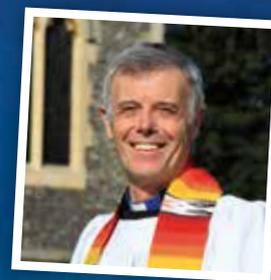




From the Vicarage

In the Gospel accounts of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, there is a scene where Pilate and Jesus meet. Pilate is dressed in all his finery. Jesus stands before him bloodied, bowed, and mockingly dressed as a king in a purple robe and crown of thorns. He and Pilate have a discussion about kingdoms, power and leadership. Pilate has all the external trappings of authority. My guess (and it is only that) is that as he encounters Jesus he recognises true kingly qualities of courage, honesty and integrity in the eyes of the man standing before him. And I guess he reflects on his own weakness and in his heart he knows that he is no king and ruler. Maybe he understands power and authority sufficiently to see it in Jesus. But he is powerless to stand in the way of those baying for Jesus to be crucified.



Remarkable, that the power of God is displayed in internal qualities of grace rather than the external trappings of power.

Revd Mike Bisset

Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. This took place to fulfil what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

**Gospel of John Chapter 18. 28-40
(New International Version)**

Services over Easter

The current guidance from the Diocese of Oxford is that we should plan for a careful return to church for corporate Sunday worship. We plan to be back in Church later in May, hopefully in time for Pentecost on 23rd May. Meanwhile, our 'on line' services continue and for Holy Week and Easter we will put up on the website services of Compline on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a reflective Service using the chant of the Taize community on Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday reflection. Our Easter Sunday audio service will be available as normal.

Whether Easter or after that, do check on the website which contains up to date information about service times www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk

Meanwhile Holy Trinity and St Margaret's are open every day for private prayer between 9am and 2pm. Hint: the heating comes on every day from 8am to 10am (to protect the fabric) so it is warm.



Dr Louisa Garrett Anderson

In our last Newsletter, many months ago, Pat Seddon provided an article concerning Dr Flora Murray and Dr Garrett Anderson. Herbert Druce, now 106 and with an extraordinary memory, knew Dr Garrett Anderson personally and has given permission for us to reproduce his letter to Pat.

Dear Pat,

I read with great interest your article on Flora Murray and Dr. Garrett Anderson.

I did not know Flora Murray but hers was the first funeral I sang at in Holy Trinity choir.

I knew Dr. Garrett Anderson quite well, because my father was the general carrier for Beaconsfield Station to Penn and he would bring parcels which were put on the train from the London stores to Paul End.

On Saturdays if it was a small parcel he would stop at The Crown for a pint (or two) and I would deliver the parcel in fear of the two West Highland dogs.

The Lady Doctor as she was – a very kind, generous person – would often call at the cottage at Beacon Hill to pay her bill. On one occasion when she called I was unwell and she found I had pleurisy so she instructed my mother what to do. I remember quite well where she sat at Evensong at Holy Trinity. At Easter I would have to go after Morning Service to pick up an Easter Egg. At Christmas she would lay on a party for the choirboys and I can remember things I had never heard of, let alone tasted.

On another occasion she came to our cottage she had a Conservative function and would I go and sing for the entertainment.

I could go on but I do not wish to bore you too much as you will have enough trouble trying to read my scribble, which I am sorry about but my fingers have a will of their own.

I will end on another story. Dr. A was driving down a one-way street when she was pulled in by a policeman. After a ticking off she was asked for her driving licence. When he looked, he said I too come from Penn so we had better forget it. He was Jack Smith who lived in New Road with his mother until he joined the Met.

Best wishes,

Herbert



Herbert's 103rd Birthday

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Great Lives - “I don’t give a damn”

Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger (archbishop of Paris from 1981 until his retirement in 2005) once told a story during his homily about a group of boys in Orleans, France, back in 1939. The boys wanted to have a bit of fun, and dared each other to go inside the church and confess a made-up list of terrible sins to the priest in the confessional. One of them, a Jewish boy named Aaron, took up the challenge.

So he marched into the confessional, but the priest, who was both wise and holy, immediately knew what he was up to. Without showing any sign of annoyance, the confessor gave him a simple penance: to go up the altar, kneel before the large image of Jesus crucified, and say three times, “Jesus, I know you died for me. But I don’t give a damn.”

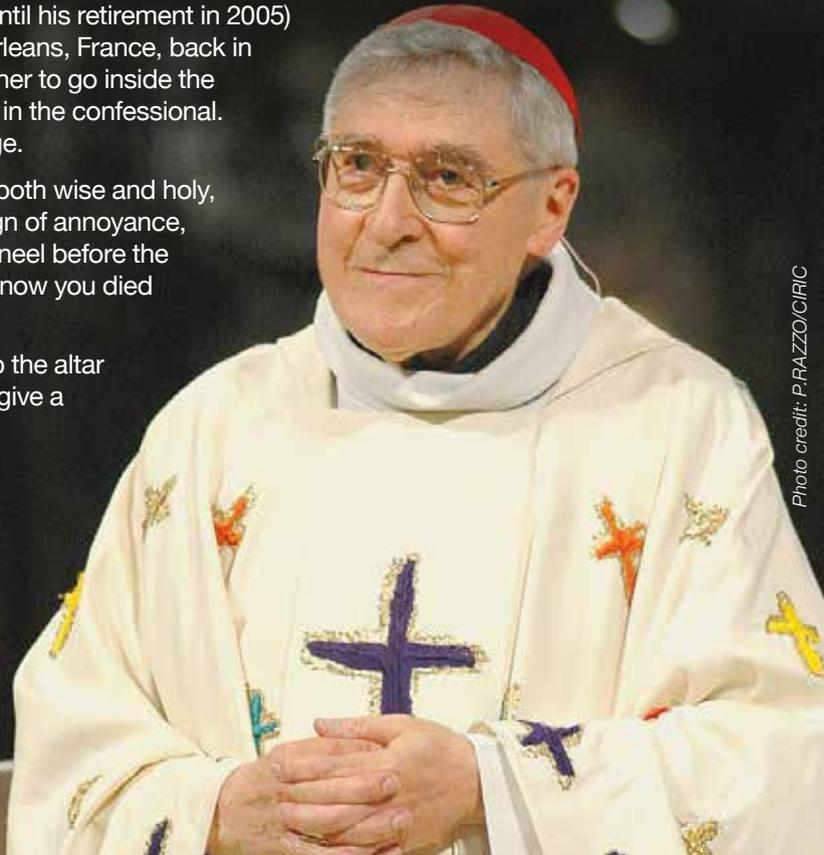
“Hah! Easier than I thought,” Aaron told himself. So he went up the altar to do his penance. “Jesus, I know you died for me. But I don’t give a damn,” he shouted.

“Jesus, I know you died for me. But I don’t give a damn,” he declared a second time.

“Jesus, I know you died for me. But I don’t give ...” He could not go on.

The following year, in August of 1940, Aaron was baptized and took the name “Jean-Marie.”

“And,” Cardinal Lustiger wrapped up the story, “that boy is standing here now, speaking to you.”



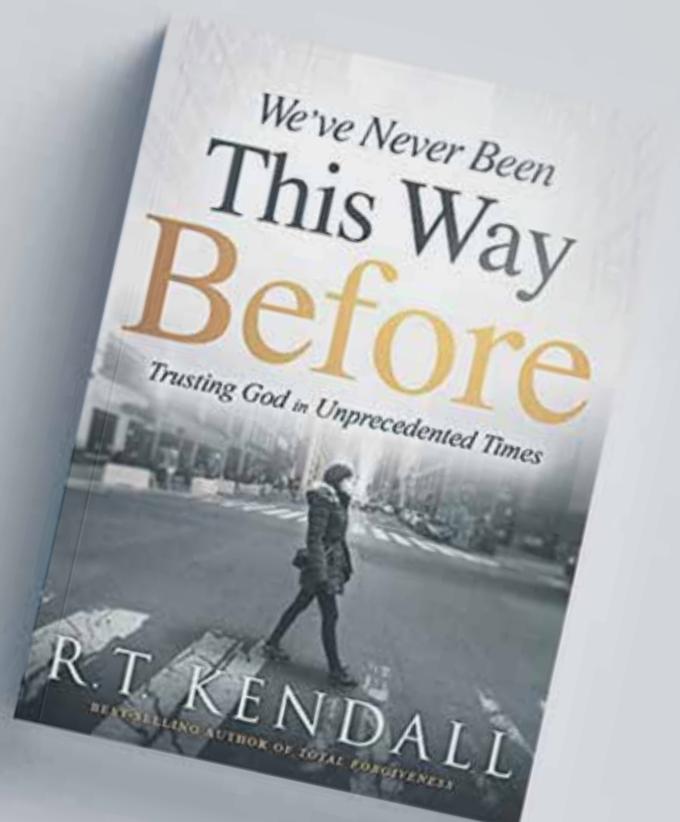
Forgiveness

Dr R T Kendall was the controversial pastor of Westminster Chapel for many years, following on from Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones. I used to attend the lunchtime services when I worked in Whitehall. During his pastorate there he went through some very difficult times and was challenged to his core over the issue of forgiveness. He subsequently wrote a book about the subject. His latest book “We’ve Never Been This Way Before” about the Coronavirus pandemic and how it has affected American culture contains the following on the matter of forgiveness.

“David was a man ‘after God’s own heart’ (1 Samuel 13:14). That means having a heart that yearns to please God: to obey Him. It does not mean you are perfect. David was not perfect. God does not use perfect men and women (there aren’t any); He uses forgiven men and women. A good example: Peter who preached the inaugural sermon on the day of Pentecost. Six weeks before Peter had proved to be a coward and denied even knowing Jesus. That made Peter the most unlikely candidate to be used by God.

Your unhappy past might convince you that God can never use you. You fear that any plan God may have had for you has now been set aside. After all, you have spent time in prison. You had an abortion. You married the wrong person. You were unfaithful to your spouse. You mishandled money, even stole money. You ruined another life by what you said about them. You were not kind to your parents. Or you have been an even worse parent

than they. God knows where you have been and what you have been. The God of the Bible enjoys taking a nobody and turning him or her into a somebody”.



Easter Weekend Treasure Trail from St Margaret's to Holy Trinity

Over the Easter weekend enjoy a walk with family and collect letters that make up an Easter Greeting – with a special Easter prize (from the Easter Bunny) at the end.

The treasure trail will be up from Good Friday and will start at St Margaret's. From there you will need to visit the Sanctuary, the Village Hall, the First School, JJs, the Red Lion, the Vicarage, the Church Hall and finishing at Holy Trinity where the Easter Bunny will have been busy! You will need a piece of paper and pen to make a note of the letters in each of those places, so that you can discover the Easter Greeting.



Christmas to Easter

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

When Is Easter This Year?

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went early, while it was still dark, to the tomb, and saw the stone taken away from the tomb. Mary sees the empty tomb, but, in no way, concludes that Jesus has been raised from the dead. He's missing, that's all. Easter has not come for Mary. Not yet.

Mary ran to tell Peter and John, and they raced to the tomb to see for themselves. Sure enough, the body was gone. We can just imagine them standing there, wondering what had happened. When will Easter come? Not yet.

Then John goes on to tell us about the two angels in the tomb who asked her why she was weeping. "She said to them: 'Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him.' According to John, Mary turned and saw what she took to be the gardener standing behind her. He asked, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" Still not yet having experienced the resurrection, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." At that moment, Jesus said to her, "Mary." And Mary exclaimed, "Rabboni!" and tried to embrace him. At this moment, Easter came to Mary. The power of Christ's resurrection from the dead and the hope of eternal life were hers, never to be taken away.

"When will Easter come this year?" Easter will come when the Lord calls our name, and we hear his voice and respond in faith and devotion and love.

Revd Mike

Reflection on life after Covid

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their "Children" are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I went indoors & told my dog... We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on, just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe that all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot Barge pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practise social-distancing from the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Dustbins.
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go into a bank with a mask on and ask for money!

Many people ask what items make up the different sized food parcels that One Can provides. It's also helpful to know 'what your money buys' and how much our food parcels cost. Hopefully the images below demonstrate this beautifully and with these in mind, would you consider sponsoring a food parcel? Perhaps write a handwritten note to the individual or family who will receive that parcel. We would be enormously grateful for all food parcel donations or monetary equivalents. Thank you from the One Can Team.

You will find 'One Can' boxes where you can leave goods in the porches of Holy Trinity and St Margaret's or outside No 11 Kings Ride, Tylers Green.



Mindful March
Medium Parcel*

- Meat pie x 1
- Meat balls/Hot dogs/Pasta with meat x 2
- Meat meals x 2
- Canned ham / Corned beef x 2
- Canned fish x 2
- Potatoes x 1
- Peas / Sweetcorn x 2
- Other veg x 2
- Tomatoes x 2
- Pulses / Beans x 2
- Baked beans x 4
- Rice 0.5Kg
- Dried Pasta 1Kg

- Pasta Sauce x 1
- Cook-In Sauce x 1
- Non-meat soup x 2
- Canned soup x 2
- Spreads / Jams x 1
- Canned fruit x 2
- Milk Carton x 2
- Cereal (large box) x 1
- Sugar x 1
- Tea (40 tea bags)
- Biscuits / Cereal bars x 2

*Approx £36

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*This parcel would support a single/single parent with one child for a week



Mindful March
Extra large Parcel*

- Meat pie x 2
- Meat balls/Hot dogs/Pasta with meat x 3
- Meat meals x 4
- Canned ham / Corned beef x 3
- Canned fish x 4
- Potatoes x 2
- Peas / Sweetcorn x 2
- Other veg x 3
- Tomatoes x 3
- Pulses / Beans x 3
- Baked beans x 5
- Rice 1.0Kg
- Dried Pasta 1.5Kg

- Pasta Sauce x 2
- Cook-In Sauce x 2
- Non-meat soup x 4
- Canned soup x 4
- Spreads / Jams x 1
- Canned fruit x 2
- Milk Carton x 3
- Cereal (large box) x 2
- Sugar 1x
- Tea (80 tea bags)
- Biscuits / Cereal bars 2

*Approx £65

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*This parcel would support a large family for a week



Mindful March
Small Parcel*

- Meat pie x 1
- Tinned Meat/Chicken Meals x 1
- Tinned Ham / Corned Beef x 1
- Tinned Fish x 1
- Tinned Potatoes/Smash x 1
- Peas/Sweetcorn x 1
- Tinned Tomatoes x 1
- Baked Beans 2x
- Pulses/Beans x 1
- Rice 500g
- Pasta Dried 500g

- Pasta Sauce x 1
- Other veg x 1
- Tinned Soup x 2
- Jams/ Spread x 1
- Tinned Fruit x 1
- Milk x 1
- Cereal x 1
- Tea (40 bags) 1
- Sugar x 1
- Biscuits/Cereal bars 1

*Approx £21

ONE CAN
FOOD BANK + TRUST

*This parcel would support a single adult for a week



Mindful March
Large Parcel*

- Meat pie x 2
- Meat balls/Hot dogs/Pasta with meat x 2
- Meat meals x 3
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- Milk Carton x 3
- Cereal (large packs) x 2
- Sugar x 1
- Tea (80 tea bags)
- Biscuits / Cereal bars x 2

*Approx £49

ONE CAN
FOOD BANK + TRUST

*This parcel would support a family of four for a week

Distractedness

Ronald Rolheiser (Catholic writer). 'It is not that we have anything against God, depth and spirit, we would like these, it is just that we are habitually too preoccupied to have any of these show up on our radar screens. We are more busy than bad, more distracted than non-spiritual, and more interested in the movie theatre, sports stadium, and the shopping mall and the fantasy life they produce in us than we are in church. Pathological business, distraction and restlessness are major blocks today within our spiritual lives'.



From the Registers

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Dorothy Briggs (Crematorium)	4 February
Penelope Oldham (Holy Trinity)	8 February
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Resurrection

A couple of years ago I was fixing the lights on the cross on the end of St Margaret's Church. They had stopped working so one Saturday morning I propped my ladder against the wall and took it down. I laid it on the grass just by the ladder and replaced the lights. Inevitably, the plug on the new lights was different to the old one so I sat on the grass leaning against the ladder whilst I rewired the plug. At this point two very nice young men rushed into the churchyard asking if I was alright. It looked as though I had fallen off the ladder and was in a heap at the bottom. It dawned on me that these chaps were Jehovah's Witnesses

when one of them asked me if I knew if I would go to heaven when I died. Now at this point, here I am a vicar, with the church at my back and a large, lit, cross at my feet with someone asking me if I knew what would happen to me when I died. It did seem rather surreal and it did flash through my mind that perhaps I had fallen off the ladder and was indeed in some other world. Anyway, I pointed to the cross lying in front of me on the ground and was able to assure him that by my own efforts I was definitely not worthy to spend the rest of eternity in God's presence and rather deserved judgement. But Christ had died on the Cross that first Easter just over 2,000 years ago in my place and he had been raised to life on Easter Sunday morning as proof it was true. In due course, just as Jesus died and was raised to life, so I would be raised to life after death, because he had paid the penalty for my sin. My task is to live as good and faithful a life as I can, but my salvation has been secured not by my efforts but through God's grace.

My answer did not seem to satisfy this young man and the conversation came to an inconclusive result. I hope he finds assurance in God's grace.

Above is the Cross in question.

Revd Mike



St Margaret's in the snow

I took this back in the snow in February.

Mary Berry's Easter Biscuits



INGREDIENTS:

- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened
- 75g/2¾oz caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 1 free-range egg, separated
- 1 small unwaxed lemon, finely grated zest only
- 200g/7oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 50g/1¾oz currants
- 1-2 tbsp milk



METHOD:

Preheat the oven 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Line three baking trays with baking paper.

Put the butter and sugar in a bowl and beat until well combined and fluffy. Add the egg yolk and lemon zest. Sift in the flour and mix well. Stir in the currants and enough milk to make a fairly soft dough.

Knead the dough on a floured work surface and, using a rolling pin, roll out the dough until 5mm/¼in thick. Using a 6cm/2½in fluted cutter, cut out 24 rounds. Transfer to the baking trays using a palette knife and bake for 8 minutes.

Lightly beat the egg white using a fork.

Remove the biscuits from the oven and brush the tops with the beaten egg white. Sprinkle over caster sugar and return to the oven for 5 minutes, or until pale golden brown and cooked though. Leave to cool on the trays for a few minutes, then carefully lift onto a wire rack to cool completely.

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