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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Tiddlywinks: held in the Church room every Tuesday (during term time) 10am – 12 noon; a group for children between birth and 5 with their carers to meet in a warm safe environment to play and chat. Coffee, tea, squash, biscuits and cake provided.

Vestry Hour with Rev. Mark Thomson: held in the church room every Wednesday between 6 and 7pm to book Baptisms, Weddings or just to talk to Mark. No appointments needed.

Mid-week Communion: Wednesday at 10 am in church

1st Thursday – Men's group at The Horseshoe (see Rev. Mark)

2nd Wednesday – Ladies group (see Rev. Heather)

Coffee morning – last Friday of the month

50/50 Club

One of our church fund-raisers is the 50/50 club. It costs £12 per year, with half the money going to the church and the other half is prize money. If you would like to join please contact Carole who will pass to Doug & Jean

Recent winners: August: £20 - Mrs KM Halls, £5 - Mark Bamford, September: £20 – Andrea Barker, £5 - Mrs. B. Pick, October: £20 -Jaki Lowder, £5 – Mr. Young

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A View from the Rectory

Dear Friends

I don't often find myself reading from the 1st Book of Chronicles in the Old Testament, but at morning prayer in the middle of September I read the following words: - **“Go and build the sanctuary of the Lord God so that the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the holy vessels of God may be brought into a house built for the name of the Lord.”** 1

Chronicles 22:19

The background to this passage is that King David has established his reign and has led his country to greatness. Now that the kingdom is stable and safe he decides to use this time of peace to build a temple where the Ark of the Covenant can reside. But God sends David a clear message that he is not to build the temple. So here we have King David telling his son Solomon, that he is to build it.

As I read that morning I felt that God was telling me to preach on the following Sunday on this topic in relation to what we have been doing, as a church family and a PCC, in looking at the dreams that we have for our church. I believe that God was saying that we should be prepared to build, alter and change what we do but still keeping to the foundations that have supported our church for centuries. The foundation of our church is the Bible and it will always be at the centre of all that we do in Quarrington. You might recall that one of the first things I did when I came here a year ago was to bring the Bibles that we had in the church room out into church. We need to have the Bible symbolically and **physically** in the centre of the church. The challenge we face is to find the best way to communicate the truth of the Bible to the people around us in a way that is attractive and persuasive.

The American theologian Dr. Dan Hayden observed that all organisations, even large businesses like the Ford Motor Company, need to know understand the times they are living in. Churches are no different. Dr Hayden says that churches need to know the culture of their time and discover the best way to reach that culture,

So how does all this link into the verse from Chronicles that I mentioned earlier? I believe that God was encouraging me to encourage you that we are doing the right thing in reviewing and preparing to change some of what we do as a church. The words “Go and build the sanctuary of the Lord God” doesn't mean going and building a new church building somewhere in the parish. The Lord is saying go and develop a wider community of believers, a bigger church family. **“so that the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the holy vessels of God may be brought into a house built for the name of the Lord.”**

The Ark of the Covenant, I believe is already here, it is the Bible, which will remain at the centre of our worship and our church life. You will know that the Ark of the Covenant contained the foundational part of the Judaism, the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments. Our foundation is the Bible.

Crosby died in 1915 aged 94 and in March 1925, about 3,000 churches throughout the United States observed Fanny Crosby Day to commemorate the 105th anniversary of her birth. This event is still marked in some church in the United States. In 1975 she was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. It is unlikely that there will ever be a complete record of all the hymn lyrics she composed – so far “Hymn Time” has found over 700!

Denzil Shephard

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 21st October – Churchyard clear up 10-12

Friday 27th October – 10 – 12 Coffee morning in Church room

Sunday 29th October – All Souls' Service at 4 pm

Friday 24th November – 10-12 Coffee morning in Church room

Saturday 9th December – Christmas Fair in the Community Centre

Christmas at St. Botolph's

Sunday 3rd December – All Age Worship

Sunday 17th December – 7pm Carol Service

Sunday 24th December – 4 pm Crib Service

Sunday 24th December – 11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Monday 25th December – 10.30 am Christmas Day Communion

We are not holding our own Christingle service this year as there is to be one held in St. Denys on the afternoon of December 3rd. Also Rev. Mark will be sharing the Christingle message in St. Botolph's School in two assemblies one for each Key Stage.

There will be no mid-week communion on Wednesday 27th December

Hymn Story

Fanny Crosby is perhaps the most prolific hymn writer ever, having written (it is claimed) over 8000 hymns and gospel songs. She was so prolific that some of her hymns were written under pseudonyms as it was thought unwise for one person to be credited with so many compositions! Her most famous hymns are probably "To God Be the Glory", "Blessed Assurance", "Rescue the Perishing" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" which even the editors of "The English Hymnal" felt obliged to include.

Fanny Crosby was born in 1820 and could trace her ancestors back to Puritan Settlers. She became blind at the age of 6. When she was 15 she enrolled in the New York Institute for the Blind and she remained there for eight years as a student, and another two years as a graduate pupil, during which time she learned to play the piano, organ, harp, and guitar, and became a good soprano singer. Having left school she actively campaigned in support of education for blind children, an issue that she supported throughout her life. She also wrote popular songs, composed poems, and cantatas, but in 1850 at the age of 30 she had a religious experience which led her to devote herself to the writing of hymns, her work-rate was extraordinary, she often composed seven or eight hymns and day, dictating them to an [amanuensis](#).

She became internationally famous, partly through the work of the American Revivalists Sankey and Moody who included many of her hymns in their "Sacred Songs and Solos". Fanny Crosby remained active in the world of religion and worked tirelessly for rescue missions, work which inspired some of her hymns such as "Rescue the Perishing", "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour" and "Jesus is Tenderly Calling Thee Home". She knew intimately the terrible conditions of the working poor and immigrant communities in New York and campaigned to improve their lot.

She met presidents and kings, but refused honours and gave regular donations to good causes, keeping, as she said "Only what was necessary for daily survival".

View from the Rectory cont.

I think that the "vessels of God" are the people in our community. Remember that in Genesis we read that God made human beings, both male and female, in his own image and he breathed the breath of life, the very Spirit of God into the humans he had created. We are vessels that contain the Spirit and essence of God. We are created in his image and are called to love and obey him. All people are the holy vessels of God and we need to find ways of bringing them to God. The challenge we face is how best can we apply the truth of Scripture in a meaningful way to our generation? How can we best understand the times and adapt to the times without watering down the message? How can we attract people to come and find out about God? It will mean change, but the Church has always changed and adapted. Let us pray for wisdom about what to keep, what to change and what to adapt so that we can build a new sanctuary for the people of the 21st century.

Every Blessing

A Time to Remember

A special service for those who would like to come and remember babies and infants who have died from miscarriage, still birth, abortion, illness or any other circumstances.

Date: November 2nd

Place: Osbournby Parish Church

Time: 7p.m.

All are welcome!

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BAPTISMS: October:: Sofia Tucker November: Evelyn Dawson
December: Phoebe Bostock, Lexie-Jaye Trollope, Eden Grant

WEDDINGS: October: James Jones to Sarah Parkin, Ben Blakah to Paige Colonna December: Peter Sutton to Laura White

FUNERALS:

QUIZ

You may need your bible close by or Google! Answers in the next edition

1. What was the previous job of James and John before they became disciples?
 2. On what road was Paul transformed into a follower of Jesus?
 3. Which Prophet quoted "Those who are for us are more than who are against us" in the Old Testament?
 4. How many Books are there in the Bible, in order
 5. Who wrote the songs "Glory and Honour" and "Come to me you who weary"?
 6. Who had his sight restored to him on the Temple steps by Jesus
 7. Who were the twelve tribes of Israel?
 8. Who were the twelve Disciples?
 9. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?
 10. What are the twelve plagues God set on Pharaoh to let his people go?
In order
 11. Which birds did Noah send out of the Ark first, to find land?
 12. What is a Prayer Warrior?
 13. What does the candy cane represent at Christmas? or why do we have candy canes at Christmas?
 14. What does a wreath represent at Christmas?
 15. What does "Noel" mean in Greek or Hebrew?
 16. What are the six elements of "The Armour of God" and what does each part mean?
 17. Who wrote the Book of Psalms?
 18. What relation was Jacob to Abraham?
- By Claire

What's on in church over the next two months

Sunday 1st October – 11am Harvest Festival – All Age Worship

Sunday 8th October – 11am - Holy Communion

Sunday 15th October – 11am -Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 22nd October – 11am -Holy Communion

Sunday 29th October –11am - Fifth Sunday Celtic worship

Sunday 29th October – 4pm All Souls' Service

Sunday 5th November – 11 am All Age Worship

Sunday 12th November – 10.45pm Service of Remembrance

Sunday 19th November – 11 am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 26th November – 11 am Holy Communion for Christ the King

Parish Directory

At St. Botolph's we strive to be friendly and welcoming to everyone but sometimes we miss out on getting people's contact details, even with our own regular congregation not everyone is easily contactable! So, we are trying compile a parish directory so we are able to contact as many of you as possible. Rev. Mark has sometimes been asked to make visits but has had to ring around to find addresses or telephone numbers! We understand that some of you would not want these details to be public but if they were available to Rev. Mark and the Lay Ministry team it would make visiting much easier. If you have an email address this would be the easiest way to make contact but phone numbers are best for emergencies or need for a quick response. As this is a sensitive area we will need individuals to indicate who they want their details available to: just Rev. Mark, the Lay ministry team, the Churchwardens, the PCC or general congregation.

We will have slips available soon in church to complete and return to Rev. Mark or alternatively contact details can be sent by email to either Mark, Maria (parish administrator) or Carole (all their contact details on back). Once this information has been collated it can be distributed as necessary.