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"Mike composes all his sermons on his iPhone – he uses something called Predictable Text..."

Fr. Mark Writes

Ultimate Questions and the Search For Happiness

“Becoming aims at nothing and achieves nothing”, wrote German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. Basically, Nietzsche is saying that life, even existence, has no purpose.

In answering the question, “Does life have a purpose?” Richard Dawkins responds that “nature is not cruel, only pitilessly indifferent”. In Dawkins’ view, there can be no purpose to life, beyond the perpetuation of small collections of molecules, over a limited period of time, before even that becomes impossible. And if there is no purpose to life and existence, then there is no such thing as good (or evil); there are no rights or wrongs – it doesn’t ultimately matter what we say or do - according to this view, there is no love, no hate, no joy, nor despair either. Whilst there are no negatives, there are no positives either: it is an utterly bleak view of things. I think that this view jars with most human beings - who just want to scream out that this point of view makes absolutely no sense at all.

Now whatever your view on either of these two quotations - whether you agree or disagree with them - I’m sure we can all unite around the fact that both Nietzsche and Dawkins have spent many, many years of their existence answering the questions, “Does life have a purpose?”, or “What is the nature of existence?”

They’ve taken a view on it, and come to a conclusion. Let’s respect that. But the need *to ask the question*, at all, is perhaps the most remarkable thing. It seems that virtually every human being on the planet does indeed ask themselves, at some point in their lives, “What is the nature of existence?”, or “Does life have a purpose?”

The theologian Paul Tillich says that human beings are often obsessed with day-to-day matters, but that almost all keep returning to the questions of ‘ultimate concern’.

For Christians, God **is** the answer.

For Nietzsche, God is not the answer, but he was still drawn, as though by an invisible wire, to asking the question anyway - even though he said it was all a waste of time! As Christians, perhaps we’re tempted to gently point out, in that case, that he spent a large part of his adult life answering a non-question, a question he believed shouldn’t be asked, and whose answer, when it was, was often unpalatable to him!

For all people on the planet, it seems that there is a genuine inbuilt need to ask these 'ultimate questions'. People of faith, which make up by far the largest percentage of the human species, and always have done, of course, believe that the question is not only sensible - but that it has an answer! There is a point to the universe. There is a purpose in life! It is meaningful to make judgements about whether something we do is good or not! What we do in our lives is important, and it is worthwhile to love and to care for others! There is a God!

Let us play Devil's Advocate for a time, and assume, for a few fleeting moments, that there is no God. Even assuming that people of faith are incorrect in their belief, there are tangible rewards from being part of a faith community. Wherever you go in the world, you have an in-built group of people who are willing to accept you, whatever you may have done in life, whatever you've got wrong. People who will take you in, and care for you. People who will love you, unconditionally. Family. You may get significant psychological benefits too, not just from being loved and cared for by a community, but from the meditative, quietening aspects of prayer. Your spirits may be lifted by great music and liturgy, worship, and through participating in something larger than yourself. It is not always the case, but *usually* the health and psychological benefits to people of 'religion' are clear and enormous.

But, returning to real life, putting aside the Devil's Advocate role, we, as Christians are not doing it for these reasons. We're doing all this, believing what we do, because of something greater than ourselves - prompting us from within - to do what we do. We may not be able to describe it eloquently - but it feels right to do what we are doing. It feels right to know that in a world of relative values, there are some immovable points by which to navigate. It feels right to offer our praise. It feels right to love others, as we ourselves would wish to be loved. It feels right to worship a God of Love. It feels right that there is someone out there who is greater than ourselves and all that we can imagine.

So when we, as Christians, ask ourselves the inevitable questions that are within all humans, "Does the universe have a purpose?", "What is the meaning of life?" - we Christians are not overcome by bleakness and despair. To us, the universe makes sense. We don't have to deny the existence of the question within us. We don't have to force the question from our minds on the spurious grounds that it makes no sense.

In company with all the people of faith who have walked this planet over the millennia, we don't have to ignore the question or its validity. Instead, we can rejoice in it!

And for people of more mature faith, we can rejoice in the idea that the question has been put there in order to encourage exploration - to seek out God.

It may be hard for some of us to articulate what we believe about God, or why we are Christians, if asked by someone in conversation.

But turn the question around, and the alternative of being without God, in a universe that makes no sense; with people who have no sense of good or bad, and who cannot love or care for one another, and we see the 'alternative' for the incredibly bleak place it really is. It really doesn't stack up.

So perhaps the simplest answer to the question, "Why are you a Christian?" is simply that it makes me happy - in a world that makes sense.

God bless,
Fr Mark

Editorial



This month's Link begins with an enquiry about the small matter of the meaning of life. Perhaps that is also addressed in a different way by the two following contributions on the Dartington College of Arts, which seems to be a very life-affirming place.

With the recent publication of the IPCC working group 1 report, the articles on climate change are appropriate. Some are brief book which reviews serve to introduce what sound like fascinating volumes. The poem for this month also deals with the theme of the meaning of life, in the context of an encounter between two cultures with very different ideas on the subject.

Thanks to our contributors this week: Rachel Elder, Cathy Grove, Mark Jones, Caroline Lamb, Ann Lush, Michael Lawrence, The Parish Pump.

The Editors

Admin Corner



Now we have moved to Alert Level 0, the regulations allow us to have more groups and private parties at the Hall. However, this doesn't mean everything is now completed unrestricted – the Welsh Government requires all businesses to do new risk assessments to minimise the spread of the virus. The Church in Wales has given us new guidance, so I've spent time reading through that and working on our Hall risk assessment.

In essence, not much will change apart from legal requirements for social distancing. It's still our intention to keep people as safe as possible while resuming normal activities. Hopefully, hirers of the Hall will understand this and keep to new guidelines.

Our next Ministry Area Transition Team meeting is on 5th September when there will be reports on progress and discussions on Church Councils. Alicia (from All Saints) and I have started talking about what a joint weekly newsletter might look like. We, and a number of other people from both parishes, attended a presentation from the Diocesan Communications Officer about newsletters and magazines, which gave some helpful advice.

Rachel Elder

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Dartington Recollected

Caroline Lamb and Cathy Grove remember an intense and charmed life at their famous college of the arts.



Dartington College of Arts in the late 60s offered students an extraordinary and profound combination of influences, encountered in the blissful surroundings of the Devon countryside. It was a place of liberation, of intense creative stimulation and inspiration. It was a kind of Utopia – an estate of stunning medieval buildings set in beautiful and expansive gardens, with Henry Moore’s Reclining Figure sculpture positioned high above the old medieval Tiltyard and looking down to the line of 12 yew trees, representing the 12 apostles, and onto the Great Hall beyond.

Students at Dartington, in the late 60s, led a charmed life, removed from the world, and with time and space to delve deep and immerse themselves in their subjects, and discover their true creative potential. It was a special place that opened people up and allowed freedom of expression; a magical place that wove a spell around its young and impressionable inhabitants. Studying there was an intense and powerful experience for all of us and we thrived in this place of freedom, personal discovery and creative expression.

From 1967 to ‘69 I studied Dance and Drama at Dartington, specialising in Dance. This was a professional training enabling me to go on and have a professional career as a dancer, choreographer and actor. Our days started at 9.00 with 30 minutes of vocal training, followed immediately by an hour of dance training. Then onto a variety of drama and dance sessions, finishing at 6.00, and often onto evening sessions. We had a wonderful all-round training, also taking part in Music and Art sessions too. I sang in a choir and continued my piano lessons.

We were totally immersed in all the Arts – where ever you went you could hear students singing madrigals, practising on the many pianos in the practice rooms, string players rehearsing Schubert quartets, actors reciting the poetry of John Donne or Shakespeare’s ‘A Winter’s Tale, glimpse dancers through the big windows of the dance studio as they turned and jumped and danced across the floor to the strains of Mike Westbrook’s (of jazz fame) piano accompaniment, and a little further round the corner to the art block, see steam rising from the big indigo dye vats where the Art students were experimenting with tie dyeing – so popular in the 60s. It was a frenzy of creative stimulation and excitement. We were surrounded and embraced by the Arts. Who could fail to be creative and productive in such an environment?

I shall always be incredibly grateful to Leonard and Dorothy Elmhirst, the founders of Dartington, who had the vision to create such a special place - a place of creativity, discovery and beauty.

Caroline Lamb

My Dartington

When Judith M-J told me that she and Tony had stayed at Dartington, I was immediately excited to hear what they had seen and done and thought. It was as though a beam of sunlight had lit up my memory of a place where I lived and studied for four years and have thought of as my spiritual home ever since.

In the 1960s and 70s the College of Arts was a small community of 200 students, living and working on and around the Dartington estate, deep in the Devon countryside. For a city child like me, it was quite a novelty to pick my way through a herd of dairy cows as I rushed to my first morning class. But because of the holistic approach of the Dartington experiment, where farming and forestry subsidised the arts, they became ‘our’ cows – and we learned to wear wellies for protection!

In her travel piece last month Judith mentioned a number of people who were significant in Dartington’s development but were also important in my own growing-up process at college:

Founders Leonard and Dorothy Elmhirst could be seen walking in the gardens or sitting in the audience at a student concert, quietly overseeing the

opportunities they had given us, but letting us get on with it. From the Elmhursts I learned about vision and humility.

Judith's room was named after Florence Burton, who became the Housekeeper when she retired from dance and would sometimes bring me a cup of tea when she came to lock the library at midnight and found me trying to finish an essay. From Florence I learned about kindness and encouragement.

Judith's mention of Holst's room brings back memories of working with the composer's daughter Imogen when she came to Dartington to conduct our choirs and orchestras. She was small and slight and seemed to dance while she conducted, but she was also a tough perfectionist. From Imo I learned about accuracy and hard work.

Imo worked closely with Benjamin Britten and was so impressed with the John Holland Singers, the small college choir I belonged to, that she persuaded him to invite us to perform at the Aldeburgh Festival – which is how we came to sing Britten for Britten. Afterwards we had lunch with him, plus Imogen Holst and Peter Pears, and he walked around the room chatting to us individually. From Ben Britten I learned about greatness and gentleness.

Whenever I needed time out from work, I would take myself past the Twelve Apostles, through the Medieval tiltyard to the Henry Moore sculpture, then up to the highest part of the gardens where the cornfield came up to the wire fence. There I would breathe in the open air and reflect on the opportunities I had been given, the inspiring people I had met and the future that beckoned out in the wider world.

Dartington is constantly evolving around its core values – innovating, questioning, experimenting – whether it be in education or farming or the arts. I, for one, am grateful to have been a small part of it.

Cathy Grove



Econews

'Wake up world!' – Bishop calls for action to protect God's creation after climate report

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, has called for immediate action on climate change in light of the IPCC report.

He was speaking as the major UN scientific report was published. The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment, said: "The message of today's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report is loud and clear: 'Wake up world!' "It is time to stop playing political games and take action now.

"We are already seeing the effects of the climate emergency around the world - and it is the world's economically poorest people who are already suffering the most.

"So it is our moral duty and a Christian calling to do all we can to try to turn the tide. In just a few months at COP26 there will be an opportunity to act, our leaders must seize this moment and deliver real and impactful change for the future of God's creation".

"We don't have a spare Earth – this is our precious home."

From the Church of England Web site.

Repentance

Lord God, take pity on me.
During my infancy I ignored You;
During my boyhood I had no interest in You.
During my adolescence I pursued vain pleasures.
But now, Lord Jesus, I crave Your mercy.
I want to know You,
I want to understand Your truth,
I want to feel Your joy.

By Richard Rolle (c 1300 – 1349) Hermit in Yorkshire

Churches urged to support Climate Sunday



Climate Sunday

Churches are being urged to act on climate change as the UK prepares to host a critical international climate summit.

They are being asked to hold a climate focused service and to commit to effective action ahead of COP26 in Glasgow in November.

The Climate Sunday Initiative, a coalition of UK churches which includes the Church in Wales, is the broadest-based church response to the climate crisis in the UK in the run-up to COP26. Over the past year, participating churches have been asked to do three things: hold a climate-focused service to explore the science and theology around addressing human-caused climate disruption; commit to taking ongoing practical action themselves; and sign a joint call for the government to act - the Time is Now Declaration.

Canon Carol Wardman, spokesperson for the Church in Wales' environmental group, CHASE (Church Action for Sustaining the Environment), says, "This year, the Church in Wales declared a Climate Emergency, appointed a Climate Champion, took the decision to divest from fossil fuels, and committed ourselves to becoming carbon-neutral by 2030. Every diocese is registered with [A Rocha's Eco Diocese scheme](#), and for some years we have encouraged churches to celebrate Climate Sunday and Creation Time (September-October), with specially-written resources in English and Welsh. We are proud to be a Partner of the [Climate.Cymru campaign](#), which aims to send messages from 10,000 Welsh voices to COP26, encouraging the leaders of the world to take transformational and urgent action.

Tackling climate change is literally a life-and-death issue, and we pray that governments both at home and across the globe will have the courage to act before it is too late.

The coalition wants to see the UK Government bring out domestic policies before the international conference, to get the UK back on track with its own emissions targets. It is also calling on the Government, in its role as chair of COP26, to seek faster and deeper global emissions cuts and the delivery of long-promised finance to help poorer countries adapt to the climate disruption which they are already experiencing.

There is deep concern among climate specialists within the churches and charities that the UK government is undermining its influence to deliver a successful COP26 outcome by failing to implement policies to achieve the UK's own emissions targets and by slashing the UK's overseas aid budget. They believe it needs to take rapid action before COP to restore its own credibility as a 'climate leader'.

So far, more than 1,500 churches across Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland are taking part and hundreds more, including several cathedrals, are planning to do so.

This widespread take up of the initiative across diverse church traditions indicates a growing commitment by churches to act on climate change, and to demand that the government act too.

The website contains a 'toolbox' of free resources and enables churches to register their commitment. Typically, churches are committing to progress through one of three major 'church greening schemes', such as [A Rocha's Eco Church](#). Many are 'speaking up' for the first time joining tens of thousands of other members of the public, organisations and other faith groups in signing the Time is Now declaration.

A key milestone of the campaign before COP26 will be a national Climate Sunday event in Glasgow Cathedral on Sunday 5 September 2021. This will celebrate the commitments made by churches so far, and to present the Government with a list of those commitments and the signatories of all churches who have signed the Time is Now Declaration. The final total of participating churches and commitments will be presented to the Government at the COP conference itself.

Andy Atkins, Chair of the Climate Sunday Coalition, which is organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), says, "The climate crisis is accelerating alarmingly; but we have the unique opportunity in rich countries to accelerate the solutions by directing Covid recovery funds towards building a new, green economy. At present the government is in danger of 'building back worse'. So, there has never been a more crucial time for UK churches to come together to pray, act locally and speak up nationally on the climate crisis and on the need to 'build back greener'."

Hannah Eves, a member of the Young Christian Climate Network who are also supporters of the coalition, from Northern Ireland says, "It's five to midnight on the ticking clock to avoid catastrophic climate change. We're thrilled to see churches now acting on the concerns of my generation. But the grand statements we hear from the government are so often undermined by contradictory actions. Boris Johnson says 'We're committed to Net zero,' then launches a massive new road building programme for example. The whole world is watching. Our government needs to put its own house in order fast, to have a fighting chance of delivering a successful COP for the world and my generation."



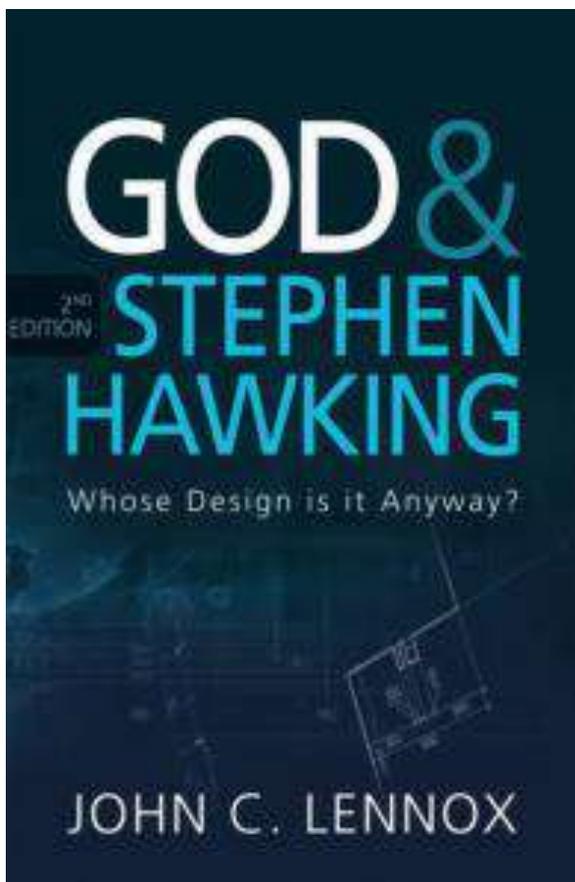
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Brief Book Reviews

God and Stephen Hawking – whose design is it anyway?

(2nd edition)

By Prof John C Lennox, Lion Hudson, £8.99



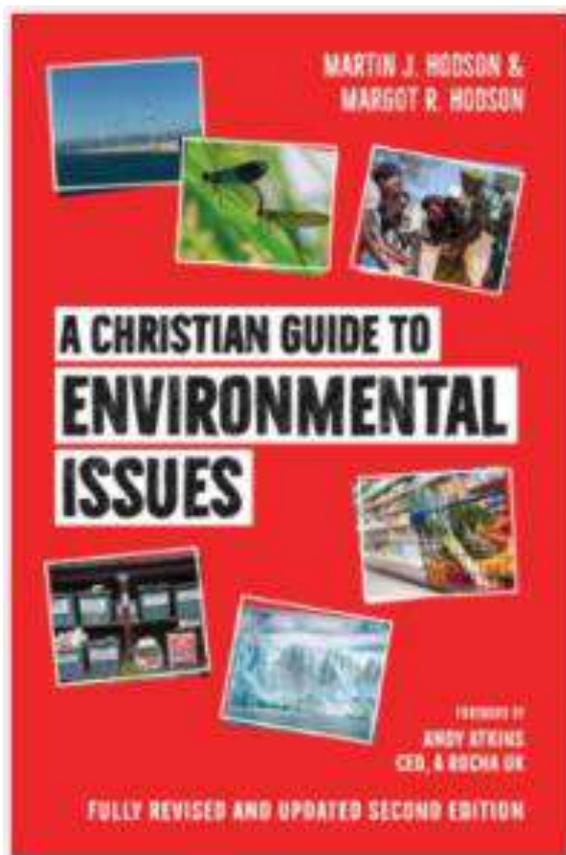
"It is a grandiose claim to have banished God. With such a lot at stake we surely need to ask Hawking to produce evidence to establish his claim. Do his arguments really stand up to close scrutiny? I think we have a right to know."

The Grand Design and *Brief Answers to Big Questions* by eminent scientist the late Stephen Hawking were blockbusting contributions to the science religion debate. They claimed it was the laws of physics themselves which brought the universe into being, rather than any God. In this forthright response, John Lennox, Oxford University mathematician and internationally known apologist, takes a closer look at Hawking's logic and questions his conclusions.

In lively, layman's terms, Lennox guides us through the key points in Hawking's arguments – with clear explanations of the latest scientific and philosophical methods and theories – and demonstrates that far from disproving a Creator God, they make his existence seem even more probable.

A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues

By Martin Hodson and Margot Hodson, BRF, £9.99



Environmental sustainability is a major issue for us all. In this extensively updated edition, Martin and Margot Hodson consider eight of the key current environmental problems, giving the biblical basis for looking after the environment and helping to integrate environmental thinking into the reader's understanding of Christian faith.

This guide includes ethical reflections, Bible studies focusing on a different biblical doctrine for each chapter, and eco-tips to enable practical response. Among the issues covered are climate change, food, biodiversity, and population, together with the relationship between environmental problems

From the Parish Pump



Poem of the Month: The bushman speaks

(Note: The occasion for this speech is the arrival of an expedition headed by a European in a Bushman werf [homestead] around the year 1900.)

This desert is our life.
From the dry earth we gather roots and melons.
Over the endless sands we hunt the gemsbok and the springbok.

Sometimes the ga roots are shriveled and bitter.
Sometimes men are sick with thirst and hunger.

When there is water we drink and sing and clap our hands.
When there is food we eat and dance and clap our hands.

The eland does not come to us and ask to be eaten —
one must know how to make the arrow and poison it
and where to look and how to hide and shoot. . . .

What man is so foolish as to expect more? To expect
the rain to be always falling, his eggs full of water and
his stomach full of meat?

You have strong animals to carry you.
You have much food and water.
Your digging sticks are hard and sharp.
Your shooting-sticks are like lightning.

You are a powerful man and a good man.
I can see that in your eyes.

But what you offer is a dream.

You can give us water and meat.
You can fill our hands with tobacco and perfect beads.

But you cannot give us happiness.

A man can only drink so much and then he is full.
If a man is always eating honey, he tires of it and becomes sick.

And even if all life were sweet —
what man is not food for lions and dogs?
A man who has tasted in his life no bitterness will find death very bitter.

My mouth longs for sweetness
but sweetness brings bitterness
and in the end they are one.

So I ask you:
Take your digging sticks and your shooting-sticks.
And do not leave them behind.
Go to the green lands you came from.
We shall walk in this desert as we always have.

Lucius Furious

Sea Sunday at Lavernock



On July 11th, a Sea Sunday service was held at Old St Lawrence Church at Lavernock.

As always, all the Coronavirus checks were conducted and 29 people attended. Sadly the weather was appalling, with heavy rain and wind. But it did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the congregation!

Well-known sea hymns were sung, thanks to Anne playing the harmonium and the loud speaker outside. Margaret Stark took the service and her sermon was about the power of God versus the power of the sea. The lessons were read by Sue and Lynette, and by the side of the entrance we had a boat with the letters of St Lawrence written in maritime code.

Thankfully the hymns were well known because by the end of the service most people's hymn sheets were reduced to paper mâché, due to the rain! A collection was taken and a very big thank you goes to Margaret for taking the service so well. Thanks also to the determined, enthusiastic congregation, to Anne for playing so beautifully, as well as to everyone who helped get things ready or stayed to tidy up.

Michael Lawrence

Recipe of the Month: Onion and potato bhaji burgers

This is a really tasty and filling summer recipe. The quantities here will feed quite a few people, but the burgers will also keep well in the fridge after cooking.

Ingredients

- For the bhajis
 - **450g potatoes**, peeled and coarsely grated
 - **Fine sea salt**
 - **1 lime**, squeezed, to get 2 tbsp juice
 - **600g brown onions** (i.e., about 3), peeled and thinly sliced
 - **5-5½ tbsp (20g) fresh coriander**, finely chopped
 - **2cm piece fresh ginger**, peeled and grated
 - **¾ tsp ground turmeric**
 - **2 green finger chillies**, finely chopped (pith and seeds removed if you prefer less heat)
 - **1½ tsp ground cumin**
 - **250g chickpea flour**
 - **Rapeseed oil**, to fry

- To serve
 - **200g vegan yoghurt**
 - **20g mint**, leaves picked and finely chopped (15g net)
 - **100g mango chutney** – I like Geeta's
 - **10 burger buns**, cut in half
 - **2 little gem lettuces**, washed and leaves separated

Method

Put the grated potato into a clean tea towel, then wring it to squeeze out as much water as possible. Transfer the potato to a large bowl, add a teaspoon and a half of salt, half the lime juice and the remaining bhaji ingredients, and mix to combine. Measure out 140ml water into a jug and add it little by little to the bhaji mix, scrunching and mixing it in with your other hand as you pour it in (the

scrunching helps to soften the onions), until the onions have wilted and you have a thick batter.

Now prepare all the burger bits. Put the yoghurt in a small bowl and stir in the mint and a quarter-teaspoon of salt. Put the chutney in a second bowl, add the remaining tablespoon of lime juice and mix.

When you're ready to cook, pour four tablespoons of oil into your biggest non-stick pan over a medium-high heat. Take a serving spoonful (about 120g) of the batter, drop it into the pan and, depending on the size of your pan, add two to four more spoonfuls of bhaji mix without overcrowding the pan. Cook the burgers for eight minutes in total, flipping them once halfway, until the middle is cooked through and the outside is crisp and golden. Lift the cooked burgers on to a plate lined with kitchen paper, and keep warm while you fry the rest of the bhaji mixture, adding more oil if need be.

When all the burgers are cooked, open up the buns and spread one side of each one with minted yoghurt and the other with chutney. Lay in a couple of little gem leaves, top with a bhaji burger, then sandwich the bun back together again. Best eaten with friends in the garden.

Meera Sodha/The guardian



...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...

Reports

PCC REPORT Fri 20 July 2021

- Updates were given on **Covid-19 restrictions** – there will still be no singing during services; refreshments may be served, but each church can decide if they want to do this.
- The PCC voted on the formal resolution to merge with All Saints parish to form the Penarth Ministry Area.
- Robert Court will be co-ordinating all the performing rights and copyright licences for the Ministry Area.
- The main office for the Ministry Area will be at All Saints, but it's hoped to maintain a presence at the Hall office one morning a week. The cupboard and storage space will continue to be used for longer term documents.
- **Finance** – the parish is showing a small surplus so far, although the Hall is still in deficit. It's hoped this will improve now the Hall is fully open.
- **Bank** – Rachel Elder will become a new bank signatory, so she can make payments from the Parish accounts after Roger Owen finishes as Treasurer. The Administrator of All Saints already does this task for that parish.
- **Feed the Hungry** – £157 had been collected for Christian Aid and this will be topped up to £250. A donation of £250 will also be sent to the Leprosy Mission.
- **Service times** – when services return to the normal length, the service at St Dochdwy's will begin at 9.15am. This is to allow Fr Mark adequate time after the end of the service there and getting to St Augustine's.
- **Penarth Tots group** – it's still hoped to get this up and running, but very few people had come forward so far. Advertising for help will continue.
- The **planting scheme** for Holy Nativity was approved, as well as the next stage of the wall work.
- New plans have been made for St Augustine's internal improvements, which it's hoped the DAC will agree to.
- The **churchyard wall** at St Augustine's has been damaged by a car, so will need a structural report before repairs can be done.
- **Christmas Tree Festival** – it was agreed not to have it this year due to the continuing uncertainty of the Covid situation.

Full minutes are available from the Parish Office. The next meeting is Sept 17 2021.

The Children's Society – Thanks from Ann Lush

A few months ago, a tribute to my late husband Dennis was kindly published in the magazine. Donations in his memory for The Children's Society, raised an amazing £1850. On behalf of The Children's Society and the family, I should like to say a very appreciative thank you to all those very kind people who so generously donated. Dennis like me was an Hon Vice President of the Society and we deemed it a great privilege to have been so honoured.



When Dennis and I decided 25 years ago, to open our Garden for The Children's Society, little did we think that 25 years later, it would be the success it has become. This year was no exception; given all the problems in the last 18 months, my concern was would the public return in the same way? My fears were unfounded, the wonderful support it had always had, returned. All the garden owners involved that weekend were thrilled to find that all the hard work they had put in could now be admired.

Here in Tudor Close, the refreshment area was kept extremely busy on both days. 240 filled rolls were served, all the homemade cakes soon disappeared as did the Preserves etc in the "shop". What delighted us all was the public reaction. So many times we heard "back to normality" and "we couldn't wait to visit again".

A very appreciative thank you to you all for the extraordinary support which has raised £5000 for the Society, incredible! The generosity of the donors of Raffle prizes, is another example of the support of the businesses of Penarth. Thanks to all the wonderful garden owners involved for their involvement including the wonderful Allotments. Not forgetting the amazing helpers in the kitchen etc. of Tudor Close. The Chief Executive Mark Russell, has also sent his appreciative thanks on behalf of The Children's Society.

Ann Lush MBE
Hon Vice President of The Children's Society, Chairman, Penarth Fundraising
Committee

Thanks

I should like to convey a big thank you on behalf of the congregation of Holy Nativity Church to Kath and Huw Williams, for the tremendous work ,they have put into our lovely church over the many months. It always was a very lovely and welcoming Church-now it is exceptional, it absolutely gleams. Well done

I should also like to thank Rachel for all she does for all the three congregations, so quietly and unassumingly. Always going the extra mile, a true gem.

Ann Lush

From the Registers

Baptism

1/8/21 Sophia Joy DAVIES
Alysia Rose DAVIES both at St Augustine's

Funerals

10/8/21 Brian Charles Frederick HILL of Llandough age 86 at St Dochdwy's

Interment of Ashes

11/8/21 John Howard RYALL at St Dochdwy's





Cotswold Summerscape, August 2021

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