

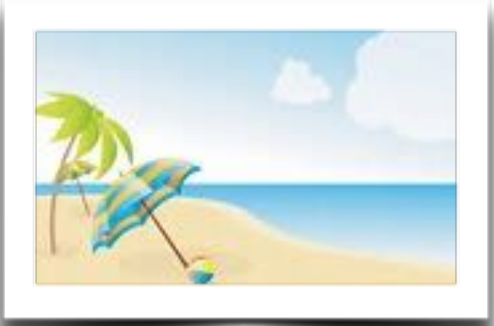


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## *I do like to be beside the Seaside*

In my case, the words of the song in the title above are very true. I spent most of my childhood by or near the seaside. Indeed, most of my revision for 'O' and 'A' level exams was done sitting on a beach. Hot, sandy beaches abroad are OK, but I prefer a more varied, rougher coast.

We are so lucky to have such a varied coast-line in the British Isles - silver sandy beaches on the Isle of Iona, the iconic Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, the beautiful coasts of Pembrokeshire and Cornwall and our local coast with the mixture of sand and shingle and the famous White Cliffs of Dover. I love to see waves breaking over rocks and hear the sound of the sea washing the shingle to and fro.

The sea is just one part of God's world. Admittedly it is a large part, as it covers 70% of the surface of the earth and has an average depth of 3.2km.

As summer approaches we pray as the hymn says:  
'that the earth shall be filled with the wonder of God, as the waters cover the sea'.

**Ann Hanrahan**

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As members of St. Augustine's Church, we seek to follow Jesus' command—to share God's love with our community.



## SPRING HARVEST

### “If you have a bible, please turn it on!”



I have recently returned from **Spring Harvest** at Minehead, where the theme for the week was ‘Unity’. I joined many talks and presentations fitting for a Parish Administrator’s role, but there was also time for a little R’n’R to refuel.

One session “Robbed of Joy” interested me – 21<sup>st</sup> century idols might not be calves of gold, but there are plenty of other things to knock God off the top spot in your heart. Being bombarded with over 5,000 advertisements a day, wide-screen TV’s, smartphones and social networking can all rob us of joy when they become the main thing in our lives.

When asked what we talked about most, people responded, money, marriage, teenagers, health but none of us mentioned God.

What we talk about most is what we are most passionate about. It’s made me think again about who holds the top spot.

### Everyone gets a Prayer!



Our small group often sat in the same place. It just so happened that this spot was within an area already reserved for a large church group from Manchester. As the week went on we nodded and smiled politely as coffees, pens and even children were passed along and between the rows to their respective owner.

On the last day, fuelled by a highly charged atmosphere following a fantastic week of worship, we got “pegged”! This basically means that a member of the church group from Manchester had popped a peg onto our clothing without us noticing.

It sparked a conversation about my prayer pegs. I have a bucket of about 100 pegs onto which I have put the name of a family member, friend, work colleague, old school friend etc and when I hang my washing outside, I say a short prayer for that person. Have a go yourself, and don’t forget to give your bucket a good mix up every so often so that everyone gets a prayer.

**Nickie Streek**

## Open Garden for Christian Aid at Bishopscourt

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## Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done.

Many people are familiar with this phrase as it comes from the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him how they were to pray. They'd seen him go off on his own to pray, seen him pray with others, seen him pray in the synagogue, but they were still uncertain as to how they should do it. Jesus gave them these words, so at the heart of our prayers are the words of Jesus himself.

Today the Lord's Prayer still forms the foundation of how we are to pray and the phrase '*Thy Kingdom Come*' refers to the line where Christians hope and ask for God's peaceful and loving Kingdom to come to earth as it is in heaven. It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to His glory.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a global wave of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom come' from 25 May – 4 June. This is for the nation to experience once again a fresh outpouring of the blessing of God's grace, mercy and love. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation and so bring God's Kingdom here on earth.

Hopefully we can all pray, regardless of how well we know Jesus, or how long we have been one of His disciples! This initiative will help us to pray in an intentional way by encouraging us to pray for our friends, neighbours, the communities that we live in as well as for our nation so that more can discover what it means to have a living relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God who rose from the dead and so is alive today.

There are various ways to join in with this time of prayer; look out for information in our notices or on our website and most importantly - do feel free to join us in praying for God's kingdom to come to our homes, communities and our world which is in need of His deep peace, healing and renewal.

Blessings,

*Katrina*



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## Caring Concerns Course

As Christians we are called to care for others because we are called to live out the command to love (John 13: 34 -35), to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2) and to further the Kingdom of God.

The Caring Concerns Course is a very elementary introduction to pastoral care in the church. It explores such issues as:

- Who we are in Christ
- Listening skills
- Spiritual care of carers
- Coping with stress
- What do we mean by healing?
- Introduction to loss and bereavement
- Boundaries and confidentiality
- Setting up a pastoral care team



We ran this course on two Saturdays in October and November and again in January and February with members of Holy Trinity, St Luke's and St. Augustine's churches. Everyone said they enjoyed it and learned a lot. The main result was an increased awareness of the pastoral needs of everyone that we meet, in church and in our daily lives. We are now exploring further ways of applying some of the lessons learned in both a formal and informal way. It might also be possible to run the course again later in the year, either on Saturdays again or on evenings over a five week period. If you feel you might be interested in exploring these issues or want further information, please contact Katrina, Roger or Diana (020 8464 1151 [dianaepattison@gmail.com](mailto:dianaepattison@gmail.com))

**Diana Pattison**



**'YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE POOR AMONG YOU'**

In this affluent neighbourhood many of us are inclined to forget the words of Jesus. Christian Aid Week (14 - 20 May) reminds us of refugees and others living in appalling conditions in many parts of the world.

Donations can be made now and throughout the year FREEPOST, Christian Aid, online at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org), or by calling 08080 006 006

**Rob Hutchings**



# Stewardship

In an unsuccessful attempt at uncluttering his home, my brother came across a copy of The Kentish Times dated 25 May 1962, which he considered would interest me. He was so right. The paper had a regular feature entitled 'What the churches are doing' and there was a column for St. Augustine's, highlighting the launch of its Christian Stewardship Campaign. Yes, 55 years ago!

I remember it well because it played a significant part in guiding my life into Scouting. Erica and I both went to one of the dinners and listened to the likes of John Longbourne encouraging one and all to offer their time, talents and money for the good of our church. Erica and I were short on talents and were certainly bereft of money, which led me to offer time to the Campaign. Without Erica's tremendous support I could not have undertaken this commitment.

I opted for Scouting because my son Michael had recently become a very enthusiastic cub and my old Beckenham Scout Troop had just celebrated its 50th anniversary which I had attended. These three events came within weeks of each other and the message seemed pretty clear to me. I had enjoyed seven years as a Scout and decided to become a Scout Leader for seven years in repayment to the Movement for those wonderful years. I have overrun those years, but I did have another son who joined the Cubs and a daughter who went into Guiding.

Stewardship is vital for the running of our church. May is a traditional time to review one's commitment whether it is for time, talent, or money. I do hope you will reconsider your involvement at this time.

**Tom Manthorpe**

## STOP PRESS

**“Archbishop Justin Welby to visit St Augustine’s, Bromley.”**

Ascension Day is one of the main Christian festivals in the Church year but often is overlooked. This year, on Thursday 25 May, we plan to celebrate in style starting at 7.15pm in the chapel with a reflective service of Holy Communion, followed at 8.00pm by a feast in the main church. We will be sitting around small tables, sharing

food and wine, while watching a video of the Archbishop and three friends discussing ‘Sharing Jesus’. If you’ve ever felt shy or inhibited in talking about your faith, be encouraged you are not alone. This will be a wonderful opportunity to explore how we can pray for our friends and neighbours and the start of ten days of prayer ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ leading up to Pentecost Sunday on 4 June.


**Alan Mitchell**

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**Diary of a First-Time Mother**

**Before the Last Petal Falls**

Not long ago A Little Girl I Know and I visited our local cinema to see a recently released film. We were joining a nationwide group of members of GirlGuiding to see Beauty and the Beast. This had been a favourite film of mine for a long while.

The story, as most Disney films, had a strong moral theme throughout, starting with reminding us that we should never judge things by their outward appearance. A bent-over, old lady, bearing only a rose, calls at the castle seeking shelter from a storm; she is sent away by the Prince who wouldn't give this poor, wet and tired old woman somewhere to rest. This act almost proves to be his undoing as the story went on, because she turns him into the Beast.

A Little Girl I Know sat transfixed at the large screen. Her eyes hardly blinked as the father of Belle(Beauty) fell into difficulties on his journey to the town to try to sell a musical box he had been painstakingly making.

I jumped as the wolves sprang out from behind the trees and made towards her father's horse and cart. A Little Girl just sat calmly and watched, waiting to see what was to happen next. Maybe the soundtrack and the surround sound made it all a bit too real for me.

Not wanting to spoil the film for those who want to see it, it does have a very happy ending, as most Disney films do.

The last petal of the rose falls to the ground. Belle has fallen in love with the Beast. Their lives change forever. The Beast has changed not only in the way that he does things, he now has a much nicer character, but also in his appearance.



A Little Girl I Know and I had enjoyed a lovely morning out together, watching the film alongside our sisters in GirlGuiding.

We had rediscovered the songs that were firmly fixed in my mind and had refused to go away. We had also experienced once again that Love, so important to the development of a child, with a parent, a grandparent, an aunt, an uncle, or whoever. The story, important yes; the Love, even more so. Indeed, this sort of experience having made such an impression at the time, might be recounted to her own children and grandchildren many, many years later.

**FAITH BADGE – WORKING WITH THE BEAVERS**

During March Helen Baker and I had the privilege to work with the two Beaver colonies from our connected Scout group, 23<sup>rd</sup> Bromley so the young boys and girls could earn their Faith Badge. Over two nights we spent time with them doing different parts of the badge work. This included taking them on a tour of the Church and explaining its history and what happens where in the building. We also talked to them about the Church of England and our faith. Helen delivered a short Godly play and after this they took away some homework.

The following week they sat down with us and gave us a short story about how they had helped other people. They also wrote a short prayer thanking the Lord for something good that had happened to their family or in the world. All of them delivered fantastic stories and prayers and over 40 boys and girls earned their badges with us.

To make completing the Badge even more special we arranged for them to receive their badges from Katrina at our Mother's Day Family Service the following Sunday. During that service some of the Beavers read out their

prayers to the congregation as well as taking part in the rest of the service, including handing out the Mum's day gifts.

A big thank you to Stella, Ellie and the other leaders of both colonies for allowing us to come and spend time with their groups. It was great fun and we would gladly do it again.

If you want to know more about the Scout Group and their activities please visit their website at [www.23rdbromleyscouts.org](http://www.23rdbromleyscouts.org). Everything you need to know is there.



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## Parish People

Congratulations to **Hilary Chittock**, one of the first to complete the Gold Voyage Award in the Trefoil Guild. Over the last year she has spent 340 hours on the 5 sections; Team work; organising events at Cudham Shaws; Skills; writing a 3,000 word event planning document; a Girlguiding trip to 'Sangam' India; the church visit to Tanzania and hardest of all - learning to crochet!



Only a few of the congregation will remember **'Tubby' Saunders**, who died in March at the age of 80. He will be remembered with great affection, however, by dozens of boys of the parish (now in their 50s and 60s) for the wonderful summer camps he ran for our Scout Group. Our condolences to his widow, **Marie**, and to the family.

Following on from the news of the engagement of **David Allison and Pherenice Worsley-Buck**, the wedding has now been arranged for 3pm, Saturday 16 September at Hope Church (St. Luke's, Bromley Common). All are welcome to attend the service and support David and Pherenice on their special day.

At the time of printing **Linda Wanniaratchy** is undertaking a run of 70 miles in four days along the Wild Atlantic Way in Ireland in aid of CASPA ( Children on Autistic Spectrum - see February Roundabout). Photos can be seen on the 'Just Giving' website.

Keep your news coming to me either by seeing me in church on Sunday morning or at The Three Cs on a Tuesday morning. Alternatively you may like to email it to me at [jackysskinner@gmail.com](mailto:jackysskinner@gmail.com). Thank you.



### 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

Alan and I both celebrated our 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays this year so we decided to combine our holiday with a family get together. So Alan and I flew out to Orlando, Florida, then drove through Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi to New Orleans in Louisiana. We spent five nights there and visited the botanical gardens, the zoo, a plantation house and the French Quarter. We also experienced a Swamp boat ride (racoons, wild boars and alligators), a Paddle steamer ride, and of course we rode the streetcars.

Next stop Crystal River in Florida for a boat ride to see the manatees, then on to the Everglades to visit Alligator Alley, followed by two days R&R in Cocoa beach.

After our two weeks Nick, Georgina and Mark with Nathan and Kathryn flew out to Orlando, followed by Graeme and Kim, down from Connecticut. They all joined us for two weeks of fun with lots of visits to Disneyworld.

Five of us also managed an Air boat ride and three of us spent a day at the Kennedy Space Centre.

Great fun was had, with roller- coaster rides, meeting princesses, Star Wars and much time at the pool and barbecues.



Lasting memories? - Kathryn's face when Mary Poppins walked round the corner in the Disney Magic Kingdom, the soaking from the Wild river raft and surprisingly for me, the Kennedy Space Centre, -but most of all the joy of being able to have all the family together.

We thank God for families and the precious time we can spend together and pray that next year we can meet again for our Golden wedding.

**Valerie & Alan Gorman**

**Dates for your Diary**

|        |   |         |
|--------|---|---------|
| 6 May  | Mothers Union Spring Council            |         |
| 9 May  | Trefoil Keep Fit                        | 8.00 pm |
| 16 May | M.U. 'Cancer care for the women of Gaza | 2.00 pm |
| 20 May | Dads and Kids at St.A's                 | 3.00 pm |
| 25 May | Ascension Day Service                   | 8.00 pm |

**Worship with us on Sundays**

| Sun | 8.00 am<br>(St.Luke's) | 10.00am        | 6.30 pm<br>(See Notices) |
|-----|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1st | Holy Communion         | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion           |
| 2nd | Holy Communion         | Holy Communion | Evening Prayer           |
| 3rd | Holy Communion         | Family Service | Holy Communion           |
| 4th | Holy Communion         | Holy Communion | Youth Seervice           |

**Worship with us on Weekdays**

|                    |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon - Sat: 9.15 am | Morning Prayer (not Wednesdays)       |
| Wednesday 11.45 am | Holy Communion (except 2nd Wednesday) |

**Join us on.....**

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Tues 10.00 am  | The Three Cs           |
| Wed 10.00 am   | Parent and Toddler     |
| Thurs 10.30 am | Sally's Exercise Class |

**Children and Youth Activities**

|                                       |                               |                                |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Messy Church Youth House Group</b> | Helen Baker                   | 07795 007724                   |
| <b>Club JC</b>                        | Helen Baker                   | 07795 007724                   |
| <b>Parent and Toddler</b>             | Helen Scothern<br>Mandy James | 0790 982 4099<br>0796 372 1309 |

**Scouts and Guides**

[23rdbromleyscouts.org](http://23rdbromleyscouts.org)

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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| <b>Beavers</b>                   | Claire Pester                 | 07810 426666                  |
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| <b>Rainbows</b>                  | Helen Scothern                | 0790 982 4099                 |

**Church Activities**

|  |                  |               |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Mothers Union</b>                       | Christine Sanger | 020 8249 7199 |
| <b>Church Rooms</b>                        | Liz Carter       | 020 8467 8155 |
| <b>Three Cs</b>                            | Jacky Skinner    | 01689 878452  |
| <b>Roundabout Business Manager</b>         | Lorna Murray     | 020 8467 0536 |
| <b>Singing Group<br/>Thursdays 7.45 pm</b> | Lucy Adcock      | 020 8467 4535 |

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