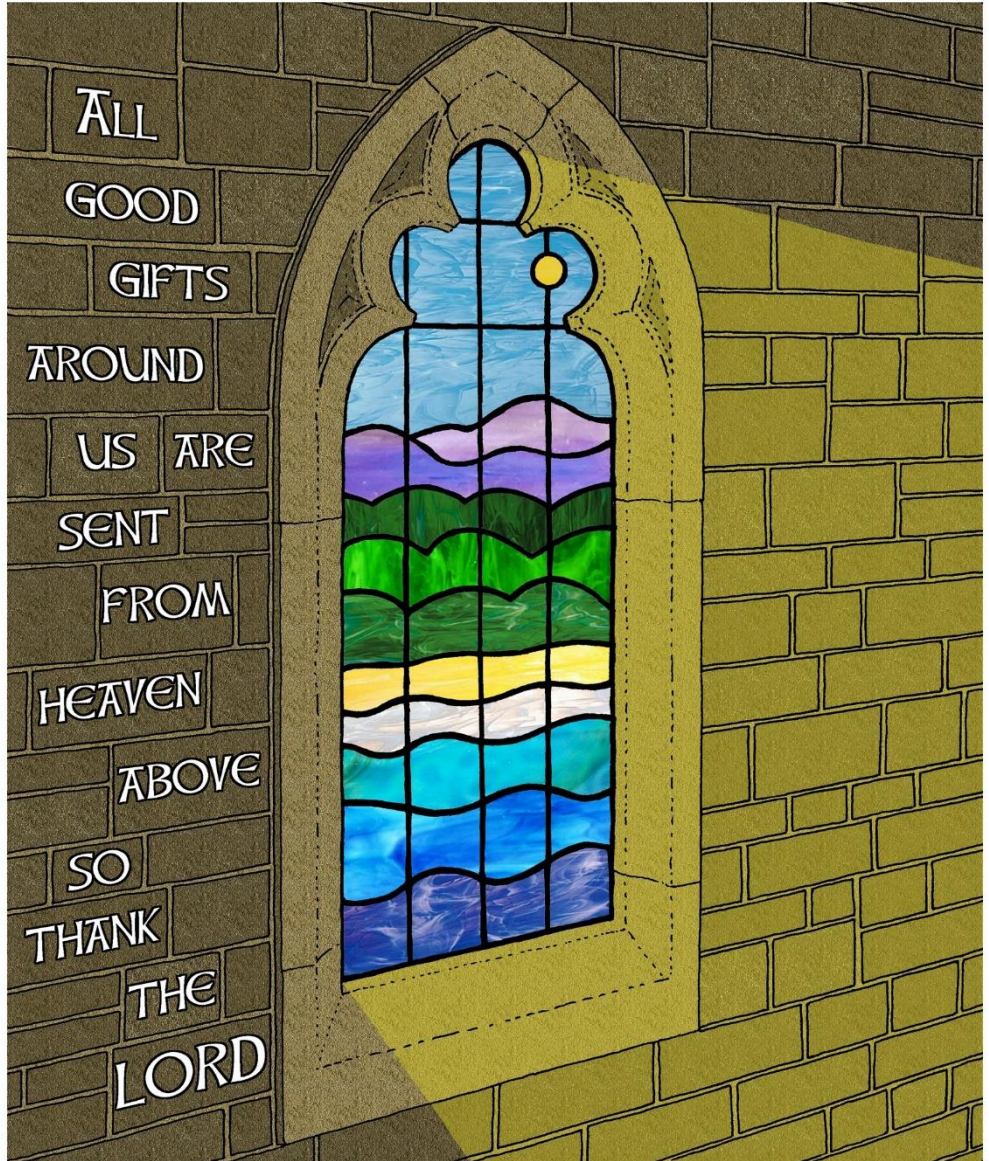


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Exploring the Vision

A church without a vision, will remain where it is, in numbers, in spirituality, and in community service. Vision is what excites us, gets us going, energises us, and our Vicar realised that was what we needed in Rushen Parish during these post-Covid times was a new vision so that we would flourish. To this end, Rev Joe called together half a dozen people from across the Parish to serve on a Vision Focus Group, namely: Ruth Walker, Annie Curtis, David Bowman, Jim Dale, Peter Hayhurst and myself (Ginny Viner). Each bringing their skills and insights to the discussion. I was included in the group as I am in ministry, but also I think as a set of new eyes with no preconceptions or history.

This group have been meeting since the beginning of the year at monthly intervals during which we pray and then discuss the life, ministry, outreach, practical matters and needs of the Parish. We have looked at the strengths and weaknesses of each church, and of the Parish as a whole.

Early on in our meetings we tossed around some very 'out of the box ideas', especially around how we could become more relevant and active as churches in our communities. Doing this helped us to gain focus on what is really important. This process was boosted greatly by us spending a day together in prayer, reflection and guided discussion based on the book 'Seven Marks of a Healthy Church' at the new Retreat House (*Thie dy Vea*) in Peel.

The **seven marks of a healthy Church**, as deemed by the author (Rob Warren), are:

- A church that is energised by FAITH
- A church that has an outward looking focus
- A church that actively seeks to find out what God wants us to do.
- Faces the cost of change and growth
- A church that operates as a community
- A church that makes room for all
- A church that does only a few things but does them extremely well.

How do we measure up ? and what can we do to improve on the above aspects ?

During our last meeting, these were the questions raised. The next step in this journey is for the PCC and other lay leaders across the parish to have an away-day at Thie dy Vea in October.

It should be noted that the Vision Focus Team is not empowered to take any decisions but makes recommendations to the PCC who are being consulted every step of the way.

This is going to be an exciting journey for all of us and has the potential to be so beneficial for every member of our parish family, so watch this space as we keep you informed !

Rev Ginny Viner



The Story of the Yellow Ribbons

The Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle, tells the story behind a well-loved and well-known old song.

One of the greatest doctrines in the Bible is the love of God for His people. Both Old Testament and New Testament tell us what God said to His people through Jeremiah: "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (31:3).

It was that love that moved the Father to send His Son into the world (John 3:16). Paul writes glowingly of "that great love with which He loved us" (Ephesians 2:4). John emphasises the same great truth in a magnificent creed of just three words: 'God is love' (1 John 4:8). Quite simply there is nothing in all creation more reassuring, more comforting, more encouraging, more uplifting than to know that God loves us. And we can even put it in personal terms as Paul did. 'He loved me and gave Himself for me' (Galatians 2:21).

The following true story, from the life and ministry of John Wilbur Chapman, is a good illustration of such love.

Back in 1893, Chapman was a Presbyterian minister from Richmond, Indiana, who had moved into full-time evangelistic ministry. Chapman told of how one evening he was travelling by train in a rural part of the state of Kansas. The only other passenger in the carriage was a young man and Chapman noticed that he was becoming very agitated. He kept glancing out of the window and then covering his face with his hands. Finally, Chapman asked if he could help.

The young man was a bit reluctant, but finally opened up. Many years before he had run away from home and 'sown his wild oats.' He had not contacted his parents for many years and now he was afraid they wouldn't want him back. He had written home some weeks before and told them he would be travelling on this train. At a certain point it passed very close to his home. In the letter he had begged his parents' forgiveness and asked if they wanted him to come home. If so, they were to tie a yellow ribbon on the old apple tree that grew right beside the railway lines.

"Sir," he said to Chapman, "the train will soon pass my home but I'm afraid to look. If there's a yellow ribbon on the tree, I'll get off at the next station and go home. If there's no ribbon, I'll just travel on. But I'm too afraid to look out for the tree." So Chapman offered to look for him. The young man hid his eyes and Chapman kept watch.

"You can open your eyes now," he said a few minutes later. The returning prodigal looked at Chapman with tears and quivering lips. "All is well," said the evangelist. "There is a yellow ribbon on the apple tree. In fact, there's far more than one. Every branch is hanging with yellow ribbons, scores and scores of them. Your parents love you so much and want you to come home."

If parents can love their wayward children like that, how much greater is the love of God! Truly, we are loved with everlasting love.



Christian YouTube channel for primary school aged children

The team who distributed nearly half a million free storybooks to schools for the Platinum Jubilee with the Church of England have now released a series of cartoons and songs for primary school aged children, on the *Fruit of the Spirit*. Thousands of families have been using them during the summer holidays!

The *Cheeky Pandas* is an online cartoon series created by Christian charity Swell Revolution, which has previously featured contributions from people including Archbishop Justin Welby, and CBeebies' Gemma Hunt. With catchy pop songs and prayers, the stories are on love, joy, patience, faithfulness, and kindness. *God Suit* is one of their most popular action songs. The episodes are all available with British Sign Language options too.

Songwriter Pete James says: "Cheeky Pandas is all about helping children have fun while they grow in their faith. The free storybook that went out before the Jubilee was on the theme of faithfulness, in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of faithful service."

Songs and episodes are created by the makers of CBBC's 'Andy and the Band' and CBeebies' 'The Baby Club', with voiceovers from Gemma Hunt. Previous guests on the free online show have included Nicky Gumbel, Guvna B and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

YouTube is used by 86% of children aged 3-7, according to Ofcom. They watch for an average of a few hours a day, but this may be more during the summer holidays. Parents are often concerned about what their children are watching. The charity behind *Cheeky Pandas* wanted to create something which children will enjoy, and parents can know is helping them discover the love of God for them. Churches also use the resource, so there are free assembly plans, Sunday school downloads and activity sheets too, with recipes, crafts and games.

The Cheeky Pandas might be an answer to prayer for some young families this summer! Find out more at www.cheekypandas.com or find Cheeky Pandas TV on YouTube.

Warning at a mountain holiday resort

Be careful not to fall here. It's dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the left on your way down. You get a wonderful view on that side.

Reflected Faith Series: The Awesomeness of God



*Editor: The **Revd Dr Jo White** continues her series on aspects of Christianity:*

Church buildings come in all shapes and sizes, and yet they can all be traced back to one of three basic designs.

They all have a Sanctuary which is the main altar or table area, and a Nave where the people stand or today, more usually sit. (We thought about the nave last month).

The simplest plan will have just these two areas.

The next would have a Chancel which is an area between the nave and the sanctuary, often marked by a step or a wooden screen and most often where the choir sits.

The third basic plan is the shape of a cross – cruciform. These churches often have a tower where the four arms meet, rather than it being at one end.

Church plans grew and changed when new worship styles were introduced; e.g. if you want to do processions you will need some space for them, and so aisles were brought about.

Every part of the building reflects something of the faith and thinking about God and the practicalities of worshipping Him.

This month

If you can, have a look around the inside of a church building near you. What shape is it?

In particular go up close to the sanctuary. In a Church of England building this area is likely to be grander, more highly decorated, and even carpeted! The only people 'allowed' into this area are those directly involved in 'celebrating' the Communion or Eucharist.

This remembrance or celebration of Christ's body and blood taking place here makes it the most 'holy part' of the church: hence the area is separated from the chancel by a step or an altar rail to alert everyone that this is 'holy ground'.

Many years ago, when I was part of a church visit to India, I had the privilege of preaching, translated by the bishop! and was invited to act as his deacon in the sanctuary. As such we were the only two people in the building who removed our shoes on entering the building.

What does this space say to you about how awesome God is?

St Mary's Sunday School



In early July, we were planning and practising for our Sunday School Anniversary all-age service on 10th July, which focused on the parable of The Good Samaritan. The service was led by the Rev Ginny Viner, who also presented the prizes. The Sunday School led the congregation in the song "Cross over the road, my friend" before Thomas read the Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy 30:9-14. Ginny, Michal Kewley and Steve Chalmers did a dramatic reading of the gospel (Luke 10: 25-37), including Jesus telling the parable of the Good Samaritan, followed by Ginny giving a short 'history lesson' to explain the origin of the

deep animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans, highlighting just how revolutionary and shocking it would have been for Jews to hear about a Samaritan helping a Jew in distress.

The Sunday School then presented a more modern take on the parable with a short drama about a boy (Cameron) who got attacked by some children from his school and who had his new football taken. His football coach who is out on his training run has no time to stop and help, neither does his teacher who comes past on her bicycle. The one who does stop and help in the end is the new girl in the school (Beatrix), who nobody had invited to play until then and who had been pushed away by the boy when she had asked to join in with a football game earlier. She is the one who helps the boy up, gives him her own spare football shirt to wear, walks him home to her house, gives him a bandage and food and lets him play with her on her tablet until he can be picked up by his mum.

The Sunday School children had also been thinking about how we can 'lend a helping hand' to others in our daily lives and had prepared hand shapes with their ideas, which they read out in the service and then made into a display. Their ideas ranged from helping with chores at home and tidying their rooms to giving somebody a smile or hug or even a compliment, inviting somebody to play, or even offering to pick up dog poo. The children also led the prayers in the service, with the response "A true neighbour is one who shows mercy and compassion."

Ginny also elaborated further on the question of who actually is my neighbour and how we can show love to one another, even those we don't particularly like or get on with. As Jesus calls us to love one another as He has loved us, He will also give us the strength to do it, if we only ask Him.

At the end of the service, Ginny presented the prizes to the children, who were very happy to receive them. All of them enjoyed contributing to the service and all did very well with their reading, acting and singing, as indeed they have done throughout the last year. WELL DONE! A big Thank You also to the parents, who bring them each week and practise with them at home for our all-age services.

Our last gathering for this school year was our annual Family Picnic at Silverdale, where we had great fun playing games and enjoying yummy food as well as each other's company. We are now having an extended break for the summer holidays, but those of us who are on Island in August will see each other at Port St Mary Beach Mission! Hooray!

Wishing you all a very blessed and restful summer

Claudia



News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



Messy Church was held on 23rd July 2022. It was well attended. However there was a sad tinge to the proceedings as we had to say goodbye to Ruth Walker. She has been with us for some years and has been a great help with the activities everyone has enjoyed. Ruth has also been in charge of food and kitchen duties in general. She has also been a Scripture Union Leader on the island. Do wish her the very best for her future employment as a school's chaplain in England.

At Kirk Christ on 10th July we had the baptism of Skye Newing. She looked beautiful on the day and was very well behaved, Her baptism was supported by family and friends and also the congregation.

As I write this we have held two of our summer concerts at St Catherine's Church. They were both well attended. WE have also had many holiday visitors to the church.

Finally we have held two lovely weddings in the parish which have been happy occasions for all involved.

Gerry Callister

Parish of Rushen

Concerts at St Catherine's Church 2022

August

- 4 Women in Song
- 11 John & Karen Elliott and Friends (*)
- 18 Glenfaba Chorale
- 25 Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band

September

- 1 Lon Dhoo Male Voice Choir
- 8 Lon Vane Ladies Choir
- 15 Musicale
- 22 Rushen Silver Band

Concerts commence at 7.45pm.

Admission Free Retiring Collection
Refreshments in the hall following concerts

() Note the change in artistes
since the original programme was published*



Sudoku August 2022

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River

A minister was preaching on the dangers of alcohol. He concluded by thundering: "And that is why, if I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it in the river. If I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it in the river. And if I had all the whisky in the world, I'd take that as well, and pour it in the river." Satisfied that he had made his point, he sat down. The music leader then stood up, and with a sheepish grin announced: "Our closing hymn is on page 238: 'Shall We Gather at the River'."

Sudoku July Solution

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25 years since the death of Princess Diana



Just 25 years ago, on 31st August 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, her close companion Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul, died after a car crash in the Place de l'Alma underpass in Paris.

Fayed and Paul died instantly, but Princess Diana survived for nearly five hours. She was conscious shortly after the crash, and was reported by a firefighter to have said: "My God, what has happened?" She then lost consciousness and was taken to hospital, where she died from internal bleeding after a two-hour operation, having suffered concussion, a broken arm, a cut thigh, and massive chest injuries.

The group had left the rear entrance of the Ritz Hotel in a Mercedes limousine and took a circuitous route to shake off paparazzi. They were less than two miles from the hotel when they crashed. The Princess's bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, survived. Diana was sitting in the back seat but not wearing a seatbelt.

The Princess had fitted in well initially with the Royal Family and, according to biographer Andrew Morton, had a "profound sense of destiny". She was raised in the Anglican tradition but seemed to dislike its formality, though her "strong faith" was demonstrated in her many heartfelt actions for others. She was, however, an "unorthodox believer" who also visited astrologers, psychics, and new-age thinkers.

The 'people's Princess' was hugely popular with the public, who reacted to her death with an unprecedented outpouring of grief. It was calculated that some 60 million flowers, as well as ten to 15 tons of bouquets, were left in her honour around London, together with candles, flags, photographs, stuffed animals, and personal notes. She was 36 when she died.

Tim Lenton

Prayer for August

Dear Heavenly Father: In this month of August, thank you for your presence. Whether we're at home or on holiday, in one place or travelling, working, or resting, happy or sad, young, middle-aged, or elderly, you are with us. As we journey through the different stages of this life on earth, help us to know that wonderful assurance of your presence, by putting our trust in Jesus now. No matter what ups and downs come our way, we will never be alone. You are with us, sharing it all day by day - and leading us home. Thank you, Lord of all our journeys, In Jesus' name.

Amen

Grace – it really is amazing



Most of us will know the hymn, *Amazing Grace*, by John Newton. Grace is an essential element of our faith, but what is it, exactly?

In everyday life the word 'grace' has many uses: in the courts, a pardoned person has been 'shown grace'; in the arts, an exquisite dancer moves with beauty and grace; if someone undertakes an unpleasant task cheerfully and willingly, it is done with 'good grace' and composers sometimes add 'grace

notes' to their music to enhance the playing of their music.

The biblical use of the word 'grace' is quite different! The New Testament describes grace as God doing something for us that we could not do for ourselves. That 'something' is the free and unearned favour of God towards us. It is God's goodness which removes human inferiority and worthlessness and which raises our status. It pays the debt of sin. Grace welcomes the wretched, the weak and the wayward. It adopts us – homeless orphans – into God's family.

The story of King David and Mephibosheth is a remarkable example of grace. (2 Samuel 9:1-13) When David discovered a disabled relative of a former friend, he opened the way for this person to be brought into the royal household. He was accepted into David's family and given the same status as one of his sons.

Similarly, God accepts the unacceptable into His Heavenly Family. He accepts us as we are, regardless of status, health - or any objections we may have! Our gracious God loves us even though we are unlovely, undesirable, and unholy.

We most see God's love in the gift of His Son. We can only be thankful that through Christ we have a new relationship with God. It is by His grace we are saved.

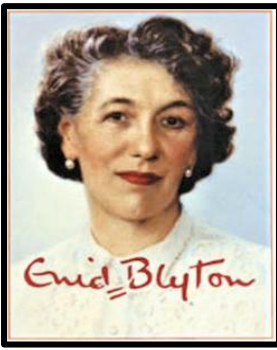
In John Newton's famous hymn, he wrote 'grace will lead me home'. Through the grace of God we can be assured of eternal life, joy, peace, and security with Christ.

Lester Amann

How prayer reaches God

An anxious mother confided in her minister: "My 10-year-old daughter says her prayers every night, but I am not sure they are reaching heaven." Touched by her worry, the minister spent some time explaining to her about God's omniscience and omnipresence. But still, the mother looked worried. So finally he asked the mother why she thought her daughter's prayers would NOT be heard by God. She explained: "Because when my daughter finishes, instead of saying 'amen', she says 'click, send'."

Remembering Enid Blyton



It was 125 years ago, on 11th August 1897, that Enid Blyton was born in East Dulwich, South London. This enormously popular British children’s writer created Noddy, the Famous Five, and the Secret Seven. She is among the world’s bestselling writers, selling more than 600 million copies of her books.

Enid was the daughter of a nature-loving clothing wholesaler, to whom she was very close. He once sat up with her when she was expected to die of whooping cough, determined that she would survive. Her mother was less solicitous. Enid was bright, popular at school and a talented musician, but decided against it as a profession, going into teaching instead.

She married twice – first Hugh Pollock, an editor at a publishing firm who helped her to become established as a writer. They moved to Buckinghamshire and had two daughters, but then divorced in 1942. The following year she married surgeon Kenneth Waters, and they moved in the 1950s to Manor Farm in Dorset, which inspired much of her later work.

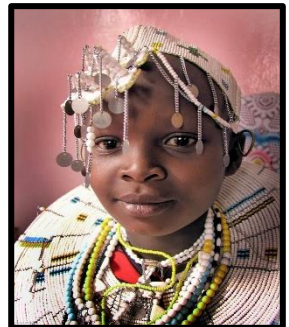
Blyton’s mystery and adventure stories have clearly defined good and bad characters and are easy to read. They have been criticised for being too simplistic, and more recently for some of the now outdated social attitudes and language. But they remain popular worldwide for their sense of joy and wonder at life.

Several of her books are based on biblical stories, but she had a general rather than personal belief in God. She was brought up as a Baptist, and her children were baptised in the Church of England: towards the end of her life she became interested in Roman Catholicism. She put much energy into charity work, encouraging children to do the same. She died in 1968.

Tim Lenton

Hunger forces Ethiopian girls into marriage

A prolonged drought in Ethiopia has killed untold numbers of livestock and brought millions of people to the brink of famine. And as the crisis escalates, more and more girls are at risk of child marriage. Tearfund has warned that Ethiopia now has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world with an estimated 40 per cent of girls marrying before the age of 18. It happens because in areas where families don’t have enough food or water for their children, they may resort to marrying their daughters off to wealthier families.



Simba Nyamarezi, who oversees Tearfund's work in Ethiopia, explains: "They often believe their daughters will have better chances of survival this way, and they can also use the money from the daughter's dowry to feed their other children."

Sabine Nkusi, who leads Tearfund's gender unit, explains that as girls must walk farther and farther each day to find water, they are dropping out of school. "And again, they immediately become more vulnerable to child marriage."

In an effort to help, Tearfund has supported the construction of more than ten water pumps in and around schools. Its local partners have also dug wells in drought-affected areas.

"Your organisation came to us with compassion and provided us with water," says Liya, a local woman, whose life has been transformed by the new well. "Before, I spent all my time carrying water. The river is a seven hour walk away from my village."

If you can help people such as Liya to gain access to closer clean water, please go to: <https://www.tearfund.org>



Ukrainian soldiers treat the Bible like 'a life-saver'

Since the war broke out more than six months ago, Bible Society has been making the Bible available to soldiers as well as civilians in Ukraine. Recently, Serhii, the commander of a military unit, told Bible Society colleagues in Ukraine how vital the Bible is to his troops. He said, "It is very important for soldiers to have the Bible. Things are very tough at times and many soldiers are praying to God.

"They may have never attended a church before. They may not have believed in God before. But now they are turning to Him. Many of them treat the Bible as a lifesaver.

"I have a friend, an officer. He also received a Bible from our chaplain. Sometimes he faces situations that seem to be desperate. He turns to the Bible....and he says, 'You wouldn't believe it. Every time I find an answer. The Bible has a way out! I do as the Bible says and everything works well.'"

Serhii added, "So, for those people who are facing enormous pressures on the frontlines, who experience hardship, both physical and moral, when they have this Bible in their pocket, when it gets very hard, a soldier can open it and find words that he needs to hear at that very moment. It is very important. Thank you!"

All in the month of August



200 years ago, on 25th August 1822, William Herschel, German-born British astronomer died. He discovered the planet Uranus and infrared radiation, conducted the first deep sky surveys, and was the first president of the Royal Astronomical Society.

125 years ago, on 11th August 1897, Enid Blyton was born. This enormously popular British children's writer created Noddy, the Famous Five, and the Secret Seven. She is among the world's bestselling writers, selling more than 600 million copies of her books. She sometimes wrote 50 books a year.

100 years ago, on 2nd August 1922, Alexander Graham Bell died. This Scottish-born American audiologist and inventor is credited with developing the first practical telephone. **Also on 6th August 1922**, Sir Freddie Laker, British entrepreneur, was born. He pioneered budget airlines. Best known as the founder of Laker Airways. (Died 2006) **Also on 9th August 1922**, Philip Larkin, one of Britain's most famous post-war poets, was born. One of his most famous poems is 'MCMXIV'. Larkin was often called 'England's other Poet Laureate'. (Died 1985) **Also from 28th- 29th August 1922**, the first Walker Cup golf match was held in Southampton, New York. The match is held every two years between the USA and UK and Ireland.

90 years ago, on 31st August 1932, Roy Castle, TV presenter, singer, dancer, comedian, actor, and musician, was born. Best known for presenting the children's TV series *Record Breakers*, he broke nine world records himself while presenting it. (Died 1994.)

80 years ago, on 8th August 1942, the world premiere of Walt Disney's animated film *Bambi* was held in London. **Also from 23rd August 1942 to 2nd February 1943**, the Battle of Stalingrad took place. Soviet victory, and the turning point of the war in Europe. Regarded as the largest and bloodiest battle in the history of warfare.

75 years ago, on 14th and 15th August 1947, first Pakistan and then India gained their independence from the UK. **Also from 22nd August to 11th September 1947**, the first Edinburgh Festival was held in Scotland.

60 years ago, on 4th August 1962, Alexander Litvinenko, Russian security agent, writer, and journalist, was born. He was killed (probably assassinated) by radioactive polonium in London in November 2006.

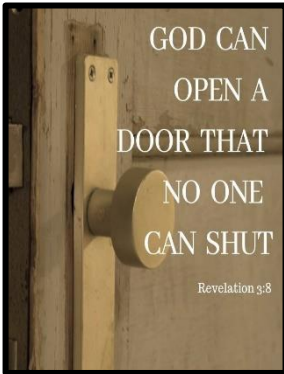
50 years ago, on 1st August 1972, the Washington Post newspaper published the first article that exposed US President Richard Nixon's involvement in the Watergate scandal.

30 years ago, on 30th August 1992, the German racing driver Michael Schumacher won the Belgian Grand Prix – the first of his record 91 Formula One wins.

25 years ago, on 31st August 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, her companion Dodi Fayed and their driver, died in a car crash in the Place de l'Alma underpass in Paris.

10 years ago, on 25th August 2012, Neil Armstrong, American astronaut (Apollo 11) died. He was the first person to walk on the Moon.

Being Brave



Editor: **The Revd Tony Horsfall**, a former missionary in East Malaysia and then retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the slow and steady type of Christian.

Some time ago I was helping my grandson George into his car seat in the back of my car when I accidentally banged his head. He started to cry. "Come on, George, be brave," I said.

"But I *don't* want to be brave!" he wailed.

I guess we all know that feeling. Sometimes life is hard, and we know we have a need for courage, but somehow, we just don't want to be brave. We would rather give in, surrender to the difficulties, and wallow in self-pity.

The Bible seems to constantly exhort us to be brave, to be strong, to take heart, to be courageous. And life during a pandemic and a war certainly calls for us to make a courageous response. But occasionally we may feel overwhelmed and ready to give in or give up.

Perhaps you are reading this at just such a moment. Maybe this comes as a message to you from God so that you do not lose heart. He knows you, and He sees your situation. And He speaks to encourage you, as He did to the church at Philadelphia: "I know that you have little strength (Revelation 3:8)."

He is the compassionate and understanding God who draws alongside us, to give strength to the weary and power to the weak (Isaiah 40:29). You don't have to do anything, simply turn to Him in your need and ask for help. You will discover, as the apostle Paul did, that when you are weak, then you are strong. His power will be demonstrated through your weakness. You can then do whatever is required of you because He will give you strength.



*This is a photograph of Rushen's entry into the Annual Flower Festival at St Johns. Thank you to **Glenda Murphy** who arranged it. The theme of the festival was Spirit of Man. Glenda took her inspiration from a verse from T.E. Brown where he describes the calming influence of the sea and I picked out the blue and orange colours in the accompanying picture*

From the Registers

Funerals June 2022:

7 th June	Nora Lewis	RBG	Burial of Ashes
7 th June	Sally Young	RBG	Burial of Ashes
13 th June	Thomas Nightingale	RBG	Burial only
16 th June	Thelma Horne	Crematorium	MS St Mary's
16 th June	Mary K Christian	RBG	Burial only
22 nd June	Robert Stabler	Crematorium	
22 nd June	Violet Edwards	RBG	Burial of Ashes
24 th June	Stanley Atkinson		MS St Peter's
24 th June	John Guy	Service Kirk Christ	Burial

(RBG Rushen Burial Ground)
 (MS Memorial Service)

While the vicar's away...

A church newssheet contained the following typo: *The vicar is away on holiday for two weeks. Massages can be given to the curate.*

Safeguarding

The Parish of Rushen is committed to the safeguarding, nurture and care of **everyone** within our church community. If you, or someone you know, are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk or has been harmed, or are concerned about the behaviour of someone towards children or vulnerable adults, please contact:

Rushen Parish Safeguarding Officer, Voirrey Baugh (Tel. 832275)

The **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser** has now been appointed. For more details contact the diocese.

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan website: http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding_inclusion



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

Yellow Iris



*(Seen at Ballachurry
Nature reserve, Rushen)*



Water-loving Iris,
What message do you bring?

Your tall reed stems and leaves so green,
Thrust upwards in the Summer Scene.
Lovely petals of golden hue,
Folding back with morning dew.
Large petals that platform be –
For eager butterfly and bee!
The Fleur-de-Lys your shape describes
Heraldic sign! In deep blue skies.

Good News! Good news! Is what I bring.
From Heaven's creative Lord and King.
Awake! Awake! Time to review.
All that is right and good and true.

*Rev.20.5 "See I am making all things New"
NRSV*

Margaret Couper



Wrong water

A mother was watching her four-year-old son playing in a small plastic pool half-filled with water. He was walking back and forth with an expression of great concentration on his face, while making big splashes. Suddenly, the little boy stopped, stepped out of the pool, and with a look of disgust, began to scoop the water out with a pail. "What's wrong, dear?" asked the mother. "On Sunday the minister said Jesus walked on water, and this water doesn't work," he replied.

God in the Arts



Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'The Transfiguration' by Fra Angelico. It is found in the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence.

We behold the glory

TQ – Tingle Quotient – is the name given to those things that can produce a tingle down the spine or a frisson of excitement. It could be a piece of music or the sight of an evening sunset at sea or a new-born babe. We look, we hear, and what we look at or hear evokes a sense of wonder and amazement that has an almost physical effect on us. Something sublime unfolds before us producing delight and awe: a hint of glory that leads us to wonder and even to worship.

The monk who lived in cell no 6 at the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence must have felt that when he entered his room and saw for the first time the fresco of the Transfiguration that Fra Angelico had painted. I am sure the sight would have stopped him in his tracks, just as Peter, James and John were stopped in their tracks as they beheld their Lord transfigured before them on the mount.

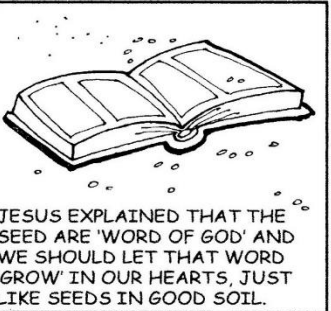
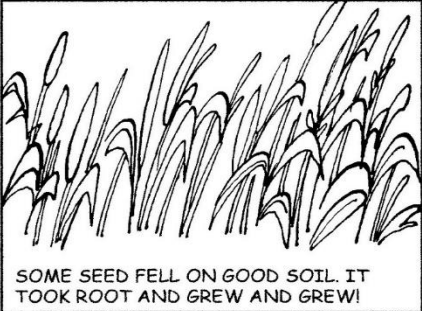
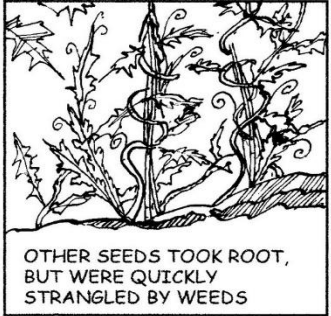
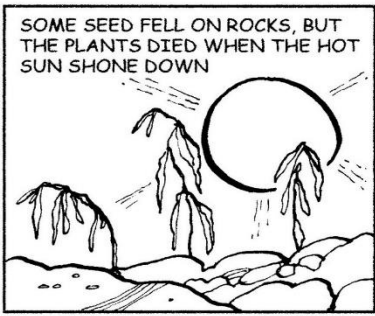
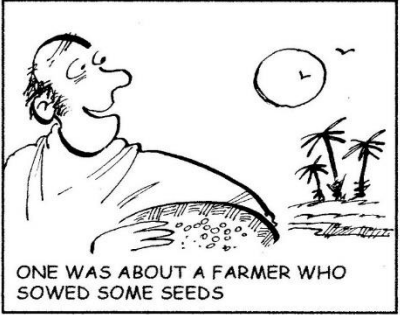
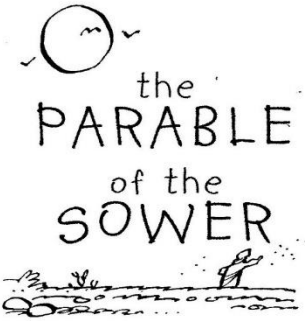
From 1436 Fra Angelico painted a whole series of frescoes for the convent from the High Altar to the Chapter House to the cells of the monks. Here in cell no 6 there is a restrained simplicity and directness about the Transfiguration. One of the three disciples looks out towards us, while the other two are caught up in wonder and awe as they look on Jesus with the faces of Moses and Elijah on either side.

Here Fra Angelico is not seeking to impress a wealthy patron: he is providing a focus for devotion and prayer for the monks of his community. The scene speaks to us of that sense of awe and reverence. On 6th August we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. The Gospel accounts relate that special moment of revelation to the inner group of disciples. The glory shown to them evoked a sense of wonder and marvel, but also a sense of loss. For the glory proved elusive and just out of human reach. The moment of revelation passed, and the disciples had to go down the mount again to meet the crying needs of the world, all but forgotten when they were with their Lord on the mountain top.

The monk in his cell would ponder the glory of Fra Angelico's fresco, knowing that he would be called from his cell to take up his monastic duties. But the painting would go with him to sustain and nurture his life. It is the same with us: we have moments of glory. But they pass, and we must return to our daily lives. As we look on this month's painting, we sense that glory and wonder which can sustain us through life. As Thomas Jones says in his poem on this episode:

*Like a pearl we hold
Close to our hearts
what we have heard and seen.*

Children's Page



The Story Behind the Hymn



Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

***Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.***

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on. **Chorus**

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
“As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on.” **Chorus**

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. **Chorus**

Julia Ward Howe was born into a wealthy family in New York City in 1819. In 1843 she married Samuel Gridley Howe, eighteen years her senior. An autocratic husband, he sharply limited her activities and took charge of her money, which he managed ruinously. When he died in 1876, she wrote in her diary, “Start my new life today.” Howe used her writing and speaking skills to promote a number of causes, to include women’s rights, education reform, and the abolition of slavery. In 1861, she travelled to Washington D.C., where she met with Abraham Lincoln at the White House. She also visited a Union army camp, where she heard soldiers singing, “John Brown’s body lies a’ molderin’ in the grave,” a song honouring John Brown, a prominent abolitionist who had been hanged for treason against the state of Virginia in 1859.

Howe’s pastor, the Reverend James Freeman Clarke, asked her to consider writing new words to that tune. That night, in her hotel room, the words came to mind as she tried to sleep. She got up and wrote them hastily on an old piece of paper. Chaplain C.C. McCabe of the Union army heard the song, and began to teach it to the soldiers in his command. Howe’s “grapes of wrath” in the first verse alludes to the passage in Revelation 14:19, which speaks of “the great winepress of the wrath of God.”

Howe’s mention of “the trumpet that shall never sound retreat” might allude to the trumpets of Revelation 8, where seven angels sound seven trumpets. However, that phrase spoke loudly to soldiers who, in the confusion of battle, received their commands from trumpet sounds. A “trumpet that shall never sound retreat” was an inspiring image for those soldiers. Howe’s song continues to enjoy great popularity. Lyndon Johnson had it sung at his inauguration in 1965. Andy Williams sang it at Robert Kennedy’s funeral in 1968.

Rushen Parish Prayer Diary

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

Dear Lord, we give you thanks for the month of August. As each day of the month dawns, we thank you for bringing us out of the shadow of night and into the light of morning. We also thank you for the joy of spending each day in your service, so that when the evening comes, we can once more give you the thanks that you deserve, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

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August 2022

This is your invitation to pray day by day for:

- 1st Those who have lost loved ones during the coronavirus pandemic
- 2nd The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- 3rd Families in debt, unable to find a solution, and in despair
- 4th Those who work in financial institutions
- 5th Peace throughout the world
- 6th The beauty of God's creation found on the Isle of Man and throughout the world
- 7th Joe and his ministry in the Parish of Rushen
- 8th All sportsmen and women who enjoy partaking in sport rather than winning
- 9th The new Archdeacon of Sodor & Man and the tasks she has to perform
- 10th All grandparents and their grandchildren
- 11th The Mothers' Union and its tireless work throughout the Isle of Man
- 12th All Christians to serve Jesus faithfully and to behave like He did throughout His life
- 13th The Salvation Army and its work with the homeless
- 14th Those receiving treatment in hospital
- 15th All parents and their children
- 16th Authors and the books they write which give such enjoyment to their readers
- 17th One parent families and the work of agencies which help them
- 18th The people who kindly buy and arrange flowers in our four churches
- 19th The coastguards who ensure the safety of all who venture on our beaches
- 20th The Royal Family and all it does for everyone living in the Commonwealth
- 21st Farmers preparing their crops for harvest time
- 22nd Teachers preparing for the new term in September
- 23rd The Southern Mission Partnership and its work in integrating parishes in the south
- 24th The work of the National Royal Lifeboat Institution in saving lives
- 25th The beauty of music in all of its forms
- 26th Those who entertain through the media of radio and television
- 27th The work of doctors and nurses throughout the world
- 28th Children preparing for the new term ahead
- 29th The work of the National Health Service here on the island and in the UK
- 30th The disabled and the work of those who try to help them
- 31st The continued success of Messy Church and for those who help to run it

Services August/Sept. 2022

31 st July (Trinity 7)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
7 th August (Trinity 8)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
14 th August (Trinity 9)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's All-Age Service
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
21 st August (Trinity 10)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
28 th August (Trinity 11)	11am	Kirk Christ Joint Holy Communion (CW)
4 th September (Trinity 12)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
11 th September (Trinity 13)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's All-Age Service
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
18 th September (Trinity 14)	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)

Dates and times of services/activities subject to alteration/or cancelled
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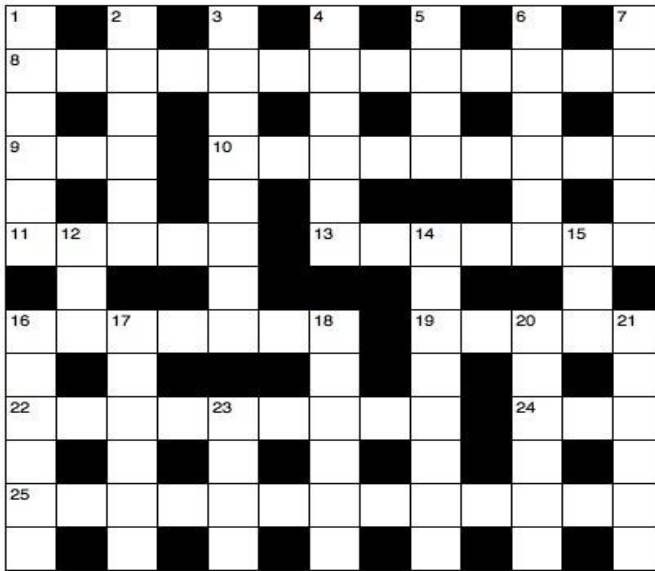
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Crossword August 2022



Across

- 8** One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
- 9** International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
- 10** Single (1 Corinthians 7:27) (9)
- 11** Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
- 13** Treachery (2 Kings 11:14) (7)
- 16** Of India (anag.) (2,3,2)
- 19** 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
- 22** Follower of a theological system characterised by a strong belief in predestination (9)
- 24** 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
- 25** They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1** The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
- 2** Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)

- 3** Beaten with whips (1 Kings 12:11) (8)
- 4** 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
- 5** Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
- 6** Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
- 7** 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
- 12** Run (anag.) (3)
- 14** Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
- 15** 'We will triumph with our tongues; we— our lips' (Psalm 12:4) (3)
- 16** Earnings (1 Corinthians 16:2) (6)
- 17** 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)
- 18** How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)
- 20** Multiple territories under the rule of a single state (Daniel 11:4) (6)
- 21** 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,— to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)
- 23** This month (abbrev.) (4)