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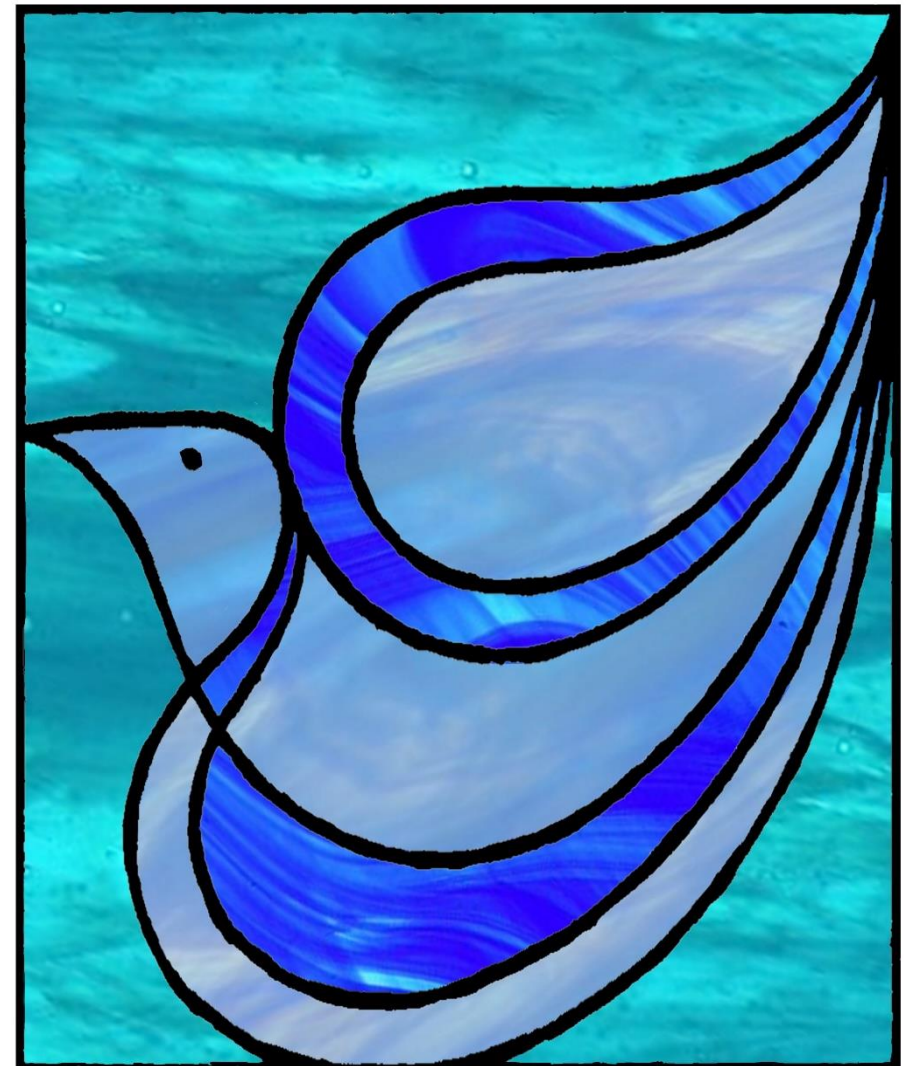
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2020

**Parish of Stockport and Brinnington**

**St Mary - St Thomas - St Luke**



### **Love is...**

I recently watched part of a speech made by Dr Martin Luther King Jr. In it he described an assassination attempt made on his life in 1958, where he was stabbed in the heart. Afterwards, as he recovered, he was told by his doctors that, had he only sneezed, the knife would have severed his aorta and he would certainly have died. And he then went onto say 'I'm glad I didn't sneeze because I wouldn't have lived to see...' before listing many major civil rights advances made in the 1960's. Despite our knowing how tragically his life did end by assassination in 1968, what struck me from that speech was how a small action on our part can have tremendous impact. 'Had I only sneezed...' so much of good in what Dr King was able to achieve and bring about in those intervening ten years would have been lost.

And in a similar way small positive actions on our part as people of faith can have tremendous impact too.

One of the most popular Bible readings chosen for weddings and funerals is the passage from Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth chapter 13, where he speaks of our Christian understanding of love...'love is patient, love is kind...love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres'. And I think that passage is so often chosen because we all –

### **ACROSS:**

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

### **DOWN:**

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

## ***Diocese of Chester Lay Conference***

***What is it: Lay Conference***

***When is it: The weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> to 17 May 2010***

***Where is it: The Hayes Conference Centre,  
Swanwick, Derbyshire.***

An invitation has been received for a parish representative to attend the 2020 Lay Conference – anyone interested can put their name forward. The Diocese will meet the cost of one room per parish (including full board). Any unallocated rooms (after the initial registration) will be made available on a first come, first served basis.

***Not just Sunday: Delegates will have***

- ***A clearer sense of their Christian identity in everyday life, individually and collectively.***
- ***An increased confidence to express their everyday faith; and***
- ***An idea of how the gathered church can resource everyday faith.***

***If you are interested in being considered for a place please let us know by contacting Lynne (Rector) or Sue (PCC Secretary).***

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whether we are people of faith or not – know what love looks like. We all recognise loving actions; acts of forgiveness, compassion or self-sacrifice. Love is a universal language and understanding.

And equally we know what the opposite of love looks like too...speech which encourages hatred, division and which perpetrates injustice; violence to the vulnerable or those seen as different or 'lesser'; isolationism and the fostering of intolerance.

Sadly, we see those latter features in our country and our world now, from some in political leadership and from some in our press.

In this month of February as we celebrate with St Valentine the universality of love, let us not be unaware of our broader calling to love and of the small actions we can each take to counter division and intolerance...in our everyday conversations, in our choices as consumers, in our ability to reach out and to stand up - firmly and with Christian conviction - for that which is loving and good and right.

May God's blessing rest upon you and all those you love and pray for this February and always,

With my love,

Lynne



## World Day of Prayer

Rise, take your mat and walk.

Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer.

Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

Finally, at a church near you on Friday 6 March 2020, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas - before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later.

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Stockport Citadel Salvation Army**

**121 Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, SK2 0JE.**

**1.30pm**

After **Jesus** was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty** days where he was tempted by the devil.  
**READ** the story in **Luke 4:1-13**

**Mouse Makes**

**JUMP AP JERUSALEM HIGHHOLD I F**

**DESERT ROJORDAN V RIVEROCK U**

What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED  
 HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS  
 DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE  
 BREAD • WRITTEN • SCRIPTURE • ALL • KINGDOMS • WORLD • GLORY  
 WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON  
 JUMP • THROW • DOWN • ANGELS • HOLD • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST

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## Lent Fasting *The Rev Paul Hardingham considers self-discipline during Lent.*

This month sees the start of Lent, the season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Fasting can be a neglected discipline, but it plays an important part in the Christian life. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and He taught His disciples to fast (i.e. not *if* but *'when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen.'* (Matthew 6:17,18).

*Why Fast?* Firstly, giving up something in my life underlines my desire to put God first in my life. Secondly, fasting shows me how much I depend on things other than God in my life, so I can surrender my idols to Him. Thirdly, fasting encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God in my life. Therefore, fasting gives me space to humbly focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom and results in a more intimate relationship with Christ. It also enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness, repentance, and a transformed life, with a heart more attentive to God.

*How can I fast?* Usually fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, although some can't abstain from food for medical reasons. It might also include abstaining or limiting the time I give to television, alcohol or social media. However, Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines e.g. joining a study group, 'random acts of kindness', or giving more time to prayer and Bible study. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

*'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6).

## Getting married soon? *The Revd Jonathan Woodhouse CB (former Chaplain-General of the British Army) considers the challenges of marriage.*

If you look up 'marriage' in the *Penguin Book of Modern Humorous Quotations*, you will find that *Marriage* sits between *The Mafia* and *Martyrdom!* Be that as it may, here are some thoughts for all those who are in love and getting married soon. Your wedding day is not an arrival. It is the start of an adventurous and demanding journey together. You don't know what you will meet on that road, but you will meet it together. Your marriage vows are not only a contract signed by two people; they are a covenant made before God. You are promising to stay together in 'good times and when things get tough, in times of prosperity and in times of poverty, when we are healthy and when we are sick, while we are young and when we are old.' They are powerful words. But you can know that the presence of God in Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, will sustain you on this journey. Your journey should be built on love. It should be the heartbeat of your marriage. Colossians 3 urges us to have compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. It also says: *'Over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.'*

And we know from St Paul (in 1 Corinthians) that *'Love is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'* Such love is not sloppy or sentimental. It requires selfless commitment, for you will not be immune from the tests which marriage will bring. But with time and patience, you will succeed. There is a saying – 'Marriages are made in heaven, but they come in kits and you have to put them together yourself.' That takes time, plenty of time. There will be many adjustments to make, throughout your married life. For your marriage to work, you will need both tenderness, and

toughness. *Tenderness* is the affection and joy of being together. *Toughness* is the ability to manage the difficult and testing moments; getting right the balance of home, friends and work.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 says: 'Though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. But a threefold cord is not easily broken.' And Christian marriage is like a threefold cord. The love you have for each other, entwined together with your faith in God, will give your marriage the strength to be tough & tender, happy and holy.

May God's Love encircle you. May God's Love protect you. May God's Love bind you together in harmony, loyalty and love. God grant it to you!

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## Leap Day 2020

Quite an important day if you have decided to get married – so it is congratulations to Adam Pinder and Catherine Humphries for their big day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – wedding at St Mary's 1pm.



## Where is love?

**Tony Horsfall (of Charis Training) considers everyone's need for love.**

In this month, when we celebrate St Valentine's Day, this poignant question is one many people will be asking, especially the young and hopeful. Perhaps you remember these words from the beautiful song in Lionel Bart's musical, *Oliver*? The young street boy Oliver Twist sings plaintively of his longing to find 'someone who I can mean something to'. The need to find love is a fundamental requirement of human flourishing, and it is there within us all, young and old alike. But where do we find such love? The natural thing is to assume that it can be found in another person, the person of our dreams. Romantic love seems to offer the answer to our longing, but reality is often different. Once the shine has worn off a relationship, we see the other person as they really are – another fragile human being also searching for love. So, for many the search begins again, an endless looking for the elusive partner who will love us without condition. Oliver comes near to answering his own question when he sings, 'Does it come from skies above?' The only love that can satisfy the deep longing of the human heart does in fact come 'from above'. It comes from heaven, and it comes to us from God in the form of a person, Jesus Christ. He was the embodiment of the love of God, and through His life and death demonstrated the enormity of the love that God has for each of us. Here is a love like no other – reliable, sure, unchanging, healing, accepting. Human love is a wonderful blessing, but divine love alone can meet our need. In God alone we find the perfect Someone, the one who we can mean something to.

*Nigel Beeton writes: Sometimes we can be terribly careless with our family and our loved ones. On Valentine's Day, it is worth reflecting upon the trust placed in us by both God and our partner when we are entrusted with the priceless gift of another person's love:*

## **A Treasured Heart**

A pearl beyond all human measure  
Your heart is such a golden treasure  
Too valuable to tell!  
Through times of toil and of leisure  
Times of sorrow and of pleasure  
I shall guard it well!

Love and trust, once they are woken  
Are more than just a heart-shaped token  
This gift from God above  
Not a treasure to be broken  
By careless deeds or phrases spoken  
This precious gift of love!

Love is patient, love is kind  
Love leaves selfishness behind  
Forgiving from the start  
Truthful, trusting, never blind  
Such are the beauties I can find  
If I just guard your heart!

## **St Thomas' Church**

Sunday 2nd February

Candlemas; Presentation of Christ in the Temple.  
9am Sung Eucharist and Procession.

Sunday 9th February

3rd Sunday before Lent  
9am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16th February

2nd Sunday before Lent  
9am Sung Eucharist

### Weekly events:

Tuesdays 10.30am – 12 noon during term time  
Praise and Play

A session for pre-schoolers led by Marie Flint

Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm "OPEN"

A discussion based approach to faith and discipleship led by the Rector

Followed by a curry at a local restaurant

Everyone welcome

Friday 9am – 11am Church open – visitors welcome to have a look around our beautiful church.

Tea & coffee available.

## St Mary's

### Sunday Services:

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Holy Communion	10.00
	Baptism	12.30
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Prayer	10.00
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion	10.00
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Morning Prayer	10.00

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Tuesday Services:	Holy Communion	11.30
	Lunch-time Service	12.15

Thursday Evening	Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study	19.00
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Prayer meeting first week of the month / Bible Study all other weeks

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Friday Morning	Café Worship	10.45
Foodie Friday	(28 <sup>th</sup> February) TAPAS	18.30

St Mary's will be open for a couple of hours during the evening – look round our Grade 1 listed building, get a coffee or find a quiet space to think, pray or light a candle.

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St Mary's is open to the public 10.00 – 15.00 on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (along with the Stockport Heritage Trust). The Nave Café from 11.00 – 14.00.

## Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea

The Bible Society has announced that “We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!”

The Psalm 23 Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020, designed by Sarah Eberle, will offer visitors the chance “to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed”.

The Bible Society said: “This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden.

“We hope you’ll love it. And after the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families.”

The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will “join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let’s get gardening!”

You can follow the project on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and join us on the road to Chelsea.



## St Mary's "Craft and Chat"

**– Thursday morning 11am onwards.**

As you are no doubt aware the "Craft & Chat" sessions at St Mary's ceased a few months ago with the external "crafters group members" moved to St Peters.

**The heating is back on and the church warm again so we feel it appropriate to consider re-launching our "Craft and Chat" sessions – everyone will be most welcome to pop in and out as they wish and do exactly what they want** – any crafting activities - from card making to knitting; sewing to painting; model making to jewellery making.

We still have scarves/hats/gloves to knit (both for Teams4U, The Mission to Seafarers, as well as Stockport Homes). No doubt there are many other activities we could become involved with and charities to support – as well as ourselves of course!

There is the "big knit" for Age UK – those mini hats for "Smoothie bottles" (we've done them before) that go on sale in November and there are lots of different patterns to use. Nothing like starting early and AGE UK will store if we run out of space. On a shorter time-frame "Chicks" and "Bunnies" are required at Francis House Children's Hospice for their Easter campaign. Again patterns are available for knitting and crochet.

**Interested in coming along? Have a word with one of our volunteers to express an interest.**

## St Luke's, Brinnington

**Tuesday 09.30 – 11.00**

**Mums/Carers & Toddlers Group**

**Primary School – term time only (fees apply)**

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**Slimming World**

**Tuesday 17.00 – 18.00 & 19.00 – 20.00 (fees apply)**

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**Coffee morning(s) 09.30 – 11.15**

**Wednesday and Thursday 09.30 (stalls) 10.00 (Coffee Bar)**

**Stalls – good as new, bric a brac – toys – books**

**Tea.Coffee.Snacks**

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**Thursday – Chapel open 10.30 – 11.30 for private prayer and lighting candles**

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**Sunday 11.00 – 12.00**

**Holy Communion**

## **The Nave Café**

**The Café** - will re-launch in due course, but in the meantime we intend to remain open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between 11.00 and 14.00. *The church will continue to open at 10.00 and close at around 15.00.*

Available will be the usual “table items” and our “bean to cup” coffee etc. at all times the café is open. BUT - between 12.00 – 13.30 we will make available soup, sandwiches and jacket potatoes on all days – ensuring that we have some hot food for sale every day and a sandwich (selecting from cheese, ham, tomato, pickle and egg) for those not in the mood for cakes and biscuits. We will further review the menu in due course.

We are available for private bookings – all menu requests considered – both inside and outside church opening days/times.

## **Volunteers**

**If anyone is interested in assisting us (with or without food hygiene certification) please let us know.**

## **CLC Bookshop (Stockport)**

It is with sadness that after so many years we say farewell to our friends and neighbours at the CLC Bookshop on Lower Hillage. The shop closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. We will now of course need to obtain our own supplies of literature, candles, registers etc. elsewhere and will miss the opportunity to pop down and see them. Best wishes to all former staff/volunteers.

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## **St Mary's Book Exchange**

The Book Exchange table is looking a little sorry for itself right now – if you have any unwanted books you could donate, please bring them along. These do need to be in good condition and obviously are appropriate in content. Fiction, non-fiction, cookery, crafts ....

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Thank You.

## St Andrew's

Sheila and David Andrews have kindly looked after St Andrews for us for a long time now, calling round each week to brush, clean, restock the paper towels/loo rolls and generally tidy up etc. BUT the time has come for them to give up this particular task and hang up their mops (at Hall Street at least) from the end of this month (February).

**Thank you Sheila and David, your help has been much appreciated not only by "Team St Mary's" but our visitors and regular users at St Andrews:** including Stockport Operatic Society, Manchester Bach Choir, Slimming World, Stockport RC Drift Club, Stockport Tai Chi & Chi Kung, Stockport Evangelical Church and Stockport Council.

It has been an absolute delight to walk in and find a clean and polished floor, sparkling glass, and a tidy kitchen. For the paper towel bins (and others) to have been emptied and the rubbish removed. For stocks of loo rolls and paper towels to be maintained and the containers filled up. Best of all, no complaints from our users!

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**Volunteer(s) required from March: If anyone is interested in helping out by undertaking this "caretaker" role (job share considered) please let us know. Someone living in the Hall Street area would be close at hand (however all cleaning materials etc. are supplied by us kept on site and free parking is available at the back of the premises on our own private car park). Cleaning can be undertaken on any day – during the day (when the premises are not in use) – Monday morning ideal after a busy weekend programme.** Some external litter picking/helpful although grounds maintenance is undertaken by A T Garden Services on a contractual basis.

## 25 February – Shrove Tuesday: Who's for pancakes?

*by David Winter*

Why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as we call it today? And what is Shrove Tuesday? And why do thousands of people feel it rewarding to race along a street somewhere tossing pancakes from their frying pans as they go? Well, the answer to the first question is that it is the day before Lent begins and for well over a thousand years that has meant it was the last chance to enjoy meat, fat and other tasty dishes until Easter Day. The 'Lent Fast' was widely and strictly observed. The food in the larder wouldn't keep for six weeks so it had to be eaten. With all these rich foods no wonder the French call it 'Fatty Tuesday' – Mardi Gras. So, what have pancake races got to do with all this solemnity? 'Shrove' is an old word for 'forgiven' and in those days to prepare for the rigours of Lent people would want to confess and seek forgiveness – not quite what you want at a party. The answer is quite simply enjoying yourself while you can! So, on Shrove Tuesday this year let's have some fun and make it last as long as possible.

The most convincing (and amusing) of the explanations of pancake races is of outwitting the Sexton who rang the curfew bell that marked the start of Lent. He was reluctant to do it while the race was unfinished. So, the revelry caused by dropped pancakes, postponed the inevitable.

Since the Reformation it has not been so rigorously observed in Britain, but still people will resolve to 'give up something for Lent'. Six weeks is about right as a duration and Sunday has always been exempt but make the most of those pancakes. They may well not reappear until April 12<sup>th</sup>!

## 26 February – Ash Wednesday: My memory of the Passover in Jerusalem

by David Winter

At the end of this month Ash Wednesday introduces the Christian preparation for Easter, which normally coincides with Passover, the major Jewish celebration of the year. It's near Easter because Jesus was crucified at Passover, having just shared this very meal with his disciples.

Passover celebrates and recalls the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. Led by Moses they crossed the Red Sea and 40 days later entered the 'Promised Land.' They shared the Passover meal at their last night in Egypt and have kept it all for nearly the past three thousand years or so that have followed.

Many years ago, when I was in Jerusalem to produce a radio programme, I was invited to join a Jewish family for their Passover meal. It was a great occasion, very like our Christmas, a family event with deep religious significance for those who seek it.

At the meal in Jerusalem we ate modest lentils and unleavened bread – Matzos as we now call it. We also drank plenty of wine but not from the cup at the end of the table. That is 'Elijah's cup', only to be drunk from when the prophet comes to announce the arrival of the Messiah. At the last supper Jesus instructed His disciples to drink from that cup after supper, which may have shocked them at the time. The Messiah had come!

### Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in 1 Samuel 2:11-17, 22-25, 3:1-21

As soon as he was old enough to leave his parents, Samuel went to live at God's temple in Shiloh, with the priest, Eli...

Eli's sons were also priests, but they helped themselves to what people had brought to give to God.

Eli talked to them about it. They ignored him.

But Samuel did all the work he was given well.

One night, after everyone had gone to bed, Samuel heard someone calling him.

He thought it was Eli, so he ran to him.

It happened again.

No, I didn't call you.

I didn't call. Go back to bed.

The third time, Eli knew it must be God calling Samuel.

God called Samuel again, and Samuel answered as he had been told.

I told Eli his sons had done bad things, but he has not stopped them. Now, even being sorry will not make up for what has happened.

The next morning, Eli demanded to be told what God had said.

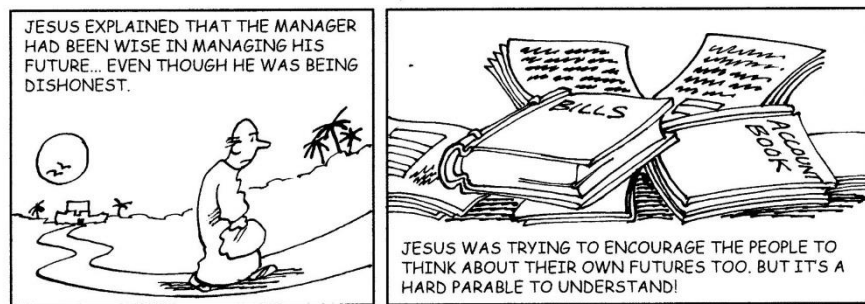
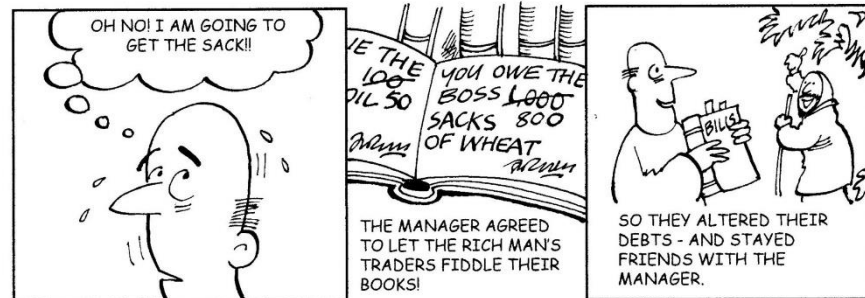
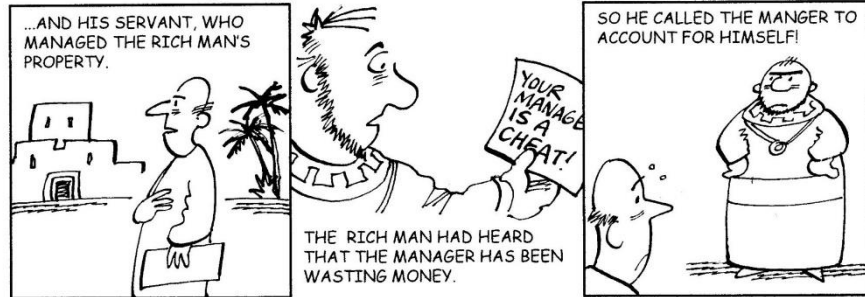
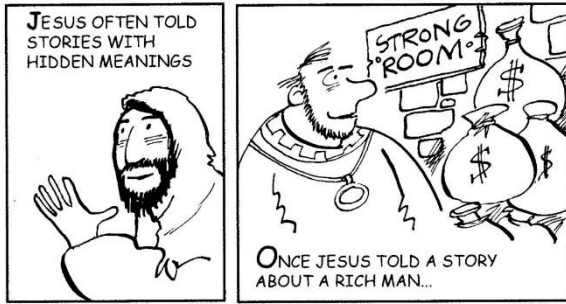
He is God. He will deal with us as is right.

God continued to talk to Samuel. He became known throughout Israel.

Samuel was afraid, but he told him.



# The parable of the Shrewd Manager



## 29 February – Oswald of Worcester: the saint for Leap Year

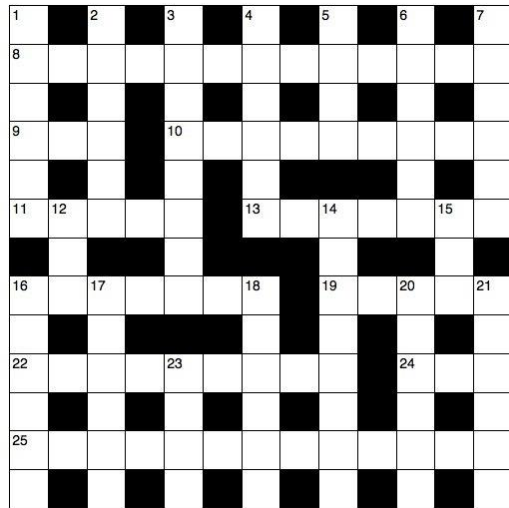
There is a saint for Leap Year: He is St Oswald of Worcester, who died on 29<sup>th</sup> February 992. His family story was extraordinary, and full of some surprising 'leaps', all by itself. It provides a tantalising glimpse of what happened to at least one of those pagan Viking warriors who settled in Anglo-Saxon Britain.

For Oswald's great-uncle had come to England c 865, as part of the 'Great Heathen Army' of Viking invaders. But his son, Oswald's uncle, Oda, forsook paganism, and not only converted to Christianity, but actually ended up as Archbishop of Canterbury. From there, Oda was in a position to help his nephew, Oswald, which he did.

Oda sent young Oswald to be educated at the abbey of Fleury, then a great centre of learning. There Oswald absorbed the Benedictine ideals which would guide his later life and work. Back in England, he became bishop of Worcester in 961, and with the support of King Edgar, eagerly joined in major reforms of the Anglo-Saxon church. In 972 Oswald was made Archbishop of York, and seems to have taken a great interest in renewing the church in the Danelaw. He founded Ramsey Abbey, which became one of the great Fenland monasteries.

Oswald was popular as an archbishop, and always washed the feet of the poor every Lent. On 29<sup>th</sup> February 992 he had just completed this service at Worcester when he collapsed and died. In later years, Worcester adopted both him and Wulfstan to be its two chief saints: they flank the tomb of King John, which is before the high altar in the cathedral.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)

9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)

10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)

16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)

19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)

25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

### Down

1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)

2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)

3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)

6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)

7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)

12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)

14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)

15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)

16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)

17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)

18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)

20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)

21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)

23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)