

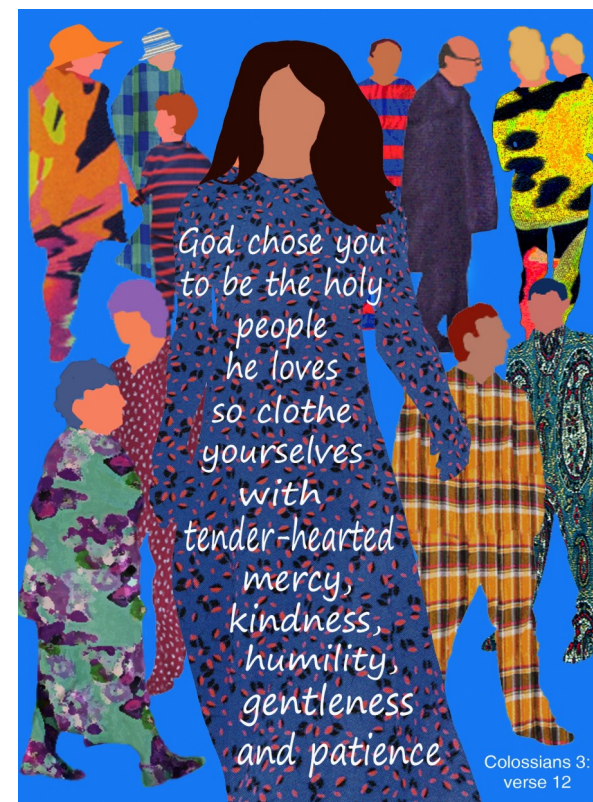
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# St Mark's Church Talbot Village



with St. Saviour's, Scott Road



## Parish Magazine

## June/July 2022 60p

## 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

***Lyla Grace Brooks***

***Karis Lucy Brooks***

***Willow Vaughan Barringer***

***Ariella McLean Dowling***

***Darcie Evie Greenwood***

## MARRIAGES

***Andrew Wagstaff and Fiona Powell***

***Peter Harris and Megan Lyons***

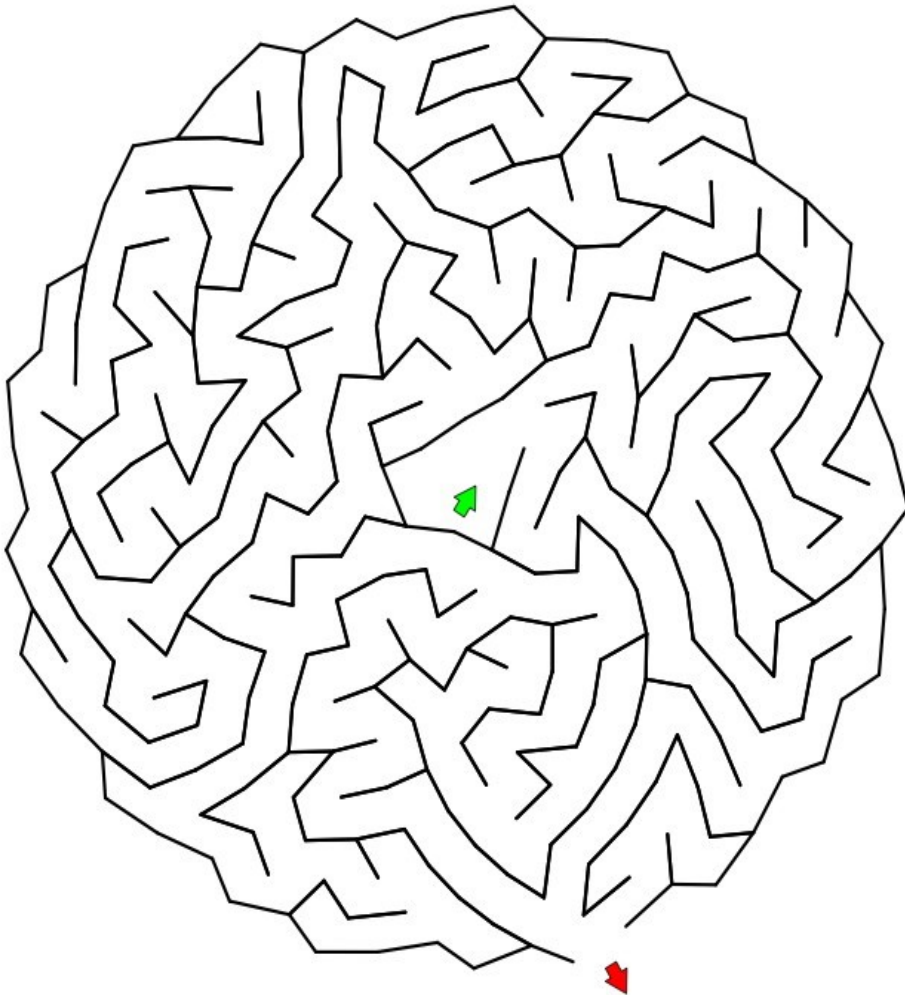
## BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

***Robert Stewart Kennington***

### Uniformed Groups:

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St. Saviour's Guides	Mrs Teresa Wray-Cook	731753

## June/July Maze



### Start at the centre and work your way out

To the one who remembers the Spirit there is always a way out, even in the wilderness with the devil. –

*Herbert Brokering*

## From the Editor

This is the double edition of the magazine for June/July. There will be no magazine in August. The next magazine will be September/October. It seems a long way off but comes round remarkably quickly, so do please prepare some articles to send for publication.

Those of you at the Church AGM will have heard first hand that Rupert is retiring from ministry – his last Sunday will be 24<sup>th</sup> July. He has been with us for 12 years and brought some new ideas to the parish, so he will be missed. We shall have a retirement collection for him nearer the time to show our appreciation and a luncheon. When he leaves there will probably be a long interregnum when various priests, myself included, will assist with the services – although I shall not take on the responsibility of the interregnum this time in the way I shared it with Phyllis when Christopher retired. Age, and my husband's health bring their constraints. Next April my own clergy licence expires and when you reach 80 years it has to be renewed every year in order to take services – I am unlikely to renew it, but will always be happy to help from time to time, in other ways, keeping in touch and coming to St. Mark's, but I shall also worship more often at my other church of St. Peter in Parkstone, and occasionally at St. Aldhem's, Branksome.

My thanks to St. Mark's for the generous book token I was given at the AGM. I shall certainly enjoy selecting some good books to read.

As Rupert has already mentioned, it is very important that everyone helps during the interregnum whenever they can. It must not be left to the usual few if we want to attract a new Vicar at sometime in the future. Everyone needs to play their part and keep on coming to church. Have a good summer and in September be ready to look to the future of this parish, and hopefully send in more articles for the magazine which I will edit until the end of April next year, then hopefully an opportunity for a new editor!

### *Diana*

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'



## CLERGY LETTER

*As most of you will now know, I announced my retirement at the Annual Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. My final service will be on Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am which will be followed by a lunch. It would be lovely to see you at the service and also for the lunch.*

*I have now been the Vicar for 12 years and it has been a great privilege. It is never easy leaving a Parish because of the many friendships we have made and the sense of being involved with God's leading of us as all as a church family. There are so many people that we are very fond of and saying goodbye will difficult. We will, in fact, be staying local as we want Alice-Rose to stay at St Mark's School.*

*It is at moments like this that we need to remind ourselves that at the heart of any church is Jesus. It should never be about the Vicar, tradition, Wardens or anyone or anything else. As Psalm 127 says "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain." It is vital for a church that nothing else gets in the way of the primary purpose of what we are called to do: to love and serve Jesus. It is the constant temptation for any church to get distracted by other issues and lose their way. "Unless **the Lord** builds ....." I am confident that St Mark's will continue to build with the Lord at the heart of everything led by the wonderful leadership of the Wardens and staff.*

*There will be time to say more on this over the next few weeks but just to add that a new Vicar coming in will then be able to build on the last years and take the mission forward. And this is the most important thing.*

*With my love, Rupert*



*Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...*



**WHAT'S  
YOURS IS  
MINE TOO !**

The Diocese of Salisbury is delighted to announce that the Rt Revd Stephen Lake, former Dean of Gloucester, was consecrated as Bishop on 25<sup>th</sup> April, during a service at Southwark Cathedral presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury.



This marks the next stage in the journey towards Stephen becoming the 79th Bishop of Salisbury; he moved to Salisbury with his family over Easter and will be enthroned in Salisbury Cathedral in June.

**Bishop Karen Gorham, said:**

"The consecration of a bishop is always a special occasion as family and friends, many of whom have seen a ministry develop, come together to celebrate the transition to a new ministry. The service is marked by the making of promises, the laying on of hands, anointing with oil and the giving of a ring, pectoral cross and crosier all signs of God's call and the task that lays ahead. Bishops are reminded that they cannot do this in their own strength but only with God's help. Together as Bishops, Stephen, Andrew and I will seek to model the ministry of a teacher, leader and shepherd within the diocese, each of us having particular roles and responsibilities, with Stephen leading us into a new phase of diocesan life."

**The Rt Revd Stephen Lake, said:** The ordination of a bishop is a significant moment for the person and the church alike. I shall undertake this new ministry with dedication and reliance upon the grace of God. It is a real joy that the preacher at my consecration is the Very Revd Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury, who was my training priest when I was a curate. Both in terms of Robert preaching and my returning to Salisbury Diocese, this feels like God has known about this for a long time! I look forward to the other stages of arrival in the diocese and sharing with others in this exciting time".

**Enthronement will be Sunday 3.00 pm 19th June**

## PARISH NEWS

A Jubilee Lunch is planned for 7th June prepared by the Rotary Club in St. Mark's Hall. All welcome but booking is essential. Please speak to our churchwardens Marion Marks and Janet Lee. There is a list at the back of church for those interested. Starts 12.30 pm Tickets £5. (12 noon for pre-dinner drink!)



### **St. Mark's Summer Fun Day**

**18th June**

**10.30 am—2.00 pm**

Donations needed for our Summer Fair Fun Day. We need good toys, books, toiletries, books, jewellery, bric-a-brac etc. All in good condition please. Raffle prizes would be welcome and homemade cakes can be brought in the day before, on Friday 17th. Let's make this an extra special day for everyone. Offers of help for this event would be appreciated.

### NEW P.C.C.

At St. Mark's AGM the following people formed the PCC: Trevor Adamson, David Broom, Valerie Cox, Chris Gaunt, John Gray, David Humphreys, Adrian James, Janet Moyse, Angela Odell, Elizabeth Watts, Lyndsey Wilson. Sue Divall and Jonathan Williams also attend meetings as they are on the Deanery Synod. Marion Marks and Janet Lee continue as Church Wardens.

### Audio –Visual Equipment

At the time of writing an Audio-Visual System is being installed in St Mark's Church. We received a very generous gift for the expressed purpose of providing such a system for the church. The system includes a projector, camera and screen which are all cleverly hidden away unless being used. This will enable us to extend the style of teaching with short films, interviews and pictures. We will also be able to live stream services when required, including weddings and funerals. We are so grateful for this very generous gift and hopefully the system will be operational by the beginning of June.



## The Church Walk at Upton House grounds



Our 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. We 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. Our next walk will be on Saturday 11th June at Pamphill Green, near Wimborne, BH21 4ED. The car park is situated opposite St. Stephen's Church, Abbotts Street, and we will meet at 10 a.m.

**Do come and join us!**

Pete Rowe 07770 167840 - Janet Moyse 01202 527717

## Book Review

### Room for God By various authors, Bible Society, £3.99

This may help you find a way to connect with God in every room of your house, as well as outdoors. On a meditative tour of your own home, you can try out a variety of spiritual practices, listening to God, reflecting on your concerns, and using discernment in your decisions.

There is a double-page spread focusing on each room in the house, and extra double-page spreads on our love of pets, colours in the home, and hospitality. The book also combines Bible texts, prayers and meditations, creative activities and ideas to support social action. It offers a range of suggestions, from ten-minute challenges to deeper meditations.



## CHURCH COLOURS

The colours of the altar frontals change throughout the year. Here is a guide to what those colours represent:

- GREEN - Ordinary Time (when it is not a major festival)
- RED - Pentecost—represents the flames of Pentecost, and is also used on Saints Days, represents blood shed for their faith and stands for Love.
- WHITE - Christmas, and Easter periods, and Saints who were not martyrs. And the Virgin Mary
- PURPLE - Advent and Lent—penitential colours a preparation time before Easter or Christmas

## GARDEN NOTES FOR JUNE

Wow things are growing fast. So wonderful to be outside in warm weather.

Our young Apple had amazing blossom . Perhaps a little fruit this year.

I hope you have some vegetables, tucked in amongst the flowers.

Our Honesty is very tall and bright. Worth the 2 year wait. The seeds came from the churchyard. Have a look. There may still be some flowers.

Most important thing now is mulching and good watering.

Tall blue iris were good. What a perfume!

Enjoy the summer .

*Joanna*

## THE POETRY WORKSHOP

The second poetry workshop at St Mark's. On the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> November last year in the church hall we had our first poetry group. We had a good time and focused on rhythm and meter in English poetry and how it helps us create a more powerful type of poetry. Some of the work written has appeared in the Parish magazine, which was really gratifying.

Building on this foundation - but taking it from a different perspective so that the second course is a stand-alone (you can follow the exercises without having attended the first one!), we now take a new idea to help us sharpen our writing skills. My approach is simple and straightforward: anyone can follow it, and anyone who attends will learn something new and will also sharpen their writing skills.

I hope you can join in this writing workshop. It's in the Church Hall on **23rd June starting at 19.30**. Look forward to seeing you there.

**James Sale**



## Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival



A replica of the Queen's coronation robe made of dyed grasses and gilded ferns was unveiled at Salisbury Cathedral for the 2022 Flower Festival, Celebration – A Festival of Flowers. It was held 13th to 15th May. Our own flower lady Elaine Green took part in making an arrangement—hence the collection of all those jam jars! See page 9.

(Photo Elaine Green)

I was sitting down when I suddenly had a lot of pain

which kept on coming and going so I said, "Please God take away this pain." and the pain went.

The next night I decided to write a poem and it is called:

### He Took The Pain Away

The Lord was there ,  
He took away my pain.  
How can I thank him  
Again, again and again?  
He was there when I needed him.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Truly I love him, truly I care.  
It was so wonderful that he was  
Right there.

**By Irene Foster     St. Saviour's**

### **‘Little Silver’ - Platinum—a Royal quality!**

If you have ever had chemotherapy, or a heart pacemaker installed, you will be particularly grateful for the properties of platinum.

Platinum compounds disrupt the multiplication of cancerous cells, and the properties of platinum itself (its resistance to corrosion and tarnishing) make it particularly suitable for electrical contacts in pacemakers.

But platinum has other properties which make it a topical subject.

The word ‘Platinum’ comes from the Spanish for ‘little silver’ (‘plata’ meaning silver, as in the River Plate in Argentina.) Platinum is very rare. It is much rarer than gold. It is therefore very precious and has generally been more expensive than gold.

Platinum is used to make the International Standard Weights and Measures. The International Standard Kilogram is made from platinum alloys which can be relied upon not to vary over time. Platinum is a very dense metal. It is denser than pure gold. It carries a great deal of ‘gravitas.’

Platinum is what scientists call a ‘Noble Metal’ – because it can withstand almost any chemical attack. It is the least reactive of all metals.

All these characteristics apply well to our much-loved Queen. She is ‘petite and silver’, she has ‘gravitas’, and she has remained untarnished over a very long period of time, despite having been in constant contact with all manner of people.

The Queen is a very rare person indeed, and very precious to our nation, setting the highest reliable standards of public service and carrying with her immense gravitas and unquestionable nobility.

The Queen’s Imperial State Crown is made of gold, silver and,

### **The following was in my daily readings book and was written by Eddie Askew:**

I’ve bought myself a new computer. I’ve had an old one for years and we’d grown used to each other but, like me, it was getting older and I thought it was time it went into honourable retirement.

My new one spent two days crouching on my desk growling at me and refusing to do any of the things I wanted it to do. Even the mouse wouldn’t co-operate. Then, quite suddenly, we became friends and a new world of possibilities opened up.

To start with it’s fast and can do things my old one couldn’t. Each time I play with it I sit back in amazement as I discover some new refinement. And, in spite of doing so much more, it does it all so much more easily - once you’ve got the hang of it.

But, given a few weeks use, I know I’ll start taking it for granted. All the surprise will disappear and it will become just another machine sitting there on my desk. The wonder of it will go and it will become ordinary. A daily miracle reduced to the commonplace.

So much in life is miracle yet we are so used to it we accept it without a thought. Why should the sun rise every day? Why do the seasons follow one another in the same order every year? If only we could hold that sense of wonder life would sparkle again like it did when we were children. Above all, if only we could accept the wonder of God’s love, life would be transformed quicker than any computer can do it.

Take a long look at your world today and open your mind to the miracles going on all around you.

**Janet Moyse**



## PENTECOST 5<sup>th</sup> June - By Canon David Winter

We used to call it **Whitsun** – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. No processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.



**Pentecost** marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn’t helped by the earlier title ‘Holy Ghost’. The spirit is not spiritually a ‘ghost’ but a precious gift.

## *Salisbury Flower Festival*

Even though this is the fourth Salisbury festival that I have assisted with, it is the first that I have been solo, and hence quite nervous! But at the same time, extremely privileged.

The arrangers come from churches within the Salisbury diocese, along with NAFAS flower clubs, a number of colleges and individual arrangers. I believe over 450 arrangers.



And so it was that last year I attended an introductory meeting at the cathedral, followed by several workshops this year, to produce some of the component parts of the installation that I was privileged to work upon. It involved making lots of bees and butterflies. The display I helped with, along with 20+ others, was inspired by the ‘Coronation Meadows initiative’, and designed by the celebrated Angela Turner.

The 1200 plus jam jars (that you helped to contribute) were filled with water and foliage and placed in a naturalistic way on the floor of the south transept and then thousands of flowers carefully added to create an interpretation of a wild flower meadow. The ‘wildlife’ was added and some old fashioned bee hives to add to the authenticity. Backbreaking!

A soundtrack of birds and bees was added and played throughout the week. In such sad and uncertain times on the world stage, the beauty of the festival heightened my appreciation of all the good things with which I am truly blessed and I hope the 1500 visitors to the magnificent building left with similar thoughts.

**Elaine Green**

## THE CORONATION

It was 1953 and I was 18. With some friends, we had decided to go to see the Queen. Not face to face of course, but when she passed by in the royal coach on the occasion of her coronation.

We left the day before and found a place to sit or stand, where we thought we would have a good view. We had hoped to be in the Mall, but that was already overcrowded, so we had to settle for the best we could find. In this place we knew we would have a long wait since the procession would only pass our spot on its way back from the Abbey.

It was all very lively: people were laughing and singing; talking to each other, even though it was raining. It was that fine, drizzling, soaking rain. We had taken something to sit on, and we had our Macs and umbrellas. The rain did not dampen our spirits and we sang and laughed with a good heart. We all shared what we had taken to eat and drink and this was before cling film was invented, so before the end of the night the place was littered with sodden empty paper bags and newspaper.

In the early hours of June 2nd the first daily papers were available, and news boys were shouting the headlines that Everest had been conquered. Everyone thought this was a joke, made especially for the occasion; no one believed it but, in fact it was true.

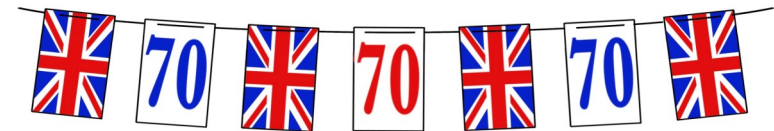
Dawn broke to leaden skies and more rain. During the late morning we could hear cheering and a lot of noise; the procession was obviously on its way to the Abbey. Very much later the royal coach and all those invited passed our spot. We all cheered like mad things and waved our flags. The newly crowned Queen in her gorgeous coach looked beautiful. She held the sceptre, and the orb was in a special little support we learned later. Of course the Queen could not have held the orb for so long without this support.

There were so many dignitaries, : royals from other countries, as well as those associated with our own royal household, that not everyone could travel in a coach, and the rain continued to fall. I well remember Queen Saloti in an open landau smiling broadly as she wiped the rain off her face with her hands. I never did know which African country she was queen of, but she was obviously thoroughly enjoying the occasion.

No one can do pageantry better than the British and this was no exception. And no nation could put up with all the discomfort and still keep laughing and cheering .like the British.

Was it all worth it ? Of course it was. Something that will stay in my memory for ever – but I still can't remember exactly where our pitch was.

*Lorna Doubleday*



## ***ST. MARK's JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN's REIGN SUNDAY 5TH JUNE***

**Bring your picnic and blanket to sit on and enjoy fun for all the family: Live music, inflatable assault course bouncy castle, traditional village games and sports - egg and spoon race, tug 'o' war plus, face painting and craft activities for the children.**

**This event is free and everyone is welcome.**

**Will start after the 10:30am service - come and join in the fun!**