

St Mark's Church
Talbot Village ⊕

with St. Saviours, Scott Rd



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SERVICES AT ST MARK'S CHURCH

At the present time during the pandemic services at St. Mark's are temporarily changed

Sundays 9 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Service followed by shortened communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Week Day Prayers in Church -

The church is open on a Thursday morning from 9.00am to 9.30am for prayer

SATURDAY PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Saturday prayers (the first Saturday of each month)

Saturday at 10am in church. All are welcome to share in this informal time of prayer for our church, community and other world issues that we feel we need to bring before God.

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HALL BOOKINGS

Bookings for the new hall complex are taken in the Parish Office be-tween 9am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday.3

From the Editor:

I hope that now some things in church have returned to normal we shall have more contributions to the magazine from groups. Please send your articles or photos to: diananewman36@gmail.com Thank you.

A PRAYER

WHEN YOUR CHILDREN LEAVE HOME

As young people leave home to go to university

Into your hands, Oh Lord, I must place
 The lives that I love so dear;
 No more can I see that they will take care
 As they need to be 'free', that is clear.

Whatever befalls them, whatever they do,
 Oh Lord, may you always be there;
 To guide them and help them,
 Uplift them and hold them,
 The lives that I love so dear.

Janet Moyse



Recent tree felling took place at St. Mark's to prevent dangerous trees from becoming a hazard. It's a shame to see them go but we hope the wood will be used for a useful purpose.

CLERGY LETTER During September we have embarked on a series called 'Renew'. After all the disruption and disconnection of the last 18 months, it is important for us as a church family to renew what is the foundation of any Christian community. The series focusses on renewing: -

- Our love for Jesus
- Our love for others
- Our love for joyful generosity

These are the ingredients of a healthy, vibrant church family. And the heart of it is our love for Jesus. Why? Because a great love for Jesus is the sure sign that we have understood and experienced his great love for us. This is where all the motivation for loving others and having a generous heart comes from.

When we think of 'God' we think of power, omnipotence, majesty, glory, thrones, holiness and the list could go on. When we look at Jesus we see humility, servanthood, sacrifice, weakness. It is not that the first list is wrong but rather that God stepped away from the grandeur of 'Godness' (if we can use that word) and swapped it for the second.

It is supremely on the cross where we see God's nature most clearly. Prepared to be pushed out of this world by mankind, God allows himself to be humiliated and killed. How does that fit in with the everyone's preconceived idea of what 'God' should be like? It doesn't! Jesus shows us that God is very different to what anyone would have guessed. God's love for mankind led him to take on the poverty of our human condition, experiencing all the pain and suffering the cross entailed. Sin has ruined God's creation, but God's love has led him to pay the ultimate price to win mankind back. To win us back.

*It is this love for us, for you, that is the foundation for sparking our love for him. Take a moment to reflect on this love that Jesus has for **you** and let it shape your love for others.*

With my love, Rupert

Mapping Graves

The Bishop of Ramsbury has praised a new Church of England project will create a free digital map of every grave and feature in every churchyard in the country.

Bishop Andrew, who is a lead Bishop for church buildings said: “This impressive national project will make a huge difference to those researching family history, as well as easing the administrative burden on parishes.

“It will improve management of burial grounds, and make information more fully accessible than ever before, supported by additional services by subscription for those wishing to go further.

“It will soon be possible to visit almost any Anglican burial ground in the country and see in real time the location of burial plots. For those researching at distance in the UK or overseas, the digital records will place detailed information from churchyards at their fingertips.”

Church by church, and diocese by diocese, it is hoped that all Anglican churchyards will be surveyed over the next seven years. As well as capturing details of burials, the online interactive map will detail biodiversity in churchyards, including ancient trees and plant-life, as well as green technology such as solar panels.

The project includes around 19,000 churchyards, and the ancient churchyard of St Bega on the shores of lake Bassenthwaite in the Diocese of Carlisle is the first to be scanned by surveyors, using sophisticated laser equipment as part of the national programme.

A new website will go online next year giving free access to the map, which is expected to be of special interest to local community groups, conservationists, and those researching family history. The website will also enable the charting of biodiversity and green technology.

The Church of England has partnered with Cumbrian-based surveying company Atlantic Geomatics who will use backpack-mounted laser

scanners to map churchyards quickly and accurately. They will also photograph all the visible headstones.

The ambitious scheme will aim to digitally survey the majority of the 19,000 Anglican burial grounds in England over the next seven years. Data on burials will be combined with other information, such as the National Biodiversity Network Atlas, to present the most complete picture of churchyards to date.

The project will come at no cost to parishes or dioceses in the Church of England, and parishes will have free access to the map through a new web-based record system which is set to launch in Spring 2022. There will also be the option to subscribe to additional services.

Substantial funding for the programme has been given by Historic England, with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and *Caring for God's Acre* supporting the pilot phase, as well as support from genealogy research websites, all of which has allowed the basic service to be made available to parishes free of charge.

Use of the latest surveying equipment and bespoke software built by Atlantic Geomatics has made the national-scale survey a possibility for the first time. Operatives will aim to survey around nine or ten sites a day using back-pack mounted laser scanning equipment, GPS and cameras. Taking tens of thousands measurements every second, the surveyors will then process the data to create accurate maps of each churchyard.

More information:

[The National Burial Grounds Survey | The Church of England](#)

Television News Broadcasters !

They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Parish News



The Church Walk September 2021

On the 11th September ten members of St. Mark's and St. Saviour's Churches met at Tuckton Tea Gardens at 10 a.m. to enjoy a beautiful walk in the sunshine. You will have some idea from the photos which Jo took just what we experienced. It's always so nice to get out into the countryside, even if

it is situated within a town. Just to step off the pavement and to walk along paths bordered with fields, river



and trees is so therapeutic. We heard reed warblers, seagulls and other birds singing as we travelled along the path. On the river there were swans with their well-grown signets (almost teenagers by the look of them!).

Apart from the scenery and the experience of being outdoors there is the chance to chat and we usually catch up with each and everyone during the walk. After the walk we visited Tuckton Tea Gardens Cafe for a well deserved coffee, tea or ice cream (some treated themselves to huge slices of cake!).

We organise these walks on the second Saturday of every month. We usually walk for about one to one and a half hours. Pete Rowe and I, who organise these walks, will always be at the meeting place regardless of the

weather. If it's raining we can just have our coffee first and, hopefully, the rain might stop by the time we've finished it. The details of each walk, where it is and where to meet, are advertised in the magazine and the church notices. Anyone can join us, just turn up on the day.

Our next walk is on Saturday 9th October at Canford Park Riverside SANG, Knighton Lane off Magna Road near Bear Cross. We will meet in the car park at 10 a.m. See you there!

Janet Moyse

PIONEER CURATES In the past year, four Pioneer Curates have been ordained in this Diocese, and they have now been gathered into a 'Pioneer Curates Hub' co-ordinated by the Revd Paul Bradbury of Poole Missional Communities.

Alongside the normal curacy training process, the Hub gives them additional supervision and support to acknowledge the particular calling of pioneer ministry. The focus of the hub is to support and enable these curates in their local pioneer ministry but also in the enabling of the pioneer ministry of others more widely in their local parish and deanery.

Spiritual Traditions of Christianity

This four-week course will focus on the spirituality of the common life both historical and contemporary.

Since at least the third century some Christians have intentionally lived a life of self-denial as a way of following Jesus: either alone as a hermit, or together as nuns and monks. This course will look at the origins and early examples of monastic life; and the spirituality of monastic worship and prayer. We will also examine contemporary examples of monastic life and spirituality. Participants will receive a course book, weekly resource materials and access to PowerPoint presentations

Course Leader: Revd Dr Paul Collins

Contact: info@edu-improve.co.uk

Course costs:

£ 15 per session for an individual.

£20 per session for a household

Venue:

St Francis of Assisi Church, Charminster Road

7 – 9 pm

7th October

Call to a spiritual life: Christian asceticism

Antony of Egypt (AD 251-356) and Pachomius (AD 292-348)

14th October

Life in common: God's work – worship and daily work:

John Cassian (AD 360-435) and Benedict of Nursia (AD d. 547)

21st October

Praying the psalms: daily office; meditation and contemplation:
Thomas Merton (1915-1968) and Carlo Caretto (1910-1988)

28th October

New monasticism:

Community of Resurrection (1892)

Society of St Francis (1934)

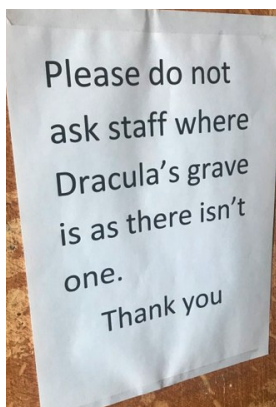
Northumbria Community (1990)

Dracula isn't here!

A church in North Yorkshire has been trying to convince eager tourists that the vampire's grave is NOT in their churchyard.

Recently the church leaders at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Whitby, even put up a poster in the entrance door which reads: "Please do not ask staff where Dracula's grave is as there isn't one. Thank you."

Whitby inspired Bram Stoker to write his novel, *Dracula*, in 1897. And it seems that Stoker first came across the name 'Dracula' in Whitby's library. It was another name for the blood-thirsty Romanian ruler, 'Vlad the Impaler'.



St Mary the Virgin stands beside Whitby Abbey, and has a churchyard. This prompts many tourists to ask for the exact location of Dracula's grave, even though of course Dracula never existed.

The grave that *can* be found, however, is that of a man named Swales, who is also mentioned in the book.

(photo *Kevin Meagher*)

ST. MARKS FASHION SHOW

The evening was a great success bring fellowship laughter and fun. We had five models: Red, Sarah, Alison, Stacey, and Mandy. They modeled the clothing for sale and all did a wonderful job! I can't thank them enough for their help and support!

Miss Winton Babs arrived at 8pm AJ Rupert, brilliantly walking the cat walk - and the smiling faces around the hall!!!!

Chrisie from Mini Mice ran the bar - everyone had a free drink on arriving and Val did a few nibbles Big thanks to both of you

Alex and her Mum sold the raffle tickets

Adrian helped set up the hall, and the flower ladies did beautiful displays.

We are so truly Blessed in our Church Family, heart felt thanks to All.

MARION



Joining St Mark's: Things I like number 1

It's been really good coming along to St Mark's; as a newbie, I feel quite at home already. What, specifically, do I like? Well, I could comment on the obvious: the friendly vicar, the warm welcome and congregation, the sincere Christianity that is preached and practised here. But how about this, for a left-field observation?

I am really enjoying the singing and the hymns, and especially the liberal sprinkling of 'classic' hymns. In other words, the hymns largely from the C18th and C19th. I find that I don't enjoy the modern hymns from the 1970s onwards as much. And there is a good reason for this: it is called meter (the American spelling, which I prefer).

The modern hymns tend not to use meter at all, but often a form of parallelism, as the Psalms do. For example, a parallelism we might have:

Where there is hatred ..
Where there is injury ...
Where there is despair ...

And so on. There is a structure, but it is not a metrical one. So what do I mean by meter? Here are two great examples:

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died ...

Or

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me ...

The meter here is the most famous in the English language and it is called iambic; indeed, 90% or more of great English poetry is written in this meter. You may notice the pattern: dee-DUM, dee-DUM. The first syllable

“When” is not stressed, but the second one “I” is, and so the pattern repeats. We could write the first two lines like this to emphasise the point:

When I surVEY the WONdrous CROSS
On WHICH the PRINCE of GLORy DIED

What is so wonderful about this? It’s this. Professor I. A. Richards, one of the great critics of the C20th said: ‘Meter for the most difficult and most delicate utterances is the all but inevitable means’. In other words, to say things with the most emotional impact, we use meter! And this is why these hymns are so superior. True, the modern ones have their structure, but these tend to be intellectual, the clever parallelisms that I mentioned. When we think about the iambic meter, the structure is not so much intellectual as emotional – and emotions are far more powerful than intellect or ‘thinking about’.

How is this? Well, consider that dee-DUM, dee-DUM. What it does it remind you of? Yes, that’s right: the human heartbeat. As we come into life, first there is nothing, no stress, no heartbeat – dee – then suddenly the heart starts its first beat – DUM – and for the rest of our lives this pattern is with us. It’s the heart of us – no wonder we feel it so much – and why this pattern is so effective in the great hymns!

James Sale



*...if you have been affected by any
of the issues raised in this sermon...*

CROSSWORD**Across**

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)

12 Listen (anag.) (6)

14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)

17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)

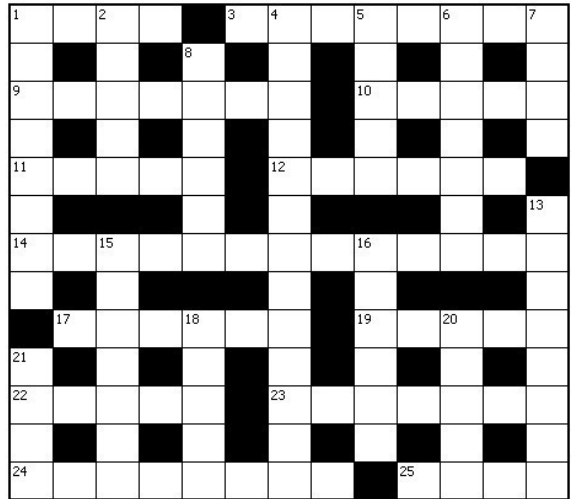
19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)

22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)

23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)

24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)

25 Note (anag.) (4)

**Down**

1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)

2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)

4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)

5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)

6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)

7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)

8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)

13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)

15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)

16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)

18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)

20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)

21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

HOLY BAPTISMS

Eli Richard Cafe
 Eddie Roy Café
 Chester Arthur Phillips
 Ena Raechel Kathleen Kelly



MARRIAGES

Anthony O'Sullivan and Shuhong Cheng
 Ashley Fowler and Deanne Lee
 Philip Maryan and Gillian Smith
 Christopher Sharp and Joy Davis
 William Bravington and Yvonne Marshall

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

We offer our sincere sympathy to friends and relatives of:

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Joan Cecilia Blake

Doreen Tyler

Evelyn Elizabeth Drayton (Susie)

Doreen Nellie Emily Brewer

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