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OUTLOOK



June 2023

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JUNE



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FR JULIAN WRITES...

A recent international survey of religious beliefs showed some surprising results. With a broad brush interpretation, it shows the UK to be in the bottom third of all nations when it came to religious beliefs and practices. However, just over a third of us apparently believe in heaven, and a quarter in hell. Two thirds of those questioned believed in some form of higher being, a quarter prayed/worshipped outside a place of worship, and less than a fifth went to a specific place of worship at least once a month. These statistics are the total of all beliefs, and not just Christian, Jewish, Muslim or Hindu. (If you're having trouble sleeping, then you can see all the facts and figures under 'Global Religion 2023' – Ipsos).

I think this a rather sad, although not unsurprising, reflection of belief in this country today. And it seems to me that it comes down not just to the effects of Covid, or the general decline in church attendance due to other social factors, but actually to what we have become as a people. I know this may sound a bit extreme, but I was in a restaurant recently, and having squeezed past many tables, I noted that many younger people did not know how to hold a knife and fork as perhaps you and I were taught. Partly the operative word is 'taught', but rather than thinking of teaching by dictating, we need to consider how else learning is acquired. For instance, it could be argued that with the decline of school meals, our young people are not used to eating regular meals at regular times, at table with others with them. It leads to individualism and, to some extent, ignorance.

Our attitude towards faith reflects this rather crude image. For some people, 'faith' is defined by what is known as the 'golden rule' – treat others as you would be treated yourself. This is probably the most culturally universal ethical tenet in human history. But by following it doesn't mean to say that you are religious or have faith. Yes, it is

included in the holy books of the major religions, but that doesn't make you a person of faith, a believer.

If this accords to any belief system, then that is humanism, whereas faith is the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11. 1). We can see one another, and we can see the effect that our actions have on other people and things. Being nice to one another and showing respect is not the same as having a faith.

People will often talk about being 'spiritual'. That again covers a whole load of different suggestions, but largely it is a feeling which is focussed within the individual, which may have external effect. It doesn't necessarily imply a faith in God or a god, but a raising of awareness within the self of duties and responsibilities beyond the self. Again, to proclaim a spirituality cannot be equated with a faith in any god.

So. We are a tiny minority who believe in God and go to church. Congratulations! Again, coming back to the survey, belief in God helped the majority to define who they were. Christianity is a 'we' faith' not an 'I' faith. It is expressed in our worshipping regularly together, recognising that we are one Body, that of Christ, that we have shared values and outlooks, and that we are fed and encouraged by God himself. And that is the entire point. Not only do we believe in God, but we worship him. Not just in attendance at services, important as that is, but by living lives that reveal our faith. St Benedict's dictum was to work is to pray, but we might also consider that life is worship.

It is easy to become depressed by falling church attendances (ours is actually slowly increasing!) and the state of the world in general, but as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit, we must also remember how 12 men transformed the world so that 2000 years later, God is still very much at work in a significant number of people. He doesn't give up, and so neither shall we. May we all live lives worthy of the gospel, as we are exhorted to do in Philipians 1.27.

With my prayers and good wishes

Fr Julian

JUNE SAINTS - Fr Julian's selection of this month's saints

30th May St Joan of Arc (c1412–30 May 1431) is a patron saint of France. Claiming to be acting under divine guidance, she became a military leader who transcended gender roles and gained recognition as a saviour of France. She was burnt at the stake for blasphemy: wearing men's clothes and acting under demonic visions, although the court's verdict was declared unsafe 25 years later – too late for Joan.



1st St Justin Martyr (c. 100 – c. 165) He was also known as Justin the Philosopher because of his Platonist views, but primarily as an early Christian writer. Two of his 'apologies' and a 'dialogue' survive, with the first account of the eucharist in a form we recognise today. He was martyred with some of his students.

3rd St Charles Lwanga and Companions (1860–1886) was a Ugandan convert to Christianity who was martyred with a group of his peers. Serving in the court of the court of King Mwanga II of Buganda, now the



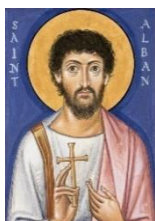
central and southern part of Uganda, he was baptised at 25. In an effort to resist a Christian worldview that undermined the authority of his office, King Mwanga II insisted that Christian converts abandon their new faith and executed many Anglicans and Catholics between 1885 and 1887, including Lwanga and other officials in the royal court.

5th St Boniface (675-754) was an English Benedictine monk who, in the 8th century helped lead missions to the Germanic parts of Francia. He was martyred in Frisia (N Holland/NW Germany) in 754 with 52 others. He founded a monastery in Exeter near the present cathedral, and is reputed to have been born in Crediton, although no such reference occurs until the 14th C. In 2019, Devon CC declared him the patron saint of Devon.

9th St Columba or Colmcille (521 – 597 AD) was an Irish abbot and missionary evangelist credited with spreading Christianity in what is today Scotland at the start of the Hiberno-Scottish mission. He founded the abbey on Iona, which became a dominant religious and political institution in the region for centuries. He is the patron saint of Derry. He was highly regarded by both the Gaels of Dál Riata and the Picts, and is remembered today as a Catholic saint and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.



20th St Alban (dates uncertain ?3rd/4th C) A Roman soldier, St Alban has been declared England's 'protomartyr' (first martyr) who was beheaded under Roman persecution probably at today's St Albans, for sheltering a Christian priest, Amphibalus. Martyred with him were Aaron and Julius. His shrine in the Abbey and Cathedral Church has been magnificently restored.



24th St John the Baptist This celebrates the birth of St John the Baptist; there is also another date (29th August – his beheading). Recognising his Christian significance the Nativity of John the Baptist is a high-ranking liturgical feast, kept in the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglicanism, and Lutheranism. The sole biblical account of the birth of John the Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke although John's gospel sets the scene for his birth. All 4 gospels give accounts of his life and works.

29th St Peter (d. ?64-68) Although celebrated on this day with St Paul, Peter in his own right is venerated across the Christian world. Also known in the bible as Peter the Apostle, Simon Peter, Simeon, Simon or Cephas (Rocky!). One of the Twelve, he appears in all the gospels and Acts. According to Christian tradition, Peter was crucified in Rome under Emperor Nero.



The ancient Christian churches all venerate Peter as a major saint and as the founder of the Church of Antioch and the Church of Rome but they differ in their attitudes regarding the authority of his successors. According to Catholic teaching, Jesus promised Peter a special position in the Church, which is why the Pope is known as Peter's successor. In the C of E, ordinations traditionally take place at Pentecost.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

The Sundays, readings and themes, and Saints days for June are listed below.

1 Thu S. Justin, Martyr at Rome (165)

3 Sat Martyrs of Uganda (1885-7 & 1977)

4 TRINITY SUNDAY *Theme: God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit*

Readings: Isaiah 40.12-17 & 27-31; 2 Cor 13.11-13; Matt 28.16-20

5 Mon S. Boniface of Crediton, Bishop & Martyr (754)

8 CORPUS CHRISTI *Theme: The Body and Blood of Christ*

Readings: Genesis 14.18-20; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 6.51-58

9 Fri S. Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary (597)

11 TRINITY 1 *Theme: Giving Him Room*

Readings: Jeremiah 28.5-9; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

13 Tue S. Anthony of Padua, Franciscan Friar & Priest (1231)

15 Thu S. Vitus, Martyr (c.303)

16 Fri S. Richard of Chichester, Bishop (1243)

18 TRINITY 2 181st Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church

Theme: He Comes in Humility

Readings: Zechariah 9.9-12; Romans 7.15-25a; Matt 11.16-19&25-30

20 Tue S. Alban, 1st Martyr of Britain (250)

23 Fri S. Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely (678)

24 Sat Birth of John the Baptist

25 TRINITY 3 *Theme: The Fruitful Word*

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9 & 18-23

27 Tue S. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Teacher (444)

28 Wed S. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher (200)

29 Thu SS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

Pentecost Prayer

*God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,
now and always. Amen.*



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

A wonderful service was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Furnham, Chard on 30th April, when Holy Trinity people joined the congregation of the Good Shepherd for their patronal festival and Fr Julian was licensed as Interim Minister there.

The Bishop of Oswestry was the principal celebrant at the Mass and the Archdeacon of Taunton, the Ven. Simon Hill conducted the licensing. The service was followed by a superb lunch during which people had an opportunity to meet Bishop Paul, the Bishop of Oswestry for the first time.



Just before we left, Alison Cruickshank, one of the Good Shepherd churchwardens, invited me to look at the 'Good Shepherd' window in the north aisle of the church.

The window ledge was covered with an assortment of small sheep models. I was told that they had been counted and that there were exactly 99 of them with one sheep elsewhere in the church – as in the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18.10-14).



I understand that it is their tradition to decorate this window like this on Good Shepherd Sunday. I wonder how many of you noticed it? I was pleased that Alison pointed it out to me.

Jane Laurence ('Sheep' photo contributed by Jenni Llewellyn)

A RECIPE FOR JUNE

PRICKLEY GREEN BEETROOT SALAD

Serves 4

Ingredients

2 large raw beetroot
1 large onion, chopped
4 oz sultanas
2 tbsp oil (preferably sunflower)
½ tsp dried basil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Juice of 1 lemon
1 bunch of chopped spring onions to garnish



Method

- Mix all the ingredients together in a salad bowl.
- Sprinkle the spring onions on the top and serve.

You can use cooked beetroot if you prefer.

This recipe comes from Sarah Brown's 'Vegetarian Kitchen' published 1984.

Jenni Llewellyn

WINDRUSH DAY CONCERT

Thursday 22nd June, 7.30pm, at Holy Trinity Church

Tan Teddy Jamaican Folk Culture Group warmly invites you
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3rd June 2023, 11am-2pm

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If you require any further information please contact John Godley, or Cheryl Grindle.

Please do you all you can to make this a successful day.

RINGING TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 40 minutes on 3rd May, to celebrate the coronation of Charles III.



The ringers were: Jenni Llewellyn, John Godley, Gill Whatmore, Michael Hansford, Margaret Jordan and Adrian Whatmore.

A DAY OUT - A Visit to The International Bomber Command Centre, Lincoln, May 2023

Well, a visit arranged to celebrate a singular day in the year, to do with marriage anniversaries and the like, turned out to be a very different one, from other years.

As you may know, it was the 80th anniversary, of another time and place, on the 16th May 2023, and one with which we had a direct connection. My wife, Jan's father, was enrolled in the air force and flew in Lancaster Bombers out from Lincolnshire air bases at that time, in 1943. And by coincidence, we arrived at the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln on the 17th May 2023.

What an experience. The whole visit was very atmospheric, and the more so from our point of view, in that we had taken a number of photos with us, to see if we could identify the aircraft which Jan's Dad flew in and try to locate the group he was with.

The lady on the reception desk was taken aback when she saw the photos, and was seriously amazed, not only at the quality of the photos, but with the hand written text, on the reverse of at least two of the items, naming the names and little personal 'quips', relating to the men in the photos. We were equally drawn in to the significance of the items, and the lady requested that the Memorial Centre would like to scan the documents to be able to add to their records and web pages.



The aircraft in the photos was identified as being of 63 squadron and we had pics of the crew, including Jan's Dad, Herbert (Herbie) Cave and also the ground crew attached to the 'flight'.

The morning wore on, and the highlight of the Memorial garden was the obelisk, depicting the wing span of a Lancaster Bomber, and a rather extraordinary display of metal figures, cut out in such a way, to show very precisely, the images of the Dam Raid crews and of course, Barnes Wallis, the inventor of the Bouncing Bomb which destroyed the Mohne and Ruhr Dams in Germany. The backdrop of cloudy sky was unreal. Very effective.

The last part was the memorial boards, or 'Walls', carrying **all** the names of those lost during the campaign, or, who 'never came back'. This, along with a direct view across Lincoln, to the magnificent Cathedral, on the opposite, Northern hill of the City, set the scene perfectly.

Jan's Dad never ever talked about the time he was with the air force. We will always wonder why that was so. But maybe the reason was here for all to see.

A day out to remember for sure.

John Godley



GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 8th July 2023

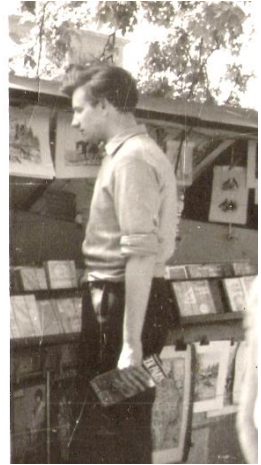
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12.00 noon: Solemn Concelebrated Mass sung in the Nave of the Abbey Church Preacher: Bishop Paul Thomas

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SUMMER IN PARIS

These days holiday travel is beset by endless crowds on motorways, at airports or waiting for many hours to board cross channel ferries. I am thankful that my first holiday abroad never encountered any such tiring delays as it took place in the 1950s when it was customary for most people in this country to take their annual holiday in one of the splendid seaside resorts around the coast of Britain so that ferries to the continent were rarely crowded and there were no long queues.



Not long after I was posted to Taunton by the Civil Service, Cliff, a friend and office colleague with whom I had worked at Bristol suggested that we take a fortnight's holiday in Paris. I was in full agreement with this idea and we set out for London on 2nd July 1955 without booking anything beforehand. We just paid our way as we went.

London to Paris involved buying tickets at Victoria Station for the whole journey to Paris via Newhaven and across the channel to Dieppe from 9.30am to 3pm. Another three hours on a long train with hard wooden seats took us from Dieppe to the Gare St. Lazare in Paris around 6pm. There we asked a Cooks Representative on the station platform where we could find a suitable hotel. He recommended the Hotel Britannia in the Rue d'Amsterdam within easy walking distance. With no difficulty we went to the hotel and booked our accommodation for the best part of a fortnight.

The hotel was small and quaint with a tiny old fashioned lift which creaked and heaved as it very slowly ascended to our floor. During the night we heard the shrill quarrels of the ladies of the night as they squabbled among themselves. Our waiter brought us breakfast at 8.30am, delicious coffee and rolls. Just down the road was a café-restaurant called 'The Regent' where we often stopped for a very tasty soup lunch.

Highlights of our stay included leisurely visits without queues to the Madeleine Church, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Montmartre, Notre Dame, the Tuillerie Gardens, Versailles, and the Sacre Coeur Church. On Sunday we went to BCP Evening Prayer in the British Embassy Church. In those pre-ecumenical days we didn't consider worship in one of the churches in Paris which would have been Roman Catholic. Even at school in an act of worship during Assembly, Roman Catholics and other denominations were expected to leave the hall.

One day while looking in the window of a French hairdresser I was enticed in to spend 1,500 francs (an extravagant £1.50 at that time) on a superb French haircut and shampoo. The average price of a haircut in England in the 1950s was about 2 shillings and sixpence (about 12p).

Our visits were largely done on the underground, the Metro, which was then very antiquated. A barrier came across the entrance to the platform to prevent anyone gaining further access when the train was about to depart. The carriages had wooden seats which had to be given up to war veterans. The doors to the train had to be opened by hand lifting an ornate latch.

Our final visit was to Vincennes Chateau returning to the Champs Elysees to see the illuminations on the eve of Bastille Day, when we had to return to England.

George Coles

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April 2023

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MAGAZINE DEADLINE: Wednesday 14th June 2023

ALL IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

It was:

- 400 years ago, on 19th June 1623 that Blaise Pascal was born. This French mathematician, physicist, inventor, theologian, and philosopher invented one of the first mechanical calculators.
- 300 years ago, on 16th June 1723 that Adam Smith was born. The 'Father of Economics', this Scottish economist and philosopher is best known for his book *The Wealth of Nations*.
- 175 years ago, on 7th June 1848 that Paul Gauguin, French post-impressionist artist, was born.
- 150 years ago, on 5th June 1873 that the great slave market in Zanzibar (now part of Tanzania) was closed after Britain issued Sultan Barghash bin Said with an ultimatum to close it or face a blockade.
- 125 years ago, on 9th June 1898 that Britain leased Hong Kong from China for 99 years, and it became a British Crown Colony. It was transferred back to China in 1997.
- 75 years ago, on 21st June 1948 that the ship HMT Empire Windrush docked in London, bringing the first large group of immigrants from the West Indies to the UK.
- 65 years ago, on 9th June 1958 that London's Gatwick Airport was officially opened.
- 50 years ago, from 16th to 25th June 1973 that Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev visited Washington DC and said that the Cold War was over as far as the Soviet Union was concerned.
- 40 years ago, from 16th to 24th June, that Pope John Paul II visited his native Poland. He held a private meeting with Lech Walesa, the founder of the banned trade union Solidarity. Walesa became President of Poland in 1990.
- 25 years ago, on 11th June 1998 that the UN declared an official famine in Sudan. About 250,000 people were saved by international aid, but up to 100,000 died in South Sudan. A ceasefire in the Second Sudanese Civil War was signed on 15th July but collapsed in April 1999.
- 20 years ago, on 20th June 2003 that the Wikimedia Foundation was founded in Florida. The non-profit charitable organisation operates several websites, including Wikipedia.

From the Parish Pump



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All bookings are for 12.15. Please let me know if you would like to go to any of the venues at least *1 week prior to the date of the meal* so that I can confirm numbers with the venue.

Wendy Burge

BUS DRIVER'S PRAYER

by Ian Dury (1942 – 2000)

Our Father,
Who art in Hendon,
Harrow Road be Thy name.
Thy Kingston come,
Thy Wimbledon
In Erith, as it is in Hendon.
Give us this day our Berkhamstead
And forgive us our Westminster
As we forgive those who Westminster against us.
Lead us not into Temple Station
And deliver us from Ealing,
For thine is the Kingston
The Purley and the Crawley,
For Iver and Iver,
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