

St Bart's



July, 2017



Services

Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion (with hymns)

Thursday 10.00 Holy Communion (said)

A warm welcome to all who worship with us.

After the service coffee is served.



Priest-in-charge

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Dear Friends,

Here for us

The Christian Year starts on Advent Sunday. Consequently, my Church Desk Diary for 2017 started on 27th November 2016 ! Our Common Lectionary - the schedule of readings we use in church - is a three year cycle: Year A concentrates on Matthew's gospel; Year B Mark; Year C Luke; and with John interspersed with all three where appropriate.

This is Year A and I am mindful of the verse towards the end of Matthew's gospel where, before he ascends up into heaven, Jesus leaves his disciples with this promise:

'And remember, I am with you always till the end of the age.'

(28 v20)

I can't think of anything better - the knowledge that we are not being left on our own; the certainty that God, in the person of his Son, not only loves us enough to have died for us but is sufficiently careful of our wellbeing to be here for us no matter what, no matter when, not least when we might need him most.

And that is surely what it means to love: to be mindful of someone, to recognise their needs and to be there for them when they have need of us. Sadly, not all of us are lucky enough to have such friends and I am aware that, over time, those close to us can move away, move on and forget that once we were important to them.

But if St Bart's is the kind of church I hope we are, then I trust that we can express our love for God by the way we treat our neighbours in the way that we would like to be treated ourselves.

Father Gareth



Notices

➤ **Deadline** for submission of material for the August edition of St Bart's is *midday on Thursday 27th July*

➤ **Church Finances for May**

Income: 3,703€ Expenditure: 4,292€



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**English-speaking meeting
Tuesdays at 6.00p.m.
(first Tuesday in the month - an open meeting)**

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St Bartholomew's Church

Stewardship renewal programme

There is no membership fee to belong to the Church so each of us needs to decide how much we give. As members of the Christian community, we can make that decision through prayer and the understanding of our special relationship with God. It is the need of the giver to give rather than the Church to receive.

Giving to our Church is part of Christian Stewardship which includes giving time, talent and money.

Each of us can afford to give away some of our money. Be it the small sum or the millionaire's trust fund. St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians said, 'Every Sunday, each of you must put aside some money in proportion to what has been earned.'

Giving is a grateful response to God and his unconditional love. When people feel that they are part of something good and important they want to participate and it does become contagious !

Your generous giving allows St Bart's to continue to serve God through our Church. Stewardship is not only a responsibility of the

present but most importantly for the future. My hope would be that our work now will guard this "bijou de Dinard" for those who will seek a place to worship, a community, that we will be able to make Christ known and to offer pastoral care in Dinard and further afield.

WHY GIVE ?

You are part of something important . . . we are the generators of the income that helps to ensure that the precious legacy of St Bart's is supported.

Comments, questions and information about alternative ways of giving to: stbartsnews@gmail.com

Thank you for considering this project.

Carolyn Hewitt



The Friends of St Bartholomew's

Just to remind you that your subscription to the Friends needs to be renewed this month. It remains unchanged - a minimum of **20€/£16** for an individual or **30€/£24** for a couple.

Our AGM is after church on Sunday 23rd July at 12.00.

Ian Phillips

Treasurer



'Judas Iscariot – Redeemed ?' Last Supper

Our last supper,
thirteen together
one last time,
a Passover meal
we eat at table
in an upper room
in Jerusalem.

Jesus disrobes,
washes our feet,
our servant king !

The meal ends
with him breaking bread
and sharing the wine.

The one he says
is his body,
broken for us.

The other he says
is his blood,
shed for us.

He gives his life for us.
His life force empowers us.

Then he says

it's time for me to go
and do what I must do.

And so I go
out into the night,
my heart heavy
that I need to do
the will of God
by handing over
one I've so admired,
so loved
doing the will of God
willingly unwilling.



Warsaw to Kiev: 'Therr ees problem'

Footsteps echoed lonely in the concrete hallways of Warsaw main station that chilly spring evening. Hardly anyone was about except two British middle-aged hippies with all their kit strapped to their backs in rucksacks that had seen a lot of different lands. At the ticket window the fun started. We had Europe rail passes. We wanted a booking on the night train to Kiev.

It was the early nineties; the Berlin Wall hadn't long been down; the euro was a twinkle in Jacques Delors' eye. Yesterday we'd cashed a 100 deutsche Mark travellers cheque and walked away, złoty millionaires.

My Polish didn't run to booking train seats. The clerk didn't speak English and couldn't (or wouldn't) speak German. Or French. The common language we discovered wasn't one I'd have bet on: Italian.

The train lumbered out of a dark, dim Warsaw with us in the top two couchettes, our rucksacks stowed. We dozed our way eastwards through Poland, travelling hopefully towards the border with Ukraine. By the time the train jolted to a halt, we were actually sleeping. Time check. Two in the morning. We heard the boots of the frontier guards, clunking along the corridor, we heard one

compartment door after another slide open; pause; then slide shut again.

Our turn. The door slid open. Glancing down sleepily from our top two couchettes, we saw a lad hardly over twenty: full army uniform, Kalashnikov slung on his back. He checked the bottom two people's passports. Then the middle ones. Then we handed ours down from the top.

Frowning, the lad with the AK leafed through our passports, the old stiff-board blue type. He leafed carefully through them again. He looked up, young face troubled.

'Therr ees problem.'

Problem ? How could there be a problem ? Even in those days you didn't need visas for Poland, and we'd got our Ukrainian visas stamped good and clear in both passports. For heaven's sake, we'd *paid* for them !

But we weren't in Ukraine. Sure, Poland has a border with Ukraine. What we hadn't reckoned on was that in the days when Poland was a Moscow satellite and Ukraine part of the Soviet Union, the train

from Warsaw to Kiev ran through Belarus. For Belarus, we needed a visa.

And to get one, we were being thrown off the train - however apologetically - by the lad with the AK. Minutes later, we were in the cold, early-morning air of a Belarus station platform, breath misting as our train trundled away. With our rucksacks still on it.

TO BE CONTINUED

David Boggis



Note of concern ?

*Heard on 'The Today' programme on the 9th June,
the day after last month's General Election in the UK:*

George Osborne, editor of the London Evening Standard and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that there was 'a lot of dismay in the Conservative cabinet.'



Our Church roof

Back in France at Easter as usual, but this time on a six-month sabbatical from the Cider Group of Churches where I minister in Herefordshire, I knew something serious had happened when a Church Warden from St Bartholomew's, Much Marcle, rang me.

On the night of the Monday 24th April, thieves stripped £10,000 worth of lead off the roof, on this occasion they didn't complete the task. Possibly the alarm fitted in 2008, after the south aisle was stripped of lead during an earlier raid, did activate at some stage, or they were disturbed. The sheets of lead remaining have been damaged, creased and folded back - it will all need replacing. Lead is heavy, cumbersome, and the roof a vast area. It must have taken several people some considerable time to achieve this, and no-one in nearby houses heard a thing. Some sheets of lead dropped into the graveyard from the roof have damaged two graves that date back to the late Georgian period.

The full cost of the repair is not yet known and we are waiting for satisfactory answers from the alarm installers to various questions we have made, before we can progress. The emergency plastic sheeting and tarpaulins rattle and shift in the wind and they leak - to the despair of the overworked Church Wardens who daily mop the

walls and the floors. The wardens live at a distance and this requires constant vigilance and is time-consuming. Wet textiles (including some of mine) have been removed for conservation; heating is a waste of time, and the interior is cold and damp ! The wardens and chairman have spent endless days writing letters and completing the necessary forms/applications to the various bodies. We are hoping to install CCTV and, with permission, replace the lead with coated stainless steel, which requires agreement by the Insurers, the Diocese, the Historical Church Society and English Heritage. Then, of course, we must wait for the roofers who will be on contract elsewhere. It takes many, many months. Meantime, the fabric of the church gets colder and colder. It's an awful mess and very distressing to see. Everyone is exhausted.

This precious, medieval church has Crusader effigies, numerous monuments, the "Blanche Mortimer" tomb and some of the finest stained glass. The roof of another Church nearby was attacked the following night, just another one in a spate of lead roof attacks throughout the Midlands during recent months, a crime that is on the increase.

Churchill said at the outbreak of the Second World War, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, sweat and tears". Dear friends, this

is a travesty and tragedy of some magnitude, but with God's help, we will survive, and recover. Please pray for us - thank you.

Hilary Underwood



Evil

Live backwards

Life negated

Wilfully wicked

Harmful

Selfish

Uncreative

Unrepentant

Undoing good



**In Dinard
on holiday**

Afternoon
on the beach
in the sun
shirtless
barefoot
boys in shorts
footballing



Letting go

I attended two of Father Gareth's Bible Studies for Lent, one of which was on forgiveness. I came away thinking that we all have short-comings, imperfections and faults. But what is beautiful is that when we realize that we have faults, we can encounter the mercy of God who always forgives.

Reflection:

Whom is God asking you to forgive ?

Someone in Church, your family, your friends, yourself.

James Laurence McCormack



In print

Spotted by David Boggis then forwarded to us

Sub-headline from The New Yorker, May 8th, 2017:

'How a poultry company exploits immigration laws'

Sounds like fowl play to me.



La fable du bénévole

*This joke was sent to me by Michael Frankel -
a good test of your French and your sense of humour*

Un jour, un fleuriste se rendit chez le coiffeur pour se faire couper les cheveux. Après sa coupe, il demanda combien il devait. Le coiffeur répondit: "c'est gratuit, je fais du bénévolat cette semaine". Le fleuriste s'en alla tout content. Le lendemain, en ouvrant sa boutique, le coiffeur trouva à sa porte une carte de remerciements et une douzaine de roses.

Plus tard, c'est le boulanger qui se présenta pour se faire couper les cheveux. Quand il demanda à payer, le coiffeur lui dit : "Je ne peux accepter d'argent, cette semaine, je fais du bénévolat". Heureux, le boulanger s'en alla tout content. Le lendemain, il déposa à la porte du coiffeur une demi-douzaine de croissants, avec un mot de remerciements.

Puis, ce fut le député du coin qui se présenta. Lorsqu'il voulut payer, le coiffeur lui répondit : « Mais non, cette semaine c'est gratuit, je fais mon bénévolat. » Très heureux de cette aubaine, le député quitta la boutique.

Le lendemain, quand le coiffeur arriva pour ouvrir, une douzaine de députés et de sénateurs attendaient en ligne pour se faire couper les cheveux gratuitement.

Voilà, la différence fondamentale entre les citoyens de ce pays et les politiciens qui nous gouvernent. Et il paraît que dans la file, il y avait même des chauves ! Si, si !



No joke

Better

to make a joke

than be a joke



Odd Words

'Malevolent'

The last play I produced at Davenant Foundation Grammar School back in 1977 was 'Twelfth Night'. One of the characters is Olivia's steward, Malvolio, aptly named by Shakespeare because, at heart, he is simply not that nice and, in part, deserves how Maria and Sir Toby Belch treat him.

Malvolio, malevolent, have the same root in the Latin - bad-wishing. Given the recent terrorist attacks in the UK and here in France, I ask myself the question whether such indiscriminate acts of violence are rooted in the hearts and minds of those who perpetrate them: of their seeing others as enemies, as people not like themselves, whom they can hate because they are different from them, informed by different values and therefore without value.

Jesus summarises the Jewish law (the Torah) in two positive commands: love of God and love of neighbour as we love ourselves. In the same chapter of the book of Leviticus where the command to love our neighbours which Jesus is quoting is written, is also the command to love the stranger (19 v34). If we do truly respect the

outsider (the word in Hebrew is 'ger'), then surely there would be no room for malevolence in our hearts ?

Gareth Randall



Film Review of the Month

'D.A.R.Y.L.' - Simon Wincer 1985

It's Saturday morning. There's a pile of shirts to iron. Why did I wear so many clerical shirts this week? Too early for decent TV to watch while I iron so it has to be a DVD. I go to the book case where my DVDs are kept and scan the titles. I get as far as D. 'D.A.R.Y.L.' - I haven't seen that in years.

My memory tells me the first time that I saw it was on a plane coming back from a school trip to India or China but my memory is not as good as it used to be. Is anyone's? Still 'D.A.R.Y.L.' was/is good no matter when I first saw the film or where that might have been, and the reviewing is well worth a review.

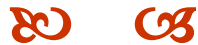
So what can I say? That 'D.A.R.Y.L.' is a feel-good film. Sci Fi family entertainment set in contemporary America. A great story about a boy, Daryl (Barret Oliver) who's lost, lost his memory, lost his parents, lost his friends but is extraordinarily talented. In his foster parents, he finds a mum (Mary Beth Hurt) and a dad (Michael McKean) who offer him a home and love and a chance to excel - batting at baseball and playing the piano. And in his friend, Turtle

(Josef Summer), he finds someone who teaches him how boys his age should behave !

But there is a dark side to 'D.A.R.Y.L.': who exactly is he; what exactly is he; and the villains who seek to undo him, thereby bringing the film to an action-packed climax.

Well I liked it and I'm guessing, if ever you do have a chance to watch it, you'd like it too. If you do or if don't, let me know.

Gareth Randall



Questions

'Taxi - Cab' ?

(Fare enough)

Sitting in Haute Cloque having lunch with David Norris and Richard Finch, the food and conversation are first-class.

Taxi or cab ? What do we use, David asks, and why. The former more modern; the latter more posh. Why ? No idea; but I offer to go and check it out in my Brewers Dictionary and sure enough there I find:

'**T**axi, short for *taximeter*, is the accepted term for a motor-cab, which takes its name from the meter which was installed on French horse-drawn cabs or *fiacres* long before motor-cabs appeared on the road. In Britain it only became common with the introduction of motor-cabs and was thus associated with them.'

Then, to my trusty OED, to look up 'taximeter' which I discover comes from the French (1895) 'taxe' i.e. tariff and is defined as 'an automatic contrivance fitted in a cab, etc, to indicate to the passenger at any point the distance traversed and the fare due.' Don't you love the turn of phrase just used - well posh !

So, in short, the word we used used to be cab but by 1907, colloquially taxi comes into use - an abbreviation showing how modern and trendy you could have been at the turn of the Twentieth Century.

Gareth Randall

PS The OED notes that in 1914 the verb, to taxi, could either mean 'to run along the ground before taking off or after alighting.'



Godly humour 3/3

Barry Jordan's son, Nathan, sent us this treat for after Easter !

Desperate for a child, a couple asked their priest to pray for them. "I'm going on sabbatical to Rome," he replied. "I'll light a candle in St. Peter's for you."

When the priest returned three years later, he found the wife was heavily pregnant, expecting triplets. Elated, the priest asked to speak to her husband to congratulate him.

"He's gone to Rome to blow out that candle!"



A matter of choice

A vegan diet to a meat eater: -
re pulse ?



From the lectern 4/10

Bill Hughes, one of two Church Wardens, usually has an anecdote to share at the end of his notices. If you missed one or would like to enjoy it again, then this mini series is for you.

A man arrived at the Pearly Gates and St Peter said to him, "Before I let you in, you need to tell me about the most courageous thing you've ever done."

"I was walking home when I saw a bunch of louts bullying a disabled girl so I went up to them and told them to leave her alone."

"Really, when did that happen?"

"About two minutes ago."



Little gems 6/11

Sent to us by Peter Campbell

Sign in a driving school:

If your wife wants to learn to drive,
don't stand in her way!



Quotations of the month

Nobody realises that some people expend tremendous energy
merely to be normal

Albert Camus



Definitions of Wisdom in French 6/6

Michael Frankel sent me these little gems

Sur une vieille chemise de retraité une phrase est écrite :

"Je ne suis pas un ancien de 70 ans...

Je suis un jeune de 16 ans,

avec 54 années d'expérience. "

C'est ça L'ATTITUDE et le POSITIVISME



What Father Gareth hasn't said yet 6/11

Word play from David Norris.

Velcro.

What a rip-off !

Wise Words

Quotations and quips, submitted by the late Donald Soum.

A gaffe is when a politician says what he really believes

Bruce Anderson

When political ammunition runs low, the rusty artillery of abuse is wheeled into action.

Adlai Stevenson

A gentleman is a man who is only rude when he intends to be.

Winston Churchill



Crackers 6/11

Snippets from Xmas Crackers given me by Jim MacCormack

What might happen if you step on a grape ?

A little whine ?



Readings in church

July 2nd Third Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 22 v1 - 14
 Psalm 89 v8 - 18
 Romans 6 v12 - end
 Matthew 10 v40 - end

July 9th Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24 v34 - 38, 42, 49, 58 - 67
 Psalm 45 v10 - 17
 Romans 7 v15 - 25a
 Matthew 11 v16 - 19, 25 - 30

July 16th Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 25 v19 - end
 Psalm 119 v105 - 112
 Romans 8 v1 - 11
 Matthew 13 v1 - 9, 18 - 23

July 23rd Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28 v10 - 19a
 Psalm 139 v1 - 11
 Romans 8 v12 - 25
 Matthew 13 v24 - 30, 36 - 43

July 30th Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 29 v15 - 28
 Psalm 105 v1 - 11
 Romans 8 v26 - end
 Matthew 13 v31 - 33, 44 - 52



Diary dates for July and August, 2017

20 th July	10.30 Council Meeting
23 rd July	12.00 Friends AGM
20 th August	11.00 Patronal Festival



Verse of the Month

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. *Isaiah 43:16*



Book of Common Prayer

'Quotation of the month' - 15/20

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for the 2nd Sunday in Lent



Prayer of the month

Almighty Father

whom truly to know is eternal life

teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ

as the way, the truth, and the life:

that we may follow the steps

of your holy apostles Philip and James

and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Philip and James



Prayer focus

Holidays and holiday-makers

