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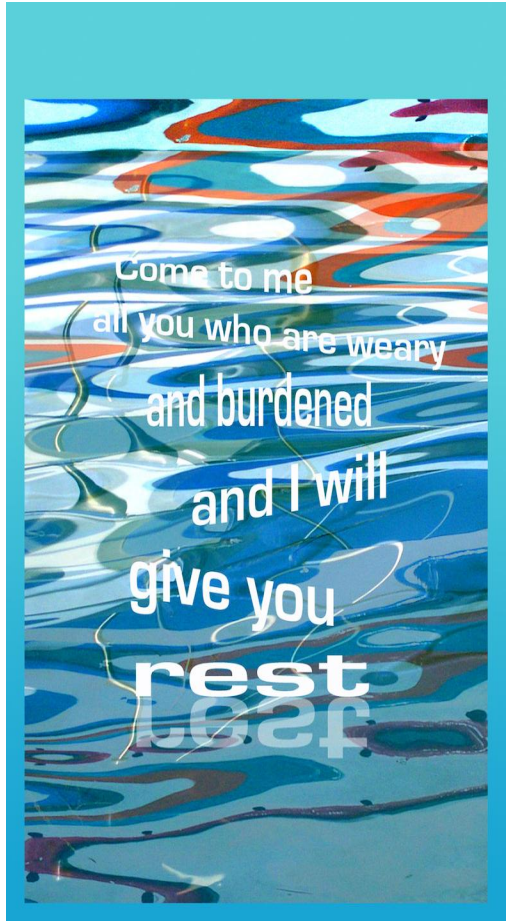
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Olympic Hope!



By the time you read this London 2012 will be well underway. What a time of expectation and excitement we have had as we waited for this important event! We are all hoping for many gold medals and an opportunity for our athletes to shine as they compete before a supportive home crowd.

There have been two other occasions when the Olympics have been held in London. The second of these was in 1948. Now; in 2012, the world is a very different place. In 1948 the war had only been over for a few years, the country was still under a great deal of hardship and struggled to get back on its feet. Yet I am told there was a great spirit of hope, care and community amongst the population.

As I reflect on our current situation it almost seems as if we in the 21st Century now exhibit the opposite set of behaviours. We have much material wealth (certainly compared to 1948) and many opportunities. Yet there seems to be a spirit of dissatisfaction and an insular way of living pervading the way we live these days. People have less and less time for one another. It is only when special celebrations such as the Olympics come along that communities gather together and hope and trust in others is kindled anew. I have observed that this seems to be less true in more rural communities like ours and that is good and to be cherished, but it is certainly on the increase in many parts of the UK, which is worrying.

As a Christian community we need to be different, we need to reach out and model the kind of attitude that St Paul talks about in Philippians 2:
“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value

others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.’

It is by valuing one another, serving one another and looking to one another’s interests that we model the love that Jesus showed us in his life, death and resurrection. So let’s resolve to be a Christian community who looks outwards, reaches outwards and truly cares for our wider community.

Gill

Request

(Lk 11:1b)

Well Lord God, here I am,
believing in you,
trusting in Jesus,
knowing that you sent your Spirit
to connect us.
But sometimes the signal seems weak,
As though I’ve wandered out of range.

Lord, I want to grow closer,
to hear your voice
and know your guidance
in the nitty-gritty
of the life you have given me.
I know it’s been said before, Lord,
but please, teach me to pray.

By Daphne Kitching

September Magazine Deadline

Would all contributors please note that the absolute deadline for articles for the September magazine will be Tuesday 14th August as, for personal reasons, I need to collate everything and pass on for print by the following Friday.

Editor

Holidays and Holy days

August: holidays, traffic jams, queues at airports, fractious children, fish and chips on the promenade or paella around the pool. That's how we think of this month when the nation goes off duty - all except the people, of course, who look after us while we're enjoying ourselves.

The tradition of holidays in August arose from the date of the harvest (everyone would be free to help the farmers gather in the crops 'ere the winter storms begin'). Thus the school holidays were fixed to meet the same need, and the university terms, and finally GCSE's and A levels. We are now trapped in a system that commits us to taking our holidays when the best weather (June) is over, the days are getting shorter and wet weather is always hovering just ahead. But never mind. With dauntless grit we Brits set off determined to enjoy a week or fortnight away, preferably being waited on. In the sixties the foreign holiday became almost the norm - viva Espana! One had to return home with a tan, a large sombrero and a few bottles of cheap Spanish wine. The real attraction, of course, was the certainty of sunshine. Above all else, we like to be warm on our holidays. This year, with the jubilee and the Olympics, it may be that holidays in the UK will take precedence - or even, given the recession, holidays at home. No guarantee of sunshine, but at least it's cheap.

I remember holidays as a child. We'd usually go to a boarding house (as they were called), breakfast and evening meal but you had to be 'out' in between. That was lovely on warm and sunny days, but painful when you were dragging your bucket and spade around the town trying to find somewhere to get out of the rain. Yet my memories of those distant holidays are good - my two brothers and me, mum and dad, ice creams, the end of the pier show, the pictures on a wet afternoon ... and of course no lessons.

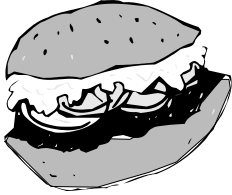
In the pressure and anxieties of daily life, we all need holidays - times to relax, enjoy time with those we love, smell the air and hear the sea-gulls. I like to think of them as the Sabbaths of the year, just as Saturday (or Sunday) is the Sabbath of the week. Making our holidays holy-days (the original meaning of the word) doesn't mean being miserably pious, but making space in our lives for the 'still small voice of calm' to speak to us. As an adult, one little pleasure for me on holiday is to go to a church as unlike my usual one as possible. After all, holidays are meant to be different!

Canon David Winter

St. John's Kingsley

2012 GRAND BOULES TOURNAMENT AND BATCH LUNCH

Saturday September 8th



Kingsley Church Room
and Car Park



Competition starts at 11 a.m
Break for Batch Lunch at 12 noon
Followed by the semi-finals & final

Admission £5
Come and take part
or just to watch & enjoy a Batch Lunch

Forthcoming events

Oct 9th Harvest Batch Lunch

Oct 13th Concert by the Bostock Singers in the Community Centre.

Foxhill

Our 2nd Musical Evening is September 5th at 7.30 pm

We are being entertained by local boys playing banjos, ukeles violins and other string instruments. They are a very talented group and well worth supporting.

Tickets available soon from Joan

Steps on the way: the diary of a would-be nun

At the moment I'm spending a couple of months on the move: wherever I lay my (heavy) suitcase is my home! I left Tymawr convent at the beginning of June and went on to Mucknell Abbey. This is a community of monks and nuns in a brand-new monastery near Worcester. They moved from the previous Grade-I listed place, Burford Priory, and bought a derelict farmstead, constructing a modern and eco-friendly building which houses the community and guests. There are five monks and five nuns, including two novices, and usually a couple of alongsiders. It's part of the Order of St Benedict.

Surprise, surprise, I was put on to doing laundry again! It must be something about me... The day starts earlier there, at 6.00 with first service, and there are seven services daily, including Eucharist. I found that, although I greatly enjoyed my time there, and have arranged to go back for another month in August, I was constantly thinking of how I could use the experience at Mucknell when I return to Tymawr in September, so I think that probably indicates where I am supposed to be.

At some point I should arrive in Kingsley before going to Mucknell but my arrangements are still a little confused. See you then!

Janet Ogleby

3 Parishes Ladies Fellowship

We were very pleased to have the Rev David Copley at our July meeting. David has many strings to his bow and amongst them his work with Christian Aid. He has travelled to Africa and Jamaica for C.A. He is also involved or was with housing for poorer families in Manchester. As well as all this he is a poet and has written books of his poems some of which he read to us. It was a pleasure to have him for the afternoon and we thank him for his time as he has a very busy schedule despite being retired.

Our August meeting is Afternoon tea. All are welcome to come and be with us then and at any of our meetings.

In September we have our own residential poet Mrs Marie Stowell who will be reading some of her poems.

Do join us. You will be more than welcome.

St Johns ,Norley 3rd Thurs at 2 pm.

Information from Katie 788077 or Joan 788874

Report on Christ Church Crowton Summer Fete

In this summer of rain the sun amazingly shone on Christ Church Crowton's annual summer Fete. The vicar, Revd Pete Rugen welcomed everyone and Miss Rosamund Walley, a teacher at the school for the past thirty years opened the event and crowned the Rose Queen, Miss Heather Sidwell. Miss Walley is retiring at the end of the term and she spoke of her happy and fulfilled career at the school. She was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers.

After the procession of the Rose Queen and the Retiring Queen, Leah Gerrard, and their attendants who all looked resplendent in their beautiful outfits, the school children presented an imaginative entertainment depicting the sixty years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Each decade was introduced and linked by a "BBC" type broadcast read by two school children and depicted by other children on the school field. They all performed with confidence and enthusiasm and it was very well received. The children's parents had created some superb costumes for them. The show ended with a performance by the school choir of the song called "Sing" which was composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Gary Barlow especially for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Heather Harris, headteacher, for organizing such an excellent display.

Fun and games, bouncy castles, a variety of stalls and delicious teas and cakes followed. The event culminated in the drawing of the giant raffle. Many, many thanks to all helpers who contributed to a resoundingly successful day.

Sue Williams

P.C.C. Secretary

CHRIST CHURCH - CROWTON **SUMMER FETE - SATURDAY, 14th JULY 2012**

A very big "thank you" to everyone who helped, in any way, to make our Summer Fete so successful.

The amount raised totalled £2,475.39 (with some monies still to be added). There will be a full report in next month's magazine.

Well done, everyone!

Beryl Thorne (Churchwarden) Christ Church, Crowton

St. John, Norley 131 Winner List 2012

Week no	Name of £10 winner	Name of £5 winner	Name of £5 winner
1	1 Anne Llewellyn	49 Anne Roberts	48 Irene Barber
2	36 Robert Kinsey	52 Jeremy Sandys-winsch	47 Jane Parry
3	23 John Williamson	14 Hilda Williamson	47 Jane Parry
4	33 Jane Wheeldon	32 Jane Wheel-don	34 Richard Thorne
5	22 Jenny Butterworth	45 Kath Willis	43 Kath Johnson
6	48 Irene Barber	53 Sadie Starkey	38 Devereux
7	20 James Barber	22 Jenny Butterworth	53 Jeremy Sandys-winsch
8	29 Liz Stubbs	51 David Pearson	43 Kath Johnson
9	34 Richard Thorne	41 Jean Mann	33 Jane Wheel-don
10	26 Sally Atkinson	4 Barry Griffiths	53 Sadie Starkey

Grand draw	Name of winner
£100	Sadie Starkey
£20	Mary Ramskill
£20	23 John Williamson
£10	52 Jeremy Sandys-Winsch

Many Thanks to all who took part in this fund raiser. We raised £286 for the church.

Vanessa, Anne and James.

Kingsley, Norley & Crowton Mothers Union

We had an entertaining evening when Dr Anne Davidson Lund came to talk to us about her life as a linguist in this country and overseas. It was fascinating to hear about her childhood, being brought up in a family where several languages were spoken, progressing to school and learning Latin, the basis of many languages, and then onto university where she decided to become a linguist. Following a short time as a teacher, Anne then diversified and went into teaching languages for business throughout Europe, America and as far afield as China. She returned to this country and worked in a consultancy capacity advising the government on languages in the curriculum. The talk was enhanced by photographs, maps and a lovely collection of dolls in traditional dress.

August 9th-15th, Jeanette Appleton, a Wirral M.U. member will be travelling from Land's End to John O'Groats on public buses to raise money for M.U. charities. She will be arriving in Frodsham on August 11th at 2.00pm if any members want to see her on the way, part of the Chester to Warrington to Liverpool leg of the journey.

Our next meeting is 4th September when Audrey Griffiths will be talking about "Zac and the Offender" highlighting some of the work she does in Thorn Cross Young Offenders Unit.

The Mothers' Union are knitting characters for a nativity scene for children in church at Christmas, we are also going to knit Noah's ark characters and animals for Story Book sessions. If you would like to do some knitting with us, come along to the September meeting (7.30pm Kingsley Church room) and patterns and wool will be distributed or contact Pam on 787343 or Hilary on 788087 We meet the first Tuesday of the month in Kingsley and everyone is welcome.

Seven things that you probably didn't know about global Christianity

One of the key pioneers in collecting information about Christianity and other religions across the world died late last year, in his 80s. Dr David Barrett had amassed a huge data base of basic numbers which now forms the core of the World Religion Database held in Gordon-Conwell University in the United States. Seven of his many areas of statistics may, however, be of special interest:

- 1) In 2012, there are 43,000 different denominations worldwide (340 are in the UK!).
- 2) In 1900, 70% of the world's Christians lived in Europe, but only 26% in 2012. In 1900, just 2% of the world's Christians lived in Africa, but 22% in 2012.
- 3) In 2012, there are an estimated 4.7 million congregations worldwide, just under half of these in Asia.
- 4) The number of mission workers globally is estimated at 420,000 people.
- 5) The world's population will reach 7.1 billion in 2012, and 2.3 billion (33%) of these will be nominally Christian. A further fifth (22%) are Muslim.
- 6) Half (51%) of the world's population live in urban areas, including 505 "megacities" with a population of over a million people. Of these, perhaps 41% are nominally Christian.
- 7) Half (51%) of the world's Christians are Roman Catholics, a fifth (22%) are Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestants, one in seven (15%) are Pentecostals and other Independent churches, and the remaining 12% are Orthodox.

David Barrett's final challenge was this: over a quarter of the world's population, 29%, have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ, and remain unevangelised. What are we doing about it?

Painting Lesson

There was a painter called Jock, who used to cheat by thinning paint to make it go further. For some time he got away with this. Then came the day that the local church needed painting. Jock put in a bid, and because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set up his scaffolding, bought the paint – and thinned it down.



A week later, as Jock was nearly finished painting the church, there was a horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened, the rain poured down, and the thinned paint ran everywhere down the walls into the churchyard. Jock was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke... "Repaint! Repaint! and thin no more!"

Archbishop's Pause for Thought message on the Diamond Jubilee

In his recent contribution to BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought programme, the Archbishop of Canterbury expressed his hopes about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year. Here is the full transcript of what he said:

“When you talk to people who remember the Coronation, one of the things they often recall is their first sight of a television set – a little object in the corner, taking ages to warm up, and so small and grey you could hardly see a thing. No wall-sized plasma screens in the fifties! “If you wanted to watch in those days, you had to work pretty hard. And I think one of the really big differences that's happened in these sixty years is how television has become a background to everything, so that you don't notice a lot of the time what's actually on. Almost as though the screens were getting too big to see. But the Jubilee is an opportunity for once to stop and focus on that background we take for granted and don't really notice. The Queen's part of that background – part of what makes us a stable society, a society that takes pride in its history without being crippled by it, that values fairness and trustworthiness.

“So maybe it's helpful to ask whether we should try a bit more regularly to give ourselves time to think about the background of our lives, the things that are too big for us to notice most of the time. It's surprising how many people will still want to find somewhere to be quiet –all those millions of folk who visit cathedrals every year, for a start. Just as with the Jubilee – they want a chance to get in touch with the background of their lives, the big context, the things that make this the sort of world it is and give us the sort of values we have. To get in touch and maybe say a word of thanks.

“I hope the Jubilee prompts us to see what we can do to get back in touch with the big background picture. Like the monarchy – it's still there, and it still means something, and dropping into a church or a cathedral is a good way of connecting with it, and perhaps saying thanks – for the Queen and the Jubilee and for lots more besides.”



Crowton W.I - July 2012

President Jane Bell welcomed members to the July meeting of Crowton W.I.

The holiday makers had returned from holiday trip to Exeter, having had a wonderful time. Wendy gave us a report about their antics which included a trip to an old fashioned fairground where everyone had great fun in the hall of mirrors, driving the dodgem cars and putting old pennies in the slot machines. They also visited a donkey sanctuary, lovely gardens and cathedrals and shops in Exeter and Worcester. Every night they dined in excellent restaurants and enjoyed good food. Wendy thanked Jane who had organised the holiday and already everyone is wondering about next year's destination.

Members were very pleased to hear about our success at the Cheshire Show, our entry came second and people who had entered as individuals all did very well. Jane thanked everyone who had helped in any way and members were encouraged to be part of the team next year. We then heard about the AGM in London at the Albert Hall and details were given about future events. There is a trip to the Yorkshire Dales on August 7th, and a bowls match on July 20th, weather permitting. The CFWI Meeting is on October 2nd at the Lifestyle Centre in Winsford and the speaker is Gordon Burns. The Group meeting is in September which will be a lunch followed by a flower demonstration.

The speaker for the evening was George Hughes who gave us an interesting talk about his life as a Private Investigator. He had been an investigator for over 40 years and had many amusing tales to tell. He told us that the very first private investigators were from the famous Pinkton Agency in America and they were responsible for catching Frank and Jessie James. Everyone enjoyed the talk and found it very interesting.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4th and the speaker is Dave Duckett and his talk is entitled 'Exotic Animals'. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome, meetings take place at Crowton Village Hall on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm.

From the Registers

St John, Norley

Baptisms

15th July

Phoebe Kate and William Noah Eastwood

St. John, Kingsley

Holy Matrimony

23rd June

Philip John Foster and Kirstie Jane Harrop

Baptisms

8th July

Alice Amber Rachel Pemberton

Scarlett Olivia Pemberton

Funeral

11th July

Jim Starkey

Christ Church, Crowton

Holy Matrimony

7th July

James Peter Morley & Sarah Jane Evans

KINGSLEY CLEANING ROTAS

Church Cleaning -

Week Commencing

August 5

J Starkey and S McClean

August 12

H. Merrington and R Carter

August 19

J Brundrett and A Griffiths

August 26

N Vickers and M Skidmore

September 2

J Starkey and S McClean

September 9

H Merrington and R Carter

Midweek Communion Services

No Services during August

Services recommence Thursday 6th September 10.00 at St. John, Kingsley

NORLEY SIDESPERSONS' ROTA

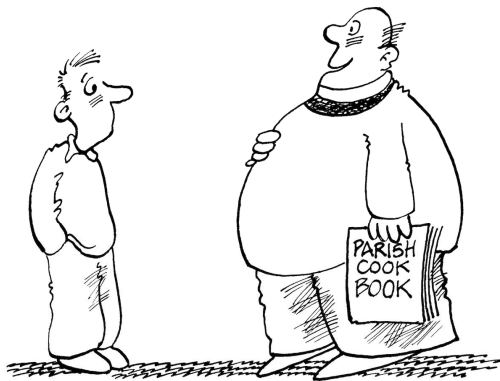
12 August	18.30	R Downes
19 August	10.00	B Buckley

KINGSLEY SIDESPERSONS' ROTA

5 August	10.00	Rosemary Carter & Derek Coupe
26 August	10.00	John Dawson & Robin Graham
2 September	09.30	Audrey Griffiths & Jim Newey
9 September	09.30	Bob & Sharon McClean

CROWTON SIDESPERSONS' ROTA

12 August	10.00	Mr & Mrs B Griffiths
2 September	09.30	Mrs J Wheeldon & Mrs L Trafford
9 September	09.30	Mr & Mrs P Barnham



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before we went to press...

Principal Services August & Early September 2012

Sunday 5th August

10.00 Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 12th August

10.00 Holy Communion (CW)

18.30 Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th August

10.00 Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 26th August

10.00 Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 2nd September

08.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

09.30 Morning Worship

09.30 Holy Communion (CW)

09.30 Holy Communion (CW)

11.15 All Age Service

Sunday 9th September

09.30 Morning Worship

09.30 Holy Communion (CW)

09.30 Holy Communion (CW)

11.15 All Age Service

18.30 Evening Prayer

Trinity 9

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Trinity 10

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