

MONTHLY PARISH MAGAZINE JULY 2016

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July Services

‘We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church’

This line comes towards the end of our Creed, which we say together every week. 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 since then.

Every Wednesday our 10am-10.40am

Holy Communion continues: *We focus on prayer and intercession in a peaceful service.*

Sunday 3rd July 10am

Holy Communion with Anointing

Thomas the Apostle: *We focus on 'doubting' Thomas, a key disciple of Jesus' time, who makes us think about how we can have faith in what we cannot see or touch.*

Also with a presentation given by Elmwood Friends, about the volunteering that our Pastoral Action Team will be starting at Elmwood Care Home.

Sunday 10th July 10am

Holy Communion & Sunday School

7th Sunday after Trinity: *We focus on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, what it really means to help and love an 'outsider'.* With the baptism of 4 month old baby Anthony Moffat.

Sunday 17th July 10am

Holy Communion & Sunday School

Mary Magdalene: *A key female figure in the time of Jesus. Considered an outcast, she receives forgiveness and becomes the first person to witness the resurrection.*

And young people's discussion den

Sunday 24th July 10am

Holy Communion & Sunday School

James the Apostle: Preaching by Rev Sandra Schloss, who returns to us for a third time. She has been the curate at St Mildred's Addiscombe but has now graduated!

Sunday 31st July 10am

Holy Communion and Sunday School

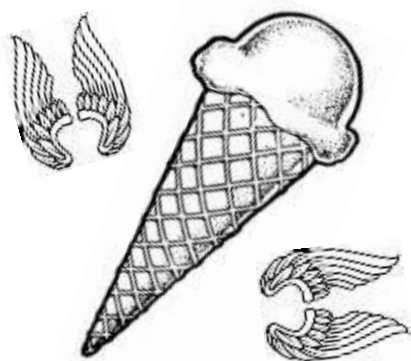
The Parable of the Rich Fool: *'one's life does not consist of the abundance of possessions'.*

Preaching by our Reader to be, James Lewis, his second sermon for us.

Holy Saviour's Away Day

Saturday, 28th May, saw members of Holy Saviour depart for Margate. They certainly saw us coming as the coach was bright yellow. Our driver was Brian, who was cheerful even with us on board.

This was after first meeting in church for prayer and also to put our names in a container and then choose one. We were to be that person's Guardian Angel for the day and to buy them a postcard.



This would be given to them on our return. The journey took longer than anticipated but we eventually arrived to find the sun beginning to shine, after passing through showers on the way. We spent about fifteen minutes on the beach playing a ball

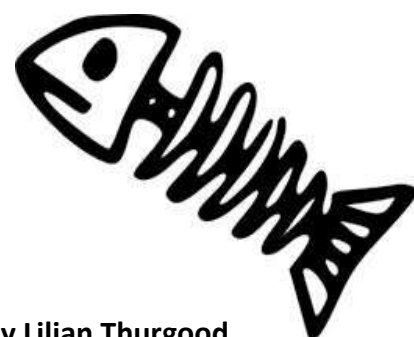
game before going our separate ways to discover what delights Margate had to offer. For Ron and



me, our priority, after a walk along the front, was sustenance in the form of fish and chips which were really delicious, followed by a walk around the quainter shops, before an ice cream sitting in the warm sunshine.

I know other people did different things like the Art Gallery, a walk to the lighthouse, strolling in the sunshine, and for the younger members of our party, building sandcastles on the beach.

When we met back on the sand, we all had different ideas of what our highlight was: listening to the band; seeing the 'mods and rockers' with their fabulous scooters; playing on the beach; sitting in the park; or just seeing the sea, but we all agreed we had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and felt refreshed.



By Lilian Thurgood

After a slightly quicker journey home, we arrived back at Holy Saviour to hand out our postcards and share the Grace together before wending our weary way home.

Thanks must go to Rev Catherine for organising this day and if you didn't come, you missed a great day out.

PRAYER GENE



Do you ever feel you are missing the 'prayer gene'?

Though always aware of the presence of God, distractions and general busy-ness seem to interfere with my attempts to pray. I constantly worry at this inability to pray as often or as fully as I ought. So-called 'arrow prayers' are what I usually manage - 'help' or 'thank you'.

While waiting for the photocopier to warm up, I recently read an article in Rev Catherine's 'Church Times' which I found really helpful.



This was based on the opening words of the Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer:

***'Oh God, make speed to save us.
Oh Lord, make haste to help us.'***

We can hold these lines, so simple yet profound, in our hearts and minds (even if at the back of them) all our waking hours.

And we could do worse than echo the prayer of Sir Jacob Astley, the Roundhead General in the English Civil War. He uttered these words before the battle of Edgehill 'Oh Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be this day. If I forget thee, do not though forget me'.

Anon





Money Matters

By Avril Ward



Real Life My Experience of the DIRECT DEBITS PAYMENTS SCHEME

DID YOU KNOW?

The Direct Debit Payments Scheme is for the elderly, disabled and long term sick. It's a scheme that helps you with insurance, tax, with all difficult forms and with paying for Carers and Home Help. The Direct Debit Payments Scheme is run by the Council and it varies according to the person's circumstances.

I have been on Croydon's Direct Payments Scheme as a user for 11 years. What you do first to get on it is to contact the Direct Payments Department at Croydon Council or speak to someone at Age Concern; Age Concern know all about it and offer good support.

Next a Care Manager will be sent round to see you at home, to talk

about your needs in detail. They then help you with a financial & support package and advertise the position in the Job Centre to find the right carer/s for you.

You wait for replies to come in, preferably from local people, and then you choose the person you wish to have (and you will in effect 'employ' this person).

The process can take some weeks. To get started, you should make sure that you have the **'proper' and 'right'** support before starting the scheme.

Think very carefully and go through what you need with your social worker appointed to you. Ring the Council or visit the Council office in Croydon to find out more.



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Croydon Council contact links:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/health-social/adult-care/asc-money/dp>

Age concern contact links:

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/>
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There are lots of advantages and the one thing I find being on Direct Payments Scheme is that it makes your life a lot easier to manage. Because it is flexible you can do things that you have never done before, like going on a bus and various other things.



A Month of Sundays

by Cyril Titus



In 1959 my Latin teacher, Mr Dudley returned from holiday after visiting the British Museum in London. He told us about the artefacts and treasures on exhibition with such enthusiasm and praise. One expression that stuck in my mind was “you will need a month of Sundays to see all that’s on display in the British Museum”

In 1969, whilst on a working holiday in London, I walked through the splendid ornamental cast iron gates of British Museum and looked in awe at the enormous edifice, which emulated classical Greek architecture.

In 1979 when I walked up the steps of the British Museum, I had to pinch myself, because I was now an employee of the British Library, which shared the British Museum building.

During the 20 years that I was based in the British Museum building, I did on many occasions wander into the exhibition halls to look at the numerous displays. I have to agree with my Latin teacher that you do indeed need a month of Sundays, let alone snatches of my lunch breaks over 20 years.

When visiting a great museum, like the British Museum one should try to visit just maybe one department/antiquity/culture at a time. If one has heard /seen/ read something relating to the item on exhibition then ones visit will be more meaningful and memorable, rather than trying to commit to memory 1001 items on display.

A similar analogy could be like reading the Holy Bible. I have not read the holy Book from beginning to end, but I may refer to a passage or verse I heard spoken from a pulpit, or from other sources. Of course there are people who have made studying the Bible their life’s work, but a humble soul such as myself would certainly take a month of Sundays to read the Holy Bible.



Rev Catherine

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

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Rev's End



Rev's Letter July 2016

Hello Holy Savs!

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

When we worship at a service, we do as if for the first time, as if for the only time and as if for the last time, every time.

Church is an amazing place. A place where we can unravel that worldly person we have to be most of the time. We can come and remember once again that there is something central to our lives. **Something more profound than the rattling of our own psychologies, a deeper reality going on all around us which saves us from the prevailing culture of anxiety, self-doubt and insecurity.**

At the heart of church is something called the mystical/sacred/spiritual, like the most beautiful garden you have ever been in, or

a piece of art that strikes you, or a song or film that melts your soul. A church service re-centres us to what actually matters, a numinous. When we focus on God not on 'self', we renew who we are in the frame of our own life's picture.

Church worship is for finding the awe, the silence, the wonder and the joy. Church worship is for **healing our minds, our bodies and our souls** and so leads to feeling a **wholeness as a human being.** We relax deeply at the very core of our being.

Church worship is for **knowing your community, for friendship, acceptance and love.**

Some of us have been attending the course called 'Leading Your Church into Growth'. It has been taking place monthly since last September and ends this summer.

I attended the last one which was called **'Missionary Worship'**, stressing the importance and **quality of our worship as a key to attracting more people to church**, to have worship that will really expose others to an experience of God. It was not stressing one type of service style or worship over another type but saying: **'do what you do really well'**.

**'Your next visit is our success.
We want people to come back'.**

Rather than the church being in the wilderness as inward looking, irrelevant, institutional and in decline, the course was reminding us that our Sunday and weekly worship is 'our shop window' which can help with small, gradual but steady growth in numbers of people attending.

Worship at a service is an event. Each and every service, the gathering is a unique 'one off'. There is no place for the 'weekly routine and predictable service'. This

means prioritisation of preparation time and soul energy, no acceptance of mediocrity but a pursuit of excellence. It means utilising what and who we have got to the best of our ability.

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Our services and worship need to reflect both **Divinity and Humanity in equal parts:**

- Expert friendly and down to earth people friendly.
- Tradition friendly and normal culture friendly.
- Chancel friendly (what goes on around the altar) and Nave friendly (where the congregation sit).
- Insider friendly (those who have been faithful for years) and Outsider friendly (those new to faith).

Worship in services is both our duty and our Joy, through confession, absolution, praise, prayer and word and sacrament.

Finally, be **positive in worship**. Positive minded people are happier, healthier, more optimistic, achieve more and have a better effect on other people. **The chemistry of positivity can be dynamic in worship.**

Every blessing for July.

Rev Catherine.