

Church Magazine

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Steyning and Ashurst

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CHURCH SERVICES

St Andrew's & St Cuthman's

Every Sunday

9:30am Parish Eucharist

6:00pm Evening Service

(The 8:00am 1662 service will be resumed on a date to be advised.)

St James's

10:30am Second Sunday Family Service

Fourth Sunday 1662 Holy Communion

Wednesdays at St Andrew's & St Cuthman's

11:30am Midweek Eucharist

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Parish Administrator: Pat McMullan.

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

Recently I was with a group of people and the word 'Sabbath' came up. The group was a mixed one. All ages and stages. Some people who had been Christians for many years, and several young people in their twenties. After a few minutes one of them piped up saying 'I don't actually know what Sabbath is or means'. The young man in question had come to faith recently. He was bubbling over with enthusiasm for his new-found faith and for Jesus. But he actually had no idea what we were talking about. And he wanted to know. What is it? Why is it important?



Questions like that bring us up short. They remind us, if we are long-time Christians, that we can sometimes speak in language which isn't understood outside our Christian world. They also make us think. Because when someone asks you a question like that you have to ask yourself: well, what does it mean? What does it mean to me? And why is it important? Two things immediately came to my mind. Sabbath as freedom, and Sabbath as rest.

The Jewish people celebrate the seder meal, a re-enactment of the Passover meal, at their Sabbath on a Friday night to remember how they were freed by God from slavery in Egypt. As Christians, in the Eucharist when we keep our 'Sabbath' on a Sunday, the day of the resurrection, one of the things we do is remember the last supper, the meal shared by Jesus with the disciples before the crucifixion. The day Jesus gave us our freedom from being separated from God.

And Sabbath is also about rest. The reason sabbath in the Jewish faith is remembered on a Saturday is that it reflects the creation story in Genesis. God made the world, and when that was finished, he rested. He looked at what he had made and, as Genesis tells us, God said it was very good.

At this time of year much of our world slows down. In a year of staycations, and in a world when it is so easy to focus on what is not good, perhaps it is particularly relevant for us to take a time of Sabbath. A time of rest. A time of looking at our world and remembering God sees it as good. He sees it as worth saving. If we take the time in this summer season, whenever we can, we too can see the good, the beautiful. And in seeing that and taking rest we can also be refreshed.

Caroline Armitage

FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to August and for all school families, staff and governors, we do hope that it is truly a sunny summer month and you can all regain your energies and do those jobs and hobbies that have been waiting patiently for you!

Do you feel inspired to write? All our readers would love you to write something for this magazine. Did you know that the church prints 300 free copies each month, and all are taken? The magazine is also on the church web site, so even more readers! There are also readers who are confined to their homes, and so any beautiful or funny local pictures are always welcome.

Here is a reminder of where to send your thoughts or pictures:

steyningchurchmag@gmail.com

Thank you .

PRAYER VIGIL

FUTURE DATES

Sunday 1 August at 6pm

September (TBC)

Sunday 3 October at 6pm

All are welcome to this shared time of contemplative prayer. Come and immerse yourselves in a safe, relaxed, reflective space; take a break from the stresses and strains of daily life and let the Holy Spirit wash over you, to restore and heal.

The Prayer Vigil is a time to watch and wait on our Risen Lord. Come as you are and just be still.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

The weekly Sunday bulletin sent from the Parish Office gives all the information about what is happening with services, local support etc, and how to access these. There is also the list of those needing our prayers. If you would like to receive the bulletin please contact:

office@steyningparishchurch.org or ring 01903 813276

or to add any new prayer requests please contact:

prayers@steyningparishchurch.org or ring 01903 813276

PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS

June Anne Pengelly	Died 18 June	Funeral 5 July
Marion Jocelyn ('Nan') Wills	Died 20 June	Funeral 6 July
Albert ('Al') Hall	Died 23 June	Funeral 6 July

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.
Our love and prayers for all their families during this time.

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Gladys Dumbrell	Died 5 May	Interred 14 July
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TWO THANKSGIVING SERVICES

For Denise Bedford

The family of Denise Bedford have decided that they need **to postpone** the service of celebration of the life of Denise until a time that makes it possible for them and more of her friends to attend, and to enjoy the refreshments and chat afterwards.

They send their love and thanks to all who had saved this original date, and will hope to let you know a new date before too long.

For Anna Norman

The family invite you to
a service of thanksgiving for the life of Anna

on 14 August 2021

at 3pm

in Steyning Parish Church

and afterwards in The Penfold Hall for refreshments (table service)

PRAYER DIARY FOR AUGUST

Sunday 1 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Friday 6 The Transfiguration of our Lord

Father in heaven whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 8 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 15 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Monday 16 The Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 22 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Tuesday 24 Bartholomew the Apostle

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 29 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

TWO GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY

THANK
YOU!

Jill and Roger, David and Chris do thank all who contributed in any way to the day of open gardens in July. What a joy both the morning and afternoon were. We enjoyed sharing our gardens with you, and thought those who ventured out in the morning were particularly brave considering the rain.

Thanks to your generosity, a wonderful total of £630 was raised, and the PCC have kindly increased that to £730, which will be divided equally between The Children's Society and Chestnut Tree House

ON-THE-DRIVE SALE FOR CHARITY

Plant and Produce Sale

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August

11am to 4pm

33 Roman Road.

On August Bank Holiday weekend

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 August, from 11am to 4pm each day,
we will have a stall on our drive

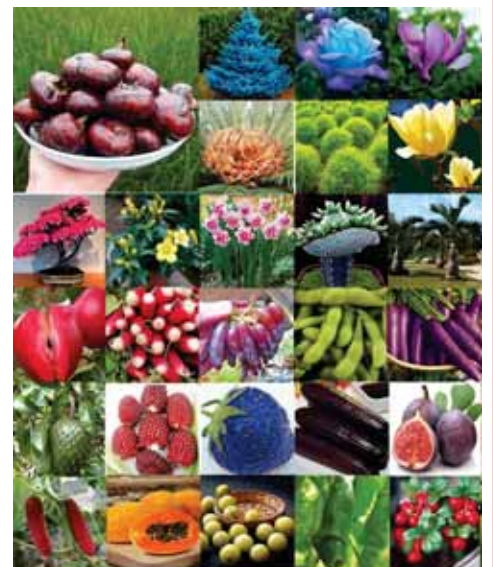
selling plants, fruit, vegetables, and flowers.

Also Cards

Specially made for us by Simon Knowles, using his photos of the flowers in our garden.

Please do drop by and have a browse!

All proceeds will go to The Children's Society and Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.



PROVERBS 3: 3 - 10

Why have I chosen this text for August?

I spend a lot of time pondering.....on all sorts of things, actually.....but also specifically on the cover for this magazine, and nothing was jumping out at me as I looked at the observances for August, but then I looked at the Morning Prayer readings, and found that the Book of Proverbs took up most of the month as the Old Testament readings. Now, I do not often read Proverbs, so here was my challenge, and this particular passage, that will be the set reading for August 12 did rest with me. I also realised that (in pre Covid-19 times) I used to say it every Monday morning with Fr Mark as we said Morning Prayer together in church, and the responses then read:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.

The Book of Proverbs is found in the Old Testament, and most of it was written by King Solomon, and the theme throughout is Wisdom. When we believe someone is wise and go to them with a question, we choose them because they have thought about life and faith and their own life experiences, and they can be seen to live their lives in the light of what God has said both in the Bible and in their hearts. In the Book of Proverbs we find help as to how to practice Christianity - how our faith should be worked out in the light of who God is and in the light of what this world is all about. Practical Christianity.

I like practical Christianity! When I was at college learning how to teach I quickly realised that there is a difference between theory (read, listened to and written about) and the practice, when standing in front of the class of children. It is also possible to have a great deal of education, but not much wisdom: it is possible to be clever and yet foolish.

Proverbs talks about the heart in many places, and in this passage we are told to trust the Lord completely with our heart, because our heart deals with all the issues of life, with the consequences of our words and actions. TRUST is the key word. God is utterly dependable, and his wisdom so great that he will never make a mistake. His love is limitless, and will never let us go. We are being asked to trust in the Lord with issues about our private lives, about our approaches to money, to life and death, to religion - absolutely everything on this earth, including all the conservation and green issues raised within this magazine.

I believe that when we talk in these terms about the heart we are also talking about our soul and our spirit. When we pray for those who are ill we pray for those sick in body, mind and spirit - these are three interconnected and important parts that make us who we are, and make us human.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” makes me realise that the heart is so very, very important, so we need to keep an eye on our heart (our soul) and protect it, for it is the most precious thing that God has given us.

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you;” This verse is telling us to be kind, not just kind because that is what the head is telling us, but to be kind because the heart is engaged in loving kindness that is traced back to God's word.

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

Remember every day that kindness and love are all around when we watch parents with their children, or carers and nurses with their patients, or two people laughing and completely happy and at one with each other. Know that each one of these people around us is loved by God, just as each one of us reading this page is loved by God.

Solomon was very wise when he wrote the Book of Proverbs, and I hope you will follow the Morning prayer readings for August and get to know some of his good advice.

Chris Fitton

JULIA DONALDSON VISITS STEYNING MUSEUM



Look who popped in to open our new Children's Corner!

In celebration of our famous local author, Julia Donaldson came along to officially open our new Children's Corner filled with books, children's drawings, and soft toy characters celebrating some of Julia's best loved creations.

The Museum seeks to shine a light on some of its famous residents both past and present and the new Children's Corner dedicated to Julia's works says a big a thank you for the fun and pleasure she gives through her books.

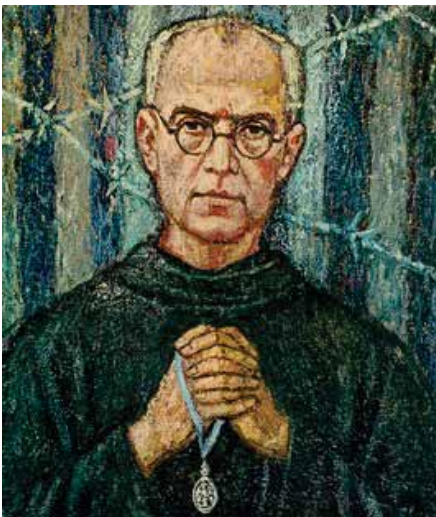
SAINT OF THE MONTH

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, FRIAR AND MARTYR (1894-1941)

Maximilian (born Raymond) Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. When he was twelve he experienced a vision of the Virgin Mary in which he asked her what his future was to be. She held up two crowns, one white and one red. He was told that the white one meant he was to persevere in purity and the red one meant he would become a martyr. He said in his vision that he would take both crowns.

In 1910 he entered the seminary of the Franciscan Order and took the name Maximilian; in 1918 he was ordained priest in Rome. With others he founded the 'Militia Immaculatae' - a movement to encourage devotion to the Virgin Mary and perform good works. He returned to Poland to lecture at the Franciscan seminary and, in October 1927, the movement was given land near Warsaw to develop their work. The Community flourished with 650 friars and its influence spread across Poland.

In 1930 Maximilian travelled with four of his Franciscan brothers to Japan. They bought land in Nagasaki and began preaching the Gospel. However, by 1936 Maximilian's health was failing and he was forced to return to the mother house in Poland.



Prison Ministry

Following the German invasion in September 1939, the friars were initially imprisoned but were then unexpectedly released. They worked among refugees and casualties of war but Maximilian spoke out against the Nazi oppression and was re-arrested. He was taken in a cattle truck to Auschwitz where he continued to minister to his fellow prisoners awaiting death. Death came to him when he volunteered to take the place of another prisoner who had been condemned to die a slow death in a starvation bunker. Eventually, in 1941, his Nazi captors ended his life with a fatal injection on 14 August, which is his Feast Day.

Maximilian was canonised as a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1982 and his statue is one of the Twentieth Century Martyrs commemorated on the west front of Westminster Abbey.



RECYCLE FOR USPG



USPG stands for United Society Partners in the Gospel. They are a Church of England based charity working in the poorest areas of the world. This last year they have worked specifically where there has been Covid-19 and no proper medical care. They need our help, and here is an easy way to give it that will cost us nothing.

If you have old **jewellery or old gadgets** lying around then why not put them to good use and recycle them to raise vital funds for USPG.

To order your freepost recycling envelope email

info@uspg.org.uk

fill it with your unwanted items and then either take it to a post box or post office to send in.

What can I put in the freepost envelope:

- **Jewellery** (in any condition - including costume jewellery)
- **Watches** (even if damaged or broken)
- **Currency** – Any banknotes, UK & foreign (even if out of circulation)

Recycling for good causes also accept the goods below in a paid envelope:

- **Mobile Phones**
- **Cameras** (even if damaged or broken)
- **Gadgets** (Sat-Navs, Ipods, MP3 players, games consoles, games & accessories)

Simply send your unwanted items in an envelope addressed to:

USPG

Unit 14 Amber Business Village

Amber Close

Tamworth

Staffordshire

B77 4RP

I have 10 of the freepost recycling envelopes here at home. Please telephone 01903 816946 to come to collect one.

Chris Fitton

USPG⁺

20'S PLENTY



The 20's Plenty Campaign in Steyning and Bramber is primarily about improving safety on our roads. It is also hoped that quieter, slower roads will encourage more active and sustainable travel, by bike or on foot. But this campaign offers us much more. Gathering older residents' memories gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how the streets have changed in the last fifty years or so, and how cars have now come to dominate and define how we use them.

A new exhibition at Steyning Museum gives us an insight into these changes. It showcases memories from residents of Valerie Manor Care Home in Upper Beeding, as well as other local people.



Complementing the memories are some fascinating photos from the museum archive showing our streets alive with a diversity of activities including animals being driven to market, and a line of comfortable charabancs in the high street ready to take locals on a mass outing. Particularly poignant are the memories of childhood games, on streets that are now far too busy with traffic to be safe for young children to cross easily, let alone play in.

The display in the museum runs until Saturday 28th August. It is well worth a visit and does indeed give us a chance to reflect on what our streets mean to us today.



TIP OF THE MONTH



Use recycled toilet paper in your home so you are not flushing away trees.

Now readily available in supermarkets.



Book a free textiles and small electricals recycling collection

There is a new scheme to make it even easier to recycle broken small electricals and unwanted textiles. You can now book a collection slot online and Horsham District refuse collectors will come to you and take it all away.

Small electricals are processed at a specialist facility which breaks down the component parts and then recycles them into something new.

Textiles are sorted into grades by hand at a processing facility and then sent on for re-use and recycling.

Recycle your batteries on bin collection day

A second new scheme launched in June is free battery recycling.

Put your batteries in a small, clear plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag) and place the bag on top of your blue-top recycling bin or your green-top refuse bin on collection day. Trucks are now fitted with a separate compartment for battery recycling.

The following batteries:

6V; D; C; AA; AAA; 9v; Button; mobile phone batteries

All these are taken

To ensure minimal use of plastic bags, please ensure you store batteries until you have enough to fill a sandwich bag and have it securely closed. Please do not place one or two batteries out for collection as there is a risk the bag could blow away.

COMMUNITY COTTAGE COFFEE



Every Wednesday morning we will be offering tea, coffee and conversation from **10.30am until 11.45am.**

The company will be familiar but the location is new.

We will serving up real coffee and big smiles **in the cottage** adjacent to the Vicarage garden.

Do come and join us.

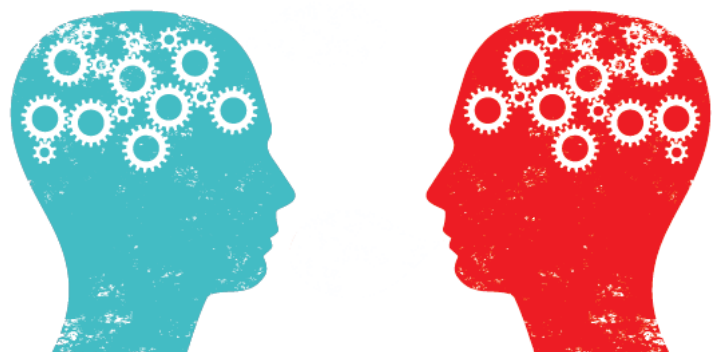
TANKER TALES

I have recently had a fresh insight into my understanding of liturgy. As I referred to last month, it means 'work of the people' and it made me think more deeply about what it means to be a Christian in the workplace - what is my role in the workplace? It made me consider how friends, colleagues, customers, and the people I meet daily are like a mini-flock to pastor.

What does being a Christian in the workplace look like? I would say it is about being a bridge between church and the secular world in a post-Christian society. The faith that I express at a Sunday service must be lived out and demonstrated throughout the rest of the week. That does not mean going to work wearing sandals or having cleverly worded arguments to persuade people to come to faith. I think that would be a barrier to most people. In my experience it means something a little more discerning and sensitive to the needs of people around me.

In the recent series of *SAS: Who Dares Wins*, the directing staff placed a mole among the candidates, the mole being a veteran Special Forces operator. I found it rather fun to try and identify who the mole was; I am pleased to say the real mole was one of the people that I had identified! But what was it about him that I noticed? Watching footage again I could see how mentally alert he was, always aware of his surroundings despite challenging circumstances. He clearly had a calm persona and his eyes were constantly darting around making observations. A Christian in the workplace should also be equally aware and alert of opportunities to witness for Christ.

I have found that when people know that you are a Christian they will come and find you, often at the most inconvenient time, to start a meaningful conversation. I have had the most unexpected conversations with the unlikeliest of people. It is not always easy to respond effectively when I am in a hurry or am tired and it is something I need to work at.



However, I have had people ask me "why does God allow suffering?" Or, "what would Jesus do?" An even more difficult question to answer was "If Jesus is the head of the church, which Christian church is He head of?" Other people have wanted to share something of themselves with me, an ex-convict, a lapsed Methodist, one person confessed to a dark and sordid past that would be unsuitable for publishing here. More than anything else I have found being Christian in the workplace is about being a loving presence alongside people where they are.

What can anybody say when challenged as above? Oswald Chambers is clear that having a list of prepared answers to anticipated questions is limited by human strength, instead we should be in a continuous right relationship with God, and to rely at all times on the Holy Spirit to give us a word to meet a person's specific needs. Chambers also warns to protect yourself from the sickness of other people:

"Unless you are in a healthy, vigorous condition with God, you will catch the disease of the soul you are dealing with instead of helping to cure it".

Reflecting on my experience of living through the past 18 months of pandemic and its restrictions there have been times when I have taken on other people's woes which has then brought me down; or simply being unable to give anything of myself to others because I myself have been too weary. It is Chambers again who has this helpful advice:

"... recognise the Spirit of God, and rely on Him" and "Thank God He has given the majority of us the surroundings of real, definite, sordid human beings; there is no pretence about them, the people we live among and come in contact with are not theories, they are facts. That is the kind of thing God wants us to keep among". (i)

Another book I have read recently was about the growth of Christianity in China the success of which has been largely in part to new Christians being actively encouraged to share their testimony:

"...many people in the West feel they must first get formal training and a diploma that supposedly gives them legitimacy to preach, and only then might they go out and tell others". (ii)

As I finally tidied up my bookcase I rediscovered books that I was reading when I was first full of the joy of having Christ in my life, many books on the healing ministry and several on the Rule of St Benedict and it made me consider to what extent I have followed through with what I had felt called to in those heady early days. Rather than waiting for formal training I should recognise and make more of the opportunities each day to share my testimony with others and to gain souls for Christ. I remember the Revd Rupert Toovey telling me that he *"never turns down a meeting as you never know what may come out of it"*.

We live in a society where many people have never been to church, but they know what a Christian should look like and how they should behave. There is a degree of pressure to maintain integrity in the way I conduct myself at work, in my work ethic, being honest in all things and to respect boundaries in relationships. Any deviation would be noted and commented on.

I would like to propose forming a support network for Christians in the workplace, a safe space to provide mutual prayerful support and encouragement. Please do contact me if this would be of any interest to you.

Steve McGrath

(i) Workmen of God

(ii) The Underground Church by Eugene Bach & Brother Zhu

SOUND BITES FOR AUGUST FROM "BIBLE LANDS"

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a diocese of the worldwide Anglican Communion, extends over five countries, including Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel, within the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. There are 27 parishes that minister to the needs of their communities, centred on the Cathedral Church of St George the Martyr, in Jerusalem. The diocese supports 35 institutions, which include hospitals, clinics, kindergartens and schools, vocational training programmes, as well as institutions for the deaf, the disabled and the elderly, reaching out to interfaith neighbours in mutual respect and co-operation.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Diocese of Jerusalem

Archbishop calls for prayer for the Holy Land. Following the outbreak of violence in the Holy Land, the new Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Rev Hosam Naoum, has appealed for prayer, and suggests the following:

Almighty and Everlasting God: Our days are in your hands; we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; we pray also that you would soften the hearts of all those involved in the recent conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace, in the land where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ first came to bring hope and abundant life to all people; these things we ask in his Holy Name. Amen

Empowering workshops for mothers - One of our missions this year is to empower parents, especially mothers. In Egyptian society, while it is accepted and oftentimes encouraged for the women to work outside the home and build their skills as professionals, their main role is traditionally seen as being a mother. Therefore, we support the participation of women in public life and their right to employment and their own income through providing a sewing workshop for free, to teach the mothers sewing skills.

Province of Alexandria, Diocese of Egypt

The needs of many asylum-seekers in Cyprus have not diminished during lockdowns. Charities and churches have responded, often co-operatively by providing, and sometimes delivering, meals and food packages, and during winter, warm clothing and blankets. In the Gulf, parishes have been supporting many migrant workers in desperate need when they have lost jobs and not been able to return to their home countries because of travel restrictions. The Mission to Seafarers chaplains have also been offering support and advocating for seafarers stuck for many months in container ships, not allowed off to use the resources of the ports - it has been a gang-plank ministry.

Archdeacon Christopher, Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

RECIPE FOR AUGUST

CHICKEN TARTIFLETTE.

Serves 4-6 depending on how hungry you are!

Ingredients

- 700g potatoes
- 300g baby spinach
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves
- 200g smoked bacon lardons or 4/5 rashers of smoked bacon
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- Butter for greasing
- 200ml double cream
- 200ml chicken stock
- 370g leftover roast chicken (or poach 3 breasts in stock for 10 minutes until cooked through), shredded
- 250g Reblochon cheese, rind removed, chopped or a mix of cheddar and other hard cheese you have at home



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/fan180°C/gas 6. Slice the potatoes 3mm thick and simmer in salted water for 5 minutes until just tender. Drain. Put the spinach in a colander, pour over freshly boiled water from a kettle to wilt, then refresh under cold running water and squeeze dry.
2. Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and soften the onion, stirring, for 8 minutes. Stir through the garlic and cook for 2 minutes more, then remove to a bowl. Add the bacon to the pan and fry until starting to crisp. Add to the onion, then stir through the flour.
3. Lightly grease a large ovenproof dish (about 2 litres) with butter. Mix the cream with the stock and season.
4. Layer the potato, onion and bacon, spinach, shredded chicken and half of the cheese, pouring over the cream sauce as you go. Finish with a layer of potatoes. Season with salt and lots of pepper. Bake for 30 minutes, then scatter over the remaining Reblochon and return to the oven for 10-15 minutes more until golden and piping hot.

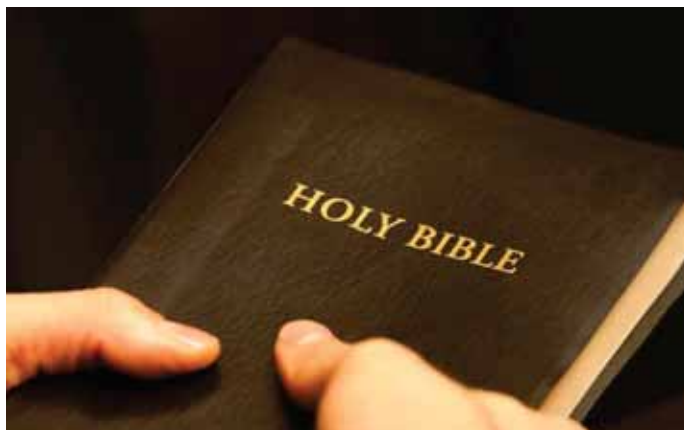
MIRACLES OF JESUS

1. To whom did Jesus say "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity"? Luke 13
2. What happened immediately after Jesus cast out a demon from a mute, according to Matthew 9:33?
3. Regarding the healing at the pool of Bethesda, Jesus told a man to rise, take up his bed and do what? John 5
4. John 9 presents a man who was born blind and received sight. How long had the man been blind?
5. Which disciples did Jesus speak to about feeding the five thousand? John 6
6. Who walked on the sea with Jesus? Matthew 14
7. In the land of Gennesaret, what part of Jesus' garment were the people resolved to touch? Matthew 6:56
8. What type of faith did Jesus say the Syrophenician woman had? Matthew 15
9. What words did Jesus say to the deaf-mute in Decapolis? Mark 7
10. Jesus asked was it lawful to heal on what day? Luke 14:3

- Answers**
1. Crippled woman
 2. He spoke
 3. Walk
 4. Since birth
 5. Philip and Andrew
 6. Peter
 7. Hem
 8. Great faith
 9. Be opened
 10. Sabbath

UNSCRAMBLE THESE BIBLICAL NAMES

- 1.. JSDUA
2. NAWDER
3. BAMRAHA
4. RAACHZAIH
5. CJBAO
6. IMCAH
7. ENTPESH
8. UDSEDATH
9. ISTTU
10. EOSSM



- ANSWERS**
1. JUDAS
 2. ANDREW
 3. ABRAHAM
 4. ZACHARIAH
 5. JACOB
 6. MICAH
 7. STEPHEN
 8. THADDEUS
 9. TITUS
 10. MOSES

ANAGRAM FOR AUGUST

The anagram for August is:

OUR HEARTS

REMEMBER:

All words to have three or more letters, but only use each letter once.

NO capitalised words, and NO plurals.

I have loved this anagram! There are words with th or sh, and a few biological ones as well! I got a Torah, but had to discount it as I think it is capitalised. Have fun.

FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

In the latest USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) Bulletin this article helps us to make sense of what Mission means:

In the 1980s, opinion among Anglican Churches around the world was heavily divided between those who saw mission only in terms of personal salvation, and those who saw mission as being solely about development and social change.

The Anglican Consultative Council – an international body which represents the Anglican Communion – held a series of meetings to examine the meaning of mission. The council recognised that neither evangelism nor development alone did justice to the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19 – *'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.'*

Between 1984 and 1990, the council met many times to debate, study and pray together. The council identified what they called the Five Marks of Mission – five intertwined parts that together comprise a holistic understanding of mission.

In their most recent formulation, the five Marks are:

- ⇒ To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- ⇒ To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- ⇒ To respond to human need by loving service
- ⇒ To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- ⇒ To strive to safeguard the integrity of Creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The logo for the United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG), featuring the letters 'USPG' in white on a pink background, with a small cross symbol to the upper right of the 'G'.

INTO THE GARDEN IN AUGUST

Here are the garden tips for August:

1. Keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well watered through late summer while their flowering buds are forming. Also feed with ericaceous fertiliser.
2. Top up ponds and bird baths regularly.
3. Take softwood cuttings from Penstemons, choosing healthy, vigorous, non-flowering shoots.
4. Plant Autumn bulbs such as Colchicums, Sternbergia, and Nerines in pots or borders.
5. Prune Wisteria by pruning back out of central new growth.
6. Pull weeds out before they go to seed.
7. Start collecting seed from garden plants, for example: Poppies, Nigella, Sweet Peas, Sweet Williams, Marigolds, Aquilegias.
8. Dead head Dahlias and other perennials to encourage new flowers.
9. Prune rambling Roses, eg. Kiftsgate, Rambling Rector. Remove up to a third of stems that have flowered and tie the rest to supports.
10. Keep pots and hanging baskets flowering by watering and deadheading regularly, and add tomato feed fortnightly.

I hope August brings hot summer days and warm evenings so you can make the most of our green spaces.

Robert Hill-Snook



Rambling Rose Kiftsgate



Rambling Rector

AUGUST

The **August birth flowers** are:
gladiolus and poppy.



I'm a huge fan of science-fiction B-movies and they don't come any better (or worse) than 1957's 'Beginning of the End'. It's the usual story; overeager government scientists intent on increasing crop yield inadvertently create giant irradiated grasshoppers the size of



doubler-decker buses which set about destroying Chicago. There are some similar creatures lurking around Sussex. OK they're not going to come stomping round Horsham any day soon but they're still mighty impressive.

The great green bush cricket can claim to be Britain's biggest insect. Yet this Godzilla of the undergrowth is surprisingly hard to see. Its long leaf-like body blends in amongst the brambles rendering it almost invisible. Bug eyes, impressive jaws and twirling antennae give it some monster movie credentials but there's nothing to fear from this harmless native.

There are about 35 species of crickets and grasshoppers (orthoptera) in Britain. Crickets differ from grasshoppers by having much longer, thread-like antennae and they 'sing' by rubbing their wings together (while grasshoppers rub their legs against their wings). This song or stridulation is the male's way of romancing a female – who, if interested, will reply. The best chance of finding the great green bush cricket is to head out on a warm

August evening and listen for their duets – a loud, incessant rattle. Imagine a maraca player after drinking too much coffee.

Last month I was leading a wildlife walk through the flower-rich meadows of our Woods Mill reserve and I was blown away by the wall of sound created by hundreds of crickets and

grasshoppers but it became apparent that not everyone could hear this orthopteran orchestra. The sad truth is that as we get older our ears can't tune in to the higher frequencies produced by these insects and species by species they fall silent.

I have a compilation CD of the chirps and buzzes of Britain's crickets and grasshoppers – a sort of 'Now That's What I Call Stridulation'. I played it this morning and track 24 had gone. It was there a few years ago but now... silence. I've started to lose my crickets! The beginning of the end. It isn't just me who will be hearing less wildlife in the future. Our countryside is becoming quieter as crickets, bees and birds vanish. Over the decades changes in agricultural practices have made large parts of England unnaturally peaceful. The 'Silent Spring' predicted by Rachel Carson in 1962 has seeped across every season. Our 'Wilder Horsham District' project is aiming to restore these grassland habitats so that future generations can still experience the sounds of an English summer.

PROVERBS 3: 3 – 10 NIV

Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favour and a good name
in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.

This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

Honour the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
Then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.