

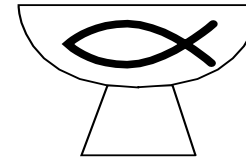
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# Upton-cum-Chalvey Parish News

St Mary St Laurence St Peter

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## The Rector Writes:

Dear Friends,

Not so long ago, 'safeguarding' was a word that we seldom used in church. Those working in Sunday School or youth clubs sometimes had to consider 'child protection' but most worshippers didn't think about this very much, if at all. Today, all that has changed. Anyone who is active in church must complete safeguarding training, including all churchwardens and council members. Additionally, some of us require a criminal record check (DBS) before we can take up a role. When we lead a church activity we will find that there are rules around safe working. Safeguarding is a standing item on every PCC agenda.

With a moment's reflection we will realise how this situation has come about. We can all recall stories in the media of abuse happening in a church context which left us shocked and horrified. If we can put ourselves, even for a moment, in the shoes of someone abused in church, then we will readily grasp why things had to change. We all thought 'that couldn't happen in church' but sadly we were wrong.

One thought that can help us engage well with the church's safeguarding agenda is to remember that we do safeguarding not because we are a bad church but because we are properly following Jesus. From a safeguarding perspective the church presents a unique pattern of risk. We say 'all welcome' and we mean it. There are no checks on at our entrance and our doors stay open. In church, adults, vulnerable souls, and children generally mingle freely in a friendly family atmosphere. As we seek to express Christ's compassion we attract those who are vulnerable or hurt, looking for a gentler space. The power of the Gospel helps people change and so we attract people with a past who are seeking to turn their lives around. And then finally, we are always looking for volunteers to help and are very ready to accept an offer to get more involved and take responsibility. Put all of that together and we start to see why even strong and spiritual churches could have been exploited by individuals wishing to do others harm.

In our three churches we are having a safeguarding training drive at the moment as people take up new posts and our church management structures are taking a new shape. I would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who has completed safeguarding training in the last few weeks. The time and effort you have given to this subject is a vital contribution to our church life. However, whether we are required to do training or not, we all have a part to play in ensuring that our churches are safe spaces. If you are ever worried about something you see or hear in church, please speak up quickly. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Please trust that 'uh oh' feeling. The safeguarding contacts in this parish are the clergy or Allan James, our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Fr Scott

## MAY & JUNE SERVICES & EVENTS

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

### May

Tue 2nd	2.30pm	“Mulling It Over”: Bible study, prayer, chat and a cuppa (SL)
Mon 8th	1.00pm	Post-Coronation Tea Party, with Julie, Richard, Rosie and friends (until 4.00pm) (SL)
Mon 15th - Sun 21st		Christian Aid Week
Thu 18th		Ascension Day
Sun 21st	9.30am 10.00am	Blessing of the new Corpus by Bishop Alan (SM) Joint Parish Eucharist & Confirmation (SM) NB No services at SL or SP
Sun 28th		Pentecost

### June

Sun 4th	12.45pm	Church Lunch on Trinity Sunday (SL). Book in church or call 01753 532425
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## St Mary's News

Easter Sunday at St Marys was a special joyful service to celebrate the Easter message and it was so good to see the pews full of friends and families. The children particularly enjoyed the party poppers, Easter eggs and cakes!

Although Slough Borough Council will not be hosting a Civic service for the Coronation we will be celebrating the event on Sunday 7th May after the 9.30 service with our usual refreshments but as well as tea, coffee etc. we hope there may be a glass of "bubbles".as well. Can you make a cake?

Work on the Corpus is in hand and there are pictures on our Facebook page of the progress to date. It is planned that installation will take place around 12th May.

On Sunday 21st May, Bishop Alan will be in our parish for the morning to bless and dedicate the restored Calvary Statue in St Mary's churchyard and then to celebrate Confirmation in our joint Eucharist.

The Calvary was originally erected in memory of altar servers who were killed in the First World War. Sadly, it was vandalised a few years ago and the figure of Jesus's body, the Corpus, was destroyed. We have now a replacement figure created by sculptor Luke Preston which will go on to the cross later this month. The blessing service as at 9.30am and begins with a procession to the Calvary. Please invite your neighbours and bring flowers or candles to place at the cross.

Then at 10am we will have our confirmation service. This service was originally to take place in Langley Marish. Due to circumstances there, the service had to be postponed, so we will host a service that day instead. We have seven candidates from our three churches Please come and support our friends as they take this important step and remember them in your prayers.

Jean & Fr Scott

### "Yvonne's Art Classes"

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

## St Laurence's News

*Laurence, Laurence, how does your churchyard grow?  
With wild flower mix,  
Butterflies and bees flying tricks  
And pretty daffs, all in a row, row, row . . .*



As I write the weather is looking more promising for the week ahead. The churchyard is springing back into life with a glorious avenue of daffodils on display over Easter and blossom showing on the trees. Until Covid, traditionally the first week in June was seen as 'Caring for God's Acre' week led by a Conservation Charity for Burial grounds protecting wildlife, preserving Heritage and involving people. Like the Coronation weekend call for the 'Big Help Out' encouraging people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas, we used to get together to spruce up the churchyard and church interior, followed by a ploughman's lunch enjoyed by all. With the above in mind the new 'Management Committee' for the church will be looking at areas to put down to wild flowers and long grass in the ethos of Caring for God's Acre (<https://caringforgodsacre.org.uk>). We will also be following advice from [www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org)

You may consider this to be 'things looking messy', it will be managed, why not be a volunteer in this area? Or if you have concerns or opinions, have a word with Allan, Julie or Richard.

**Meanwhile**, the Coronation weekend will provide opportunities for people to come together in celebration, something St Laurence's did last weekend with the service of Nones followed by a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. If you missed it, there is another chance for a get together on Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May with a Post Coronation Tea hosted by Julie, Richard and Rosie (1.00pm-4.00pm at church). Flying the flag for St Laurence's, the FUNdraising team will be present at the Datchet Village Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> (12.30 – 4.30pm), see you there.

Julie James

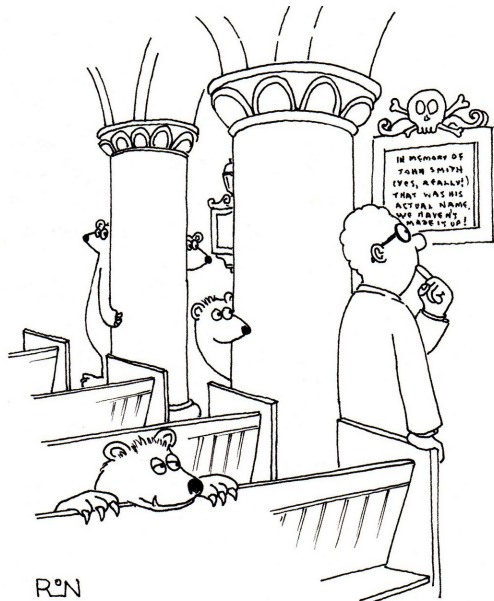
## St Peter's News

In the past year much effort has gone into making St Peter's a more welcoming space. The vestry has had repairs and a major tidy-up, and the "junk corner" in the church has been cleared. The tea table has been re-organized... all to much good effect.

Holy Saturday saw a small and dedicated team under the leadership and guidance of Frank "fingers" Gerrish, with Eddie "the eagle" Ijeomah on a tower, clear the cobwebs from the roof, some of which have been there for so many years that they had become fixtures. As a result of all the dust and cobwebs brought down the whole church received a thorough cleaning from the small team of ladies who turned out.

St Peter's is much more welcoming as a result of all this effort; this has given us confidence to apply to the Diocese for a grant to undertake a feasibility study on how the church and vestry can become even more welcoming for the wider community. We hope to hear late in June whether we have been successful. Watch this space...

Fr Alistair



*Dennis spent a long time in church  
looking for his forbears*

## Bishop protests about election law changes

A senior Church of England bishop has raised serious concerns about new election laws that he believes could adversely impact "the poorest and the most marginalised."

The Bishop of St Albans, Alan Smith, has spoken out against new regulations that mean voters will have to bring photo ID with them when they come to the polling stations. The new rules come into force at local elections in May.

Bishop Smith, who convenes the CofE bishops sitting in the UK's House of Lords, said: "All the evidence suggests that this is likely adversely to affect the poorest and the most marginalised.

"If you're struggling to make ends meet, and you're working long hours, to have to go and get another form of identity if you haven't got one readily at hand...it's much more likely to mean that people may say, 'It's just too difficult.'

"We already have a problem getting people out to the ballot boxes, so why make it more difficult?"

The controversial new rules were introduced in response to allegations of voter fraud, but figures released by the Electoral Commission show low levels of proven fraud across all types of elections.

Bishop Smith said: "We're asking 47 million people to have to go through extra hoops for what is a pretty minor problem."

In response to the change in election law, the bishop is encouraging all churches to publicise the change so that people are not caught out at the polling stations.

He said: "I would encourage people, if it's possible, to put up a poster, raise it with people – we want to encourage people to engage in the democratic process.

"That's what healthy democracies do – we want to actively try and get as many citizens as possible thinking about how society can best serve and care for people, but particularly look out for the people who are struggling for various reasons."

## Bishop's Bill to remove two-child limit on benefits clears House of Lords

A Private Member's Bill brought by the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, to abolish the two-child limit on Universal Credit has recently completed its passage through the House of Lords. The Bill will now be considered in the

House of Commons.

The Bill would amend previous legislation which limits the number of children counted when calculating benefit payments to a household. The limit restricts means-tested benefits to the first two children in a family if they were born after April 2017.

Bishop Paul said that while the policy, introduced six years ago, may have been intended to help families and create a level playing field, the effect had been the reverse.

“While the policy aimed to address the root causes of poverty, the two-child limit has instead become the greatest contributor to driving children into poverty,” he said.

“It impacts an estimated 1.3 million children, disproportionately affecting children of certain religions and ethnic minority backgrounds.”

He added: “Through removing the two-child limit, each and every child will be valued. Children will no longer be reduced to a number, but be seen as individuals with worth and potential.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June - communities will count wildlife in ‘undisturbed’ churchyards**

Parishes across England and Wales are registered to participate in Churches Count on Nature, an annual scheme where people visit churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter.

The biodiversity survey, supported by environmental charities *A Rocha UK* and *Caring for God’s Acre*, as well as the Church of England and the Church in Wales, will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of June this year.

In the last two years, 900 counting events took place across churches in England and Wales, and over 27,000 wildlife records were submitted. Churches across all denominations take part in the count each year.

The data will be used to determine where rare and endangered species are located in the country, and also to aid churches of all denominations to increase biodiversity on their land.

This year, species on some of the 17,500 acres of churchyards in England alone will be mapped, with a further 1,282 acres of churchyards in Wales.

As graveyards and church land are usually undisturbed, they can be host to a great variety of wildlife not seen in other green spaces. Old churchyards often have fantastic flowery and species-rich grasslands.

Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week.

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, who is the Church of England’s Lead Bishop for Environmental Affairs, said: “Hundreds of thousands will have watched Sir David Attenborough’s new documentary on wildlife in the British Isles. Registering for this initiative is a brilliant way for churches to encourage a local response and help to restore the natural habitats on our doorstep.”

### **Commemoration of the Carthusian Martyrs**

In the Sutton Charterhouse in London, an annual service takes place in memory of the brave monks who sacrificed their lives for God. It takes place on May 4th. The Tyburn nuns visit to join in the service as their Convent is right outside where the martyrs were murdered.

In 1527 the Carthusian monks refused to renounce the Pope and have Henry VIII as head of the church. Following the dissolution on their monastery only the remains of the south wall of the nave are built into the present chapel. All 25 monks that lived and worshiped here were cruelly tortured and killed for not signing the Act of Supremacy in the Reformation. Afterwards their heads were displayed on the London Bridge as a warning to the other monasteries and convents. This only did the opposite and made the other ones in London refuse to give in so in the end they were all executed or starved to death.

There is a statue of St Bruno over the archway of the entrance because he was the founder of the Carthusians order.

Alice Sanders

## 25<sup>th</sup> May: The Venerable Bede – great historian

The Venerable Bede was an outstanding scholar who accomplished several ‘firsts’. He was the first historian to date events from the birth of Christ. He was the first person to write scholarly works in the English language. And, of course, his world-famous, magisterial *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, completed in 731, is still in print today.

Bede was born in about 673, and sent as a child to Wearmouth monastery, and then later transferred to the monastery at Jarrow. His was a quiet life: he probably never travelled further than Lindisfarne to the north, and York to the south. In about 692 Bede was ordained deacon, and then, in about 703, he was priested.

Bede once described his own life: “I have devoted my energies to a study of the Scriptures, observing monastic discipline, and singing the daily services in church: study, teaching and writing have always been my delight.” It sounds unremarkable, but Bede’s fruitfulness has been extravagant: his writings have informed and influenced millions of people over 14 centuries.

As a theologian, Bede translated the Gospel of John into Old English, completing it on the very day that he died. He also wrote commentaries on various books of the Bible.

But Bede’s outstanding gift was as an historian. His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is one of the most important sources that we have for understanding early English history. Bede was scrupulous in his use of sources, clearly identifying them. He also was careful to distinguish between fact, hearsay and legend. He had a healthy scepticism, and certainly did not believe that everything he was told was necessarily true.

His *Ecclesiastical History* tells the history of Britain up to the year 729. It starts with the story of the Celtic peoples, who converted to Christianity in the first three centuries after the death of Christ. Bede then moves on to the invasion of Britain by the pagan Anglo-Saxons, in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries. They themselves were in turn converted by Celtic missionaries from the north and the west, and by Roman missionaries coming up from the south and the east.

Bede himself lived during the time of the Anglo-Saxon church, of which he was a wise observer of its various problems. He urged that episcopal visitations, confirmations, and Holy Communions should be held more frequently – for the good of the Church.

## After the Ascension, what?

The New Testament tells us that Jesus ascended into heaven, and now intercedes for us at His Father’s right hand. Have you ever wondered what this means?

Some have thought that the Lord is somehow constantly ‘re-offering’ the sacrifice of His death before the Father in heaven, and in so doing is ‘pleading’ on our behalf. But the New Testament is clear in its insistence that Christ’s death was historically once and for all achieved.

Hebrews 7:25,27 tells us “...He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them...He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily... Since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself...”

Instead, Jesus is now in heaven to ‘represent us before the Father’ (1 John 2:1). He is there to escort you into the Father’s presence every time you turn to God in prayer. That is why Christian prayer always ends with ‘In Jesus Christ’s Name’. He is our only way through.

## Prayer

An important spiritual discipline is *prayer*, where we can both listen and talk to God. However, it’s not always easy, and as Pentecost tells us, we have the Holy Spirit to help us to pray.

*‘In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.’* (Romans 8: 26,27)

### *The Spirit helps us in our weakness*

We often don’t know how to pray for a person or situation. The Holy Spirit is alongside to help: *‘He bears the burden with us’*. He enables us to connect with God and assures us that He loves to hear our prayers: *‘And by Him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’* (Romans 8:15).

### *The Spirit helps us in our ignorance*

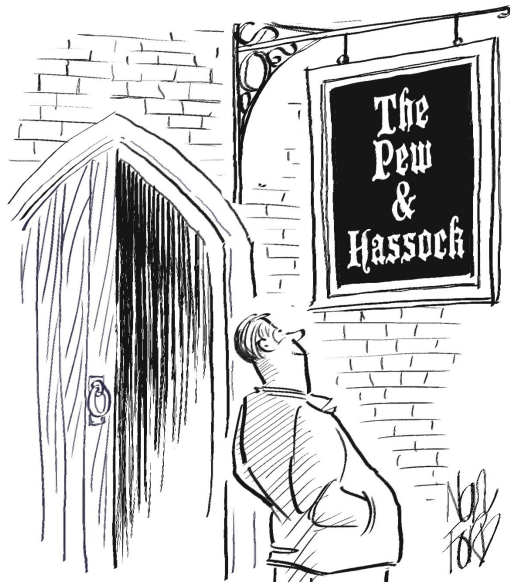
When we don’t know what to ask in prayer, the Spirit prays for us with a perfect understanding of God’s will. The Spirit pleads on our behalf in *‘wordless groans’*, which go beyond mere words. We are never alone when we pray, since the Spirit takes our words and brings them to the Father.

*The Spirit helps us in our requests*

The Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God. He translates the prayers we can't articulate or the requests we get wrong, so that they come to God in accordance with His will. In prayer we attune ourselves to the Spirit with our words or groans. Reading the Bible alongside our prayer is helpful, so that we can pray in agreement with God's Word.

When we pray, let's confidently ask: 'Come Holy Spirit.'

Canon Paul Hardingham



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services



### **28<sup>th</sup> May: Fire of Pentecost**

*"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8*

We all get tired, and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

Today, many of us have been emotionally drained by the uncertainties of Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the uncertainty of what will happen in Russia's war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

## Can Science Prove God Exists?

To risk sounding like a smart aleck seven-year-old, technically speaking you can only prove things mathematically. If you need to know that one plus one equals two, don't go to a chemistry lab. The natural sciences only deal with things that can be observed and measured. Science has been so successful that it's tempting to get carried away, valuing science above any other kind of knowledge, but there are other ways of knowing that are equally important. For example, art conveys ideas, experiences or emotions that provoke us to think or do something in response.

In fact, to find answers to any of the really important questions about meaning and purpose that affect us throughout our lives, we always have to go beyond science. Some scientific data might help define the question, for example a farmer facing a drought would probably like to know some details about the current weather patterns and the availability of seeds for more hardy crops before she can start asking "What is the point of trying to grow anything at all?" But in the end, she is asking a deeper question – and so are the rest of us when we go through any significant experience in life.

So rather than asking "Can science prove God exists?", what about: "Are the findings of science compatible with the existence of a purposeful Creator?" For many scientists today, the answer to the second question is yes. They have investigated the Bible's descriptions of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and found that they make sense. They have discovered that they can interact with God – especially in prayer – and that this faith has changed their lives.

Professor Christine Done, an Astrophysicist at Durham University, writes, "for me the more we know about the vast, yet intricate and beautiful Universe we live in, the bigger and more awe-inspiring is the God who made it all." (*Thinking About: The Big Bang*, <https://www.cis.org.uk/resources/thinking/>)

Some go even further, making statements like this: "the way the universe exhibits an ordered structure, which is open to science to investigate, points to a mind behind it." (Revd Dr Rodney Holder, Astrophysicist, in *Longing, Waiting, Believing* (BRF, 2014))

The question "Can Science Prove God Exists?" turns out to be a category error – trying to use science to answer a non-scientific question. On the other hand, many scientists think there is enough evidence from a wide range of sources to warrant belief in God.

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz



## Beware those modern choruses

The Rectory  
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I am afraid we shall have to agree to disagree on yet another topic – although I suspect the list of items that we agree to agree on would be considerably shorter. I like to think my appreciation of hymns resembles a connoisseur of fine wines savouring a grand cru claret, yours seems to resemble a Russian female tractor driver who is a Hero of the Nation.

We at St James the Least are more than happy with *Hymns Ancient & Modern* – the original 1861 edition, naturally - the later editions display a dangerous tendency towards modernism. Sadly, St Paul was not able to sing *Onward, Christian soldiers*, but I am sure he regretted the fact that it had yet to be written. The hymns our grandparents pretended to sing when they were in church are quite good enough for the ones we pretend to sing when we sit in the same pews.

At least when we come to the last verse, we know that we can then sit down, mission accomplished. The last time I attended your church, just as I saw the last words and therefore the finishing line of one of your choruses coming into sight, we were told it would be splendid to sing the thing another three times. At least it gave me another analogy to use when I next preached on eternity in hell.

And your method of singing would plunge our congregation into an existential crisis. What do they do with their hands when they don't have books to hold and are obliged to look at a screen? To be deprived of being able to hold a book in church is like a smoker who is trying to give up being unable to grasp a cigarette



when in the pub.

The ladies do not know whether to clasp their handbags, which then makes it look as if they suspect the rest of the congregation of theft, or to hold some flowers, which looks a little too matrimonial. The men experiment with putting hands in pockets, which they then realise looks scruffy, so they try to hold on to the pew in front, which is inevitably too low, so they have to adopt some form of half crouch, which makes them look as if they have recently had hernia operations.

Your choral tradition – if I can flatter it with such a description – also seems to require half an hour before the Service spent singing for our congregation, that time is more usefully spent discussing Government incompetence, livestock prices and why Miss Threlfall always wears a red felt hat with her tangerine coat.

Should we ever have a joint Service, I can't imagine how we'll all get through the first hymn together.

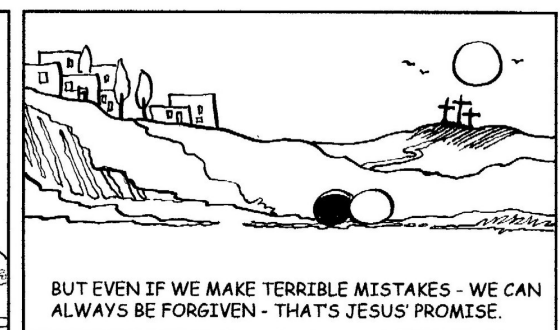
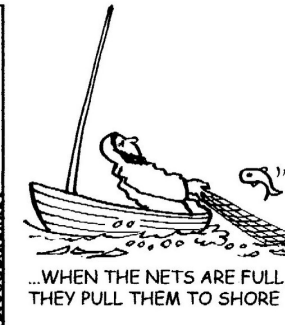
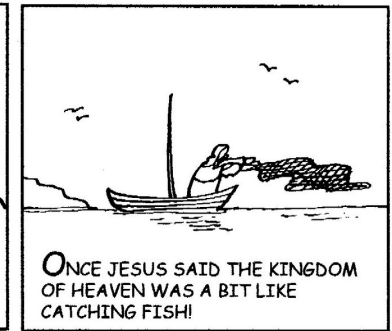
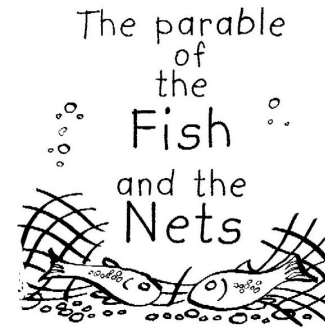
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Eustace

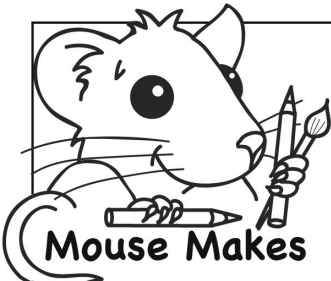
### NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE

Please let me have articles for the June issue by **Sunday 14th May** at the latest!

Dave



# CHILDREN'S PAGE



**Mouse Makes**

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

**What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?**

to be Jesus' witnesses. Acts 1:8

**What hid Jesus from the Apostles?**

a \_\_\_\_\_ Who appeared to the Apostles? Two \_\_\_\_\_ and what were they dressed in? \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 1:10

**Where was Jesus taken up to?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Acts 1:12

**Where did the Apostles return to?**

\_\_\_\_\_ of God. Mark 16:19

At the \_\_\_\_\_

READ Acts 1 4-17

Find the answers in the word search

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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis ch.25:19-33,27:1-42

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('Grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...



Esau is older but Jacob will be more important.

The boys grew up...

Esau liked to go out to hunt, but Jacob stayed at home.

When Isaac was old and blind he told Esau I want to give you my special blessing; first catch me some food.

But Rebekah went to find Jacob you could have that blessing

But Esau is hairy and I am not.

Use goat skin to cover your arms and wear Esau's clothes

Here is your food, Father

Jacob was tricked by the goat skin and Esau's clothes.

Are you really Esau? Come nearer.

May God bless you richly, my son.

Then Esau returned You must run away or Esau will kill you. Go to my brother Laban's home.

Jacob!

I'm sorry, I already blessed your brother

## When Children and RE mix...

*When children meet the Bible, the result can be unpredictable. As in these answers to a school chaplain's efforts to teach RE....*

- ◇ The main purpose of the prophets was to set up the lights for when Jesus came on the stage.
- ◇ The Kingdom of God is no ordinary place like the bathroom at home.
- ◇ Jesus said: If you want to divorce your wife leave a note for her on the table.
- ◇ Jesus healed a man with a weathered hand.
- ◇ Some of the seed from the sower was carried off by Satan.
- ◇ The last verses of Mark's gospel were written later by a unanimous person.
- ◇ Jesus first proclaimed the gospel to the Jews: He told them to make love to each other.
- ◇ An altar is a stall for candles.
- ◇ An example of Holy Orders are the Ten Commandments.
- ◇ An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

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