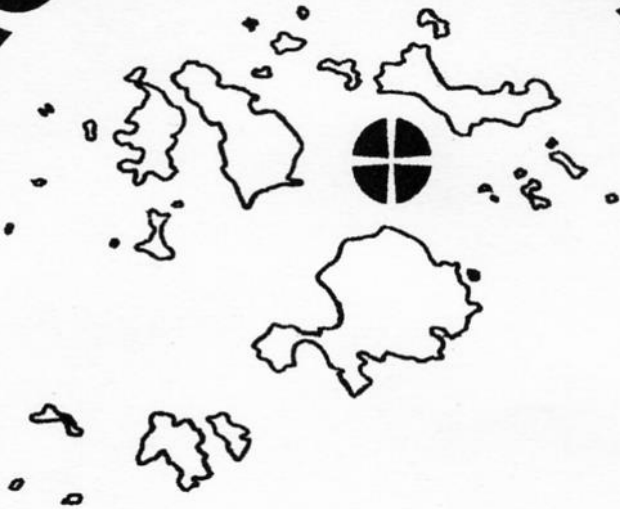


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## ***Thoughts from The Manse.....***

Dear Friends

As we have entered the New Year, so we are facing lockdown number 3, and 2021 is continuing as the greater part of 2020 was. A New Year may cause us to both look back and look forward. As we do let's allow God to speak to us as we read the Bible and pray. The Prophet Jeremiah declared "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. When you come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29 v 11-13)

May we continue to commit ourselves to Christ who stepped into time, to give us the possibility of eternity with Him, and may this Poem 'On Time' speak to us and challenge us to redeem the time, to use each day the Lord gives us to deepen faith, witness to His love and serve those we can.

With every prayer and good wishes

***Michael***

### **Yesterday Today and Tomorrow**

There are 2 days in every week about which we should not worry. Two days which should be kept free of fear and apprehension.

One of these is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot erase anything we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its promises, its possible adversities and burdens. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow (hopefully) the sun will rise in splendour or behind clouds. But it will rise. Until then we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is as yet, unborn.

This leaves only one day - Today. Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow, that we may break down.

It is not generally the experience of today that makes life difficult. It is the remorse or bitterness for something that happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore learn to live one day at a time. As the song says "One day at a time, sweet Jesus, that's all I'm asking of you. Lord for my sake help me to take one day at a time". Let's be encouraged to pray 'constantly' and remember that Jesus is the same yesterday today, and forever (all our tomorrows!)

***Michael***

## **I MAY NEVER SEE TOMORROW**

I may never see tomorrow, there's no written guarantee  
And things that happened yesterday belong to history  
I can't predict the future, I cannot change the past  
I have just this present moment, I must treat it as my last

I must use this moment wisely for it soon will pass away  
And be lost to me forever as part of yesterday  
I must exercise compassion, help the fallen to their feet  
Be a friend to the friendless, make an empty life complete

I must make this moment precious for it will not come again  
And I can never be content with things that might have been  
Kind words I fail to say this day may ever be unsaid  
For I know not how short may be the path that lies ahead.

The unkindest thing I do today may never be undone  
And friendship that I fail to win may nevermore be won  
I may not have another chance on bended knees to pray  
And thank God with a humble heart for giving me this day

I may never see tomorrow but this moment is my own  
It's mine to use or cast aside, the choice is mine alone  
I have just this precious moment in the sunlight of today  
Where the dawning of tomorrow meets the dusk of yesterday.

Contribution from Revd Michael Pullan

## News from St Martin's

Here we are again back in lockdown, but at least this time we are able to worship together. We continue to be thankful that the virus has not reached our shores and we are able to continue our lives relatively normally, but of course, abiding by Government guidelines.

However at the same time we must give thanks to all who look after our health and well being and give our thoughts and prayers for all those who are affected and suffer from this dreadful disease on the mainland, and indeed around the world. We are also thinking of fellow Islander Keith Low at this time, who is very poorly in St Marys hospital. We hope he will respond to treatment.

We have tried to function as near to normal as possible and decorated the chapel before our Christmas Carol service led by Michael. Garlands, our Christmas banner, even a tree, beautiful island narcissi, and of course our traditional wooden Nativity pieces helped raise our spirits as we thought of Jesu's birth and hoped for new beginnings on this fragile planet of ours. We were also able to raise £139 for Action For Children. Christopher took our Christmas Sunday service, and we are certainly honing our humming (to hymns) skills!!

As boating providers are not able to service us on a Sunday we have chosen other days to worship, and at the moment we meet on a Friday. We can only hope the boatmen can pause for thought on their days off. It does sometimes occur to me that after - and there will be an after- this pandemic, we may revert to a more reasoned, measured, sane way of living together in peace and harmony.

On Friday 7th January we held our Covenant Service. Traditionally held at the beginning of our year and first introduced by John Wesley back in 1747, it is an opportunity to renew our relationship with God. Sharing in the Sacrament further reassures us of our faith.

Michael had chosen well loved hymns which remind us of our commitments;

260 - Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it ...

280- Breathe on me Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.

668 - Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.

I think the poetry of hymns says so much, and finally we wish everyone a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

*Val Thomas*

## **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my thanks to all people from both St. Mary's and St. Martin's congregations, who have supported Action for Children (AfC) in any way this past year. Rarely has the charity needed our financial input more than since the Covid 19 pandemic swept the country in March 2020. It is being viewed as the biggest threat to children's futures, in recent years. However with a move to online fund raising, AfC have kept 99% of their services running, so aiding vulnerable children, young people and their families.

An emergency appeal at the end of March raised £750,000, which was used to directly support 1084 youngsters in 5067 families. A Secret Santa initiative in November secured one million pounds to help those in need through the Festive Season and beyond. The first three months of lockdown saw a huge increase in the demand for digital parenting advice, so Parent Talk was launched. To date twenty two coaches have assisted 225000 parents.

Finally please can I ask you to include in your prayers all young people whose mental health has deteriorated because of the pandemic restrictions. Separation from friends and the structure and security of the school day, together with the sense of loss and frustration associated with the time spent learning and preparing for cancelled exams, have for many, taken their toll.

Although vast sums have been raised online, our more modest efforts remain essential, so please continue to "feed" the collection boxes and support any events when life returns to normal.

*Heather*

# GOOD NEWS

## Safety

## Certainty

Do you listen to the "Daily Service"? It is on Radio 4 LW at 9.45 a.m. Just for a quarter of an hour. It is a helpful time. This morning - in lockdown - the speaker quoted the hymn "Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us".

My mind went back to our Wedding Service here in St Mary's Methodist Church. My husband, Kenneth and I, together with the congregation sang it sincerely, knowing that although the path ahead was unknown - it was in our Father's Hands - and it could be in no better.

Today, as I joined in the singing in my heart, I am assured it is as true today as it was then, indeed as true as when it was written by one James Edmeston in the early 1800s!

It has been said so many times lately - "We live in unprecedented times". It is true - but, we claim the truth that our God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords walks with us each step of the way! We may be taken by surprise - but - God is in control. He knows the end from the beginning. We lean on Him and find that "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms".

Let us sing and pray together -

*"Lead us Heaven Father, lead us  
O'er the worlds tempestuous sea  
Guard us, Guide us, Keep us, Feed us  
For we have no help but Thee  
Yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be"*

**Amen and Amen**

*Pauline Jackson Cocking*

## **When you speak God listens**

You may find yourself in an impossible situation; outnumbered and outmanoeuvred. You want to quit. Could I implore you to memorise this promise and ask God to bring it to mind? Write it where you'll find it. Tattoo it, if not on your skin, at least on your heart...."When a believing person prays, great things happen" (James 5:16)

If you have taken on the name of Christ, you have clout with the most powerful being in the universe. When you speak, God listens. Jesus said "When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action" (Matthew 18:19)

Prayer is just the first step! God has power you've never seen, strength you've never known; and he delights in answering prayer! And.....because God's promises are unbreakable our hope is unshakable.

*Max Lucado*

Peace be to this habitation;  
Peace to all that dwell therein;  
Peace, the earnest of salvation;  
Peace, the fruit of pardoned sin;  
Peace that speaks the heavenly giver;  
Peace to worldly minds unknown  
Peace divine that lasts forever;

**Peace that comes from God alone.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

To what will you look for help if you will not look to that which is stronger than yourself. C. S. Lewis

## **St Mary's Offerings**

The offerings in November and December amounted to £1803  
The Christmas Day offering raised £125 and the proceeds went to the charity **Action for Children**



## **News from St Mary's**

*Sadly because of COVID 19 our usual services at Christmas and the New Year were restricted.*

The walking nativity on 20th December at The Methodist Church and the Christingle service on 24th December at the Parish Church did not take place. However there was a United Midnight Communion at the Parish Church on Christmas Eve and a United Morning Worship at the Methodist Church on Christmas Day. (Government guidelines re COVID were adhered to)

The Christmas tree in the Chapel was lit up and various small Christmas trees were placed in the windows. The crib placed in the porch was there to remind us that our Lord Jesus Christ was born in a manger. The Messiah, King of Kings, Lord, Emmanuel, Master are some of the names he is known as today, and whatever name we use he is forever tenderly watching over us.

Due to the coronavirus the Methodist congregation did not join the Anglican congregation at the Parish Church for a united Epiphany Service.

The third National lockdown occurred before our Annual Covenant Service was held, but as communal worship was allowed under the current restrictions the service was held on 10th January led by Revd Pullan. Although no singing was allowed, as the hymns were being played by Philip we hummed along to the lyrics.

This is a time when Methodists renew their Covenant, but sadly our Anglican friends were not able to join us this time.

God offers us a loving relationship and so in this special service we renewed our commitment to a loving God. *Jean*

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. -

*Corrie ten*

*Boom*

**HOLY DAYS**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Feb\_ Scholastica**  
**Scholastica, the persuasive sister**

Scholastica (d.c. 543) should be the patron saint of any woman who can bend her brother to do her will - no matter how 'powerful' that brother might seem to other people.

For Scholastica's brother was no less than the great monk Benedict, who founded the famous Benedictine order and lived at Monte Cassino. In no way over-awed, Scholastica simply became the first ever Benedictine nun, with a nunnery five miles down the road - at Plombariola.

Now Scholastica greatly enjoyed her annual meetings with her brother at a house nearby, but the time passed too quickly. One year she begged him to stay longer, to discuss "the joys of heaven", but he refused. So Scholastica took swift action: she prayed up such a mighty thunderstorm that her brother was forced to spend the rest of the night talking to her. Or maybe - she talked, and he listened? No one knows for sure.

In any case, Scholastica died happy three days later, and was buried in the tomb Benedict had prepared for himself. She became the patron of Benedictine nunneries.

**FAIRTRADE**

Fairtrade Profits from 1/9/20 to 1/1/21 are about £194 - which is up on last year at this stage. Thank you to those of you who ordered Christmas Cards, gifts etc and to those of you who use the 'Wesley Room Shop' (open normally 10 am to 5 pm)

There are blank cards/note cards on offer at 50p (usually £1) and some boxes of chocolate thins at £3.20 (normally £4), and a couple of packs of Christmas Cards at a reduced price.

Please continue to support.

Many thanks

**Michael**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Heaven's gift of another year

As the old departs and the new is born

Plans for a future and a hope

Preparing us for each new dawn

Yesterday has gone forever

New days and ventures lie ahead

Even darkness turns to light

When we make the Lord our head

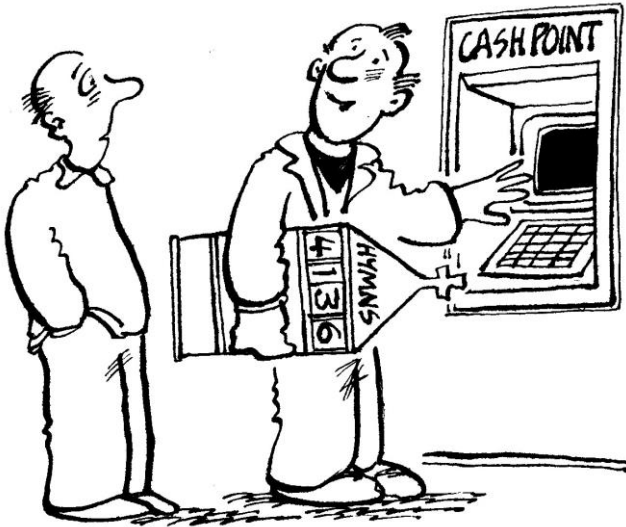
Yielding to the Holy Spirit

Ever mindful that He's there

As we live our lives before Him

Rejoicing in His loving care

By Megan Carter



*...between you and me, it's the  
only way I can remember my PIN number!*



## **GOD IN THE ARTS**

*The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'St Joseph the Carpenter' by Georges de la Tour. It now hangs in The Louvre in Paris.*

### **The hidden years**

When St Paul wrote about the birth and humanity of Jesus to the Philippians, he described it as an emptying and a humbling. Jesus humbled Himself, he wrote, 'and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.' In obedience and love Jesus

followed the will of His Father through His ministry from baptism to the cross and Easter beyond.

But what about that period called 'the hidden years', after the Holy Family's return from Egypt? The Gospels tell us of only one event in that period leading up to adulthood: the pilgrimage to Jerusalem when Jesus was 12. For the rest of those 30 years, He lived with Mary and Joseph 'growing in wisdom and in divine and human favour.' Just as He followed His heavenly Father's will in His ministry, so in these growing years He followed the guidance and teaching of Mary and Joseph.

This month's painting (January) highlights one moment in those years of growth: 'St Joseph the Carpenter' by Georges de la Tour. 'Highlights' is the right word, because this painting captures the strong contrast of light and darkness.

Georges de la Tour lived from 1593 to 1652 in Lorraine. He was part of a Franciscan-led revival in that area, and this work from the 1640s captures St Joseph and the Christ-Child with Franciscan tenderness and insight.

We can see the tools of Joseph's trade on the ground. He leans over them, hard at work on a piece of wood. Jesus is sitting by his side, his face lit by the candle, which lights up the carpenter's shop. As well as contrasting light and dark, there is the contrast of young and old, and the thought that the child learning from the old man is also the one who can teach us. De la Tour was particularly fascinated by light and shadows cast by a candle or a lantern. Here the artist shows the candlelight illuminating the face of the child Jesus who will grow up to the Light of the world.

As this New Year begins, we can think back to the light from the Bethlehem manger we celebrated at Christmas. We can look ahead to the light shining from the adult Jesus through His teaching and healing. Here in these hidden years, we can celebrate the light of wisdom and divine favour, as Luke calls them, shining on the face of the child Jesus.

We pray for that light to guide us through this New Year. When the way ahead may look dark and uncertain, let us pray that God's light will make clear the path ahead.

# **Jesus is our Stabiliser When We Are Crashing**

## ***Jesus is our Flight Controller***

Every one of us needs a 'flight controller' to help us know what to do when all the usual procedures aren't enough for what we are facing. To give us guidance in a world that has more unpredictables and more uncertainties than ever. In the Bible's words.. "We all....have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way" (Isaiah 53v6)

So we are confused about our direction, we are unsure of the flight plan that will give our life some meaning, and we are missing the One who can help us avoid our crashes or survive life's crashes. So many people have discovered, in Jesus Christ, the flight plan they were made for and the flight controller who made the rest of their life secure.

It just doesn't get any more secure than this promise from Jesus, recorded in Hebrews 13v5 and 8. Jesus says "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you". Others could make that promise, but only the Son of God can keep that promise. So you never need to face another life situation, another storm without the personal love and power of Jesus Christ himself.

He is "the same yesterday and today and forever" - your one fixed point in a world that is constantly changing. He will never leave you because He loves you beyond words. And He loves you so much that He died for you to pay for the sin that would otherwise keep you from Him and from heaven forever.

**Jesus is our Flight Controller.** Whatever painful things happen to us, Jesus is the difference. Acknowledge Him as your only hope of having a personal relationship with God, having your sins forgiven, and tell Him, "*Jesus I am yours*".

You will find Jesus to be what so many have found Him to be, that calm, soothing voice in your soul, talking to you and telling you everything you need to know.

*Ron Hutchcraf*

## **Noah and the Ark – 2020 version**

In the year 2020, Noah was living in England when the Lord came unto him and said, "Once again, the earth has become too wicked to continue. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing. You have six months before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his garden, but no Ark. "Noah", He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me Lord", begged Noah "but things have been difficult. I needed Building Regulations approval because the Ark was over 30 square metres. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is a development of the site even though in my opinion it is a temporary structure, but the roof is too high.

"The Local Area Access Group complained that my ramp was going to be too steep and the inside of the Ark wasn't fully accessible. Getting the wood has been another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to preserve the Spotted Owl. I tried to convince them that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA sued me for intending to confine wild animals without the proper paperwork. The County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority have ruled that I can't build the Ark until they've conducted an Environmental Impact Study on your proposed flood.

The Trade Unions insist that I can't use my sons to build the Ark; I can only employ members of the Shipbuilding and Allied Trades union. Finally, Customs and Excise have seized all my assets, claiming I am going to attempt to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

"So, forgive me Lord, but it will take me at least another ten years to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. "No need for me to destroy the world after all," observed God. "The government has the matter already in hand."

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021**

In view of the present situation with the Covid 19 virus, I have decided to indefinitely postpone the World Day of Prayer worship, planned for March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Methodist Chapel. Many of the folk who usually attend the service are elderly/vulnerable, some not having physically attended worship during the weeks of less risk. As I write we have no indication of dates for local vaccinations, and following the jab there is a two week wait for protection to establish. Also, with the current restrictions it would not be possible to include students from the Five Islands Academy, as happened last year. I think most would agree it is best to wait for a time when the service can be as inclusive as possible.

Postponement is an option recognised by the World day of Prayer organisation. But obviously they would like the service to take place when Covid is not such a threat, so that the preparations by the women of Vanuatu are fulfilled and funds are raised for distribution amongst the wide range of charities world-wide.

I am conscious that March 5<sup>th</sup> is an international day of fellowship, so perhaps you could pray privately for the women of Vanuatu, where education and gender equality are particular issues. Also the Pacific Island communities are still recovering from the devastation wrought by Cyclone Harold in April 2020.

I will make contact again when things look more hopeful.

*Heather*



## Time for a Smile

### Why did God make Mothers

*Here are some of the answers seven-year-olds gave to the following questions...*

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?:  
*God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.*  
What kind of little girl was your mum?: *I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.*  
What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?: *His last name.*

Why did your mum marry your dad?:  
*She got too old to do anything else with him.*  
What's the difference between mums and dads?:  
*Mum knows how to talk to teachers without scaring them.*  
What would it take to make your mum perfect?:

*On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery*

### Seagull

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" "He died and went to heaven," the father replied. The boy thought a moment and then asked: "Why did God throw him back down?"

### Prayer for the sick

I was listening to my new curate pray and I realised one of his phrases didn't come out quite right. He said, "...and Lord, we pray for those who are sick of this church."

### Prayer

A little girl attempted the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is your name. Amen."

### Medical name

The curate told his doctor that he was worried because he just wasn't able to do all the things around the parish that his vicar expected him to do. When the examination was complete, he said, "I'm prepared for the worst, doctor. Just tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."

"Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy."  
"Okay," said the curate. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my vicar."

## **That's my Seat**

Why is it that we always sit in the same seat?  
I wish someone could explain to me because I'm beat

Be it in Chapel, though there are no pews.  
There's ample seats, there are no queues!

Back row in the morning, third from the front at night  
Why do I do this? Why do I choose the left or the right.

At Keep Fit our places and even our chairs  
are the same ones each week, to change them is rare.

To the line dancing I go, the back row is where I am located  
If someone's in my seat I become disorientated!

Even on the floor we have our own lines.  
We have our own spot, and there are times  
when Kathleen says "move" we become quite distressed.  
We need that place on the floor to give of our best.

Thursday comes along and at Craft and Chat we all meet  
Yes you are right.... we have the same seat.

I wonder if it stems from when we went to school  
A desk you were allocated and moved only if acting the fool.

At home there was always one special chair  
You cannot sit there it's your Dad's - so beware!

I begin to wonder if to heaven I go  
I wonder.... will St Peter be waiting to say hello?

Will I be directed to a certain chair?  
And told...that's your seat Nancy, you can sit there!

*by Nancy Hardy, Ferryhill*

*The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'Christ in the Wilderness – Scorpions'. **It now hangs in a private collection.***

You can see it at: <https://www.wikiart.org/en/stanley-spencer/christ-in-the-wilderness-the-scorpion>

## **Forty days and forty nights**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month (February), **we enter the season of Lent:** those 40 days when we follow Jesus into the wilderness and prepare ourselves to celebrate His Easter victory.

In the last century an artist called Stanley Spencer planned to create a series of 40 paintings, each depicting a day in the wilderness. In the end he completed nine, one of which is this month's painting from 1939: 'Christ in the Wilderness – Scorpions.' **It is currently held in a private collection.**

Stanley Spencer lived and worked in the village of Cookham in Berkshire. The village and the local countryside were the setting for many of his paintings, and the village's inhabitants his models. Through their everyday life he was trying to glimpse and convey the transcendent. 'Angels and dirt' he called it: the divine seen in the ordinary.

So, in a painting of Christ carrying His cross, Jesus has the face of the local grocer.

Another villager modelled for this Jesus in the wilderness: a strong, hefty, broad figure. This is a great contrast to the Christ of stained-glass windows who often seems too good to be part of our world. Here is real life: a large man filling the canvas with his head, his hands and his feet.

This figure of Jesus comes as a shock: a very human model, ordinary with nothing handsome or special about him, apart from his tunic which seems to sprawl and undulate like the hills around. Here is a Jesus born into this world and one with this world.

There are two focal points in the painting – the neat, little scorpion and the massive, unkempt head contemplating each other. One is life in all its hefty reality; the other a tiny creature able to squeeze that life out by one swift flick of its tail.

Jesus is shown in the wilderness pondering the life and ministry called of Him by God – a life and ministry that will take Him from the countryside into the towns and villages and take Him also to the death of Good Friday. Will He find the strength and renewal to embrace that ministry during His time in the desert?

During Lent as we follow Jesus, we seek to live for God. That may mean dying to all that separates us from God. He has a ministry, a calling for each of us. As we contemplate that calling in this season of Lent, we may find it is a calling that leads us through these 40 days to life and Easter life – we may find it a journey that calls us to die to self to find our God.

## **STEPS TO CERTAINTY**

1. Need says it ought to be so
2. Reason says it may be so
3. Experience says it has been so
4. Faith says it shall be so
5. God says it is so.

## **WITNESSING**

Be definite  
Be dedicated  
Be daring  
Be determined  
Be devoted

## **WHO DO YOU KNOW?**

I know God is the ultimate reality  
I know God is caring; Divine providence is real  
I know that Jesus lived in history and lives eternally now  
I know that Prayer is effectual  
I know that the Church of Jesus is an integral essential part of the Gospel

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## Birthdays



### February:

Barbara James, Jacky Pritchard, Beryl Read,  
Philip Roberts, Emily Smith, Kim Watson

### March:

Claire Jenkins, Len Michell Simon Morris, Val Parker,  
Margaret Smith, Heather Terry

## Children's Birthdays

**February:** Keith Guy, Jake Sandford, Ryan Thomas

**March:** Lilly Didlick, Ani Fallows, India Simmons

**Happy birthday and God's blessings to everyone**

**The following services may be subject to change  
re COVID**

**MARCH SERVICES**

**St. Mary's**

7th	1030	Mrs Beryl Read
14th	1030	Revd Michael Pullan
21st	1030	Revd Michael Pullan - <i>Holy Communion</i>
28th	1030	Revd Michael Pullan

**St. Martin's**

7th	1100	Local arrangement - <i>Songs of Praise</i>
14th	1500	Revd Michael Pullan
21st	1100	Mr Christopher Savill
28th	1500	Revd Michael Pullan

## PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Rev Michael Pullan (422406) who will then pass on the prayer request to the first name in each of the groups.

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Barbara James    422674

*For the Prayer Chain to be effective it is essential that requests are forwarded to the person in the column beneath your name, if that person is not available please ring the next person on the list.*

*If anyone else would like to join in this special ministry, please contact Rev. Michael Pullan on 422406.*

*We thank God that we can be channels of His grace.*

**The following services may be subject to change  
re: COVID**

**FEBRUARY SERVICES**

**St. Mary's**

7th	1030	Revd Michael Pullan
14th	1030	Revd Michael Pullan - <i>Holy Communion</i>
21st	1030	Stewards
28th	1030	Revd Canon Perran Gay

**St. Martin's**

7th	1100	Mr Christopher Savill
14th	1500	Revd Michael Pullan
21st	1100	Revd Michael Pullan - <i>Holy Communion</i>
28th	1500	Revd Michael Pullan