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FROM THE SIDELINES at ST MARY'S

Mike Bowler, Gillian Clarke : Church Wardens

Noel Moss-Holland, Jenny Winslade: Assistant Wardens



We have now had our summer break and when this magazine is printed, schools will be all set to embark on a new year. We hope you have been able to enjoy something special over the last few weeks – a holiday perhaps, or an outing or enjoyable event or visit.

I had the pleasure of attending the consecration of our new Bishop, Nicholas Holtam, in St Paul's Cathedral. What a joyful occasion that was, with the sun streaming through the great dome, picking out the gold and marble. And when the many attending bishops laid hands on Nicholas and Adrian, also being consecrated, continuing the tradition of apostolic succession, to our gentle chanting of 'Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,' the power and presence seemed tangible!

Because the new Bishop of Stepney was being onseparated, there was quite a gathering of Pearly Kings and Queens, resplendent in their shiny traditional costumes, adding to the celebration and giving a real sense of community support. Closer to home, I have also had the opportunity to celebrate community again, joining the people of St James Alderholt for their Patronal Festival – a real Fiesta, including, in true Spanish style, the distribution of 'pañuelos' or neckerchiefs to thank people for all they contribute to village organisations and community life.



And we've had the joy of celebrating community at so many recent events here in West Moors. The Church and School Fete really drew together a great mix of friends and families enjoying a sunny day of fun and activities. Open Gardens too was a great success with lots of visitors enjoying the varied and beautiful gardens. We've also had the MU Cream Tea and the Railway Day at the Vicarage – all wonderful opportunities for fellowship and enjoyment within our community of West Moors; something we can really value and give thanks for, reading the stories in the national press as I write this. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of these village events, organising and helping, and for support in attending and joining in. And there's more to look forward to when we celebrate our Harvest on Sunday 2nd October, with a Harvest Supper on Saturday evening 1st October, in the Memorial Hall – look out for details and do come and join us!

Gill



WEST MOORS LIBRARY – SAVED!

Barbara and Ken Rumsey

Our library in West Moors has been saved from closure, thanks to the efforts and hard work by members of our community. It is now up to all of us to make sure it remains open and used to its full capacity.

Like the doctors, dentists, chemist, supermarkets, churches and other outlets, the library is part of our community, so USE IT, it is FREE.

It has toddler groups and reading groups. It has the computer section where information can be searched and found. It has the daily and local newspapers for reading on site, as well as reference books. And our library has a good selection of both fiction and non-fiction books. Books can be delivered to members who are housebound and unable to visit the library themselves.

Please pop in and have a chat with Angela and Alison; you will find they are very friendly and helpful.



ST MARY'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT August 2011

Mike Bowler

Yet again the congregation of St Mary's have proved just how generous and committed they are to the Church here in West Moors with the results of the returns from the Stewardship Campaign.



When I recently spoke to Geoff Taylor, the Diocesan Stewardship & Resources Officer, he expressed surprise that we had managed to get such a high number of returns, the usual rate being something in the order of 50%. We had sent out 172 Packs and have received replies to 127 - over 70% - a quite outstanding response.

The even better news is that you have all shown your commitment with the pledges increasing the Planned Giving for a full year by over £10,000. We had asked for what seemed a quite high figure of £460 a month, £5520 p/a to enable us to continue with an active ministry and to rebuild our reserves to maintain the fabric of the Church, and again you have exceeded our wildest dreams. The other good news is that much of this increase is Gift Aided which enables me to claim back the tax from HM Revenue & Customs; this will show a slight increase even though the refund rate has been reduced.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who helped to produce the Stewardship material. All the letters were produced by the Diocesan Office at no cost to the parish, and the envelopes and other bits were all donated. To have to keep asking the congregation for money to 'balance the books' is not an easy thing to do for anybody and I would like to just suggest that in about a year I will put a reminder in the magazine to ask everyone to review their giving, and hopefully give just a little more. The Church's costs rise in just the same way as costs rise in our homes, and the only income is from YOU.



Thank you all yet again and please remember that, as Planned Giving Secretary, I am the only person who has had sight of the returns or knows what each individual gives. No-one, I repeat NO-ONE else, is told.

FUN AND SUN AT ST MARY'S



CHURCH AND SCHOOL FETE



Dawn and Elizabeth
Meetings in SEPTEMBER

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Afternoon Group

Wednesday 14th September - 2pm in the Church Hall.

"Favourite Poems" If you love poetry, why not come along and bring a poem. You would be most welcome, Evening Group members

Evening Group

Monday 19th September - 8pm in the Church Hall.

"The A-Z of the Church- vestments, vessels, artefacts, ornaments and why we use them." An amazing title; come and listen to this very interesting talk from Pam Prendergast.

Mothers' Union Day of Faithful Prayer August 9th

Four members went to Salisbury Cathedral and had an enjoyable and uplifting day. Each branch was asked to take their banners and a prayer for a chosen country. We chose India and Karen carried the banner looking resplendent in her sari. We had a picnic in the Close prior to meeting in the Cloisters where we prayed for our chosen countries and placed a flag on a large map in the Cathedral. We then processed with our banners to the Walking Madonna and prayed for marriage, families, homes and the world. A lovely day with a lasting memory of walking round the Cloisters with our banners singing hymns. I wonder what the monks would have thought!

*"Dear Lord, breathe love within us, breathe love between us
from one moment to the next. Amen."*

MUSIC 4 MENINGITIS

Saturday 8th October 7.30pm

BIC Tregonwell Hall BOURNEMOUTH

Tickets: £12.50 (concessions available) 0844 576 3000

*'Join us for an exciting and inspiring event of true variety
that is sure to have you laughing along and tapping your feet'*

NEWS FROM WEST MOORS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Nina Gibson

Daybreak showbiz reporter, Steve Hargrave, visited West Moors Middle School. Steve, who attended WMMS in the late 80's, returned as part of a series of reports where Daybreak presenters return to their old school.

During his visit, Steve was thrilled to catch up with three members of staff who were teachers or pupils themselves when he was there aged 9-13.

He took part in a Maths lesson with Year 5 pupils taught by Mrs Gould, who Steve remembered as Miss Woods when he was at the school. He also played in a Key Stage 2 Rounders tournament, where Mrs Cook was in charge of one of the games. Steve was taught PE by her in the 1980's when he knew her as Miss Gilson. Steve also caught up with ex-pupil Nina Gibson, who was in the year below him. Nina now works as a TA at the school.

To make sure Steve was really taken back to his childhood, he dressed in the WMMS school uniform of green jumper and stripy tie!

Visiting the school brought back many happy memories for Steve and he really enjoyed reliving his childhood for the day. The children were thrilled to meet an ex-pupil, who now spends his day interviewing some of the top celebrities in the world.

The series is due to go out on Daybreak in September, when the children return to school after the holidays.



Steve in his school uniform outside West Moors Middle School

Geraldine Cole

The Minster Fayre Tombola stall back in July was a success with over £550 being raised. Thank you to all helpers on the day, particularly as I was not able to be there this year.

Just a reminder that our next Coffee morning will be held at Wimborne Minster, in Church House, on Saturday, September 10th at 10.00 am until 12 noon. - the usual stalls, cakes, bring and buy, plants, books and a raffle. I would appreciate any cakes or raffle prizes. Thank you very much.



A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

Peter Dunning

Upon delivering the food and toiletries, which have been donated to the Salvation Army via the box in the Church porch, I was approached by Mary Randall who organises the distribution of the food etc to the homeless and she wishes to say a huge thank you to everyone who donates to our box. Mary has been so appreciative of the generosity of the St Mary's Church congregation over the past year and cannot thank you all enough. I usually deliver the gifts once a month, but if anyone has any additional items they would like delivered, please contact me on 01202 871616.



And Thanks from Sue Fleet ...

...to everyone who so kindly gave prayers, cards, flowers and good wishes on the occasion of her recent operation, from which she is now recovering well.

FUND RAISING NEWS

Chris Wilson

OPEN GARDENS DAY

This turned out to be a major fund-raising event as the profit made was a spectacular £1850. We were blessed with perfect weather so this brought out a lot of people who all had a thoroughly enjoyable Sunday afternoon out. Many thanks to all those who opened their gardens and put a lot of hard work in to make them all look magnificent for viewing on the day. All eight gardens were very different and all looked amazingly good.

Thanks also to all of who helped to make it a success; those on gate duty and all of those who provided and served delicious cakes, teas and coffees. Well done everybody!

Our next two events are two entertaining concerts. First up is the
NEW FOREST DIXIELAND BAND & SOUTHERN UNION CHORUS
SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER at WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL

This should be a lively and colourful event. The evening opens with a superb Dixieland band, playing traditional jazz and popular tunes. The second half features a return visit by the Southern Union Chorus. This is an all-male chorus singing in barber-shop style four-part harmony. Their colourful outfits and well-choreographed routines provide really spectacular entertainment

Tickets are available from Chris Wilson 01202 890098 or Peter Dunning 01202 871616 **Adult tickets: £8 Children under 12: £4**

Don't miss it!

Following that will be

VERWOOD CONCERT BRASS

SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER at WEST MOORS MEMORIAL HALL

This fine Brass Band proved a real hit, playing a wide variety of music at our concert last year. So, they have been invited back to fill the whole evening's entertainment.

This is a not to be missed show!

Adult tickets: £8 Children under 12: £4

Tickets are available from Chris Wilson 01202 890098 or Peter Dunning 01202 871616

Once again your help is needed to make these events a success. You can help by distributing fliers, displaying a poster and selling tickets and telling your friends all about the concerts.

Thank you!





ST MARY'S CE VC FIRST SCHOOL



Our Visit to Springhead 2011

In June Year four went to Springhead to stay. Springhead is a beautiful old Mill near Fontmell Magna in Dorset. It took about 45 minutes to arrive there on the coach. It was a hot day, but the Spring was lovely and cool. We went to taste the water in the spring. Rev. Andrew almost fell in!



It was so lovely and refreshing that we jumped in. We had such a great time, even the teachers joined in with us.

In the afternoon, we all enjoyed a photo- orienteeering activity and sketched some of the surroundings. In the evening after our tea we went for a

night walk in the countryside. We each had a pair of binoculars and as it got dark we searched for animals. We saw birds and a hare, though we were a little bit too noisy to see the deers.



We were very tired when we got back. We had a hot chocolate and went to bed. Some people took ages to get to sleep!



The next day we went on a long walk around Melbury Beacon. It was a lovely day, lots of us tried the walk up the hill and succeeded. We were very proud of ourselves. In the



evening we enjoyed some games and a sing around the camp fire. We cooked marshmallows on sticks. It was great! Graham told us a spooky bedtime story and we went to bed.

The last day was another busy one! We travelled to Shaftesbury. We went to the Abbey where we met a herbalist from Neil's Yard. She showed us how to make mint tea and a poultice for sword wounds! We listened to the audio tour and had our lunch. We each had an ice cream too.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed an exciting archaeology activity. We got to handle some real pot sherds and bones. We got to dress up as a pilgrim, nun and a wealthy lady

By then it was time to go back to school. We really had a great time at Springhead and have lots of happy memories of our time in Year Four.

Diary Dates for September 2011



Please prepare for these acts of worship by reading and praying through these texts beforehand.

- Saturday 3 Wedding 1pm Mike Potter and Portia Garwood
- Sunday 4 **11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
8.00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist (CW)
Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:18-end
Matthew 18:15-20
12 Noon Family Christening – Ethan Spencer
- Wednesday 7 10.00am Holy Eucharist (BCPc)
- Saturday 10 Wedding 1pm Terry Allen and Sarah Nash
- Sunday 11 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – PATRONAL DAY**
8.00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist (CW)
Readings: Isaiah 61:10,11 Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55
- Wednesday 14 10.00am Holy Eucharist (BCPc)
2.00pm Afternoon MU Group, in the hall
(My favourite poems)
- Thursday 15 3.00pm Tea @ 3 in the Hall
- Sunday 18 **13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
8.00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist (CW)
Readings: Jonah 3:10-end of 4. Phil 1:21-end
Matthew 20.1-16
3pm – 4.30pm “Welcome” Tea and Sherry Party at
The Vicarage, 57 Glenwood Road for all invited
newer church members and all PCC
- Monday 19 8.00pm Evening MU Group, in the hall
(Speaker Pam Prendergast,
A-Z of the church)
- Wednesday 21 No Holy Communion!

Sunday	25	14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8.00am Holy Eucharist (BCP) 10.00am Our Family Service/ Eucharist (CW) Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end Phil 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
Wednesday	28	10.00am Holy Eucharist (BCPc)
Thursday	29	4.00pm LPA Referral (Hall)



Advance Notices for your Diaries

Saturday evening 1st October – Harvest Meal at The Memorial Hall

Sunday 2nd October – Harvest Sunday

Sunday 23rd October – Bible Sunday

when everything will be King James Bible Version/language to mark the 40th anniversary of same. And it came to pass, *that...*



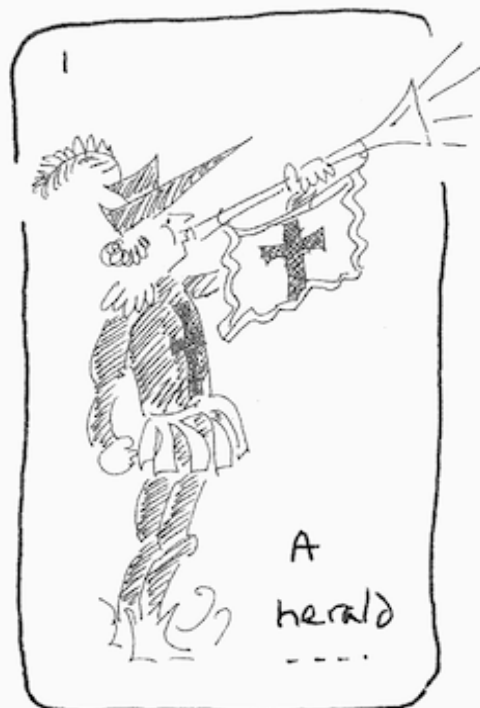
A RIDDLE

Here is a riddle that only five per cent of Stanford University graduates figured out! Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will die.

Did you figure it out? The answer can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

All called to be heralds!



A herald

John the Baptist paid for his life when he stood up for truth. His head was cut off and put on a plate. This was the cost of being a herald for Jesus. King Solomon asked God for wisdom so he could be his herald. That's better than just thumping your Bible!



John pays with his head



King prays for wisdom

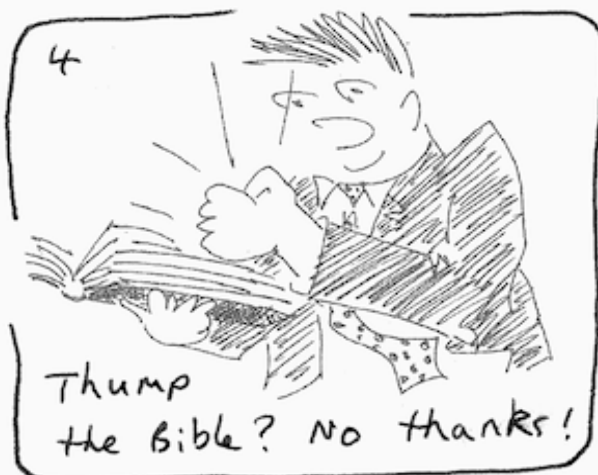
Paul said trusting in Jesus is the only way to experience real peace with God. He said: "For the sake of this gospel I am a herald!" We may not all lose our heads but we are all called to be heralds for Jesus.

How about you?

Read more in:
Matthew 14:1-12;
Ephesians 6: 20;
1 Kings 3:4-15



... for Jesus!



Thump the Bible? No thanks!



TEN 'ALTERNATIVE' COMMANDMENTS

Ann Mace found this and found it so helpful, she wanted to share it with us. Ann adds, "They are a must read and help me try to understand the deep meaning of it all. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time."

1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

2] Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future, so, look ahead and move on.

3] Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4] All things in life are temporary. If life is going well enjoy it; it will not last forever. If it is going wrong don't worry, it won't last long either.

5] Old Friends are gold! New Friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7] When God solves our problems, we have faith in his abilities; when God doesn't solve our problems he has faith in our abilities.

8] A blind person asked God, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10] Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.

TREASURES OF HEAVEN: Saints, Relics and Devotion in Medieval Europe

Treasures of Heaven saints, relics and devotion in medieval Europe

23 June - 9 October 2011

23 June 2011 – 9 October 2011

For further information:

www.britishmuseum.org or call 020
7323 8299.

The British Museum's major summer exhibition explores the spiritual and artistic significance of Christian relics and reliquaries in medieval Europe. Featuring some of the finest sacred treasures of the medieval age, *Treasures of Heaven: Saints, Relics and Devotion in Medieval Europe* gives visitors the opportunity to see objects from more than forty institutions, many of which have not been seen in the UK before, brought together for the first time.

The exhibition includes works from the pre-eminent collections of the British Museum, the Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio, and the Walters Art Museum, Baltimore. Rare loans from the Vatican, including from the private chapel of the popes, the Sancta Sanctorum, as well as from lesser-known European church treasuries, are also on display. A variety of objects such as manuscripts, prints and pilgrim badges are on show alongside the relics and reliquaries themselves, adding depth and context to the exhibition's examination of this critical aspect of European history.



The exhibition traces the development of reliquaries from simple containers housing human remains to objects of enormous ritual importance and artistic significance. Whilst the majority of objects date from between approximately 1000–1500 AD, some of the earliest pieces include a late Roman sarcophagus dating from between 250–350 AD.

PRIEST'S HOUSE MUSEUM DIG

The Priest's House Museum in Wimborne has begun work on its new Open Learning Centre to be built in the garden. The museum is working with professional archaeologists and volunteers to complete a full excavation of the site before building commences. Volunteers have been trained in archaeological techniques, from digging to sieving, finds washing, drawing and data recording.

The dig has been a great success with lots of local people involved and over two thousand items recovered from only the first two test pits. Any disturbance of the ground in Wimborne is likely to turn up evidence of the past activities of its inhabitants.

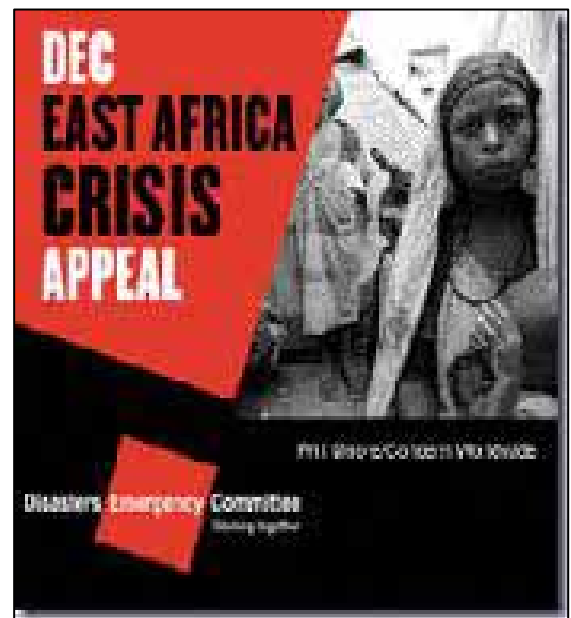
Joining in the exploration one afternoon, Alex and Gill Clarke took up their trowels and set to work. Alex found several fragments of bone – perhaps the remains of someone's Sunday dinner, thrown onto the rubbish heap long ago! As Gill smoothed away the soil, a perfectly round oyster shell emerged intact. Very exciting – except that hundreds of these have in fact been discovered on the site! Oysters, now such a delicacy, were of course part of the staple diet of the poor in medieval times, the layer we were working on. But there was something very thrilling to feel you were holding something which had been part of the everyday life of a family hundreds of years ago.

The museum itself is fascinating and the old garden an idyllic haven, beautifully tended and full of old varieties of plants and bushes. And it is worth going along to have a look at the site whilst the dig continues to see archaeologists in action – another dimension to the museum, before building commences.



THE EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL

Leading UK humanitarian agencies have launched a joint appeal to help more than 10 million people in the grip of East Africa's worst drought in over half a century. Caught up in the crisis are thousands of families trekking for days across parched scrubland from Somalia to Kenya – including barefoot children with no food or water. These people have seen their lives fall apart – crops, livestock and now their homes have been taken by the drought.



Large areas of Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia are affected and the DEC appeal will also include South Sudan –the world's newest country and our link diocese.

More than 1,300 people a day, the majority of them children, are arriving in the Dadaab refugee camp in eastern Kenya near the border with Somalia. The Dadaab camp was already the world's largest refugee camp with a population of 350,000 – larger than the city of Leicester.

Agencies are working through local partners to access remote and difficult to reach areas across East Africa. Despite the enormous challenges, DEC agencies and their partners have already been helping hundreds of thousands of people - but their work is being severely hampered by a lack of funding.

The UK has taken a lead among the world's governments with a pledge of £38m to the World Food Programme of the UN, which will provide the food aid that many of the DEC's members will be distributing. The UN's own appeal is only 40% funded.

The DEC does not set fundraising targets for its appeals and its member agencies are continuing to pursue funding from a range of potential sources to bridge the shortfall in East Africa. Donations can be made at www.dec.org.uk by phone 0370 60 60 900 or by texting 'CRISIS' to 70000 to donate £5 or by post at PO Box 999 London EC3A 3AA.

St Mary's Church has already sent a donation to the DEC, following a special collection in church.

GOD IN THE ARTS - *The Rev'd Michael Burgess*

Jesus the clown

In the 1970s the musical 'Godspell' portrayed Jesus as a simple, foolish soul, moving with his disciples in a world of power and piety, and trying to debunk all that by showing a God who calls us to respond in simplicity and openness. At the time it caused a sensation as critics complained that it demeaned the Jesus of scripture and tradition. And yet the musical's genesis was that passage of St Paul in 1 Corinthians where he writes of the foolishness of God that is wiser than human wisdom and a weakness that is stronger than human strength. This month we look at this image of Jesus, the fool and the clown – a Jesus painted by the French artist Georges Rouault.



Rouault was a deeply religious man who lived from 1871 to 1958. He began his artistic career in stained glass. Many of his works have a brilliance of colour contained within hard outlines that come from the stained glass tradition. He was fascinated by clowns and by Christ, painting both with compassion and sensitivity for all the hardness of line that marks the canvases.

Clowns usually appear in circuses and theatres wearing bright, spangled costumes, sporting a red nose and paper flowers that appear from nowhere, and with a gift for making people of all ages laugh. But here in this painting of 1932 by Rouault of 'Christ Mocked', the spangled costume has been taken away. There is little happiness: the lips turn down like a clown's face, but the eyes of Jesus are closed. They somehow draw us into an infinity of suffering and sadness that is at the heart of the painting.

Rouault talked of how his paintings of clowns tried to catch them unawares to reveal the pity that reaches into the depths of their souls. We sense that pity as we look on this painting of a Jesus, vulnerable and exposed to

human derision in the faces of those around him. Roly Bain, who leads worship and workshops as a clown, has written about Jesus as the gentle clown, who tries to show up the ridiculous posturings of the people of power, and who offers his life to lead them to a new vision of God.

Rouault's painting suggests that the posturings of power have won the day and the vulnerable Jesus will go to the cross. But as Roly Bain writes in 'Fools Rush In', 'the clown is irrespressible – you just can't kill him off. He always returns, maybe in another guise in a different place from where you expect him, but he's back and even more the clown than he was before.'

So we look at Rouault's Jesus with that faith and assurance. Jesus the clown, who shows up the world's pretensions for what they are, has in this painting fallen foul of the world's structures of power. But we can rejoice that the pain and suffering here can lead to joy and glory, and the cross can lead to resurrection, for in the end the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.

With Rouault we proclaim Christ crucified – weak and foolish perhaps – but wiser and stronger than anything of this world.



CHEQUES LIVE ON – though without guarantee cards

Over the past 20 years, the number of people who use cheques guaranteed by card has fallen sharply. At the same time, alternative ways to pay – such as debit/credit cards, online payment facilities and electronic transfers – have grown in popularity.



After talking to lots of businesses and customers, including groups representing older people, the Payments Council coordinated the closure of the cheque guarantee card scheme in June of this year, to prevent confusion as businesses were increasingly not accepting them. This means that since 30 June, you are no longer able to pay using cheques guaranteed by card, even if your card still carries the Shakespeare cheque guarantee logo.

However, you can still use cheques to pay for things like goods and services, just not guaranteed with a card. And the really good news is that cheques are going to be with us for many years to come – the banks have decided to keep them in use, after all. For more information visit www.payyourway.org.uk or contact your bank.



THANK YOU

The beginning of autumn and Harvest time is here again, a time when we come together to thank God for all of his blessings.

Harvest is a popular time of the year with special school and church services. Baskets of fruit and vegetables, tins of baked beans and sliced mangos – all offerings from our garden or kitchen cupboards to be given to the sick or elderly or sold to raise money for those in other places who go hungry.

We thank God for all his gifts at Harvest. In the words of the harvest hymn we sing 'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord... for all his love.' So even the humble tin of beans becomes a symbol of God's love and care for us.



BEAN CAKE

Well, it's not really made with baked beans but it looks as if it is...

You will need:

- 100 g (4 oz) margarine
- 100 g (4 oz) toffees
- 100 g (4 oz) pink and white marshmallows
- 100 g (4 oz) Rice Crispies

Grease and line a Swiss roll tin.

Put the margarine, toffees and marshmallows into a large saucepan and stir over a gentle heat until everything is melted together.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies.

Press the mixture into the prepared tin and leave to set in a cool place. Cut into squares when cold.



What do you get when you put three ducks in a box?

A box of quackers.

Why did the boy eat his homework?

The teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

What did the hungry computer eat?

Chips, one byte at a time.



A 'MUST SEE' NEXT TIME YOU ARE IN LONDON....

There is a treasure awaiting you near Parliament Square, next time you are in London. It isn't the Houses of Parliament, or Big Ben, or even Westminster Abbey. It IS, however, a place full of riches, where it is all too easy to lose yourself for an hour or two, and spend, spend, spend!



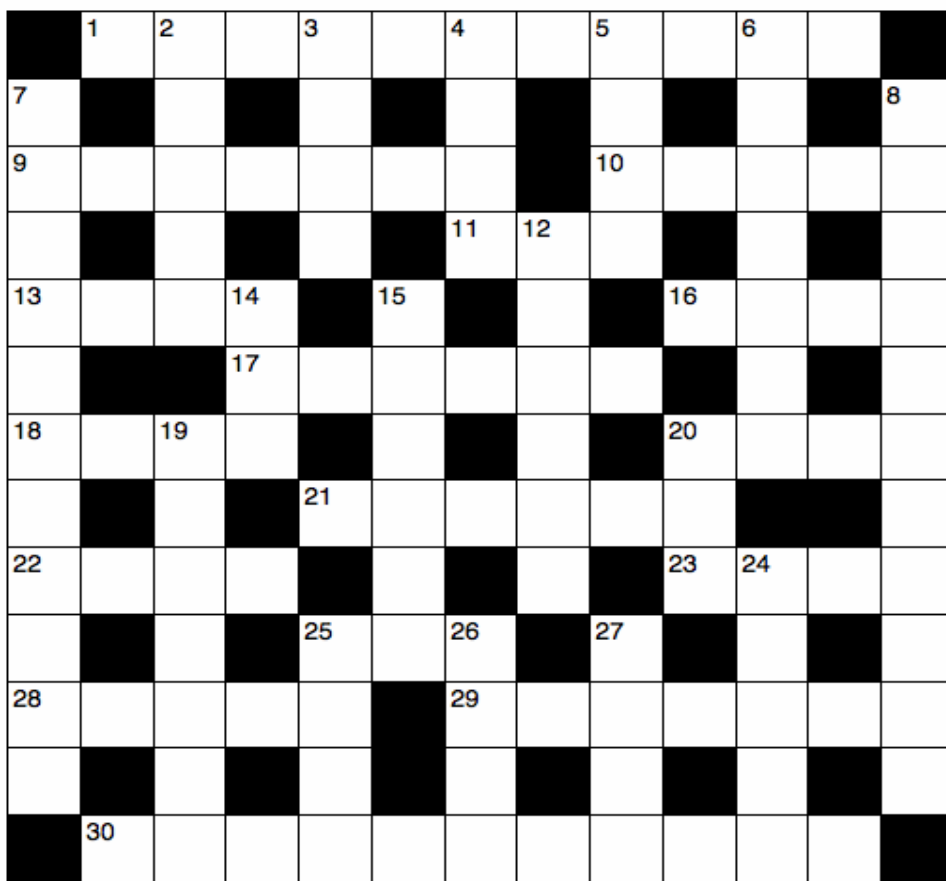
It is Church House Bookshop, a magnificent listed building just round the corner from Westminster Abbey. If you have never been there, you owe yourself a visit. No matter what kind of Christian books or church supplies interest you – this bookshop is bound to have them in stock.

Church House Bookshop has been the actual, official, bookshop of the Church of England for the past 70 years or so. In 2006 it became part of the Hymns Ancient & Modern group, and these days maintains its busy position as one of the country's leading suppliers of Christian books and all sorts of church supplies - including liturgy, hymn books, Bibles, candles and communion wafers.

If you aren't near London, no matter. You can still browse the bookshop to your heart's content, via a comprehensive website at www.chbookshop.co.uk that has been fully redesigned and relaunched in 2011. These days the website is even busier than the bookshop, supplying the needs of churches and individuals of all Christian denominations.

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Across

- 1 In David's battle with Arameans, 700 were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has inheritance in kingdom of God' (Ephes 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Ps 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where magi came from and what guided them (Matth 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 (Gen 26:34) (6)
- 22 Great-grandson of Noah (Gen 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain R C clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will .. house of prayer; but you have made it — of robbers' (Lk 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have building from God, eternal house

- in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Prov 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of wild ox; fine — have been poured on me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philip 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is day you are to — ' (Ex 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites not allowed to eat this part of grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor AD54 to 68, condemned Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

PRAYER FOR 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

Eternal God,

Giver of joy and source of all strength,
we pray for those who prepare for the
London Olympic and Paralympic games.



For the competitors training for the
Games and their loved ones,
For the many thousands who support them,
And for the Churches and others who are organising special events and will
welcome many people from many nations.

In a world where many are rejected and abused, we pray for a spirit of tolerance
and acceptance, of humility and respect and for the health and safety of all.

May we at the last be led towards the love of Christ who is more than gold, today
and forever.

Amen

ROCKING

Do you have trouble sleeping? Get yourself a
hammock, a rocking chair, or even an adult-size
cradle. A recent scientific study has found that a
slow swinging motion helps us fall asleep faster and
also slip into a deeper sleep than a stationary bed.



The study, published in *Current Biology*, found that
the swinging helps synchronise brain activity into a pattern associated with sleep.
It also encouraged deeper sleep.

The findings help explain why generations of women have successfully cradled
babies to sleep, and why it is so hard to stay awake in a rocking chair.

SOLUTION TO RIDDLE - 'NOTHING'

Vicar's Vista

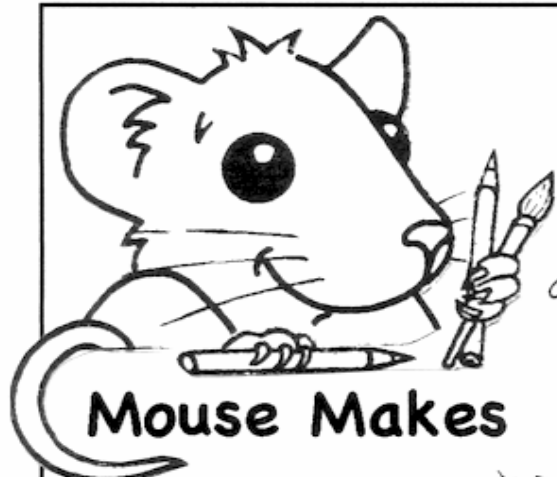
Turmoil & Anarchy!

I'm writing this on Tuesday 9th August 2011. The danger of a piece that responds directly to current events is that by the time it is published it is out of date and somewhat irrelevant. The headlines might well change by the time you get to read this, but the story will still be running somehow...



Today the world's stock markets have plunged after weeks of uncertainty and worry about sovereign debt. The crisis is rapidly becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. I do have an economic background and I believe I can read between the lines of all the hyperbole that floods media reportage – there's nothing like a good old crisis to grab some public attention! Underlying all the economic turmoil is a simple problem. Some nations are accumulating more wealth than they safely know what to do with and others are happily borrowing it to fund a standard of life that they simply cannot afford. The borrowers have over-borrowed and the lenders have over-lent and the two parties have lost confidence in each other. The lenders realise their cash is at more risk than they are comfortable with and want to charge a higher rate of interest. The borrowers cannot cut-back their dependence on the lenders fast enough and are vulnerable. As borrowers finally curb their borrowing, lenders will not be able to lend. Products will have no market, production will be cut, jobs lost, spending power reduced – deflation and recession are the result and so share values reduce in anticipation of lower future corporate earnings...until the point at which someone thinks – oh that share is a bargain and they buy rather than sell. Confidence can return almost as quickly as it evaporates... The people who make money by selling your ailing shares also make it if you buy others. In the process the shrewd always gain and the naïve loose!

We have also awoken to reports and lurid photographs of riot, arson, theft, looting and criminal damage by young 'Hoodies' and masked men. 'Anarchy!' is the headline. Parliament is recalled – should the army be deployed, if only to protect the fire-fighters whilst the police arrest the mob? What has gone wrong with society? I say a lack of leadership both by world statesmen and parents alike. Sadly, we are all caught up in it to some degree. The problem is indiscipline, a lack of respect for self and society, a widespread malaise of amorality and immorality. It pervades all aspects of our culture. All morality stems from faith in God. Since many disregard God there is no reason for them to act morally other than the fear of getting caught and/or of going bust. I'm not surprised at all. God knows the world is going to the devil! We could all 'wise-up' and fix the problem rapidly by investing in 'Godliness' or we can remain hopelessly foolish losers in our naivety. It's up to you (and me)! A.R.



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How many mice
can you find on this page?



GOD SAID

"As the rain and snow come
down from heaven and do not return until
they have watered the earth- making it
blossom and sprout, and giving seed to be
sown and bread for food- so it is with the
word of my mouth: it will not return
fruitless, but will accomplish my purpose,
and achieve that for which I sent it"

Isaiah 55:10-11

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