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Joyfully Living Jesus

Welcoming Everyone

Growing Disciples Deepening Community



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If you'd like to feature anything in the magazine, we would love to hear from you! Articles should be emailed to **allsaintsmag@gmail.com** by the **15th of the previous month**. We like to keep content varied and interesting so almost anything goes. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES

Our pattern of services is as follows:

- ★ Morning Prayer takes place Monday to Wednesday at 9.15am in the church and via Zoom for anyone who would like this option.
- ★ A service of Holy Communion is held in church every Thursday morning at 9.30am.
- ★ An 8am service of Holy Communion is held in church on the first and third Sundays of the month (the third Sunday will use the Book of Common Prayer).
- ★ Our 10am Sunday services follow this pattern:
 - ◇ First Sunday: Café-style Altogether Worship
 - ◇ Second, fourth and fifth Sundays:
Family Communion with Children's Church
 - ◇ Third Sunday: Morning Worship with Children's Church
Note: Children's Church is term-time only
- ★ Each Sunday, we hold 'Tea-Time Church' at 4pm.
- ★ Each Sunday, we record the sermon and this can be found on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford



THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

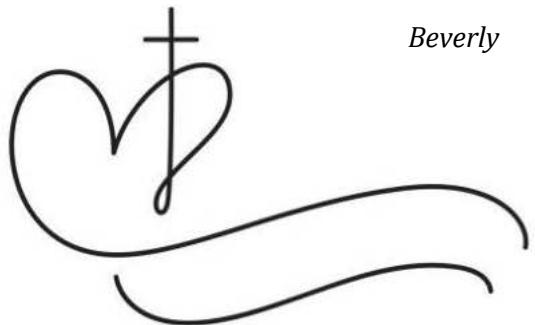


On the 11th October this year there will be a national service at St. Paul's Cathedral, to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood. The service takes place at 5pm, and is an open invitation to anyone to attend. I'm sure it will be a very special occasion.

Looking back, I remember the vote being passed at General Synod, in November 1992, giving permission for women to be ordained as priests. Two years later, in 1994, the first 32 women were ordained as priests; and by the turn of the new millennium around 1700 women were working as priests in the Church of England. The change happened quickly, so that it now seems completely normal for women and men to be working alongside each other in priestly ministry.

I remember the debate in Synod, back in 1992, very well. At the time I wasn't entirely sure I agreed with the idea of women priests; there are some tricky passages in the Bible to contend with! But when the vote was passed, I experienced this overwhelming sense of joy. It took me by surprise, and went on for many days. Eventually I realised that the Lord was speaking to me, and that – whether I happened to agree with the idea of women priests or not! – it was a role to which he was calling me.

Today it seems a huge privilege to serve as a priest alongside so many other women in the church and, since 2014, alongside female bishops as well. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you give to me, as your Vicar here at All Saints.

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature starts with a large, stylized 'B' that loops around. Above the top of the 'B' is a simple cross symbol. The signature continues with a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small upward curve.

Beverly

MISSION FOCUS:



The ReSkilled workshop is located beside St Peter's Shared Church in Hazel Avenue, Bellfields. It is open Monday to Thursday 9.15am-2.45pm. Its aim is to provide individuals who have been unemployed long-term, with skills needed to move on into sustainable employment, using a wood workshop. ReSkilled is open to a wide range of people but the basic criteria are that participants live in Guildford or the surrounding area (i.e. on the bus routes), have been unemployed for a year or more, are aged between 25 and retirement age, and want to start moving towards work.



The workshop is a 'pre-employment' opportunity in which participants can learn a range of generic work skills and practical woodwork skills to increase their confidence and prepare them to manage in a workplace. These skills are taught by staff and

volunteers in an encouraging and supportive environment alongside the production of the quality of work required in any mainstream workplace.

In September, they had a visit from Guildford's new Member of Parliament, Zöe Franklin. She said, "I was so pleased to spend time with Piers and the whole team at ReSkilled. What they do is inspiring; not just the wonderful work they create together, but the genuine care and encouragement that is invested in improving wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem."

Participants attend for one day a week on a seven-week taster course before being able to continue for a further 18 weeks. Basic work skills,

along with hand and machine wood skills, are demonstrated and taught then recorded in individuals' portfolios to evidence progress and to be of clear use to a future employer. After 25 weeks, participants are referred to the Voluntary Action centre in Guildford or Volunteer Woking who will facilitate a voluntary role, in which skills can be further developed and confidence maintained. From this point, it is expected that individuals will either sustain voluntary work or move into paid employment.

ReSkilled are delighted to report on progress for a couple of the course participants. "At the end of May, after only nine months at ReSkilled, one of our participants secured a permanent job - which he is still enjoying! During his time at ReSkilled, he got back into a routine - attending at least once a week - and we then identified what type of job would now suit him. Creating a CV enabled him to appreciate his range of skills and experiences, and it wasn't long before an appropriate job happened to come to light. Another participant had been with us for many months, during which time he had not only created several pieces both for himself and for ReSkilled to sell, but had consistently attended, interacting with other participants. We arranged for him to do some voluntary work locally and this then progressed to volunteering in central Guildford, where he has continued to work."

A wide variety of saleable products (see below) are made by the participants from recycled wood, which can then be sold through various outlets, including Etsy (listed as [ReSkilledWood](#)), with revenue put back into the project. All the wood they use has been donated, either as old wood to be reused, or offcuts.



ReSkilled have listed ways in which they would appreciate support:

- Donating financially via the website reskilled.org/donate
- Buying their handmade products or placing commissions.
- Praying: firstly, to give thanks for all of the progress that has been made: for the two participants who have been able to make the next step onto paid/voluntary work, and for each of the participants who has persevered, despite physical and mental difficulties, with continuing to come along to the workshop! Secondly, to pray for those looking to move on to work - finding the right opportunities and being given a chance. And lastly for participants' housing issues that potentially take them out of area, so they sadly lose support.

For more information look at their website reskilled.org or come and hear about it on Sunday 20th October when William Lowries, one of the Trustees and Treasurer, will be coming to preach and share about the work of ReSkilled at our 10am service.

Carolyn Nicholls



St Luke's Day

Service of Wholeness and Healing

Sunday 13th October
4pm

We will provide an opportunity for those attending to come on their own or another's behalf, to receive personal and individual prayer.



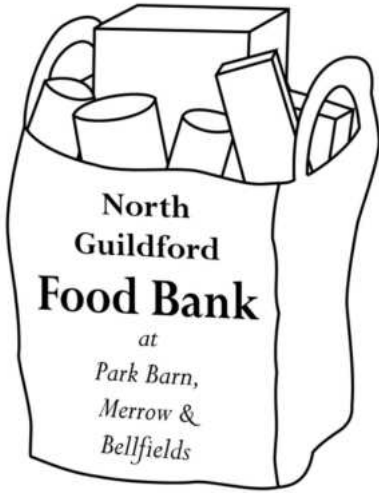
HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY **6** OCTOBER
2024

8AM: HOLY COMMUNION

**10AM: CAFE-STYLE
ALTOGETHER WORHSIP**

4PM: TEA-TIME CHURCH



NORTH GUILDFORD FOOD BANK DONATIONS

At our harvest festival services we'll be welcoming donations of non-perishable items for the food bank. They would particularly welcome:

- drinking chocolate
- custard (long life tinned/carton)
- tinned fish
- spreads (jam, honey, peanut butter, marmalade etc)
- laundry detergent

Thank you!

GIFT DAY FOR THE BIG BUILD PROJECT



On **Sunday 24th November**, we'll be holding our second 'Gift Day' for the Big Build Project. The project will significantly extend our hospitality both within the congregation and for the benefit of the local community. We'll be extending the foyer area, putting in a large kitchen, enlarging the office, and including three new toilets.

We need to raise in the region of £750,000 to complete the project. We expect the money to come in the following ways:

- ★ Generous donations from congregation members and those who love All Saints
- ★ Grant funding from charities which support our vision
- ★ Fundraising events offered by our church congregation

At our Gift Day on the 24th November we hope to raise a significant proportion of the total amount, as the first step in the process. Please give as generously as you can, to secure the future of our church buildings, and to provide for the generations of people who will come after us.

1 Chronicles 29:14

'All things come from you Lord, and of your own do we give you'

With many thanks for joining us in this exciting and inspiring project!

Beverly

How to give:

- ★ via bank transfer: Sort code 40-52-40; Acc: 00017975 (please use ref. Big Build)
- ★ Cash or cheque to the office (Pay to 'All Saints' Church, Guildford' and please use ref. Big Build)
- ★ At our online giving page for the Big Build: bit.ly/build_donate

Thank you for your generosity



BIG BUILD UPDATE

All relevant information for our Big Build is now with the Diocesan Advisory Committee and we anticipate that they will complete their review before the end of October. We are hopeful of getting their approval and, once we have it, we will be able to start the first steps for getting planning approval from the planning department of Guildford Borough Council.

To make the best use of this waiting time, we will now focus on researching funding options. To start this off we were very fortunate to have Geoff Andrews, Strategic Programme Manager for the Guildford diocese, speak to us about raising money. Geoff has extensive experience of fundraising gained over many years both in the corporate sector and in the Anglican church, so this was a great start for the team. Here are some of his words of wisdom:

First off, our best and most powerful strategy is PRAYER - individually, as the Big Build team, and as a church community.

There are various sources of funding available to us, with some donor organisations having substantial amounts available as grants. Each organisation will have its own vision and strategic objectives, and they will be looking to fund projects that align with these. Community funding organisations, such as the Community Foundation for Surrey, via the Surrey Community Fund, look to support projects that provide significant benefits to the local community, in our case Onslow Village. Government funding organisations on the other hand may look to support projects that help meet environmental and net zero targets. Church grant organisations provide a wide range of support for helping churches meet specific needs such as dealing with building problems or expanding facilities to meet the challenges of a growing congregation.

One key thing all donors will be looking for is our own level of commitment to the project. For All Saints, this is reflected by the generous giving we have already received from the congregation and individuals outside it. Our community audit also helps to show that the Big Build project is not about the building itself but is about using it as a way of help-

ing to provide for the needs of the whole community. The audit has also helped us to identify community leaders who may be happy to champion the project.

Geoff reminded us that although we have a big task ahead of us God is bigger!

Stephen Jones



*Joel's
Baptism

1st September*



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BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2024

All Saints' Church Field

**HOT FOOD AND MULLED WINE FROM 6PM
SHORT FIREWORKS DISPLAY 6.30PM**

**TICKETS STRICTLY LIMITED
ONLY AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE FROM 8TH OCT.
ONLINE AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/AS-BONFIRE24](https://bit.ly/as-bonfire24)
(OR SCAN QR CODE)**

ADULTS/14+ £10

U14 £6

U3 £1



All Saints' Patronal Festival

Sunday 3rd November

8.00am
Holy Communion



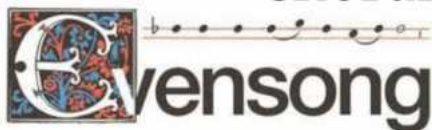
10am Cafe-style Altogether Worship



when we think of *all* the Saints!

6.00pm

Choral



Our choir will be leading us in this special service to celebrate our patronal festival.

Wine & Nibbles after, donations welcome.

Do come and maybe bring a friend

NEWS FROM THE ORCHARD: THE BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT 2024 RESULTS— A NATIONAL BUTTERFLY EMERGENCY

During July, All Saints took part in the Big Butterfly Count 2024, counting butterflies down on the orchard. It is an annual event organised by the wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation, and anyone can take part. The count runs over a few weeks (this year between 12 July and 4 August). We did our count on one of our Saturday orchard volunteer work mornings. What did we see? There were butterflies – but sadly not that many – during our 15-minute count window we spotted a brimstone, a common blue, a six-spot burnet moth, two large whites and five gatekeepers.

Butterfly Conservation released the results on 18th September. They state that this year's results reveal the lowest numbers on record in the 14-year history of the Big Butterfly Count and that seven butterflies on average were spotted per 15-minute count, in contrast to an average of 12 last year - a reduction of almost 50%. 9,000 counts were logged as seeing zero butterflies. The majority of species showed declines in the number seen this year compared with 2023 and it has been the worst summer in the count's history for common blue, holly blue, green-veined white, small white, small tortoiseshell, painted lady and scotch argus. The figures have alarmed scientists and resulted in the charity declaring a nationwide 'Butterfly Emergency'.

To read more about this, visit www.butterfly-conservation.org.

Sue Jones



Tip

So what can we do this autumn and winter to help butterflies and moths?



Cut down on hedge cutting

Leave some areas completely unpruned for a year or two and do this on a rotational basis so that you maintain your hedge without the risk of wiping out an entire generation of insects.



Leave the leaves

Various caterpillars live amongst leaves, so remove them from lawns to keep the grass in good condition if you need to, but whatever you do don't burn them! Pile them in quiet corners of the garden or on flower beds. They will suppress the growth of weeds while adding nutrients to your soil.



Create a wild space

Have one or more areas of your garden that are completely untouched. This could be around the edges of the garden, or under trees. Having wild areas like this can help to balance having a neat garden but keeping it also wildlife friendly.



Leave some plant stems uncut

Insects may be using plant stems as a winter home, so it might be worth leaving some plant stems uncut.



Start a habitat pile

A habitat pile could be just a pile of twigs, branches and leaves where insects can retreat to in the winter.

All Saints' Church Hall

is available for children's parties on
Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

We offer a 4 hour party package for £90

(bouncy castle not included)



bookings.allsaints@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' ***YOUTH GROUP***

SAVE THESE DATES!



Sunday 20th October



Sunday 17th November



Sunday 8th December

NB. 2nd Sunday, rather than 3rd

5.30-7.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL
FUN | GAMES | FOOD | CHAT

Contact jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com
Suitable for 11-16 year olds (at secondary school)

£2 SUGGESTED DONATION

HARVEST FESTIVALS FOR OUR SCHOOLS



**7TH OCTOBER
&
9TH OCTOBER
10.30AM**



**8TH OCTOBER
11.15AM**



**8TH OCTOBER
10.30AM**



Guildford Travel Club
travel for travel's sake

Guildford Travel Club's October talks start on **Tuesday 1st** with Peter Payne taking us on a journey west to east across Africa within three degrees of the equator. Following on, on **Tuesday 15th**, Shafik Meghji will speak about being 'Crossed off the Map': a journey through the extreme landscapes and forgotten histories of Bolivia, Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Then on **Tuesday 29th**, Sophie Ibbotson will take us to Karakalpakstan, the forgotten heart of Central Asia, visited by only the most intrepid of tourists.

Visit: guildfordtravelclub.org.uk for our full programme.

We are a friendly club. New members and visitors are welcome. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays each month from April to October at Onslow Village Hall, GU2 7QR. Membership is £38 for the season – great value for 14 talks! Visitors £7 per talk. Contact our membership secretary: **Barbara Rogers 07899 868128** or email: **info@guildfordtravelclub.org.uk** if you wish to join the club or attend as a visitor.

PARISH PROFILE: CLARE AND ADRIAN HODGSON



How long have you lived in the parish and where were you previously?

Clare and Adrian moved to Elmside in May 2023 from Wimbledon - in search of space, a community and somewhere to bring up Anna! They've really enjoyed being part of the All Saints community (even if Adrian does sneak off to St Nics for the occasional communion service!)

Tell us a bit about yourself

Adrian grew up in North London and really enjoyed the school he went to – City of London School, or ‘City’, right next to St Pauls. It was academic and very multicultural – something his French mother appreciated! After ‘City’ he studied History at university and then taught maths in Toxteth (Liverpool). He now works as an accountant in London. Work is calmer if less rewarding.

Clare grew up in Worcester Park with her parents and younger sister. At 13, she was a ball girl for Henman and Sampras at the Stella Artois Championships! After studying Geography at university she became a flood risk consultant in Epsom and has stayed there ever since – she loves the team and the projects she gets to work on are really interesting.

Adrian and Clare first met at the university’s Scout and Guide club. Clare ran events for local groups; Adrian (as a budding accountant) told her the losses she was incurring on them were not sustainable! Somehow, Clare managed to balance the books by end of her tenure. Adrian runs a Scout group in Aldgate, near his workplace, which he has done for 14 years. This summer they went to Amsterdam for a week. Baby Anna and Clare came too! Scouting is getting in Anna’s blood from an early age...Clare ran a Brownie unit in Worcester Park and has recently started helping at 4th Onslow Village Brownies who meet in the church hall. Both Adrian and Clare have been supporting 5th Guildford (on Onslow Rec) in setting up their Beaver colony.

They are passionate about travel and the outdoors and have been privileged to see a lot of the world, and many different cultures – including working in India for two months. Winter sees them on the ski slopes, spring walking in the Lake District and the summer sailing on the south coast. The latter explains their conspicuous absence from All Saints...

What do you value most about the All Saints community?

Before moving to Guildford, Clare and Adrian went church shopping and All Saints came up trumps! Both agree that there is a warmth and genuineness within the community – people chat at post-service coffee and don't stand in the corner! They felt part of a community when they received so many offers of help when they moved in and when Anna was born. They enjoy that it's an intergenerational church and really appreciate that people of all ages attend church events.

Favourite place to be locally?

Clare loves St Martha's – especially as this is where they got married; Adrian wandering on the North Downs.

Favourite music?

Clare would choose a Rutter medley, but she particularly likes his composition For the Beauty of the Earth, which was sung at their wedding, by a 'family and friends' choir.

And finally favourite books?

Adrian enjoys science fiction and fantasy novels, while Clare would rather read an ordnance survey map!



wine & cheese

**PAIRINGS PRESENTED BY
FROMAGER OWEN AND
SOMMELIÈRE HANNAH**

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
DOORS 7:30PM FOR 8PM
BAR OPEN ALL EVENING

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL, GU2 7QJ



Tickets £25 at bit.ly/as-wine-cheese



Part of the 'Life Issues'
series:

Living with Anxious Thoughts

Led by Dr Martin Brunet,
GP at Binscombe Medical Centre
& Dr Jenna McKeown, Clinical Psychologist

Saturday 19th October

10am – 12.30pm (coffee available from 9.30 am)

Godalming Baptist Church
Queen Street, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1BA

Living with anxious thoughts can be very difficult. The morning's session will look at all aspects of anxious thoughts, including intrusive thoughts and health anxiety, and aims to help with understanding where these thoughts come from and how best to manage them.

The session will be free of charge, but there will be an opportunity to give a voluntary donation, towards the Farncombe Community Garden: facebook.com/Farncombecommunitygarden

Dr Brunet shares short video posts on social media on topics around mental health, which we highly recommend:

instagram.com/doc_martin_gp/

facebook.com/docmartingp

youtube.com/channel/UCwzITqBWK4PrIxxwTH5DogYw

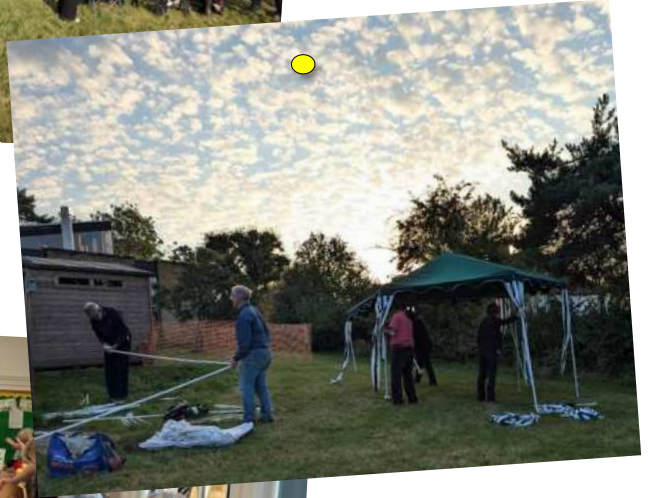
To help with managing numbers, please reserve a place.

Contact Sally Pollard:

pollard3@hotmail.co.uk / 01483 428646 by Friday 4th October



Autumn Fair 2024





GUILDFORD PUB BOMBINGS: 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION



The Horse and Groom pub after the bombing

The 50th anniversary of the Guildford pub bombings will be commemorated at a memorial service at Holy Trinity Church in the High Street just over one hundred yards from what was The Horse & Groom Pub, where five people were killed.

Families of the victims killed or injured on 5th October 1974, have been invited to attend the church service, which will take place at 11.30am on Sunday 6th October.

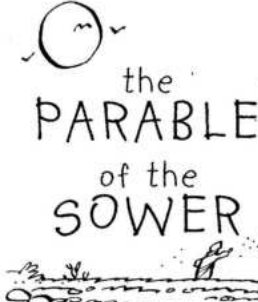
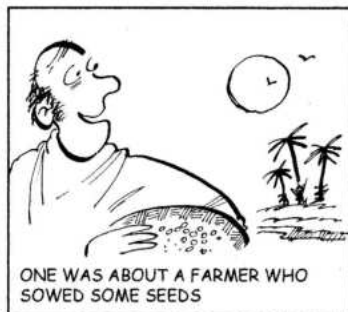
The service will be conducted by the Reverend Canon Simon Butler, together with the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity and St Mary's Guildford.

As part of the commemoration, the Mayor of Guildford will take part in a parade from the Guildhall to the church before the start of the service. The parade will include HM Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, representatives of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association, the Scots Guards Association, councillors, civic dignitaries, and representatives of other local organisations.

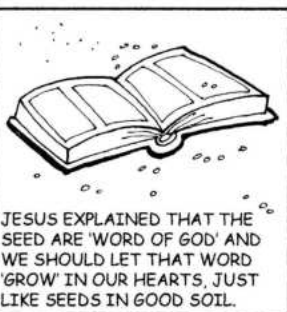
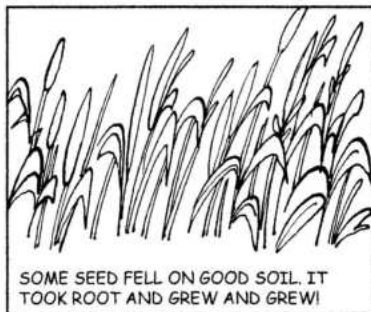
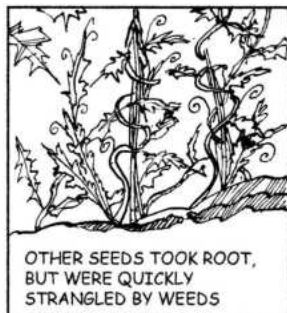
Mayor of Guildford, Cllr. Sallie Barker, says: "The 5th October 1974 is a sad day etched in the memories of those who lost loved ones or were caught up in the tragic events of that day. This commemoration will provide space to pause and remember the five young people who died, the many injured, and the courageous work of the emergency services."



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THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST WHERE THEY LANDED



VIVACE CHORUS and THE FRIARY BRASS BAND present

A WEST END EXTRAVAGANZA

CONDUCTOR: JEREMY BACKHOUSE

SONGS BY

★
*Stephen
Sondheim*

★
*Andrew
Lloyd Webber*

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Queen

NUMBERS FROM

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Les Misérables

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*Chitty, Chitty
Bang Bang*

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Guys and Dolls

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West Side Story

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The King and I

★
The Lion King

★
*Harry Potter
and the
Philosopher's
Stone*

★
Mamma Mia!

Saturday
16 Nov 2024
at 7.30 pm

G LIVE
— GUILDFORD —

Vivace
Chorus



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JONAH AND "ENEMIES"

NADIA BOLZ-WEBER

Nadia Bolz-Weber is an ordained Lutheran Pastor, founder of House for All Sinners & Saints in Denver, Colorado, the creator and host of The Confessional and the author of three NYT bestselling memoirs. This is from her newsletter "The Corners" which you can subscribe to free at thecorners.substack.com/about.

The heated rhetoric in the U.S. right now, meaning the “they are all racists who hate women” and “they are all Marxists who hate America” stuff, is cranked up and I find it exhausting and I’m sick to death of how everything we read online (no matter your affiliation) is meant to make us feel righteous and make millions of other Americans look ridiculous. But the reason I find it exhausting isn’t because I am so much more evolved than everyone who falls for it, it’s because *I keep falling for it*. And while I am hesitantly hopeful for the first time in eight years, and have my own strongly held beliefs about how I’d prefer for my country to move forward, I am also trying to be honest about what this is doing to my soul.

So here’s a short Bible story that helps me when I get caught up:

Jonah and my enemies

The detail most people remember about the story of Jonah is that he got swallowed by a whale, probably because this image lends itself to nursery wallpaper in a way that Jonah throwing a temper tantrum, or Jonah being a bigot does not. The whale part – that’s like, OK and everything.... but the rest of Jonah is amazing - I mean, you have to love a Bible story where the least interesting thing about it is that some guy gets swallowed by a big fish and is spat back up on dry land.

Background: The Assyrians were the enemy of Jonah’s people - they had ravaged and pillaged so much of Israel taking their wealth, occupying their land, and demanded that they be paid tribute. And then one day, The Word of the Lord comes to Jonah and God says “Go tell that wicked Assyrian city Nineveh to repent – those guys suck so much that their wickedness is like, totally stinking up heaven”.

It’s like if God came to me and said “Hey Nadia, you know the Jan 6th insurrectionists, and the people who worked to ensure that women in this country could no longer make their own healthcare decision, also all those mans-

plainers on twitter ...well, you're right, those people suck. So I'd like you to cry out against them for me."

Can you imagine? I don't know about you but I'd take God up on it in a heartbeat. A divinely sanctioned call out? I'd throw up some tweets and go on some podcasts about it and even show up in person with a bullhorn to cry out against my enemies, The Horrible People. So it's kind of weird that Jonah doesn't take God up on this offer. Instead, Jonah takes off on a boat in the opposite direction. God says for him to go speak against his enemy - to tell them to repent - and Jonah takes off. Which is weird.

So here's where he gets thrown off a boat, swallowed by a big fish and spat up on the shores of Nineveh where he finally speaks his little halfassed prophecy: "repent or be destroyed" but like, quietly and with about zero sincerity. But the thing is, it worked! Jonah's reluctant prophecy worked. His enemies repented. They stopped their violent ways, they dealt with their systemic racism and provided universal health care and separated their recycling.

And God did not destroy them!

A difficult-to-control kind of God

But here's the rub: Jonah, rather than being delighted that his enemies repented and changed their ways, pouts like a big fat baby. Sitting on a little hill outside Nineveh, Jonah finally admits why he was so reluctant to call for his enemy's repentance: it wasn't because of low self-esteem, home sickness or fear of public speaking. No. When his enemies repent and are then spared, Jonah is like, "Yeah, that's why I didn't want this stupid job in the first place - because I knew, God, that you were gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love".

Yep. That's a biiiig problem, a God like that. Why? Because that kind of God is really hard to recruit onto our own team. God was like, "Wait, you're angry"? And Jonah says "Hell yeah I'm angry" (and here's where he becomes a total drama queen): he says, "I would rather DIE than for my enemies to be spared."

I would rather die than for my enemies to do better and be shown mercy.

That's what's hard about reading Jonah - I have to look at how maybe I too need my enemies to stay my enemies, since it's hard to know who I am if I don't know who I'm against. And maybe I need for the apologies of those

who have done wrong to never ever be “good enough” for me, because being the one who is right is a comfy place to be. Not to mention that showing up with a bullhorn to cry out against someone else is a pretty effective way for me to avoid being the one being cried out against. Reading Jonah, I am confronted by how uncomfortable it is to me that God loves even those who I think are WRONG, like seriously wrong.

Don’t mistake me. I haven’t budged on women’s rights and gun control and a number of other issues that make me other people’s “enemy”. I just want to have a modicum of humility - just barely enough to say that maybe God’s mercy is as much for me as it is for them. Because as impossible as this is for me to believe most days, I may be wrong about some things. And if I am, I’m going to need a God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, not a God who sides with me and smites my enemies.

I guess what I am saying is that my ego loves being “righteous” but my soul can only rest in a God whose mercy is great enough for all.

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Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

SUDOKU

Solution on page 38

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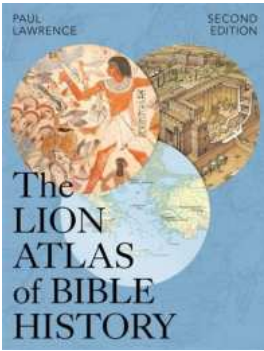
Crossword answers (grid on page 30)

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.



BOOK REVIEWS



Lion Atlas of Bible History (Second Edition) **Paul Lawrence, Lion Books, £39.99**

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Introduction

I've been doing this special and remarkably easy recipe for years. The apples can be windfalls or even shrivelled ones left in the fruit bowl. Serve warm with ice cream or crème fraîche as a dessert, or with coffee in the morning as one would a Danish pastry, again warm, dusted with icing sugar.

Ingredients

- 225g self-raising flour
- 1 level tsp baking powder
- 225g caster sugar
- 2 large eggs
- ½ tsp almond extract
- 150g butter, melted
- 250g cooking apples, peeled and cored
- 25g flaked almonds

Equipment

Deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 160C/fan 140C/gas 3. Lightly grease a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin.
2. Measure the flour, baking powder, sugar, eggs, almond extract and melted butter into a bowl. Mix well until blended, then beat for a minute.
3. Spread half this mixture in the prepared tin. Thickly slice the apples and lay on top of the mixture in the tin, piling mostly towards the centre. Using 2 dessert spoons, roughly spoon the remaining mixture over the apples. This is an awkward thing to do, but just make sure that the mixture covers the centre well as it will spread out in the oven.
4. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 1¼-1½ hours until golden and coming away from the sides of the tin.

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7	1	3	9	5	4	8	6	2
9	6	2	1	7	8	4	3	5
8	5	4	3	2	6	1	7	9

Sudoku solution
(grid on page 31)

2ND OCTOBER: THE DAY OF GUARDIAN ANGELS

The teaching of Jesus encourages us to believe in guardian angels. He once said, 'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18:10)

The existence of angels was suggested in various Old Testament texts, Jesus mentioned them explicitly, and the early Christians accepted their existence and work (Acts 12:15). In England, devotion to the angels, both in Anglo-Saxon times and later, was strong. In modern times, the great American evangelist Billy Graham has written an entire book on the existence and work of angels.

Alcuin described them as intercessors (in the 11th century Leofric Missal); Herbert of Losinga, bishop of Norwich (d 1119) specially praised them, and his contemporary, Reginald of Canterbury, wrote prayers in their honour. Honorius Augustodunensis (d 1151) clarified the existing belief of the time by asserting that each human soul, when infused into the body, is entrusted to the particular care of a single angel, who protects both body and soul and offers prayers to God.

For many centuries Christendom was satisfied with the feast of St Michael (and all Angels), but the special feast of the Guardian Angels was introduced in Austria, Spain and Portugal in the 15th – 16th centuries. Guardian Angels were then seen as guardians of particular towns or regions, or of each individual. Pope Clement X made the feast day universal in 1607, fixing its date to 2nd October.

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WORSHIP AND READINGS

	8am	10am	4pm
6 th October, Trinity 19 Harvest Festival	Holy Communion Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and Matthew 6:25-33	Altogether Worship Café Style Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and Matthew 6:25-33	Tea Time Church Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and Matthew 6:25-33
13 th October, Trinity 20		Family Communion with Children's Church Amos 5:6-7,10-15; Hebrews 4:12-end and Mark 10:17-31	Tea Time Church: Service of Wholeness and Healing (St. Luke's Day) Amos 5:6- 7,10-15; Hebrews 4:12-end and Mark 10:17-31
20 th October, Trinity 21	BCP Communion Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9	Morning Worship with Children's Church Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9	Tea Time Church Isaiah 35:3- 6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9
27 th October, last of Trinity and Bible Sunday		Family Communion Isaiah 55:1-11, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and John 5:36b-end	Tea Time Church Isaiah 55:1- 11, 2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5 and John 5:36b- end

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd, 10.30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2nd, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 4th, 9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 4th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 5th, 5.30pm	Harvest Fish & Chip Quiz
<i>Sunday 6th</i>	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
Monday 7th, 10.30am	Queen Eleanor's Harvest Festival, Yrs 3 & 5
Monday 7th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 8th, 10.30am	Onslow Infants' Harvest Festival
Tuesday 8th, 11.15am	Montessori Nursery's Harvest Festival
Tuesday 8th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 9th, 10.30am	Queen Eleanor's Harvest Festival, Yrs 4 & 6
Wednesday 9th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 9th, 5.30pm	Mission Vision Group Meeting
Thursday 10th, 7.30pm	Young Adults' Study Group
Friday 11th, 9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 12th, 9.30am	PCC Away Morning
Sunday 13th, 4pm	St Luke's Day service of Wholeness and Healing
Monday 14th, 10.00am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 14th, 4.00pm	Barnabas Group
Monday 14th, 5.30pm	Worship Vision Group
Tuesday 15th, 6.30pm	Safeguarding Team Meeting
Wednesday 16th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 18th, 9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 18th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 19th, 8.30am	Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 19th, 9.30am	First Aid Training
Saturday 19th, 7.30pm	Wine & Cheese Tasting
Sunday 20th, 5.30pm	Youth Group

Monday 21st, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Monday 21st, 2.00pm	Hearing Clinic
Monday 21st, 3.00pm	Hard of Hearing Group
Thursday 24th, 7.30pm	Young Adults' Bible Study
Monday 28th, 4.00pm	Barnabas Group
Wednesday 30th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group

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