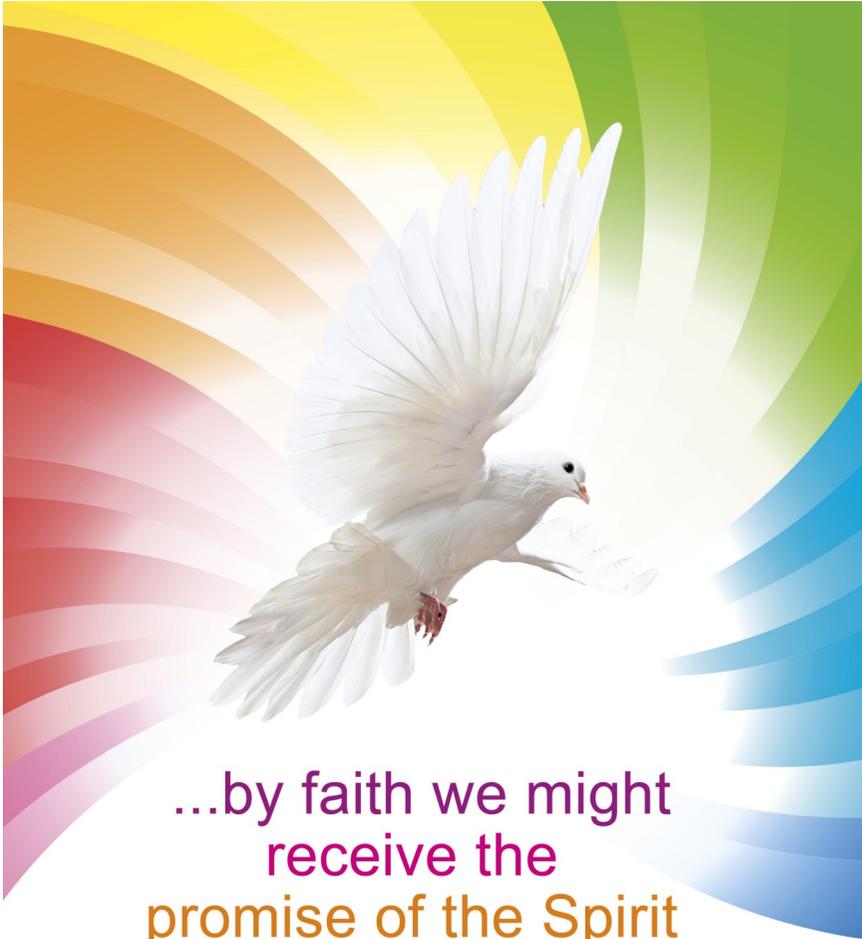


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...by faith we might
receive the
promise of the Spirit

Galatians 3:14

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What's going On?

SUNDAY	30 Trinity Sunday Service 10.30am in all 3 churches	2 Service 10.30am in all 3 churches	9 Rogation Sunday Service 10.30am in all 3 churches	16 Service 10.30am in all 3 churches	23 Pentecost Service 10.30am in all 3 churches
MONDAY	31 Spring Bank Holiday	3	10	17	24
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INFORMATION

The SUNDAY Service of Holy Eucharist is available in all 3 churches at 10.30am, as well as one service being Livestreamed and Online on the parish website under 'services'.

Social distancing regulations are in place in all churches.

For Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals—see website for forms to complete and contact Paul Lock on 01695 622936 or 07813 019863 or by email at paull.uph.dal@outlook.com

DEADLINES

Deadline	June	July
Handwritten		-
Email	23 May	23 June
Magazine Issue	31 May	30 June

We are currently accepting email material only, due to social distancing. This should be sent to jackyjolley@gmail.com or paull.uph.dal@outlook.com. Information and articles received after the deadline will be included in the next magazine.

A Note from the Editor

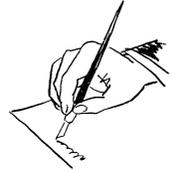
Hi everyone. You may or may not have noticed that there was no magazine issue in April. Please accept my apologies for this. I hadn't realised that the lead up to the due date was Holy Week and Easter and I didn't leave myself enough time to source all the material.

It's so much easier when people send me articles to include - so please feel free to send me articles for inclusion which you think might be of interest to others.

Jacky, (email articles to jackyjolley@gmail.com)

Priestly Ponderings.....

Dear friends



The month of May sees us, with Christians across the world, celebrating two crucial parts of the life and ministry of Jesus, they are: The Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost.

The Ascension of Christ, his return to heaven could seem to be all about separation. Jesus leaves his early family and closest friends and returns to his rightful place in heaven. It could so easily be a time to focus on loss and bereavement. But the first disciples did not see it in this way. In fact, we are told the very opposite was true! After Christ was carried up into heaven, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy". Clearly, this was no normal goodbye! Something more was going on.

Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that the recent dramatic events, his arrest, death and resurrection, were part of God's plan, In St Luke's Gospel (24:44-53) Jesus makes this clear to his followers again. And in Luke's account, Jesus goes on to make it clear that God's plans did not stop with the ascension. The resurrection was to be followed by the proclamation of the Gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

The ascension of Christ was and is central to this, for Jesus needed to return to heaven to make this proclamation possible. Mark's account says that in heaven Jesus sat down at the right hand of God, confirming his divine power and authority. He was now in the position to send upon his disciples what he said his Father had promised - the prophesied gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would clothe them "with power from on high" and transform and embolden the disciples to proclaim the good news. Therefore, as John's Gospel puts it, it was to their advantage that Christ went away. It made it possible for his Spirit to dwell within them, enabling them to do even greater things than when Christ was physically with them. The promise of the Spirit was why they could return to Jerusalem in joy rather than sorrow, full of anticipation about all that was to happen.

The image of Jesus in heaven can appear to imply that he is now far away and uninterested in our lives. However, as the disciples' joy indicates after the ascension, far from the ascended Christ being distant and unconcerned, he continues to actively care for us. Indeed, the book of Hebrews (7:25) describes Christ praying for us in heaven, while John's Gospel talks of him preparing rooms for us in heaven (14:2).



From heaven he sent us his Holy Spirit, the ultimate example of his never-ending love. Jesus said that having his Spirit would be better than being physically with him. We may be tempted to doubt this, but the reality is that when Jesus was on earth, he was restrained by the limitations of his human body and could not be in two places at once. In order to help one person, he had to leave someone else. Now we can be assured that through his Spirit he lives within all Christians and is always with us, ready to help us whenever we ask. The Holy Spirit transforms us from within, so that we, like the disciples, no longer need be held back by our weaknesses and fears. The disciples had been too afraid to stand by Jesus when he was arrested but were transformed by his Spirit into leaders who were prepared to die for their faith. This same transforming Spirit lives in us, too, offering a fresh start and new hope.

As we continue to take steps forward, enjoying more freedoms and being able to meet up with friends and family, to travel and plan holidays. As we return to so many of the things that we have missed and as we start to reflect on the deep impact that Coronavirus and lockdown has had upon us. Now is the time for all of us as Christians to recognise just how present God through Christ has been. Now is the opportunity to think seriously and deeply about what our faith tells us about God and to better understand what we are called to be, so that we can share his love and good news more effectively with those who do not yet know him.

The Feast of the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost remind us that we, as Christians, are not a group trapped in traditions and human regulations. We are the children of God, filled with his love, life, joy and Spirit. Once we recognise the grace of these and all his other gifts, in joy we should share the Good News in whatever ways we can.

Yours In His Service,

Paul

The PCC is 100 this year



It's a hundred years since parish churches gained the power to run their own affairs, separately from what we now regard as local government.

The religious affairs of a parish, as well as its secular business had been controlled by a single committee, which met in the church and

was known as the 'Vestry'. Then, in 1894, Parish Councils were formed to deal with secular matters; the Vestry continued to oversee church affairs until 1921, when Parochial Church Councils (PCC) were established. People still get confused by the two.

Churchwardens have been around since the 13th Century and legally 'own' the movable contents of the church. They are meant to maintain order in the church and churchyard, with the assistance of their staves, if necessary. In the event of serious disorder today, a mobile phone might be a safer instrument, with staves reserved for ceremonial occasions! Churchwardens are now chosen by parishioners, though the Incumbent (ie Vicar or Rector) has a limited right of veto.

Today, anyone on the Electoral Roll of the church (sorry, this is another confusion, for the secular Electoral Roll is entirely separate) can attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, (**ours is at noon on 16 May 2021**) which elects the PCC. The Incumbent is an *ex officio* member, as are other licensed clergy and Churchwardens, members of the Deanery Synod, plus any member of the Diocesan Synod and General Synod who lives in the parish or is on the Roll. The Incumbent chairs the PCC, which elects a Vice-Chair and appoints a Standing Committee to transact business between meetings.

The purpose of a PCC, which must meet at least four times a year, is to consult together with the Incumbent "on matters of general concern and importance to the parish", and that includes the "whole mission of the Church". Did you know that changes to the forms of service, or the vesture or the minister, can only happen after consultation?

Inevitably, money and building maintenance take up a lot of room on the Agenda, though we all know they are less important than mission. It's a real challenge for every PCC member to pray for non-churchgoing parishioners and to find imaginative ways of introducing them to Christ and His Church.



If you've got this far and are a member of your PCC – congratulations – you are a hundred years old this year!

Church Life - *with Lockdown Easements*

Sunday Services at all our churches now start at 10.30am with one service being live-streamed. We are still offering Morning and Evening Prayer by Zoom every weekday. Please email pauill.uph.dal@outlook.com for login details.

What we are asking you to do to help us to follow guidelines

Each of our churches are following guidance provided and we ask you to help us by following this guidance when visiting any of our churches. The main points we ask to observe are:

- Please follow instructions/requests from our Welcomers who are there to assist you and ensure everyone welcomed safely
- If you are asked to wait outside before entering the church, this is because we are trying to prevent queuing inside the building
- Please protect yourself as you feel appropriate for you eg. wearing a face mask, plastic gloves, visor etc
- You will be offered the opportunity to sanitize your hands on arrival: please do so – this helps everyone
- Please complete a Trace & Track form and leave it with us (you will be asked to complete one each time you visit) – these will be kept by us for 21 days and then destroyed. We will share the information with Trace & Track if requested to do so
- Please observe the signs and directions about where to sit and how/when to move inside the church
- If you are attending a Eucharist, clear instructions will be given about how Communion will be distributed and if/when you should move
- At the end of the service you may be asked to follow instructions on how/when to leave the church – this is to avoid queuing and to maintain social distancing
- Service Sheets are provided for worship – these are single use sheets and we ask you to take yours away with you and to use it in your own prayers and then to recycle it

As guidelines and advice change, we will adapt our own guidance.

Thank you for helping us to ensure we are all following the guidance provided.

The impact of Covid 19 pandemic forced us to close our churches and stop many of our usual activities for long periods of time. The effect of this on our finances has been considerably detrimental. If you can help us to continue to exist and continue to make a difference to our local communities by making a donation of any amount please click on the donate button. Thank you.

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Well the Post Office has opened and we have seen quite a number of customers. Have you visited us yet? +we are open as follows. We DO NOT close for lunch.



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OPENING HOURS

MONDAY	9AM - 5.30PM
TUESDAY	9AM - 5.30PM
WEDNESDAY	9AM - 5.00 PM
THURSDAY	9AM - 5.30PM
FRIDAY	9AM - 5.30PM
SATURDAY	9AM - 1PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

THE FOOD BANK is now open every weekday at St Thomas the Martyr Primary School from 9.15-11am and from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

- This is a small Food Bank to supplement other provision.
- Please take whatever you need for personal / family use. There is no charge for any item. Vouchers are not needed.
- If you wish to make a donation, please place this in the cash box at the Food bank.
- All money donated will be used to buy more goods for the Food Bank.



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At Becket's, we provide a warm and friendly welcome, a great atmosphere, together with fabulous coffee and delicious cakes, treats and freshly made sandwiches and barmms.

All our sandwiches and barmms are made to order, this means you can have them exactly as you wish on brown or white, with or without butter, additional salad, add a bit of cheese or chutney etc.

We have a daily soup (at least 2 in the winter months). Our selection includes Leek & Potato, Tomato & Red Pepper, Lentil & Lemon, Butternut & Sweet Potato, Spiced Parsnip, Tomato and Basil, Garden Pea, Cauliflower Cheese, Carrot & Coriander,

Winter Vegetable, Pumpkin & Red Pepper, Celeriac, Chunky Minestrone, Mushroom. New recipes/ideas are gratefully received!

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Click [here](#) to see the take-away menu'.



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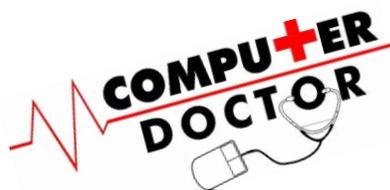
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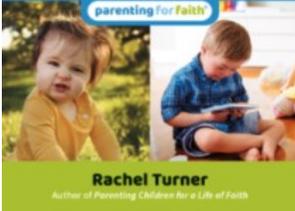
MAY BOOK REVIEW



Babies and Toddlers – nurturing your child's spiritual life

By Rachel Turner, BRF. £4.99

Our children's early years are incredibly significant in shaping their mental, emotional and spiritual lives for the future. So how do we sow seeds of faith, when they are still so young?



In this book Rachel Turner suggests simple, everyday approaches to help our children connect with the God who knows them. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you can help your child meet and know God, and however young your child is, God loves them and has promises for them.

Rachel Turner is an author, speaker and the Parenting for Faith Pioneer for The Bible Reading Fellowship. She presents the Parenting for Faith course, a video-based resource for

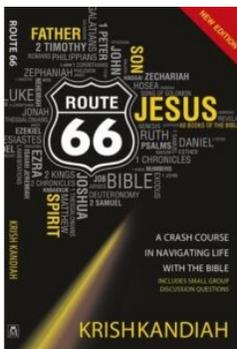
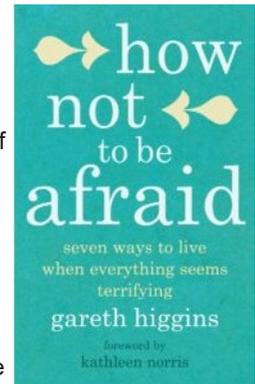
church groups and individuals.

How Not To Be Afraid – seven ways to live when everything seems terrifying

By Gareth Higgins and Kathleen Norris, Canterbury Press, £14.99

We live in a time where we seem more afraid than ever. The rise of populism, polarisation and aggression in politics, the media and popular culture, and the climate crisis have coincided with the collapse of previously cherished norms and expectations about economic stability, community life, and even the future of the planet.

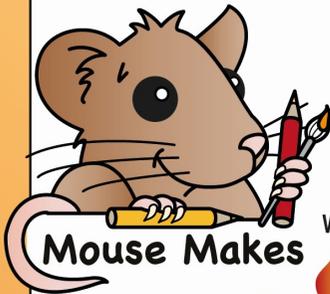
And all this before the pandemic struck. No wonder we are overwhelmed by anxiety. Popular speaker, storyteller and activist Gareth Higgins exposes the root causes of fear and shows how we can break its power through life-giving stories, simple spiritual exercises and practical steps to take as individuals and communities.



Route 66 – 2nd edition A crash course in navigating life with the Bible **By Krish Kandiah, £9.99**

The intention of this book is to teach Christians how to use the Bible to live well. It has eight sections – living faithfully, distinctively, emotionally, imaginatively, discerningly, purposefully, infectiously and hopefully.

Dr Krish Kandiah is the founding director of Home For Good, a young charity seeking to make a real difference in the lives of vulnerable children by finding loving homes for children in the care system. He is an advocate for fostering and adoption.



Mouse Makes

Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

 The Holy Spirit
VSEIL
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit
helps us to
WKNQ
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit
HCTSEEA
us about God.

The Holy Spirit 
KPESSA
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit
PHLSE
us to tell others
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit
helps us when we
AYPR



On the day of **PENTECOST**
the disciples were gathered
together in one place...

What sound did they hear?
Acts 2:2

   What did they see?
Acts 2:3

What filled them?
Acts 2:4



How did they speak?
Acts 2:4



What did the crowd hear?
Acts 2:6



Which countries
had they come from?
Acts 2:9

What was
their reaction?
Acts 2:12-13



Who explained
what was
happening?
What did he say?
Acts 2:14-36

How many
people were
baptised
that day?
Acts 2:41



Change each letter to the
letter before it in the
alphabet and see what
the **Holy Spirit**
produces in us: 

KPZ
IVNJMJUZ
TFMG DPOUSPM
GBJUIGVMOFTT
LJOEOFTT
QBUJFODF
QFBDF
MPWF
HPPEOFTT 

Galatians 5:22

What is the work of the
Holy Spirit? What does He do?
Fill in the missing letters.



TEA_C_S

COMF_R_T_S

REVEA_S 

IN_O_U



TRAN_FORM_S

 HEL_S 

GU_DE_S 

ENEWS

CONV_C_T_S

SANC_IFIES

Did you find the Church Mouse in December's magazine? He was on page 19 next to his mouse friends who were pouring a cup of tea. Did you spot him?. He's also in this month's magazine. Can you find him He looks like this.



The
Tale of the
**TWO
BUILDERS**



**JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS**



**ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES**



**THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.**

**AT LONG, LONG LAST HE
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.**



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.

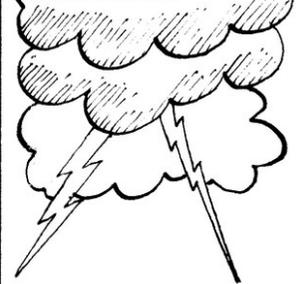


**THE OTHER BUILDER
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE
BUILT HIS HOUSE**

**HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.**



**BUT ONE DAY THE
STORM CAME...**

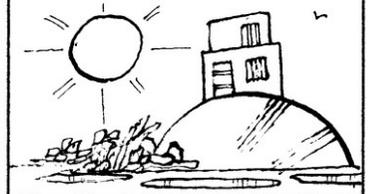


**...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND
THE RAIN FELL....**



**...AND THE HOUSE ON
THE SAND COLLAPSED!**

**BUT THE HOUSE ON THE
ROCK STOOD FIRM.**



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is
Love JOY Peace
Patience
Kindness Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
and Self-control

Galatians 5: verse 22

From The Diocesan Website

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Directions course.

This tried and tested interactive course is perfect for Christians who want to find out what God's call on their life is and will equip them for the ministry he has for them.

Directions offer teaching, group discussions, personal reflection and focussed exploration over 15 sessions. [Click here to find out more about what's involved.](#)

Directions is for all kinds of people exploring different ways of serving God in the church and the world. It's not just about ordination or serving God in the church. [Click here to find out more](#) about who Directions is for and [read stories](#) from some people who have done Directions and where it has led them.

Directions is not a Christian basics course. You'll need to be familiar with the Bible and have experience of life as a Christian, as the course applies biblical and Christian thinking about how you live in the church and the world.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

1921 - 2021

The Rt Revd Paul Bayes, The Bishop of Liverpool has led the tributes from our diocese to the Duke of Edinburgh

"First of all our prayers are with HM the Queen, and all her family, on the death of the Duke of Edinburgh. We pray that God's love and strength will fill and surround her and them, and indeed all who mourn.



Prince Philip was a strong individual, full of character and humour, who chose for the whole of his life to use that strength and character to serve and support - to support the Queen and to offer service to the nation as a whole.

He accompanied the Queen many times on visits to Liverpool and our region over the years, on each occasion enriching and encouraging our communities here. We thank God for his life, and commend him now to the mercy of our Lord."

Prayer

Where to start

& how to keep going



When we pray, we are not putting money in the heavenly slot machine to get what we want or to make a transaction with God. Prayer isn't just asking for things, it's about receiving from God what He wants to give us.

Prayer is a unique experience for each person. **It's YOUR personal relationship with God.** You don't have to use

fancy words. It's not about praying for the world and his dog (although sometimes you may like to do this.) Prayer can just be sitting in silence with your mind open to God. In the best and most intimate relationships sometimes it's just enough to be in the presence of the one you love. You don't necessarily have to do or say anything. But small words and gestures of love will always help. If you do ask for things be prepared for the answer to be 'no' or 'not yet'. Trust that God knows what is best for you right at this moment. Just talk to Him, but don't forget to listen for His answer. This may come loud and clear, or through a passage of scripture, the words of a song, or someone else's actions. Be on the lookout!! And be patient.

When you start to pray regularly you will find that everything you do becomes a prayer and offering of praise to God. You may not notice it, but others will. Our lives are nurtured and watered by regular times of prayer. Over the course of a lifetime prayer can change everything - even the world. And it WILL take a lifetime to grow.

A Prayer for the Duke of Edinburgh

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.' (Matthew 25.21)

God of majesty,
give rest to your servant Philip
who, having served his Queen and Country,
has passed from this life,
full of years yet strong in spirit.
As we give thanks for his life,
as Prince and husband,
as Consort and family man,
we pray that all that he has done
may continue to bear fruit
in the lives of individuals
and the life of this nation,
to your honour and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



SMILE TRAIN, WINTER CHARITY

This year's winter charity was Smile train, a charity which provides training to local medical professionals across the world to enable them to provide surgery and care for children with cleft lip and palate. They also provide financial support to ensure access to that



care for those who need it. This care is not just lifechanging surgery but also other essential aspects of care such as nutrition, speech therapy, emotional support and orthodontic treatment.

With the impact of the COVID pandemic, we had no opportunity for our usual fundraising activities. It is therefore very pleasing to be able to report that despite this we have still managed to raise **£1,640** to pass on to Smile Train. This includes a significant donation from the members of the Occasional Singers instead of their usual Christmas concert.

MANY thanks to everyone who has contributed to raising this excellent total.





During the month of May, we invite you to join with churches across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our work is built on the power of prayer, and as a result we continually see the providence of God in incredible ways. Mary's Meals is now providing life-giving and life-changing school meals to more than 1.8 million of the world's poorest children.

Prayers



We ask you Lord to bless the work of Mary's Meals; that it will continue to reach more desperately hungry children who will then be fed at school and receive an education that can give them hope for the future.



Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.



We thank you, Lord, for those who continually say yes to supporting the work of Mary's Meals through volunteering throughout the world. We ask that more people may answer the call to demonstrate their faith in action through joining the work to ensure life changing meals for so many children.



We ask you, Lord, to pour out your blessings on those who are outcast in their own societies. We pray especially at this time for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and Myanmar as fighting and unrest force so many to flee their homes.



We ask your blessing, Lord, on those who demonstrate the importance of charity in their everyday simple actions. We pray especially for those who share their time within the Mary's Meals feeding programmes across the world. May they know the presence of Your love in their lives and continue to reflect that love to all those they meet.



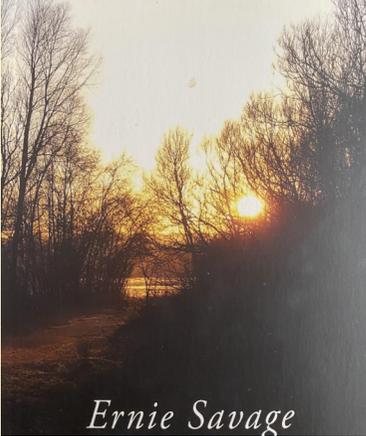
May we always be open to hearing the Word of God and live out our faith in service to others, in response to what Jesus asks us to do. Bless all those who work in service for the children of Mary's Meals, that they will continually live out their vocation through their little acts of love.



We bring before the Lord all those who suffer in silence in so many parts of the world. May the witness and work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices wisely to change their communities for the better.

Do You Remember This?

Lost Lives Tales and Fancies



Ernie Savage

If you do, and you enjoyed reading it (I know I did), our very own Ernie Savage has written another book entitled *Secret Lives - More Tales and Fancies*. Due out on 28 September 2021 and priced at £8.99

This new book contains a novella and short stories, about the secrets in people's lives - set in middle class England, where the revealing of these secrets can have unforeseen consequences.

Many people have investigated their family history - in the early days that meant visits to public records offices, which for some involved travel to other towns. Some were hoping, or fearing, to find skeletons in cupboards. Others found cousins of distant kinship engaged in the same investigation. Both these themes come together in ***The Secret Sits*** a novella

spanning the centuries; the details of the life of a late 19th century Yorkshire businessman, who was airbrushed out of his family history because of a scandal, are finally revealed when his family gains access to the censuses of the period. The scandal caused a rift in the family and one branch may have lost an inheritance.

Other parts of the book are short stories. ***Roy***, a bombastic self-confident 4th former in a 1950's grammar school who disappears into obscurity. ***Helena***, a lonely, late middle aged woman in the Midlands who may have found love when she meets a charming, handsome, but secretive man. ***The Lost Phone*** where a chance encounter leads a widowed man to find two sisters searching for family secrets and they become his new family. ***Strange Tale of Walter Greenough*** is about a man who tries to create his own secret life—but is unmasked. ***Sue's Caff*** - a busy city centre eatery with a largely working class clientele. Sue describes a notable day when secrets were shared and one man is brought to a sort of poetic justice.

Intrigued? I certainly am.

As with his previous book, Ernie will donate £1 from the sale of each book sold in church to church funds.

For those of you who don't know Ernie - he worships at St Michael's Dalton and has lived in Parbold for most of his 80 years. He graduated from Liverpool in 1962 and taught geography in various schools and colleges in the North West of England for many years. He and his wife, Madeleine, have been married for 50 years and have two sons and two grandsons.

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Coronavirus – warning about vaccine

This happened recently and is an important lesson for our friends and family in the older age group. A friend had his second doze of vaccine at the vaccination centre. Shortly afterwards he began to have blurred vision and struggled to get home.

He rang the vaccination centre and asked if he should go straight to the hospital for help. He was told NOT to go to the hospital, but instead to return at once to the vaccination centre and pick up his glasses....



A Joyful heart
is good
medicine.
Proverbs 17:22



"After a year of working from home, Anthony will seize any opportunity to put on a suit!"

A Matter of Perception

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realised it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So, the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.



After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, "Thank you so much. I hadn't realised you baptised them, too."

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