

PARISH NEWS

St Cuthbert, Wells *with* St Mary Magdalene, Wookey Hole
Linked with the parish of West Livingstone, Zambia

August 2016



Christ Pantocrator mosaic, Monreale Byzantine Cathedral, Sicily

Coming to terms with change by Revd Sue Rose

A week is a long time in politics, they say, and certainly the last month has been tumultuous what with Brexit, a new Prime minister and a Labour party leadership challenge. We all need to pray for those involved in political leadership at this time.

Closer to home, change is in the air in the diocese. At the last diocesan Synod the developed diocesan strategy that will shape our future was discussed and warmly adopted. After months of listening, planning reviewing and modifying the bishops have identified three key priorities as we live out our Christian life; putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do, resourcing ministry for mission and identifying and equipping the people of God. This is already affecting us in the diocesan offices as jobs and budgets are re-aligned to enable us to support parishes as they take on board these priorities: Jennifer and I are in the thick of it!

For many years there has been a slow erosion of our Christian faith, fewer people seem interested in living a Christian life, many of us have to face the fact that our children have not followed in our footsteps in terms of church attendance. Perhaps it is this, more than anything else, that has caused us to lose confidence in our faith story; yet for many of us, our faith is what gives meaning and purpose to all we do. The bishops' priorities are all about helping us to regain our confidence in living and telling the story of Jesus.

It seems to me that these priorities are also going to affect our lives in the benefice as we shape our profile and think how we want to live and tell the story of Jesus here in Wells and Wookey Hole. On August 6th the PCC are inviting us all to tea and cake, whilst we share stories and photos of our two churches; both have a long history as Christian centres. It will be a great opportunity for new-comers like me to hear more of what makes these two church communities so special, as well as reminding long standing members of all they hold dear. All this will help us all to identify what we want to carry forward into the future. I do hope I will see many of you from both communities there – and that there's plenty of cake!

Revd Sue Rose

PRAYER FOR THE VACANCY

God our Father, you love us and have called us to be your body in this place.

At this time of change please send your Holy Spirit to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may do your will and bring new life to our communities

Guide those who are choosing our new Vicar with your heavenly wisdom.

May that person be a wise and gentle shepherd who will work with us to fulfil your purpose for the church in our parishes in obedience to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Going for Gold

This month sees the start of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, as the eyes of the world focus on the games. A number of New Testament letters make reference to Olympic sport including Hebrews: *'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher-bearers came over to him. However, Redmond wanted to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line.

Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. *'You don't have to do this,'* he told his son. *'Yes, I do,'* said Derek, to which his father said, *'We're going to finish this together.'* They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side.

In our Christian race we have a great crowd of witnesses to cheer us on. We also have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. Let's keep our eyes fixed on Him, to ensure we finish the race!

Home Communion

If you know of anyone who is unable to get to church and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion at home, please contact either the Parish Office (676906 or email office@stcuthbertswells.co.uk) or Alistair Glanville (870321).

Planning Ahead

The Contemporary English translation of the Bible translates Proverbs 4:6 as:

'Know where you are headed, and you will stay on solid ground'

That is good advice for everyone, not least for us as God's people here in Bath and Wells as we seek to live and tell the story of Jesus. As followers of Jesus we are called to listen to his words, follow in his steps and allow his Holy Spirit to transform our lives. You may be aware that there has been a lot of thinking going on about how we might shape our future as a diocese and become more missional and intentional in our use of all that God has given to us and entrusted to us. That thinking, listening, praying, dreaming and talking has led the Diocesan Synod to adopt three priorities that need to shape our diocesan life. The first is to place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do. The second is to realign our ministry resources so that they are more clearly focussed towards mission. And the third is to identify, develop and use the gifts which have been given to each of us so that we can more faithfully serve one another and the communities where we live and work.

I believe this is the start of an exciting new chapter for Bath and Wells and one that we all have a part in writing. The

vision that I believe God is laying before us is that - in response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus. There will need to be much more listening and talking together for this to become a reality and I look forward to those conversations and the journey ahead of us. As we pray and seek faithfully to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit we can be confident that the Lord will sustain and strengthen us on our journey with him.

With warm greetings in the Lord

+Peter Bath and Wells



'Bishop's selfie'

CTWA Dates for August

Thursday 18th 10—11.30 Denning Hall, WUC Monthly Informal Prayer

Sunday 21st 6.30pm Westbury sub Mendip * United Service

* Shared picnic tea in the Deerleap Car Park at 4.30pm followed by a prayer pilgrimage at 5.15pm: about 45 minutes, involving 1/2 mile of walking, possibly on rough ground - not suitable for everyone.

If the weather is inclement Priddy Church will be the back-up site.

"I got a brand new Combine Harvester..."

Harvest Supper this year will be in the Elim Connect Centre on Saturday 1st October, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Further details to follow. If you would like to be part of the entertainment, please see Jane Savery with ideas.

Christmas is coming!

The St Cuthbert's Christmas Festival will be held from Friday 2nd December to Sunday 4th December when once again we will be displaying hundreds of wonderful Crib sets in the church and being visited by an Angel host.

As before it would be lovely to have help beforehand and during the festival. This year we are looking in particular for someone (or several someones) to run the children's area. This was very successful last year but, of course, we will not have Suse to 'manage' it this time. Vernon will be looking for volunteers to act as stewards, the Baileys will be chasing angels, and offers to help with setting up and taking down would be very welcome.

Most of all, of course, we need nativity sets and angels. So please get busy with your imaginations, creativity and fingers!

Any questions, comments or offers of help? Contact any of the organising group: that's Jill Deane, Vernon and Sue Harding, Graham and Patsy Barrow, Rosemary and Michael Bailey, and me.

Antonia

Lay Pastoral Assistants

The Team are happy to visit anyone in the Benefice who is lonely, unwell or bereaved.

Please contact us via St Cuthbert's Parish Office, telephone 01749 676906

Patsy Barrow

St Cuthbert's Patronal Festival



Sunday 4th September, 10.00am



Followed by Parish Meal (£5)



Lamb and Vegetarian Options

Tickets from Piers in church or 01749 938449



Quiz Night

in aid of the Children's Society

at the **Britannia Inn**

Sunday 25th September

at 7.00 for 7.30

Tables of four at £4 per head

To book 'phone 01749 679678

or book at the Britannia

by 18th September

RAFFLE

FREE NIBBLES

Concerts coming up in St Cuthbert's Church

Friday 2nd September at 7.30pm: The Gesualdo Six— beautiful unaccompanied choral music from the renaissance to the present day. Tickets £12 (free for under-18s).

Saturday 15th October at 7.30pm: The Architecture of Music - a choral concert by Vox Coelestis, conductor Nigel Short, in aid of the Reredos Project.

P.S. The Young Musicians' Summer Concert on 12th July raised £103 for the Livingstone Anglican Children's Project

St Cuthbert's Ladies' Group

Although the weather on June 21st was not warm enough to sit out in Sue Harding's lovely garden, a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. A lot of friendly chatter went on whilst doing a 'biscuit' quiz organised by Mary Weare; it was won by Pat Jones and Jane Savery. A grand total of £120 was raised from the Food Bring & Buy, Raffle and coffee, which will be donated to our year's charity St Margaret's Hospice. Thank you to Sue for allowing us to use her home at the last minute, and all the ladies for their generosity.

On July 12th, blessed with good weather, the group took a coach to Bristol, where we embarked on a glass-topped barge for a relaxing sail to Hanham, where we stopped for a lovely lunch at The Old Lock and Weir pub. During the trip we were lucky to see a peregrine falcon, herons, ducks and swan, and a kingfisher. The trip was enjoyed by all.

Dates for your Diary:

August 4th: from 2.30—4.30 St Margaret's Hospice are having coffee at Midsell House, Ash Grove, Wells. £5 including a raffle ticket.

August 16th: Afternoon and Cream Tea at Chew Valley Lake. Please contact Pam if you would like transport.

WOOKEY HOLE

CREAM TEAS AND TALENT



COME AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS CREAM TEA

WHILE THE ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIANS AND PERFORMERS OF WOOKEY HOLE TAKE PART IN A TALENT CONTEST.



2 – 4 PM

SATURDAY 27TH OF AUGUST

PCC Profiles

Anita Boyce

I've long known the expression 'looking as if she'd just stepped out of a bandbox' but had not understood what it meant in practice until I became aware of Anita in church! As one of life's natural scruffs, it is a source of great wonder to me that some people manage to achieve this level of perfection, seemingly effortlessly (though being strikingly pretty and incredibly young looking like Anita obviously helps!). Visiting her home and hearing her life story helped complete the picture of a woman fulfilled by creating a happy, beautiful world for those around her.

Anita has lived all her life in Wells. She was born in the Cottage Hospital and, after the event, as her parents lived nearby, it was very convenient for her mother to pop in to St Thomas' on the way home to be 'churched'. The family moved to Mountpleasant Avenue as it was being built and Anita and her younger sister went to Wookey Hole school. A number of local children made the journey there, travelling on the big green double-decker bus. The school was small, with three classes, and outdoor loos, but in a beautiful setting with great views and two playgrounds. The school was ruled over ferociously by the headmistress, Miss Bailey, who had the power – remotely - to prevent any child under 10 daring to sit on the top floor of the bus, even though she was actually far away driving her Morris minor traveller!

On to the Blue School which had just become a comprehensive, and then, at 16, to Strode to learn secretarial skills. A series of jobs in a wide variety of settings followed: first as secretary to the PR manager at the Bath and West Showground, dealing with trade stands. Then to Harris and Harris where Anita was sometimes asked to accompany a solicitor to court to provide support to women defendants. Following this, she worked for the agent to Robert Boscawen, the Conservative MP, and then in the international sales department at Wookey Hole Paper Mill.

It was on her way home one day from the paper mill that Anita became aware of, and irritated by, a car on her tail. When she stopped at her parents' house in Mountpleasant Avenue so did the other car and out of it stepped a cocky young man who claimed that he had seen her a few times and was sure she must have noticed him too. Not deflated in any way by Anita's assertion that she had never seen him before in her life, Martin Boyce persisted and asked her out. They have now been married for 34 years!

Anita and Monty (as Martin is more usually known around Wells) started their married life in Portway, then moved to Burcott Road and finally to Mountpleasant Avenue where they still live. They have three children, Becky, Hannah and Matthew. Becky studied Marketing and Advertising at the London College of Fashion and became a fashion writer working for well-known publications and famous people, notably Vivienne Westwood. She now lives in Crystal Palace and works freelance.

Hannah has three daughters, Hollie (10), Hazel (6) and three-month old Florence. Hollie enjoys coming to St Cuthbert's, and is sometimes put to work as an element bearer or offertory collector's assistant.

Matthew works with Monty in the building firm and has one daughter, Ava, with another baby girl expected in July.

As her children grew up Anita returned to work and for twelve years she worked at Whicketts, the dress shop. She has also studied interior design and for some time was self-employed creating design schemes. Now she concentrates on grannying duties and also – fortunately for us – gives time to St Cuthbert's.

Anita's connections with St Cuthbert's go back a long way. Her father sang in the choir in the 1930's. She and Monty, Anita's parents and Hannah were all married at St Cuthbert's and the children and grandchildren were baptised at the church. Becky, Hannah and Matthew attended the Sunday School, and Becky was a keen member of the junior choir. There was a time when Anita did not come to the church but she started coming again about seven years ago and loves the calming atmosphere. She is on the dusting rota and has been a sidesperson for three years, now as a teamleader. She became a member of the PCC in 2015 and is now involved in the Reredos project too.

Anita is another in what is becoming a series featuring Amazing Women Who Do Things, and, once again, I am delighted to find a contented person contributing quietly to her family and community, and helping a small corner of the world to be a better, brighter place.

Antonia



The start of the football season was the cause of universal joy

The Einstein Quiz

The Einstein Quiz is currently our only regular fund raising event and is held every two months on the 1st Friday of that month. The next one is on Friday 5th August and is in our new home at St. Thomas's Church Hall at 7.30pm. It would be really good to see some new faces there as it is a real fun evening and also an excellent way of raising money for St. Cuthberts. We have a core of teams who regularly attend but there is plenty of room for more!

I know there can be difficulty in raising a team for a particular evening but I'm sure there are many of you who would like to take part but don't have a team at present. So, if you want to take part but are without a team, please let me know and hopefully I can then link you up with others to form a new team.

The cost is £20 for a team of four but you can bring your own drinks of any kind (which saves a lot on bar prices). There are also facilities for making tea or coffee. There are light refreshments for sale at half time and of course there is the Golden Box. There is ample car parking and there is easy access with no steps.

Please contact me on 01749 677201 or email: meajrb@aol.com

Michael Bailey

Who's in charge

A child was asked why no man can serve two masters. He promptly replied: 'Because you are not allowed to have two wives.'

St. Cuthbert's Church: Remembering and Dreaming

Have you got photos and memories of St. Cuthbert's in the 'old days'? To help us look forward to the future, we think it would be really interesting to find out what happened in the past. What was the church like? What activities were there? What did you like? What worked well? What's better now? How can we value the good experiences of the past and also move forward in our Christian faith and fellowship?

We would like to create a 'timeline' of life at St Cuthbert's. We know that many of our congregation have long memories: a hugely valuable resource. The plan is to spend an afternoon collecting together these memories and photos and use them to stimulate discussion and ideas about the future of the church.

The session, on Saturday 6th August starting at 3.00pm, will be led by Caroline Bruce from the Diocesan School of Formation. Please start thinking and remembering, and unearthing those photos. It should be a really interesting and inspiring afternoon – and there will, of course, be tea and cake.

Antonia and Piers

Letter from Wookey Hole

This month has been one of celebrations and farewells, sometimes combined. Like the rest of the country, on the 12th June we marked the 90th birthday of the Queen with a special service followed by a party. We toasted the Queen, of course, but also Les and Mary Perrett, who sadly for us are moving nearer to their daughter. They will both be a great loss to our church community. Les served as churchwarden and, after he retired, he and Mary each Saturday evening prepared the church and altar for Sunday, a great help to the churchwardens. They also, for many years, provided posies for Mothering Sunday and adorned the Christmas tree with decorations they have now kindly donated to the church. We shall really miss them and their many acts of neighbourliness.

Another farewell, at an evening gathering hosted by Tess, was to our Dutch friend Marian who, although resident for a very short time, had thoroughly integrated into many aspects of village life and contributed a great deal. We wish her well in Devon.

Our saddest farewell is to Tom Mason who died peacefully, surrounded by his family. I remember him as the delightful old gentleman I shared a pew with for nearly 20 years, enjoying his singing and his wartime stories. Others who had known him longer remember his prowess on the tennis court and on the stage as a brilliant pantomime dame. We all admired his loving, cheerful care of Margaret during her long illness and were moved by his declaration of the words of commendation each year at the War Memorial, right up to last November. And who could forget the twinkle in his eye?

Weeks of seemingly relentless rain have turned our gardens into rivals for Sleeping Beauty's. But luckily on July 3rd we could wander the lovingly tended grounds of Glencot House

on a rare gorgeous summer day. Mr and Mrs Harris had generously invited the Resident's Forum to hold a village Garden Party at their home and we enjoyed cream teas on the terrace, a cricket match, lovely views and a peaceful, convivial afternoon. It was a very happy occasion that we will all remember.

E.M. Talbott

Report of the July 2016 meeting of Wookey Hole WI

President Jill Deane took us briskly through the business of the July meeting, as our speaker for the afternoon, Brian Wright, had arrived and set out an interesting array of items to illustrate his talk. He came to tell us about superstitions, and asked us first whether any of us was superstitious. No-one was prepared to admit it, though he told us that over 40% of people in Britain are, and over 50% of Americans. We weren't surprised about the Americans. His talk being called 'Touch Wood' we realised that that was the most common, with crossing fingers second and not walking under ladders third.

Odd beliefs have changed over the centuries, and can be very different in different places. Among our members there were differences in which way up we would nail a horseshoe over our doors. Protecting the valuable horses in the past gave rise to a number of beliefs, a stone with a natural hole was often hung in the stable to stop witches from 'hag-riding' them, and horse brasses on the harness were intended to reflect back the evil eye. Amulets depicting an eye worn around the neck served the same purpose for people.

Brian handed round a number of tokens and lucky items for us to study, and although we were quite vocal with comments and reminiscence about some of them, we were struck dumb by an amulet that would have been worn by a Roman. As it was a miniature bronze phallus, this was probably just as well. Many superstitions were based around the important events in life, birth, marriage and death. In the past a corpse was never left alone or in darkness, and locks were unfastened to allow the soul to leave. Many brides still adhere to the custom of something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue, and including inviting a traditional sweep to shake hands with the bride to signify the importance of hearth and home; payment for this used to be a useful part of a sweep's income. Sheila expressed our appreciation of a very interesting talk, remarking that it was very appropriate, as our WI's logo is a witch.

Rose Docherty

Chop chop



Two men challenged each other to a wood-chopping contest. One worked hard all day, stopping only for a brief lunch break. The other took time over lunch and several other breaks. At the end of the day, the man who had worked straight through was annoyed to find that the other had chopped substantially more wood than himself. The winner simply said, 'Didn't you notice? Every time I sat down to rest, I was sharpening my axe!'

Mary Sumner – founder of the Mothers' Union

This month the Mothers' Union celebrates its 140th anniversary. It has a lot to celebrate, what with four million members doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.



Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

Mothers' Union—Wells Branch

The next meeting of our local Mothers' Union branch is on Thursday 11 August at 3pm. We will be meeting in the Chapel at the Bishop's Palace in Wells and our worship will be led by Ann Roberts, the Palace Pastor. This will be followed by a Cream Tea at the Bishop's Table cafe. You will not need to pay the entrance fee for the Palace to join us in the Chapel, but so that the Bishop's Table have an idea of

the number of teas needed, could you please let us know if you are coming by contacting either myself on 01749 671456 or the Mothers' Union office on 01749 685131 or mu@bathwells.anglican.org. All are very welcome to join us.

Lynn Rendell

On how to baffle the church committee



The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I was delighted to hear that you have been made chairman of the Missionary Sub-committee; it should help you to hone your skills in appearing to encourage committee members to contribute while ensuring that they only say the things you want to hear. It is a skill that needs not a little practice; democracy only works if all the important decisions have been made beforehand.

However, do remember that sub-committees are only formed in order either to kill an idea stone dead, or to give the chairman of the main committee some time to decide what he wants, since he isn't sure how to handle the issue at that particular moment. I formed a sub-committee in 1999 to discuss Miss Fothergill's suggestion of creating a "water feature" on the Rector's Glebe land, as a way of celebrating the Millennium.

I noted at the time that no one wanted the thing on their *own* land. It's significant that whenever people suggest some imposing edifice, they always think it will be most appropriate either in the Rector's garden, or in some public place, well out of sight of their own homes.

While this particular group has been working away tirelessly, and endless masons and architects have been approached, a suitable design has yet to be presented. It looks as if a suggestion will eventually be considered by my hundredth successor as we enter the third Millennium. That is the customary rate of progress for St. James the Least, which I find entirely satisfactory.

The procedure for decision-making is always the same: after enormous effort, the sub-committee will produce a carefully worded report, which will be circulated round all members of the church council. At the next meeting, they will be thanked profusely for all their hard work and the matter will be discussed at great length. It will then be proposed that the final decision will be taken at the next meeting, after everyone has had time to consider the matter more thoroughly. Come the next meeting, the item will somehow fail to appear on the agenda, and when it is raised in Any Other Business, it will be pointed out that it is now far too late in the evening to tackle such an important issue. From then on, you can be assured, it will sink without trace.

Always remember the golden rule: a church committee meeting consists of a body of people waiting to go home.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Remembrance Sunday 2016

The 100th anniversary of the First World War is strongly in our minds. The Battle of the Somme with the greatest number of casualties in British military history began on July 1st and ended inconclusively on November 18th 1916. In total over 1 million men were wounded or killed. This battle alone changed us forever. I so well remember as a child listening to the senior ladies of our Parish talking about the loss of their loved ones; fathers, uncles, sons, brothers, fiancés, husbands. They never recovered from their losses and many I remember were unmarried, a generation deprived of the pleasure of family life.

On Remembrance Day, with many of our young people in our Parish, we try to imagine the horrors and pain of war and we pray for God's help that through this remembering we can build more positive global relationships for a future without discord, hatred and violence. Last year my Granddaughter attended a vast international Peace Camp at Hiroshima to allow young people to see the merit of the common humanity we all share. It was a life changing experience.



The scarlet corn poppies we all associate with Remembrance Sunday grow naturally in disturbed earth throughout Western Europe. After the First World War, one of the only plants to grow on otherwise barren land was the poppy. Hence the poppy came to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by soldiers and it was adopted by the Royal British Legion in 1921.

Now, why am I writing to you about all of this?

Well, over a cup of coffee with friends from other denominations in Wells, we all felt called to create a poppy memorial in each of our own Churches at Remembrance-tide. The Roman Catholic Church has already begun the project, envisaging a smaller version of the Tower of London tribute.

So I discussed with the PCC that we could make our own tribute and they agreed. Our war memorial has over 120 names of fallen soldiers in the two World Wars. I thought we could create 'something' with at least 120 poppies in their name.

I had two ideas for display. Sheila suggested using our angel pillar display mechanism by the high altar, as a cascade of falling poppies. Secondly I envisaged the pillars in the nave could bear black armbands to which poppies could be attached.

There, of course, could be lots of other ideas.

Then I need your help. Please could everyone who can knit simple garter stitch [all plain knitting] create at least one poppy in memory of one of those who died. The pattern attached overleaf is very, very easy and if you want to make variations you are most welcome. It doesn't matter if they come out different sizes because no two humans are the same size anyway.

Some of you who are local may have family memories of the First World War handed down to you. Maybe one of your family names is on the War Memorial. If you felt able to share such memories it would be special to have them on display as well.

I hope this all makes sense. Please talk to me about it in church or contact me on 01749677201.

Meanwhile I pray for poppies!

Thank you

Rosemary Bailey

Happy knitting



BBC RADIO NOTTINGHAM

The Big Poppy Knit 2014

Here are two different knitted poppy patterns and two to crochet.

Knitted Poppies - This is an easy pattern to use.

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9).

I used 3 1/2 !!
If you have different yarn left in your stash, just use that and the appropriate needle size.

If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns - and you have access to the internet - you will find lots of tutorial videos on youtube.

1. Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners

Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!)
Colour B Scrap of Black or a black button

Body of Poppy

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches) (or slip, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over the remaining stitch)

Rows 6-9 Knit

Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches)

Rows 11-14 Knit

Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm

Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy 32

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre.

Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy. Add pin.

From the Registers 2016

CHRISTIAN BAPTISMS

July 3rd Emily Julie Loxton

July 17th Delsie May O'Connell

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Craig Richard Davey & Azure Frances Crosby

WEDDING

Robert Gary Breckon & Holly Amelia Robinson

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

June 30th Betty Lynch

July 1st Joyce Hill

July 20th Elsie Grace Corp

July 29th Ronald Clifford Payne

From Wookey Hole:

July 13th Thomas Edward Mason

July 20th Simon Andrew James Parrish

Sheila Jenkins

Game rules

During the local football game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "Okay," the coach continued, "do you also understand that when the referee makes a decision, you don't argue or curse or threaten to attack him, right?" Again, the boy nodded vigorously. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your mother."



TELEVISION

When did television start? I bet you didn't know that it started on 22nd August 1932 when the British Broadcasting Corporation introduced its first regular TV service in the London area. By the summer of 1949 television began to be available outside London and 1954 saw the first daily news bulletins and weather forecasts. Colour pictures arrived at the end of 1969.

Lots of people moan about what is on television and what a waste of time it is, but there are good things to say for it too. Without the news reports of famine in Africa would we have had Live Aid? And what about Comic Relief and Children in Need?

TV entertains and educates. It helps us to relax, and it can also help us to pray by showing us the world. We see the natural disasters of weather like tsunamis and hurricanes. We see people hurt and made homeless by war. And we turn to God and ask Him to help those who suffer and we pray for them, remembering that we are God's hands here on earth.

EYE SEE YOU

All the answers to this Bible quiz are to do with eyes and seeing. *Answers at the top of the next column.*

1. What is the name of the village where Jesus healed a blind man? (Luke, chapter 8)
2. What eye can a camel go through more easily than a rich man? (Matthew, chapter 19)
3. Joseph talks about his eyes and the eyes of which one of his brothers? (Genesis, chapter 45)
4. What did Moses see in the desert at Horeb? (Exodus, chapter 3)
5. Where did Jesus send the blind man to wash his eyes? (John, chapter 9)
6. What are the eyes like of the one who rides a white horse? (Revelation, chapter 19)

Why do beavers spend a fortune on the internet?

They never want to log off.

What's the difference between a well-dressed bicyclist and a poorly-dressed unicyclist?

Attire

Answers:

1. Bethsaida
2. the eye of a needle
3. Benjamin
4. a burning bush
5. the pool of Siloam
6. like a flame of fire.



"Standing up for the National Anthem in the middle of the sermon was a bit of a giveaway that you were watching the Olympics on your iPhone!"



Facebook

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

Fearless in the line of fire

A six year old girl was taken by her grannie to a very 'high' Anglican church. Afterwards she tried to explain to her father what it had been like. 'They tried to run us out – they even brought in a smoke bomb and shook it at all the people in the front row, but grannie wasn't scared one bit. We stayed until the very end.'

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DIARY FOR AUGUST 2016

Wednesday	3	10.00 am 11.00 am 12 noon	Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's Reredos Tour at St Cuthbert's Market Day Lunch at St Cuthbert's
Thursday	4	9.30 am 11.00 am	Meditation Group in the Trinity Chapel Holy Communion at Bubwith House
Saturday	6	3.00 pm	Remembering & Dreaming - a Diocesan-led event and tea at St Cuthbert's
Sunday	7		Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	1662 Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's
		10.00 am	Parish Communion at St Cuthbert.
		11.00 am	Holy Communion at Wookey Hole
		12 noon	Baptism of James Peter Union at St C
Tuesday	9	6.30 pm	WI Reredos Tour at St Cuthbert
Wednesday	10	10.00 am 12 noon	Holy Communion at St Cuthbert Market Day Lunch at St Cuthbert
Thursday	11	11.00 am	Holy Communion (Bubwith House)
Saturday	13	11.00 am	Reredos Tour at St Cuthbert
Sunday	14		Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
		10.00 am	Parish Communion at St Cuthbert
		11.00 am	Holy Communion at Wookey Hole
		6.30 pm	Evening Prayer at Wookey Hole
Monday	15	5.30 pm	Rotary Club Reredos Tour at St Cuthbert
Tuesday	16		Ladies' Group afternoon stroll around Chew Valley Lake
Wednesday	17	11.00 am 10.00 am 12 noon	Reredos Tour at St Cuthbert Holy Communion at St Cuthbert Market Day Lunch at St Cuthbert's
Thursday	18	9.30 am 11.00 am	Meditation Group in the Trinity Chapel Holy Communion at Bubwith House
Sunday	21		Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
		10.00 am	Parish Communion at St Cuthbert
		11.00 am	Morning Prayer at Wookey Hole
		12 noon	Baptism of Evie Willow Grafton-Hill at St Cuthbert
Wednesday	24	10.00 am 12 noon	Holy Communion at St Cuthbert Market Day Lunch at St Cuthbert
Thursday	25	11.00 am	Holy Communion at Bubwith House
Saturday	27	11.00 am 12.30 pm	Reredos Tour at St Cuthbert Wedding of Andrew Goswell and Chantelle White
Sunday	28		Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
		8.00 am	1662 Holy Communion at Wookey Hole
		10.00 am	Parish Communion at St Cuthbert
		12 noon	Baptism of Joshua William Dawes at St C
		2.00 pm	Baptism of Rory Michael George Phelps at Wookey Hole
Wednesday	31	10.00 am 11.00 am 12 noon	Holy Communion at St Cuthbert Reredos Tour at St Cuthbert Market Day Lunch at St Cuthbert

Goodbye to Suse Ison-Stierer

Our best wishes to Suse as she moves to Cuddesdon, near Oxford, to begin her training for the ordained ministry. During her time at St Cuthbert as Children and Family Worker she has transformed our Young Church and helped to bring us closer to the Infants and Junior Schools. She will be much missed, but we wish her well in her new vocation.