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August Services

'We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church'

This line comes towards the end of our Creed. The word 'catholic' here does not mean 'Roman Catholic' but is used in its original meaning which is 'everyone' - a holy church for 'all'. The word 'apostolic' relates to the succession of spiritual authority from the 12 Apostles. As Church of England. Anglicans. this succession we believe has come down from the Apostles through our Bishops.

Every Wednesday 10am-10.45am Holy Communion

Peaceful and prayerful. We discuss and pray for the week's events.

Sunday 7th August

11th Sunday after Trinity

President and Preacher will be Rev Hilary Fife, the Chaplain of Croydon University Hospital. She's part of our parish and knows us well.

Sunday 14th August

12th Sunday after Trinity

President and Preacher will be Rev Shane Wood. He is the Croydon Area Parish Ministry Development Officer and has been very helpful and encouraging to us.

Sunday 21st August

Bartholomew the Apostle

(Saint of hospitals) plus, the baptism of Ingrid Pile-Grey's grandson, Jaylon. Also Despina will be back to lead our young people's group.

Sunday 28th August

14th Sunday after Trinity

Our reader to be, James Lewis, is preaching.

Save the Date

Saturday 20 August 2pm Wedding of Art and Mariate (our website geniuses)

Sunday 21 August 12 noon 150th Action Team Meeting

Wednesday 24 August 7-8.30pm

Planning meeting for 'Rubbish working breakfast' in the Vicarage

Saturday 27 August 10am-5pm Parish Away Day 2

Sunday 28 August 1pm Wedding of Courtney & Charlene (the lovely couple who come to church)

Tuesday 30 August - time to be confirmed (tbc) a chance to take a peek at what's in the old organ blower chamber. At your own risk!

Wednesday 31 August - time to be confirmed. Working Party, more clearing in the Hall and Choir Room

Sunday 4 September 12 noon Bring and Share lunch and walk round the Parish, organised by the Mission and Communications Action Team

Wednesday 7 September 9.15-11am Opening Parents and Toddlers group

Thursday 8 September 8.30-10am Rubbish Working Breakfast in the church hall

Saturday 10 September 12 noon Diocesan Servers' Annual General Meeting and Service

Sunday 11 Sept 12 noon Pastoral Action Team Meeting

Tuesday 13 Sep 7pm PCC at Vicarage
Fri 16 Sep 6.30pm Faith Action Team Meeting

Saturday 17 September 12 noon Wedding of Karen and Alpheus.

Ron and I both went on some or all of the prayer walks. These started outside the church with a prayer and some verses from the bible. Each week had a different word, i.e. street, city, road, town. We used different strategies to focus our mind, thinking about the rhythm of walking, looking around us, not talking just walking.

Despite the rubbish there was still beauty all around us, in the sky and the trees, people's well maintained gardens, even interesting things like a tree or bush growing out of a roof. Other people were out going about their daily lives. Strange how many people set out early in the morning going to who knows where.



I found this quite unusual as normally I am dashing from A to B with a singular goal. This was walking with a different purpose and a different mind set.

We both found the walks really stimulating. It was nice just to walk, not hurriedly but looking around the area noticing different things each time.

It was a worthwhile exercise teaching us not to take things for granted and thank God for all that he has given us.

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Thanks to Reverend Catherine for her preparation and leadership during these short but thought provoking walks.

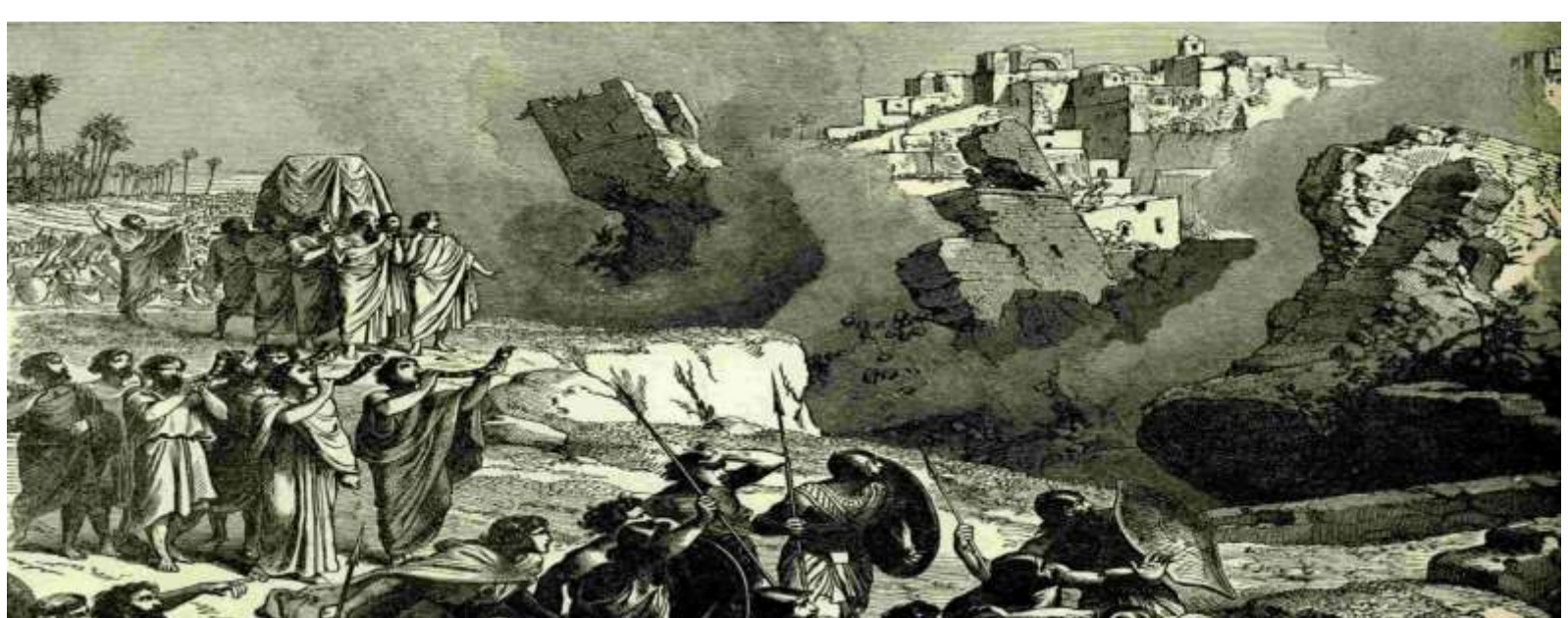
Lilian and Ron Thurgood

No. 7 IN THE BIBLE

Earlier this month in her sermon, our Vicar referenced the *number 7 in the bible*, and its significance of completion.

This piqued my interest; so I went home and found out a little bit more, and this is what I found:

1. When Jesus spoke of himself as '*I am,*' in the Gospel of John, there were **7 of those!** He is perfect!
2. Jesus asks us to forgive not just 7 times but **77 times** (Matthew 18:22)
3. The Gospel of John gives **7 signs**
4. There were **7 pairs of 'clean' animals** received into the Ark (Genesis 7:2)
5. Naaman dipped himself in the Jordan river **7 times for healing** (2 Kings 5:14)
6. There are **7 beatitudes** shared in the book of Revelation
7. Joshua and Israel marched round Jericho **7 times and 7 priests blew 7 trumpets** before the **walls of Jericho collapsed** (Joshua 6).



Interesting isn't it? *Why don't you look for some 7s in the bible*, or indeed any other number? There are 8 beatitudes as well...

By Christine Babin.

1. I Am He (Salvation,
John 4:1-26)

2. I Am the Bread of Life
(Survival, John 6:25-51)

3. I Am the Light
(Direction, John 8:12-30)

**4. I Am the Good
Shepherd** (Security, John
10:1-21)

5. I Am the Resurrection
(Eternity, John 11:1-27)

6. I Am the Way (Peace,
John 14:1-14)

7. I Am the True Vine
(Purpose, John 15:1-8).



1. Changing water into wine at Cana in Galilee
John 2:1-11 'the first of the signs'

2. Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum
in John 4:46-54

3. Healing the paralytic at Bethesda in John 5:1-15

4. Feeding the 5000 in John 6:5-14

5. Jesus walking on water in John 6:16-24

6. Healing the man blind from birth in John 9:1-7

7. The raising of Lazarus in John 11:1-45.

The Book of Revelation Beatitudes

Revelation 1:3 Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Revelation 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.



Money Matters

Eco-warrior - super-rich

By Carole Young

Watching TV, I came across the 'Big Questions' programme on the 'End of the World Debate'. At one point, one of the suggestions was to see the world as one country rather than the polarised positions of the individual's wants and the needs of the group.

Struck by this sentiment, I saw in my mind's eye each citizen of the world as a member of one global family where you would share what you have with each other i.e. '1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV:

'As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share' sprung to mind.

In Timothy 1, God asks us to share, to be the opposite of being greedy, selfish and disregarding the needs of others. It led me to think about this in a global way. What if you and I were in the 1% of the population

where price was no barrier to ownership and we were poised to buy our latest pair of diamond encrusted shoes or our 3rd private jet. Wouldn't we say in our defence that the criticism we got was the 'politics of envy'? This is 'getting what's ours', putting what the individual wants first.

I got to wondering about the power that super wealthy people of this world hold over the welfare of millions of others.



Just imagine that the same super rich person decided to look into how their luxury goods and jewellery was made, visiting the precious stone mines. They found out for themselves that the miners often risked life and limb in unsafe conditions, were poorly rewarded for their efforts and had limited healthcare insurance to support their families if they were injured, across mines in Russia, African countries such as Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia, South Africa, Angola, Botswana and possibly in the mines in Australia and Canada.

What if that same wealthy individual used their buying power to make a moral stand and insisted that along with the Kimberley Process (diamonds from conflict zones are excluded from the supply chain) that the jewels purchased were only supplied by union-protected workers with the living wage, healthcare, health and safety checks and protected good working conditions the world over?



Can you imagine what would happen if that rich person told their friends and the idea caught on, there could be a massive political shift in how luxury goods were produced which could even influence how the transportation was done in terms of emission levels. They could actually set the levels for sustainability, pollution and noise emission for the airlines carrying their luxury goods.

Being ethical, an eco-warrior and super rich could be the new cool. If so, it would transform the \$72 billion dollar industry of highly sought-after luxury goods, by eliminating poverty in these work forces and even decrease the environmental impact by re-foresting the disused precious stone mines with indigenous

trees, if the rich and powerful insisted on that too.



The super-rich could be leaders in eco-buying influencing the rest of us into making their latest **ethical** luxury items the gold standard, desirable to the rest of us. Could these two opposites, the individual wants and the group's needs, be encompassed? So next time you are buying a luxury item like jewellery, ask if the production was ethical and you too could be changing lives.



Sources:

Meeting the UK aviation target - options for reducing emissions to 2050 Committee on Climate Change December 2009

*Civil Aviation Authority www.gov.uk
www.worlddiamondcouncil.org.*



Sunday Services 10am Holy Communion with Sunday School
Weekday Services Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

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Rev's End



August 2016

Hello Holy Savs!

'And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden'

We are so blessed to have our church garden. Not all churches have a garden, and if they do, then quite often, not as large as ours, which is really a significant piece of land. Think of what happens in our garden. The local community comes in for 'a bit of green', the congregation past and present offer shrubs and flowers which last into the future, people use it to mingle and kids play after services and there are numerous 'local chats over garden wall'. Of course our Family Fun Day has been a huge opportunity for the love of God to be seen openly and plainly in our community. Remember our faith story starts in a garden, the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2: 8, 9 & 15

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.'

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.' Picture bottom right.

We had our first consultation meeting on 24 January 2016 for the New Thanksgiving Garden. Twenty-seven people were present including twenty-one from Holy Saviour Church congregation, representatives from Kerala Cultural and Welfare Association, a representative from Lighthouse worship group and a representative from Heaven's Dew worship group.

The meeting was led by Rev Catherine, Barbara Truttero and Carole Young.

Holy Saviour Church are planning to create a Thanksgiving Garden by May 2017 in celebration of this building's 150th anniversary. Our PCC and Action Teams had already had some discussion on this, prior to this meeting, and certain basic decisions have been made:

(i) The garden is to be a **Thanksgiving and Prayer Garden** with the opportunity for memorial and thanksgiving **engraved paving/tiling** to be **sponsored** by members of the congregations and community who have a connection with the Holy Saviour Church. **So please do tell me if there is someone you wish to give thanks for, a loved one passed away? The birth of a new child?** The garden will not be used for the scattering of ashes or for burial. (ii) Its location will be the land to the right-front of the Hall door including the current memorial rectangle plus extending to the land behind the church up to the choir vestry. (iii) A past priest, **Father John Worsfold**, has kindly left us enough money for the basic building blocks of this new garden, and in memory of him there will be a plaque.

In March, our **Archdeacon Venerable Christopher Skilton** came to talk with our Building and Finance Committee to give advice and most recently, on July

14th, we had a meeting with our Architect, Roger Molyneux, and local artist Angela Thwaites (in picture below), who will be producing the design for us by the end of August. Angela is very interested in using the historical aspects of the church, like the fallen decorative brickwork you can see in the picture, as well as using biblical plants.

Every blessing for August.

Rev Catherine.

