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# Letter from Nancy

Dear All,

We are in a summer of Sport.

Records of human achievement will be broken, the technology behind the personalities is beyond understanding, the skill in bringing it alive on our screens is breathtaking. Watching our summer of sport, we can easily forget that sport is not new, people have enjoyed watching and competing for thousands of years.



In the Bible, St Paul talks about sport, “Do you not know that in a race in the stadium all the runners compete, but only one wins the prize?” while describing how he tries to find common ground with people for the sake of sharing the blessings of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Sport is a great bringer of common ground. We might not all race, or play, but in following sport we can come together with a common hope in competing, a common joy in victory, and a common sharing of sorrows in defeat.

Sharing common hopes, joys and sorrows creates community and builds bonds between people. Jesus says love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and love your neighbour as yourself. Sport, play, is an intrinsic part of God’s gift of cultural flourishing for humanity. We see in the passion of fans the depth of our human capacity to love with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

This summer of sport gives us all a common ground to be closer to our neighbours and build stronger bonds in our communities simply by sharing hopes, joys, and sorrows with each other and asking people “Did you see that amazing sport last night?”

God bless,  
Nancy



## Why Christians are like athletes

*Brian Reader comments on the front cover*

With the holiday season approaching, this Church News will be covering the next two months. It will be a busy time with many sports being played, as Nancy mentioned in a recent sermon.

Probably the most noteworthy will be the Olympics in Paris and this is Ann's theme on the front cover. As you will know, the Olympics cover a wide range of sports, and we hope that there will be at least one Post Box painted gold in the local area, as this will confirm the winning of a coveted gold medal.

There will also be tennis, golf, a little matter of Euro Cup football, and if the rain lets up, there will be cricket. Plenty of sport for everyone. On the other hand, the Church calendar seems a bit boring, with just a succession of Sundays after Trinity, but St. Paul comes to the rescue. For Paul, in his letters to the young Churches, had quite a lot to say about sport.

He likened the life of the athlete, to the life of a Christian trying to follow Christ.

There are four main things which have to be done to be a good athlete. You have to train hard, you have to understand and obey the rules, you have to have self-control, and finally you have to exert yourself in the race to gain the prize.

Paul covers all these points. *"Train yourself for godliness"* (1 Tim. 4:7).

*"In athletics, you do not win the crown unless you compete according to the rules."* (2 Timothy 2. 5). *"Everyone who goes in for athletics exercise self-discipline in everything...don't run in an aimless fashion."* (1 Corinthians 9. 25-26). *"My one aim is to forget everything that is behind and to strain every nerve to go after what is ahead.... On towards the finishing post where the prize is the upward call of God in King Jesus."* (Philippians 3. 13-14).

So this summer, enjoy your sport, but don't forget your Christian life.

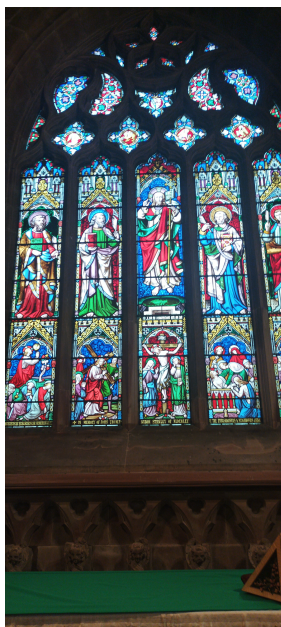


# Ordination of Jenny Eades to the priesthood

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Chester Cathedral was packed with people from parishes across the diocese. The Bishop of Chester ordained a number of curates to the priesthood, among them our own Jenny Eades! A number of us from St Oswald's went along to support her.



On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Jenny and Nancy welcomed a friend of Jenny's, Debby Plummer, who preached at this special service - Jenny's first Holy Communion.



## A visit to St Mary's Nether Alderley

*Chris Ward reports*



The first CHUB visit this year was to St Mary's Church Nether Alderley on May 7<sup>th</sup>. A group of 20 of us including some new members were in for a treat and a feast of local history.

The church dates back to the 1300's when the porch was built and was dominated by the Stanleys of Alderley from about 1450 when Thomas de Stanley acquired the Manor.

Once inside the church you see the wooden ceiling and the change in colour of the sandstone walls where the nave was extended upwards in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The later Stanley family pew, which is reached from steps outside, would have been level with the three-decker pulpit at the time, giving eye contact with the Minister.

Other features include the Musician's gallery covered with shields of families once owning land in the parish; an ancient font, and two very rare bibles.

Outside, the 'Old School', built in 1628 for educating boys in the parish, had accommodation for the school masters in the upper room. An extension was added in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and is now used as the Parish Hall. The Stanley Mausoleum was erected in 1909 and houses just one tomb.

The yew tree in the churchyard is said to be 1200 years old. And the roof of the church is covered with Kerridge stone tiles!

After the visit we had an excellent lunch at the Churchill Tree in Alderley Park. This was a dip into recent history for me as I was last there in 1984 when I worked for ICI Pharmaceuticals.

Many thanks to Trevor and Margaret Wadsworth for organizing such an interesting visit.



# Christian Aid Week

*Report by Richard Jones*

This year we raised money for Christian Aid Week by taking part in the sponsored walk around Tittesworth Reservoir and by running a coffee morning in the church. The congregation also contributed by generously filing the Christian Aid envelopes.

The sponsored walk raised £235 and the coffee morning and congregation raised £468.77. All together we raised £703.77. This money will be used by Christian Aid to help people like Aline Niborora in Burundi where extreme poverty and the climate crisis are making survival a daily challenge.



Aline escaped from an abusive marriage but she found herself living on the streets, separated from her children, hungry and alone. This situation would have defeated most of us who live in wealthier countries but Aline had her faith and her love for her children. With training and a small start-up loan from Christian Aid Aline started trading in avocados and peanuts.

Thanks to her courage, hard work and a little help from Christian Aid, Aline is now living with her children in a house made of mud bricks. She is now baking her own bricks to build a stronger house. She is also

using her experience to help 25 other families.

It is a privilege to help people like Aline but we ourselves have also benefited. The sponsored walk and the coffee morning were both great fun and we also have the joy of knowing that we have been allowed to lay one small brick and so help in the building of the Kingdom of Heaven.





## ***CURATE'S CORNER***

### We don't travel alone

At this time of year, I imagine that the thoughts of many of us turn to journeys. We – or those we love – may be travelling for holidays, visiting loved ones, or simply taking more days out in the, hopefully, sunnier weather of our summer months.

For many years my family headed north in July or August on an epic drive to John O'Groats, followed by a ferry to the Orkney Islands – a place we've grown to love. It was a place of peace and retreat for all of us.

We didn't go to Orkney this summer, at least in part because I had another journey to complete – that of becoming a priest in the Church of England. It's been a long road and taken a long time. In many ways I have been journeying to this point for 30 years ...and that it has finally led me to being the curate of St Oswald's is a joy and a privilege.

Each human life can be said to be a journey, with its ups and downs, times of joy and sorrow. The spiritual life in particular can, and often is, described as a journey. I wonder, if you were to describe your life so far as a journey what the highs and lows and key points might be? And who were the people who helped you – and help you – on your way?

Because the human journey, the spiritual journey, is never done alone. We all have and need companions on the way. The Christian tradition promises us help on that journey – and companions – those living and those who've gone before us – and above all the companionship of God. A basic promise of the Christian faith is that we never walk, or indeed drive, anywhere alone – not even to John O'Groats!

Safe travels if you are travelling this summer. And if you see me travelling around Bollington on my bike, please say hello.

With love

Jenny

## SAINT OF THE MONTH – JULY

### St Swithun (or Swithin), saint for a rainy day

St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15<sup>th</sup> July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.



If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly, everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.



## SAINT OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

Oswald, a king with faith,  
courage and humility

Many Christians have dreamed of doing something spectacular for God, which would be remembered for centuries afterwards. Oswald, who lived from 605 to 642AD, was in a position to do so. His feast day is 5<sup>th</sup> August.

He was a King, whose father, Aethelfrith, was a great warrior who laid the foundations of the great kingdom of Northumbria. But Aethelfrith was killed by a rival, and Oswald was only 12 years old when he was driven into exile with his elder sister and two younger brothers. For their own safety, all were taken to Irish territory in the West of Scotland.

The three brothers were educated by the Christian monks on Iona. Meanwhile, warfare raged in Northumbria, and in due course the time came for Oswald to make a difficult decision. Should he remain in safety, or return to claim his kingdom? In 632 his older brother led an expedition there to sue for peace, but instead he was put to the sword. It was a time of broken dreams and bitter grief for the young Oswald, who must have spent many hours in prayer before he decided to risk his life by following his brother south.

In his famous book, *The Ecclesiastical History of England*, Bede tells us that Oswald prepared to meet his enemies Cadwallon and Penda in battle on a December night at a place which is now called Heavenfield. His small army was likely to be outnumbered and victory seemed impossible. But that night, Oswald had a vision of St Columba, the founder of Iona. Columba prophesied that Oswald would be King, and reminded him of God's words to Joshua at the River Jordan, "Be strong, and of good courage... for you will be the leader of these people as they occupy this land."



*12<sup>th</sup> century painting of St Oswald from Durham Cathedral. Credit: Wikimedia.*

Before battle commenced, Oswald made a rough cross from two young trees and held it upright until soldiers were able to fill in the hole around it. Then he led his army in a prayer that God would bring victory and deliverance to his people. He also promised that if they survived, he would send for missionaries from Iona to bring the Christian faith to Northumbria.

Oswald's subsequent victory has become part of the region's folklore, commemorated by the name of that battlefield and the more permanent cross which now stands at Heavenfield. Many leaders would have regarded such a triumph as the high point of their career, and quickly forgotten their promise to God. But Oswald remained faithful, and in due course St Aidan arrived in the new kingdom and made Lindisfarne the centre of his ministry.

As the sponsor and protector of Aidan, Oswald could have imposed his own agenda on this new mission. Such a test came early, when Aidan declined Oswald's offer of resources at court in Bamburgh Castle, and chose the remoter location of Lindisfarne. But not only did Oswald accept the monk's decision gracefully; he continued to spend many uncomfortable weeks on the road acting as Aidan's interpreter. His willingness to lay aside his kingly privileges to help a spiritual leader ensured that the Gospel spread quickly through the new kingdom and transformed many lives.

Within a few years, dark times returned to Northumbria. Oswald was slain in battle and his brother Oswin succeeded to the throne. Penda continued to wreak havoc with his marauding raids. But through it all, the light of Christianity continued to flourish and grow. Aidan is rightly remembered as the missionary who brought the good news to Northumbria, but he could not have succeeded without Oswald, the man who was brave enough to claim an earthly kingdom, yet obedient enough to help advance a heavenly one.

Prayer from the liturgy for St Oswald's day (5<sup>th</sup> August), written by the Northumbria Community:

*"I place into your hands, Lord, the choices that I face. Guard me from choosing the way perilous of which the end is heart-pain and the secret tear. May I feel your presence at the heart of my desire, and so know it is for Your desire for me. Thus shall I prosper, thus see that my purpose is from You, thus have power to do the good which endures." (Copyright Northumbria Community Trust, 1996)*

## What's the Big Idea?

# Introducing the books of 1 & 2 Samuel

1 & 2 Samuel was originally a single work, which focuses on Samuel, Saul and David, around 1,000 BC, mid-way between Abraham and Jesus. It was Samuel who established the monarchy in Israel after the period of the judges.

He was commanded by God to give the people a king, although their request is seen as a rejection of God's rule over Israel (8:7). The people simply wanted to be like other nations, however their king was still subject to God's law and the word of the prophet.



Although Samuel anointed Saul, he soon showed an unwillingness to submit to these requirements, leading to his rejection as king (15:23). God chose David as Saul's successor, and 1 Samuel depicts David's years of waiting until the right time arrived to claim the throne.

2 Samuel depicts David's rule, in which the nation prospers and its enemies are defeated. The promise of the perfect king is fulfilled in Jesus Himself, as David's descendant. The second half of the book depicts the darker side of David's reign, describing his weaknesses and failures, including his adultery with Bathsheba and the rebellion of his son Absalom.

Nevertheless, David remained a man after God's own heart: *'The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'* (1 Samuel 16:7).

The characters in this book are not always great examples of faith, however, *'They do not show us how we should live but how in fact we do live, authenticating the reality of our daily experience as the stuff that God uses to work his purposes of salvation in us and in the world.'* (Eugene Peterson).

# All in the month of July

It was:

750 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1272 that Robert I (Robert the Bruce) was born. He was King of Scotland 1306-29.

125 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1899 that the Gideons International was founded. The evangelical Christian association places free Bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, schools, military bases and prisons around the world.

100 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1924 that British sprinter Eric Liddell won the men's 400 metres gold medal at the 1924 Olympics in Paris. He preferred the 100 metres, but the heats were held on a Sunday, and he refused to run in them.

90 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1934 that Marie Curie, Polish-born French physicist died. Twice winner of the Nobel Prize for her work on radioactivity. The first woman to win a Nobel prize.

80 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1944 that the so-called 20<sup>th</sup> July Plot failed. The German Resistance Movement attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler in Berlin and remove the Nazi Party from power in a coup. The attempt failed, and the conspirators were executed next day. The Germans went on to arrest more than 7,000 members of the resistance movement, killing 4,980 of them. This effectively ended the German Resistance movement.

75 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1949 that the first successful test flight of the de Havilland Comet, the first commercial passenger jet, took place. The jet went on into production.

Also 75 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1949 that the BBC began broadcasting regular weather forecasts on TV.

70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1954 that the BBC launched the first daily television news programme in the UK.

Also 70 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1954 that the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.

65 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1959 that the first hovercraft crossed the English Channel. The SRN-1 had been designed by British inventor Christopher Cockerell.

60 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1964 that NASA launched its Ranger 7 space probe on a mission to the Moon. On 31<sup>st</sup> July it sent back the first close-up images of the lunar surface.

Also 50 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1974 that the US Supreme Court ordered President Richard Nixon to surrender the White House tape recordings that had been subpoenaed by the House Judiciary Committee in April. The White House released the tapes on 5<sup>th</sup> August, and Nixon resigned on 9<sup>th</sup> August, before he could be impeached.

40 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1984 that York Minster in England was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

30 years ago, on 15 July 1994, that the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.

Also 30 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1994 that Tony Blair was elected leader of Britain's Labour Party. He became Prime Minister in 1997.

25 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1999 that the Scottish Parliament was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

20 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004 that Francis Crick, British molecular biologist and biophysicist, died. He was joint winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering the molecular structure of DNA.

15 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009 that the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in Hammerwich, a village in Staffordshire. It is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found and consists of around 4,600 items dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

# Remembering the Rwandan genocide

Thirty years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1994, the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.

Rwanda is a small central African country in the Great Rift Valley, dwarfed by the Democratic Republic of Congo to its west and close to the Equator. It is inhabited mainly by Hutus and Tutsis, the latter a distinct and more sophisticated group originating probably in the Nile Valley, who over centuries tended to occupy dominant positions in the country.

They were favoured by the Belgians who were helping to run Rwanda on behalf of the League of Nations after the first world war and later. This irritated the Hutus, who formed a large majority (probably 80 per cent) of the country's inhabitants, and violence against the Tutsis was frequent even before the genocide, which was sparked by the shooting down of the President's plane in April 1994.

The UN were slow to designate the huge numbers of killings as genocide, and the Belgians and other Europeans and Americans quickly left the country when it became obvious that they would be defenceless without outside support, which no-one wanted to supply for largely PR reasons.

The Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front, based originally in Uganda, led a counterattack which overcame the Hutus and formed a stable and overtly democratic government that still holds power. There are restrictions on some religious groups and other freedoms, but forgiveness and healing have reached remarkable levels – an estimate of 97 per cent reconciliation rate has been suggested, and the emphasis after the catastrophic events of 1994 is now firmly on unity.

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## ***What is cricket?***

Cricket is the game which the English, not being a spiritual people, have invented to give themselves some concept of eternity. - *Lord Mancroft*



# July 1984 - the burning of York Minster

Forty years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1984, York Minster was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

It was the most recent of five fires that have occurred there over the years: the causes have ranged from workmen burning coals (1753) through arson using torn-up hymnbooks (1829) to an unattended candle (1840) and a tarpaulin catching fire (1971). Although night lightning was the official explanation in 1984, some suggested that God might have been reacting to the very recent appointment as Bishop of Durham of the Rt Revd David Jenkins, a famously controversial cleric whose comments had seemed to cast doubt on the virgin birth and the Resurrection. He had been consecrated at York Minster three days earlier.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, described that idea as “ridiculous”, though some – including a few members of the fire service – felt that arson by objectors could not be ruled out. As many as 114 firefighters from over North Yorkshire were involved in tackling the blaze. Insurance cover on the Minster had just been increased by its treasury department: the damage to the south transept, with its wooden vaulted roof, amounted to £2.25 million.

York Minster is a huge landmark and tourist attraction in the city: many consider it to be one of Europe’s most impressive Gothic buildings. The glass in its famous 16<sup>th</sup> century Rose Window, which had recently been renovated, cracked into 40,000 pieces, but the new lead edges held it all together.

Queen Elizabeth attended the rededication ceremony in October 1988. This year a new exhibition called *Out of the Ashes* tells the story of the blaze and marks its anniversary.

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## ***No one lovelier***

I believe that there is no one lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than Jesus – not only is there no one else like Him, but there could never be anyone like Him. - *Feodor Dostoevsky*

# The Lord of the Rings turns 70

Seventy years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1954, the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.

*The Fellowship of the Ring*, the first volume of a trilogy later published together, was a much more adult-oriented sequel to *The Hobbit*, published in 1937. It occupied the same ground – the fictional Middle Earth – and followed the quest of a hobbit, Frodo Baggins, to Mount Doom to destroy a powerful ring that symbolised evil in quite a subtle way.

The fantasy world was peopled not only by hobbits but by such creatures as wizards, elves and the malevolent orcs, among others.

Tolkien, who was born in Bloemfontein in 1892 but moved to England with his English parents at the age of three, became a professor of Anglo Saxon at Oxford, where he met and befriended C S Lewis. Tolkien was a convinced Roman Catholic, and it was partly as a result of this friendship that the sceptic Lewis became a Christian. They had a strong common interest in myths and ancient stories, which of course came out in their writing – though in different ways.

Tolkien, who wrote much of *The Lord of the Rings* during the Second World War, saw his book as fundamentally Christian – Catholic, in fact – but in no way an allegory (an idea he revolted strongly against). He saw myths as “splintered fragments” of a greater story and his own creative work as a kind of worship. The parallels between Christ and Frodo are obvious to many, but not explicit, and the book stands without that interpretation as a masterpiece.

It was filmed in 2001-2003 in three parts by Peter Jackson and enjoyed great success.

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## ***Greatest blessing***

The existence of the Bible is the greatest blessing which humanity has ever experienced. - *Immanuel Kant*

# All in the month of August

It was:

300 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1724 that George Stubbs was born. This British artist is best known for his paintings of horses.

250 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1774 that oxygen was discovered by British chemist Joseph Priestley. He was the first scientist to publish his findings on the discovery.

125 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1899 that Alfred Hitchcock was born. This British-born American film director, producer and screenwriter was known as the Master of Suspense. Known for his films *The 39 Steps*, *Dial M for Murder*, *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *Psycho*, *The Birds*, and many more.

100 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1924 that Robert Bolt, the British screenwriter and playwright was born. Known for his screenplays for the films *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Doctor Zhivago*, and *A Man for All Seasons*.

80 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1944 that 15-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank made the final entry in her diary while hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam. On 4<sup>th</sup> August her hiding place was raided by Nazi police following a tip-off. She ended up in Belsen concentration camp in October and died in February 1945.

Also 80 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1944 that Paris was liberated from the Nazis. The Germans had occupied the city for four years. General Charles de Gaulle (later President of France) entered the city in triumph.

75 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1949 that the North Atlantic Treaty came into effect, establishing NATO.

65 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1959 that the USA launched the Explorer 6 satellite, which sent back the first images of the Earth from space.

60 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1964 that Ian Fleming, British novelist and creator of the character James Bond, died.

50 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1974 that US President Richard Nixon announced his resignation, effective from noon the following day. He was facing impeachment over the Watergate scandal.

40 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1984 that the preserved body of Lindow Man (informally known as 'Pete Marsh' was found in a peat bog in Cheshire. It was nearly 2000 years old. He had suffered a violent death, which may have been part of a ritual.

30 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1994 that Sunday trading was legalised in England and Wales.

Also 30 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1994 that the IRA agreed to a complete ceasefire after 25 years.

25 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1999 that Vladimir Putin became Prime Minister of Russia. He became President in May 2000.

20 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2004 that Britain issued its first license for cloning human embryos, after becoming the first country in the world to allow therapeutic cloning in 2001. Researchers hoped to produce stem cells to treat diseases. They created their first cloned human embryo in May 2005.

15 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009 that Libyan intelligence offer Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, who was convicted of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 which crashed onto Lockerbie Scotland in December 1988, was released from prison on compassionate grounds after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. He died in May 2012.

10 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014 that Richard Attenborough, Lord Attenborough, died. This British film actor and director was best known for his roles in *Brighton Rock*, *The Great Escape*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*. He directed films including *Oh! What A Lovely War!*, *A Bridge too Far*, *Cry Freedom* and *Gandhi*.

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*Holiday: Something you take when you can't take what you've been taking. - Anon*

## Book of Remembrance for July

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Florence Stearn
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hilda Kelly
5 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Johnstone Pimblott
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Foster
10 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Ainsworth
13 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Osbaldiston
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Margaret Sauer
14 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Victor Kershaw
15 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Wilson
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Brocklehurst
19 <sup>th</sup>	Les Lappin
19 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Green
21 <sup>st</sup>	Elsie Lea
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sylvia Brunt
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Olive Lane
22 <sup>nd</sup>	James Bennett
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Lily Thomas
27 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Williamson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Edward Pye

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*Would you like to  
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departed loved one?  
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Stringer on 01625  
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## Book of Remembrance for August

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Henry John Allen
4 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Holmes
5 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Elizabeth Walker
12 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Wardle
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Walker
17 <sup>th</sup>	John Kenyon
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ada Henson
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fred Horrox
24 <sup>th</sup>	John William Spooner
26 <sup>th</sup>	Violet Jackson
28 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Conroy (nee Osbaldiston)

28<sup>th</sup> Geoffrey Mellor  
28<sup>th</sup> Margaret Annie Spooner  
29<sup>th</sup> Kenneth Gaskell  
30<sup>th</sup> John Fred (Jack) Oldfield  
31<sup>st</sup> Stella Gascoigne

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## From the Registers

Baptism 9<sup>th</sup> June - Matilda Mycock.

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## Those church notices that didn't come out quite right...

This Sunday morning following services we will have our monthly feelowship.

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Applications are now being accepted for two year-old nursery workers.

The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.

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## What ushers do

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud during the service. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked indignantly.

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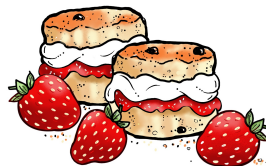
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## Worship in July and August



7<sup>th</sup> July Sunday      9.15am Holy Communion  
10.30am All Age Worship

14<sup>th</sup> July Sunday      10.30am Parish Communion

21<sup>st</sup> July Sunday      10.30am Parish Communion

4.00 pm **MESSY CHURCH**  
Children with parents welcome!  
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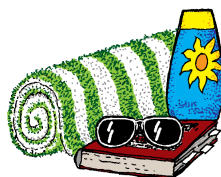
28<sup>th</sup> July Sunday      10.30am Parish Communion

4<sup>th</sup> August, Sunday      9.15am Holy Communion  
10.30am **PET SERVICE**

11<sup>th</sup> August Sunday      10.30am Parish Communion

18<sup>th</sup> August Sunday      10.30am Parish Communion

25<sup>th</sup> August Sunday      10.30am Parish Communion



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**PET SERVICE – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am – All welcome!**

Bring your dog (on a lead), or any small pet (in a suitable carrier).

### Regular midweek activities

Every Tuesday during term time, 9.30-11.00am, Little Owls.

Every Thursday at 10.30am, Holy Communion.

If you would like to join our flower rota, ask Christine Osbaldiston!