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## *An Ordinary Christian*

There seem to have been a number of news items recently about genetic profiling. Some track the impressive steps that medical research is making into seemingly intractable diseases. I don't pretend to understand how stem cells work, but just hope that they can eradicate conditions such as cystic fibrosis. Botanists have discovered that a variety of daffodil, if grown above 1,000 ft, produces chemicals which can alleviate dementia symptoms. I wonder what genetic profiling would make of an everyday, ordinary Christian - if there is such a being - and what good might result!

I suspect that most of us who go to church regularly have been challenged at some time by people who ask us why we do it. Surely you can be just as good a Christian at home? Well, yes and no. The difference is whether we keep our faith to ourselves or get the very real benefits of sharing it. Alan Mitchell in a recent sermon, mentioned the death of a great aunt, a life-long Christian. He had never heard her talk about God, but she made the most marvellous cakes and was a great listener : an ordinary, practical faith.

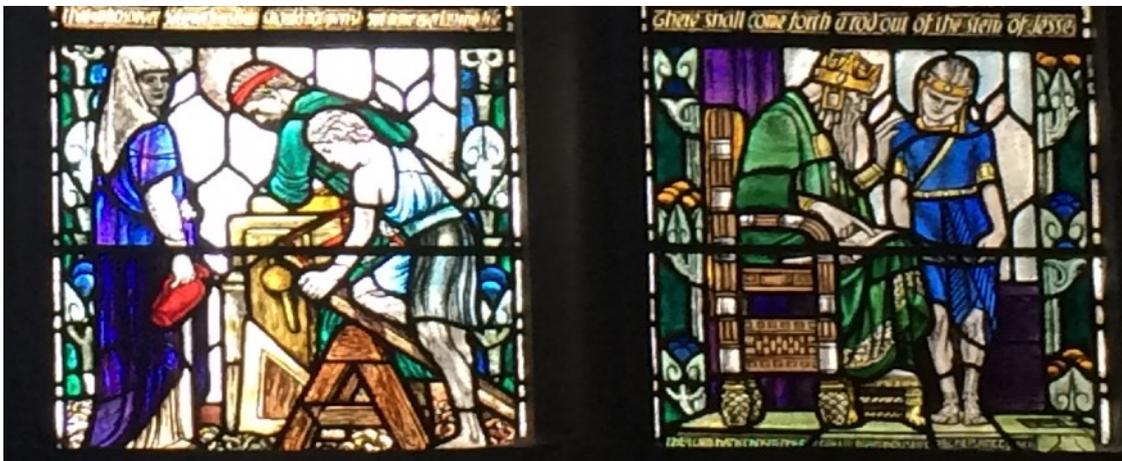
The fragments which the Bible gives us about Jesus' early life showed that it was ordinary: helping out in the workshop, attending lessons, being part of a community. I saw a reference to His home life in Galilee depicted in two small panels at the bottom of a stained glass window in the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Winchelsea. The panels above them became more extravagant as Jesus' later life was revealed. But the two little panels stayed with me. Being a Christian is not spectacular, it is being just who you are and looking to others to help you on your faith journey. If you have never visited Winchelsea church, founded in 1288, I can recommend it.

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



Have you ever looked in the bedside drawer of your hotel room and found a Bible there? Have you ever wondered who is responsible for putting it there? Well, wonder no more. This is the work of The Gideons. Nelson Pallister, a member of the local branch of The Gideons International, visited St Augustine's recently to tell us about this charity.

Two commercial travellers had to share a hotel room in Wisconsin and after praying together, they felt the call to develop an Association. Calling themselves 'Gideons, after the story of Gideon in Judges Chapters 6 and 7, they started the Bible Project, aiming to supply a Bible for each bedroom of all the hotels in the United States. What began in 1908 as an Association of Christian businessmen placing Bibles in hotel rooms has evolved into an expanding mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life. Today, The Gideons have taken more than two billion Scriptures in more than 95 languages to 200 countries, territories and possessions across the globe. While they are often recognised for their work with hotels, they also place them in strategic locations, so they are available to all. The local group gives Bibles, where permitted, to hospitals, ambulance stations, the police, Boys' and Girls', Brigades, schools and many other groups as well as hotels. They also provide large print versions for care homes.

Next time you stay in a hotel, have a look to see if there is one in your room. It might be good bedtime reading.

## Slap Head



Linda Wanniaratchy, very bravely, recently had her head shaved for charity. She is raising money for two charities that are dear to her heart. The first is an orphanage called The House of Luhuvilo. The money raised will help with the building of a home and a better education for street children in Njombe in Tanzania.

The second is for CASPA, a charity for children with autism and in memory of Ivor Reveley, who died suddenly and tragically on 22 April. Ivor was Chair of Trustees and a key organiser of events for the charity CASPA (Bromley). Ivor's son has classic autism and severe learning difficulties and Ivor first became involved with the charity in 2006, using his skills in fundraising, understanding money and strategy, giving support to everyone. Ivor touched many people's lives and was an inspiration and great motivator. The last thing he said to Linda with a great big grin on his face was... 'The next time I see you, you will be a Slap Head'... so she has shaved her head for Ivor.

If you would like to sponsor Linda it is not too late.

We featured CASPA in our February 2017 edition and it is a local charity that is well worth supporting.



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Sue Goodger

# All you need is Love!

*There's nothing you can do that can't be done;  
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung.  
All you need is love, Love is all you need.*

The Beatles song reminds us that with love all things are possible.

In a world that appears to be struggling to find its identity, a world where hate and power seem to be the prevailing narrative, how can we speak out in love?

In a world where the individual's rights are deemed more important than the wellbeing of the community, now more than ever before, there is a need for a countercultural movement of love.

In 1 Corinthians 13 is a passage often used in marriage services;

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

But this is not a wishy-washy sentimental love, this is a deep love that comes from God, who created us to love him and love one other.

At St Augustine's with St Luke's we've been looking at the many gifts God longs to give us, and we have been reminded that at the centre of Christianity is love.

*In 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 we read, If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

Christ chose to die for us, he loves us that much. As Christians we choose to step out in love, choose to put other people's needs before our own, choose to bring love and reconciliation into difficult situations. It's not easy and we won't always get it right but at the heart of what we believe is a God of love, who reminds us that with love all things are possible.

*No one you can save that can't be saved.  
Nothing you can do, but you can learn how to be you in time.  
It's easy  
All you need is love, Love is all you need.*



Jenny Warrington

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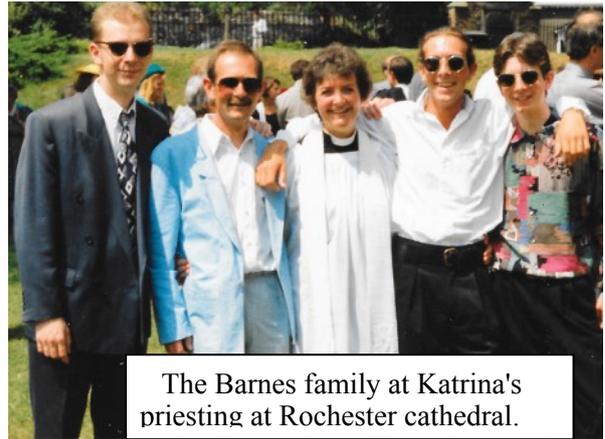
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RETIREMENT AND REMINISCENCES BECKON KATRINA AND JOHN



All Rev'd up T shirts for Katrina's ordination in 1973.



The Barnes family at Katrina's priesting at Rochester cathedral.



The Christmas Journey held each year is attended by 200 + Year 2 children from local schools.



One of many Christingle services



Harvest Festival - gifts of food and toiletries taken to a project in Strood supporting male and female ex-offenders.



One of many marriages celebrated by Katrina



Pathfinder weekend - one of many youth work adventures.



Annual Ride n' Stride to raise monies for churches in Kent.



Walking the Camino to Santiago de Compostela in 2009 - 6 weeks - 500 miles



Study trip to Israel - artwork by Banksy on the border wall.



Katrina made an honorary canon of Rochester Cathedral 2005

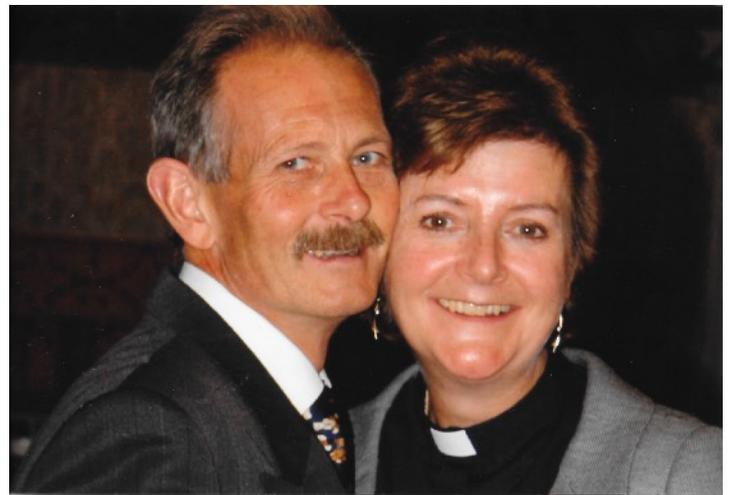


20th anniversary celebration of the ordination of women at St Pauls Cathedral.

John and Katrina's last service will be at 10.00 am on 1 July



The Ordination of Nick Ash at Canterbury Cathedral with Archbishop Rowan Williams. Katrina worked on a project with the Archbishop when she was the Bishop of Rochester's National Advisor for Ordained Women's Ministry.



As we were when we arrived at St. A's!!

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## Diary of a First Time Mother

### *It's Good to Talk*

A Little Girl I Know had delayed speech. Not a sound until she was three and two months. This resulted in many visits to the speech therapist, the doctor and other health care professionals to try to get this important life skill started. At baby and toddler groups I would watch other children communicate with their parents; mine only able to sign a couple of words learnt early on in her life. All this said, I talked to her, exposed her to language verbally and also through music and songs that I would often attempt to sing to her when we were alone at home. Important when you have a voice that is best used only in the shower!

A recent family situation left A Little Girl I Know feeling sad and lost. She told me that she felt her friends were avoiding her, instead of giving her some kind of support when she needed it. She begged me on a number of occasions not to send her into school; 'Please don't Mummy, no one gives such warm cuddles as you'. My heart was torn, yes I wanted to be there for her, but I knew that it was good for her to be with her own age group at a time like this. I told

her that I would make her an extra big cuddle for after school that day. My arms ached all day longing for that moment when I could see her again.

That evening a Teaching Assistant (TA) from her class came out and saw me in the playground waiting for A Little Girl. The TA explained that she had had a long chat with her, a few tears had been shed, but she had said that she felt better for talking. I thanked the TA, I was grateful that she had listened to my daughter. She remarked that she knew such big words for a child of her age. I agreed and silently laughed, because when A Little Girl I Know started talking it was in sentences, including words that she must have heard the older people like me around her using. No further need for the speech therapist, I am pleased to say, once she started school.

As the old advertisement for British Telecom used to say, 'It is good to talk'. I say it is also good to listen. Maybe that it is why God gave us two ears and only one mouth.



## 75 years young!

Last month ten members from the Ravensbourne Trefoil Guild joined over 300 other ladies from London, Kent and Sussex at Warners holiday camp on Hayling Island. They were there to celebrate 75 years since the Trefoil Guild was formed. It was founded in 1943 by women interested in supporting and encouraging the contribution of GirlGuiding around the world.

We were given the opportunity to try an amazing range of activities including playing the ukulele, ballet dancing, rifle shooting and archery. We had a choice of outings to Portsmouth, Exbury Gardens, Beaulieu and Uppark House. The evenings found us rocking and rolling.

On the last afternoon we gathered to sing campfire songs, some we remembered from our childhood and others loved now by Rainbows and Brownies. This was followed by a cream tea to celebrate 'The Birthday'.



**Ann Hanrahan**

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## Parish People

### Parish link - Mwaikisabe church in Kondo district, Tanzania.

A small group from our congregation will be visiting them in October this year. Our Fundraising proposal is for a new pastor's house, which is Intended to be a centre for church activities as well as a home for Pastor Sinde and his family.



Pastor John Sinde of Mwaikisabe



Current pastor's house with Helen and friends in 2016.



Putting bricks in piles October 2016 (John, Alan, Ann, Katrina....)

*From the Parish Register*

#### Marriage

PETER SMEE and  
ALEXANDRA KENVYN

We send our love and good wishes for a happy future.

**Funerals.** We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of

Jennifer WILKIN

We send our love and sympathy to Nickie Streek on the loss of her mother, **Irene George**

and to **Dave Skinner** on the recent loss of his father, **Charlie Skinner**. Dave's parents are reunited as his mother, Doreen, passed away a mere three months and seventeen days before.



Charlie



Irene



**Katherine Collins** died recently at the grand old age of 99. She was the most kind and thoughtful person I know.

When I first went to St. Luke's Church (about 28 years ago) Katherine and her husband, Pat, were stalwart members. Pat had been a Church Warden and Katherine had been PCC Secretary for nine years in the past. They were both members of the Church Choir. We had a small but very loyal choir and Katherine led the alto part. She played for the Singing Group and deputised for me when I was on holiday.

She has sung with the Bromley Philharmonic Choir for many years and also ran a Women's Institute Choir. Music has been her love and she taught other singers the alto parts. She also played the guitar.

Pat and Katherine enjoyed holidays in Shetland. She was very keen on wild flowers and gardens, and she liked to talk about her life when she was younger. When Rev Hilda Heselwood organised a holiday at Lake Garda for church members, we shared a room together.

Until about seven or so years ago Katherine enjoyed walking. For the last eight years she has been very happy at Queen Elizabeth House. We shall miss her smiling face.

**Sheila Knight**

**Congratulations to Katrina and John Barnes** on their sapphire (45th) wedding anniversary. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle decided it was a good date and married at St. Georges Chaple, Windsor on the same date.

**Dates for your Diary**

12 June	Trefoil Petanque	8.00 pm
19 June	Archdeaconry Service at Holy Trinity Church	7.30 pm
20 June	Mothers' Union Afternoon tea	2.00 pm

**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 Mandy James Victoria Bouwer	0790 982 4099 0796 372 1309 07779 009064

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<b>Rainbows</b>	Helen Scothern	07909 824099

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<b>Roundabout Business Manager</b>	Lorna Murray	020 8467 0536
<b>Singing Group Thursdays 7.45 pm</b>	Lucy Adcock	020 8467 4535

**Worship with us on Sundays**

Sun	8.00 am at St. Luke's	10.00 am at St. Augustine's	Evening Worship
1st	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	St. Luke's - 6.00 pm
2nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	St. Luke's - 6.00 pm
3rd	Holy Communion	Family Service	St. Augustine's - 6.30 pm
4th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	St. Luke's - 6.00 pm

**Worship with us on Weekdays**

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

**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

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