



On December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made their first flight of an airplane at Kitty Hawk NC. On their 5th attempt, the plane under the control of Orville, embarked on a 12 second flight.

Wilbur rushed to the local telegraph office and sent the following message – WE HAVE FLOWN FOR 12 SECONDS - WE WILL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Upon receiving the telegram their sister, Katherine went to the newspaper office, told the editor of her brother's new flying machine, and informed him, they would be home for Christmas, if he would like to set up an interview.

He told her that was nice, and he would be sure to put something in the paper regarding the boys.

On December 19th, the local paper placed the following headline on the 6th page of the paper: "WRIGHT BROTHERS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

The most important story of the year – man's first flight – and the editor missed it!

During Advent we have been encouraged to stop each week and

reflect on the journey that we are on. To pause in the busyness, to look for the light in the darkness, to remember that God is with us. This is important, but we mustn't forget our destination or perhaps we too might miss, not the most important story of the year, but the most important story of all time - Emmanuel, God is with us.

So as we reach the destination of Christmas day let us once again celebrate, be joyful, share gifts and pause. Let's not rush to the next stop but linger for a time with the shepherds and angels and consider the wonder of the gift given.

As the prayer for Christmas Day puts it:

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Amen

Dave



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Sunday Lunch Club Christmas Dinner



Shoobox Sunday

A big thanks to everyone who took the trouble to fill a box for this year's appeal. We managed to produce 124 boxes, which was not quite as many as last year, but there will still be 124 beaming smiles to light up the World when they are opened.

This year, our boxes will be going to Kosovo, a country which we hear very little of. Although they declared independence from Serbia in 2008, they continue to be protected by the UN against the Serbs, who do not recognise their independence. There are still many orphans there, even 14 years since all-out war ceased.

Ruby



Christmas Market

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped in so many ways to make the Market a success.

Whether it was by donation of cakes, gifts, raffle prizes, bottles or children's clothes, or help on the day, your participation went to making the grand total of £1396-96.

This was a little less than last year, but in these times of financial hardship for many, it was a fine achievement. Congratulations especially to the Cake Stall, both to the bakers and the sellers, for reviving an old Church tradition this year.

Our cakes are the best!

Ruby, Evelyn & Eva



Christmas Market 2013



Happy birthday, Jeanne

This cake was a real Good Shepherd effort. Maureen made the cake and then she was taken into Hospital. Ruby put the marzipan on it and Ruby's daughter Ruth iced it. Geoff took the picture!

The cake looked beautiful, the cake and icing were delicious and we all had a great time.

English as a Foreign Language (EFL)

As many of you will know, Ruby and I act as a host family to students from all over the world who come to Cambridge to study English. In general, unless they are already very proficient, they tend to be shy when engaging in conversation to avoid embarrassing mistakes. As their confidence grows, they become more effusive and begin to engage with the rest of the population. These engagements, however, can be fraught with peril.....

Han, a Korean, confidently took the bus to the station in order to visit London for the first time. He asked at the ticket window for a ticket to London. "Say again" said the man, "I did not hear that". So Han says very loudly "TO LONDON!" After, when he boarded the train, he wondered why he had 4 tickets, so he asked the inspector. "Ah", he said, "that's simple, you have two tickets to London". It took over a week to get a refund!

This morning at breakfast, our Thai student had a large box of chips to eat with his bacon and egg. I felt bound to enquire as to their origin and Alan (our Chinese student) explained for him. It seems they went to the kebab van, where the indigenous language is Turkish, and asked for fries. Po, the Thai lad, was given fries, but also a burger, salad and a Coke. Alan, with some overconfidence in his own ability, decided to interpose on his behalf. He told me that he had clearly explained to the kebab man that Po just wanted fries. Unfortunately, the kebab man gave him another container of fries and charged him again. This was when they decided to quit while they were behind!

Geoff Leyshon



Thank you for Stamps

Dorothy would like to thank all those who have provided her with stamps. She is still collecting stamps so don't forget when the Christmas cards arrive!



Denise Inge

You may have registered that we have been including Denise in our prayers at The Good Shepherd for some time. First of all, who is she?



Long established members of The Good Shepherd will probably remember her husband, who was Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon from 2003 until 2007 when he went to Worcester as their Diocesan Bishop. He was particularly good to us at The Good Shepherd in the period between Andrew departing to Oxford and Dave arriving to join us. He took a real interest in us and was most concerned that whoever came to The Good Shepherd was right for the post. He would be delighted to see how the church here is growing.

Sadly Denise developed an abdominal tumour and was told there was little chance of it responding to treatment. It is a real answer to the many prayers offered on her behalf that the tumour has shrunk by 25% and hopefully will continue to do so.

Dave asked me to put something in the GS News to explain what had been happening, so I investigated who Denise Inge was (apart from being the wife of Bishop John). I discovered she was an authority on Thomas Traherne (a seventeenth century poet) and I remembered visiting Traherne's church at Credenhill when Dorothy and I were staying in Leominster. I'm so glad I checked that out and, if you enjoy poetry (and I love it), do read some of Traherne's work. It is deceptively simple but the images he conveys stay in your mind. The Episcopal Church in the United States has this prayer for use on his saint's day:

"Creator of wonder and majesty, who didst inspire thy poet Thomas Traherne with mystical insight to see thy glory in the natural world and in the faces of men and women around us: Help us to know thee in thy creation and in our neighbors, and to understand our obligations to both, that we may ever grow into the people thou hast created us to be; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in everlasting light. Amen."

'Twas the Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house,
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The biscuits I'd nibbled, the champagne I'd taste,
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the shops (less a walk, more a lumber).
I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese,
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt,
I said to myself, as I only can,
"You can't spend all Summer disguised as a man!"

So-away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip,
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished,
'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a biscuit - not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot scones, or cake, or fruit pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,
But isn't that what January's for?
Unable to laugh, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!



THINGS TO LEARN FROM A DOG

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

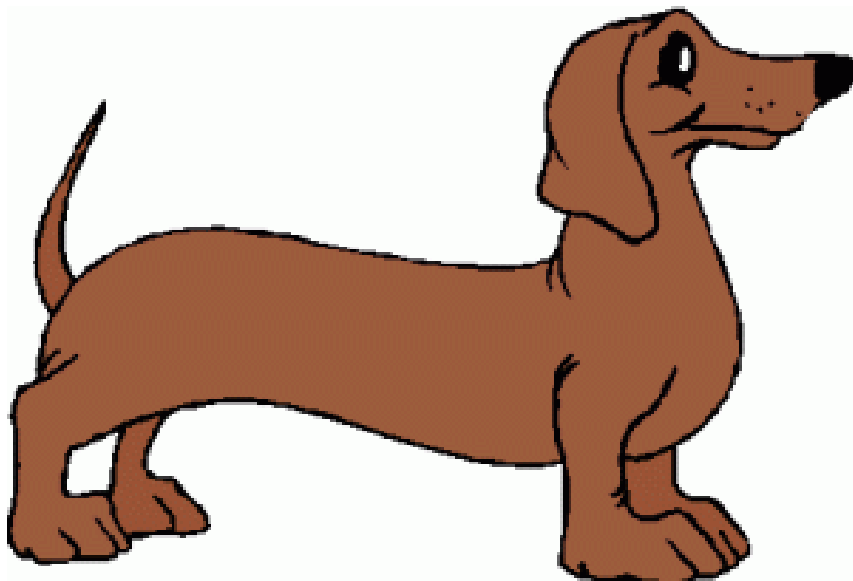
On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.

Bond with your pack.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.



A BAD CASE OF LARGE NACHOS

I have had a horrible case of Laryngitis for the past 8 days. I'm working hard to get over it. I have only had a little bit of voice for one day really. VERY frustrating. Then last Tuesday I was SO hungry...and I decided to stop at Carl's Jr. fast food for lunch. I got inside and realized I would not be able to order easily without a voice. SO...I grabbed a napkin and wrote on it: LARYNGITIS (underlined and bold)

Under that I wrote #18 (combo) & Medium Drink

I walked up to the counter and stood before a young lady that appeared to have been gifted with fewer brain cells than most. (Just a hunch.) I thought this might go badly. I handed her the napkin.

She looked past the napkin to my face and said, "To go or for here?"

I mouthed, "To go."

She said, "What???"

This was not going to work. Again, I lifted the napkin to hand it to her. She repeated, "Is this to go or for here???" Frustrated, I began to WAVE the napkin in her face like a flag of surrender. She finally took it from my hand. She looked at my note and then, a bit indignant, looked right at me and said, "MA'AM, we don't HAVE large nachos."

Do you have ANY idea how hard it is to laugh hysterically without a voice? Suddenly I realized I was suffering from a bad case of LARGE NACHOS...not Laryngitis!!!! Oh my. But wait...the best is yet to come. As I'm shaking my head, she turns to the girl next to her and says, "Do we have large nachos?"

The other girl reads my note and says, "I think she can't talk. Just ring up an 18 and a drink." So she does.

But she continues the order process by looking down, away from me. I'm becoming a bit baffled at her lack of attention...till I realize she has a pen in her hand and is writing something on the napkin:

CHICKEN BEEF or PORK?

At this point I begin pounding on the counter to get her attention. She finally looks up at me and says, "WHAT?!"

I frantically point to my ears and mouth these words, "I CAN HEAR!!!!"

To which she begins to reply in writing again!!

I tapped her on the shoulder this time and mouthed again, "REALLY! I CAN HEAR! TALK TO ME!!!"

She became upset and said, "Well, I didn't want you to have to say yes or no"...to which I replied (mouthing again), "I CAN NOD!!!!"

She took my money, handed me an order number and was done with me...all without speaking or saying thank you or even looking at me. After all, I had a bad case of large nachos and certainly could not understand anything she might say to me.



May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be ours this Christmas
and through the coming year.

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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