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

## A PAX ANGLICANA?

### *1 March Ewell Parish News -*

*"Lenten quietude gives us a chance to consider how we care for those outside St Mary's fold, those who no longer trust authority -----"*

### *16 March TIME Magazine -*

*"The entire edifice of trust in authority that supported American life has been shaken, and the challenge of the next decade is to rebuild what we can -----"*

### *18 March The Guardian -*

*"A Messiah can't do it. To reshape the world, the U.S. must first reform itself ----"*

Our St Mary's Lent Course "What is an Anglican?" centred much on authority within the Church of England, an authority which America's Founding Fathers crossed to The New World to avoid. Americans have been surprising the world ever since and recently kept it up with a Health Care Bill, a Nuclear Treaty with Russia, and new relations with China and Israel.

Journalists everywhere admit surprise. Many admit to a Christian component in U.S. policy. Where does this leave Anglicanism as a collective force in the world? Well, for sure there will be no Pax Americana in the style of the old Pax Britannica or Pax Romana.

And any Pax Capitalista, Pax Communista, Pax Vaticana, Pax Mecca Medina, Buddhista or Confuciana, seems less likely than even a Pax Marijuana.

Could there be a Pax Anglicana?

In 1973 an Asian octogenarian told this writer that "British culture" (his expression) "carried at its core a germ of self-correction."

Is Anglicanism that core? in British life? in Ewell? Can Anglicanism offer a Pax to all?

Imagine a day when each of us looked to the germ of self-correction in ourselves, and acted accordingly. The peace achieved would be very different from previous Paxes, in that

peace would now rise up out of people's hearts rather than be imposed on people's heads.

We need Jesus. It is beyond us to live up to our own best ideas without His help, however hard we try.

He has for so long been obscured by smoke from High Churches, Low Churches, Wide Churches, Narrow Churches, Mosques and Temples (yes, they acknowledge Him) that ordinary worshippers have to peer hard to see him at all clearly. And He becomes fair game for second-rate novelists.

Our good fortune is that Jesus more often finds us than we find Him. He comes out from behind that Cloud of Unknowing and gives us new drives for our lives, which replace our old drives for security, sex and success. The new drives are for peace with others rather than pleasure for ourselves, and so become unifying rather than divisive.

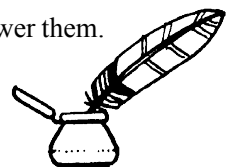
Is Anglicanism unifying?

Well, only in so far as each one of us is prepared to regard ourselves as a sheep in Jesus' fold rather than a bishop in some church of man's creating. If we were to raise our eyes to the vision of a Pax Anglicana for the whole world we might see an end to the sex-based bickering which gives non-believers the giggles and ends with them feeling sad for us, and saying of our bishops, "Why would women want to have anything to do with such people?"

Alongside the Vatican's present paedophile problems, our Christian witness cuts a poor picture in the media. We need to pray that Jesus comes out from behind the dark clouds we make for Him.

Have we, have our churches, has the world come to a moment where we can make Jesus and Authority synonymous? Has Anglicanism a part to play in this? Has our Archbishop's occasional urges for Quakerishness a part?

Serious questions. But we need to answer them. Otherwise a devilish chaos looms.



## The Vicar writes

Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, can be overlooked in comparison with the other great feasts of the Christian year, namely Christmas and Easter. The birth of Jesus on the one hand, and his death and resurrection on the other, are easy to understand. Perhaps the coming of the Holy Spirit seems a little more abstract, slightly more nebulous. But to describe the day more concretely, Pentecost was the birthday of the Church, the day the Church was founded. Perhaps if we sang "Happy Birthday" to the Church, the day would stick in our minds more.

At Pentecost, in that first rush of the Holy Spirit's coming, for a brief moment, everyone could understand one another. Languages and cultures that divided human beings from their neighbour were overcome. And that moment, though it passed, was a sign of what the Church's mission was to be in every age. The Church was to stretch across all peoples, across every time and place, and it was to preach in word and deed the truth that all human beings are brothers and sisters. That mission is still the Church's today, and we still need the Holy Spirit's help as much as ever to put it into practice.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit is particularly mentioned whenever the early Church begins a new venture or moves into new territory. We should especially pray for his guidance whenever we start something new, or come to an important threshold or point of decision. 6th May would probably be a good example. For all the much-talked-about disillusionment with MPs and with politics, I hope that the new Parliament will be a time of hope and looking forward and new beginnings.

If I were to name one hope I have for our society in the coming years (one among many), it might be a revival of local forms of association. Groups of every kind across the nation: churches, political parties, guilds, societies, choirs, sporting associations, working men's clubs, uniformed organizations, local charities and many others have found levels of membership and commitment dropping. Such organisations enrich society and advance the common good. Insofar as such groups bring neighbours together, they can do the work of the Holy Spirit. I hope there is a revival of such organizations, and perhaps Parliament will find ways of encouraging-- or at least, not discouraging-- that.

Our new Parliament will pray every morning for the Spirit's guidance. We should not forget to pray for them too, and we could do worse than the prayer read by the Speaker's Chaplain each morning in the House of Commons:

Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to

## St Mary the Virgin EWELL PARISH CHURCH

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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 9.30 and 11 o'clock services on Sunday mornings, to which all are welcome, and especially newcomers and visitors.

#### 1100 MATTINS

(Usually replaced on the third Sunday in each month by a Sung Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer)

#### 1730 EVENING PRAYER

Usually a simple said service, but sometimes Choral Evensong.

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

Morning and Evening Prayer are *usually* said at 9 am and 5 pm Mondays-Thursdays, in church. See the Weekly notes or phone ahead to make sure. The Eucharist is celebrated on Tuesdays at 10 am, in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

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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 9.30-12.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

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please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed.  
 Amen.

**May in Church**

"The happy birds "Te Deum" sing, 'tis Mary's month of May" as the hymn goes.

The first weeks of May are in the Easter season and we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. This month's Choral Evensong will be on 9th May at 5.30pm. On Thursday 13th May, forty days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension of Christ into heaven with a Said Eucharist at noon and a choral Sung Eucharist at 7pm.

On Saturday 15th, there is a parish trip to Oxford leaving from St Mary's by coach at 11am. The highlight of the trip will be hearing the parish choir sing Evensong at Exeter College in Oxford (where, among other things Elaine and I each used to work and where we were married). There may still be places on the coach by the time you read this, please contact the parish office if you are interested in coming along, it's open to everyone: an afternoon to explore Oxford, returning home on the coach after the 5pm Evensong ends. The following day, Sunday 16th, the 9.30am Parish Eucharist will have an 'all-age' theme.

As the festival of Pentecost is the third greatest feast of the Christian year we have an appropriately packed weekend arranged. On Saturday 22nd, our popular Spring Market in the church hall is a great opportunity to buy plants, cakes, books and bric-a-brac: 10am-12noon. In the evening the parish choir will sing Mozart's Requiem, which promises to be a highlight in the year's programme of recitals: a rightly loved piece of music. Then on Sunday 23rd, we celebrate Pentecost with our usual range of services, followed by a picnic in the grounds of Glyn House from noon onwards. Bring your own picnic: details of games and activities for all ages are given below.


On 29th May, our parish confirmation candidates will be confirmed at the Cathedral in Guildford. Then, the month ends with two more feast days of the Christian calendar: Trinity Sunday on 30th May, and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday 31st May which we celebrate with a Said Eucharist at noon. So Mary's month ends, fittingly, with a service in her honour.

Your friend and Parish Priest  
 Russell Dewhurst

**PENTECOST PICNIC**

A Sunday picnic for the St Mary's church family in Glyn House Grounds (next door to the church).

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## THE PARISH IN ACTION – THE CHOIR

So the choir just turns up on a Sunday morning, practices for 25 minutes and then sings the service. Er - no! I am sure people will be surprised to learn there is far, far more to singing in our church choir than that (even though some members may, on occasion, wish that it were true!!).

For most of the past thirty-something years, St Mary's has been fortunate enough to have a choir of a good enough standard to be able to sing all the usual Anglican services to a high standard both in Ewell and at various cathedrals. This does not come about without a vast amount of hard work - and not just from the singers.

### Overview group "Pro Musica"

Over many years, the Music Department was most fortunate to have had the support of the "Friends of St Mary's Music"; a group of people interested in keeping the musical life of the church at the best level possible.

Unfortunately, but for totally understandable reasons, the group disbanded a few years ago. Their role in organising various concerts, organ recitals, etc. has been taken on by "Pro Musica"; an overview group for the department. This group consists of the department staff plus a member of the senior choir, a choir parent and a representative of the Children's Support Group. They meet termly.

### Costs

The cost of running the choir is modest considering the quality of the end result. Only the choir Juniors get paid – and that is extremely ungenerous given the hours they put in – with the adults giving their time entirely free. In line with other departments, the Music Department has to submit an annual budget and, given the financial constraint under which St Mary's has to operate, it is always done responsibly. The department is certainly less well off than it was when the Friends of St Mary's Music was operating. Perhaps it is time to reconsider this situation as many other churches around the country with a similar musical heritage and outlook benefit (some spectacularly) from such welcome tangible support.

### Planning the music - Staff meetings

Planning the music might seem a simple affair but, believe me, it isn't. Many considerations have to be taken into account, not least, the availability of choristers. The choir has a long-term sign-out policy so the staff knows well in advance if people are planning to be away. We have to cater for the fact that our youngsters are incredibly busy with other things such as scouts, guides, cadet force, music lessons, let alone school and our adults are similarly committed. The anthems need to be appropriate for the day and may relate to the readings or the content of the sermon, for example. The 'mood' of the service setting needs to be considered as well. We try to plan a term at a time and have to factor in new music as the choir has to be able to progress and attempt things they haven't done before. This term's Music List, for example, has one new big 8-part anthem, a new set of responses for Mattins and Evensong and Rutter's "Requiem". Consideration also needs to be given to the practice schedule as music has to be looked at well before the weekend of the performance.

As well as creating the Music List, we try to hold at least one staff meeting a term to plan our work.

### Training

The choir follows the Royal School of Church Music's training scheme, "Voice for Life". The visible sign of this is the different colour ribbons worn by the junior choristers.

The various stages are

- Probationer – cassock & ruff with no surplice
- Member - cassock & ruff with surplice
- Junior Singer – a Member with a light blue ribbon
- Senior Singer – a Member with a dark blue ribbon
- Full Chorister – a Member with a red ribbon

Those successfully completing Regional Awards wear a green ribbons (Dean's Chorister) and purple (Bishop's Chorister). One member of our current choir has achieved the highest National Award; the St Nicolas Award (perversely a wide red ribbon!).

The training covers

- Department
- musical theory
- how to produce the voice properly
- the history of the music we sing
- the church's year and appropriate music to sing throughout

In line with modern schooling, we use workbooks for each stage with the choristers being encouraged to work at home using the internet to research their various subjects. Regular individual training takes place during the weekly Choir Club for the hour before choir practice as well as on a number of Saturdays and during school holidays. Whilst this is voluntary it is expected that choristers will come along to improve their skills.

### Preparation for services - not just the singing

Being prepared for the unexpected and being able to react as though nothing untoward has happened is an art in itself and is, very occasionally, required while leading the worship. The aim is to ensure that the continuity of the service isn't broken unless it is unavoidable. With any luck, very few people will know anything has gone awry. Those in charge need to be thoroughly *au fait* with the liturgy and the order of each service and be able to provide seamless cover for any mistakes.

### Choir organisation

Like any successful organisation, the choir has its hierarchy and those who are responsible for essential jobs. We currently have a Head Chorister and two deputies (identifiable by their wide ribbons) who have responsibility for ensuring that the junior choristers have the correct music, have their robes in presentable condition and are lined up on time before services. They also teach them how to process and help to train their younger colleagues.

Although the choir is amateur, the choristers have, for very many years, had a professional *Continued on page 6*

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## GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Once again we are in the throes of preparing for the Ewell Village Fair and we are enclosing two books of Grand Draw tickets with the May edition of Ewell Parish News in the hope that it will be possible for you to sell some on our behalf.

The draw will take place at the Summer Fair on Saturday 17th July and, if possible, cash and counterfoils should be returned by the 9th July to either your EPN distributor, direct to the promoter (name and address is on the tickets) or placed in the 'blue box' at the back of the Church. We understand that not everyone will feel able to buy or sell tickets but we will be most grateful if you can help.

## SUGGESTED PRAYERS

### GOD OF MY LIFE

I welcome this new day, the first day of the rest of my life.

I thank you for the gift of being alive this morning. I thank you for the sleep that refreshed me. I thank you for the chance to begin life all over again.

Lord, this day is full of promise and opportunity. This day is full of mystery of the unknown.

Help me to face it without any worries.

During this day may I become a more thoughtful person, a more prayerful person, a more forgiving person, a more generous and kindly person.

Lord, bless this day for all of us.

Amen.

O Christ, image of God, pattern of man, founder of the Kingdom, fulfiller of men's deepest hopes, encourager of true religion, lover of all men without any human differentiations, leader of all true advance, guide to God, gatherer of all into the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God, O Christ, meeting point of all men, all truth, all hopes, O Christ.

Strengthen, O Lord, the process of Christification within my spirit, by new insights of truth, further impulses to goodness, deeper consciousness of grace, growing maturity within, wider love of my fellow men, as well as by my willed communion with Thee and my experience of thy Spirit at work within mine, so that I may grow to the true humanity seen in Jesus Christ, my Lord.

### Reconciliation Prayer

God of reconciliation  
impel us by the love of Christ  
to see your guiding hand  
leading us to forgiveness, pardon and peace.

Help us by your grace,  
in the ministry of reconciliation  
to heal and make whole,  
to bring together what is separated and  
mend what is broken.

Unite us with the scattered peoples  
of the earth that we may be one family  
of your children.

Bind up our wounds and heal us in spirit that  
we may be renewed  
as disciples of Jesus Christ.

THE CHOIR *continued*: approach to their role in the worship and this helps considerably in ensuring that we give high quality performances. As a result the choir has sung at most of the cathedrals in the south of England as well as at some very important services which are hosted at Ewell such as the annual Remembrance Service. Singing at funerals is probably the most difficult things choristers have to do, especially when it is for one of their own. Perhaps the most difficult was that of one our young trebles tragically killed many years ago in a car accident. This professional approach was demonstrated superbly as the choristers sang the service magnificently and it was only after the Vestry Prayer that the choir broke into a collective 'hug'.

### Music Library and Robes

St Marys' Music Library is vast and ranges from plain-song through to some really modern 21st century music; from mediaeval polyphony to that written in Latin American rhythms. There are well over 100 boxes of music for the two hard-working librarians to look after plus quite a few books containing collections of a particular genre. Getting out all the right music in time to practise it, and then filing it away afterwards is a big job in itself, let alone having to mend items that have succumbed to normal wear and tear.

Our robes all need to be maintained; most are now over 30 years old, and are developing considerable problems so a programme of gradual replacement is under way. We ensure that all 'whites' are clean for the major festivals.

### Time

So what is the time commitment for our choristers? Other than three weeks during August, at half-term and the weeks after both Christmas and Easter the choristers have a weekly choir practice on a Friday evening. For the Juniors, this lasts from 7.00pm to 8.15pm and for the adults from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. As we usually sing at least two choral services on Sundays, rehearsals are an intensive time as we have so much music to prepare. For the hour before Junior practice, "Choir Club" gives choristers a chance to socialise, play games, listen to music or receive training. On a normal Sunday morning, arrive at 8.45 am and will leave after Mattins at around 12 noon. Newcomers aren't expected to fulfil this intensive commitment for quite some time.

The choir always appreciates positive feedback. Having read the above, you may well understand why, after a service, choristers' priority is to collapse with a drink in order to be ready for the next service. If you've enjoyed their efforts you are more than welcome to stick your head round the Parish Room door to say so - although the Churchwardens are still more than happy to relay the message.

We are always looking for recruits especially youngsters as we need to replace our older ones who go off to university. Do you know anyone who likes singing? Children also benefit from a free musical education. If so, put them in touch with the Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes (020 8393 5434 or [directorofmusic@stmarysewell.com](mailto:directorofmusic@stmarysewell.com)).



## Spring Market 2010

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

10am-12 noon

St Mary's Church Hall

This is the annual event to raise funds to cover the expenses incurred by the Summer Fair on 17 July.

We hope to have a record number of plants and cakes for sale this year and will be very grateful for all donations. Please get growing and baking in order to help us achieve this.

**Plants** We will have Busy Lizzies, begonias, petunias and geraniums, as well as a variety of tomato plants and would love to find a new home for any "spare" seedlings, divisions, cuttings or any other plants that may be lurking in your greenhouse. We would also like to have plenty of herbs to sell. We will have tables inside and outside the hall, and when they are full we will have lots more space underneath.

**Cakes** Any size, shape, and variety of cake or biscuit is more than welcome. Plain, decorated, large or small, the more the merrier.

We will also have Bric-a-Brac, Books, Refreshments and Village Fair Grand Draw tickets for sale.

Plants, cakes and any other donations can be brought to the Church Hall from 8am on the day.

Admission is free

## CAFE NESBOT

at St Mary's Church Hall

On Tuesdays in term time, students from NESBOT are serving simple lunches in our church hall (London Rd, opposite the church) between 12 and 2pm.

Soup, sandwiches, salad, and cakes, with tea, coffee, and soft drinks. Everyone welcome, do drop in.

## SOMETHING NEW FOR ST MARY'S

It has been a delight to have a new young Vicar at St Mary's with lots of new ideas. One of his new initiatives has been the "Christian slot" for Toddlers with the able assistance of Fran Siddle.



These events have taken place as part of regular Toddler Group meetings on Thursday and Mondays. The "Service" lasts no more than 15 minutes and is comprised of a simple action song, prayer and illustrated story. These events take place once a month in the last few minutes of the Toddler Meetings.

The parable of The Lost Sheep was illustrated by ten (rather motley sheep) who were counted in and out of the "farmyard" by a volunteer junior Shepherd wearing traditional middle eastern head dress, only to find that one had gone "walkabout" and was "found" with cries of "There he is!" on top of the piano! We were all very relieved when he returned to the flock.

The next session is due for 11 am 17 May. All are welcome.

If you would like to come or are interested in joining Toddlers Groups contact details can be found on the St Mary's website or via the Church office.

### FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

#### HOLY BAPTISM

**One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and  
Father of us all (Ephesians 4:5)**

11 April Alfie James Brown

#### FUNERALS

**And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my  
hope is even in thee (Psalm 39, used in the  
BCP Burial rite)**

17 March Emilia Doris Golding, aged 96

26 March Marie Louise Coppinger, aged 89

12 April Reginald David Cosham, aged 86

## LENTEN ANGLICANISM

The five week Lent Course on "What is an Anglican?" drew in twenty regulars who found it possible to be present every Tuesday from 8.00 to 9.15 and fifteen others who were able to attend most, some, or a few of the clearly but cautiously presented evenings.



The Vicar set the scene with the "Story of the Church of England 304 to 2010" and "Establishment from Parliament to Parish" at the first two gatherings. The Reverend Andrew Wheeler, our Diocesan Mission Advisor, gave case studies of Sudan and Egypt on the third. Canon Hugh Wybrev devoted the fourth to a study of Anglicanism and Ecumenical Relations. These evenings, most carefully and seriously discussed by all present, left so much more to discuss, that the Vicar's original decision to spend the final evening on "How does our church make decisions?" proved wise and fruitful.

The generally accepted spirit of Anglicanism was very evident in the spacious wide-ranging tone of all the speakers. This, in turn, was mirrored by very non-partisan question-and-answer sessions in which pretty well all those present at some time took part.

That no real difficulties were avoided can be seen from the two reflections left to the group as it dispersed.

"Should all sides be ready to compromise on principles to keep the Church of England, or the Anglican Communion, together? Or is it better to remain true to important principles even if that leads to division?"

St Mary's is very grateful to those outside speakers who helped our discussion so much.



## An “Egg-citing” Easter Fun Day

On 8 April St Mary’s was a hive of activity. Over 20 children aged 5 to 10, with parents/carers arrived for a day of craft and fun. After the parents left the children were divided into six groups with suitable Easter names. The groups each with an adult leader took part in a variety of activities.

“Bunnies”, “Chicks”, “Egg Hunters”, “Cream Eggs”, “Egg Finders” and “Mini-eggs” painted eggs, decorated biscuits, produced Easter baskets and chocolate nests. They created two spring murals which were on display in church. Fran Siddle, the event organiser, led a musical activity with instruments.



We all joined together in the hall for our packed lunches while we were plied with squash by the “drinks ladies”, Lucy, Wendy, and Grace (who also did a lot of the clearing up and washing up!)

At 2.30 we all returned to the church for another drink and biscuit, where parents joined us to see what we had been doing and hear a new song accompanied by tambourines, which we had learnt. The Vicar, who visited all the groups during the day, led a short service telling the story of Easter.

Meanwhile the “Easter Bunny” aka Matt Siddle, had been busy in the church yard concealing eggs and other chocolate treats for the concluding Egg Hunt. At 3.00 the church door burst open and the hunt began!



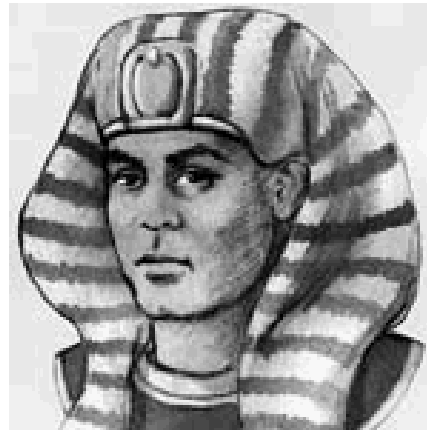
All the children left (some with rather chocolatey faces) loaded with craft work, a balloon and goodies after thanking those who had organised the day.

St Mary’s owes an enormous “Thank you” to Fran, Matt and Fran’s Mum and Dad who planned, shopped and generally made the event possible. A special “thank you” also goes to all those who helped during the day, by leading groups, running activities, setting up and clearing away.

When’s the next one?

JD

## EXPLAINED: THE TEN PLAGUES OF ANCIENT EGYPT



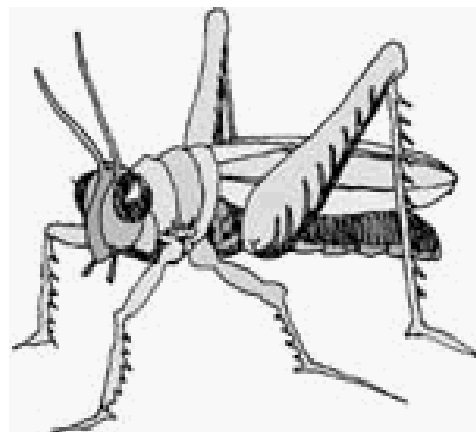
According to the Biblical book Exodus, God responded to Pharaoh’s intransigence by sending ten plagues to demonstrate his might. And there’s no doubt, says The Daily Telegraph, that some 3,000 years ago the Egyptian city of Pi-

Rameses was abandoned by its townsfolk. Now scientists from Germany and Canada have worked out a scenario in which natural phenomena, corresponding to the ten plagues, could have been responsible for Pharaoh’s change of attitude.

It started, say the scientists, when the climate changed, with plentiful rain giving way to (a well-documented) drought following the reign of Rameses II. As temperatures rose, the Nile would have turned slow and muddy, ideal conditions for toxic algae called *Oscillatoria rubescens*, which turn water red when they die (plague 1). This could have caused all the frogs (plague 2) to leave the river, resulting in an explosion in the populations of flies and other insects that frogs feed on (plagues 3 and 4), leading in turn to an increase in insect-borne disease, which would have killed livestock (5), and caused boils (6).

And the last four plagues? These may have been caused by the (again, well-documented) eruption of Thera, a volcano north of Crete. This would have spewed billions of tons of ash into the air over North Africa, which could have led to hail-storms (7), humidity that fostered locusts (8), and darkness (9). It could even have triggered the tenth plague, the death of the first-born. It’s possible the humidity nurtured a fungus that infected grain supplies. Eldest sons, fed first, would have been the first to die.

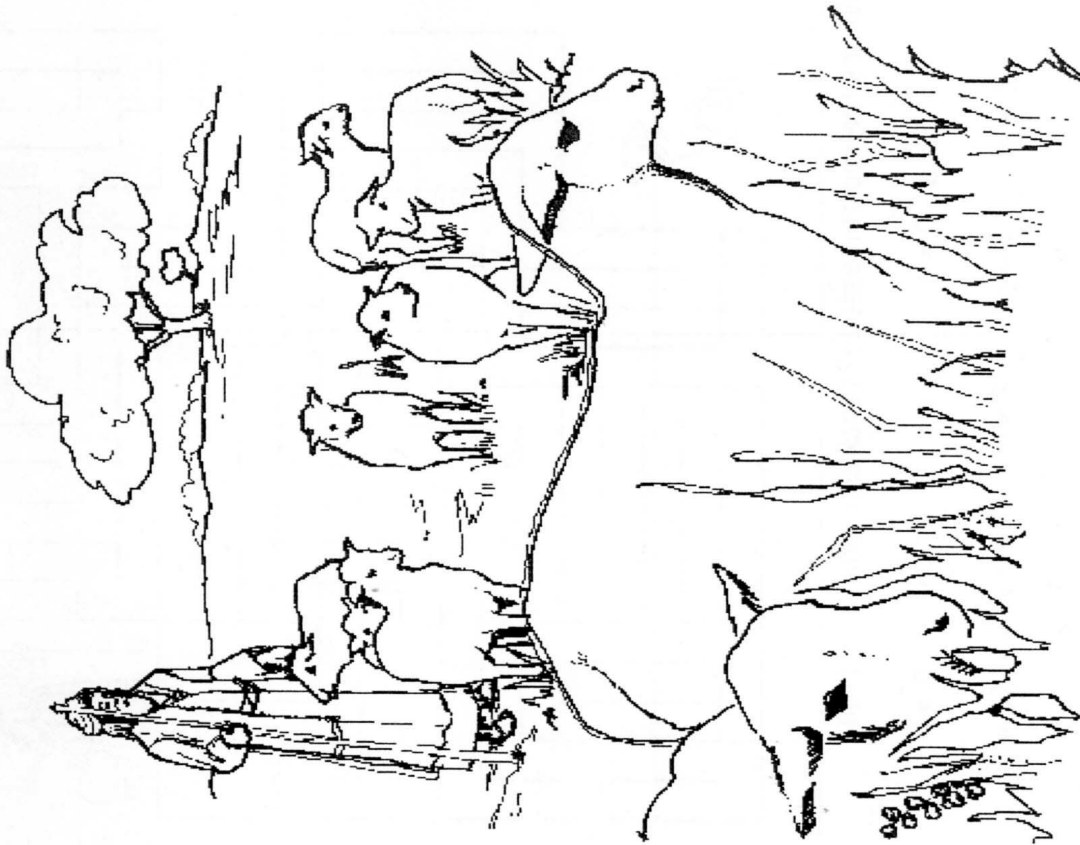
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# Young Church Mag

25 April 2010, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, John 10:22-30



Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice"

A word search for you to do

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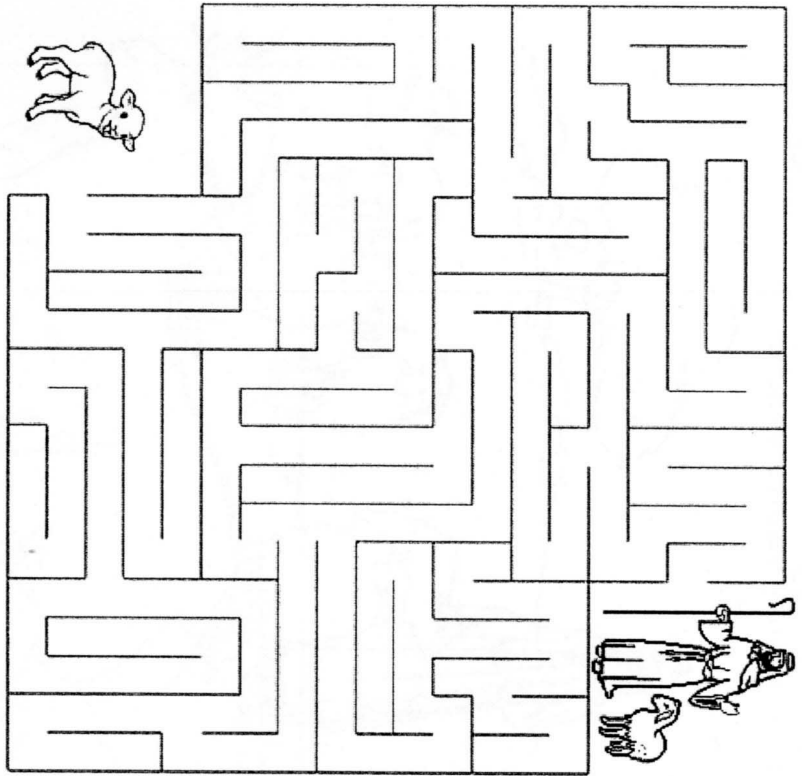
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| LOVE     | PROTECT    | SHEEP    |
| SHEPHERD | WATER      | WOOL     |



Write my name on the palm of your hand,  
 Remember me all my days.  
 Write my name in the book of heaven  
 And keep me safe always.  
 Amen

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Can you help the shepherd find his way to the sheep?



What's the secret message? Crack the code to find out

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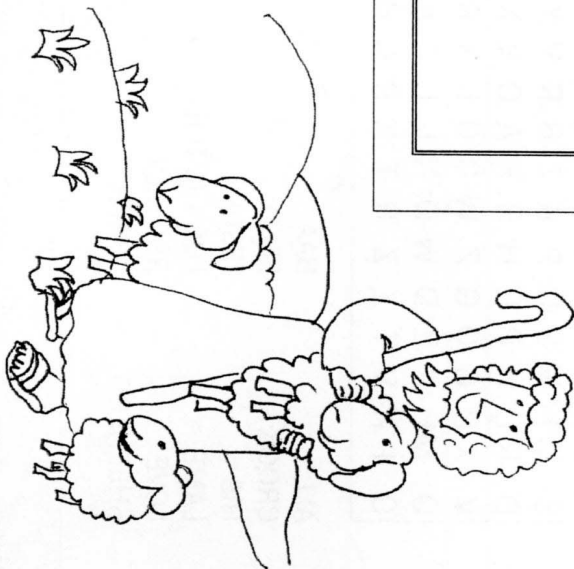
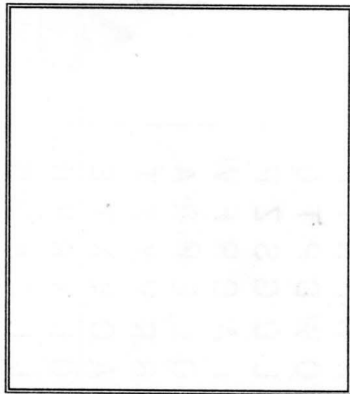
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Jesus knows each one of us!  
Write your name, draw yourself and colour the picture.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

And Jesus knows me!



By the way ...

What do polite sheep say when they meet?

"How do ewe do!"

How do sheep keep warm?

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"Let us listen twice as much as we talk."

*Wise Old Owl*

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## Calendar for May



- S 2 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Choral Mattins  
1730 Evening Prayer
- T 4** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 9 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Mattins  
1730 Choral Evensong
- T 11** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- Th 13 ASCENSION DAY**  
1200 Said Eucharist  
1900 Sung Eucharist
- S 15** 1100-1800 Parish Trip to Oxford with Evensong at Exeter College
- S 16 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 All-age Eucharist  
1100 Sung Eucharist 1662 Rite  
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 17** Communion taken to the Housebound  
2000 Meeting of Children's Support Group
- T 18** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room  
Communion taken to 'The Elders'
- S 22** 1000-1200 Spring Market in the Church Hall  
1930 Mozart Requiem – St Mary's Choir
- S 23 PENTECOST**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist with Procession  
1100 Choral Mattins  
1200–1500 Family Picnic in Glyn House Grounds  
1730 Evening Prayer
- T 25** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 29** Confirmation at the Cathedral
- S 30 TRINITY SUNDAY**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist with Procession  
1100 Mattins with Holy Baptism  
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 31 THE VISITATION**  
1200 Said Eucharist

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