

“In my Father’s house there are many mansions.”

**“I go to prepare a place for you.”
John 14.2**

In the light of the few glimpses that theology gives us about heaven, we should not to be content with the mere minimum effort to live in the “light of Christ” that keeps us in contact with the Love of God. Christian life begs us to use the means of grace and the opportunities of life for spiritual growth; for so much in eternity depends on how much we have progressed in the love of God at the conclusion of life here on earth. I make this assumption from Jesus' own words, “I will present you to the Father”. We cannot draw strict comparisons with life after death to our earthly sojourn, but to have no vision of life after death is somewhat defeatist. I believe an honest approach to understanding heaven is demanded of all Christians, for how otherwise are we to meet the difficult questions asked by searchers and non believers. Where is heaven? And what is it like? The mysteries of faith are no longer known through the obscure light of faith but by intuitive vision, immeasurably more clear and never exhaustive of the mystery. For example: the mystery of heaven is given a new dimension when we view it through the words spoken by Jesus.

The search to understand more fully the nature of heaven is a doctrine that within the Church of England is least visited. I believe this is so because theologians have not visited the subject with a vision that speaks in picture language, relying too much on the written and intellectual medium. One

fact that is becoming much clearer as I approach the time when my life nears its end, is the wonderful comfort of knowing the reality of heaven and the gift of everlasting life. As with all matters concerning God when we at last see it in its completeness we will be astounded. I am probably being over simplistic, but I would rather be there with a vision of an incomplete picture of God than caught up in the maelstrom of deep theological conjecture. Christianity, if we view it through the life of Christ, is a way that is caught not taught. To use a modern expression, we have to walk the walk before we can talk the talk.

I was taught as a young Christian to build up in my mind’s eye pictures of the gospel and other stories recorded in the bible. As a result I have a huge gallery of pictures that enhance the written word, and when I hear the stories read in Church the pictures readily pop to the forefront of my mind. I do not let them gather the dust of my mind as often as they become the results of new insights and I have to paint a new picture. It is remarkable how that when we are meditating or praying, just a few well chosen pictures can transport your mind into the presence of God. In life I spent much more time looking at pictures than I do looking at words.

Harry



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READINGS FOR JUNE

Sundays and holy days

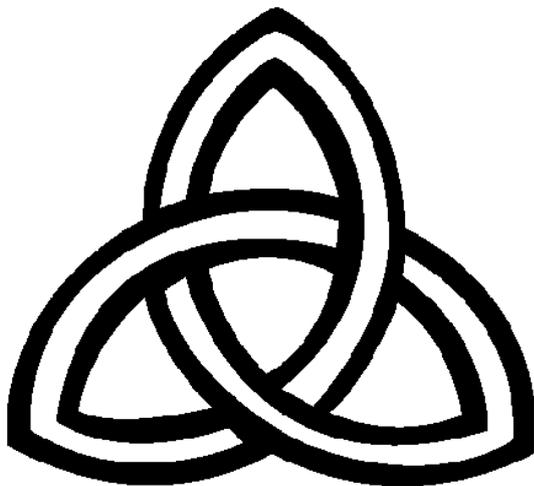
- 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Galatians 1: 1-12
Luke 7: 1-10
- 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Galatians 1: 11 - end
Luke 7: 11-17
- 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Galatians 2: 15 - end
Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3
- 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Galatians 3: 23 - end
Luke 8: 26-39
- 30 FIFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
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Wednesdays

- 5 1 Peter 1: 18-25
Mark 12: 18-27
- 12 2 Corinthians 3: 4-11
Matthew 5: 17-19
- 19 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
- 26 Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Matthew 7: 15-20

FIRST CALL

Sunday June 2 at 8pm at the Vicarage



REGULAR SERVICES IN JUNE

Sundays	8.30am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
Mondays	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesdays	9.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	9.30am Holy Communion
Thursdays	9.30am Morning Prayer
Fridays	9.30am Morning Prayer

SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday June 30 at 10am All Age Service

EVENTS IN JUNE

Sunday June 2 at 12 noon Sunday Lunch
Club meets in the Church Hall.
Saturday June 8 Arbury Carnival
Sunday June 30 Last Orders at a local pub.





A FURTHER INVITATION TO LITTLE GIDDING

The following Saturday, 13th July, will be the annual pilgrimage organised by the Friends of Little Gidding, led by Canon Alan Hargrave. It would be very good if we could have a group from the Good Shepherd Church with us. We start at Leighton Bromswold Church at 10.30 a.m. with a Eucharist, then have lunch in the Church and start our walk at 1 p.m. with stops for readings and reflections, and there will be refreshments at Hamerton.

We get to Steeple Gidding Church about 4, process, singing the Litany to Little Gidding, where Canon Hargrave will lay the wreath on Nicholas Ferrar's tomb and will then preach at a Choral Evensong. We end the day with tea at Ferrar House.

There is no need for people to feel they have to walk any or all of the way. There are people in cars driving behind the walkers, and they pick up any who would like to stop at any time and take them back to Ferrar House to await everybody else in peace and quiet.

We do hope you will be able to join us.



MISTAKES?

Eye halve a spelling chequer; it came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques four my revue miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word and weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write. It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite. Its rarely ever wrong.

Eye ran this poem threw it, I'm shore your pleased two no;
Its letter perfect in it's weigh. My chequer tolled me sew.



(Thank you, Terry!)

A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

I asked God to take away my habit.
God said, No.
It is not for me to take away,
But for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
God said, No.
His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;
It isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness...
God said, No.
I give you blessings;
Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, No.
Suffering draws you apart from
Worldly cares
And brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No.
You must grow on your own,
But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things
That I might enjoy life.
God said, No.
I will give you life,
So that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.
God said... Ahhhh,
Finally you have the idea.

MORE THAN LUCK?

How does one cope with tiresome bore?

To shun him when he calls is not
The way to treat him right; but still
He drives me up the wall. He's got
Obsession awesome strange. He
hoards

Collection, made across the years,
Of labels culled from special sweets.
He nearly makes one block one's ears
As, yet again, he tells the tale
Of how he found his rarest wrap
Abandoned on a bus by kid
From foreign land. The yawning gap
Between our modes of thought is clear
As soon as guy insists that fate
Decreed that kid should be on bus
That day. I tend to get irate
When fate's invoked as cause of piece
Of luck, when simple chance alone
Explains event. For I believe,
Within constraints, we're on our own
As free as bird to choose our paths
In life on earth. The stars, or God
Of Calvin, can't be blamed for good
Or bad that comes our way. The
boring clod

Contentends his way in life was planned
Before his birth. But I dissent.
If that were so we shouldn't blame
A cheat or tell him 'now repent!'.
I'm free to show the guy the door,
But feel I ought to welcome such
A lonely person lacking love:
As clearly I've had more than much.

Henry Disney



Trying to do my share to help the environment, I set up a trash basket at my church and posted above it this suggestion: "Empty water bottles here."

I should have been a little more specific, because when I went to check it later, I didn't find any bottles in it. But it was full of water.

DO YOU NEED A WASHING?

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6-years-old, this beautiful red-haired, freckle-faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Wal-Mart.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in: "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said.

"What?" Mom asked.

"Let's run through the rain!" she repeated.

"No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain,"

"We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said.

"No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

"This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?"

"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes.

Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say.

Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If God let's us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and, yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.



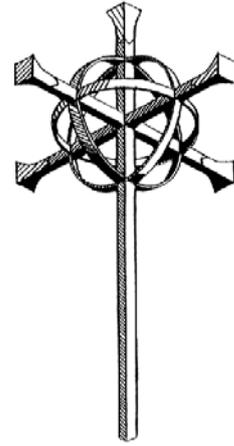
IN THE CHURCH HALL

THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559
THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Eva Hutson	574070
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Margaret Briggs	01954 250870
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O’Hanlon	235281
CARERS & SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	The Manager	884031
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	Steve Morrell	529670
GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB 2 nd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November	Mr. Gawthrop	351855
T G W U 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	Evelyn Hunnyball	364293
CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP 3 rd Thursday of the month 10am - noon	D. Fisher	262282
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Chris White	0700 891511
CHURCH TODDLERS’ CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Friday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

TO BOOK THE CHURCH HALL

Please phone 352151 (evenings)

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

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