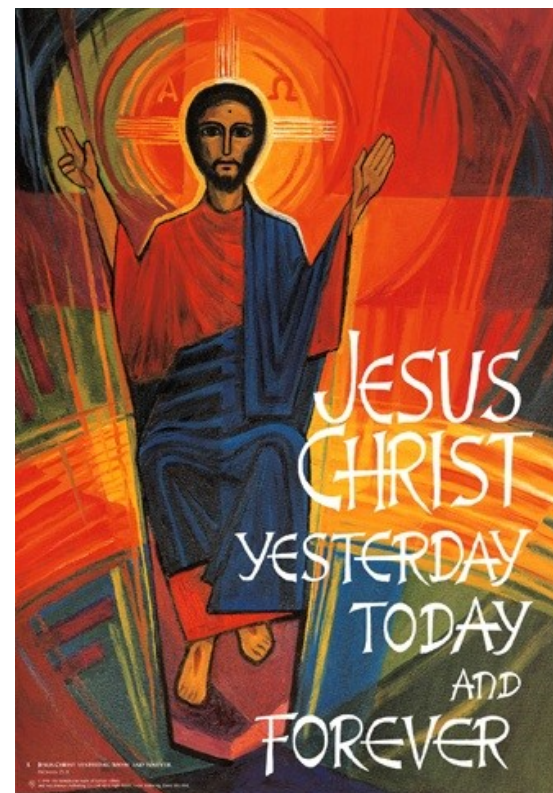


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SERVICES AT ST MARK'S CHURCH

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

6.00 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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HOLY BAPTISMS



Jack William Matthews

Teddy James Thomas

Sienna (Sisi) Rose Thomas

MARRIAGES

No Marriages took place

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

We offer our sincere sympathy to friends and relatives of:

James Robert Watt

Adrienne Kinnaird

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Saint of the Month of May—DUNSTAN

19th May – Dunstan: the abbot who restored monastic life in England

Dunstan (909-988 AD) stands out as an example of what just one person can achieve when they follow the call of God on their life.

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury, of a noble family with royal connections and church connections; his uncle was Archbishop of Canterbury. But in 935, at the age of 26, he was accused of 'studying the vain poems of the pagans' – and expelled from court. He nearly married, but instead made private monastic vows and was ordained a priest by Elphege, bishop of Winchester. Dunstan felt God's call on his life and responded. That decision was to shape English history.

Not at first, however. For Dunstan began his priestly life by simply returning to Glastonbury and living as a hermit. He painted, embroidered and did metalwork. But when in 939 Edmund became king of Wessex, he recalled Dunstan and made him abbot of Glastonbury. The monastic life of the country was all but dead: the Danish invasions and the hostility of local magnates had seen to that. Dunstan set out to change all this, and went on to restore monastic life in England, under the Rule of St Benedict.

Down the years, Dunstan saw kings come and go: Edmund, Edred, Edgar, Edward. Under King Edgar Dunstan was made bishop of Worcester in 957, bishop of London in 959, and Archbishop of Canterbury in 960. Thus was born a fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which was to reform the Church in England. Monastic orders began to thrive once more. After the Conquest, the days of Dunstan would be looked back on as the 'golden age'.

Dunstan was zealous for the faith. He taught, prayed, fasted, repaired churches, acted as judge, inspired national laws of the land, made sure taxes were paid, and encouraged his monks in their manuscripts and prayers. He remained active right to the end of his life: he preached three times on Ascension Day 988, and died two days later, on 19 May, aged nearly 80.



Easter Services for April

10th April Palm Sunday

9 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

14th April Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm Holy Communion

15th April Good Friday

10.30 am Family Service

2.00 pm Devotional

17th April Easter Sunday

9am Holy Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

EASTER SERVICES ST. SAVIOUR'S

10th April Palm Sunday

10.00 am Holy Communion

15th April Good Friday at St. Mark's

10.30 am Family Service

2.00 pm Devotional

17th April Easter Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK EVENING LENTEN DEVOTIONS IN

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

11th April 7.00 pm

12th April 7.00 pm

13th April 7.00 pm

Clergy Letter

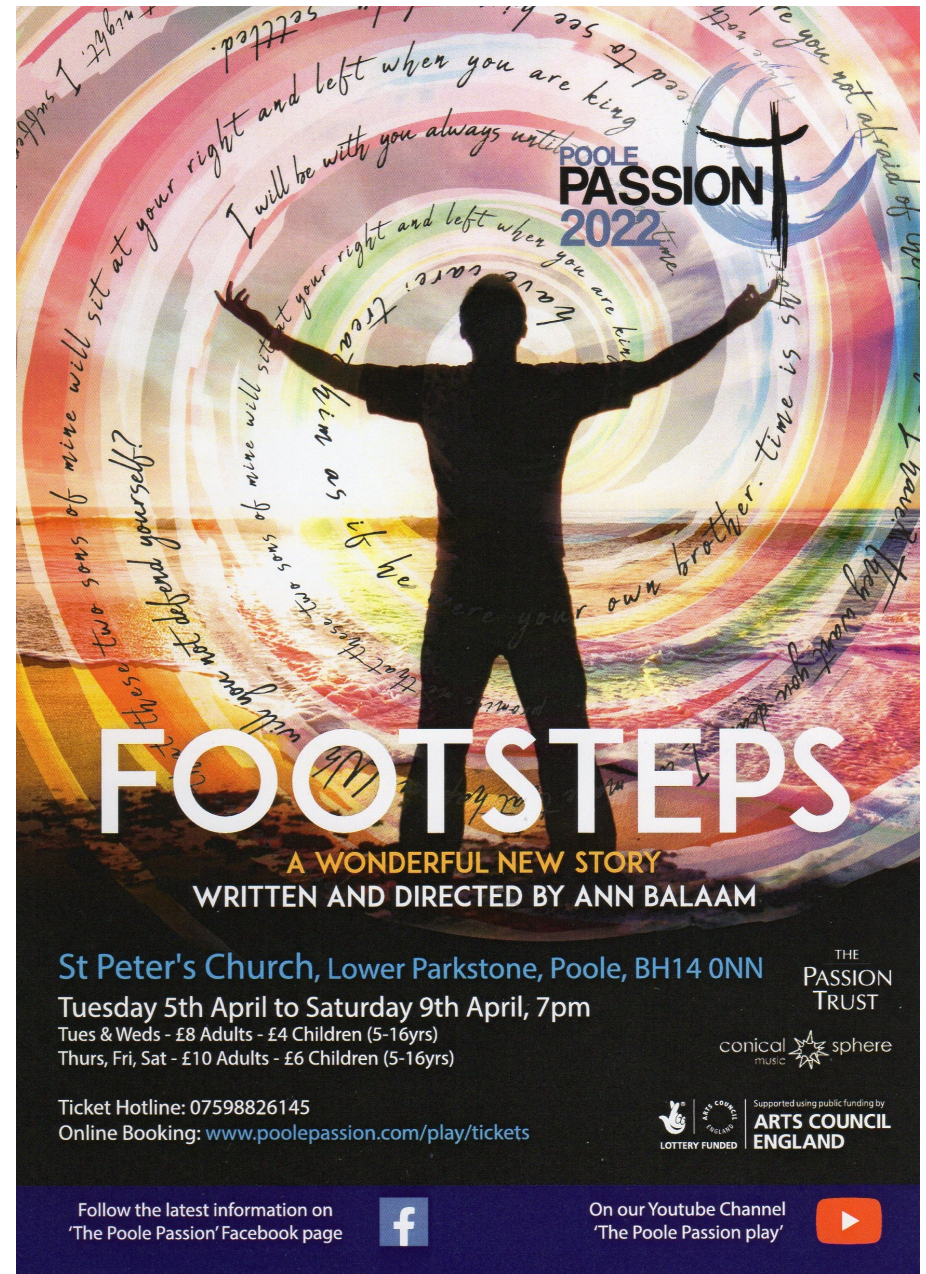
The last few weeks have been truly horrifying. The war in Ukraine (and yes, it is a war) is deeply shocking to any right-thinking person. The loss of so many lives, along with the lives forever changed through injury, trauma and displacement have plunged us into another dark and grave period of European history.

But, in the midst of these harrowing events, there have also been many bright shining lights. It is wonderful to see the heroism and compassion of so many people. There has been immediate aid from all around the world and many homes have been opened up to refugees. Humanity is capable of wonderful compassion even when there is hatred and evil all around. A strong reminder that we are all made in the image of our Creator. Humanity is also capable of dreadful evil. An equally strong reminder that something has gone horribly wrong.

There are no trite answers. But as we approach Easter, we are reminded that even God himself was pushed out of this world and on to a cross. The dysfunction of creation must run extraordinarily deep for it to try and destroy its creator. And this dysfunction ripples on through the whole of human history and every life.

But God has had the last word. In a world where God himself suffered and was brutally killed, Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday is God's final word that this dysfunction is not the end. One day, the fulness of life that Jesus promised will be ours.

With my love Rupert



POOLE PASSION 2022

FOOTSTEPS

A WONDERFUL NEW STORY
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ANN BALAAM

St Peter's Church, Lower Parkstone, Poole, BH14 0NN

Tuesday 5th April to Saturday 9th April, 7pm
Tues & Weds - £8 Adults - £4 Children (5-16yrs)
Thurs, Fri, Sat - £10 Adults - £6 Children (5-16yrs)

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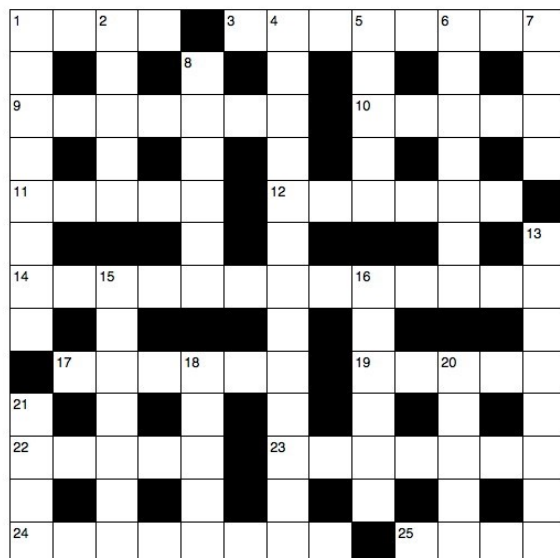
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CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)

- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — —, who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

From the Editor

On **page 17** you will find details of a **Passion Play** in St. Peter's Church, Parkstone. This is a very dramatic performance of the events leading up to the resurrection including a life-sized dramatization of the crucifixion. A play normally occurs every two years but Covid 19 caused a break in the cycle but a new play is back again this year. In past years it has been performed starting in the United Reformed Church in Parkstone with the audience walking to St. Peter's for the final acts of the play, but this year it will be performed entirely in St. Peter's Church. It is well-worth seeing as a reflective preparation for Easter.

This month St. Mark's magazine again covers two months, April/May, so the next edition will be June/July. Contributions for this will be gratefully received in good time—preferably by 12th May. I have decided to produce the magazine every two months because there are so few people who send anything in. Stories, travel, religious items, photos, anything others might like. If the magazine is no longer required I would appreciate your comments regarding this as it takes a lot of time and effort to produce. Have a lovely Easter.

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Invitation

There is an invitation from God
 For each one of us.
 It is universal
 Yet it is deeply personal
 An intimate message of Love
 Given to all.
 And then also a choice
 Whether or not to respond.
 No force is ever issued
 To make this happen,
 We can only come
 Of our own volition
 With a desire in our own heart
 To draw near,
 Seeking this Love of all loves
 Into the midst of our lives
 This day and every day.
 Amen

Parish News

FLOWER LADIES JAM JAR REQUEST – Elaine is helping arrange this year's Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival Celebration from 10th -15th May. The installation Elaine is helping with requires 1200 jam jars! Elaine needs 60. If you can help please place your clean donated jam jars in the box in the welcome area in church. Thank you.

ST. SAVIOUR's CHURCH CUPPA is back. A time for a meet-up and chat, do a jigsaw, read the paper with friends. All welcome to drop in. 28th April, and 3rd May. All dates occur each month on the last Saturday of the month. 10 am to 12 noon.



This photo was Friday afternoon set-up day for the **Jumble Sale.**

We had a lovely Saturday morning not so busy but it gave us time to chat with people. We raised **£539** but a little more money is to come in yet .

Many thanks to Lyndsey, Val, Pat, two Sarah's, Moya ,John, Marion, Angela, David K, and Adrian, for your wonderful help . And a big thank you to everyone who came and supported the Jumble sale or donated items.

We are now looking forward to planning our Summer Fun day Fair.

Blessings Marion and Janet

ST. MARK's JUMBLE SALE 12TH MARCH

What a lot of useful items people found. A wet start to the day but the clouds did disappear and a good result for all the effort put in by the helpers.

The Butterfly



Whence did the name of butterfly
Come to adorn this glorious being
Welcoming in the summer sun_
With all its beauty brightly gleaming.

From egg to grub and chrysalis
It sleeps its per-allotted span
Through darkest days and winter mists
Until the spring wakes life again

So, as at Easter did the Lord
From earthly prison rise reborn
So does the butterfly break forth
Our trees and meadows to adorn

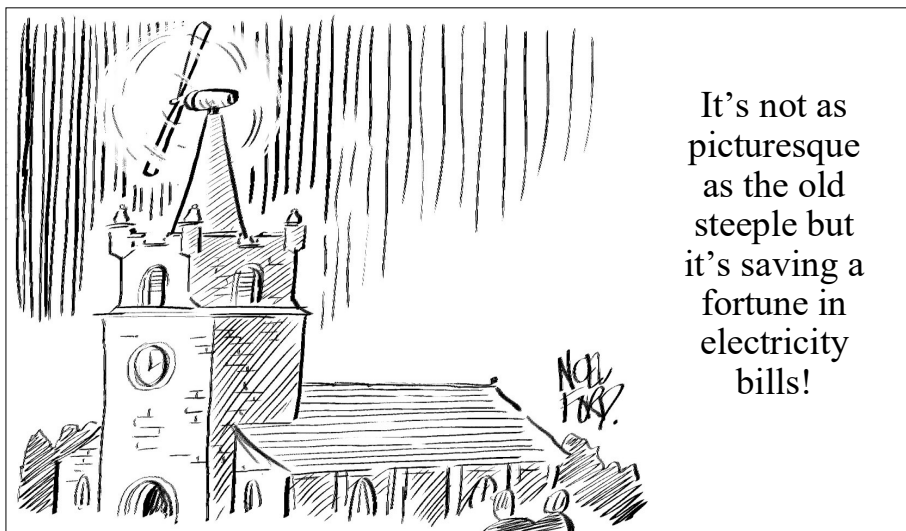
It's beauteous wings spread wide to show
The colours painted there in splendeur
The Admiral and the Peacock glow
Among the leaves so green and tender

But yet it's life is short and busy
Flitting here and there in haste
Surely does it know it's purpose
Not to delight, but find a mate.

So then the cycle is complete
The living creature falls and dies
The unborn we are yet to greet
In spring to grace again our skies.

Lorna Doubleday

(Another clever poet we have discovered at St. Mark's.)



GARDEN NOTES FOR APRIL AND MAY

Hi, I really hope you have been rewarded with the golden yellow of the daffodils.

It's time to feed your lawn and prepare the beds with compost and mulching.

Nearly all the veg seeds can be planted indoors and potted on. Just watch that you have lots of warm South light. Those wonderful sun ripened tomato's are so tasty.

Flowers like alyssum, Ageratum, Zinnia, echinatia, black eyed Susan are strong . If you are short of space pop in a few veg among your flowers.

For bedding from the nurseries we have to choose what they give us. Osteospermum and cosmos are pretty drought resistant.

Plan for drought. Micro drip irrigation and water butts?
Have fun, enjoy your garden and keep mulching.

God Bless you. Joanna Hensman

Parish News

CHURCH WALK - 9th April

Upton Country Park BH17 7BD

Once again we are organising walks for church members and anyone who wishes to join us. A few of our regulars are now bringing friends along with them - the more the merrier!

The walks usually take place on the second Saturday of each month, starting at 10 a.m., and take about one to one and a half hours, finishing at a cafe for refreshments. Pete Rowe and I organise these walks together and we 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 here in the magazine and in the church notices. Anyone can join us, just turn up on the day.

Our next walk will be on the 9th April at Upton Country Park. We will meet in the car park at 10 a.m.

Do come and join us!

We have yet to choose where the May walk will be. Details will appear in the church notices which you will get at the Sunday services or contact me.

Janet Moyse 01202 527717

DID YOU KNOW

..... you can now recycle blister packs
(those small sheets that hold all your tablets)

Just take them to a Superdrug store
where they have a bin in which you can drop them
and they will do the rest.

MOTHERS UNION

It is with regret that the branch of the Mother's Union at St. Marks is closing. WE have tried hard over the last 2 very trying years but due to ageing membership can see no way forward at present.

However on a happier note we are planning on starting a St. Mark's Fellowship Group. This group will be open to all Young and Old, Male and Female.

It will be on the 1st Thursday of most months at 2pm, a Social Meeting with Refreshments and the 3rd Thursday of most months at 10.30am Communion followed by coffee in the Church Lounge. Please come along and support us In this new venture.

Below are the dates we have booked for the coming year and if anyone is available to help please make yourself known.

Afternoon Socials 2.00 pm

7th April

5th May

1st September

6th October

3rd November

Holy Communion 10.30 am

21st April

19th May

16th June

21st July

15th September

20th October

17th November

15th December

Unfortunately we were unable to book some dates due to prior church commitments but hopefully with support we will have more next year.

Sue Brown

How YOU could help someone in Ukraine

Ukraine is in crisis. Only God knows how the situation will unfold in the coming days and weeks. Meanwhile, there is a need for food and other basic humanitarian aid.

The following Christian charities are at work in the country, and would welcome your immediate support:

Barnabas Fund. <https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/>

Christian Aid. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Methodist Church UK. <https://www.allwecan.org.uk>

Operation Mobilisation <https://www.uk.om.org/Appeal/ukraine-in-crisis>

Samaritan's Purse <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Transform Europe Network: <https://www.ten-uk.org>

World Vision <https://www.worldvision.org.uk>

These websites give information about the work they are doing to help in the current situation.

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Dem Bones, dem bones

It has been said that the body of any organisation is made up of **four types of bones....**



There are the **Wishbones** – who spend their time wishing someone else would do something about the problem under discussion....

There are the **Jawbones** – who spend their time talking about the problem.

There are the **Knucklebones** – who spend their time knocking everything that everyone has already done or would like to do.

Finally, there are the **Backbones** who quietly come along, get under the load, and carry it!

Which type of bone are you?

Samaritans Purse in work for Ukraine

On Friday, 4th March, our DC-8 cargo plane airlifted the initial phase of a 30-bed Emergency Field Hospital along with Disaster Assistance Response Team members—including doctors, nurses, and logistics and set-up personnel. When the plane lands in Poland, the field hospital will then be transported overland to Ukraine where it will provide specialised trauma care to people affected by the conflict.

The field hospital is equipped with an operating room (providing up to 10 surgeries per day), an ICU, an emergency room, a pharmacy, and it has its own water and sanitation system. Operated by more than 50 staff (medical and non-medical), the facility can care for as many as 100 patients a day.

“Ukrainian families are hurting and in desperate need of physical aid and prayer during this difficult time,” said **Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan’s Purse**. “We are deploying life-saving medical care to aid people who are suffering. We want to meet the needs of these families in their darkest moments while pointing them to the light and hope of Jesus Christ.”

Samaritan’s Purse already has disaster response specialists on the ground in Poland, Romania, and Moldova, and we plan to send two smaller medical clinics on an additional flight next week. Assessment teams continue to work to identify the most strategic locations for these units. These clinics will equip Samaritan’s Purse medical staff to meet minor trauma needs and provide general medical care for some 200 patients each day.

Samaritan’s Purse has long been partnering with more than 3,200 churches inside Ukraine. As conflict erupted, we were in the process of distributing 600,000 Operation Christmas Child gift-filled shoeboxes. We remain in contact with ministry partners in the country to see how we can assist during this crisis. Please pray for God to grant them strength and protection.

The world is shocked and horrified by the images of death and destruction coming out of Ukraine, a catastrophe we have not witnessed in Europe since the Second World War. The United Nations reports that more than 1 million refugees, primarily women and children, have already left Ukraine seeking shelter in nearby countries.

Samaritan’s Purse <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

CHURCH EVENTS

April

9th - Parish Walk

23rd – 9am Men’s Breakfast

May

8th – Church AGM after 10.30am Service

14th – Parish Walk

June

5th – Big Church Picnic Lunch celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

11th – Parish Walk

18th – Summer Fun Day

24th – 26th Church weekend away at Chichester Harbour. Speak to Rupert or the Parish Office. Booking now open! See the church website or speak to Rupert.

July

2nd – Men’s Breakfast

9th - Parish Walk

August

13th – Live Music and summer fun – **EARLY BIRD TICKET £5.50 PER person on sale now – After 1st April £10 adult, children under 16 £5 (0—5 YEARS NO FEE). Family ticket £25 (12pm to 10.30 pm)**

St Mark’s Lunch Club – You are invited to join the lunch in the church hall from 12.00pm for 12.30pm on Tuesday 5th April. The cost of the meal is £5.00 for 2 courses. Booking is essential; the list to sign is at the back of the church.

Embedding Good Poetry Practices at St Mark's

The success of any training programme or regimen can only be established once the new attitudes or learned behaviours become embedded in the subject. We all know, for example, of people going on crash diets, only to give up a few days or weeks later; or of people joining gyms or health clubs, only to let their membership falter; or even of New Year resolutions that have been forgotten by February. It is, therefore, gratifying to report that the poetry workshop at St Mark's seems to have produced some ongoing results.

First, Janet Moyse has written another 'corker' of a poem, using the iambic meter that we discussed. Look at her wonderful, *Walking to Heaven* poem: deeply Christian in sentiment and deeply classical in expression. Well done Janet - this is what I call poetry!

Walking to Heaven

I'm walking towards heaven,
It's where I long to be.
My time on earth is over,
This I can clearly see.

But wait, my neighbour's calling,
She's clearly quite upset.
I need to stop and hear her,
She's got to get it said.

Her husband's very poorly,
She tells me of her fear
That she could lose her husband
Within this current year.

I'll always be here for you,
I tell her from my heart.
I know she's gonna need me
And I must play my part.

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My trip to heaven's off,
I'm needed here for now
God's given me a mission
To keep it, this I vow.

Janet Moyse

And the other member on the course, Steve Feltham, has also produced a 'corker' of a poem, and has obviously been doing some extra research into advanced iambic forms. This is technically called a villanelle. Never heard of it? No - will you notice some clever, alternating and repeating lines. The most famous example of a villanelle in English literature is by Dylan Thomas - remember, *Do Not Go Gentle Into that Good Night*?

Judgement

Judgement just compares, it values not love,
And passions sway the thoughtless unkind breast,
Discernment seeks true meaning from above.
For all the world's creations and gifts thereof,
Should not be arranged to seek least from best,
Judgement just compares, it values not love.
Though the savage raptor consumes the dove,
Are not all living beings truly blessed?
Discernment seeks true meaning from above.
Is Gaia served most by eagle or by dove?
By which is one served, and which is one stressed?
Judgement just compares, it values not love.
Discernment is not forced and needs no shove,
To force the Gods abandon logic, lest,
Discernment seeks true meaning from above.
And though our conscience comforts like a glove,
Only compassionate choices give souls rest,
Judgement just compares, it values not love,
Discernment seeks true meaning from above.

Stephen Feltham

All in all, then, some fabulous new work and expressions from two poets using the iambic meter to convey powerful ideas and emotions.

James Sale