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# Fr Mark Stafford writes

August is here and that means that the school summer holidays are in full swing.

For many parents and grandparents child minding duty can be a little fraught, as frazzled parents and grandparents try to find entertaining and exciting things to keep young enquiring minds busy, full of wonder and joy, but also keep the house and the bank balance in one piece.

Finding things to keep children busy can be hard, especially for six weeks, whilst still working. The summer holidays can be a little like eating an elephant, a mammoth task but achievable one bite at a time.

With that in mind, here are some possible steps to make eating an elephant a little easier:

1. Chill out or take a deep breath.

Take a deep breath and calm down. Emotion and adrenaline typically make things worse. So simply taking a moment to get some composure is going to help loads (this may need to be repeated several times a day !!).

2. Step back and get some perspective.

Remember that every family is different and DO NOT compare yourself to someone else, for every household having a great summer will look very different.

Ask yourself:

What are you trying to achieve?

What does success look like?

What are the benefits?

What are the children's expectations?

Often, simply knowing why you're doing something helps tremendously.

3. Start breaking it into small pieces (nibbling the elephant!). To help figure out how to carve up the elephant, ask yourself:

What do I need to make this happen (Mary Poppins, Nanny McPhee and Super Nanny are not options)?

How can I achieve this?

How long is each piece going to take?

What are the tasks I can do quickly?

4. Start eating the elephant. One bite at a time.

Oh, and be sure to chew your food with your mouth closed.

Have a look online and see if there are any activities you could take up.

Start a project that will take a few days that you and the children could do each day (build a Lego Land Rover or start a jigsaw).

Have some fixed points in the day that are enjoyed

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by all the family. As J. K. Rowling, said "I will defend the importance of bedtime stories to my last gasp", as once the children have gone to bed you can rest and relax having eaten today's elephant.

This is a bit of an old link, but still has some useful ideas. Good luck parents and grandparents - you have got this!

https://blog.kidadl.com/articles/top-things-to-do-may-half-term-during-lockdown-by-age-group

# SUMMER HOLIDAY AND BEYOND! THINGS FOR CHILDREN AT ST MARY'S

<u>Ice Cream Sundays</u> 30 July (you may have missed this depending on when you get EPN) and 13 August between 3:00 - 5:00pm. Children's activity afternoons at the Vicarage (14 Church Street, Ewell).

<u>Singalong Frozen 6 August</u> in St Mary's Church, London Road, Ewell, open at 2:00pm for 2:30 screening.

All events are £5:00 per family and tickets are available on Eventbrite (see pages 1 and 8) or in Church.

# NEW WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE AUTUMN

<u>Messy Church Goes Wild</u> is a great way for children and families to meet God outdoors, love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder.

Come and join us at St Mary's, in the autumn - on Saturday, October 7 2.30pm-4.00pm, Saturday, November 4 2.30pm - 4.00pm and Saturday, December 2 2.30pm-4.00pm. We will gather in the Parish Room before discovering outdoor activities. Outdoors unless the weather is really, REALLY BAD (so bad we need to think about the Ark building!)

Having completed our outdoor activity, we will return to the Parish Room to share and reflect on what we have done, to celebrate God's creation and enjoy refreshments together. Come and join us. We would love to see you there.

# **MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S**

Join us in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday August 19 for **Jazz on the Lawn 2**, the return visit of Florie Namir. Florie is a jazz-pop singer who fuses 1940's vocal jazz singing with catchy Beatlesque melodies. Tickets cost £10 adults, £5 children to include a burger and a drink and are available in church and on Eventbright (see page 7).

Jonathan Holmes continues his **free lunchtime Bach recitals** at 13:05 on Tuesday 29 August followed by refreshments in the parish room.

Apart from the items mentioned above, do check the Calendar on the back page for the full list of services and events happening in August.

Every blessing

Fr Mark



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# **AV/SOUND DESK AT ST MARY'S**

We continue to seek volunteers to learn how to operate our AV/sound desk and to join the team helping with livestreaming/videos at our services.

This is a vital part of our outreach so if you think you may be able to help, please contact the churchwardens, our clergy or John Larkin.

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# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS HOLY BAPTISM

#### We welcome you into the Lord's family

25 June Jack Arthur Simpson23 July Lilah Ivy Brock

Connor James Samuel Little

# **FUNERALS**

#### In sure and certain hope (BCP Burial rite)

19 July David James Slattery, aged 6521 July Marion Georgina Barrs, aged 71

Ashes Interment

06 July Christopher Shrubsole, aged 60

## ST. MARY'S ON-LINE QUIZZES



Apart from a summer break, we hold monthly online quizzes using Zoom

These are very popular and fun for all the family. Why not join us?

Our next quiz will be on Wednesday 13 September.
As always, you will need to register beforehand.
You can use links provided in the Weekly Notes or
you can also register by emailing

zoom@stmarysewell.com.

# **AUG & SEPT CONCERTS**

August 29 at 1.05 pm
Free Tuesday lunchtime Bach organ recital
Jonathan Holmes

September 16 at 7.30pm Patronal Festival Organ Recital

Jonathan Holmes

In celebration of the 151st anniversary of Cesar Franck's birth, Jonathan plays the 'Trois Chorales', considered to be among Franck's finest works, and forming his 'last will and testament'.

This music is ideally suited to the 'Father' Willis organ whose maker was inspired by the great Parisian organbuilder Aristide Cavaille-Coll, who built the organ Franck so loved at St Clothilde in Paris.

Admission to the Saturday Concerts is a £10 suggested donation for over 18s. The Tuesday concerts are free and are followed by afternoon tea.

# St Mary's Toddler Group

Thursday mornings in term time 10-11.30 in Ewell Hall For information: Please phone 020 8393 4804

or see St Mary's website



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# **Prayers for August**



#### Lord,

We pray that You will walk with each one of us this summer, wherever we go and whatever we do.

Help us to walk with You; walking with honesty, and with courage; walking with love and respect and concern for others.

Help us to talk to You this summer, every day and in every situation praying words of praise for the beauty of Your creation; saying words of thanks for friends and the good times we spend with them; turning to You for comfort in sad and difficult times and asking help in all the decisions we need to make in the coming days that we may do our part to make the world the place that You would wish it to be.

**AMEN** 

# **VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY**



The sun shone brightly on 24 June when St Mary's enjoyed the traditional cream tea and raffle in the vicarage garden. The proceedings commenced with a large glass of Pimms to be followed with cucumber sandwiches, homemade scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam as well as copious quantities of tea.

Thanks to Mark and Lucy for the use of their garden and kitchen, as well as all the helpers and cooks.

# **BACH & MAMMA MIA**

## Saturday 10 June and Tuesday 13 June

What does the music of J.S. Bach have in common with the Swedish pop group ABBA? Other than sheer proximity of dates – see above – the answer is Nothing. Or is there?

A large and enthusiastic audience assembled on 10 June for a showing of the Seventies' film 'Mamma Mia'. Many of us wore wigs and clothes of the time; all joined in with singing along and dancing to the famous tunes, helped along by glasses of fizz. Thanks to the team who ran the refreshments table. It all helped make a highly enjoyable evening.

One of ABBA's most well-known songs is **Waterloo**. The song broke new ground when it won the Eurovision Song Contest for Sweden in 1974. For one thing, the song represented the direction ABBA thought the group ought to go. A second factor was choice of language. The organisers of ESC decided that year to allow performers to use any language and not, as hitherto, their own native language. That choice enabled ABBA to achieve huge success in America, Canada and Australia. Anyway, the song swept the board during the Swedish heats, and won the title outright at Brighton that year.

In his very different way and at a very different time, Bach too broke new ground. We heard something of this for ourselves at Jonathan's recital on Tuesday 13 June. He included a selection of pieces taken from Volume 3 of Bach's 'Clavier-Ubung' ('keyboard practice'). In all four volumes, Bach took over a pattern set by his predecessor at St. Thomas's Church, Leipzig, Johann Kuhnau. In Volume 3, which contains works for the organ, Bach both looked back to the older stile antico as represented by earlier composers like Frescobaldi, and which he admired; he also looked ahead to the more modern and adventurous style e.g. in French 'ouvertures'. Jonathan's recital began and ended with two 'mighty musical pillars': Prelude and Fugue in E flat major, BWV 552 'St. Anne' taken from the Clavier-Ubung. The key of E flat major had great significance for Bach. The three flats in E flat major can represent the Trinity; it was appropriate that Jonathan chose to play this piece today, coming only a week after Trinity Sunday.

All three Chorale-Preludes today were in upbeat mood. The first was Allein Gott in der Hoeh sei Her, BWV 676 (To God alone on high be glory). Next, Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam BWV 684 (Christ our Lord came to the Jordan) in which we again heard the effect of rippling water – the River Jordan - played in fast notes over two keyboards. Thirdly, Jesus Christus unser Heiland BWV 688 (Jesus Christ our Saviour who turned God's wrath away from us). Then the St. Anne Fugue itself. The significance of this title only applies to English-speaking countries, in that the pattern of the fugue subject – or 'tune' - resembles William Croft's hymn tune 'St. Anne' (sung to 'O God our help in ages past'). It is unlikely that Bach knew this tune; moreover, Croft had died in 1713 - long before Bach even thought of his Clavier-Ubung.

One is reminded of an apocryphal saying of Arthur Sullivan's, when accused of plagiarising someone else's tune: "There are only eight notes between us".

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# ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP



If you have an ECO tip or would like to join our ECO Group we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sue Ayling at: assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com or 020 8337 6347.

# 'A Day for All' with something for everyone!

# Everything is free! Simply come along and enjoy the fun

Come and enjoy St Mary's church bells ring out at 12 noon on Saturday 30 September to launch A Day for All 2023 with the theme 'Ring out the Bells!'. Then, around 12.30pm watch with fascination as Ewell St Mary's Morris Men dance steps developed since the 15th century, wearing bell pads on their shins and wielding their sticks. Later in church you can listen to the tuneful noise of hand bells while watching a demonstration and have a go if you wish. Then hear a short talk about how the charity Kingswood Shetland & Friends provides amazing Animal Assisted Therapy by using different animals to improve peoples' mental, physical, social and emotional well-being and functioning.

Children (and adults!) can enjoy petting two Shetland ponies; cuddling rabbits, guinea pigs and other small animals; doing brass rubbing or art and craft activities or following the Mouse Trail. Everyone can enjoy listening to DIVAS, a women's vocal group from Fitznells Music Centre in Ewell. There will also be a Dog Competition.

There's much more, including the familiar favourites of the Photograph Competition (categories '12 years and under' and '13 years and above'), Swop Shop, the Prayer Corner (in church), the Prayer Walk (in the churchyard), a (free) bread and soup lunch, teatime cake and a drink and refreshments through the day. We celebrate the day with a short service at 5pm.

The full programme for the day - which has the theme 'Ring out the Bells!' - will be published in September's EPN and is on the church website www.stmarysewell.com.

PS Another favourite is the fish and chip supper at 5.30pm. Details of the price and how to order will be in next month's EPN and on our church website.

PPS Don't forget to take your photos! Use your imagination to think of anything at all with a link to bells. Some ideas include school bells, church bells, music bells, clocks and flowers.

Sue Ayling

# THANK YOU, SUE



After the 9.30 service on July 2 there was a special celebration in Ewell Hall to mark 25 years since The Rev Sue Ayling was ordained deacon in 1998. Most of the refreshments were provided by Sue, and the congregation and Sue's friends tucked in. A celebration cake and some other tasty nibbles were provided by others.

Our thanks and many congratulations to Sue and here's to the next 25 years!

JMD

# **Get Ready for Christmas!**

**EARLY WARNING:** So you have plenty of time to pick up bits and pieces for your shoe box gift during the summer!



This year, St Mary's will be supporting the LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL again, which is UK based and has been sending shoe box gifts to Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Bulgaria since 1992. It isn't just about gifts to children either,

but whole families and isolated elderly people.

#### **FAMILY SHOEBOX APPEAL**



Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often must make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many families do not have running water, heating, or electricity. Some live in appalling

conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.

A shoebox for a family means that everyone receives a gift. A scarf for the mum, a small DIY tool for the dad, toys, and games for the children as well as stationery and coloured pens. Also, toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo, and soap to keep everyone clean and free from the germs that make them ill. And of course, sweets and chocolates for everyone – a family favourite.

#### **ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL**



Due to the number of elderly people now living alone and isolated because their families are leaving to work away, Link to Hope has launched its **Elderly Shoebox Appeal**. The boxes are similar but with the children's games and education materials replaced with a wind-up torch, sensory items, candle,

and holder etc.

Link to Hope send the boxes collected to **Romania**, **Bulgaria**, **Moldova**, **and Ukraine**. What a critical time to be sending them again this year!

Link to Hope is a Christian Charity which continues to remain small enough that they continue to have a personal relationship with all their key contacts in Eastern Europe who distribute your Shoeboxes and they also do spot checks to ensure that the correct people receive your boxes.

I know many people here are struggling themselves with the cost of living rises and fixed incomes. Packing a shoe box need not cost a lot. Why not ask family, groups of friends, or neighbours to join you to fill a box. It could be fun!

Want to know more? Go the Link to Hope website at www.linktohope.co.uk

**More information** will be published in the EPN in the coming months with dates and times during October for dropping off your shoe box gifts at St Mary's. Thank you.

Linda Staff

# JAZZ ON THE LAWN 2

Saturday August 19th 12:00 noon - 3:00pm

The Vicarage 14 Church Street, Ewell £10 adults, £5 children to include a burger and a drink.

Processco bar. Bring your own picnic. Tickets on Sale in Church and on Eventbrite. https://JazzontheLawnEwell2.eventbrite.com

Florie is a Jazz-pop singer who fuses 1940's vocal Jazz singing with Beatlesque melodies



# EPSOM & EWELL FOODBANK

Our local foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. 5,000 people have already been supported this year, which is 50% more than the same period in 2022. Your food donations are vital - please help if you can.

**Urgently needed**: tinned meat, custard, dried noodles, long life sponge puddings, sugar, shampoo / conditioner, shower gel, deodorant, nappies sizes 5+, 6 and 6+, sanitary pads, washing up liquid, small chocolate bars & treats

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: pasta, tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tea bags and pet food.

You can donate at St Mary's Church Ewell, Sainsbury's Kiln Lane, Waitrose Epsom and Banstead, Asda Burgh Heath and Tesco, Leatherhead, or directly to Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, (Behind West Ewell Primary School), Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm excluding Bank Holidays.

You can sign up to the Foodbank newsletter on their website at www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk.

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# MAPPING THE FUTURE OF ST MARY'S

As most of you will be aware, we have recently spent a considerable amount of time and effort renewing our Church Development Plan. We have called this our Mission Action Plan (MAP).

The name describes exactly what we have been developing.

It is a PLANNED process for the ongoing MISSION of our Church, that demands that we as a congregation take ACTION to make the goals set out in the plan a reality!

St Martins-in-the-Field have developed a method of thinking about ministry and mission based on 4 categories called the 4 C's. The 4 C's in brief are Congregational, what we do in Church, Commerce, how we financially support ourselves and others, Culture, what we add to the culture of our parish and Compassion, how we support those in need. If you would like to know more about the 4 C's you might want to read "A Future that's bigger than the past – Sam Wells"

We will be using the 4 C's as a model on which to loosely hang our mission objective.

To help us form the plan we have been on a journey of discernment.

As you will recall, this started with an information leaflet way back in November last year. A questionnaire was then sent to you, asking your views on the Preaching and Teaching, the Music in Church, our Children's work, our Mission and Outreach, the Prayer and Pastoral care in Church and the Social life of the Church. This was followed by a series of forums, where those involved in the provision of the various activities in our Church were able to discuss the mission hopes.

The information gathered from the questionnaires and the forums was then combined and we held a whole Church vision morning to refine this further. The results of which went to the PCC to prioritise our goals and finally the Mission Action Plan team met to see how these goals could be made into reality.

In broad terms, the results of this process were that we, as a Church, would like to:-

#### **Commercial sustainability**

- 1. Look at awareness of the parish-giving scheme and other ways of supporting the Church.
- 2. Sponsor events, activities, building projects, utility.
- 3. Hold a giving campaign (*maybe including the whole village?*).

#### Compassion

- 1. Support charities near and far maybe develop a lasting link with one specific charity.
- 2. Develop and grow a pastoral care team with greater visibility in the Church and parish.
- 3. Develop and promote the Bereavement Café.
- 4. Explore and develop prayer pastors for the 9.30 Sunday service.

#### **Congregational**

- 1. Have a greater opportunity for the congregation to sing more during the service, for example singing congregational Mass settings, (choral concerts), develop new expressions of Church e.g. 'Muddy Church' 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month 2.00pm till 4.30pm?
- 2. Consider how the welcome/children's area at the back of the Church can be better utilised.
- 3. Have a greater time for quiet reflection in Sunday worship?
- 4. Develop our guest services, e.g. Songs of Praise type service/Valentine's Day/All Souls.
- 5. Explore study groups.

## **Community (Culture)**

- 1. Improve our website and the way in which this portrays and represents the life of St Mary's.
- 2. Develop community activities such as Ewell Village Fair, Jubilee, Coronation celebrations.
- 3. Have more social activity.
- 4. Sustain current programme of concerts and diversify what we are offering.
- 5. Consider different guest speakers in Church.

The MAP team



#### As summer continues...

Our church is prayer conditioned



Despite the weather warnings that made us think whether we should cancel the fair or not, we held an emergency meeting on the day before the fair to plan what to do. After some careful discussions we decided to hold the fair inside the Church and have a few stalls outside together with the Morris Men, Bar and BBQ. Thus, in spite of the weather forecast, we were able to be ready for a fun packed day for all the following day.

Whilst it was a very difficult decision to cancel the Assault Course, Golden Retrievers, The Paladins, Dancers and a couple of outside stall holders, the day turned out to be a roaring success despite the odd shower and very strong winds.

Over 50 children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed the Punch and Judy shows...

The BBQ and the Bar were very busy.....

The Church had a real community spirit .... Listening to the organ and piano, buying and eating lots of lovely cakes, drinking tea and coffee, face painting by the Guides and Brownies, adopt a bear, the book stall, the bric-a-brac area, toys and jewellery and of course the Grand Draw.

Outside we were able to listen to the Church bells, purchase coconuts, plants, book a holiday, buy a pint, bowl for a cheese, have a burger and watch St Mary's Morris Men.

Helpers worked very hard on the Friday from about 9am to 6pm to make sure everything was ready and in place. Those that were keen enough started again at 07.30 in the morning of the Fair and worked until the clear up was completed in record time ready for the Church services on Sunday morning.

The assistance from all that helped in any way was very much appreciated. Visitors commented what a lovely community feel the event had, and everyone was so friendly and welcoming. "It was also great not to have to pay an entrance fee" was one comment.

#### THANK YOU ALL

Harvey Morris Fair Committee Chair

# ROSALIE MARION DEER

# 11 November 1931 to 8 April 2023

Rosalie was born in Walthamstow and then moved to the outskirts of Romford. She was two when Gwen was born and later. when they were six and four respectively, Margaret came along. Early on she went to nursery school and learnt to read which was encouraged at home. Great aunt Amy lived across the road, she had been a governess in Philadelphia. She was able to teach French and piano. At primary and junior school Rosalie was considered outstandingly clever. A teacher at the school taught her elocution. This was Clockhouse Lane School, Collier Road, Romford.

The war started when Rosalie was 8 and a lot of time was spent

in air raid shelters. Despite this she passed exams to go to Brentwood County High School for Girls and travelled on bus and train to get there. In 1944 the youngest daughter was born and the family were evacuated to Dereham in Norfolk. Children were expected to help with picking fruit. This was not approved of and the family returned to Romford after six weeks. It was felt Rosalie's education would suffer.

After the war she started attending St Edward's church in Romford market. She also joined the youth club and often went to retreats with them to different places in Essex. When she left school she took a secretarial course with shorthand and typing and went to work at Amen Court, St. Paul's Cathedral for Canon Collins who started CND and Christian Aid

She had already been on an exchange visit to France where she met her friend Madelaine, this was repeated over the years and they were in touch into old age. This helped her to become fluent in French.

After a few years she moved on to work as secretary to a director at a private bank. She was there a few years but decided to learn Spanish so found a position with a shipping company in Barcelona. She then became a leader with Holiday Fellowship in Llafranc, Costa Brava. This was seasonal, in the winter she was a temporary secretary. One of the positions was with the embassy for Trinidad and Tobago. They did a lot of entertaining and Rosalie had the



experience of different tasting foods.

When Rosalie was in Llafranc in 1962 a man called Jack Deer arrived on his motorbike to stay in the hotel. They became friends and continued their friendship back in England. In 1963 they were married in All Saints New Eltham by her old friend The Reverend Douglas Rhymes and went to live in Jack's flat. This was in Chessington Rd, West Ewell. The following year they bought 2 Chessington Close.

They were both interested in opera and went to performances when they could. Rosalie had her voice trained and enjoyed singing in public. She was a

member of a Choral Society for a time. Music continued to play a big part in her life and she was very knowledgeable about it.

Rosalie and Jack had many holidays in France and Spain where they had friends. When Jack retired they bought a house in Provence next door to one of her French friends whom she had known since school days. Her language skills were always useful. They both enjoyed life in a French village, spending several months a year there. Back in England she continued working as an interpreter for the police, she would go out late at night to help with someone who had been arrested.

Rosalie and Jack were married for 40 years. He was 20 years older than her and died in 2003. After Jack's death Rosalie continued to travel to France twice a year. It took three days, she would leave sometimes late in the evening and find bed and breakfast in Calais and travel on the next day. She bought a small camper van and would stop in the service areas in France.

Gradually her health was not good and it stopped her driving and the visits became fewer. When lockdown came Rosalie stopped going out entirely. Her neighbours were very supportive and then her greatnephew called on her once a week for shopping. He enjoyed her conversation as she would discuss many subjects with him.



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# Calendar for August



Morning Prayer will usually be celebrated at 0900 Monday to Saturday and shown online

T 01 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

S 06 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

O800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

0930 Sung Holy Communion

T 08 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

S 13 10th after TRINITY

0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

0930 Sung Holy Communion

1500-1700 Ice Cream Sunday (Vicarage)

T 15 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

Th 17 1445 Bereavement Café

S 19 1200-1500 Jazz on the Lawn 2 (Vicarage)

S 20 11th after TRINITY

0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

0930 Sung Holy Communion

T 22 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

1930 PCC Meeting

S 27 12th after TRINITY

0800 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

To Guildford Cathedral where St Mary's Choir are singing

T 29 1000 Said Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

1305 Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital

# Bumblebees are happy near churches



Bumblebees like churchyards. At least, they were the insects most seen during a recent survey of churchyards and burial grounds in England.

It shows "how valuable, when managed sensitively, many of our churchyards are for bumble-

bees," said a spokesman for Caring for God's Acre, a conservation charity for UK burial grounds. Such places often offer unique habitats for nature.

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