

“There is a time in every life when the very act of looking back and taking stock becomes essential to going forward.” - Joan Chittister

In April I celebrated the 20th anniversary of my licensing as a Reader and as I've looked back over the last 20 years I have been reflecting on the changes in society and in the world.

April 1998:

Tony Blair had been Prime Minister for less than 12 months, the death of Princess Diana had prompted an emotional reaction by the nation the like of which had not been seen before.

America had not experienced the horrific attacks of 9/11.

The World Wide Web was only 10 years old and Facebook and Twitter did not exist.

Just 6 years earlier we had seen the Ordination of women to the priesthood.

Now, here we are in 2018 and we have women bishops with the installation of the first woman Bishop of London - the third most senior cleric in the Church of England. And Readers are now called Licensed Lay Ministers! Society has become more dependent on technology, tablets and social media.

There have been changes in society and in the world that many of us may find hard to adjust to, changes we may find frightening, feel we can't accept or come to terms with.

How will the Church respond to these changes? How will I as a Reader, a Licensed Lay Minister, respond to the changes within the Church?

Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester and Chair of the Central Readers Council, writes: “The context in which Readers exercise their ministry is shifting significantly. Our society continues to evolve and the wider church is seeking to discern how God is calling us to respond. At the same time there is now a much greater variety of Lay ministries in the church”.

This is a challenge for me as I look back and take stock to see how I must go forward, but it is a challenge for us all. We can be fearful and resistant to change or we can be open and accepting of it, trusting God to equip us to be ready as he calls each one of us to respond. So, many changes for me here as people have come and gone, as we have experienced good and bad, darkness and light together, and things will continue to change and evolve. But what has always been constant is the love and support that sustains and encourages me as we minister together, as we seek to serve God together in this community. It has been, and is, a privilege. Thank you.

Lord, as you call us to respond,
make us ready for your equipping,
make us ready for your empowering,
make us ready for your Spirit to lead
and guide us,

Amen

Linda

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READINGS FOR JUNE

Sundays and holy days

- 3 TRINITY 1
Deuteronomy 5: 12-15
2 Corinthians 4: 5-12
Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6
- 10 TRINITY 2
Genesis 3: 8-15
2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1
Mark 3: 20 - end
- 17 TRINITY 3
Ezekiel 17: 22 - end
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34
- 24 TRINITY 4
Job 38: 1-11
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35 - end

Weekdays at 9.30am

- 6 HOLY COMMUNION
2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12
Mark 12: 18-27
- 13 MORNING PRAYER
1 Kings 18: 20-39
Matthew 5: 17-19
- 20 HOLY COMMUNION
2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
- 27 MORNING PRAYER
2 Kings 22: 8-13, 23: 1-3
Matthew 7: 15-20

FIRST CALL

- 3 7-8pm in the Chapel

REGULAR SERVICES IN JUNE

- Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer
- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Morning Prayer, when said in church, will be
at 9.15.
Second Monday of each month will be set
aside for Staff Prayer.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday June 10 at 10am All Age Parade
service

EVENTS IN JUNE

Sunday June 3 Sunday Lunch Club at 12
noon in Hall

Saturday June 9 Arbury Carnival



An Introduction to your new curate - Mark Osborne.

I remember I was on holiday with friends when I received the news that I might serve my curacy at COGS. I was overjoyed and it is now only a few weeks before I arrive in the parish. It has taken me a few decades to get here though (I will leave you to guess how many!).

I am originally from Hertfordshire: both my parents were from Liverpool, but I grew up in and around St.Albans. When I turned 20, I set off for Wales to study philosophy. I was on a quest to discover the meaning of life and philosophy seemed like a good start, but it was the beauty of Wales which attracted me most. After graduating from Swansea, I began working in night shelters in London, helping people to find a more permanent and settled home. Having then discovered the meaning of life (Jesus!), I arrived in Cambridge on my motorcycle (this was eighteen years ago). I promptly joined a church and an aikido dojo, intending to become a master in this enigmatic martial art, only to discover that the true purpose of joining was to meet my future wife - Christian.

I have always had a keen interest in social and environmental issues, so I grew dreadlocks and worked in a whole-food workers' co-operative - Daily Bread in Kings Hedges! However, with married life came responsibility (we have three awesome children - Felix (13), Talulla (12) and Isaac (9) - so the motorbike and dreadlocks went and I became a project manager for a housing association, building 'affordable' houses for local communities. It was whilst I was working as a project manager, that I began to explore my vocation and the sense of calling to ordination. We moved to Willingham and then Rampton, and it is from there that I have been training at Ridley Hall in Cambridge.

Looking back, big influences on my spiritual journey have been the Taizé community in France and family holidays at New Wine. As a family, we have a shared interest in sailing and a lot of our time is given to walking our very energetic dog, Otto. We also support a football team, but I won't say who! Looking forward, we are all very excited about moving to Arbury and it is going to be a real privilege to serve as curate at COGS. I look forward to meeting you all in person!

Mark.



He was an older man in a motorised wheel chair and I met him at Shopmobility recently in the Grand Arcade. I was waiting for a taxi to go home. His eyes were bright and intelligent but his speech was slurred and slow. He saw me reading my iPad and spoke to me, asking what I was reading. I told him and we started chatting. I'm shy and not good at talking to strangers but he seemed to need to talk and my taxi took its time arriving.

Hesitantly and slowly he told me that he had had a brain haemorrhage and that a portion of his brain had been destroyed. I said I had friends with brain injuries so I knew what he was talking about. Such injuries did not mean irreversible damage in the long term, but they did mean his brain needed to find new pathways and that, given time, he would get there. Sadly he said that people would not give him time to express himself and just rushed in, assuming they knew what he wanted to say. Very often they were wrong! I told him he was doing just fine and that he should persevere – I could understand him and was enjoying talking to him. I added I would pray for him.

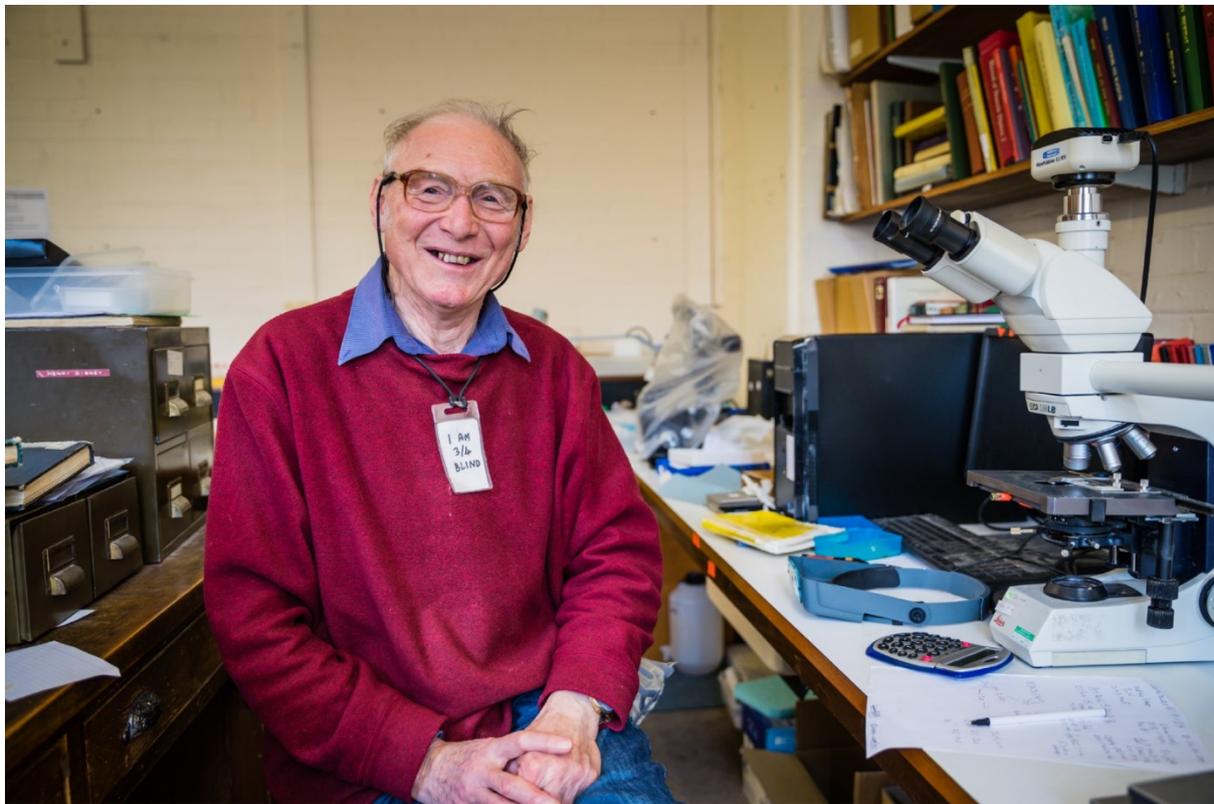
And then my cab arrived and we shook hands goodbye. I've no idea what his name was and I don't suppose I'll ever meet him again but I am indeed praying for him. We are all so busy with perfectly legitimate things we need to do, but all he was asking for was a little time so he could communicate. Not much to ask, is it? Perhaps someone needs you to give just a little time...

Ruth



The “king of scuttle flies” who continues to discover new species

Henry Disney admits that the task of classifying hundreds of species of scuttle fly has sometimes seemed a crazy undertaking. But his deteriorating eyesight hasn't stopped him from becoming a world expert in the taxonomy of possibly the most challenging genus in the animal kingdom.

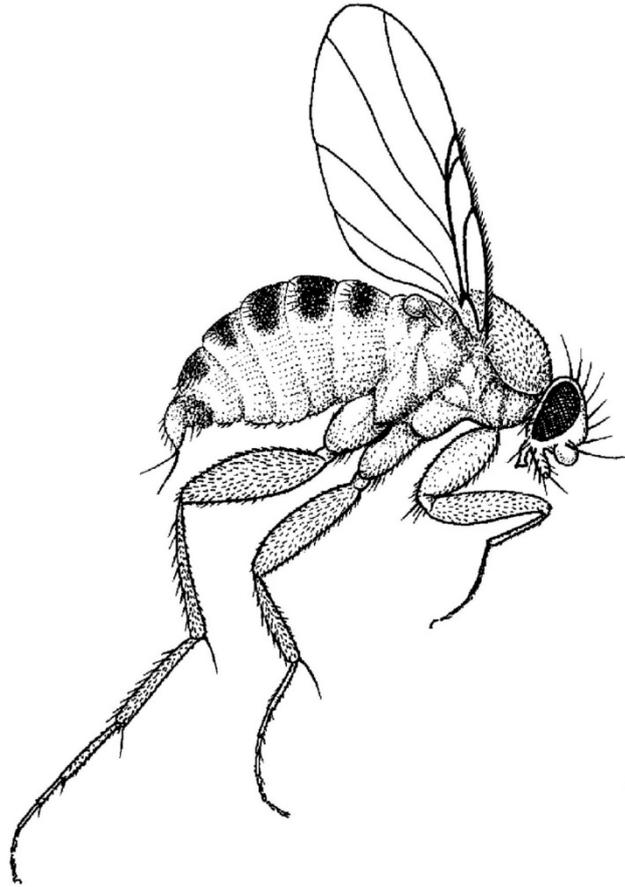


The insect specimens I work on are tiny. Because of my poor vision, I rely on a whole range of devices to magnify things. My specialism is the taxonomy of Phoridae flies, also known as scuttle flies. The differences between them can be very slight and it's easy to misidentify them.

I'm the only person willing to look at any phorids from anywhere in the world. At the moment I've got a queue of specimens waiting for me to identify in my lab at the Zoology Department. They've recently been sent from Iran, Denmark, Kenya and Mongolia. Identification relies on fine details including making a series of accurate measurements—for example of their wings or bristles on their legs. I'm told that I'm known as the king of scuttle flies.

Estimates suggest that 80% of species have yet to be described. Of around 250 genera of scuttle flies, more than half the species belong to the giant genus *Megaselia*, which has been called the most challenging genus in the animal kingdom. At times the task of classifying them has seemed a crazy undertaking. It can be a question of looking at tiny variations in male genitalia.

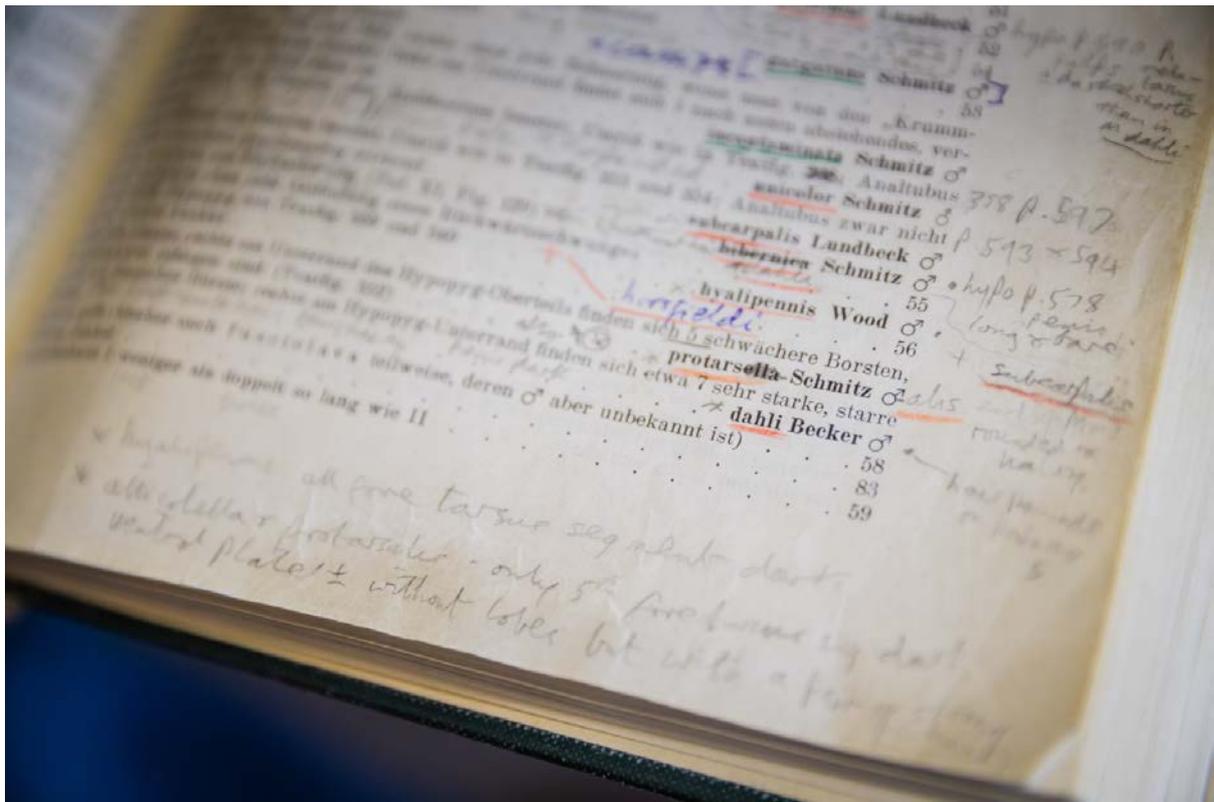
Megaselia scalaris—a species of forensic importance—illustrated by Arthur Smith



I'm sometimes asked: what's the point of studying flies? My answer is that they tell us a huge amount about evolution, specialisation and the world we live in. As a result of globalisation—the movement of people and goods across the world—insects are flourishing in new habitats.

Phorid flies are found worldwide with the greatest variety found in the tropics. Several species breed in corpses, including the infamous coffin fly. Over the years, I've worked with forensic scientists to pinpoint the probable time of death of the victim by using the life cycles of phorid flies as a guide.

I studied Natural Sciences at Cambridge. I went on to work at Flatford Mill Field Centre in Suffolk, and as a medical entomologist in British Honduras (now Belize) and Cameroon. For 14 years I ran the Field Centre at Malham Tarn in Yorkshire. In 1984 I came back to Cambridge to concentrate on the research into Phoridae I had started in Yorkshire.



Part of the identification key in a 20th-century monograph with Disney's annotations

When my wife died in 2012, I was faced with a choice. I'd never expected to outlive her and I considered that I'd already had nine lives, almost dying twice from cerebral malaria. I thought that I could either stay at home and mope or carry on with the work I loved. I opted for the latter.

That same year I had another big blow. I'd lost much of the sight in my left eye over 30 years earlier. In December 2012 I developed a serious problem in my other eye. It happened in the space of a single day. I was at a memorial service in a Cambridge church when a kind of horizon appeared in my good eye.

My GP sent me straight to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The consultant couldn't work out what was wrong. I was sitting in the bus at the hospital on my way home, when a junior doctor jumped on, told the driver not to set off, and told me to come back. There was stunned silence from the passengers. I spent two weeks in hospital undergoing tests.

The experts think the problem arose from a sarcoidosis. I'm on a combination of medications including steroids. Usually with steroids you put on weight but I haven't. That's probably because I walk about 20 miles a week, from home to my lab. I carry a hazel stick that I cut from the hedge at the bottom of my garden and painted white. Like me, it's a bit wonky.

The badge I wear around my neck makes my life much easier. It warns people that I can't see well and saves all sorts of confusion in

shops, for example. On the reverse is a message that explains that I'm blind in one eye and purblind in the other but people kept asking me what purblind meant.

Friends and colleagues help me keep abreast of imaging technology. A combination of hardware and software enables me to keep working in my lab. Cambridge University's disability advice service has been very helpful. My grandchildren too are brilliant at teaching me how to use the latest gadgets.

My 600th paper is currently in press. In fact I've got several papers approaching publication. One is co-authored with a Danish schoolmaster. We've identified 14 new species of Phorids. Another paper in press identifies other aquatic species that breed in water caught in the internodes of giant bamboo. Previous papers described species whose larvae live in the water of pitcher plants.

Scuttle flies are fiendishly clever. Many are parasitoids. This means that their larvae live in their hosts and eventually kill them. There are many species whose larvae live in leaf-cutter ants. They enter the host's rear end and move forward consuming the non-vital organs before entering the ant's head capsule where they pupate.

I was born just before the Second World War. My father was based in Sudan where he was an administrator. In 1942 my mother went with him to help with a relocation, leaving her children in Dorset. When it became too dangerous to travel, she was stranded. I didn't see my parents until four years later when I was almost seven. Soon after I went to boarding school.



Slide mounts of dissected scuttle flies drying on a hot plate

During the war we lived with a lady called Miss Wild in Dorset. She ran a small school. When the Germans began bombing Poole harbour we briefly moved to Devon. These changes, plus my experience on active service in Cyprus during my National Service, had a profound psychological effect. Much later I realised that I had been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

In our parents' absence our Aunt Sheila was officially our guardian. We spent holidays with her at Burnham Overy Staithe in north Norfolk where she had rooms above a boathouse. One of her rules was that we should bring back free fuel and food every day. This meant searching the marsh and creeks for sea coal and whelks.

I've always loved field work. I met my wife when we were both working at Flatford Mill Field Centre. During my time at Malham Tarn Centre I started and, with my colleague Dr Sarah Corbet, co-edited the *Naturalists' Handbook* series as practical guidebooks for others working in the field.

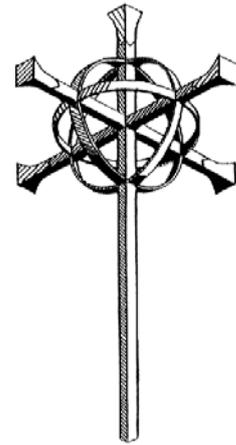
For years, friends and colleagues told me I should write about my life. I resisted because I felt that autobiography was often more fictitious than fiction. I eventually caved in and [*Regaining Life's Winding Trail*](#) was published in 2017. I describe it as a rambling set of anecdotes and poetic reflections on my unusual life.

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SANG Monday 10– 11.30 (meets in Haven in Church)	Rachel Blanchflower	523066
THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.00 – 3.30pm	Ruby Leyshon	352151
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
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LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Deborah Walker	01954 231382
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
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
PILATES Thursday 12.40-1.40	Lexi	367639
TAI CHI Thursday 1.40-2.40	Lexi	367639
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
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TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Friday 3.13-4.15pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

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He can be contacted on 01223 351844

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