



EWELL PARISH NEWS

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Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell

IS HEAVEN A CITY WITHOUT A CHURCH?

Some readers will have friends in the City of London OR work there themselves in that Square Mile which is our financial capital.

Readers will also know several churches which they pass each day their way to the office.

Now to the Bible, and John in Revelation -

"I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven-----

And I saw no temple therein"

Not many readers in this 2009 are likely to see The Square Mile as "coming down from God out of heaven"; more likely to see it as coming up from the Devil out of Hell.

Now look again at John's astonishing assertion -

"And I saw no temple therein....."

A holy city coming from God without synagogue or church!

A new Jerusalem without the temple central to its life!

More fundamentally, consider John's overall vision of Heaven as a city. We have long lived believing that "God made the country, and Man made the town" with cynics adding, "I'm glad I live in the suburbs."

John's picturing Heaven as a city makes Christianity very different from those religions which see it as Elysian Fields, Re-Incarnations, Nirvana, Worldly Delights. Different too from an idea of pleasant siesta which has sometimes crept into our thoughts. Why, there wouldn't even be a church where we could withdraw from the bustle!

John's idea appears to be that God Himself is "the temple" and that we live, move and have our being in Him in a daily ding-dong of city life. God, Heaven,

City, all one. It becomes easier to contemplate if we see that God is Love and focus on John's reference to the workers in the city-

"And His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face; and His name shall be on their foreheads."

At this moment we in St. Mary's are receiving a good deal of helpful attention from the leaders of our Anglican Communion. It is a moment for us to try to grasp John's meaning.

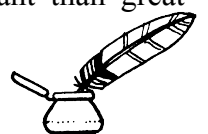
Prayer, work and vision (encapsulated in Love) are our greatest needs and greatest helpers in our response to our Communion leaders, together finding the way ahead for Ewell and St. Mary's.

So startling is John's vision, and so chaotic this moment in all our histories, that the Scot, Dr. William Barclay's words may help -

"Nothing is more certain than that the world must become one world OR perish. If the leaders of the Churches can find no way to unity then we must pray that there will come such an upsurge towards unity from the people that the instinct of the heart may achieve what the arguments of the mind have failed to achieve."

We are caught between globalisation and nationalism, between "this-world-ism" and "next-world-ism". Barclay's and John's different ways of giving their truth can help us to find our united way of giving our truth.

We should not think ourselves any less responsible than they, or St. Mary's less important than great cathedrals in our advance.



DR. MILLER writes

Sheep without a shepherd (Baa!)

A parish without a Vicar invites comparison with a flock of sheep without a shepherd. You can think of them as aimless, purposeless, lacking any direction, vulnerable to squabbles and divisions within and attacks from opportunist wolves from without. Sheep without a shepherd, left to themselves have a habit of straying abroad, getting lost and scattered.



It is an image full of negatives. A pathetic description of a group that cannot manage without a strong leader. Yet it can be taken too far. As if a parish, or any group for that matter, cannot survive without a dominant overseer. In fact this is by no means the case. There are many examples where communities thrive without a professional or paid leader, a trained shepherd: for example. This can be seen in the missionary field, in prison camps and in the military.

Moreover, better to have no leader at all than the wrong kind. No picture illustrates this clearer than **Holman Hunt's the Hireling shepherd**. The hireling is distracted, in this case by a girl, and while they loll about, the sheep wander away, eat the wrong food, get ravished by wolves. The hireling does not really care. The good shepherd "*lays down his life for the sheep*" (John 10.11). This allegory elaborates what is involved in all good shepherding whether it is the job of being a parent, a friend, a teacher, an electrician or whatever. He gives his life for the sheep, not just for the better type of sheep, or the white sheep, but all the flock. A hireling is someone who is there for the money, not for the sheep, not to do the job well.

The difference is between having a job and having a calling. We all have a calling. Some of us are lucky enough to have jobs, or to have had jobs. Every human being has a calling, whereas only some –especially in hard times, like a recession or when retired – have a job. But we should never confuse "calling" with "work". The two are entirely different.

Consider work for a moment (the best thing to do about it too, some of you will be thinking. As the man said, work

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SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Creche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the Eucharist and Mattins on Sunday mornings, and a chance for members of the congregation to meet or visitors to be welcomed to St Mary's.

1100 MATTINS

(Third Sunday in each month SUNG EUCHARIST to the Book of Common Prayer Rite)

1830 EVENING WORSHIP

1700 - Choral Evensong (2nd Sunday in the month)

1830 - Evening Prayer at the United Reform Church on other Sundays
Details are on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

ON WEEKDAYS

The Eucharist is normally celebrated at present on Tuesdays at 1000, and at other times as printed on the Weekly Notes. Most of the Weekday services take place in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

THE PARISH OFFICE

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St Mary's Church is in London Road, Ewell, and the Parish Office is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church.

The Office hours are normally 9.30-13.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

The postal address is:

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LENT COURSE 2009

This year's course is about Patterns of Ministry in the Christian Church. See p7 for details.

is a fascinating, gripping, enthralling subject and he could watch it for hours). Many of you worked to get to school, worked to stay on at school, worked to leave school, then if you were really lucky you got a job, which meant more work, or perhaps evening classes to make up for the work you didn't quite have time for before you started work. After that, of course, your work starts in earnest, as you work to climb the ladder in order to have the privilege of getting more work and even of taking it home with you so that you can work at evenings and weekends too!

Over one of the doors in my school was written "*Labor omnia vincit*" work conquers all, which some wag soon altered to '*abandon hope all ye who enter here*'

For Calvin, work was no less than to do God's will. It was by work that you got on, improved yourself, coupled with thrift, discipline and all the rest. **For Locke**, work was the root of all property, provided its value; for **Adam Smith** it was the source of all wealth. And probably the greatest promoter of the idea of work was **Karl Marx** for whom work expressed the very humanity of man. Work created life he said. In it could be found the dignity of man. He was well aware of the dirt, the squalor and the exploitation, but in his utopia, a classless world, work could make men free. But no one was more cynical about work than **the Nazis** who put over the entrance of some of their concentration camps "*Arbeit Macht Frei*" work makes you free...

It was a very high ideal in the 18th and 19th centuries - at least it was as long as other people got on with it. Work was good. Work ruled OK. Everything was done to romanticise work. The Puritan ideal was, and is, that work is the great duty of every man and woman. As a minister once said it is "*Better to wear out than to rust out*".

But we shouldn't forget that it was not always like this. Work in the **Genesis story** was a curse. It was a punishment which was laid on Adam for lying and passing the buck to Eve. For the better part of the last three thousand years, no one was under any illusion about it. Work meant slavery. It was the occupation of serfs and lower orders.

So over the centuries we have this spectacular rise in the idea of work from the curse of slavery to the pinnacle of man's dignity, from being a punishment to being a source of pride. You may think this is a bit extreme, but whatever your view about it, the one thing all are agreed is that it's not leisure time, free time or holidays, it's term time, 9-5 time, office hours time or whatever...It's what you're paid to do, usually instructed to do, have little choice about doing and rarely enjoy doing.

Compare all this with the **Christian's view of CALLING** - a totally different idea. Your calling is the activity in which you fulfil yourself, follow your ideals, and become creative. To follow your calling is to do what God means you to do with your life.

Some years ago I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to do some research at London University into gifted, or very able children. Its a fascinating subject with many different and interesting approaches world wide. But one thing that always struck me has been the way schools overlook so many young people with gifts, simply by having too narrow a definition of what it is to be gifted. Far more children have hidden abilities than ever are appreciated at school. Its much the same with calling. Schools do their best to make you forget your calling, because they keep asking you about your job, your work.

But it's a grave error to **confuse work with calling**. To ask young people "what's God's calling for you", meaning what job should you have, is to fill their heads with unnecessary worry and doubt.

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Continued from page 3 **Dr. Miller writes**

If a job does come along, for most people it means some disappointment. "*Never guessed it would be like this*", "*Is this the best God's got for me?*" For millions, work still means drudgery, making products they neither designed nor can afford, watching machines, computers or robots replacing their skills, in which their dignity did once reside.

And **what of the unemployed?** If we say work is the same as God's calling, are we supposed to think that they have no calling from God?

To confuse work and calling is I believe dangerous romanticism. It encourages those fortunate enough to have a job to live only for their work. As for the unemployed, it discourages them by adding guilt and insult to injury.

Paul's job was a tentmaker, his calling was to take Christianity beyond race and nation. **Jesus' job** was a joiner's apprentice, his calling was to show human beings what God was really like. Our job may be in an office, or behind a machine, travelling or at a bedside...but whatever it is, our calling is nothing less than to be creative, to find a way of fulfilling ourselves, to be free, or in Christian jargon, to be a fellow worker with God. We are *trained* for our jobs but *educated* for our callings and schools and colleges should be doing both these things..

Obviously there are cases where **jobs and callings overlap**. You can do both at the same time. And as a teacher and a clergyman I certainly count myself as one of the most fortunate. There is a real temptation for me to confuse work and calling. But dare we say the same about the jobs which 90% of the world's work force holds? With dirt and exhaustion, the repetition, the early mornings or late nights, the long journeys, absence from home, the danger, the frustration and alienation that is the lot of most jobs? No! For **Christians work remains a curse, we work to live, we don't live to work**. Working is not the main object in life, and the unemployed, retired or sick can thank God for that. Self justification through work, by the usual means of a full diary, bustle and business, ulcers and jet lag is quite literally a blasphemy.

Always remember **we are greater than our job**. After all, jobs use only that small part of us that the labour market temporarily requires; they use a fraction of our skills and gifts. Employers are not concerned with those, unless they are profitable to them.

Our **calling on the other hand will take all we have**, our gifts, hidden or recognised, our whole character. Those of you who do voluntary work know just how much energy can be asked of you. One day our jobs may be reduced to a 25 hour week, a shared week, retirement at 45. Not so our callings however. They will continue to take our whole life and beyond. You can easily be on the *job* scrap heap **but no one is ever on the calling scrap heap**.

The relevance of all this to a parish without a Vicar is huge and nowhere will this be more apparent than in St Mary's in the months to come. In fact it is already apparent. Gifts are coming forward that were not seen before. Sheep without a shepherd? Bah! How about a different image, of a group united in a common purpose – being a caring, welcoming, friendly worshipping community – bringing out gifts that may never have been seen before.

Lent Project 2009: Bishop of Guildford's Foundation and USPG projects in Zimbabwe

These are the charitable causes which Bishop Christopher has invited parishes to support with prayer and giving in response to his Lent Call for 2009.

No-one should need reminding of the extreme plight of ordinary people in Zimbabwe. Half the money raised will go to USPG (Anglicans in World Mission) to provide practical help to such people, through the work of the Anglican church. Examples are a school-based feeding scheme to give children one good meal a day, and enabling a hospital and a medical clinic to buy basic drugs.

The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation supports church-based projects within the Guildford Diocese which make a difference to people's lives and circumstances.

Special presentation:

On Wednesday 11 March we are expecting a visit from Jane Schofield, Project Officer for the Foundation, who has kindly offered to come and tell us about their project work, and hopefully to answer all our questions. She will stay to have lunch with us.

This is a good opportunity to learn more about the work of the Foundation in our own Diocese. So come along for 11.00, have a coffee, meet Jane, enjoy her presentation, and stay for lunch.

Lent Lunches:

A reminder of our Lent Lunches this month:

Dates: Wednesdays – March 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 12.15 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.

Place: St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell

Price: £3.50

All proceeds of these lunches will go to the above causes.

Lent boxes and Gift Aid:

Lent boxes and Gift Aid envelopes will be available in church, from the Church Office most weekday mornings, and at the Lunches. Please pray and give what you feel is right in your circumstances, remembering that so many people are worse off than we are.

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SUGGESTED PRAYERS

God of Creation, look down upon us,
Here we ask humbly hold out Thy hand,
God of all mercy, grant us forgiveness,
Help heal the wounds that trouble our land.

God of all greenness dance in our city,
Show us your love in the world of today,
If there are tears then we must share in them,
Teach us to cry Lord, show us the way.

Lord live among us, set your fire on us,
Feed us with food that you bought on the cross,
Let us take gladly, holding together
Hands of the world that none may be lost.

Caroline Shoebridge

Write Your Name

Write your blessed Name, O Lord, upon my
heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved, that
no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me
from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defence, a comforter
in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, a very pres-
ent help in trouble, and a guide to heaven through
the many temptations and dangers of this life.

Submission to God's Will

O Lord, you know what is best for me. Let this or
that be done, as you please. Give what you will,
how much you will and when you will.

GOD OUR FATHER

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be His Body in this place;
Send us your Holy Spirit,
at this time of uncertainty and change,
to fill us with vision, energy,
and faithfulness in prayer,
that we may be true to our calling
to bring new life to our community;

And guide with your heavenly wisdom
those who are to choose a new Incumbent for
this parish,
that the one whom we receive
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your
people:

ready to serve us with joy,
to build us up in faith,
and to lead us by example
in loving obedience to your son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

“OH FOR THE VICAR WE SING TO, OH!”

He is the very model of a modern parish minister
 With knowledge of theology and liturgy and trivia
 He's memorised the bible and can quote the books
 historical
 From Genesis to Timothy in order categorical
 He's very well acquainted too with all affairs linguistical.
 He knows his Greek and Hebrew text both modern
 day and classical
 In giving all his sermons he has written up a lot of
 notes
 With many cheerful references and lots of witty anecdotes

All: With many cheerful references and lots of witty anecdotes

He's many years experience and knowledge inexhaustible
 Degrees in Law, Divinity and subjects that would
 beat us all
 In matters of theology and liturgy and trivia
 He is the very model of a modern parish minister

**All: In matters of theology and liturgy and trivia
 He is the very model of a modern parish minister**

He's very fond of paper and his handouts at the Eucharist
 Our sidesmen do their best but they get buried by
 the weight of it
 There's white and green and red and blue and many
 other shades and hues
 And even though we do our best it mostly falls behind the pews
 Church music is a vital part of any vicar's repertoire
 The singing of the sanctus and those mighty anthems by the choir
 His talent and his range of hymns will never cease
 amaze us all
 St Marys has more hymn books than Westminster
 Abbey or St Pauls

All: St Marys has more hymn books than Westminster Abbey or St Pauls

So next Sunday for our final hymns we all must sing
 in harmony A send off to our vicar after quarter of a
 century
 In matters of theology and liturgy and trivia
 He is the very model of a modern parish minister
**All: In matters of theology and liturgy and trivia
 He is the very model of a modern parish minister**
 So 25 long happy years have passed us by and how
 time flies

The congregation says goodbye with heavy hearts
 and tearful eyes
 We hope he has fond memories of laughter, joy and
 merriment
 And takes these thoughts to Wales to make the most
 of his retirement
 But not all in life is rosy there were mishaps that we
 clearly saw
 Like that tiny little lamb that left its mark upon our
 clean church floor
 His knowledge of technology was never satisfactory
 Like leaving on his microphone when flushing the
 church lavatory

All: Like leaving on his microphone when flushing the church lavatory

A man of letters, sadly missed so sensitive and spiritual
 He knows it whether vegetable or animal or mineral
 In matters of theology and liturgy and trivia
 He is the very model of a modern parish minister

**All: In matters of theology and liturgy and trivia
 He is the very model of a modern parish minister**

(The song devised and sung by the Churchwardens to the Vicar at his Gala Dinner. Below the recipe for the chocolate dessert served at the same occasion.)

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE DESSERT

8oz dark chocolate
 9flox whipping cream
 2oz soft brown sugar
 1 1/2 tbsp rum

Use good, preferably 70%chocolate.

Line a deep 8"/20 cm. flan tin with cling film.

Melt chocolate over hot water or in microwave.

Lightly whip cream and rum in large bowl, until whisk leaves a trail.

Beat in sugar. Pour half the melted chocolate into the cream and fold in.

Repeat with rest of chocolate, folding till well mixed.

Pour into tin, smoothing top.

Cool in fridge for at least three hours.

Turn out and dust with icing sugar or cocoa.

Serve in slices.

**LENT COURSE
PATTERNS OF
MINISTRY**

In the Christian Church

Led by *The Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*

Tuesday evenings in Lent at 8.0 pm
The Church Hall, London Road (coffee at 7.30 pm)

- 3 March The Early Tradition
- 10 March *Canon Chris Vallins*
Advisor for Hospital Chaplaincy
In the Guildford Diocese
- 17 March *Padre Stephen Dunwoody*
Chaplain at the Army Training
Centre, Purbright
- 24 March *The Reverend Sue Bull*
Mental Health Chaplain for
Epsom
- 31 March *The Reverend Rosie Deedes*
Prison Work and Rehabilitation
- 7 April "What Future for the Parochial
Ministry?"

*For further information, please phone
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Rachel Gunton

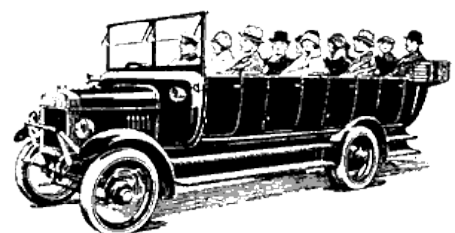
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C  FFEE MORNINGS

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THE GLASS BOTTOM BOAT

One of the greatest pleasures of a holiday is the learning curve it increases. I used to enjoy accompanying parties of students from the various schools in my career and one of those holidays in Italy, Lake Garda to be exact, lingers in my memory.

I was persuaded to take a trip over the lake in a boat with a glass bottom, my first experience in such a craft. As we moved off I kept my eyes down to watch the sandy floor of the lake sparkling in the vivid sunlight, so much a part of Italy in August. Soon there were fish darting around equally illuminated with the occasional weed and stones. Then came the shock. I had forgotten that we had been travelling over a sort of shelf which now gave way to an underwater precipice. I cringed at the sight now — blackness combined with a fear of depth. Naturally I looked up and around, glad to see the calm sparkling water which had seemed so deceptive. I enjoyed the rest of the excursion, even occasionally gazing down at the blackness, but the first impression has lasted over the years.

When I first came to Ewell I remembered this experience in an address at St Mary's, occasioned by reading a German poem by Goethe to boys in the Sixth Form. Two lines are particularly relevant

Seele des Menschen Human soul
Wie gleichst du dem Wasser how alike you
are to water

If you can find in a library an English translation "*Song of the Spirits over the Waters*", you will easily see how many thoughts spring to mind which are connected to our spiritual life at St Mary's. In fact I have an ally who has recently adopted the same theme, Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. But there was no shock or fear in his more worthy interpretation. He referred to the depths of God's love for us humans not fear of the unknown, a sermon which we shall have little difficulty in recalling, so relevant and comforting it was when fear of the unknown could have made us overreact to our present condition. I am thinking personally, but you might have similar ideas.

Your friend and (this time) Reader
Reg Saunders



SOUND OF MUSIC

Julie Andrews' Favourite Things on her 69th Birthday

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up with string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they
bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for
sinnin",
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin",
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

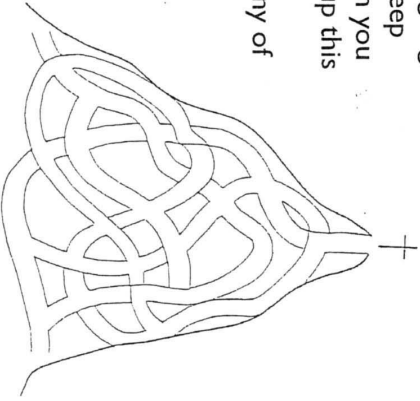


One day, Jesus and his friends went for a walk up into the hills. Then Jesus said to them, "Look!" And as they watched, he began to shine with a very bright light. He wanted them to see that he was God's Son, as well as a man.



Which of these words is NOT in the story?
friends **light** **Son** **mouse**

You have to zig-zag to get up a steep mountain. Can you find the way up this one?
 Don't cross any of the lines!



Lord God
 Please help me to be a good friend.
 Make me kind and thoughtful.
 Amen

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 22 February 2009

Young Church Day

22 February 2009, The Sunday next before Lent: Mark 9:2-9

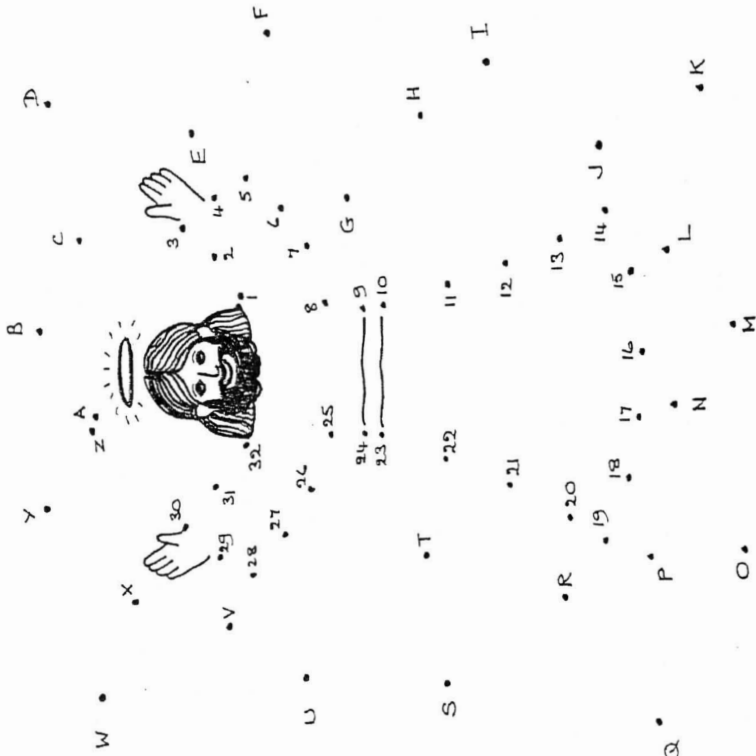
The
 Transfiguration



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Jesus showed his real self to his close friends



Join the dots from 1 to 32 and A to Z

John, Oscar, Hannah and Daniel were friends.
How many **A**s in their names?
Only one: their **n**ames!!

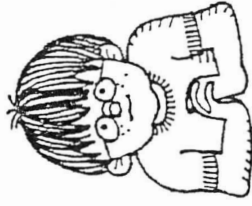
By the way...
What's the one thing you try **NOT** to share with your friends?
Your cold!



It's good to have friends!

Some people have one best friend. Some people have two or three close friends. Some people like to be part of the crowd.

What about you?



But it's not always easy to make friends. Some people find it really hard.

What can you do to help?

So which one of these is Tom's really good friend?



Is it Mark?

Mark likes to borrow Tom's games and CDs, but forgets to give them back, and gets angry when Tom reminds him.

Is it Claire?

Claire is always talking, but never wants to listen to what Tom has to say.

Is it Gemma?

Gemma was kind to Tom when he was very unhappy, but told everyone else about his problems when he'd asked her not to.

Is it Jack?

Jack never lets Tom down, and never tells tales about him behind his back.

So which one of them is Tom's real friend?

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And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee

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LIFE

Life is but a stopping place
 A pause in what's to be
 A resting place along the road
 To sweet eternity.
 We all have different journeys,
 Different paths along the way,
 We all were meant
 To learn some things,
 But never meant to stay...
 Our destination is a place
 Far greater than we know.
 For some, the journey's quicker,
 For some the journey's slow.
 And when the journey finally ends,
 We'll claim a great reward
 And find an everlasting peace,
 Together with the Lord.

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Quote

"Simple pleasures are the last refuge of the complex mind." *Oscar Wilde*



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Calendar for March



- S 1 **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche
1100 Choral Mattins
1830 Evening Service at URC
- T 3 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
2000 Lent Course in the Church Hall*
- W 4 1215-1345 Lent Lunch in the Church Hall, price £3.50
- F 6 1900 - 1930 Churchwarden's Surgery (Parish Office)
- S 8 **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite
in traditional language
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche
1100 Mattins and Baptism Congregational
1700 Choral Evensong
- M 9 2000 Finance Committee Meeting
- T 10 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
2000 Lent Course in the Church Hall*
- W 11 1100 Presentation on the Lent Project during the
Coffee Morning in the Church Hall *followed by*
1215-1345 Lent Lunch in the Church Hall, price £3.50
1930 Estates Committee meeting in the Parish Room
- S 15 **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche
1100 Sung Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer rite
1830 Evening Service at URC
- T 17 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
2000 Lent Course in the Church Hall*
- W 18 1215-1345 Lent Lunch in the Church Hall, price £3.50
- F 20 1900 - 1930 Churchwarden's Surgery (Parish Office)
- S 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT -**
MOTHERING SUNDAY
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite
in Traditional Language
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche
1100 Christian Family Praise for Mothering Sunday
1830 Evening Service at URC
- T 23 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
2000 Lent Course in the Church Hall*
- W 25 1215-1345 Lent Lunch in the Church Hall, price £3.50
2000 PCC meeting
- S 28 1930 Stainer's "Crucifixion" sung by the Parish Choir
- S 29 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite
in traditional language
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche
1100 The Reading and Music of the Passion - Choral
Service
1830 Evening Service at URC
- M 30 2000 Social Committee Meeting
- T 31 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
2000 Lent Course in the Church Hall*

*Details of the Lent Course are on page 7

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