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

THE ABSOLUTELY SELFISH GENE

Biologists make a strong case that genes are interested only in propagating themselves. They are not particularly interested in propagating the organisms through which they pass. They just want to keep on keeping on in their own way.

Non-biologists can accept this where observable matter is concerned - height, colour, size. Genes for grey eyes, curly hair, long neck, are likely lads. But genes for laziness, kindness to strangers, poetic inventiveness - can we be so sure?

"Which of you can add one cubit to his stature?" suggests no choice. "Go, sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor," suggests plenty of choice. And what about a gene which makes us question all this? We have all met, maybe been, stubborn people.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." A Big Bang is some people's idea. Certainly Light becomes a key to all measurements thereafter.

The idea of a Selfish Gene does throw light on "I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous god"; "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"; "No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." There is no ambiguity here, where some find the assertions of paramount importance, others find them a stumbling block, yet others foolishness.

Are these reactions pre-decided by genes? We may appreciate the depth of the mystery by considering how Music has affected humans down the ages.

But your Really (at first sight) Selfish Gene is in your Lord Jesus. He wants you, me, us, for Himself alone. All of us. All of all of us. No sharing with anyone else.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." From "I am a jealous God" through "not one jot or tittle of the Law shall pass away" to "Love your enemies" He is always up-to-date. He wants to dwell in us. And from there go on to dwell in others. (Which is classic gene theory.)

The essential difference from gene theory is that Jesus is intensely interested in us, genes are not. Here also lies the essential selfishness of our human nature. We either let Jesus run our lives OR we run them ourselves. His selfishness OR ours.

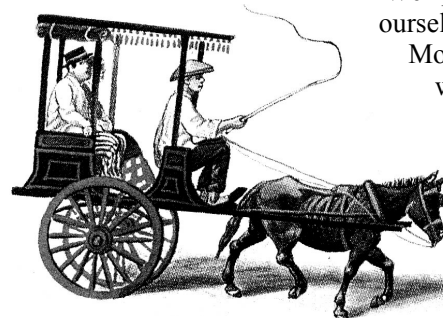
The running of lives is a pretty rough business. (Elizabeth I kept a sword beside her bed.) In every age property, plunderers and politics fight it out. The genes don't care. But see what Jesus promises-

"My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

Jesus connects directly with each individual.

"Behold, I stand at the door and Knock....." is a ready part of our St Mary's heritage here where Holman Hunt painted "The Light of the World".

With genes we have no choice. With Jesus we have a choice. We can ignore the knock, refuse to open the door. We can try opening it half-way but that doesn't work. Jesus is the Absolutely Selfish Genius. For Him it's all OR nothing.



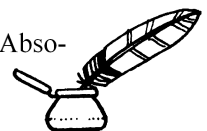
We probably won't see ourselves as The Second Most Selfish Gene when we refuse His challenge, whatever it may be. Yet, when we refuse, Jesus does something genes will never do. He gives us complete

freedom to live our lives our own way. No recriminations, no criticisms, no warnings, just - "My yoke is easy, my burden light."

(The yoke He speaks of is a piece of harness made to sit comfortably on an animal's shoulders. This is tackled to the shafts of a cart where the burden to be drawn is balanced evenly above an axle. Physical effort is thus minimalised.)

Our encounter with Jesus is different from all others. Only He can see the best we can be and do - how unselfish we can be. In His case the best meant the Absolute Unselfishness which led to the Cross for our sakes.

Which probably means a gene for Abso-luteness - Selfish or Unselfish.



THE VICAR writes

'HERE WE ARE AGAIN, BOYS, HERE WE ARE AGAIN.'

I have often spoken of the 'working year' at St Mary as being something which begins - rather like the academic year or the Jewish New Year - in the autumn. It is not quite a case of 'Here we are again, boys, here we are again', as in the old song. In one sense we are indeed back doing the same thing: praising God and serving him in his church; but by this time next year we shall have all significantly moved on. This year the working year will indeed be an eventful one, and there *may* be a new Vicar in post by the time the next Patronal Festival comes around. On the other hand it is quite possible that the interregnum will still be going on, and the parish must face that possibility. Our neighbouring parish of Cuddington bade farewell to Dr Harvey in January, and, even though there was much talk of the vacancy being filled as soon as February (there is no secret about that), in fact it is still the case that to date they are without a Vicar in post. It does not follow that there will be queues of priests all wanting to be Vicar of Ewell. The parish will have certain expectations, and will make these views known through their appointed representatives. So also will anyone who comes to see the place; it is a two-way process. It is far more important that the right person comes to be your parish priest than that the vacancy is quickly filled. So it is very much the case that the Patronal Festival, which more or less starts off the working year for us at St Mary's, gives us even more than usual the chance to reflect upon the nature of our role as a pilgrim people here, as once again we renew our Baptismal Vows at the festival of our Patron Saint, and reflect upon her own loving obedience to the call of God. It is also the case that our Patronal Festival very conveniently takes into its system the adjacent Dedication Festival, which reminds us of our local role within our particular geographical setting. There was a report published some years ago about cathedrals, which was entitled '*Heritage and Renewal*.' The title (if not the report) is a useful tag to describe the situation to which the parish is now moving, and which will be a reality in just over four months time. The heritage is what we actually have here: a fine church, much loved and well-used, set conspicuously on the London Road to be there for the people of Ewell when they need it. The notice-board at the bottom of the church drive (did you know we have one?) says 'Welcome to your parish church'; it does not say 'Welcome to our parish church', because it is for the people of Ewell, and we are bold to claim that we wish to be known for '*Sharing the love of Christ, the Light of*

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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)

1200 HOLY COMMUNION

(On Greater Festivals and on the last Sunday of the month except in December)

1830 EVENING WORSHIP

Either at St Mary's or at Ewell United Reformed Church. 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

Administrator:
Mrs Lynne Yuille 020 8393 2643 (Office)
Office email: parishoffice@stmarysewell.com

This is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church and is open from 0930 to 1300 on Monday to Friday, (though at present it is not usually open on Thursdays). Also on Friday evening from 1830 to 2000, except in August, the office is open particularly for routine enquiries about Baptism, Banns of Marriage, Confirmation, or fixing up later appointments.

The Vicar is not usually available on Thursdays, and would be grateful not to be contacted on routine matters. Emergencies are different.

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Quotable quotes

Faith is the ability not
 to panic

Laugh every day- it's
 like inner jogging

the World, with the people of Ewell.' We have an invisible heritage too: one of all the centuries of worship, prayer, Christian life and witness, which have enriched this place, both in the present church and in the church or churches before it. The renewal is just as dynamic as the past history: we are called upon to move on in renewed faith and confidence, and to be ready for many new things to happen. It is fitting that the local Heritage Day comes just at the end of the Patronal Festival, and St Mary's will open on the Saturday morning (details on the Calendar). Many, of course, will drop in just to 'see the church'; others may find that they wish to pause and sit, or kneel and pray. Renewal Day (I have just made up that title) is really the Sunday of the Patronal Festival, when at the Sung Eucharist, and possibly at the other services, we shall be renewing our vows of basic Christian commitment, and doing so in the same words as are spoken when people come to the rite of Holy Baptism. That baptismal commitment is an all-life affair, and, whilst the baptism can never be repeated, the individual commitment can certainly be recalled to mind and formally re-iterated in church on specific occasions by that collection of individuals who together make up the local manifestation of the body of Christ which is his Church. So the working year begins, and we shall have a pleasant time together over a period of a fortnight or so. There will be distinctive services in church, some music and culture, some relaxation and good fellowship in the Garden Party and in the trip to the south coast. All of this is meant to get us back on track for what will be a very important year.

THE CROSS, THE CALL, AND THE CROPS.

Actually this month sees a somewhat unusual calendar, as far as the church services are concerned. After the Patronal Festival is over, there is a run of three distinctive Sundays, each with a particular and distinctive flavour. The Church of England has, since 2000, upgraded Holy Cross Day to the status of a festival, and so we shall be observing this on the actual day (the 14th) this year, since it falls on a Sunday. It gives us the chance to take a look at the central image of Christianity, the Cross of Christ, away from the overwhelming involvement that comes from a serious observance of Holy Week. The following week sees another Holy Day fall on a Sunday, the festival of St Matthew the Apostle, the one called from the tax-office to be one of the apostolic band. There was a fine old saint in my first parish: 'Jolly Olly' she was called - Olly being short for Olwen - and she always had to endure much banter in church on St Matthew's Day, for she was a senior tax official herself; but, unlike what he did with St Matthew, the Lord didn't call her *away* from being a tax-collector, because he wanted her to be a saint *and* a tax-collector. The following Sunday sees the Harvest Festival in the morning, when we have plenty of opportunity to sing the familiar hearty harvest hymns, and to bring to church our harvest gifts, which are an enacted parable reminding us that those who receive our gifts are indeed our brothers and sisters in Christ. In the evening there will be the Choristers Reunion, and there will be a rousing Choral Evensong at 1700, with Haydn's anthem, *'The heavens are telling'*, which curiously relates both to the Harvest Festival and to the fact that it is the Eve of Michaelmas; a trio in the anthem (a chorus from Haydn's Oratorio *'The Creation'*) is sung by the archangels Michael, Raphael and Uriel - or rather on their behalf by members of the choir.

Your friend and Parish priest,

Richard Hanford

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Toolkit for Christian Living -starting September

The Diocesan discipleship course for adults, 'Toolkit for Christian Learning', will recommence this autumn in five locations in the Diocese, offering an opportunity to review God's call on our lives and to develop confidence as disciples, better able to apply faith to everyday life.

The *Toolkit* course was piloted in 2006 and offered for the first time in 07/08, when it was received enthusiastically by participants and tutors alike. A participant at a group that met in Frimley said: "*Why have I found it so good? It's the people, the openness, the sharing, the space, the learning, the growing, the confidence it is giving me. I would describe the sessions as being a bit like a Lent group only they reach the parts which Lent groups are not designed to.*"

The course consists of four modules of five weekly meetings, running throughout the autumn and spring terms. Participants can sign on for one or more, or all four, at a cost of £25 per module.

There are no entry requirements other than an enquiring mind and a willingness to listen to other Christians. There is no coursework as such, but ways of reflecting on your learning are suggested. The course has been found helpful by relatively 'young' Christians as well as those who are further along the faith journey. The Diocese hopes that *Toolkit for Christian Living* will be a valuable extra way for Christians to learn more about their faith and grow in discipleship.

Module 1. Journey of Faith: September - October 2008

Module 2. Roots of Faith: November - December 2008

Module 3. Community of Faith: January -February 2008

Module 4. Living Faith: March - April 2008

These modules will be available in four locations, on THURSDAYS:

Frimley, St Francis, 9.45-11.45am

Ashted, St George, 9.45-11.45am

Farnborough, Church of the Good Shepherd, 8.00 – 10:00p.m.

Godalming Baptist Church, 7.45-9.45pm

There will also be an evening group on TUESDAYS:

Guildford, Education Centre, Cathedral, 7.45 – 9.45pm.

Additional venues may become available, please enquire.

ALSO AVAILABLE, an introductory session entitled *Starter Kit* (recommended but not compulsory – try it to see if you like it) on July 15 2008, 10am - 12.30pm or September 2 2008 at 7.45 – 9.45pm at the Education Centre, Cathedral, Guildford.

For further details, and to enrol, contact Jo Walker, Adult Education Adviser at jo.walker@cofeguildford.org or tel. 01483 484909; or Elaine Waddington, EfD Administrator at elaine.waddington@cofeguildford.org.uk or tel. 01483 484911. You can also download a leaflet about Toolkit for Christian Living at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/education

RISK

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out to another is to risk involvement. To expose your feelings is to risk rejection.

To place your dreams before the crowd is to risk ridicule. To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To go forward in the face of overwhelming odds is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken because the greatest risk of all is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing and is nothing.

He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he cannot learn, he cannot feel, he cannot change, he cannot grow and he cannot love.

Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave. Only the person who risks is truly free.

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SUGGESTED PRAYERS

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power I am sustained, and by whose mercy I am spared, look down upon me with pity. Forgive me that I have until now so much neglected the duty which Thou hast assigned to me, and suffered the days and hours of which I must give account to pass without any endeavour to accomplish Thy will. Make me to remember O God, that every day is Thy gift, and ought to be used according to Thy command. Grant me, therefore, so to repent of my negligence, that I may obtain mercy from Thee, and pass the time which Thou shalt yet allow me in diligent performance of Thy commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Samuel Johnson (1709-31784)

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire Thee with our whole heart; that so desiring we may seek and find Thee; and so finding Thee may love Thee; and loving Thee, may hate those sins from which Thou hast redeemed us. Amen.

Anselm. (1033-1109)

O Lord God of Hosts, grant to those who have gone forth to fight our battles by land or sea, protection in danger, patience in suffering, and moderation in victory. Look with compassion on the sick, the wounded, and the captives; sanctify to them their trials, and turn their hearts unto Thee. For Thy dear Son's sake, O Lord, pardon and receive the dying; have mercy upon the widow and fatherless, and comfort all who mourn. O gracious Father, who makest wars to cease in all the world, restore to us, Thy people, speedily the blessing of peace, and grant that our present troubles may be overruled to Thy glory, in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the union of all nations in Thy faith, fear, and love. Hear, O Lord, and answer us; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

E. Hawkins (1789-1882)

O Heavenly Father, the Father of all wisdom, understanding, and true strength, I beseech Thee, for Thy only Son our Saviour Christ's sake, look mercifully upon me, wretched creature, and send Thine Holy Spirit into my breast; that not only I may understand according to Thy wisdom, how this temptation is to be borne off, and with what answer it is to be beaten back; but also, when I must join to fight in the field for the glory of Thy name, that then I being strengthened with the defence of Thy right hand, may manfully stand in the confession of Thy faith, and of Thy truth, and may continue in the same unto the end of my life, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bishop Ridley (1500-1555)

Church Cleaning - Help Required

It is about 15 years since the church received an organised clean of the upper areas, including truss corbels, internal windows, tracery, memorials and the like, and the Estates Committee are proposing to organise a similar event this year, on Saturday, 4th October 2008, to take place between 0900 and 1400 hrs.

However, the committee is far too small in number to undertake this task without calling upon other members of the congregation to assist in this work, and we believe that we shall need an additional **minimum of 20 committed volunteers** if this project is to proceed and be completed in the time frame available.

If you are able to help in this task would you please inform as early as possible, and certainly by 21st September, one of the churchwardens or George Jarrett; or place your name on the list that will be displayed in the Welcome Area. It would be helpful to know, too, if you are comfortable working off a ladder or set of steps, but, if not, please don't be put off as there will be plenty of lower level tasks to do.

The committee believes you will agree that this is a worthwhile task to undertake, so please do commit yourself to help if you can.

GEJ

ORGAN APPEAL



St. Mary's is the proud owner of a "FATHER WILLIS ORGAN", built in 1889, which is in pretty good condition. However there are occasions when it does need some T.L.C. There is a similar instrument in another church, not too far away, which has been sadly neglected and is now to be refurbished at a cost of some £140,000! No need to panic, we are assured that our organ is in pretty good condition at the moment, but does need attention from time to time in order to maintain this desirable state of affairs. To this end we are endeavouring to raise £20,000, will you help us?

Donations should be sent to the Church Treasurer, cheques payable to St.Mary's Church, Ewell. Any funds received will be greatly appreciated and carefully used for the good of our magnificent organ and some repairs to our pianos.

Arthur Mathews

COFFEE MORNINGS

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 10.30 am – 12 noon
IN THE CHURCH HALL

DO COME AND JOIN US

"MORE Sinners of Ewell"

A most interesting talk by the Vicar at the Coffee Morning on 9 July entitled "Sinners of Ewell" (see August EPN) left the audience wanting to hear more. So he has kindly agreed to return on Wednesday 17 September to reveal "MORE Sinners of Ewell". This is too good to miss, so try to come if you possibly can.

Venue- Church Hall

10.30 - 11.00 Tea/coffee will be served

11.00 Vicar's Talk will commence

Coach Outing to Chichester and Bosham

As we go to print there are a few seats available on the coach for Chichester and Bosham on Thursday 11 September - Just £10 each.

Departure from outside the Church Hall (please be there by 9.15) for Chichester. We shall then leave Chichester at approx 14.30 for Bosham where we shall stay until 17.00.

Anyone who is interested in joining us should contact Joan Boulden as soon as possible.

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 3rd January 2009

GALA DINNER

A celebration to mark
our Vicar's retirement

THE 2008 PATRONAL FESTIVAL

PRINCIPAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

- 31 August **SUNDAY OF THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL**
 0930 Sung Eucharist *with the Procession of the Parish Church.*
 1100 Choral Mattins
 1630 Evensong and Holy Baptism
- T 2 Sept 1000 **Requiem Mass** for Past Worshippers.
- Sat 6 1430- 1630 **Garden Party** at 17 Beech Walk, by kindness of Kathie and Ian Burgess. Admission by ticket, price £4
- S 7 **SUNDAY OF THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
 0930 Sung Eucharist *with Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Procession of Our Lady.*
 1100 Choral Mattins
- T 9 1000 **Holy Communion.** Eucharist of Our Lady of Walsingham.
- W 10 1200 **Holy Communion.** (Epsom Deanery Clergy Chapter.)
- Th 11 0915 **Coach Outing** to Chichester and Bosham. Tickets £10.
 Further information from the office.
- Sat 13 **'Heritage Day'**; St Mary's will be open to visitors in the morning.
 1400 **Nuptial Mass.** Wedding of Nigel Bird and Maria Harradine.
 1930 **Patronal Festival Organ Recital** by Jonathan Holmes.

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

HOLY MATRIMONY

**'That theirs may be the love that knows no ending,
 Whom thou for evermore dost join in one.'**
 (AMR 463)

26 July Paul Michael Hill and Caroline Louise Holmes

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Saturday, 13 September at 1930

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Programme:

Dupré - Second Symphony
Mozart - Fantasia in F minor (K.508)
Bach - Toccata in F
Bovet - Toccata Planyavska
Healey Willan - Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue
Lindberg - Old song from Dalacarla
Lanquetuit - Toccata

Admission is £6.00, payable at the door (under 16s get in free!) or £5.00 in advance from the Parish Office or after services on Sundays

Saturday, 27 September at 19.30

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Concert performance with Ewell Parish Church Choir joined by local schools

directed by Jonathan Holmes

Tickets are available (@£3.00; under 16s free (- but need a ticket) from the Parish Office, after church services on Sundays and at the participating schools.

SLOW CHANGE IS ON THE WAY

The year was 1644 and London was in turmoil. State censorship had broken down, and John Milton did not want parliament to bring it back. He wrote *Areopagitica*, his plea for "the liberty of unlicensed printing". But there were limits to toleration, even for Milton. "I mean not tolerated Popery," he added. Roman Catholicism was beyond the pale.

In the same year an even more subversive pamphlet appeared. Returning from New England, Roger Williams published his tract *The Bloody Tenent [Principle] of Persecution for Cause of Conscience*.

Fellow Puritans were bewildered to learn that Jesus Christ expected them to put up with Popery, Judaism, Islam and even the misguided worship of the Native Americans. "God requireth not an uniformity of religion to be established in any civil state," wrote Williams.

Williams' pioneering insight underlies the first amendment to the US constitution: "Congress shall make no law regarding an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This principle still offers the best hope for a multi-faith world. But for many centuries Christendom had held this truth to be anything but self-evident. Sir (and Saint) Thomas More died bravely for his faith, but also called for heretics to be burnt at the stake; and the valiant pilgrim John Bunyan was locked up with the full approval of the Church of England. The ideal of religious freedom all round was not fully accepted until the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) and in the meantime triumphant atheists of the Leninist persuasion had brutally reverted to the old line of censorship and persecution.

And what of Islam today? Suicide bombing is condemned by the vast majority of "moderate Muslims", who find the affair of the "blasphemous teddy bear" an embarrassment. But the idea of "toleration all round" is another matter.

Mainstream Islam, both Sunni and Shia, stands where the churches stood around 1650. Today's Muslims have great difficulty in recognising each other, let alone engaging in dialogue with other faiths. When the distinguished academic Professor Ali S Asani, from the Ismaili branch of Shia Islam, began his Arabic studies at Harvard, the Sunni professor refused to accept him as a fellow believer. Three decades later another Muslim scholar dismissed his contribution with the words "What does he know about real Islam? He is an Ismaili."

Worse, there are signs that Islam is moving in the wrong direction. In Saudi Arabia all non-Wahhabi worship is prohibited. The Ahmaddiyya movement, long condemned as heretical in Pakistan, now faces persecution in Bangladesh too. But as Professor Asani tells us: "The notion of a ... mono-religious state is an idea that has outlived its usefulness, for it fails to come to terms with the fundamental aspect of humanity - its diversity."

Professor Asani's contribution is not the only sign of hope. In 2004 I represented the Salvation Army at a conference in Malaysia, sharing a multi-faith platform with the respected Muslim scholar Dr Chandra Muzaffar. The law of that land forbids Malay Muslims to adopt another faith. Christian visitors from abroad have a duty to be tactful, so my words of

criticism were chosen with care.

But now Dr Muzaffar has himself addressed the question of conversion. He wrote: "For many non-Muslims, entering and exiting a religion is a question of human rights ... However, for the vast majority of Muslims ... leaving Islam is an unpardonable crime." He went on to point out that the Qu'ran does not "prescribe ... any punishment for the apostate". And without making any explicit call for reform of the Malaysian law, he pleaded for "a significant change in the Muslim mindset".

It is likely that positive change in Islam will be slow, patchy and painful. Meanwhile, non-Muslim westerners, who are heirs to the insights of Roger Williams and others, must maintain their principled cause with firmness and courtesy. Rude cartoons and one-sided apologies are equally unhelpful.

John Coutts is a writer, Russian translator and member of the Salvation Army



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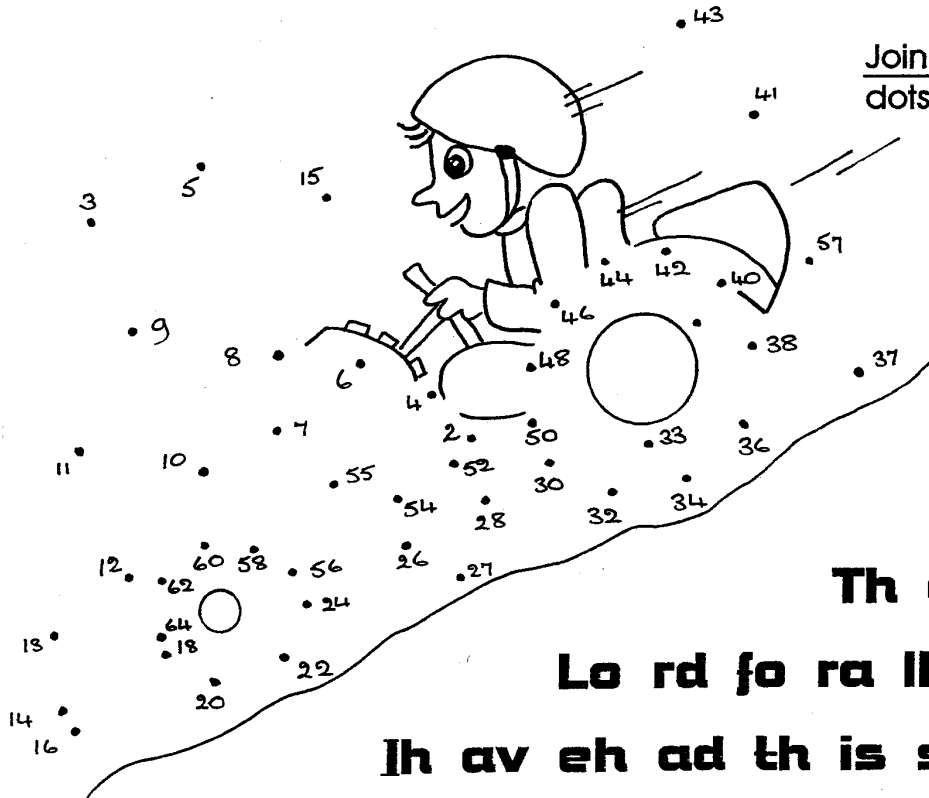
How to pray when you've lost the plot?
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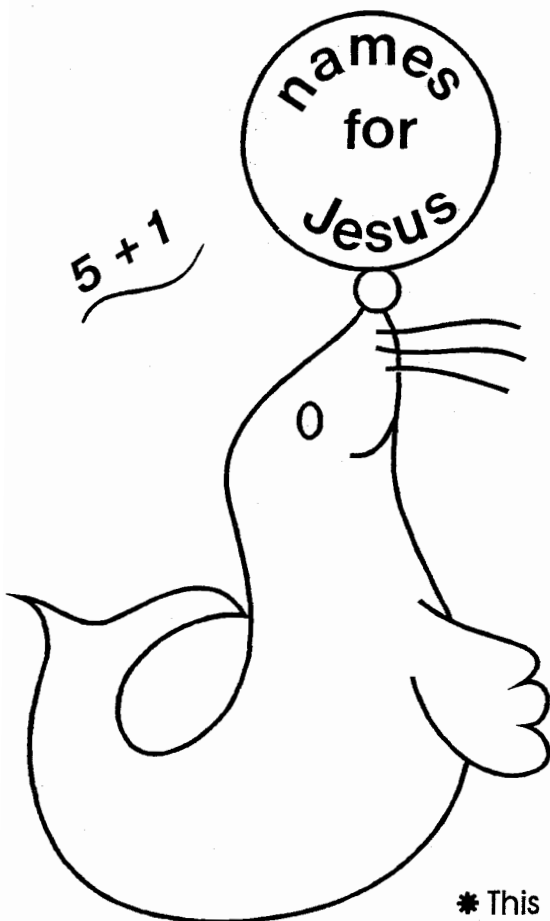
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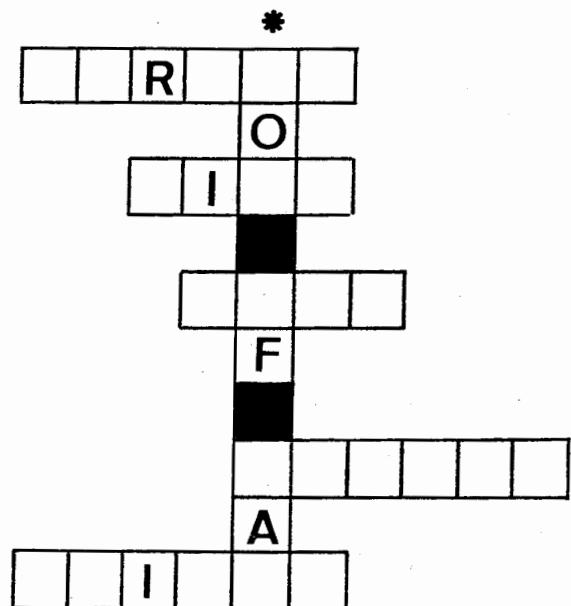
Can you puzzle out what this says?

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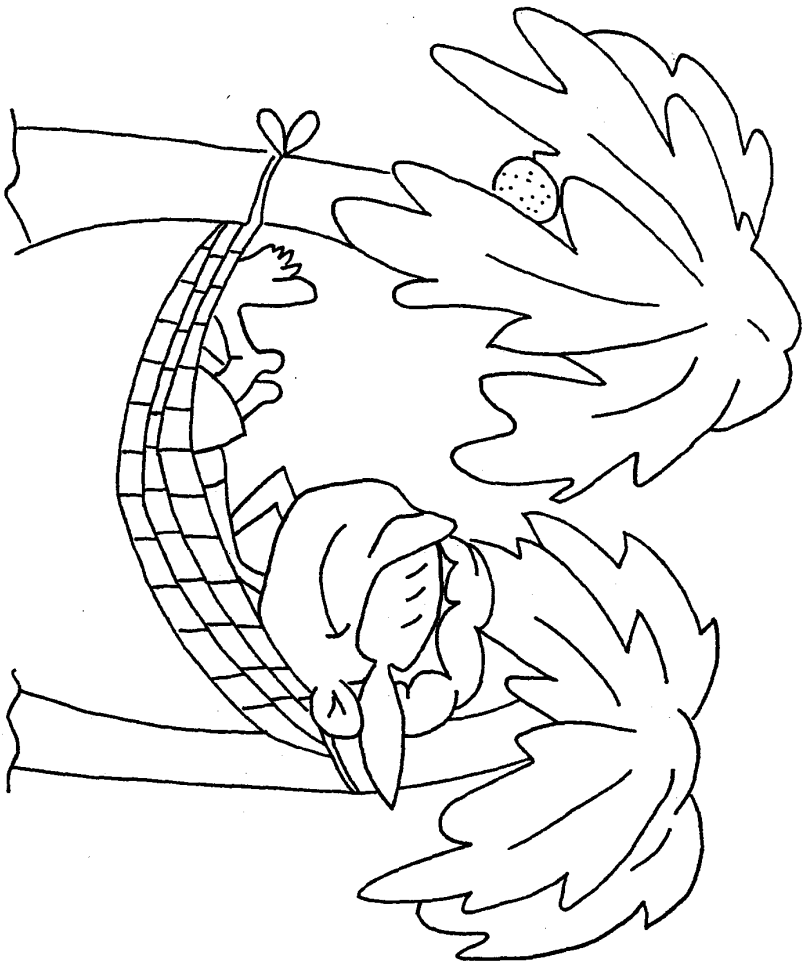
5 names for Jesus. Fit them in the grid, across:

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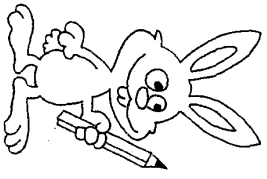


* This column spells out the name Jesus called himself.

Thank you Lord Jesus for lazy Summer days



Ten things missing.
How many can you spot?



This rabbit can't spell too well!
So he writes C-side instead of Seaside.
Can you puzzle out the rest of these words?

C-gull E-zee B-ch P-nuts
R-tist T-time X-4-T



..By the way, what happened when Mum dropped the picnic basket on the beach? We all found out why they are called sand-wiches!
..What did the sea say to the beach? Nothing. It just waved!
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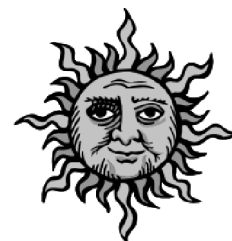
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Calendar for September



M 1 The Vicar is 'duty officer' in the office this week. Because of the Vicar's unusual timetable, there may be some unavoidable changes to the normal office hours (see Mon. 8 below) this week. It may be worth telephoning before turning up.

Patronal Festival continues.

T 2 1000 **Requiem Mass** for Past Worshippers

Sat 6 1430-1630 **Garden Party** at 17 Beech Walk, by kindness of Kathie and Ian Burgess

S 7 **SUNDAY OF THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (See page 7)

M 8 Normal office arrangements resume today
Office open to callers 0930-1300 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is also Open Office on Friday evenings 1830-2000

T 9 1000 **Holy Communion.** Eucharist of Our Lady of Walsingham

W 10 1200 **Holy Communion.** Eucharist for the Epsom Deanery Clergy Chapter (but anyone may attend the service). Afterwards Mr David Davies, the Sub-Organist of the Cathedral, will be speaking to the Chapter.

Th 11 **Coach Outing** to Chichester and Bosham. Further information from the office.

Sat 13 **'Heritage Day'**; St Mary's will be open to visitors in the morning

1400 **Nuptial Mass.** Wedding of Nigel Bird and Maria Harradine

1930 **Patronal Festival Organ Recital** by **Jonathan Holmes**

END OF THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

S 14 **HOLY CROSS DAY**

Normal Sunday arrangements

W 17 1100 Vicar speaks to the Coffee Morning on *'More Sinners of Ewell.'*

S 21 **ST MATTHEW Trinity 18**

Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100

Sat 27 1930 **Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Concert performance by the Parish Choir, joined by children of local schools. Directed by **Jonathan Holmes**. Tickets £3.00; (under 16s free - but need a ticket) from the Parish Office, after church services on Sundays and at participating schools

S 28 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Thanksgiving for the Harvest. (See page 3)

It is 'Back to church Sunday.'

0930 Procession of Harvest Gifts at the Sung Eucharist

1100 Christian Family Praise for Harvest, with Procession of Harvest Gifts

1700 Choral Evensong. *Choristers' re-union*

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