

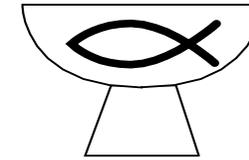
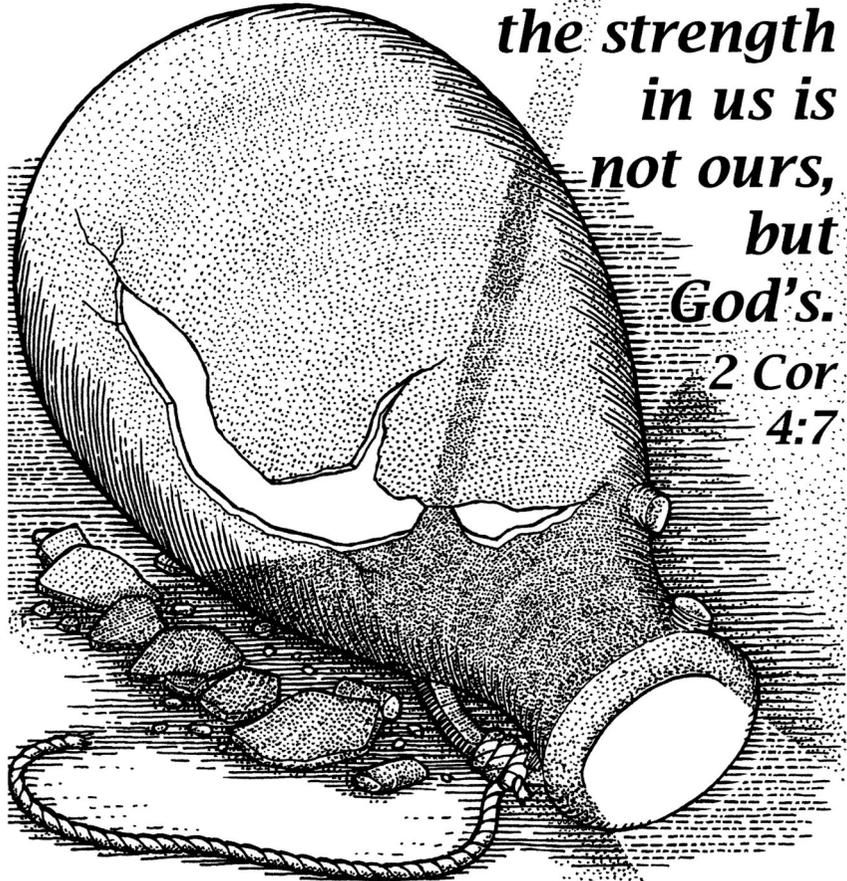
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Upton-cum-Chalvey Parish News

St Mary St Laurence St Peter

*We are like fragile clay jars
holding priceless treasure -
the strength
in us is
not ours,
but
God's.
2 Cor
4:7*



Parish of Upton-cum-Chalvey

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The Rector Writes:

Dear Friends,

At last, I am able to give you a fuller update on the process of appointing a new Team Vicar. Much has happened since Fr Alistair left us in July, and I'm glad to report some exciting plans for the future.

The Bishop, Archdeacon and Deanery have agreed that our next Team Vicar will work for half of their time in the parish and half as Chaplain in Slough and Eton School. Given the reduction in parish time, the new priest will be based primarily at St Peter's and live in the vicarage there. As well as helping to keep the new priest's workload manageable, this will also allow them to really unpack their bags in Chalvey and to make the most of the church/school links. In the school they will pioneer a new model of inter-faith chaplaincy. This sharing arrangement puts it at the very forefront of the church's thinking on mission and ministry. Without this creative partnership it is unlikely that we would be recruiting a new priest.

An advert for our post will appear in the Church Times and online from 3rd November. The closing date for applications is 23rd November and we hope to interview candidates on 14th December. I realise that compared to some appointments in the business world this may seem slow, but by the standards of the Church of England this is lightning speed. All being well, the priest will start in their new role after Easter. You can check out our advert and parish profile on our websites. Our parish representatives in the shortlisting and interview process are Eddie Ijeomah and Luka Winterborne.

Bishop Alan is overseeing the whole process himself. He came to a recent PCC meeting to meet us and sign-off our parish profile and we were all struck by his enthusiastic support for us and for this development. At that meeting, the Bishop reminded us that the most important things we can do is to pray, pray, pray. Barry has created a Vacancy Prayer to help us do this and I commend it to you and ask that you use it every day.

Dear Lord,
call to our Parish and School a true shepherd and pastor, a Servant of God,
a minister of Christ, and make us,
with your chosen servant,
a parish joyful in worship
and united in witness, working, nurturing, caring,
praising, loving,
to the glory of your Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Fr Scott

NOVEMBER SERVICES & EVENTS

Regular services at the three churches are listed on the back page

Tue 6th	1.30pm	“Mulling It Over”: Bible study, prayer, chat and a cuppa (SL) - Note new time.
Sat 18th	11.00am	“Santa’s Special” Christmas Fair (until 2.30pm) (SL)
Thu 30th	9.30am	Coach trip to Winchester Christmas Market . Leaving from Upton Court Road car park at 9.30am, with pick up from St Peter’s if necessary. For further details and to book call Liz Bishop on 01753 471020.



*...his constant droning from the pulpit
is really getting on my nerves!*

St Mary's News

The start of the school term has seen the return of children to the church during the week. Start the Week, our Mother/Carer and Toddler group has returned and our numbers are growing. It is good to see the back of the church full of children, parents and of course lots of toys. We have also been able to welcome two visits from St Mary's School to celebrate their Harvest Festival. The first was 180 children from Years 1 and 2 and the second was 90 children from Reception. On both occasions they were supported by large numbers of parents. It was a big adventure for the Reception children who had only been in school for four weeks but it was their first school outing walking from Yew Tree Road. Unfortunately, it was raining but it did not dampen their enthusiasm.

In the coming weeks we are expecting an all day visit from Slough Music service as they hold a singing workshop for schools across the town and also two recitals for pupils to perform for families and friends to showcase their talents. Please come and support the talented children we have in our town

On 17th September, Fr Scott outlined to the congregation future plans and proposals for the future of St Mary's. This was followed by an excellent get together afterwards to discuss and share ideas while we enjoyed a lunch of soup and samosas plus some amazing dishes provided by members of the congregation.

Work on the outside lights and CCTV has now been completed and should now improve the security around the building. The CCTV camera in the main porch is for security only it does not extend into the main church. The footage is only viewed if required by the police and is deleted regularly.

Jean

"Yvonne's Art Classes"

These art classes are held in St Mary's, every Thursday from 12.30pm to 3.30pm and are open to all.

NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE

Please let me have articles for the December issue by **Sunday 12th November** at the latest!

Dave

St Laurence's News

Don't forget that our Remembrance Sunday service on 12th November will start at 10.50am.

Our main event in November is

An invitation to . . .

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We require small **bits and pieces** for Tombola and Lucky Dips, particularly **Bottles** (check sell by date) and also **Raffle** prizes and items for our special Christmas Stall, **No Jumble please**. All help will be gratefully received.

Our **Dedication and Gift Day** will be on **Sunday 3rd December** and will be followed by **Christmas Lunch** (book in church or call 01753 532425).

Dave

St Peter's News

A lot has been happening since the last issue of the Parish News!

We now share our building with the Romanian Orthodox Congregation of the Holy Annunciation and St Aidan. As this new arrangement settles down, we pray that our friendship will grow. And just a gentle reminder, **our new Sunday Service time is 11am.**

We also received the exciting news that we will be able to appoint a replacement for Fr Alistair. Our new priest will work as Chaplain at Slough and Eton School as well as Team Vicar in Upton-cum-Chalvey and will live in the vicarage. The process of appointment is now underway, and the first step will be the preparation of the parish profile. There is a lot of work to do, and we hope to appoint before Christmas so that our new Team Vicar can start after Easter. This is a great vote of confidence in St Peter's and our capacity to grow.

Our architect Libby Watts has delivered a feasibility study for the development of our vestry and facilities in church. There are several options for us all to consider... **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

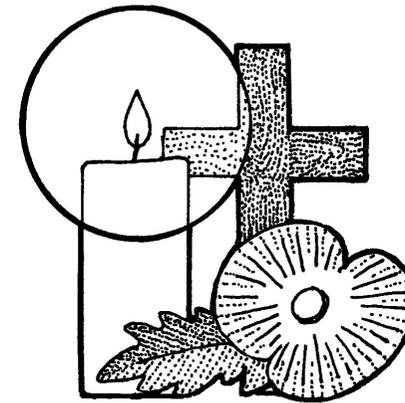
Our church grounds are being maintained with the assistance of the Community Payback project who visit every two weeks and help keep the gardens in good order. This, along with the newly installed footpath means the grounds have become a respected place, with litter being deposited in the waste bins, and the reduction of drug users by those poor souls who sometimes frequent the church as an area of rest.

St Peters will again be benefiting from a donation of fruit trees, courtesy of funding from Slough Borough Council. These will be located in the church grounds, with some to replace those that died from last summer's heat wave.

Looking ahead....

The Corpus will be restored to the War Memorial on Sunday 5th November after the Eucharist, in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Sandra



A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: "We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability."

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment."

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it is made from "bespoke red and green paper." The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling.

Parishes are still “at our very heart”

“Parishes are at the very heart of the Church of England's mission.”

This was the C of E's response to a recent article in the Sunday Telegraph. The short comment was provided as a response to an article that had appeared in the newspaper on ‘parish closures.’

William Nye, the Church of England's Secretary General, said: “Local parish churches are at the very heart of the Church of England's mission and over the next nine years we are investing £3.6 billion of Church Commissioners funds in front-line ministry up and down the land, focussing particularly on those communities most in need.

“It is early days, but we are seeing our efforts bear fruit - and local projects funded by the national church have already brought 27,000 new disciples into our congregations.

“Of course, churches do sometimes close - but the truth is that the number of closures is the lowest it has been for 50 years, and we are starting new worshipping communities all the time. In fact, earlier this summer General Synod formally committed the Church to revitalising our parishes.”

In fact, the number of consecrated churches closed has actually *decreased* in each of the last five decades. The figures provided to the Sunday Telegraph, who omitted them, were as follows:

1969-1979: 760
1980-1989: 485
1990-1999: 274
2000-2009: 243
2010-2019: 209

C of E's response to the Net Zero statement

The Bishop of Norwich, who is the Church of England's Lead Bishop on the Environment, has responded to the announcement by the Prime Minister on Net Zero policies.

“The Prime Minister's Net Zero speech calls for a welcome change in the debate from loud polarised voices, but he set out delays in policy before hearing the properly informed debate he called for.

"Whilst it is right that he has kept our international commitments, postponing changes leave necessary adaptations to the last minute, rather like last-minute exam cramming—a risky gamble. Ignoring the ongoing carbon emissions exacerbates climate change's impact.

“The Prime Minister said we can meet our climate targets without taking the carbon reduction actions the Government had previously announced. We can't. Decarbonisation must permeate every aspect of our lives.

"Failing to acknowledge the urgency undermines progress, impacting business, investment, green job creation, and global influence.

“We are already seeing the devastating effects of climate change, which is hitting the poorest people of the world hardest. We must act now to ensure a just transition; it is our moral duty to care for God's creation.

"Christians are called to be a people of hope; to live in harmony with our world; to treasure God's creation and to love our global neighbours.”

Pothole breakdowns on the increase

The soaring number of pothole-related breakdowns has been blamed on Britain's wet summer. There are increasing calls for councils to fix the roads before winter.

This past July was the UK's sixth wettest on record, according to Met Office figures. The AA says that this would have made potholes even harder to spot, in time for drivers to avoid driving into them.

During one recent month, the AA received more than 50,000 callouts to vehicles who had broken their cars on potholes. Tyres, suspensions, and steering mechanisms could not withstand the shock of hitting a deep hole in the road at speed.

A spokesman for the AA said that Councils had been hoping to get as much repair work done as possible, “before the real winter weather hits and turns against them.”

He went on: “With 2023 looking to be one of the worst years on record for pothole damage, we need to see more investment in local roads maintenance funding.”

And he warned that whereas cars suffer financial damage, potholes can be fatal for cyclists and motorcyclists.

3rd November: Richard Hooker – priest, apologist, teacher

Richard Hooker lived at a critical time for the Church of England. He became one of the most important English theologians of the 16th century.

He provided the Church of England with a theological method which combined the claims of revelation, reason, and tradition. Traditionally, he has been credited as the originator of the Anglican *via media* – the middle way between Protestantism and Catholicism.

Hooker was born near Exeter around 1554, educated at Corpus Christi College Oxford, and was then made fellow there in 1577, and deputy professor of Hebrew in 1579. In 1581 he was ordained, and later appointed as Rector of Drayton Beauchamp.

In 1585 Hooker was appointed Master of the Temple Church in London, but returned to rural ministry six years later, first at Boscombe in Wiltshire, and then at Bishopsbourne in Kent, where he died in 1600.

The 1580s and 1590s were a time of bitter theological disputes between the Church of England, after the 1559 Elizabethan Settlement of the C of E, and the growing Puritan party within the Church.

Hooker was implacably against Puritanism, and set about refuting it, and defending the Church of England in his magisterial eight-volume book *On the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*.

The book has been called "probably the first great work of philosophy and theology to be written in English." In it Hooker set out to demonstrate the superiority of episcopacy in the C of E, as opposed to bringing in the presbyterian system that the Puritans wanted.

Anglicanism, he said, was rooted in both Scripture and tradition, as suited a Church both Catholic and Reformed. And as human reason is a gift from God, he argued that this, too, was a vital element in interpreting both Scripture and tradition.

So, Richard Hooker was the first real apologist for Anglicanism. His contribution to Anglican thought was so huge that down the centuries he has won the backing of all wings of the Church: the evangelicals, Anglo-Catholics, and central churchmen.

Looking back on the 2023 cricket season

The 2023 cricket season ended on a jarring note. A widespread review of the game in England found it suffered from racism, sexism, elitism and class-based discrimination.

Older cricket fans will wince. They recall the days when each county side was divided into amateurs and professionals, called Gentlemen and Players. They had separate changing rooms. Gentlemen came from wealthy families, so didn't need the wages paid to the others. You could distinguish them on cricket scorecards, where Gentlemen's names were printed with their initials in front of their surnames, whereas Players' names were the other way round. The team captain was always an amateur.

For centuries, women have played cricket, using a smaller ball, but it wasn't until 1976 that they were allowed to play at Lords, where schoolboys from Eton and Harrow had played for years. Twenty five years later, Ebony Rainford-Brent became the first black woman to play for her country, and was subject to racist abuse. "As soon as I walked into the world of cricket the comments started", she said.

In the early days, a few Indian cricketers who were members of noble families, played for English counties and even for the national team. But by and large the game in England was played by white people. Class distinction was accepted without question. In church, they were still singing,

The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate;
God made them, high or lowly
And ordered their estate.

Although the Bible acknowledges distinctions between rich and poor, employers and workers, kings and their subjects, it gives priority to the poor and powerless, and places grave responsibility on those who are wealthy and wield power. No reference is made to their skin colour. Adam and Eve are presented as non-ethnic and non-national because they represent all people of all ethnicities.

One outstanding cricketer, who lived by these biblical themes, was David Sheppard. He captained England, both before and after he was ordained in the Church of England. He chose to minister only in the most downtrodden areas, wrote *Bias to the Poor* as part of his campaign for social justice and refused to play against South Africa when their team was controlled by apartheid. All sports need players of principle like him.

The Ven John Barton

How to Deal with Enemies

In the season of Remembrance, we consider those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls all of us to a radical heroism in our daily lives: *'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.'* (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies:

Our *'enemies'* are rarely life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or neighbour, our attitude toward them should be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors:

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone whom we find difficult, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote:

'This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer, we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them.'

Become More Like Jesus:

When we start loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors, we become more like Jesus Himself. He willingly laid down His life for us, prayed for His persecutors and gives us the power to love our enemies as He did.

At a time when we recognise that we all need heroes; how will we respond to this call to radical heroism in our own life?

Canon Paul Hardingham

Cheese

Ban sliced cheese. Make Britain grate again

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Perhaps you've noticed that on the more 'special' items in the church building there are dedication plaques to the person who donated the money to buy the item or in whose name the item was purchased. In some churches, pretty much everywhere you look you will find such labels, whilst in others they are much rarer.

Of course, many people donate financially and give specific items in their own name or in memory of someone else without wishing for this to be publicly noted. But often when folk donate something they do like it made clear.

A couple of centuries ago people would leave money after their death for a mass to be said for their soul. In some rich cases this would be every day for a year or even longer.

The 'very' rich paid for a new altar to be placed in the church building or even in an extension to the building – a chantry. This is where their personal mass would be conducted each day. In these cases, a stipend would also be paid to cover the cost of a separate priest to do this task, rather than the rector or vicar having it as an extra daily task. A room would often be provided for that priest above the chapel.

This all stems from the belief that we have sinned and will be punished in purgatory or hell but can 'buy' time off through prayers.

Today our theology has moved back to a more biblical understanding, that Christ is the one who bore our sins on the cross, and we can't earn our way to heaven; we can only get there by faith in Him.

But we still love and think about the people whom we loved, even though they are dead. Some Christians believe that, as we prayed for them in life, why should we stop just because they are dead?

As C.S.Lewis wrote;

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

This month

As you remember your loved ones whom you see no more, hold them close in ways that make sense to you, and reflect your faith in God's loving grace and mercy.

Revd Jo White

God of the mountains, God of the valleys

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment ... Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? (Job 38:4–7, 14, 16)

These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking “What have I done to You...? Why have You made me your target?”

There is no direct reply to Job's question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks, He draws Job's attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God's creative power. God is the origin and sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth's rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes. God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job's practical needs addressed. What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God's plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz

This article drew very directly on the writing of Prof Bob White in New Daylight (BRF, Sept-Dec 2020), and the input of a Bible study group based in Cambridge.



On using Glebe land for allotments

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I hear you have joined the committee which wants to convert the waste land between the abandoned soap factory and canal in your parish into allotments – although I would have thought there were holier sorts of conversions you could have concentrated on. I am sure you will soon be caught up in arguments which make that little disagreement over an apple in the Garden of Eden seem quite trivial.

Some years ago, we similarly decided to let part of our Glebe land become allotments; the outcome was not wholly as may have been anticipated. Colonel Wainwright saw it as an opportunity of re-living his War years and was only just restrained from digging trenches around his plot; no doubt he would have offered to play football with neighbouring allotment holders on Christmas Day.

It caused some surprise when the Earl of Stowe applied for a plot, but it has become something of an attraction to see his daily procession, preceded by his gardener pushing the wheelbarrow, the under-gardener carrying the tools and following him, his butler with the newspaper, a deckchair, and a flask of coffee. He then settles down for a comfortable hour while occasionally supervising the work, once reports on the local hunt have been read.

Miss Simpson managed to unite everyone in communal outrage by using her plot to encourage fluffy bunnies, darling foxes, and sweet squirrels. She seemed

to be particularly grateful to everyone else for providing fruit and vegetables for their happiness. Resolution was only achieved when she was convinced to grow potatoes, helping the Colonel in his War Effort. Fortunately, he did not ask her to arrive equipped with the regulation gas mask.

Our local architect seems to spend most of his time beautifying his garden shed, rather than growing produce. With its gothic arched windows, Norman tower and flying buttresses, I do wonder if he may have spent rather too much of his time renovating ancient churches. Neighbouring plot-holders look forward to the agricultural equivalent of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

I am sure you will find you have committed yourself to many hours of unnecessary work. Just make sure you get a percentage of their produce for your Harvest Festival.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Cathedral Constables

Cathedral Constables were nicknamed Cathedral Bobbies! They were equipped identically to the everyday Bobby. They were granted powers under the Jurisdiction Act. They were common at cathedrals in the UK and their role dates back to the 13th century. At the moment there are still some around. In medieval times the Parish was the main unit of local Government in England. Every parish was centred on a church and held responsible for local affairs and policing.

King Edward I (1239-1307), also known as Edward Longshanks, authorised cathedral Deans to appoint Constables to keep peace in and around Cathedral Precincts. The number of cathedral constables who were killed while on duty is unknown. They were only allowed to carry a staff or truncheon. They also played a role during the outbreaks of the plagues.

Alice Sanders

Remembering National Service – 60 years on

This year marks 60 years since the end of National Service. The Royal British Legion and the nation will be celebrating all that a generation of young men did for this country during those years, when conscription became just a part of growing up.

National Service drew in a staggering number of young men – more than two million of them were conscripted between the end of the Second World War and May 1963, when the last serviceman was demobbed.

Conscription had come about following the war, when there was a huge demand for military resources in Britain. Young service men were badly needed to retain the Empire, and to contribute to the occupation of Germany and Japan. Yet low birth rates in Britain in the 1930s meant there were fewer young men available for military service.

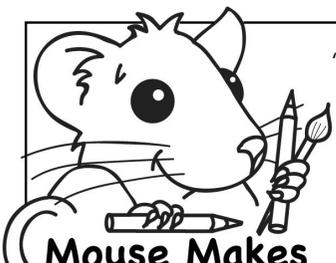
And so the 1947 National Service Act was brought in as a solution. It meant that young men aged 18 – 26 were required to serve in the Armed Forces for 18 months. They were sent to posts in the UK and to British garrisons around the world. Some fought on the front lines, and some worked as clerks. Some taught in the Education Corps, and some were on sentry duty.

For many of them, it would have been the first time they lived away from their family, let alone left the country. So the National Service made great demands on them – and left them with a wide range of experiences.

Clocks

It is told of the great preacher C H Spurgeon that after preaching at length one Sunday he said: “I don’t mind people looking at their watches, but I do dislike to see them holding them to their ears, to see if they are still going.”

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Mouse Makes

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by _____ and _____ with thanksgiving, present your _____ to God."
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____ is _____ to all who _____ on him in _____"
Psalm 145:18

"For where two or three _____ in my name, there I am with them."
Matthew 18:20

SAV SORRY

PRAY FOR OTHERS

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

THANK GOD

FOR MY FAMILY

PRAY FOR FRIENDS

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

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"_____ always, _____ continually, _____ in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore, _____ yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

"_____ your sins to one another and _____ for one another, that you may be healed."
James 5:16

NIV

Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks then find them in the word search

The Tale of the TWO BUILDERS



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



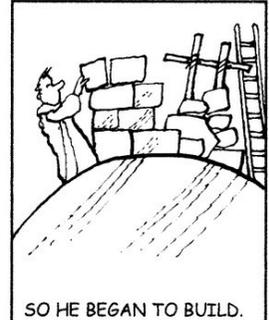
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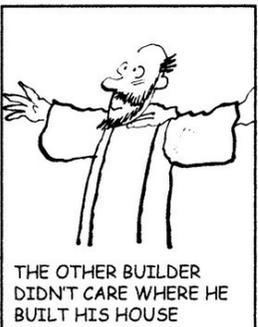
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AT LONG, LONG LAST HE FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.



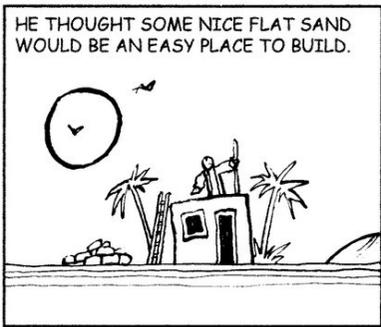


SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



THE OTHER BUILDER DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE BUILT HIS HOUSE

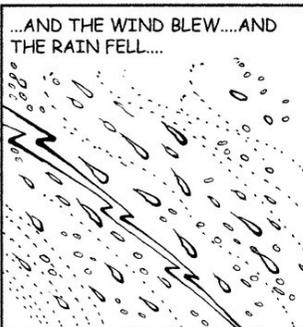
HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



BUT ONE DAY THE STORM CAME...



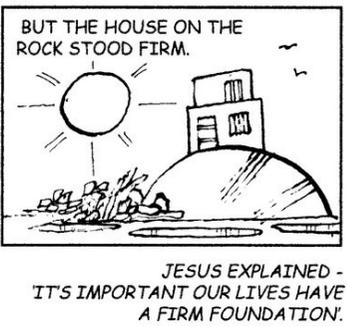
...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND THE RAIN FELL...





...AND THE HOUSE ON THE SAND COLLAPSED!

BUT THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK STOOD FIRM.



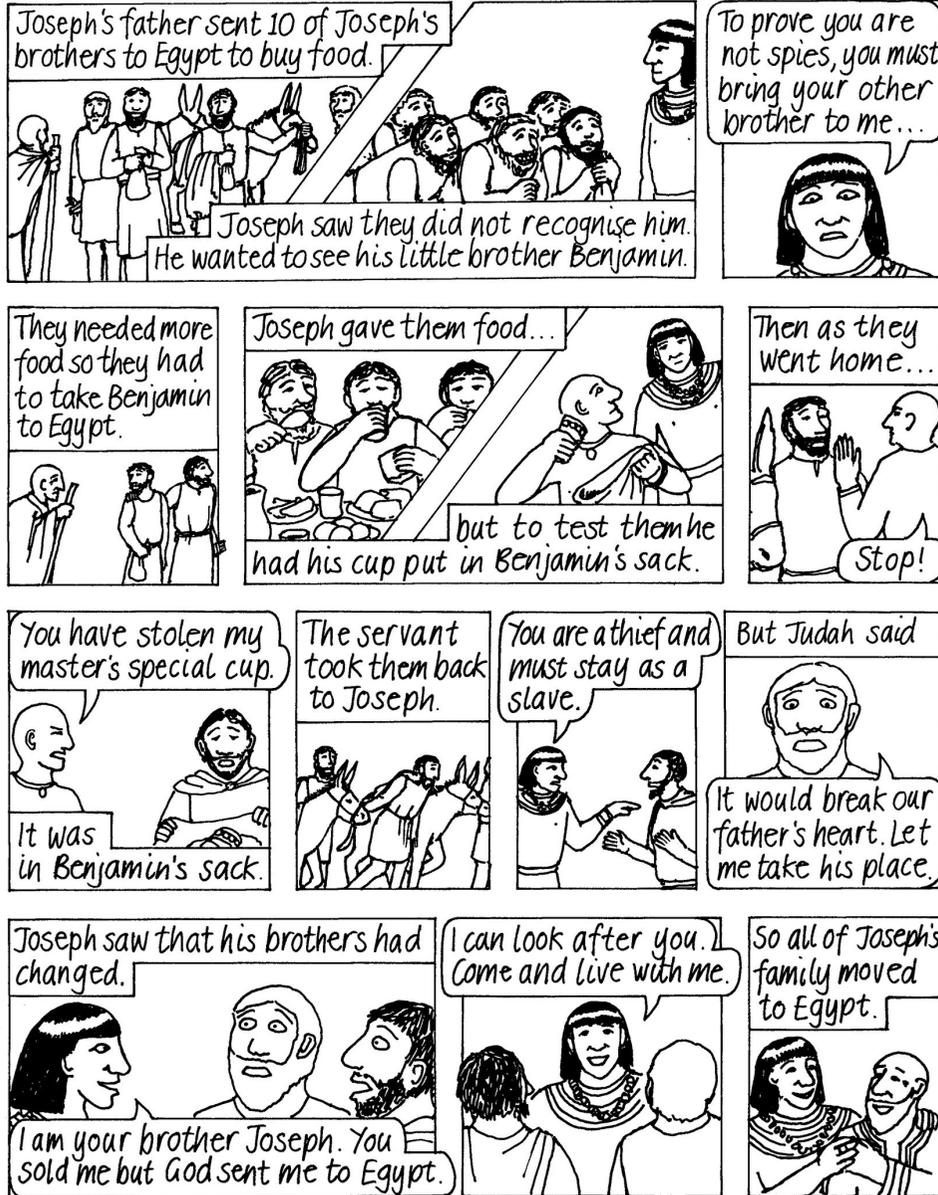
JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt, now in charge of the stored food as famine spreads through Egypt, and beyond...



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