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Services for July 2021.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CHECK CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS or CONTACT A CHURCH WARDEN [see page 3]

	04/07/21	11/07/21	18/07/21	25/07/21
Farmborough 11am	Holy Communion Canon Stephen Purvis	Family & Friends	Holy Communion & Baptism Revd. Anne-Marie Bird	Morning Prayer
Intercessor Farmborough	Tom Cook	Liz Ladd	Chris Lovell	Jan Jones
Reader Farmborough	Ezekiel 2 1 – 5/ 2 Corinthians 12 2 – 10; *Chris Lovell* Mark 6 1 – 13; *Charlotte Strange*	Ephesians 1 1 – 14; *Kate & Lisa Hegan*	Jeremiah 23 1 - 6/ Ephesians 2 11 – end; *Liz Ladd* Mark 6 30 – 34,53 - end; *Barbara Chard*	Jeremiah 45 1 – 5; *David Willis* Acts 11 27 – 12.2; *Jeannette Jones*
Flower rota Farmborough	Catherine Taylor			
Marksbury 11.00am	No service	No service	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion Canon Stephen Purvis
Stanton Prior 9.30am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion tbc	No service	No service

Church opening times for Private Prayer.

Farmborough, Marksbury & Stanton Prior are open for prayer, each day from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

A **weekly sheet with prayers and Bible readings continues to be available by e-mail** and could be used as a basis for worship, if you would like to be included on the distribution list for the virtual service contact your PCC Secretary [details page 3]
If you do not have internet access one can be printed off for you.

The Diocese of Bath & Wells also has links to prayers & services which you may wish to access using the following link….

https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/



FLAG DAYS FOR JULY 2021

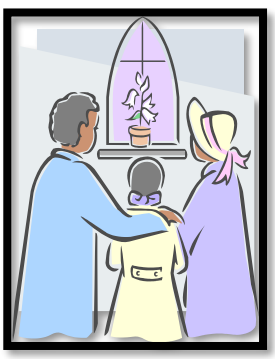
3rd	Thomas - Apostle
22nd	Mary Magdalene Prince George of Cambridge born 2013
25th	James - Apostle

CHURCH NEWS.

During the interregnum

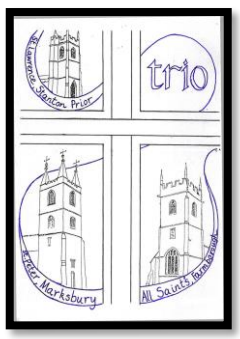


ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made by contacting one of the Churchwardens in the relevant Parish.



AND SAY HELLO

If you have new neighbours, please let a Churchwarden know so they can receive a copy of Trio & a 'hello' from the Church family.



Welcome to the July edition of Trio.

Five ways to become a happier person



Apparently, we live in the fifteenth happiest country in the world. [The seventh annual World Happiness Report placed the UK 15th in the 156-country ranking, just ahead of Ireland. Finland, Denmark and Norway were the happiest nations while South Sudan replaced Burundi as the least happy.] However, it's not about the country we live in but rather our own state of mind that counts.

Experts say people can influence their own happiness. So here are five ways to improve our mood as proposed by Professor Laurie Santos, who runs a course called *Psychology and the Good Life* at Yale University.

1. Make a gratitude list
Think about the things we take for granted. For instance, take pleasure in having plentiful drinking water - grateful that we have piped water available 24/7 and don't have to go to a well. We have shelter, and a comfortable bed to sleep in. "Give us this day our daily bread" - we often have sufficient food and, to top it all, Somerset is a wonderful place to live.

2. Sleep more and better
Scientific research makes clear that sleep is essential at any age. "Sleep powers the mind, restores the body, and fortifies virtually every system in the body." Young adults need up to 9 hours sleep whereas seniors require just 7 to 8. People who sleep less than 6 hours have an increased chance of developing Alzheimer's disease, so don't burn the candle at both ends!

3. Meditate
We rush around so much that we may not be in the moment to enjoy just "being". Take a moment to concentrate, seeing the beauty in nature or enjoying a simple, household chore. This has become known as "mindfulness", to be in the present rather than allowing the mind to jump ahead to be anxious about the day and its tasks. Christians try to take a moment, every day, to say their prayers which is a combination of meditation and mindfulness, acknowledging a higher presence - what we call, God.

4. Spend more time with family and friends
Don't leave it to others, reach out to those you love and try to get something in the diary. This is harder if you're lonely, living on your own, or lacking in confidence. It's important therefore, that people who are more socially active, reach out to the lonely and include them in their bubbles. Loneliness is not confined to the elderly, as recent studies show, young people have been that hardest hit by the lockdowns. Spending time with people we like significantly boosts wellbeing. We like to think that each of our congregations in our three villages, is a church *family* to whom all are welcome.

5. Limit social media
Social media is a wonderful thing, but we can have too much of a good thing. Real relationships are better than virtual ones, so be careful not to live life looking at a phone because it can create an emptiness. “The latest research shows that people who use social networks the most, tend to be less happy than those who don't use it so much,” Professor Santos adds.

I am sure that you have read similar articles giving slightly different ways of being happy. One thing they all agree on is that human beings are not designed to live life at a frenetic pace, consequently it's important that we take some time out to enjoy being alive. Jesus teaches us that life is best when we strip away everything that separates us from God.

Have a very happy July!

Martin



At last we should be able to say thank you to PREB JAN & wish her well in her retirement SO….

at Farmborough Hall
on JULY 24th
between 2.30pm and 5pm

there will be an opportunity to pop in & see Preb Jan.
Please do call in as guidance should allow us to meet face to face by then.



A message from
Trevor Willmott
Assistant Bishop of Bath & Wells

God's gift to humankind

The leaves of the trees will be for the healing of the nations.
Rev. 22.2

A few days spent recently in the Lakes gave us a much anticipated opportunity to visit the new RHS garden, Bridgewater, near Manchester. Created in the ruins of the much overgrown walled garden of a long gone great house, the garden is the result of co-operation between the RHS and the City Council.

While the Paradise Garden with its pools and flowing water reminded me of the river of life in the Revelation, it was the therapeutic garden which captured my imagination. A number of charities working in inner Manchester with people whose lives are deeply affected by issues of mental health and social deprivation had approached the RHS to explore the possibility of creating a working garden to be grown and maintained by the various communities involved. The result is stunning both visually and mentally.

To aid the development the partners decided to allocate some of their limited financial resources towards the appointment of a full time occupational therapeutic gardener. Talking with her and reading the display boards around the garden we discovered that for many of those involved not only was this their first experience of gardening but more importantly the physical work and interaction is giving them a hope and purpose in life in ways that nothing else had been able to achieve.

The Revelation speaks of a world transformed and made new by God; the very stuff of the earth, trees and water, bringing new life to what was tired and old. The Scriptures remind us that the earth is God's gift to humankind to be tended and cherished; to be used for the good of all.

But let the last word be that of the therapeutic gardener "we can care for others; we can care for the earth. All we need is a vision and the will."

With my blessing

Assistant Bishop Trevor

NEW RECTOR UPDATE….



On Thursday 3rd June a meeting was held at Farmborough Church of the three benefice PCCs to approve the profile for our new rector. It was explained that because of the population of our benefice we were only entitled to a rector for 50% time and that as a result the rest of their time had to be for other duties. When Preb. Jan was rector the remainder of her time was as Chaplain to Bath Spa University, but since her appointment the university had grown so much that it required a greater commitment than our rector could give and an appointment to the chaplaincy had already been made.

It was suggested that the remainder of the rector's post should be as a rural pioneer to promote the Christian message across the areas of our deanery, starting in our benefice and working outwards. The Church of England has become very concerned about the falling numbers in the church throughout the country and the fact that congregations are aging with few young people both joining the church as well as taking up organisational roles in parishes.



The profile committee felt there were a number of advantages in this arrangement. Firstly, we felt it likely that such a post would attract a greater range of candidates than a part time rural post. Secondly much of the outreach work of a rural pioneer such as work in schools, with young families and the elderly would take place in our own benefice and finally supporting a new incumbent in their work would provide a boost to activities in our benefice.

Our profile has been sent to the diocese and the archdeacon for their approval and also to our patrons. We look forward to the post being advertised shortly and to applications being received. We hope that we shall find a rector who we feel would be a good fit for our benefice but we must remember that any appointee would almost certainly have to give three months' notice to their current parish.
Meanwhile we would ask for your prayers for the success of our endeavours as well as your support for our worship leaders and visiting priests for the work they are doing.

Tony Caisley
(On behalf of the profile committee)

THE BELFRY BULLETIN

HUMIDITY BRINGS AN EARLY END TO RINGING

FOLLOWING the return to six bell ringing, an attempt to ring a quarter peal on Sunday June 13 failed due to the clappers - that's the metal bit that strikes the bell - sticking.

The intended quarter was to mark the Queen's Official Birthday but after some 15 minutes of ringing it was abandoned and an early tea taken because two bells failed to speak. Work is soon to take place to rectify the problem.

WHAT PRICE HISTORY!

PART of our heritage has disappeared. London's Whitechapel Bell Foundry [WCBF] had been casting bronze bells - what some bell ringers call "heavy metal" - since 1570: Big Ben was cast there in 1858. The Liberty Bell was made there in 1752. Over the centuries Whitechapel bells have found there way all over the world but not any more as the oldest manufacturing company in Britain, an amazing intact survivor of craft practices, closed its doors in June 2017.



Farmborough's tenor bell

Apart from casting Big Ben and the Liberty Bell, bells of WCBF were much in demand by the nation's churches - Westminster Abbey, St Paul's, Guildford and Canterbury - Farmborough's tenor bell weighing 9cwt 10lbs, a mere tiddler compared with most, was recast there in 1984. But with rising rents and little demand it was difficult to make money.

The problem with bells, from the perspective of those casting them, is that they last too long. There are two bells in Westminster Abbey that were cast by Whitechapel in 1583 and there's nothing wrong with them. If a manufacturer made cars that lasted hundreds of years it wouldn't remain in business for long.

Alan Hughes, the fourth generation owner of Whitechapel, decided to sell up and without putting the foundry on the open market was offered £5.1 million by an East End property developer; within six months of agreeing

to purchase the buildings the developer sold them on to a United States venture capital firm, Raycliff Capital, for the princely sum of £7.9m making a handsome profit of £2.8m in the process.

Despite huge opposition, Tower Hamlets planning committee approved an application by Raycliff to develop the rear of the site into a 103 room boutique hotel with a rooftop pool. The foundry's listed historic buildings would be opened as a café and restaurant with work spaces above; the company promised to build a miniature foundry next to the café where tourists could watch hand bells being cast from behind a glass screen.

At this juncture Robert Jenrick, the Communities and Local Government Secretary, stepped in and suspended the council's approval of the scheme until a public inquiry had been held but not before the semi-derelict bell foundry had been stripped of all its contents. Instead of the business being protected and a new owner found, the planning inspector gave Raycliff the go ahead which meant practically everything that's special about WCBF will be lost forever.

The bell foundry's building was originally constructed as a pub, *"The Artichoke"* - seemingly, in the eyes of the planners there's nothing wrong with turning it back into a pub after some 270 years as a working bell foundry. What price history!

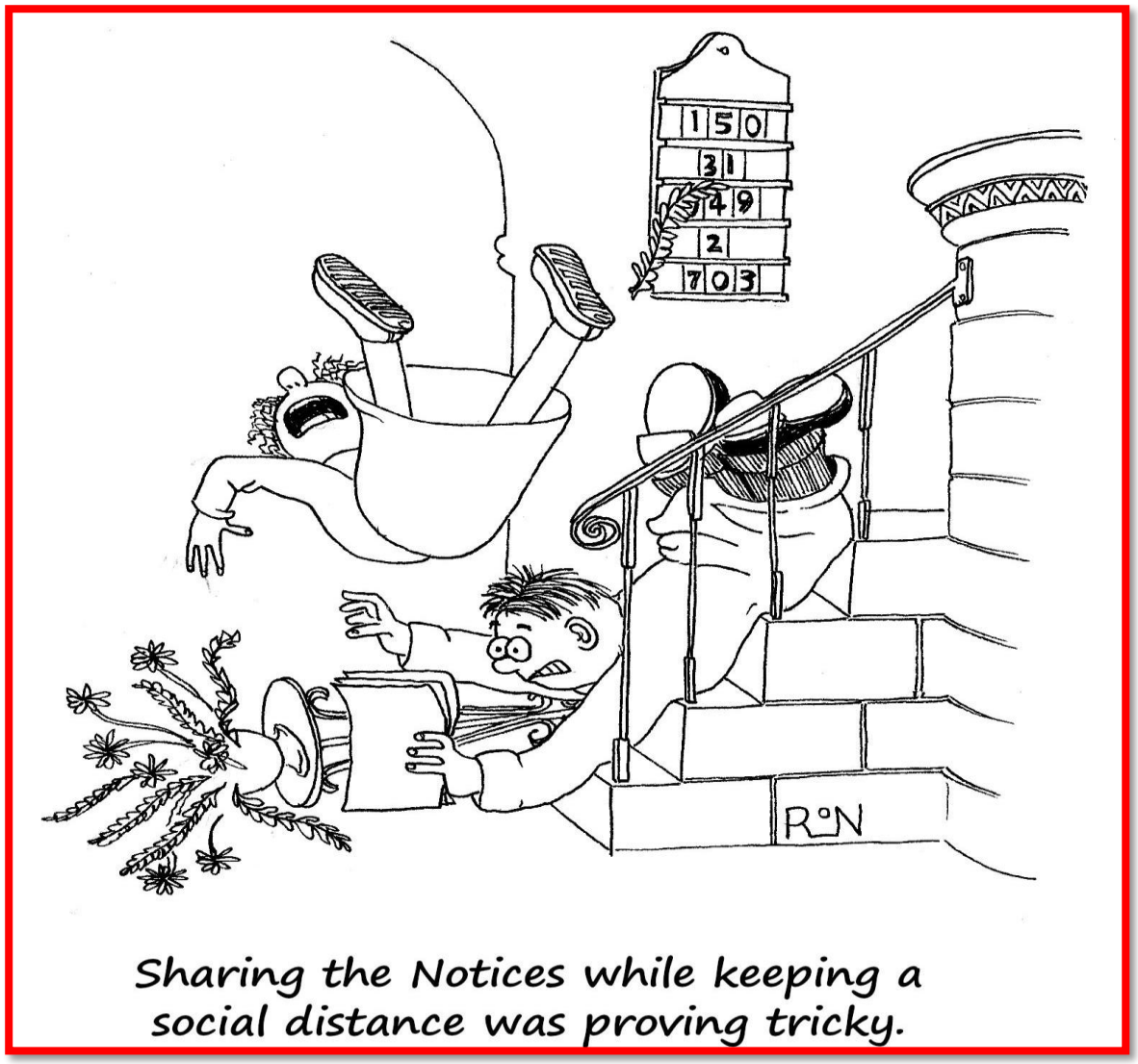
Patrick Bridges
All Saints' Tower Captain

Flowers for Marksbury …. Can you help please?



If anyone would like to help with flower arranging in St Peter's Church, we will be very grateful.
We have two services a month at the moment, and the cool interior helps to keep flowers fresh. The more people on the rota, the less often you would be needed, and we are used to arranging swaps if anyone has to change turns for any reason. We are happy with one or two simple arrangements or vases; it's a small and simple church and just needs that welcoming touch which a splash of colour provides.

If you're interested, please ring Judy Roberts (01761 470455). **Thank you.**

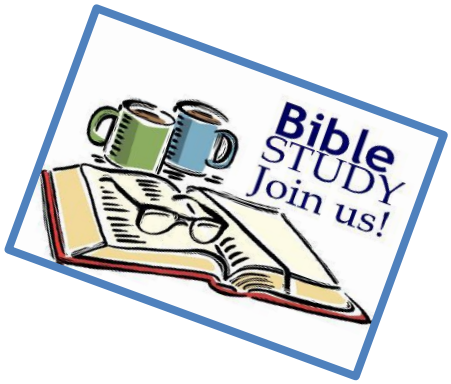




BIBLE STUDY, St Peter's Marksbury,

7.30pm Thursday July 22nd.

Last month we had a fascinating introduction to the book of Amos – one of the little known 'Minor Prophets' of the Old Testament. Although Amos lived almost 3000 years ago, we could see that the warning messages he tried to deliver to the rich and powerful of his time might have some relevance to the problems affecting the world today – maybe Amos was 'speaking truth to power', despite his humble beginnings as a shepherd and fruit farm worker! There's more to come for anyone interested in joining the next session on 22nd July, when the subject is Hosea.



Please do join us on this voyage of discovery!

JH/CRL

Stanton Prior Cream Teas??



Stanton Prior are still discussing whether or they will be able to hold their annual Cream Teas in August.
Wayne contacted Trio to say "It's still up in the air, so look out for a notice in the August Trio".



let's hope plans can go ahead & the weather is good. Ed.



"Village Scarecrow Trail"
Saturday 12 June 2021

It was a beautiful day, warm with a gentle breeze and many folks turned out to take the trail. There were 20 scare crows in all scattered from Hobbs Wall through to The Mead and in turnings off The Street.
Much generosity was shown by buyers and creators of the take-way cream teas, drinks, cakes and ice-creams, so a boost to the church finances of £350 was made (which was quite unexpected).



Votes were made for the best scarecrow both at the church and via social media. The winner was Henry V111 , by Gemma Stone in Bridge Gardens with close runners up The Queen of Hearts, by Melissa Swabey and The Royal Visitor by Margaret and Hannah Reed.

Organisers deemed the trail a good community event, so who knows it might happen again next year.

Thanks to everyone involved.
JGJ 15.6.21

FRIENDS of FARMBOROUGH CHURCHYARD

First, a big apology on behalf of the PCC.

Because the church was closed until Easter, due to lockdown, added to some failures of communication, the upper part of the churchyard has become a 'jungle'.

We know this has caused distress to several people trying to visit the graves of loved ones. I hope by the time you read this, the area will look rather better as we have made plans to keep it in better shape.

We have been fortunate to enlist the regular services of a professional grass cutter, Paul Rogers, to keep the main part of the grass under control. This is supported by a generous grant from the Parish Council topped up by dipping into the donations towards the Friends.

Unfortunately, the splendid team of volunteers who strimmed, mowed and tidied the upper area last year somehow got the impression they weren't needed – absolutely not the case!

If you have concerns about the state of the churchyard in the future, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact one of the churchwardens or myself.

On a more positive note, Kev Doughty has started repairs to the boundary wall; the collapsed portion has been expertly rebuilt, and he will attend to some other areas that need repointing. We hope some necessary tree surgery will happen soon. Special thanks to Marshall Stevens, who keeps the memorial garden looking so neat and attractive. The woodland garden is starting to take shape with foxgloves and other plants and there have been several bumble bees and butterflies sighted in the churchyard, including blues and orange tips. A self -sown moth mullein near the old storehouse is being decimated by a fine crop of mullein moth caterpillars.

If you would like to help keep the churchyard in shape, please consider supporting the Friends of Farmborough Churchyard. Please contact me or Jeannette Jones for more information and application forms. Even a small annual donation helps us to plan for the future. I hope we can organize a barbecue for the Friends soon; watch this space for details!

Chris Lovell (470425)

This month more bloopers, announcements and some 'smile lines!'

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.'

Notable people celebrated by the Church.

Two notable people remembered in the lectionary for July:



15th - St Swithin c.800-863 Swithin was born in Winchester and a century after his death he was chosen as patron saint for the cathedral's Benedictine monastery, where his bones, housed in a splendid reliquary, became famed for their healing powers. At the Reformation, all traces of his shrine were swept away. Despite few facts about his life, it is certain that he was counsellor to the Saxon kings Egbert and Ethelwulf, and was Bishop of Winchester for the last ten years of his life. The choice of Swithin as patron saint of the Benedictine community led to his remains being moved, eventually into the new Norman cathedral in the 11th century. Many legends arose, including the story of his help given to a poor woman, jostled as she crossed the bridge which Swithin is supposed to have built over the river Itchen. Her basket of eggs fell; the eggs were all broken. Swithin, taking pity on her, made her broken eggs whole again. The familiar legend about the weather arose because Swithin's bones had first been moved, into the Old Minster against his wishes – he had asked to be buried out of doors, where the feet of ordinary people could pass over him. On the day the bones were moved, 15th July 971, a terrible storm broke out, lasting for forty days and nights. Sadly, the claim that the weather on 15th July will remain for forty days has no basis in fact.
Or has it…?



(unfinished painting of Wilberforce by Sir Thomas Lawrence).

30th - William Wilberforce 1759-1833

Best known as a leading light in the movement for the abolition of slavery. Wilberforce was born in Hull, a wealthy merchant's son. A small and sickly child, he went to Hull Grammar School, and after his father's death in 1768, was sent to live with relatives in Wimbledon, where he was first influenced by evangelical Christianity. After returning to Hull – his grandparents were alarmed by his nonconformity - he initially resisted the town's lively social life, but his religious fervour diminished, and he started to attend the theatre and began playing cards and dancing. He was wealthy and didn't need to work or study, but went to Cambridge, where he was popular and made many friends, including William Pitt, the future Prime Minister. Wilberforce, despite his lifestyle, managed to pass his exams, being awarded BA and MA degrees. Pitt encouraged an interest in politics, and Wilberforce became MP for Hull, basically through bribery, while still a student. His dissolute way of life came to an end in the late 1780s after a European tour, when he experienced a religious conversion. From then on, politics and religious conviction led,

eventually, to his interest in humanitarian reform. He was not the only person so convinced, and there was a long and complicated path towards the eventual abolition of slavery in 1834. Wilberforce died days after knowing that the Abolition of Slavery Act was sure to be passed, on 29th July 1833. If you are ever in Hull, his birthplace is now a fascinating museum and well worth a visit.

One interesting fact, Wilberforce and his wife Barbara were married in *St Swithin's church* in Bath…..

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary this month, we pray for the area around the Green, down the Vale and around the school, but the whole village is constantly in our prayers.



Remember..

North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit
Area Minister: Revd. David Winstanley Tel: 01761 439 934
40 North Meadows, Peasedown St.John, Bath BA2 8PS
Information if required at present can be obtained from
Revd.David Winstanley via e-mail:- dwin64@hotmail.com



Farmborough Church Primary School has a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor



We are looking for a new Lunchtime Supervisor to join our lunchtime team.
This would involve working from 12-1pm to help with the children having their lunchtime and play outside.

The number of days to be worked is negotiable so if you know anyone who might like to join our staff team, please let them know about this and ask them to contact the school (01761 470714) for more information and an application form.

NOTICE ERRORS!

The Churchwarden was in a hurry to inform the congregation that their minister had recovered from an illness, so he put the following notice outside the church:
God is good. The vicar is better.

Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink.

Farmborough & Marksbury Schools



Take a look at their websites to find out more about life at our schools.
https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/
https://www.marksburyschool.org.uk/

This term's Christian value is **SERVICE**.

This term is now starting to feel almost as things would in normal times, with a great deal going on both schools, schools are keen pupils they can enjoy as many events as they would usually but in different ways due to the extended restrictions!

As Mr Roberts explained "at Farmborough activities will include Sports Days, the plan is for them to take place, all being well, in our bubble groups - so there will be three in total.
We would really like to have spectators at each of these and have been looking closely at how this can best be achieved within our system of controls, national guidance and in light of government announcements spectators will be allowed to attend, but strictly within set guidelines".

Term ends on July 21st at both Farmborough & Marksbury, *we wish all staff and pupils an enjoyable break after such a busy & challenging year. Ed.*

FARMBOROUGH - MR PARKER RETURNS!



June saw the return of Mr Parker to teaching music and singing with Year 5 and 6.
Before he came in, we'd spent time in consultation with him to ensure we would all able to sing safely and in full accordance with current guidelines and requirements.
It's been such a long time since we've heard singing in our school hall so it was great to hear it again this week!

TRAVEL TO TOKYO CHALLENGE… We're getting closer now and, with less than 50 days to go until the start of the Olympics, please keep on logging all the different physical activities you're doing so that we can earn lots of kms and definitely make it to Tokyo before the end of term.
Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our current total - there have been 565 hours and 20 mins worth of exercise from you all so far, which has earned us 17,922kms!



MARKSBURY

Chelwood Days continue: River Class had the best afternoon building chariots to get a member of their team across the river, playing on a mud slide and swinging on the rope swing. Fantastic team work and lots of fun and laughter. Just what the Dr ordered.



What a beautiful day this has turned out to be, Ocean Class fine tuned their map reading skills whilst enjoying the wonderful signs of summer in the woods. We learnt plant and flower types, symbols on maps and completed the intense full 19 point orienteering course!
Happy Days all round. We even had some time left for a quick roll down the hill.



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BATH AND WELLS..

The Manna magazine has now changed to a monthly mailing format allowing Parish Magazine Editors to include items.



INTERVIEW: Time to step up

Dr Peter Brotherton, is Lead Director for Climate Change at Natural England, the government's agency for the natural environment, and Environment Officer for Peterborough Diocese.

What has climate change got to do with the Church?
Climate change will be felt most by the countries who have done the least to cause it. That's a Christian issue. We are meant to be stewards of God's creation and we are failing and must step up and play our part to support biodiversity and for climate change.

How are climate change and biodiversity linked?
Climate change is making the ecosystems we rely on to become less able to deliver what we need from them, in turn making climate change worse. 15 per cent of the emissions causing climate change are by land use change driven by human consumption.

Is biodiversity loss already affecting us?
Nature isn't providing us with what we need in the UK already. Our air isn't as clean as it should be. Our towns and homes flood more that they should. In some areas our soil is depleting and blowing away.

What can we do?
Many of the most nature rich places in urban areas – and there are species in Britain found only in churchyards so we do have a special role to play. We can make a difference by protecting and nurturing their biodiversity and by speaking up. If the church doesn't speak about the environment, at a time when children are more conscious than ever that their future options are disappearing as a result of environmental changes, we will become irrelevant.

Can individuals make a difference?
It can seem an overwhelming, global problem but lots of little bits of action will matter. What we do as congregations and as individuals collectively adds up to a lot. Anything we can do to reduce how bad climate change gets has to be a good thing.
Thinking about action for nature as action for nature and for people is empowering. People should feel powerful and can make a big difference by telling those in power how much caring for the environment means to them.
Read the full interview at www.bathwells.anglican.org/time-to-step-up

News in brief from Bath & Wells Diocese.

Relay to COP26



In the run up to the COP26 climate change talks taking place in Glasgow in November, members of the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) are walking from the G7 venue, Carbis Bay in Cornwall to Glasgow to raise awareness of the urgent need for action not words in caring for God's creation.

The relay will see them pass, stopping at Wellington (8th), Taunton (9th), Bridgwater (10th), Axbridge (11th), Wrington (12th), Keynsham (17th) and Bath (18th).

Find out how you can support them or get involved at yccn.uk

Rise to the Moment

Schools' lightbulbs moment



10 church schools in Bath and Wells are undergoing major works to upgrade their lighting system as part of a commitment to reducing their carbon footprint.
In the first year alone it's estimated the move will save the schools a combined 45.93 kilowatts and around £18,963.

Stephen Bamford, Headteacher of Kilmersdon School, one of the schools involved, said: "It demonstrates that as a school and as a diocese, we are determined to reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment and community in every way we can."

BOWLS

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of coins.

Finally, his mother asked him where he had got all that money.

"At church," the boy replied nonchalantly.

"They have bowls of it there."



...just humour him - he's hoping it'll help him reach the young people in his diocese...

CRY BABY

A woman took her four-month-old baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived.
The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. "He was sent down from Heaven," the mother replied, above the screams.

The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!"

From the Parish Pump, a resource for Church magazine editors.

The Difference

So often
I can't wear the right clothes,
Speak the right words,
Fit the right mould,
Be the shape people want me to be,
Expect me to be,
Demand that I am,
To conform.

But you Lord
Accept me,
Release me,
Make it possible to be me,
Perfectly free
In Your service,
Open for You
To transform.

By Daphne Kitching

JULY IS A TIME FOR VISITING BEAUTIFUL LITTLE COUNTRY CHURCHES AND REFLECTING THAT....

The name of Jesus is not so much written as ploughed into the history of the world. - *Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

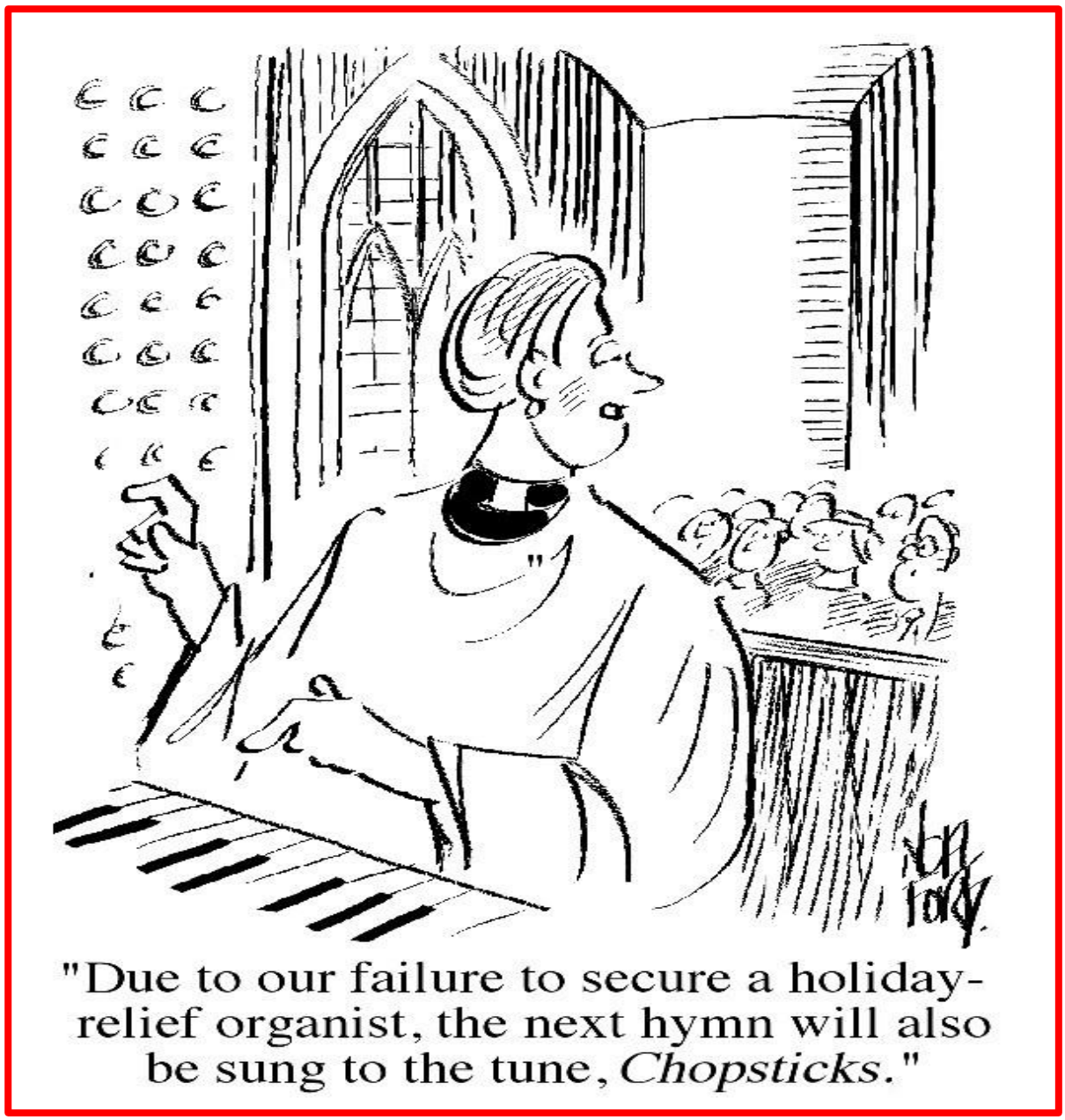
Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings the bell up in heaven. C Evans

Knowing God is your single greatest privilege as a Christian. - *Sinclair Ferguson*

The grave is but the threshold of eternity. - *Robert Southey*

THE VATICAN.

Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, the Pope replied, 'Oh, about half."



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

QUOTES

With the Olympics and the idea of running a course in mind...

There is a way of winning by losing, a way of victory in defeat which we are going to discover. - *Laurens van der Post*

The quality of life is determined by its activities. - *Aristotle*

No great achievement is possible without persistent work. - *Bertrand Russell*

Shattered dreams are a hallmark of our mortal life. - *Martin Luther King*

PUZZLE SECTION!

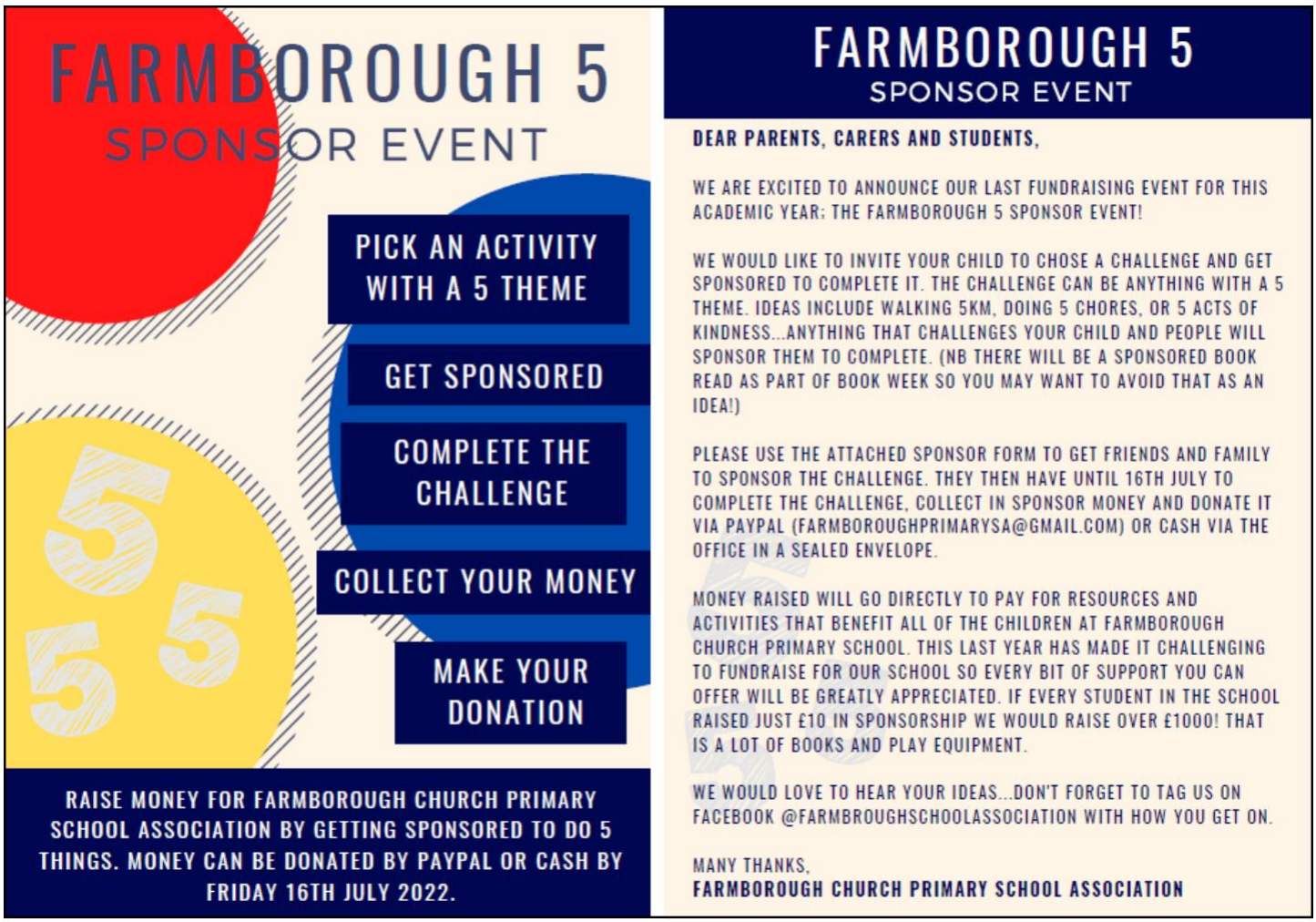
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