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## The Vicar writes

Holy Communion is usually received in two forms or 'kinds': bread and wine, following Jesus's instruction and example at the Last Supper. At the moment, however, those of us who are receiving Holy Communion are usually receiving in one kind only, under the form of bread. I say usually, because there are some exceptions, namely that the priest celebrating the Eucharist does consume some consecrated wine. Otherwise, everyone else receiving communion (be they ordained or not) receives only in the form of bread. During my summer break, I was in the congregation of a church in Sussex for a couple of Sundays, and so I was sitting in the pews and receiving in this way and had the opportunity to think about it.

I am very conscious, of course, of those who would dearly love to receive Holy Communion in church at the moment, but are not able to attend church or do not feel able to receive Communion when they do so. I wrote a few months ago about 'spiritual communion', which the church has always taught, namely that we can receive the grace of Communion spiritually when physically hindered from receiving Communion.

This month I wanted to address the question of receiving Holy Communion in one kind. Are we receiving anything less? The teaching of the church says no. If we receive under the form bread only (or, in different circumstances, wine only) we still receive the whole Christ, body and blood. I am sure none of us would think that a larger piece of bread would give us more grace; in the same way, we receive the fullness of Christ even if we do not receive under the form of wine. Of course, what we have to do at the moment is less than ideal. A very important part of a Sacrament, as the 1662 Prayer book reminds us, is that it is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." The sign is clearer, and more intimately connected with Jesus's own practice, when we are able to receive in both kinds. But when necessity requires, we aren't losing out by receiving in one kind. This being the Church of England, this is actually laid down in the law, the Sacrament Act of 1547 to be exact. The Act, still in force, says that Holy Communion must be given "under bothe the Kyndes, that is to saie of breade and wyne, excepte necessitie otherwise require."

Other examples of necessity can involve taking Communion to a sick person. Way back in the early church, especially when there were fewer churches and Christianity was at some times illegal, Christians sometimes took the Sacrament home, where it was carefully reserved so they could take communion without having to go to church. Many of the early church fathers and

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doctors write about this practice, and for obvious practical reasons, this tended to be done only in the form of bread. There are also other similar examples in the history of the church ministering in times of plague.

The situation at present isn't ideal and I look forward to the day when we return to normal. But that is true of so many areas of life. The fact that we cannot meet with our families in larger groups is grievous. What we need to do to make sure we can receive Holy Communion safely is not, in comparison, so very much of a sacrifice. And our theology shows us that the 'inward and spiritual grace' we receive is no way diminished.

**IN CHURCH IN OCTOBER**

We will continue for most of October with the current Sunday pattern as follows

*9:30am Morning Prayer on Facebook live*

*11am St Mary's Kidz - children's service on Facebook live*

*5:30pm Holy Communion in church. It is wonderful that the parish choir is again able to sing at services, although we are not permitted to sing hymns at present*

*Children's Hour and Club Sandwich continue to meet on Zoom.*

At the end of October, as the clocks go back, we may re-assess our Sunday pattern. There may be opportunities to bring together our online and in-church congregations in a way that all can participate. We are looking into the technical challenges, and also considering how we can ensure everyone's privacy and data protection rights are fully protected.

**HARVEST**

St Mary's will be open on Thursday 1 October 5-6pm. All are welcome, but in particular we hope that individuals and families will use the opportunity to bring non-perishable harvest gifts. These will be given to the local food bank, whose services are needed now more than ever. You can come just for that and stay just a minute or two without even having to touch anything - or you can stay longer and pray in the pews. Children can also pick up an activity bag with craft activities at the same time.

Services on Sunday 4 October will celebrate harvest, when you can also bring harvest gifts to the 5:30pm Holy Communion service.

**ORGAN RECITALS**

Jonathan is continuing his journey through the organ works of Bach on Tuesday lunchtimes, 1.05pm on Tuesday 20 October, which is free of charge (but donations very welcome). Also look out for information on an organ recital which may take place on 10 October at 7:30pm. Sadly we can't provide refreshments at recitals at the present time. All our activities are socially distanced, and organ recitals are well designed for these times, when you can come and simply sit and listen. Please remember that face masks must be worn in church.

Your friend and Parish Priest

Russell Dewhurst



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## WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLOUR IN AUTUMN?

"Where are the songs of Spring? Aye, where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too."

The arrival of spring is welcomed by all. Its harbingers - maybe the first swallow sighted or the first bright yellow brimstone butterfly flitting about - are duly noted, perhaps even reported in the Press. Little welcome, however, is afforded by poets to the arrival of autumn; yet, as John Keats so memorably says in 'Ode to Autumn', quoted above, it has its own music. A Londoner born and bred, Keats had to walk up to Hampstead Heath fully to appreciate "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".

As a season, spring often bursts into our consciousness while autumn is not heralded by anything in particular. No event makes us say, "Look, here is autumn". There may be a combination of many factors. One person might point to the drawing-in of nights, another the increasing sight of gulls congregating on playing fields. Someone else may point to the abundance of haws and hips. Yet surely the most decisive thing of all is the change in hue of leaves. They can produce a spectacular variety of colours ranging from pale yellow to gold, purple, and even black. Why is this?

Briefly, the shorter daylight hours combined with cooler nights trigger a change in the production of pigments naturally occurring in leaf cells. It is this pigment that leads to leaf colour. The most well-known pigment is chlorophyll, which produce the green-ness of leaves; others are carotines (yellow) and anthocyanines (red and purple leaves). With the onset of autumn, production of chlorophyll slows down and gradually the green begins to disintegrate. As the amount of green lessens, carotines which were hidden now come to the fore. At the same time a cork-like substance develops around the base of the leaf, thus cutting off its sugar supply from the main tree. In its turn, the yellow pigment disintegrates to be replaced by purple or black anthocyanines.

It should be stressed that for deciduous trees (conifers have a different system of shedding leaves) this process is vital. To go into a dormant state is essential for a tree to recover from the rigours of foliage-producing. They will even adopt a dormant-like state at other times of stress such as spells of hot weather or drought, and will shed leaves so as to conserve as much energy as possible.

In conclusion, one of the great pleasures of autumn for children of all ages is to scuff through a pile of dead leaves. Just two things to bear in mind as you do so: firstly, remember that creatures like to hide for the winter in dead leaves - slow-worms, toads, hedgehogs - so be sure to leave the leaves alone if they are blown into a quiet corner. The other thing is to appreciate the wonderful skill of nature in forming a simple, basic leaf.

## PATRONAL ORGAN RECITAL 'THE SYMPHONIC ORGAN' Saturday 12 September 2020

I am sure all readers will agree with me in saying how good it is to be back at St. Mary's Church for the resumption of our disrupted concert season. The occasion tonight was the Patronal Organ Recital presented by Jonathan Holmes at the 'Father' Willis organ and his theme was 'The Symphonic Organ'.

In a year of significant anniversaries that of **Ludwig van Beethoven** stands out. He was born in Bonn two hundred and fifty years ago this December. To celebrate this event, Jonathan played the first movement of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony* in an excellent arrangement for organ by Jonathan Scott.

It is surely no coincidence that the rise of highly gifted composers of organ music in France from the mid-nineteenth century on, came at the same time as the master organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll was busy developing a whole new generation of organs. We in Ewell can appreciate the direct impact on organ music that Cavaillé-Coll made because 'Father' Willis, the builder of our magnificent organ, worked with the famous man in Paris. Many outstanding organists arose in France one of whom is **Marcel Dupré**. His *Cortege et Litanie* was written in 1922. A *Cortege* is simply a solemn procession while the French word 'litanie' is the same as our Litany, a type of prayer. Next came a major work by **Camille Saint-Saens** who worked for twenty years as organist at the church of La Madeleine in Paris. Of his varied output, Saint-Saens is probably best known in this country for two works, 'Carnival of the Animals' and the *Organ Symphony* which dates from 1886. The slow movement and finale from the latter, arranged by Jonathan Scott, brought the first half of the recital to a resounding conclusion. Note that this is not a symphony for the organ like those of Widor or Vierne, but an ordinary symphony which makes use of the pipe organ. Saint-Saens was not the first person to include organ with his orchestra; Liszt had done the same thing in his symphonic poem 'Hunnenchlacht'. Saint-Saens was deeply saddened at the news of the death of Liszt in July that year, and dedicated this symphony to his memory.

After the interval we heard one work, the *Organ Symphony No. 6 in B minor* by **Louis Vierne**, Born in 1870, Vierne is another musician celebrating a significant birthday this year. Although he did write music for other instruments, it is as one of the great French organ composers that he is best known. The Sixth was the last of a series of fine symphonies he composed for the organ. It dates from 1930 when Vierne was on holiday in the sunshine and warmth of the South of France. Vierne had all his life suffered from a painful eye complaint which unfortunately led to total blindness. Generally speaking, composers do not allow their personal lives to influence one way or another the music they compose, yet Vierne is the exception that proves the rule: his music is semi-autobiographical in character and this certainly includes the Sixth Symphony.

Jonathan rounded off the evening with a superb Toccata by another composer in the French organ tradition, **Marcel Lanquetuit**. Other than being the organ teacher of Marcel Dupré's father, little is known of Lanquetuit. On the basis of what we heard tonight, he deserves to be far better known.

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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS FUNERALS

I will come again and take you to myself  
(St. John 14:3)

10 September Patrick Figgis Miller (priest),  
aged 87

### *Ashes interments*

1 September Jean Margaret Benke, aged 90

8 September Malcolm John Davis, aged 82

## Prayers at Harvest Time



'Price of loaf to rise amid warnings of worst harvest for decades' so runs a headline in the Times newspaper! The National Farmers' Union (NFU) says that unusually heavy rain last autumn meant that many farmers could not plant as much wheat as usual. Flooding in February from storms Ciara and Dennis left soil waterlogged. The very hot and dry spring made it difficult for the crops to take nutrients from the soil. This year's yield is likely to be down by 30 per cent or more.

Farmers world-wide are dependent upon the weather for growing their crops. We tend to think that it is only a problem for far flung countries such as India or Africa that seedtime and harvest, dearth or bounty are so affected but we need to think again. With all the advances in travel and technology, we are more closely globally connected as never before.

From the beginning, God created a beautiful world and gave us charge of it. How much we have all abused that trust. We all carry a responsibility for the actions of humanity which have led to an acceleration in climate change and for the ever-growing problem of pollution in all its many forms. It is a huge problem but each one of us can do our bit, however small, to think before we act and be caring for all of creation.

Usually St Mary's thinks about and celebrates harvest time at our services at the beginning of October so our prayer and thoughts this month have that as its theme.

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,

The spiritual blindness which prevents us from appreciating all the wonders that is this world,

The endless cycle of nature; of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving

Of reaping without sowing

Open our eyes to see,

Our lips to praise

Our hands to share.

May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread

And our footsteps be worthy of following for they lead to you. AMEN

*(A prayer written by John Birch 2016, and reproduced by permission)*

'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.' (Gen 8:22)

## NEW WAYS OF BEING CHURCH CONTINUED ...

*Sue writes:*

At the moment we can't sing hymns in church, though it is wonderful that from last month our Parish Choir has been able to help lead our worship in church again, singing - socially distanced - in the gallery. But do you have a favourite hymn with words that express your praise for God or encourage you when life is difficult? Maybe with a familiar tune you can hum at home or sing in the shower! One of my favourite hymns begins with the 'All my hope on God is founded, He doth still my trust renew'. As these difficult and uncertain times continue, with no indication of when they might end, maybe as church we might foster hope and trust? We have the hope of our eternal home, where Patrick has begun a new life, and we also have the daily hope that God is with us. But do we trust God sufficiently, as the Blessed Virgin Mary did, to say 'Here I am, be it unto me according to thy word.'? Hers is a good example for us to follow as she lived a life with many blessings but also full of difficulty and uncertainty. The prayer of Thomas Merton below, with hope and trust at its heart - might be one the Blessed Virgin Mary would have found relevant to pray - as it is one that we might find helpful too.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that, if I do this,  
You will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore I will trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost  
and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

*Maggie writes:*

And now comes a further thought, especially for those of us, including me, who don't always find prayer easy. As I have written previously, I am drawn very much to Celtic liturgy at the moment, and using a book called 'Celtic Daily Prayer'. In it are some lovely thoughts for the day, one of which I would like to share with you.

One contributor, Charles Ringma, reflects on how the spiritual discipline of prayer is one of his greatest challenges. Sometimes prayer can be a wonderful experience, and at other times it all seems a fruitless exercise. When he has felt hopelessly lost (and don't we all identify with that!) he has been encouraged by the words of Thomas Merton (*Seek the Silences with Thomas Merton, SPCK: London, 2003*), 'we have to learn patience in the weary and arid path that takes us through dry places in prayer'. So praying is a journey which takes us through different terrain.

Then Charles Ringma reveals a fascinating insight into what he sees as a strange contradiction. He comes to the conclusion that even when he has stopped saying prayers, he has never actually stopped praying for, as he says, even 'when I have faltered and my lips have fallen silent, there was still a cry of the heart' (© Charles Ringma). Isn't that encouraging! Even when we find ourselves unable to pray, God hears the cries of our hearts.

*Sue and Maggie*

## FROM OUR CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER



Hi everyone,

A new school year has started and with a new year comes new opportunities to start afresh. There are so many ways you can do this but one of the greatest blessings you can give to another is your kindness. This is our focus for the

months of September and October as we '**Spread kindness like confetti**'. We are asking all our families to think of those in need of some kindness during this time and we would like to create some brightness and happiness in their lives to make them feel special and remembered.

The challenge is to create a card of kindness for someone in need. You can write a quote, a bible verse, a short message or even just draw a picture. Once you have made your card, you can drop it off in the St Mary's Kidz post-box, placed outside the Church. I will be emptying the box every week over the next month and will then be forwarding cards to those in need. (The children of Children's Hour have already started on this initiative, and it was very successful and therefore we are following their incredible lead.)

**'KINDNESS no matter how small is never wasted'** - Aesop

### St Mary's Kidz

Our St Mary's Kidz services have started up this past month and the new layout seems to be working well. Since we are still not able to attend children and families' services in the church building, we have decided to continue providing online services to our families. Instead of having our different services based on specific ages, we are going to be providing a 'one fit all' family service, that is called St Mary's Kidz. It is a great service aimed at all ages and includes a story, craft, song and a prayer. Short and sweet!! But still with a great atmosphere and message.

Our theme for October is going to be '**Together we Grow**' which is based on the festival of Harvest. We look forward to sharing this month with you and providing you with great services that the whole family can enjoy. November is the month for **Operation Christmas Child**, and we are so excited to be involved in this initiative. See Linda's article on page 8 to find out more about this.

All the best for the month ahead.

Kind regards,

Sandi *Children and Families worker*





## ECO CHURCH - STARTING OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS A BRONZE AWARD

Last month we explained that St Mary's scores points towards our Eco Church Bronze Award by organising or participating in a local litter-pick. Some members of our church Eco Group have already been in action carrying out a litter pick prior to the VJ Memorial Ceremony on 15 August. One member carried out some necessary weeding round the War Memorial at the same time – all part of better caring for God's creation. Another member of the group has registered with Epsom and Ewell CC as a volunteer under their Litter Picks scheme <https://epsom-ewell.gov.uk/residents/environmental-services/street-cleansing/volunteer-litter-picks> and has received the Litter Pick kit, including two litter pickers. In addition, an anonymous donor has gifted three litter pickers to St Mary's, for which grateful thanks.

There has been a positive response to the appeal for volunteers to help with a monthly litter pick in our churchyards. The plan is to have four groups of four people, each with a team leader, so that each group carries out a litter pick every three months. We are still looking for more volunteers. Might you join us to help in picking up rubbish that has been left around our beautiful church? If so, please email [eco@stmarysewell.com](mailto:eco@stmarysewell.com)

If you want to find out more about the Eco Church Scheme run by the charity A Rocha UK you can do so here <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>



## THE ECO-GROUP'S TIPS FOR OCTOBER

This month's tip is based on September's e-news from A Rocha.

### Eat locally and seasonally

During lockdown, particularly initially with fears of food shortages, it has been very tempting to buy whatever was available during our limited supermarket shops. Now, however, it is more important than ever to support local initiatives and growers and the shops of local traders. Can you consider what locally grown foods you can add (back) to your diet/shopping list? It's worth remembering that produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness (versus being harvested too early in order to be shipped and distributed to your local supermarket). Produce at 'peak ripeness' will be full of flavour and taste better than the produce that has been imported and travelled thousands of miles. By buying locally grown food, you are helping to maintain green and/or open space in your community, and are supporting the local economy. Taste for yourself the benefits of seasonal and local food!

If you have any ideas you'd like to feed in or a favourite tip to share please get in touch with the Reverend Sue Ayling:

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## PATRICK'S FUNERAL ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2020



I would like to thank Russell, Vicar of St Mary's, as well as his team, for the wonderful funeral they all gave Patrick. The singing was voices from heaven, coming from high up above us, Sue's prayer heart touching, Valerie and Gill unerringly guiding everyone and of course the amazing Organ performance from Jonathan. All that in the beautiful St Mary's church decorated with floral works of art by Lucy.

The contributions and the tributes were equally well performed and well written. I think Patrick would have been very pleased. Thank you all who took part, Emmanuel with great piano, family with readings, Chris Thompson and Vivien Louizos with professional praise. A memorable occasion.

Thank you also to everyone for their beautiful cards, kind thoughts and words of condolence.

Susanne Miller

## Christmas? Who knows? Operation Christmas Child 2020



With Covid -19 still in evidence and regulations and restrictions changing week by week, we continue to be unable to plan too far ahead or get back to church in anything resembling normality. However, I can report that Operation Christmas Child is needed even more than ever in these unprecedented times and St Mary's is rising to the challenge!

Operation Christmas Child is an annual project which, since 1990, has enabled caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses and organisations to fill shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets and other gifts for needy, deprived children around the world. With the help of thousands of volunteers, Samaritan's Purse collects these shoe box gifts in warehouses across the UK and then, working with churches and charities,

delivers them to hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters and poor neighbourhoods worldwide.

The organisers of Operation Christmas Child and we at St Mary's are working closely together to ensure that the collection of shoe box gifts this year is done in a safe and properly risk assessed way. You will still be able to drop off your gifts at church at certain times and on certain days.

Local families with children are welcome to pop along to **'Open Church' on TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER anytime between 5.00 and 6.00pm** to drop off their gifts. Russell, our vicar, will be there to say hello and to bless each box as it arrives.

The main campaign will be taking place during the week, commencing 9 November when you will be welcome

to drop off your shoe box gifts via the Parish Room, entrance via Church Street, on **WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER between 10.00 and 12.00 noon or 2.30 to 4.30pm; FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER between 10.00 and 12.00 noon or SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER between 10.00 and 12.00 noon.** Once crated up for collection, the vicar will bless the boxes and pray for their safe delivery to whatever destination around the world and that they may prove to be a blessing to the children who will eventually receive them.

So, if you, or your family, or neighbours are buying those new shoes for yourself or for your children or you know someone else who is, **hang on to those shoe boxes** and get ready to join us in the challenge as we, once again support **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Last year, we collected 274 boxes. The challenge is to see if we can match that number or even exceed it, despite the ongoing difficulties of these uncertain times. Come on, we can do it!

Just remember that a shoebox isn't just a shoebox, and these gifts aren't just gifts. They are a tangible way for us to show God's love and care for children all around the world and the world certainly needs a lot of love more than ever!

Linda Staff

*(Please do check out the Operation Christmas Child website for more details regarding what can or can't be sent as many regulations for destination countries may have changed. Thank you)*

## A TRIP TO TILFORD



When we went to Tilford in the Summer holidays, we were looking for a place to swim, as it was very warm

outside. Driving along, we came across Waverley Abbey.

We started to walk to the abbey and were excited to find a nice spot to relax our feet in the cold water. We noticed some swans, some fish and different types of ducks. After that, we found the remnants of the abbey, that King Henry VIII destroyed in 1536. It looked like a badly demolished church.

Waverley Abbey is a Cistercian abbey. The Order of Cistercians, mainly from France, is a Catholic religious order of monks and nuns. Waverley Abbey was the first monastery in Britain, and was built in 1128. It was interesting to learn about monks and nuns - I didn't

know much about them until then.

I really liked looking at the maps which showed us drawings of the original buildings and learning about the history of the area.

After looking at the buildings, we visited the other part of the river which had World War 2 Dragon's Teeth.

Although it was fun learning about the history, the part that I enjoyed the most was relaxing in the river.

*We always welcome new submissions for EPN. This holiday account was written by Dante Pasqualucci, aged 11. We would be especially pleased to publish more articles from local children.*

# BACSECT NEWS SUMMER 2020

For readers who are not familiar with the acronym BACSECT and what it stands for, it is a small charitable trust set up by Revd John Baxter and his wife, Dorothy, earlier this year. Baxter's African Children's School Education Charitable Trust came into being as more and more people and local groups wished to be involved with and help support their school in The Gambia. Fuller information about the school can be found on the school website:

[www.africanschoolgambia.com](http://www.africanschoolgambia.com)



*Pupils leaving on a School outing*

Just as it happened to schools in the UK during the Covid 19, Richard, our Headmaster has had to close his school and still awaits government permission to reopen. For the people of The Gambia the financial implications are extreme because if you can't work then you do not get paid and there is no equivalent to our social security. The charity has taken the decision to pay the teachers up to the end of this year by which time we hope the school will be up and running again.

The rate of Covid 19 infection in The Gambia had been quite low up until a month ago but in the last three weeks the new cases have risen rapidly with reports of over one hundred a day and rising which is a great deal in a small country. The government took lockdown measures early closing the border with Senegal which has many cases, but sadly people are entering by sea and by unofficial land crossings and bring the virus with them. Ships continue to be able to enter the docks but the airport has been closed to everything except medical supplies until recently. Incoming people are taken to a hotel for isolation for two weeks on arrival in the country. The hotel appointed by the government for this isolation is one of the more expensive ones and people are expected to pay for all their own expenses. We are still booked to go out there in November but it is looking very unlikely that we will be able to do so as there are currently no flights from the UK.

We had the excitement of having our first Zoom meeting with Richard a few days ago. The technology in the school is a little basic and, more importantly, the electrical supply is very intermittent so to be able to get 30 minutes with him "face to face" was very positive and enabled us to build up his confidence that the support is there for the school when it is able to re-open. We are shipping out some basic PPE as it is not readily available locally, and very expensive, but it does take 8 to 10 weeks for our boxes to get there. Five litres of hand sanitizer, touch free thermometers, face shields and disposable masks are all on the way along with soap bars and towels. Please remember the school and The Gambia in your prayers.

*DB*

## BOOK BAG BLESSING



At the beginning of the new school year in September, we were not able to hold a service of schoolbag blessings, as we have in recent years. Instead, the church was opened, and families were encouraged to bring bags for a blessing and spend a time in prayer in church. It was great to see children and parents in church, many of whom hadn't been in St Mary's since before lockdown, and to pray for a happy and safe term ahead.

## CONGRATULATIONS



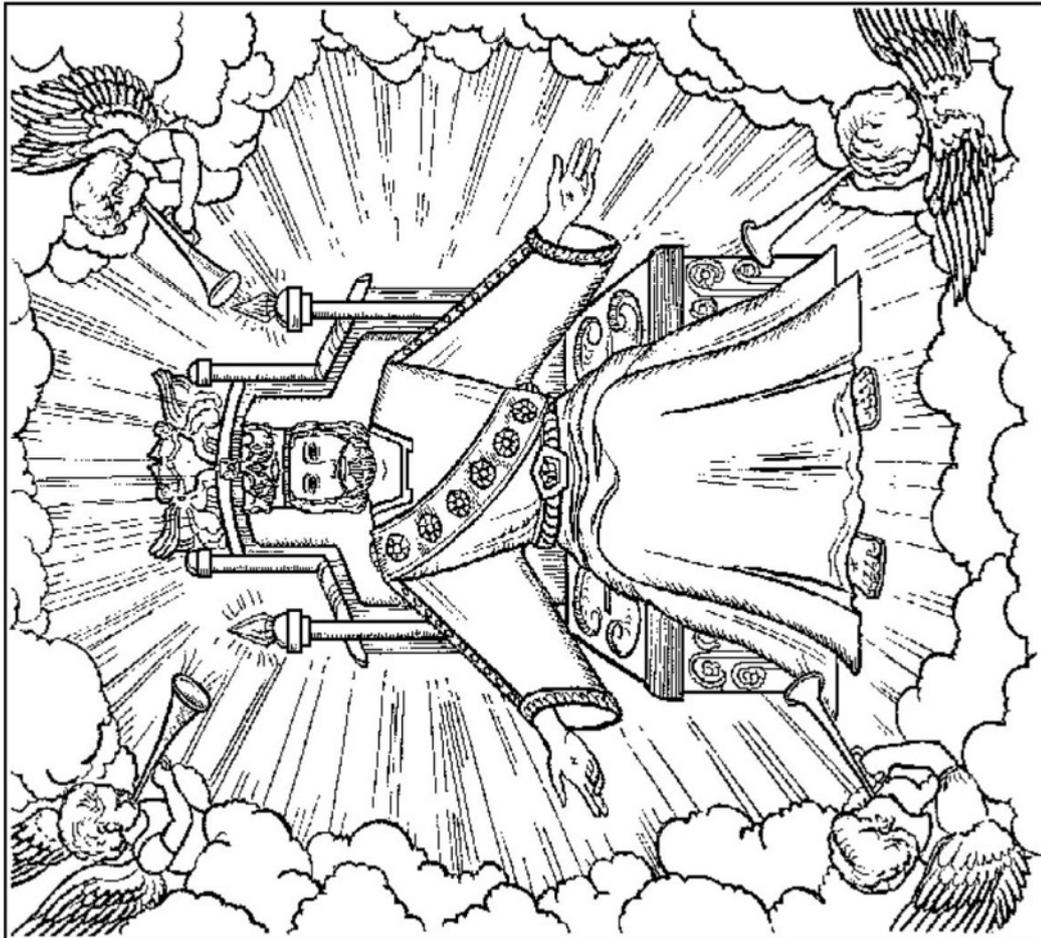
*Photo credit: Indigo Images*

Many weddings have had to be cancelled this year, so it was a particular joy to be able to celebrate Peter Lawson and Helen Boam's wedding at St Mary's on 22 August. Peter is known to many at St Mary's as a member of our parish choir. Here they emerge to the sound of the bells, family, choir members, and to confetti!

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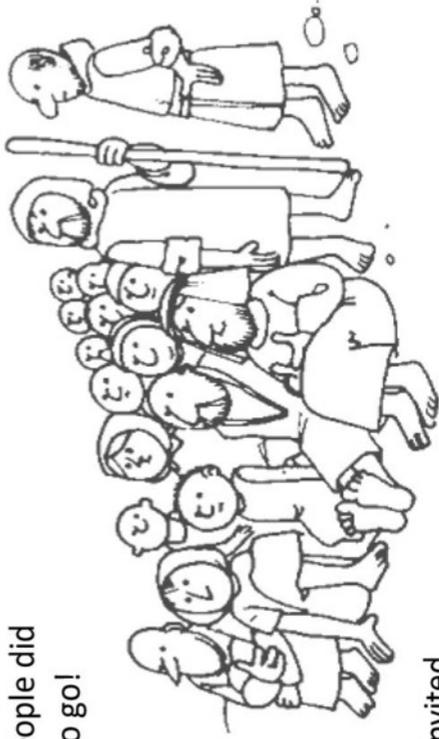
# Young Church Mag

11 October 2020: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: Matthew 22: 1 - 14



**You are invited!**

A king sent out invitations for his son's wedding party but many people did not bother to go!



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## FOODBANK WISH LIST - OCTOBER

The Harvest gifts given by churches to the Foodbank at this time of year help greatly to fill their shelves enabling them to pass on the much needed food parcels to those who turn to them for help. Let us pray that the pandemic will not have stopped those Harvest gifts filling the shelves again this year.

The most needed items are: sponge puddings, instant mash, kids treats, powdered milk, jam, sugar (500g bags please), teabags, coffee, custard, washing up liquid, tinned meat (but not spam), breakfast cereal - especially Weetabix (but not porridge), tomato ketchup, baby food, nappies - size 3 & 6+, shaving gel, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner and pump soap.

Thank you for your support.

DB

## GIVING TO ST MARY'S

As with most churches and charities, the current situation has reduced St Mary's income. Thank you to all those whose regular giving continues to support St Mary's: it is much appreciated.

If you would like to make an online one-off gift, large or small, it will be very gratefully received by St Mary's. Please visit:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1006677>

This link is also on our website.

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# ORGAN RECITALS

## Tuesday Recitals

The Bach series, by our Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes, continues on Tuesdays 1.05pm – 1.35pm. Admission is free. Any donations to the organ fund may be put in our spare organ pipe!

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Mary’s, and the wonderful sounds of our great ‘Father’ Willis organ.

### 22 September

- Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549
- Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten BWV 642
- Alle menschen müssen sterben BWV 643
- Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig BWV 644
- Prelude and Fugue in B Flat BWV 560
- Woll soll ich fliehen hin BWV 694
- Fugue in G BWV 581
- Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565

### 20 October

- Prelude in A minor BWV 569
- Wir Christenleut BWV 710
- Wir Christenleut BWV 1090
- Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott BWV 652
- Nun danket alle Gott BWV 657
- Prelude and Fugue in G minor BWV 535

### 17 November

- Vor deinem Thron tret’ich BWV 668
- Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut BWV 1114
- O Herre Gott, dein göttlichs Wort BWV 1110
- Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir BWV 1099
- Dorian Toccata and Fugue BWV 538

### 8 December to be confirmed

- Fugue in G minor ‘Little’ BWV 578
- O Lamm Gottes unschuldig BWV 1085
- O Lamm Gottes unschuldig BWV 1095
- O Lamm Gottes unschuldig BWV 656
- Prelude and Fugue in D BWV 532

## St Mary’s Saturday Concert Season 2020

### 10 October to be confirmed

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**ST. MARY’S ON-LINE QUIZZES**

We are holding on-line quizzes on Wednesday evenings using Zoom. These are fun for all the family, so why not join us? The next two quizzes are on October 7 and 28. You will need to register using links provided in the Weekly Notes and the Vicar’s weekly email to our mailing list. For more details please email [zoom@stmarysewell.com](mailto:zoom@stmarysewell.com).