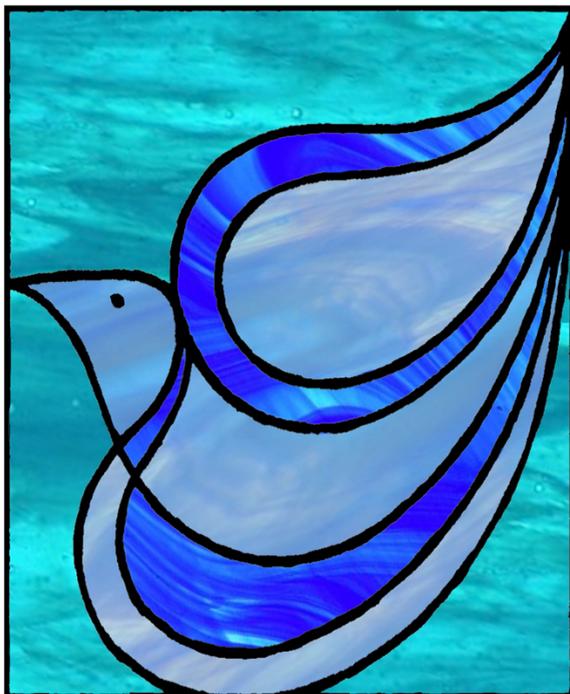


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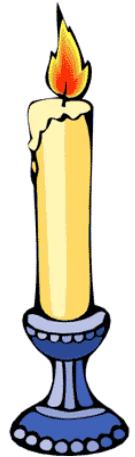
From the rectory

We finally finish celebrating Christmas with the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2nd February, 40 days after Christmas. Anna and Simeon a priest recognises the baby brought by Mary and Joseph to the Temple as the Messiah, and Simeon says;

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

The Festival is also known as Candlemass. Candles are used in church to represent Christ the light of the world. The Festival also became important due to people bringing their candles from home to be blessed before being lit in their homes over the next year. Candles caused a great deal of fires and so asking for the candles to be blessed was thought to help to prevent such fires.

During February as well as coming to the end of 40 days of Christmas we also start the 40 days of Lent with Ash Wednesday falling on 26th February this year. So over the next few weeks, as the commercial world gets ready for St Valentine's Day let us look to the Saints and Martyrs, and Jesus Himself, and great ready to prepare ourselves for Lent which in turn prepares us for the greatest act of love ever carried out, Jesus dying on the cross for all humankind.



Mother Elizabeth

Joy 2020 Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th March Bishop in Mission.

Bishop's Robert, Nick and Jackie will be spending 4 days in north Devon including a service at Rosemoor at 3pm on Sunday 8th. All will be welcome. Further details to follow.



News from the Churches in our Benefice

St. Peter and St. Paul, Holsworthy

By Bob Beckford

Photo to the right is by Rodney Parish ©



Great News

The Holsworthy PCC and Churchwardens want to pass on their grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed to all the collections that take place during church services and for supporting the various fund raising events we held during 2019, thanks also to those who responded to the special Christmas appeal made by Mother Elizabeth and also all those who helped with the Christmas fund raising events. We are also indebted to all those kind people who have helped the church through other practical ways and in doing so saved us from the need to spend money.

We have met our 2019 Common Fund request of £18,557 in full.

That was a tremendous effort by all those concerned. **Thank You**

Common Fund Request 2020

No time to rest because we have now received our request for 2020, the amount requested each year is adjusted by such things as the rate of inflation, just like our weekly giving should be, and also takes into account such things as the number of people attending church services on set census dates and the number on the electoral roll. An average over the past three years is used in calculating the request. We are slightly up on numbers, which is a good thing but does of course mean we are expected to contribute a little more.

The Common Fund Request for 2020 for Holsworthy has been set at £19,021.

We now have to think about fund raising during 2020. The PCC already have several events in the pipeline, the details will be published soon but for the moment here is a taster of what is to come. The details will be on the Sunday service sheet, the website and on the notice boards inside and outside of church as soon as they are finalised, perhaps pencil them into your diary for now as provisional. If you can think of anything else please pass on the details to one of the churchwardens or a member of the PCC.

February - Bingo Evening 21st or 22nd February at The White Hart

March - Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall 11th March

April - St Georges Day Party 23rd April at The White Hart
Organ Recital in church 26th April

May - May Day Breakfast 2nd May

June - Afternoon Tea at the Rectory 13th June
Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall 17th June

July - Fayre Day 8th July
Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir 25th July

We are hoping to be able to persuade the Arscott Ladies to come again at some time during the year. The concert they gave last year was excellent.

Watch out for confirmation of these dates.

Burn's Supper 2020 - In the Memorial Hall.

By Helen Narborough

On the evening of Friday 24th January, Holsworthy Parish Church hosted a traditional Burns Night Supper to celebrate the life and poetry of Scottish poet Robert Burns (born 25th January 1759). Over 90 people gathered in the Memorial Hall to enjoy a supper of cock-a-leekie soup, haggis, neeps and tatties and a trio Scottish desserts.



The haggis was piped in to the hall and 'addressed' with the poem written by Burns to express his appreciation of the haggis. Many thanks to Ted England, Richard Hutchings, Geoff Cusick and Mthr. Elizabeth for wonderful poetry, speeches and toasts.

The supper was followed by a ceilidh, which was enthusiastically received and enjoyed by all.

Music and caller were provided by the band Piping Hot.

Further thanks must go to anyone who helped out in any way and to all who attended for making this a fantastic evening and thank you all for supporting your parish church. A great night was had by all and **£588** was raised towards church funds.



The Friend's of Holsworthy Parish Church St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw

The winners of the Draw, drawn on 20th January were –

1st Prize, £27.50 – ticket number 102, Peter from Park Close

2nd Prize, £5.50 – ticket number 88, Bruce from The Golden Fleece

You can still purchase a ticket and join in for the next 2 months, price of the ticket to be included in the February draw is £2.

Please speak to Helen Narborough our treasurer or a member of the PCC if you would like to purchase a ticket.

St. Petroc, Hollacombe

by Margaret Stacey

Services in February

Please note there will not be Evensong at Hollacombe on 2nd Feb as there is a 4pm Welcome Service for the Rev Stephen Skinner at Ashwater Parish Church.



Sunday Feb 16th 9.30am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

26th Feb, Ash Wednesday when we see the rich purple altar frontal again and the Christmas Tree Cross with a changing theme each week. Please keep watch for extra services at Hollacombe during Lent.

Services in March

Sunday 1st March. 3pm Evensong. BCP

As advised in the earlier magazines, please contact a church member or consult the web site to any alterations of services at this time. We are in a rural area with minor roads leading to the church which may be impassable should we have inclement weather conditions.

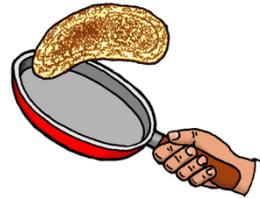
Services across the Benefice

There will not be a Benefice Christingle on 9th February as previously advertised.

Shrove Tuesday - 25th February

Bridgerule – 4pm Shrove Service with Pancakes and Races

Pyworthy – 6pm Shrove Service with Pancakes and Races



Holsworthy Methodist Church Thursday Group Programme 2019/2020

2020

Feb 13th “THE CINNAMON TRUST” Tricia Glover

Feb 27th “COMING UP FROM DOWN UNDER” Lynda and Cliff Vickery

March 12th “OLD LAUNCESTON” Rob Tremain

March 26th “THE MARATIME ISLANDS” John & Stella Burnard

April 9th “MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION” Clive Smale

April 23rd “A GAMES EVENING” Sylvia Simpson

May 7th “MY VISIT TO JAPAN” Christine Williams

May 21st AGM Followed by Hilary Vivian

All meetings at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise, for further information please contact Doreen Buckingham (Tel: 253462)

General News from The Parish Pump

Church of England Christmas advert got 170,000 views in just 48 hours

The Church of England's Christmas Advert for 2019 was viewed more than 170,000 times in the two days following its launch, with viewers tuning in via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

In the first 48 hours, the advert received over 110,000 views on Facebook, and a further 60,000 on Twitter, entirely through organic sharing by churches and individuals. For the first time, the CofE had also created interactive stickers for churches and individuals to use as part of their social media posts and stories, which have already been seen nearly 160,000 times.

Meanwhile, almost 20,000 have been added to AChurchNearYou.com, the CofE's 'church finder' which helps people to find their nearest events, and discover the Christmas story.

Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea

The Bible Society has announced that “We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!”

The Psalm 23 Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020, designed by Sarah Eberle, will offer visitors the chance “to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed”.

The Bible Society said: “This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden.

“We hope you’ll love it. And after the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families.”

The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will “join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let’s get gardening!”

You can follow the project on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and join us on the road to Chelsea.

New research findings published on clergy flourishing

A new set of findings from a 10-year study into the well-being and flourishing of ordained ministers in the Church of England has been recently published.

The Living Ministry programme tracks the progress of groups of clergy ordained in 2006, 2011 and 2015 and women and men who entered training for ordination in 2016, seeking to understand what helps clergy to flourish in ministry.

The latest research from the project includes responses from 579 ordained clergy and 113 people training for ordained ministry in the Church of England.

The quantitative study includes research into physical, mental, relational, financial material, spiritual and vocational well-being, as well as responses to questions about ministerial effectiveness.

The Rt Revd Dr Chris Goldsmith, Director of the Ministry Division of the Church of England said: “This 10-year programme is providing valuable long-term insights

into the experiences of our ordained clergy from initial training and curacy and throughout ministry.

“The findings will help inform the dioceses and theological education colleges and courses in their vital work in the selection, formation and long-term support of ordained clergy.”

Church of England appoints National Environment Officer

Jo Chamberlain has been appointed as the National Environment Officer for the Church of England, taking forward the strategy developed by the Environment Working Group. This is a new post reflecting the Archbishops' Council's focus on the environment as a theological and mission priority.

Jo joins the Mission and Public Affairs team from Christian Aid and the Diocese of Sheffield where she volunteers as their Environment Adviser. She will work closely with the Environment Consultant, David Shreeve, and link with the Cathedrals and Church Buildings team where Open and Sustainable Churches Officer, Catherine Ross, forms the third part of a new environment staff 'hub'.

Keeping love going

Here is some good news: the divorce rate has fallen to the lowest level for nearly 50 years. It seems that the many children of divorce have in their turn decided to stick at their marriage, and thus avoid the trauma of splitting up.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) data shows that divorce has decreased to the lowest level since 1971. That means that couples who married five years ago have experienced 50 per cent fewer divorces than couples who married in the late Eighties.

Family lawyers believe the reduction in divorce is due to the children of divorce wanting to protect their own children from the financial pressures and emotional devastation that a split family can bring.

Romance is not everything!

Almost two thirds (60 per cent) of the single adults in the UK have deliberately chosen their single lifestyle, with more women (66 per cent) than men (53 per cent) opting for the single life. There are two good reasons, according to the findings of a recent study: a desire for independence, and a weariness when it comes to dealing with relationship problems.

The research, carried out for Lloyds Bank, also found that love can cost you financially. According to Office for National Statistics (ONS) data, single people spend £300 less on living costs each month – or £3,600 a year.

Men and doctors

Men do not like doctors. In fact, eight out of ten men would prefer to endure an illness rather than seek help from their GP.

Despite recent campaigns urging them to take their health seriously, a survey by BUPA has found that 48 per cent of men would only go to the doctor if they absolutely had to. And 39 per cent of men would actually let the pain become unbearable, before they sought any help.

Could an ambulance even find you?

You and your friends know where you live, but could a 999 crew find you?

Paramedics warn that too many people do not make their house numbers clear. That means paramedics are wasting valuable time looking for clues as to which house is which, while shrubs and rubbish bins often obscure the numbers.

In an emergency, even a few minutes can mean life or death. So, make sure that your house can be quickly found. Make sure that your house number is easily visible from the street. If your house has got a name, put the house number next to it as well, so that in an emergency, the ambulances can reach you in time.

Teenage couch-potatoes

Do you have teenagers? What are they doing at the moment? Chances are, they are glued to their phone. The World Health Organisation has warned that some 80 per cent of teenagers in Britain do not take enough exercise, and that a couch-potato lifestyle has become their norm.

Girls are even less active than boys, with 75 per cent of boys and 85 per cent of girls not doing enough exercise. The WHO is urging teenagers to do at least an hour of moderate physical activity – walking or cycling – each day.

In the UK, one in five children is obese or overweight by the time they leave primary school.

Never underestimate a tortoise

They may be asleep at the moment, but tortoises are not the stay-at-homes couch potatoes that you may think they are. In fact, so many have been leaving their

homes to go on walk-about, that now the RSPCA is advising that they be microchipped. The charity rescued almost 1,000 tortoises last year.

Experts advise that once Spring and Summer comes, tortoises will be able to climb, dig, and push their slow but determined way through barriers. They should be microchipped and kept in a secure enclosure. “Tortoises are actually quite active and can move at quite a pace when they want to.”

‘Tap and go’ – straight into debt

The increasing use of contactless payments is leading young people into debt. A recent study has found that one in five Londoners below the age of 45 are struggling to pay their debts, because of the ease of making ‘tap and go’ payments.

Now more than one in 10 young people are thinking of stopping their contactless and online payments, and moving back to cash, as a better way to control their spending.

The study was carried out at the University of London. It comes after data from the Insolvency Service showed that the number of young people going bankrupt has increased 10-fold over the past three years.

Hedges

A hedge around your property is good for you. A recent study has found that the humble hedge, when in full leaf, can cut air pollution around it by up to half.

A recent study by the University of Guildford measured traffic pollutants on either side of a hedge in a park on the road to Guildford. The survey found that the level of particulate pollutions – those tiny particles of soot and other matter that cause illness – was cut by half after the hedge reached full leaf in April.

So – if your home is along a busy road, grow a hedge!

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Hear the recommendations they've made for future health and care services in Holsworthy and the surrounding area

Community, NHS, voluntary sector and local authorities working together

Benefice Services for February - <http://www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk>

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| 2nd Feb | 11.15am Patronal Sung Eucharist | | 9.30am Sung Eucharist Candle Mass | | 9.30am All Age Service |
| 9th Feb | 11.15am Morning Prayer | | 9.30am Sung Eucharist | | 11.15am Sung Eucharist |
| 16th Feb | 11.15am Sung Eucharist | 9.30am Sung BCP Holy Communion | 9.30am Sung Eucharist | | 9.30am Morning Prayer |
| 23rd Feb | 11.15am Morning Prayer | | 9.30am Sung Morning Prayer | 9.30am Sung Eucharist | 11.15am Sung Eucharist |
| Shrove Tuesday 25th Feb | 4pm Shrove Service with pancakes & races | | | | 6pm Shrove Service with pancakes & races |
| Ash Wednesday 26th Feb | 10am Primary School Service with Imposition of Ashes | | 1.30 Primary School Service with Imposition of Ashes | | |
| 7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes | | | | | |
| 1st Mar | 11.15am Sung Eucharist | 3pm Sung BCP Evensong | 9.30am Sung Eucharist | | 9.30am All Age Service |

All are welcome at any of the services

This chart was correct at the time we went to press. Please check on the back of your weekly service sheet for any last-minute changes or take a look at the Benefice Calendar on our www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/services/benefice-calendar/

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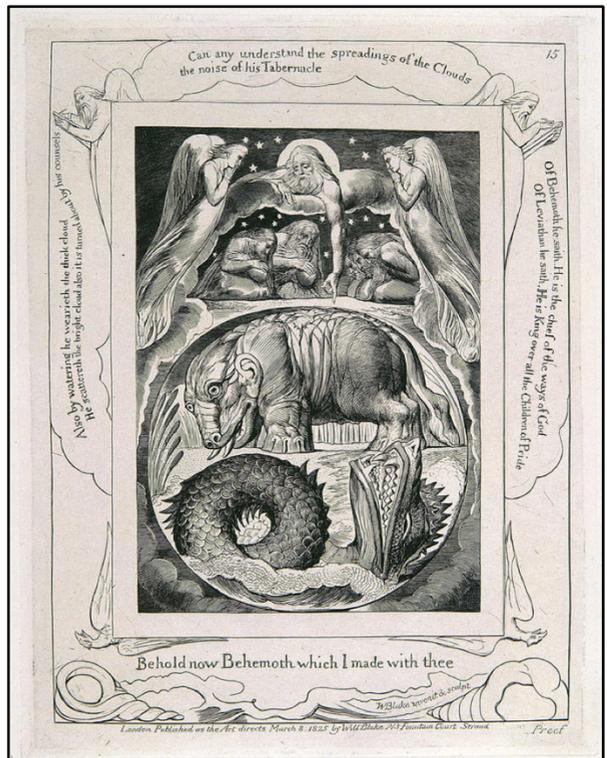
Editor: The Rev Michael Burgess begins a series on animals and birds as seen in art and scripture... this will run throughout 2020.

'He gave us eyes to see them': William Blake's engravings of Job

The canticle we call the Benedicite began its life as the Song of the Three Holy Children. In the midst of their terrifying ordeal in the burning fiery furnace, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego praise God. They call on the sky above, the seasons, and all that grows and moves on the earth to join them. Their song invites the whales in the sea, the birds of the air and all creatures to echo their praise. Finally, they ask all people who are holy and humble in heart to bless God the creator of all that is.

During this year we are exploring the glory and wonder of creation, especially animals and birds. The song of the Benedicite praising that creation is born of pain and testing. That ordeal is the theme of another book in the Old Testament - Job. We are told that he was an upright, blameless man, but he suffered. That pain tested his faith and he demanded an explanation from God.

The book of Job inspired the visionary work of the poet and painter, William Blake. In 1823 he began creating a series of 22 engravings illustrating Job which were based on earlier water-colours. Plate 13 depicts God answering Job out of the whirlwind. We can read of this in chapters 39-41. God asks Job if he was present at creation. Indeed, can he even begin to understand the marvels of this world - the mountain goat giving birth, a horse running through a



meadow, or the eagle soaring in the sky. They praise God like the creatures in the Benedicite by their very being. And finally, God points to Behemoth and Leviathan - the hippopotamus and the crocodile - who are symbols of power and brute strength. They are shown in Plate 15 and fill the orb of the world, just as they dominate creation.

God answers Job with this catalogue of wonders to assure him that He is the Creator, but He does respond to the cry of humanity. Job may not understand the stars above nor the earth beneath his feet, but through meeting God, his life has gained meaning and value. His fortunes are restored, and he ends his days as one of the holy and humble of heart who praise God in the Benedicite. The Three Children of the fiery furnace and Job - they assure us that this world is full of wonders and glory that show the handiwork of God. When we realise that, we will join them in singing hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

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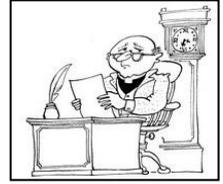
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February 2020 – Letter from St. James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace'.... Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St. James-the-Least in the county of C..... for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...



On why pews are better than chairs

The Rectory
St James the Least

Mr dear Nephew Darren

While it was good to see you when you visited us last Sunday, your suggestion to our churchwardens that chairs would be far more comfortable than our pews was not well received. You must remember that significant numbers in any congregation firmly believe that the more uncomfortable they are, the holier they must be. Pews, generally designed several centuries ago when legs were shorter and bottoms smaller, are conducive neither to comfort nor sleep – although Colonel Marchington achieves the latter unerringly every Sunday within minutes of arrival.

At least with pews, parishioners can make some pretence at kneeling, adopting that peculiar crouch only ever seen in church life. Attempt that with chairs and you are assured of sending the one in front sliding across the floor with a shriek. Chairs may be all very well in your own church, so you can create space for the delights of liturgical dance and baby clinics, but we prefer something more immovable. Little Miss Thripp has, over the years, created something of a nest where she sits, quietly bringing in cushions, travelling rugs and her own supply of books and peppermints. As for Major Hoare, I suspect he is installing a drinks cabinet in his pew.

Pews, unlike rows of chairs, also create territorial behaviour. If a visitor should sit in a pew where regulars have sat for the last 50 years, it is regarded as if it were the invasion of Poland. One innocent family once chose the pew where generations of the Psmith family have sat since dinosaurs roamed the land. The Psmiths had no intention of ceding territory peacefully and so for the whole of Mattins, one pew which should have held 6 people sat 9. When they stood to sing, the line exploded into the aisles on both sides, returning to their compressed state, necessitating staggered shallow breathing, when re-seated.

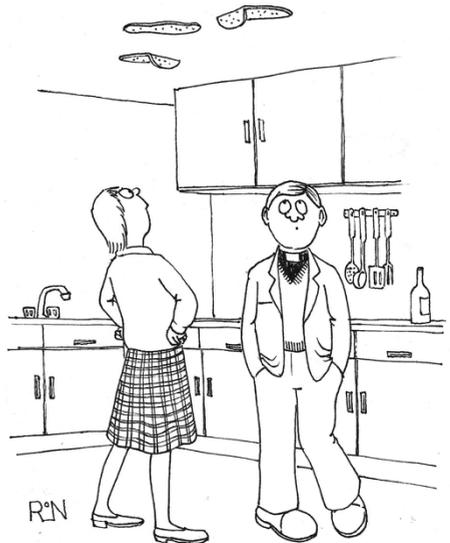
I will concede, however, that we made one mistake some years ago when the pews were re-varnished without having been fully cleaned first. The result is that every time the congregation stands, the organ is drowned out by the sound of tearing, while coats and jackets reluctantly part company with wood.

No, your congregation may relax in the luxury of padded chairs, but we will stoutly maintain our holy discomfort.

Your loving uncle, *Eustace*



"Ready when you are, George..."



"Pancake party?" said Simon.
"What Pancake Party?"

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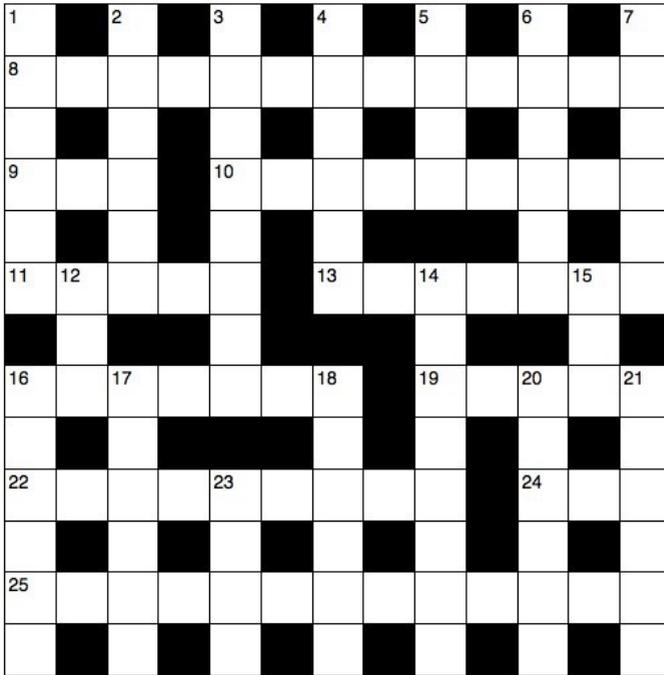
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The Puzzle Pages February 2019 Crossword

(The solution to this crossword puzzle can be found on page 28)



Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living

- sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)

- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

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Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...

All in the Month of February

It was:

75 years ago, in Feb/Mar 1945 that Anne Frank, Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, at the age of 15, probably from typhus. Known for *The Diary of a Young Girl*.

Also 75 years ago, from 4th to 11th Feb 1945 that WW2's Yalta Conference took place in Crimea. U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin met to plan the final defeat of Nazi Germany.

Also 75 years ago, from 13th to 15th Feb 1945 that the bombing of Dresden Germany took place. The Allies carried out four massive bombing raids, completely destroying the inner city and killing about 25,000 people.

Also 75 years ago, from 19th Feb to 23rd Mar, that WW2's Battle of Iwo Jima, Japanese Volcano Islands, took place. U.S. victory. (The iconic photograph of U.S. marines raising the American flag on top of Mount Surabachi was taken on 23rd Feb.)

Also 75 years ago, on 21st Feb 1945 that Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. He became an Olympic gold medallist in 1924 for the 400m. Because of his religious convictions he had withdrawn from the 100m heats held on a Sunday and entered (and won) the 400m heats. He died in a WWII internment camp in China, aged 43.

70 years ago, on 8th Feb 1950 that the Stasi, the East German secret police force, was established. It was not dissolved until 1990, when numerous Stasi officials were subsequently prosecuted for their crimes. Millions of East German citizens were then allowed to see the extensive documentation the Stasi had compiled against them through their network of informants.

60 years ago, on 8th Feb 1960 that Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.

Also 60 years ago, on 19th Feb 1960 that Prince Andrew, Duke of York, was born. He is the second son of Queen Elizabeth II.

50 years ago, on 2nd Feb 1970 that Bertrand Russell, British philosopher, logician, mathematician, and social reformer, died. He was winner of the 1950 Nobel Prize in Literature.

30 years ago, on 2nd Feb 1990 that South African President F.W. de Klerk lifted a 30-year ban on the African National Congress (ANC) and other opposing political parties and anti-apartheid groups. He also freed Nelson Mandela from prison (on 11th Feb) after 27 years of imprisonment.

Also 30 years ago, on 7th Feb 1990 that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union agreed to give up its 70-year monopoly on political power.

25 years ago, on 26th Feb 1995 that Barings Bank, the oldest merchant bank in London, collapsed after its chief trader in Singapore, Nick Leeson, lost approximately £625million on unauthorised transactions.

20 years ago, from 11th Feb to 29th May that the British Government suspended the Northern Ireland Assembly after it failed to strike a deal on decommissioning IRA weapons.

15 years ago, on 14th Feb 2005 that the popular video-sharing website YouTube was founded. (It was officially launched in November after more development and testing.)

Also 15 years ago, on 16th Feb 2005 that the Kyoto Protocol came into effect. The international treaty obliges industrialised nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

High Days and Holy Days in February

8 February – Kew and the wild boar

St Kew has nothing to do with gardens or the 'Q' of James Bond fame. This Kew was a girl who lived in Cornwall in the 5th century, and who should be the patron saint of girls with difficult older brothers.

Kew's older brother was a hermit who felt his younger sister was not worthy to even visit his cell. But big brothers often underestimate their younger sisters, and he was no exception. One day Big Brother saw a wild boar charge out of the woods towards his sister. Kew spoke to it kindly in tones of such purity and sweetness that it immediately slowed down to a peaceful walk.

Big Brother was so shaken by this that he repented of his superior attitude. When he then bothered to spend time talking with young Kew, Big Brother discovered her nature to be of “rare virtue and holiness”. Other people thought so too, and after her death they decided Kew had been a saint, and so should have the parish church named after her.

Perhaps the moral of all this is that if you want to win over a difficult older brother, you should first practise on wild boars.

14 February – Valentine’s Day

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century – one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.

So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer’s time the link was assumed to be because on these saints’ day -14 February – the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine’s Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or ‘sweethearts’ during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love – Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.

25 February – Shrove Tuesday: Who’s for pancakes?

By David Winter

Why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as we call it today? And what is Shrove Tuesday? And why do thousands of people feel it rewarding to race along a street somewhere tossing pancakes from their frying pans as they go?

Well, the answer to the first question is that it is the day before Lent begins and for well over a thousand years that has meant it was the last chance to enjoy meat, fat and other tasty dishes until Easter Day. The 'Lent Fast' was widely and strictly observed. The food in the larder wouldn't keep for six weeks so it had to be eaten. With all these rich foods no wonder the French call it 'Fatty Tuesday' – Mardi Gras.

So, what have pancake races got to do with all this solemnity? 'Shrove' is an old word for 'forgiven' and in those days to prepare for the rigours of Lent people would want to confess and seek forgiveness – not quite what you want at a party. The answer is quite simply enjoying yourself while you can! So, on Shrove Tuesday this year let's have some fun and make it last as long as possible.

The most convincing (and amusing) of the explanations of pancake races is of outwitting the Sexton who rang the curfew bell that marked the start of Lent. He was reluctant to do it while the race was unfinished. So, the revelry caused by dropped pancakes, postponed the inevitable.

Since the Reformation it has not been so rigorously observed in Britain, but still people will resolve to 'give up something for Lent'. Six weeks is about right as a duration and Sunday has always been exempt but make the most of those pancakes. They may well not reappear until April 12th!

26 February – Ash Wednesday: My memory of the Passover in Jerusalem

By David Winter

At the end of this month Ash Wednesday introduces the Christian preparation for Easter, which normally coincides with Passover, the major Jewish celebration of the year. It's near Easter because Jesus was crucified at Passover, having just shared this very meal with his disciples.

Passover celebrates and recalls the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. Led by Moses they crossed the Red Sea and 40 days later entered the 'Promised Land.' They shared the Passover meal at their last night in Egypt and have kept it all for nearly the past three thousand years or so that have followed.

Many years ago, when I was in Jerusalem to produce a radio programme, I was invited to join a Jewish family for their Passover meal. It was a great occasion, very like our Christmas, a family event with deep religious significance for those who seek it.

At the meal in Jerusalem we ate modest lentils and unleavened bread – Matzos as we now call it. We also drank plenty of wine but not from the cup at the end of the table. That is ‘Elijah’s cup’, only to be drunk from when the prophet comes to announce the arrival of the Messiah. At the last supper Jesus instructed His disciples to drink from that cup after supper, which may have shocked them at the time. The Messiah had come!

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