continues today by linking with <http://forjimmy.org>

Easy hummus recipe

Ingredients

- 1 x 400g can chickpea, don't drain
- 1 tbsp tahini paste
- 1 large garlic clove, chopped



3 tbsp 0% fat Greek yogurt good squeeze lemon juice

1. Drain the chickpeas into a sieve set over a bowl or jug to catch the liquid. Tip the chickpeas, tahini, garlic and yogurt into a food processor or blender and whizz to smooth.
2. Whizz in a tbsp of the chickpea liquid at a time until you have a nice consistency, then scrape into a bowl.
3. Stir in a squeeze of lemon juice and season to taste.



St Andrew's has enjoyed many beautiful flower displays in our church over the past few years that have been created by Linda Lister. Always managing something especially spectacular for the big occasions too. We have been blessed to have someone with such a wonderful talent, but sadly Linda has decided to put her scissors and oasis away. We thank her for all she has given and we will miss her creativity very much.



A recent floral display made by Linda Lister on the occasion of the Feast of SS Peter and Paul, Sunday 1st July when Fr Edward Jervis celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The display not only incorporated the red liturgical colour associated with the Saints' Day but also a scroll bearing an inscription from Matthew 16: v 18,19. In keeping with v 19 Linda had also added red keys to the display and a bible, representing the one give to Fr Edward at his priesting.

Forgiveness

An amazing story of a great woman of God - Corrie ten Boom

It was in a church in Munich where I was speaking in 1947 that I saw him - a balding heavyset man in a grey overcoat, a brown felt hat clutched between his hands. One moment I saw the overcoat and the brown hat, the next, a blue uniform and a vizored cap with its skull and crossbones.

Memories of the concentration camp came back with a rush: the huge room with its harsh overhead lights, the pathetic pile of dresses and shoes in the center of the floor, the shame of walking naked past this man. I could see my sister's frail form ahead of me, ribs sharp beneath the parchment of skin.

Betsie and I had been arrested for concealing Jews in our home during the Nazi occupation of Holland. This man had been a guard at Ravensbruck concentration camp where we were sent. Now he was in front of me, hand thrust out: "A fine message, fraulein! How good it is to know that, as you say, all our sins are at the bottom of the sea!" It was the first time since my release that I had been face to face with one of my captors and my blood seemed to freeze.

"You mentioned Ravensbruck in your talk," he was saying. "I was a guard there. But since that time," he went on, "I have become a Christian. I know that God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did there, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. Fraulein - "again the hand came out - "will you forgive me?"

And I stood there - and could not. Betsie had died in that place - could he erase her slow terrible death simply for the asking? It could not have been many seconds that he stood there, hand held out, but to me it seemed hours as I wrestled with the most difficult thing I had ever had to do.

For I had to do it - I knew that. The message that God forgives has a prior condition: that we forgive those who have injured us. "If you do not forgive men their trespasses," Jesus says, "neither will your Father in Heaven forgive your trespasses."

Still I stood there with the coldness clutching my heart. But forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart. "Jesus, help me!" I prayed silently. "I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling."

And so woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out to me. And as I did, an incredible thing took place. The current started in my shoulder, raced down my arm, sprang into our joined hands. And then this healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes.

"I forgive you, brother!" I cried. "With all my heart!"

For a long moment we grasped each other's hands, the former guard and former prisoner. I had never known God's love so intensely as I did then.

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WHEN I SAY

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I've got lost!"
That's why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't speak with human pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble—
Needing God to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all.
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I still feel a sting of pain.
I have my share of heartache,
Which is why I seek God's name.

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When I say, "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge,
I have no authority.....
I only know I'm loved.

IT'S HOW YOU SEE IT

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He had a sign which read: "I am blind. Please Help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

When a man came walking by, he took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. Then he took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words on the back. He put the sign where it was, so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.



Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I wrote: 'Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.'"

Both signs told people the same thing... that the boy was blind. But the second sign told people they were extremely fortunate that they were not blind. So should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?



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