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Editorial

Thoughts for September



“LOST FOR WORDS”

Writing this in early August to meet the deadline for publication I must admit I am quite lost for just how to put what I want to say in the right form of words! These are the issues I feel I need to share with you, our readers –

DROUGHT AND ALL THIS IMPLIES
THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION
BLOODSHED IN SO MANY PLACES
SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

All these were featured in the morning television programme on the day in which I write.

Hardly surprising therefore that I am almost .LOST FOR WORDS!

Some of our readers will be aware that one of the areas I spent time on in earlier years was journalism, working for a local newspaper. My editor was at pains to impress on me that I had to put myself in the mind of the reader – to spell things out in straightforward words, otherwise they just would not read what I was trying to put across!

Now of course ‘Around the Spire’ is a Christian publication and needs to portray news with that in mind!

So what I write here is very much with that in mind, although I have to admit that my thoughts are of a less Christian way of putting things, such is the seriousness of these issues which confront us!

As you read these words you might well conjure up in your mind other ways, probably more expressive, of putting it across! And indeed so do I!

Don't get me wrong – I love the wording used in forms of church worship – after all I have been using them as a major part of life for well over half a century!

So let's seek to spell out some of these issues, and I will then suggest how this may well help us to think through them.

DROUGHT -who would have thought it could be like this! Even if the rains have come by the time to read this, it will have taught us a severe lesson in not taking water seriously. Not just the major issues, hosepipe bans; large fires; but also the small ways in which we use this precious commodity

FINANCES – clearly none of us are going to escape all that this means to some degree. Indeed there are many whose lives have been torn apart beyond belief. In the past these issues have been mainly associated with third world nations – no longer – here they are on our own doorstep – literally when those dreaded bills arrive!

BLOOD SHED how much we have thought and prayed a lot for the peoples of Ukraine, but as we seek at present there are many other theatres of war and hatred in God's world.

SEXUAL RELATIONS – again and again these issues appear in the headlines and many of these confront to life of the churches in one way or another!

NOW ALL THIS MAY SEEM FAMILIAR SO WHY PUT THEM IN MY EDITORIAL IN THIS WAY.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON!

PLEASE, PLEASE WILL YOU PRAY ALONG THESE LINES?

You are reading this in the monthly magazine of this parish of St James here in Quedgeley. We have just increased our monthly copy for the second time recently, We can only do so through the generosity of Alpha our printers and a number of church members who donate monthly to enable us to provide it free of charge – most of those who receive it at home are not churchgoers but very sympathetic with what we, as a Church seek to provide in so many ways. In addition it is received to our knowledge a large number electronically.

PERHAPS IT IS MORE URGENT TO PRAY EITHER BY OURSELVES OR WITH OTHERS – AT HOME OR IN CHURCH OR ELSEWHERE.

BUT FOR GOD’S SAKE DO PRAY!!!

Fr. Hugh

“Lights in their Own Generation :

A new series celebrating, month by month, some of those who left a special mark on the history of the worldwide Christian Church.

We begin with some September saints.

By Revd. Fr. Ian Robb



1st : Giles of Provence 710 AD. A hermit who founded a monastery (now named after him) where he cared for pilgrims and latterly the sick - especially lepers, who were not allowed to enter towns or villages.

2nd. The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea. The Church in this province has been enriched by martyrdom twice in its history: in 1901, when a group of ministers sent by the London Missionary Society were killed, and in 1942 when 333 Christians – priests, nurses, teachers - of all denominations who had refused to flee the Japanese invasion were all executed.

3rd : Gregory the Great, 604AD. The Bishop of Rome and teacher of the faith who was guided by his love of Christ to send Augustine and his colleagues to re-evangelise the south of England.

4th : Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester, Apostle of Wessex, 650AD. Of North European origin, he trained as a missionary in Rome before being sent to Britain. It is said that he found such idolatry in the kingdom of Wessex that he never left, and established his See in Dorchester.

9th : Charles Lowder, priest. London 1880. As a student at Oxford, Lowder was inspired by the teachings of the Tractarian Movement and after ordination dedicated his life to working parishes where poverty was rife. He was a curate in Pimlico, and then Stepney before becoming the first vicar of St Peter London Docks.

11th : Deiniol, Bishop in Wales, 384AD. He founded a monastic school in what is now the cathedral city of Bangor before travelling to Ireland and Brittany. Many Christian communities in north Wales owe their origin to him.

17th : Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Germany, 1179AD. She became a nun at the age of eighteen, rising to the position of Abbess at the age of thirty-eight. She was granted a number of visions, which she described as “Reflections of the Living Light” and which deepened her understanding of God and creation, of sin and redemption. In addition to her visionary works, she wrote a natural history and a medical compendium.

21st : Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. Listed among the twelve disciples chosen by Jesus, Matthew is described as a tax-collector. It is hard to exaggerate how much hatred was levelled against that group of people, but Matthew was convinced of the love Jesus had for him, and the gospel which bears his name is his gift to the Church.

To be continued....Fr. Ian

HAF Summer Activity and Food Project

Once again St. James' Church took part in the Summer Activity and Food project. Although the church is not readily designed for children's indoor activities we were able to help distribute food recipe kits for parents/carers and their youngsters to make at home. Parents / Carers collected the bags from 11am until 2.30pm. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped with this venture.



Songs of Praise!

October 9th at 4pm

Party Snacks and Wine after

No Sermon or formalities, just the joy of singing YOUR requests, new and old favourite songs and Hymns

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Join us on 10th September 10.00am

at Saint James' Quedgeley

Will you sponsor Paul and Cyclists?

Paul and other cyclists will be taking part in this year's 'Ride and Stride' event on Saturday 10th September. They will be starting and finishing at Saint James' Church aiming to complete the 28 mile ride.



To support Paul and Cyclists click on to: -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-James-Church-Quedgeley>

All money raised will be shared between Saint James' Church Quedgeley and Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Find out more at
www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride



Out and about in Kingsway and Quedgeley with Revd Mark



Reviews and insights from our community

<https://www.fillyourbootsshop.co.uk>

It was a very welcome surprise to find a Zero-Waste shop in our very own neighbourhood while we were exploring the small commercial units just along from the Royal Mail sorting office. If you have not come across a shop like this before then perhaps ask your gran what shopping was like before supermarkets! Essentially this is a refill shop. You can take your own containers and refill them in the store. You pay by weight and of course save the cost of packaging and the inevitable rubbish it creates. Food supplies available include baking essentials, cereals, beans, pulses, rice, pasta, dried fruits, nuts, tea and coffee, and confectionary and you can also buy all the everyday cleaning products, eco-friendly of course. It is a lovely, locally run shop where you can have a chat and meet new folk. What a fun place to shop!

Fill Your Boots can be found here:

Unit 33 Space Business Centre, Quedgeley, Gloucester. GL2 4AL
tel. 07581 458778

Opening Hours

Tuesday 10am–2pm

Friday 10am–12:30pm

Saturday 9:30am–2pm

Revd. Mark



Energy Saving tips for 2022



Don't boil over!

Even the simplest tricks to save energy, time and money can pass us by. Heating just enough water to make the tea/coffee that you want means that the water will heat more quickly and will save huge amounts of energy over a year. The tea/coffee will even taste better because repeated reboiling in an overfull kettle causes the water to lose its dissolved oxygen leading to a 'stewed' taste. Even better if you can afford it, some kettles can be set to heat water to a specific temperature. It is much cheaper to avoid bringing water to the boil and tea or coffee made at 80 or 90 degrees tastes much better. We bought our kettle, which has a temperature setting at Robert Dyas for £30. It has paid for itself in less than a year and now we are in the money! Even easier - why not use a small 'travel kettle' as your usual kettle so that you can always boil just the right amount?

Care for Creation - God has made us part of it!

Revd. Mark

Where are we this month?

Answer in next month's copy !

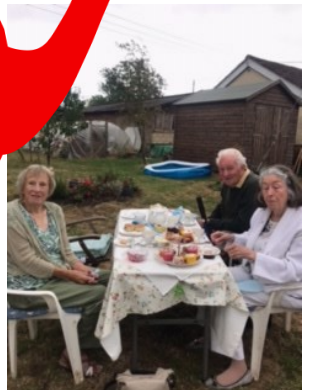


Baptism of Roxi Rae Baldwin (our Great Niece). Attended by over 60 family & friends. Two of the Godparents were 'home grown' ie Arron & Jess Pearce. It was an amazing service & a joyous occasion using the old font.

Lu Pearce



If you would like to arrange a Baptism or Wedding please contact Revd. Mark on 01452 722916 or email him on drmarksid@gmail.com Alternatively our Assistant Priests are always on hand to help. Their contact details are listed on the back page of this magazine.





Tea at Old Mill House

The weather stayed fine whilst 45 people tucked into a splendid tea kindly provided by Lu and Ian Pearce. With the assistance of 4 helpers Lu and Ian managed to raise £522.50 in aid of church funds. Well done and many thanks Lu and Ian.

Come and join us at

Tea@2

Wednesday 2pm -4pm
St. James' Church

BINGO

Quiz

£2.00 per person

Light refreshments



7th September

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A banner with a wood-grain texture and a white border, containing the text "St. James' Parish Registers" in white serif font.

**St. James'
Parish Registers**

HOLY BAPTISM

LILY ABIGAIL CHEAPE
MABEL LILY BEARG

Welcome into the Lord's family!

HOLY MATRIMONY

LYDIA MAY CUNNINGHAM & RYAN BARNARD

Joined together with God's Blessing

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

ALAN POLLARD
JACKIE SMITH
MARINA VIERNES

Rest Eternal grant then O Lord

Quedgeley Town Council

Despite the hot weather, your Town Councillors continue to work hard for your community. All the noticeboards have now been updated which can be seen scattered around the community and this was done by the councillors in their spare time and with a view to saving as much on costs as possible. We hope you agree that they look a great deal better.

Last Saturday (6th August) , your Town Councillors were available to talk to in Tesco from 10.00am – 12 noon and we are pleased that so many people took advantage of this opportunity. Saturday surgeries are a new initiative that the Town Council instigated prior to the first lockdown and we are pleased that they are back on the agenda. Dates for these surgeries will be posted on our Facebook page which can be found on [Quedgeley Town Council | Facebook](#).

Also, check out our new website which was designed and put together by one of our Town Councillors. We have long awaited a new website and by taking advantage of our councillor's knowledge and expertise have enjoyed huge savings. [Quedgeley Town Council \(quedgeley-tc.gov.uk\)](#). Please be patient whilst we continue to build the website, however for now all the vital information is available, such as meeting dates, agendas, councillor information etc so please do take a look.

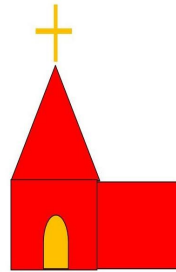
Full Council meetings are now held at Severn Vale School on the third Monday of every month. They start at 7.30pm and agendas can be seen in our office window and on our website. Everyone is welcome to attend, you don't need to book or let us know, you can just come along and see what business your council is dealing with at the moment. Or if there is something you would like raised, you can contact the office and this can be done on your behalf.

And finally, moving into September onwards, we are preparing for our Fireworks Display which this year will take place in Fisher's Meadow on Saturday 12th November. We do appreciate that this is week later than most, however we do like to work in partnership with Danter's Fun Fair and this is the date that we can all come together. We promise you a fun filled evening and further details can be see on our Facebook page much nearer the time.

If you would like to visit the office or you have any concerns please either visit the staff at Unit 8, Quedgeley Olympus Business Centre which is near Matalan and Boots or ring the office on 01452 721552.

Support Saint James' Quedgeley

You may have received this copy through your door. Please share with a neighbour. We endeavour to distribute as many as we can but due to the rising cost of paper, our funds are limited. If you have enjoyed reading this magazine and would like to make a donation to church funds please use the QR code on the front of this magazine. Alternatively do get in touch with us . Our Treasurer will be happy to receive all donations.



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