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for the Parishes of
Bromham, Oakley and Stagsden



September 2024



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Principal Services in the Benefice

<u>1st September</u>	<u>14th Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Oakley)
10.30am	Holy Communion (Bromham)
3.00pm	Service to welcome new Methodist Minister at Oakley Methodist Church
4.00pm	Wild Church (Bromham Scout Site)
<u>8th September</u>	<u>15th Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Stagsden)
10.30am	LEP Holy Communion (Oakley)
6.00pm	Evensong (Bromham)
<u>15th September</u>	<u>16th Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Stagsden)
10.30am	Holy Communion + Baptism (Bromham)
4.00pm	Harvest Songs of Praise (Stagsden)
<u>22nd September</u>	<u>17th Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Bromham)
10.30am	Harvest Service with Holy Communion (Oakley) + shared lunch
<u>29th September</u>	<u>17th Sunday after Trinity</u>
10.30am	Holy Communion (Stagsden)

Weekday Services

Mondays

11.30am Messy Church (Bromham)

Tuesdays (1st and 3rd of the month)

11.30am Holy Communion (Bromham
Fellowship Room)

Thursdays

10.00am Messy Church (Oakley)

NB 10.30 church services are streamed via Zoom for those who find it difficult to attend in person (details on website www.bromhambenefice.org)



Well, here we are in September and I'm not sure how that happened? One minute the suncream, lazy days, no alarm clock and travel, the next trying to remember where you put the new uniform, (to be grown into-especially the sweatshirt!), PE kit and pencil case. Or in a different life stage, your lanyard and laptop, or your passport- providing granny duties are over for the holidays? September brings memories of all things 'school', as a parent and ex teacher, and one abiding memory is that of school assemblies, particularly the assembly songs from way back when.

Now this may amaze you, at Glastonbury this year, (#Glasto), a musician with a keyboard took centre stage, with the whole crowd enthusiastically singing along, sometimes with actions, remembering the words of long distant assembly songs. The set was a random combination of well-known school assembly songs, (#primaryschool bangers). What are your favourites: Cauliflowers fluffy, Shine Jesus Shine, When I needed a neighbour, One more step along the world I go...? Maybe at church we could share afternoon tea church and have a singalong? Imagine the songs our memories could dredge up and bring back to life!

So, wherever you are in life: prepping for a new school term, a return to work, new job, planning some DIY, dreaming of

further travel, contemplating an unplanned change, these songs may offer some reassurance. Not only will singing release endorphins and improve your mood, but the words remind us of the constancy of God. Wherever we go, whatever our journey, whatever our U turns and difficulties, we can know that God is alongside us.

One more step along the world we go.....into a new season and new adventures.

(PS: I recommend top volume singing in the car, with the windows closed but you risk strange looks at the traffic lights...)

Rev'd Petra

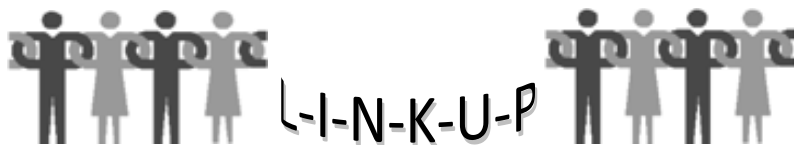
Book Review

Finding Flourishing - Time and pace for your work-life wellbeing By Naomi Aidoo, BRF, £8.99

Wellbeing can become an accessible daily pursuit, even for the busiest among us.

This book offers a practical approach to achieving wellbeing, one that doesn't require adding yet another technique to your busy schedule. Instead, it enhances your day-to-day mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Exploring wellbeing from a biblical standpoint, Aidoo considers how it might look in our relationships, our work and the rest of our lives, and uses the T.I.M.E. framework to offer manageable steps towards achieving it. This book is an interactive journey with thought-provoking questions, journal prompts, and the opportunity to reflect on daily life from a spiritual perspective, helping you discover a path to everyday wellbeing.



Next meeting - **Thursday 5th September**

at St Owen's Fellowship Room

2.30 - 4.30pm

Enjoy a session of 'Tinned Bingo'

For further details

contact Tessa Woodcock

01234 340089



Sewing Group

1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons
2pm - 4pm in the Fellowship Room
at St Owen's Church.

Further information from Frances
on 07470 032296

First Friday Coffee Mornings

Next coffee morning on Fri 6 September

11am- 1pm

in St Owen's Fellowship Room, Bromham.



Please contact Frances for more information
(602718 or francesbulmer@btinternet.com)

St Owen's Church Cleaning

Saturday 26th October

Be part of the Gang!

Any time you can spare between 9.30 - 12.30

St Owen's Church Bazaar

Sunday 27th October

12 noon to 16.00 hrs

Light lunches

Raffle

Chocolate tombola

Many other stalls

Further details next month

Next Benefice Fellowship Lunch

Sunday 6th OCTOBER

at St Owen's Fellowship Room

after morning service

Bring some food to share if you can and enjoy
the company of others as we eat together

More information:

Vivien Butler - 407351



Thrive: Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture

in Sri Lanka

This year the Bishop's Harvest Appeal is being run in partnership with The Leprosy Mission to support a project in Sri Lanka, which provides those affected by leprosy with the means to grow their own food and raise their standard of living. Previous editions of Church News have shown the scale of this need.

Making Donations

This year all donations are being made direct to the Leprosy Mission. There are several ways to donate including via BACS and card payments online.

You can make a bank to bank transfer (BACS) to The Leprosy Mission using the following details: Sort code: 20-67-45, Account No: 00197742, Account Name: The Leprosy Mission Great Britain

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The 2024 Harvest Appeal Prayer

God of abundant life and grace,
whose Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
fed the hungry and healed the sick:
we pray your blessing on the people of Sri Lanka,
on their farmers and those struggling economically,
and particularly on those affected by leprosy.
As we rejoice in the abundance of our harvest,
may our thanks overflow with the joy of giving.
Give us the imagination and generosity
to share our plentiful resources with those in need,
that your Gospel of salvation be life-giving and life-
changing,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9: 10-11)

Harvest at St Owen's

Decorating St Owens Church for Harvest will take place on Saturday 5th October 2024 from 10 am. Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers will be gratefully received.

Margaret Parrott

Harvest = 'thanks' and 'giving'!

In our Harvest services this Autumn we are invited to consider both our 'thanks' to God for all he gives us, and how we respond to his generosity – our 'giving'. Everyone on the Electoral Rolls of our 3 parishes will receive a letter asking us to review prayerfully what we give to God, whether time, money or skills – all are vital to the life and growth of our churches.

Please come along to one or more of the Harvest services (see page 13) as we look further at both gratitude and generosity, and please pray about your own response to all that God has done for you. For the work of the Church to continue and flourish, each one of us needs to play our part in contributing in whatever way we can – so do return your response form in the envelope provided when you are ready, but by Friday Sept 27th if at all possible. All the envelopes will be presented at the altar during the service on Sunday 29th in St Leonard's Stagsden as we thank God for all his good gifts to us and offer him what we can in response.

Thank you for your prayerful and thoughtful response.

Catherine

An observation on our Christian pilgrimage

Holy means set apart. Not like a set of cutlery, that comes out only on Sundays. More like a Swiss army knife – remove a splinter, cut a rope, open a bottle, anytime, anywhere. Whatever the boss needs. - *Milton Jones*

Harvest Services in the Benefice 2024

Sun 15th Sept - 4.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise
(Stagsden) *Come and sing your favourite Harvest hymns!*

Sat 21st Sept - 6.00pm Harvest Supper at Stagsden
Village Hall. *Tickets from Brown's Farm Shop: Adults £8
children £3 BYO drinks. Raffle*

Sun 22nd Sept - 10.30am Harvest Festival with Holy
Communion (Oakley) + *Bring and Share Lunch*

Sun 6th Oct - 10.30am All-age Harvest Family Service
(Bromham) *Informal interactive service, not Communion.
Followed by Harvest Lunch.*

Gifts of non-perishable food for Bedford Foodbank and
money for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal supporting
Leprosy Mission project "Thrive" gratefully received (*see
also page 10*)

All welcome - why not bring a friend or neighbour?



St Matthew – commemorated on 21st Sept

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ.

In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.



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Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible, which will run until the end of 2025.

What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

This month we turn to the New Testament and look at Matthew, the first of the gospels. Although linked to Matthew the apostle, it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke).

Matthew, in writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He connects Jesus' birth, life death and resurrection with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy which traces Jesus back to Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use God's name; and in the way he portrays Jesus as the *Son of David*.

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in Him. At the end of his gospel, Matthew records Jesus' commission to His disciples share this good news, promising to be with them:

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (28:18-20)



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From the Registers

Baptisms:

4th August- Ellie Winter Towell (Bromham)

4th August- Theo Jordan Butterworth- Williams
(Stagsden)

11th August- Arlo Dean James Kumar (Stagsden)

Weddings:

3rd August- Harris Brown and Amy Castiglione
(Oakley)

16th August – Tom Kitchen and Nichola Flack
(Stagsden)

Burials of Ashes:

20th August- Una Toombs (Bromham)

Curious about Faith?

Come and find out more at Alpha!



- St Owen's Fellowship Room
- Sunday evenings this Autumn, dates tbc
- 6pm – 8pm
- Enjoy a meal followed by a video
- Opportunity to share your thoughts, ask questions, listen to others
- All welcome

Why not invite a friend to come too?

Please let us know if you are interested:
email Catherine on vicar@bromhambenefice.org

You are invited to the
Sharnbrook Deanery

Quiet Day

A time of rest and spiritual renewal, on the theme of

The Parables of Jesus



Wednesday 25 September 2024
9.30-3.30

St Owen's Church
off Village Road*, Bromham MK43 8LL
***turning opposite Grange Lane**

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*'Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables;
without a parable he told them nothing.'*

(Matthew 13.34)

The parables are such a familiar part of Jesus' teaching that we can often take them for granted. But why did Jesus use parables, and what did they mean for the crowds? And what do they mean for us today?

Led by Revd Nick Munday and Mrs Jane Templeman, the day will start at **9.30** with tea/coffee from 9.00, include a Communion service followed by a simple lunch, and finish with tea at **3.30**. We will look at the parables in their Biblical context and examine some relevant art, music and poetry. It will be a relaxed day, with quiet time and opportunities for conversation and fellowship – a similar format to the last two years' Quiet Days.

The cost (including lunch and refreshments) is £5 payable on the day. For catering purposes, please book your place in advance by Sunday 22 September by emailing n.j.munday@btinternet.com or texting/phoning 07966 377108.

Revd Nick was a teacher and deputy head. After ordination he was Rector of a parish of eleven rural churches in Lincolnshire. Now retired, he lives in Felmersham and is Assistant Rural Dean of Sharnbrook Deanery. Jane was also a teacher and is a Lay Leader of Worship. She worshipped for many years at St Mary's Felmersham and now lives in King's Sutton in Northamptonshire.

Cornelius – the saint who had mercy on sinning Christians

Have you ever sinned since you became a Christian? *Really* sinned – or in other words done something that was SO wrong and totally ‘out of line’ with being a Christian that you are still ashamed when you think of it now. If so, and if you went on to ask God’s forgiveness for it, and have resolved never to do it again, then Cornelius (commemorated on 16th September) is a good saint for you. He fought for Christians who had failed miserably to be given a second chance.

The time was 251AD, and Cornelius had just become Bishop of Rome. The Church at this time was struggling with what to do about Christians who had lapsed, and who now wanted to come back. Novation, a powerful Roman priest, argued that the Church had no power to pardon and welcome back any Christian who had caved in under persecution, or who had committed adultery or murder or similar serious offences.

Cornelius disagreed, and said that if a Christian truly repented and did the appropriate penance to prove it, then they should eventually be admitted back into the Church. The argument might sound over-earnest to modern ears, but it reflects how seriously the early Christians took their commitment to follow Jesus in leading a holy life, and in being willing to die for Him. In the end, that is exactly what Cornelius did – accepted death as the next persecution began, rather than deny Him.

A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contentedly. - *Anon*

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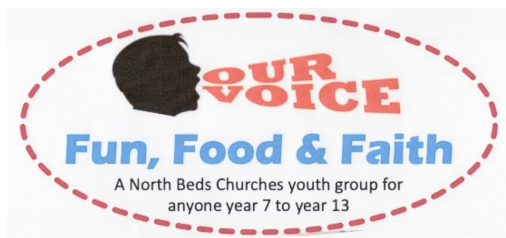
Anon

Sudoku -
Medium

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Saturday 14th Sept
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A prayer for starting a new School term

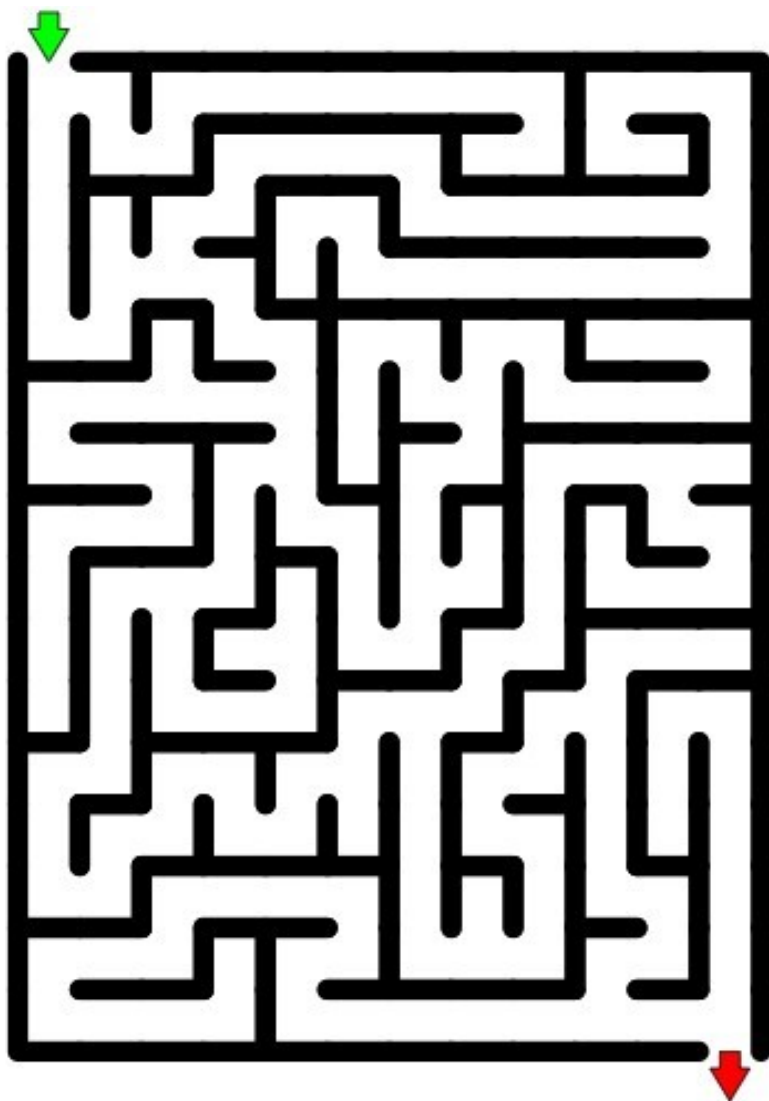
Loving God, let me be strong today
 as I meet new people in new places.
 Make me brave when I am worried,
 show me how to learn from everyone
 around me, and help me to do my very
 best. Amen.



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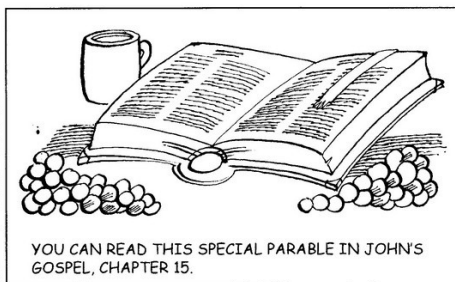
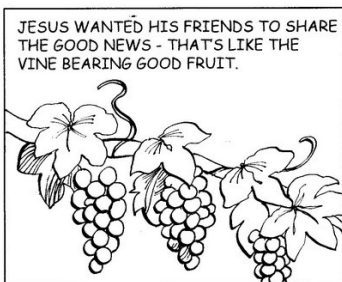
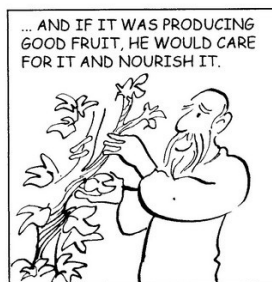
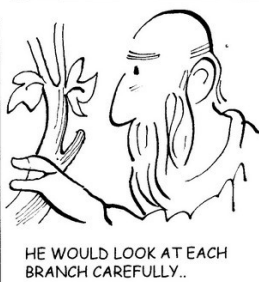
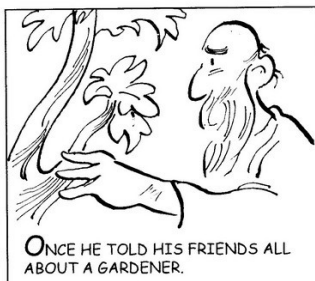
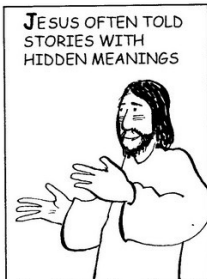
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 for the August winners

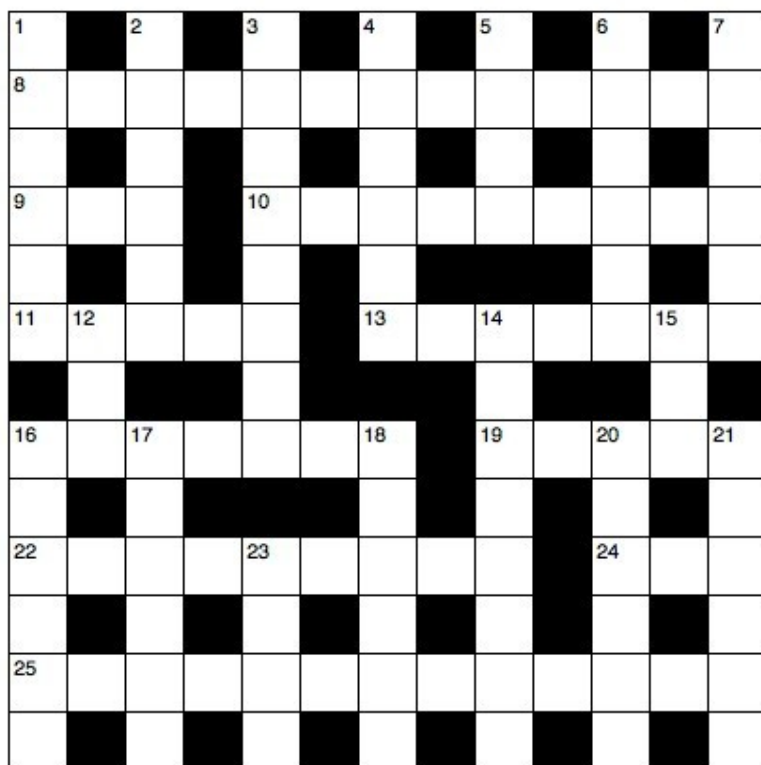
Can you find your way from top to bottom?



For younger readers.....

The gardener and the Vine



Across

8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)

9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)

10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 ‘Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ’ (Malachi 1:3) (5)

13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)

16 ‘Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger’ (John 8:6) (7)

- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah,
 but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1
 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7)
 (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books)
 circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no
 compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of
 engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles
 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had
 risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and —
 in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us
 from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Solution on page 33



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. "Sorry, mum," he confessed. "I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer."



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Enduring Wisdom – Words of Hope and Inspiration by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

By Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, SPCK, £10.99

A unique anthology of over 80 inspiring quotations from the late Queen's Christmas speeches, offering an intimate insight into the values she embodied and faithfully promoted throughout her 70-year reign.

This treasury of quotations speak of the qualities that were closest to her heart: courage, empathy, forgiveness, hope, humility, love and respect. These are the qualities that she encouraged in others and that she hoped would endure among all people of goodwill, whatever their religion or race. Including seven memorable portraits - one from each decade of her reign - this exquisite giftbook offers an inspiring tribute to a world leader whose wise and gracious influence will live forever in the hearts of those who knew her.

The Everyday God

By Jonathan Arnold, BRF, £9.99

Jonathan Arnold, a seasoned community engagement expert, delves deep into the heart of the biblical mandate to love one's neighbour. Through a tapestry of real-life stories, he unveils the power of practical faith, illustrating how it can ignite transformation among the homeless, refugees, the poor and vulnerable, imprisoned and marginalised, as well as those living with dementia, disability and disease.

In these pages, you'll witness how acts of social and environmental justice, intertwined with mercy, have the potential to reshape lives. As he reflects upon Jesus's teaching in Matthew 25:34–40, Arnold challenges us to discover God's presence in the most unexpected places and join in with where He is acting, whether inside or outside our churches.

God in the Sciences *This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.*

Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science: Alister McGrath on science and Christian faith

Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith, so he studied theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science, but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

“I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970s when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

“Now, I was a Christian by that time and I knew how Christianity could answer that but it just struck me, that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science - this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith, and that those two together are able to answer questions which on their own they simply couldn't.

“I think science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do

answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, 'Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good and how do I live a good life?'

"These are real questions and they're good questions but they're not scientific questions. And the psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human existence. You find some scientists who say, 'Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given', but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

"Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere else. Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully."

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Editor's Personal Note:

A few years ago I had the pleasure of a formal dinner at which the guest speaker was Prof Brian Cox well known to TV and radio audiences as an English physicist and astronomer who is a professor of particle physics in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Manchester and the Royal Society Professor for Public Engagement in Science.

Asked whether his universe had room for God, he replied that, whilst he had no personal need of a 'creator' that didn't mean there wasn't one. Science simply does not ask that kind of question.

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The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St Paul got stoned.

A Republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

Iran is the Bible of the Moslems.

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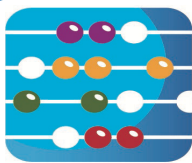
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