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	All Age Communion	All Saints	1100
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## *From Matthew Stone LLM*



Dear friends,

I don't often reach the top deck of a bus anymore. Maybe I am scared the driver will pull away while I'm ascending the stairs and I will be sent tumbling back down them again! But when I do, the perspective of my world changes, a gift that many high places offer. I can peer over walls into the gardens of neighbours, admire, with a wry smile, the bald patches of pedestrians and look down on gratuitous SUV's which, at any other time, would tower over me at traffic lights. Here on the top deck the world is different, but also seen more clearly; the hidden is revealed, the true scale of things more apparent.

The clutter of the world is below me now, it no longer fusses with its demands and irritations. Mediocrity is no longer a challenge as, perched on my high seat, I can see it for what it is and glide over it, with only the branches of trees and a clearer view of the sky as company.

But suddenly a jolting realisation, aided by the driver as he slams on the brakes, nearly forgetting that red lights really do mean stop. I am again refocused, realising that the world downstairs cannot be extinguished by my elevation. Nor should it be allowed to as it is my home, my ascension is only a schooling meant to guide my real journey back on the lower deck.

This reminds me of an image. It is from the (unintentionally) comical painting by Adriaen van Overbeke, which depicts the ascension of Jesus. It shows his disciples left alone as they stare up at his feet as he disappears into a cloud.

The journey of these disciples in the world will be the future, however, a fact emphasised by the angels in Acts chapter 1 who ask the 'men of Galilee' why they are standing around staring at the sky after Jesus disappears into it. Instead, they imply, there is work to be done here on earth.

So, even though an elevated perspective is an education, transcendent and wise like all truths are, our business still remains within the world. An ascension points to where we can receive this wisdom, as did the final events of Jesus's presence with us. It is a witness for our ministry ahead.

As I descend the steps to the lower deck of the bus, I express my gratitude to the driver that I survived his driving, then step from the doors into the mass and chaos of the street with a new perspective offered by my brief ascension.

With best wishes,

*Matthew*

## Christian Aid Sunday May 11th

For 80 years, Christian Aid has been fighting poverty and injustice. With your support, we've been able to offer hope to communities who need it most. And over these 80 years, we've harnessed something formidable. Something that can't be silenced by injustice. Something that refuses to sit back and watch poverty ravage communities. We call it the unstoppable power of hope.

There will be two services in Harnham celebrating Christian Aid.

9.30am at St George's. Sung Communion with a guest speaker from Christian Aid.

11am at All Saints. A special Family Service which will begin with Fair Trade chocolate tasting linked to a multi-media story of how climate change is affecting cocoa crops in Guatemala and therefore forcing people into poverty.

Revd Becky

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## Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a period of nine days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost. (May 29th - June 8th)

Ascension Day (May 29th) will begin with images and poems of Resurrection in St George's Church at 10am. In the evening there will be a walk up Harnham Slope beginning at All Saints at 6.30pm. All ages and four legged friends welcome. At the top of the slope we will stop for prayers for our city before returning home.

Harnham Parish You Tube channel will have special prayers for Thy Kingdom Come each day.

Do come to worship on Pentecost Sunday (June 8th) in bright colours

Revd Becky

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Harnham Parish APCM will take place in the Harnham Parish Hall on 25th May It will follow a United Service of Holy Communion at 10am.

The Parish Electoral Roll begins from scratch this year - all application forms were to be returned by May 1st. A person who is 16 or over may be on the electoral roll if they are baptised, is a member of the Church of England or a church in communion with the Church of England, and have either lived in the parish for at least 6 months, or if non resident have attended worship for 6 months.

The APCM at 11am will include elections of churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members and a review of the year, including the year end accounts. Copies of the annual review and accounts will be in both churches from 17th May

If you would like to stand for the Parochial Church Council there are application forms in both churches.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Revd Becky

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## The Restoration of Windsor Castle after the 1992 fire - The Inside View

April 2nd brought the second First Wednesday Talk of the year where Harnham resident Chris Watson told us all about one of the events of Queen Elizabeth II's annus horribilis that led to four years of his own sleepless nights.

The 20th November 1992 saw the destruction, by fire, of some key areas of the world's largest and most continuously occupied palaces, Windsor Castle.

Chris described how the fire started and spread through the historic fabric that was mid refurbishment; this was fortuitous as areas of the building, finishes, furniture and exquisite art collection were in storage or protected which ultimately led to them escaping the full impact of the fire.

115 rooms, including nine staterooms, were destroyed in the fire which burned for 15 hours. 4,000 gallons of water (the equivalent of 2 minutes falling over Niagara Falls) were required to quench it; it was advised that it would take ten years to dry out!

The restoration, project managed by Chris, was astonishingly completed in five years from the day of the blaze at a cost of £36.4 million pounds - below the £40 million budget.

Whilst many rooms faithfully recreated more creative licence was agreed in others. To this end St George's Hall was "improved" from the Wyattville design and the fabulous Lantern Room was created. Several gems were discovered during the restoration, such as the mediaeval ceiling to the kitchen and original frescoes in St George's Hall.

4,000 people covering 240 packages of work were involved in the restoration, 28 miles of scaffolding were required, three wheelbarrows of gold leaf were used, 3500 contract instructions were issued with everyone doing their very best work on such a prestigious building.

The original designer of large parts of Windsor Castle in the 1820s, Jeffry Wyattville, has links to the Salisbury area having worked on projects at Phillips House in Dinton, Longleat House, Roche Court and Wilton House. Whilst on the subject of Wilton, we were all rather thrilled to hear that a 52ft x 23ft extra superfine Axminster carpet commissioned by Prince Albert in 1851 survived the blaze as it was under protective plywood from the initial works.

Rhiannon North

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Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time. – Anon

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# Mothers' UNION

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***'Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.'***  
Matthew 28:19

Our planned meeting for the month of May is the ever popular 'Soup and Sweets' Lunch on FRIDAY 23rd where all the donations will go towards the work of the Mothers' Union overseas.

So how will that money be spent?

The ongoing conflicts in Russia and Ukraine and Israel and Gaza make the news headlines almost every day. However, recently the plight of the peoples of Sudan has come to the attention of the media once more following a high-level international conference hosted by Britain's Foreign Secretary, David Lammy.

Sudan's civil war began two years ago and has been called the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Some 30 million people are in desperate need and people are starving as a result of the war.

In Darfur women and children have been particularly impacted with over three million women and girls at risk of gender-based violence and the majority of children lacking access to formal education.

Throughout the two years of conflict the Mothers' Union has remained a beacon of hope particularly in the Diocese of Port Sudan and El Obeid. Port Sudan has become a home for tens of thousands of displaced people, mostly women and children. M U workers visit regularly, leading prayers and, when resources permit, they distribute essential supplies among the women in the camps. They also organise training workshops for the women. In the Diocese of El Obeid despite being in the RSF controlled region and surrounded by conflict Mothers' Union maintains its vital work ensuring the continuation of literacy circles that not only build essential skills but provides emotional support and solidarity. Your donations will help to enable this valuable work to continue.

Dates for your Diary.....

**Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>** The Spirit of Water Flower Festival in the Cathedral where you will see some of the craft work created by members at our April meeting.

**Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12 – 2pm** Parish Hall Soup and Sweets Lunch in aid of M U Overseas work.

**Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 12 noon** Communion Service in the Cathedral

If you require transport, please contact Katharine Callard on 01722 501200.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, visitors always welcome.

With love  
Pat Davidson



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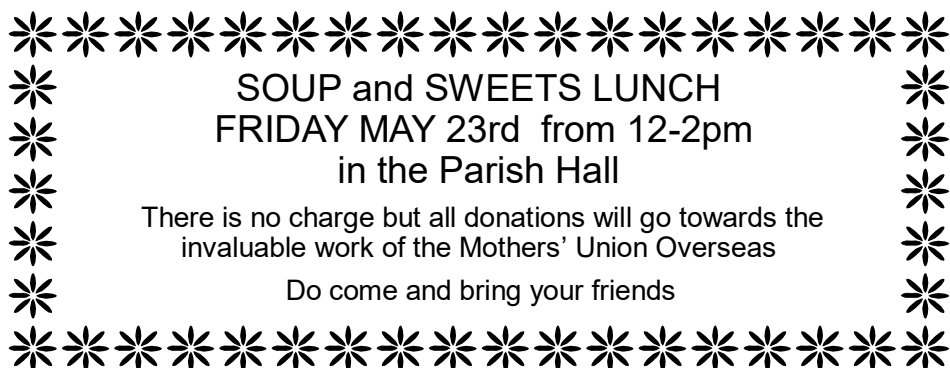



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SOUP and SWEETS LUNCH  
FRIDAY MAY 23rd from 12-2pm  
in the Parish Hall

There is no charge but all donations will go towards the  
invaluable work of the Mothers' Union Overseas

Do come and bring your friends

## HOW VACCINES HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD

After the record attendance of around 70 people at Chris Watson's talk on Windsor Castle, we are delighted that the next First Wednesday Talk on 4 June promises a contrasting but no less fascinating talk by yet another talented resident of Harnham!

Dr Andrew Gorringer has decades of experience as a Scientific Leader at Porton Down, and also latterly as a Visiting Professor at the University of Bath, researching vaccines for diseases including whooping cough and meningitis. But his talk will illustrate more widely and vividly how a range of vaccines have transformed the health of the world's population in so many ways.

So do join us, 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4 June in Harnham Parish Hall. There is no entrance charge, but donations are invited. Donations for the work of the Parish at April's talk reached a magnificent £800. There is always an opportunity over wine or fruit juice in the interval to chat with friends or strangers alike!

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## HARNHAM FILM NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, 7.00 FOR 7.30 PM, HARNHAM SOCIAL CLUB

MAY'S FEATURE IS *JUROR #2*. *Juror #2* is a 2024 American legal thriller film co-produced and directed by Clint Eastwood and written by Jonathan Abrams.

In the film, a man serving on the jury of a high-profile murder trial realises that he may be responsible for the victim's death. Critics say: 'A legal thriller with a heavy conscience, *Juror #2* is ...'another terrific reminder of Clint Eastwood's knack for plain-spoken drama.'

Audiences say: 'A solid courtroom drama with an engaging premise.'

Entry £5 on the door, bar open all evening. If you need free transport, contact Charles Woodd at [harnhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:harnhamcommunity@gmail.com), or ring 07962 213494.

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# HARNHAM COMMUNITY NETWORK

## Annual Meeting: Building Community in Harnham

Thursday 8 May, 7.00 for 7.30 pm,  
Riverside Hotel, Harnham Road

We are delighted to have as Guest Speakers Frogg and Ruby Vitorino Moody, whose subject will be '*The Haunch of Venison and other stories*'.

This will be followed by the HCN's AGM, which will report on the Network's activities and finances for the past year, and elect a Committee to take things forward. Highlights in 2024/5 have included our twice-weekly Coffee and Chat sessions in the Parish Hall, our partnership with Harnham Social Club to launch a monthly Film Night, Harnham Harvest Table all summer, Christmas and Spring Sharing Tables, and enhancing Harnham's Green Corridor by supporting the new hedge by the Parish Hall car park.

All are welcome, free entry, pay bar available. Membership of the Network is free – you can join at [www.harnhamcommunity.org](http://www.harnhamcommunity.org) or on the night. Bring your comments and ideas for future activities.

## Reporting Safeguarding Concerns / Disclosures

In view of recent national reports into Safeguarding and the Church of England, the Salisbury Diocesan Safeguarding Team has been increased to provide greater support to both victims/survivors of abuse and to the parish safeguarding officers. Their contact details have changed to try to ensure that support and advice is available as soon as possible.

The Diocesan contact details are 01722 438651, option 3 or email [safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org) From 5pm Friday to 10pm Sunday, please contact 31:8 on 0303 003 1111 for advice and to report non urgent disclosures For urgent disclosures dial 999 and report to the police and ambulance if required.

The Parish contact details remain the same and there are reporting forms in both churches and the Parish Hall, or you can phone or email me with any concerns on 07909 648 309 or via email at [safeguarding.harnhamchurches@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.harnhamchurches@gmail.com).

If you wish to speak to someone outside of the church, Safe Spaces is an independent organisation which supports victims of church abuse. They can be contacted on 0300 303 1056 and are available

Monday – Friday 9am – 9pm

Saturday 9am – 1pm

Sunday 1pm – 5pm

Further information about their services can be found at their website:  
<https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

Jacqui Brown  
Parish Safeguarding Officer



# FIRST WEDNESDAY TALKS

Harnham Parish Hall, Lower St, Harnham  
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PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF 2025

## **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June:**

HOW VACCINES HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD

*Dr Andrew Gorringe, Visiting Professor, University of Bath*

## **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> August:**

BRITISH PORTRAIT PAINTING FROM ANTONY VAN DYCK TO JOHN

SINGER SARGENT: an overview

*Nicholas Beer*

## **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> October:**

LEARNING FROM NEPAL SINCE 1993

*Joanna Nair*

## **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

LAMBETH PALACE: The historic building and the contemporary Ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury

*Revd Michael Camp*

All the Talks begin at 7.30 pm. No booking is necessary.

There is no entrance charge, but donations are invited.

The funds raised will go towards the work of Harnham Parish.

For further information, please contact Charles Woodd at  
charleswoodd46@gmail.com or on 07962 213494.

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## **Problem solving**

There was an engineer, manager, and a programmer driving down a steep mountain road. The brakes failed and the car careened down the road out of control. Halfway down the driver managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment narrowly avoiding careening off the cliff. They all got out, shaken by their narrow escape from death, but otherwise unharmed.

The manager said, "To fix this problem we need to organise a committee, have some meetings, exchange ideas, develop a solution." The engineer said, "No that would take too long, besides that method never works. I have my trusty pen knife here and will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it." The programmer said, "I think you're both wrong! I think we should all push the car back up the hill and see if it happens again."

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## **Garden produce**

A toddler was found in the garden by the steps, chewing on a slug. After the initial surge of disgust his mother asked, "Well . . . what does it taste like?"

"The worms by the garage," was the reply.

## Christian Aid Week 11-17 May Focus on Guatemala

This year's Christian Aid Week story takes us to Guatemala, a country dealing with the challenge of the climate crisis which is causing erratic weather, leading to crop failures and poverty. Farmers like Aurelia below are helping their communities overcome these challenges. Guatemala faces severe agricultural and developmental issues, with indigenous communities in Alta Verapaz particularly affected by droughts, storms, and industrial plantations. Over half the population works in agriculture, yet it remains a hunger hotspot with children suffering from malnutrition. Guatemala is one of the 10 countries in the world rated most vulnerable to climate emergencies, where fear and uncertainty loom.



### Aurelia Holding Hope in Her Hands

Aurelia, an inspiring Q'eqchi' farmer in the Alta Verapaz region, faces climate challenges that threaten her crops and food security. Despite the extreme weather, she sought solutions through agricultural training provided by a local co-operative/NGO body Congcoop, in turn supported by Christian Aid. Learning to grow climate-resilient crops, produce fertilizer, and build rainwater systems, she now combats the climate crisis while securing her family's food. Aurelia also shares her knowledge with her community, showcasing remarkable resilience and leadership. It is crucial that Congcoop can continue with its support so that more farmers can adapt and thrive amidst changing climate conditions, and this is where our donations can help.

### Unite in Hope with Christian Aid on its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary

For 80 years, Christian Aid has been fighting poverty and injustice, and through generous donations has been able to offer support to communities in crisis. Over eight decades, it has harnessed the formidable and unstoppable power of hope, and today hope is needed more than ever.

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As in previous years, early in the week commencing Sunday 11 May we will be delivering envelopes door-to-door in the parish with suggestions as to how you can give, e.g. electronically with the QR code shown on next page which will take you to the Salisbury Churches' dedicated Christian Aid donation page.

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**PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU FEEL ABLE.**  
All donations will be greatly valued, and will go some way to alleviating the desperate conditions facing people in Guatemala, and in so many other poverty-stricken places around the world.

A speaker from Christian Aid - Charlotte Scott, British Church Relations Manager – will speak at the 9.30am service at St George's on Sunday 11th May. Those volunteers kindly distributing envelopes will be commissioned with a prayer at that service.

Tim Clayden,  
Christian Aid representative for Harnham

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## HARNHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Charity 241196

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 2nd June at 2.30pm

The Trustees of Harnham Memorial Hall invite all Harnham Residents to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Harnham Memorial Hall which will take place at 2.30pm. on Monday 2nd June at the Memorial Hall Watersmeet Road SP2 8JH. If you are a Harnham resident aged 18 or over, you have full voting rights

Mrs J Howles, Hon Secretary Harnham Memorial Hall Trustees

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### Genesis and politicians

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," said the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But you forget," interrupted the politician, "somebody had created the chaos first!"

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### A gracious rival.

Some modern politicians might take a lesson in graciousness from Edward Campbell, the great British statesman of the 1930s. Once when Campbell was opposing Thackeray for a seat in Parliament, the two contenders, in the course of their campaigning, met and engaged in friendly conversation.

On taking leave of his rival, Thackeray remarked: "May the best man win!" "Oh no," Campbell replied, "I hope not – I want to win!"

## Some perks of getting old....

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

You can eat supper at 4 pm.

You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

You can sing along with lift music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Your secrets are safe with your friends –  
because they can't remember them either.

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## It's how you say it....

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

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## The story behind the hymn:

### 'Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord'

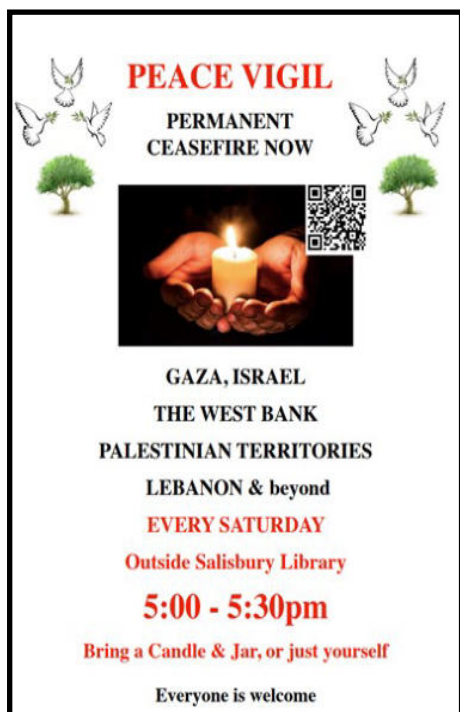
Not many university students are able to write Christian songs which become worldwide hits, but Don Emry Fishel managed it with his Alleluia No. 1. Nearly 50 years on, it is loved and sung by millions of Christians worldwide.

Fishel wrote it in 1971, while he was a student at the University of Michigan and also music leader of a Roman Catholic charismatic community based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These were the days of folk songs and guitars, and Alleluia No. 1 fitted the prevailing mood perfectly. Written in E Major, it is ideal for guitar accompaniment.

Mr Fishel became a freelance flutist, flute instructor and composer. He was Publications Editor for The Word of God and Servant Music for a number of years and then worked in computers for 25 years. In 2008 he moved to Nashville and returned to music, teaching the flute.

Alleluia No 1 was Fishel's first song, written "rather quickly, in about an hour." It had four verses to begin with, but a fifth verse (which became the third verse) was added later, as he prepared for baptism. As Fishel explained, he wanted the line 'We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever' "to be the centre of the song."

Alleluia No. 1 was first published in the UK in Sound of Living Waters, in 1974.



## The bells rang out in England

The bells rang out in England  
And songs of heartfelt joy,  
But 'midst the cheers were bitter tears  
For each lost man and boy.

The six long years of fighting  
Had such a dreadful cost  
In blood and sweat and mortal threat  
And countless lives were lost.

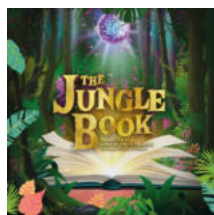
It now, at last, had ended –  
In Europe's shores at least;  
Our people brave feared not the grave  
To slay the Nazi beast.

The lessons learned stayed with us  
For eighty peaceful years.  
Yet now, again, some brutal men  
Are raising wartime fears.

We should be celebrating  
This coming VE Day;  
Yet not at ease, but on our knees  
For lasting peace, we pray.

*By Nigel Beeton  
from Parish Pump website*

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## STAGE 65 YOUTH THEATRE AT 60 Family Event Wednesday 28 May, 7.30 – 8.30 pm Harnham Parish Hall

Stage 65 Youth Theatre, run by Wiltshire Creative, turns 60 this year. They involve children from 6 years old upwards. We are delighted that Youth Theatre Leader Clare Threadgold will be joining us to introduce Stage 65 and celebrate young people past and present. Her talk will also include exclusive sneak peeks into their upcoming production, *The Jungle Book*, adapted by Sonali Bhattacharyya. *The Jungle Book* is playing at Salisbury Playhouse from 23rd – 26th July.

All are welcome to the evening, but we particularly hope that as it's May half-term, young families and teenagers will be able to come. There's no entrance charge. Any donations will go to support the work of Harnham Parish. So please spread the word.



## Remembering VE Day – 80 years on

80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30<sup>th</sup> April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4<sup>th</sup> May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony, in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7<sup>th</sup> May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday. He dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11<sup>th</sup> May, and on 25<sup>th</sup> May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were “inexcusably” massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.

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Our Lord is risen from the dead!  
Our Jesus is gone up on high!  
The powers of hell are captive led,  
Dragged to the portals of the sky.

*Charles Wesley*

# What's the Big Idea? -

## An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament

### Ecclesiastes

*'Meaningless! Meaningless!'* This is how the book of Ecclesiastes begins (1:2), as it examines the futility of human experience *'under the sun'*. The author is named as *'The Teacher'* (1:1, Hebrew *qoheleth*), traditionally identified with King Solomon. Although focusing on life in the physical world, the book ends with, *'Fear God and keep his commandments'* (12:13).

Ecclesiastes reminds us of the limitation of human wisdom, which cannot find meaning and purpose without God:

Our strivings *'under the sun'* can only lead to disillusionment (1:5–11). Therefore, we need to accept the life God gives us and enjoy it to the full.

Wisdom is given to those who please God (2:26). Such wisdom cannot solve all problems (1:16–18), or secure enduring reward (2:12–17). We cannot control our immediate future, resulting in uncertainty (6:12), and there are difficult questions about life and death itself (9:1–3). In response, we need to understand our human limitations before God.

God has ordered all things in their time; things we cannot change or fully anticipate: *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven'* (3:1–15).

However, the world is not fundamentally chaotic or irrational, as it is ordered by God: *'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.'* (3:11). We should remember our Creator when we are young before the infirmities of advanced age stop us from enjoying the good things of life (12: 1-8).

In summary, Ecclesiastes shows us how to live meaningfully and joyfully by placing God at the centre of our life, while trusting and obeying our Creator.

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## Word Search

This year is the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Athanasius is the theologian behind that creed, and his Feast Day falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, and entered the ministry. He was 29 years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first great ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325. There he saw the Council debate the Person of Christ. How was He the Son of God and also Man? Did He really exist before He was born? If we worship Him, does that mean that we are worshipping two Gods?

When the heresy of Arius, which taught that Christ was not divine and not eternal, later threatened the church, Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of 17 years in flight and hiding.

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism (lessening of the Person of Christ.)



### FIND THESE WORDS

Athanasius	Scholarship
Nicene	Church
Creed	State
Theologian	Exiled
Egypt	Flight
Council	Hiding
Bishop	Triumph
Debate	Christology
Christ	Alexandria
Person	Christology
Worship	From
Divine	Light
Eternal	True
Begotten	One
God	Substance
	Devotion

## All in the month of May

It was

150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875 that Alexandra Palace in London was officially opened. It became the home of BBC television in 1935.

125 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1900 that. during the Second Boer War, the 217-day Siege of Mafeking was relieved by 2000 British forces and South African volunteers. Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, who led the forces defending Mafeking during the siege, became a national hero, and later founded the Scouting movement.

90 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1935 that T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) died in a motorcycle accident, aged 46.

Also 90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1935 that Sir Frank Watson Dyson, British Astronomer Royal (1910-33) died. He introduced the Greenwich time signal (the 'pips') and also, helped to prove Einstein's theory of general relativity.

80 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1945 that German radio announced the death of Adolf Hitler. It was reported he had died a hero's death fighting, but in fact he had committed suicide.

Also 80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 that VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of WW2. It was celebrated as a public holiday.

75 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1950 that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone. (Also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)

50 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1975 that Dibble's Bridge Coach Crash in Hebden, North Yorkshire took place. 32 people were killed and 13 injured when a coach's brakes failed on a steep hill. It remains the worst road accident in the UK, by fatalities.

40 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1985 that the Heysel Stadium Disaster took place in Brussels. 39 football fans were crushed to death during rioting at the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus.

30 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1995 that the World Health Organisation (WHO) published its first annual survey of global health.

25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that Ken Livingstone became the first Mayor of London.

Also 25 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that Vladimir Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia.

15 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 that the British General Election resulted in a hung parliament. A coalition government was formed on 11<sup>th</sup> May by the Conservative Party leader, David Cameron, and the Liberal Democrat party leader, Nick Clegg.

10 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015, that the Republic of Ireland became the first country to hold a referendum on whether same-sex marriage should be legalised. It voted to approve, and same-sex marriage became legal in Ireland from that November.

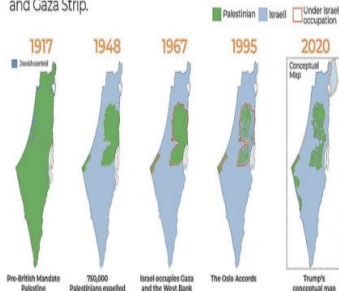
# LAMENTATIONS for Nakba Day

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Thursday 15th May 7pm for 7.30pm

## Palestinians expelled

In 1948, Zionist military forces expelled at least **750,000** Palestinians and captured 78 percent of historic Palestine. The remaining 22 percent was divided into the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



We welcome to All Saints Church Rev Canon Jonathan Herbert, Hammadi Charif, Miranda Pinch, Rev Hilary Bond and Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury to lead reflections on the Nakba - it means catastrophe - of 1948 and subsequent events in Israel Palestine.

What is it really like to live in the Holy Land today? All our speakers have either visited within the last year or have direct connections with people who live there - in Jerusalem, in Bethlehem, in the Occupied Territories or at The Tent of Nations.

People of all faiths and none are welcome.

Simple refreshments - Zaytoun fair-trade produce stall

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## CATS & CAMELS

PIGEONS, Heavy Horses and regimental mascots we might have expected in a talk about *Animals in War*. But Phil Whitmore not only told us much more about the importance of what these creatures were trained to do on our behalf, but also shared historic and contemporary references to camels, elephants, messenger dogs, rat-catching cats on board ships, bullocks, whales, dolphins and dogs trained to sniff out landmines and IED's.

Phil's talk followed Spire u3a's AGM when Officers were elected to serve in the coming year. Peter Read, Enid McLoughlin and Pennie Hardisty were thanked for previous service on the committee and Dave Chapell and Michael Stroud were welcomed to strengthen the Comms Team.

SPIRE u3a, based in Harnham, is far from being a one-off: it is part of a single collective movement with branches across the world. The golden thread running through the entire movement - the common areas of interest, the shared challenges, the desire to make social connections and create learning opportunities - is the glue that holds us together.

Next meeting Monday 12 May 10.30am. Doors open 10am for refreshments

Guest speaker - Gillian White Medieval historian

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May 16th Plants that deserve to be better known

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## Parish Prayer Diary for May

- 4 Harnham PCC and its various committees  
All the newly elected Local and County Councillors  
Bouverie Avenue and Bouverie Close
- 11 Christian Aid Week  
Mental Health Awareness Week  
Francis Way and Godley Close
- 18 The sports groups that meet in Harnham  
Bouchers Way and Woodbury Gardens
- 25 Puddleducks Playgroup  
St Andrew's, St Michael and All Angels and St John's, Bemerton  
Swiftown, Swallowmead and Wrenscroft

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### Prayer for Ascension Day

Dear God, our loving, sending and almighty Father, Thank you that because Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, You were able to send your Holy Spirit to empower Your disciples then and today. That, equipped by that same Spirit, we can confidently work for Your kingdom to come on earth, as in heaven.

Lord, in these strange, topsy-turvy days, where earthly rulers terrify and destroy and disappoint, we rejoice that You are the Sovereign Lord of all things, and all times, and all places.

*You, our God and Father, truly reign. We are Your people. We are secure within Your love and protection. Thank you that at the name of Jesus every knee shall ultimately bow – and we pray, thankfully in His name, Amen.*

*By Daphne Kitching  
from Parish Pump website*

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### Special opportunity for prayer and learning during Eastertide.

A final meditation and creativity afternoon about Resurrection will take place on May 2nd in the Parish Field View Meeting Room from 2pm-3.30pm.

We will reflect on a short bible passage using creative paints and chalks.

All welcome.

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Triumphant, Christ ascends on high,  
The glorious work complete;  
Sin, death and hell low vanquished lie  
Beneath His awful feet.

*by Anne Steele  
from Parish Pump website*





## MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate  
did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife  
who lied to God?

and

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into  
the streets so that when Peter  
came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

How long had Aeneas  
been paralysed for?

years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?  
in the

Acts 9:36-42



"And the word  
of God  
continued to  
increase,  
and the number  
of the disciples  
multiplied  
greatly."  
Acts 6:7

E L P R A I S I N G M H  
B E A U T I F U L M I T  
S A R W S A P P H I R A  
A P A C R I P P L E A B  
N I L W O N D E R S C I  
A N Y P W D I R A I L T  
N G S R A A E R L C E H  
I H E A L E D O I K S A  
A K D Y K N F O V I L L  
S Y P E T E R M E D E B  
L I E D L A M E I G H T  
G S I G N S S H A D O W

After Jesus  
ascended into  
heaven, the  
Holy Spirit  
came upon  
the Apostles  
and Peter was  
able to perform  
many miracles  
in Jesus' name.  
**See the book  
of ACTS**



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CRIPPLE • LAME • WALK • LEAPING • PRAISING • LIED • DIED • SICK  
AENEAS • PARALISED • TABITHA • ILL • PRAYED • ALIVE

Find the words from the questions too!

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## READINGS FOR MAY

- |    |   |                |
|----|---|----------------|
| 4  | <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b><br>Revelation 5:11-end        | John 21:1-19   |
| 11 | <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b><br>Revelation 7:9-end         | John 10:22-30  |
| 18 | <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b><br>Revelation 21:1-6          | John 13:31-35  |
| 25 | <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b><br>Revelation 21:10,22-22:1-5 | John 14:23-29  |
| 29 | <b>Ascension Day</b><br>Acts 1:1-11                       | Luke 24:44-end |

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## WHATS ON IN MAY (E&OE)

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Meeting Room 1000 -1200  
Wellbeing Walks (30mins) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10am from Parish Hall

FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES SEE I/S FRONT COVER

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|-------|--|---------------|
| 1     | Local and County Council Elections                                 |               |
| 2     | Eastertide meditation and creativity event in Meeting Room         | 1400          |
| 8     | HCN Talk and AGM at The Riverside                                  | 1900 for 1930 |
| 8     | Pause for Prosecco in Parish Hall Meeting Room                     | 1930          |
| 11-17 | CHRISTIAN AID WEEK   |               |
| 11    | Special services see page 4  |               |
| 11    | Messy Church in Parish Hall  | 1500          |
| 12    | Spire u3a Meeting in Memorial Hall                                 | 1000 for 1030 |
| 13-18 | Cathedral Flower Festival  |               |
| 15    | Lamentations for Nakba Day at All Saints (see p21)                 | 1900 for 1930 |
| 16    | Harnham Garden Society in Memorial Hall                            | 1900 for 1930 |
|       | Speaker Katherine Crouch. 'Plants that deserve to be better known' |               |
| 19    | Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall                                | 2000          |
|       | Aromatherapy Demonstration   |               |
| 20    | Harnham WI AGM in Parish Hall                                      | 1900          |
| 21    | Harnham Film Night at Harnham Social Club. Juror#2                 | 1900 for 1930 |
| 23    | MU Soup and Sweets Lunch in Parish Hall                            | 1200-1400     |
| 25    | Service and Annual Parochial Church Meeting                        | 1000          |
| 27    | MU Diocesan Communion Service in Cathedral                         | 1200          |
| 27    | Magazine Collation in Meeting Room                                 | 1330          |
| 28    | Stories and games for families on Parish Hall Field                | 1000-1200     |
| 29    | ASCENSION DAY  |               |
|       | 'Thy Kingdom Come' begins (continues until June 8th)               |               |
|       | Stations of the Resurrection at St George's (see p4)               | 1000          |
|       | Walk up Harnham Slope. Meet at All Saints                          | 1830          |
| JUNE  |  |               |
| 1     | Community Tea in Parish Hall                                       | 1500-1700     |
| 2     | Memorial Hall AGM Watersmeet Road                                  | 1430          |
| 4     | First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall (see p9)                       | 1930          |

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