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Matt Adair: London Marathon 2019

Matt ran this year's London Marathon on 28th April 2019 for Cancer Research UK in memory of his sister, Kerrie Adair. Kerrie sadly passed away in September 2017 after having been diagnosed with stage four breast cancer in February 2017. So far Matt has raised over £3,600 in Kerrie's memory, an outstanding achievement to support research into this terrible disease that devastates so many families. #ForKerrie https://

Find us on

fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/mattslondon-marathon-1

Pam Everall: Brighton Marathon 2019

On 14th April 2019 Pam ran the Brighton Marathon supporting The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity raising funds for this world-leading centre which is revolutionising cancer treatment. Pam chose the charity having tutored an 8-year-old girl being treated for leukaemia



there and seeing a number of friends and family succumb to the illness. So far Pam has raised over £500 through a finish-time sweepstake. She is also running the Vitality London 10K in May to support the charity.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/junioregg

Jeanne Hoadley: Stride4Life 2019

Stride4Life is part of an annual event in and around the grounds of Darent Valley Hospital supporting the hospital's cancer fighting fund. Jeanne has taken part every year since its inception in 2004

and is preparing for number 16 on $14^{\frac{h}{h}}$ July. Jeanne was encouraged to take part in the first Stride4Life, along with her daughter Carina and friend Ruth Reynolds, by Joan Warwick who organises the events in gratitude for the care the hospital staff gave to her husband before he sadly passed away. Stride4Life raises funds for much needed cancer equipment. https://www.justgiving.com/ fundraising/jeanne-Hoadley8

Kathryn and Phil Swanston: Vitality London 10K 2019

On 27th May 2019 Kathryn and Phil run the Vitality London 10K



for Cancer Research UK. Kathryn was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer in June last year and after completing her

treatment in January, she started running again to help her recovery. She will also run the Cancer Research UK Race for Life on 11th May joined by family and friends. https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kathryn-phil-run-their-way-through-may



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Whitsun 2019

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Daily

8 am Holy Communion (if requested in advance) 9 am Mattins 5 pm Evensong

<u>June</u>

2nd Sunday after Ascension

10 am Holy Communion 9th Whitsunday 10 am Family Communion 16th Trinity Sunday 10 am Holy Communion 23rd Corpus Christi (trans.) 10 am Holy Communion 30th Sunday (Trinity 2) 10 am Holy Communion

<u>July</u>

7th Sunday (Trinity 3) 10 am Holy Communion 14th Sunday (Trinity 4) 10 am Family Communion 21st Sunday (Trinity 5)

There will be an opportunity to receive laying on of hands and anointing for healing in the course of this service. All are invited to participate.

10 am Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing

28th Sunday (Trinity 6) 10 am Holy Communion

3 pm Service at Stone Cemetery & Blessing of Graves

<u>August</u>

4th Sunday (Trinity 7) 10 am Holy Communion 11th Sunday (Trinity 8) 10 am Family Communion 15th St Mary's Day 7 pm Holy Communion 18th Sunday (Trinity 9) 10 am Holy Communion 25th Sunday (Trinity 10) 10 am Holy Communion

Please come and join any or all of these services!

The Rector is normally available in church on Fridays between 5.30 pm and 7 pm for confidential spiritual counsel, confession, prayer for healing and anointing, or else by appointment.

Enquiries about baptisms, banns of marriage, weddings, funerals or other occasions, or simply about visiting the church can be made by phone or to the church e-mail.

Dear Friends & Neighbours



We are hosting a Wedding Faye. Would you like to come? Here at St Mary's Church, on Saturday 5^{th} October between 11 am and 3.30 pm.

Church has been the venue for weddings longer than anywhere else and so there is an awful lot of wisdom and experience on how to make a wedding both

meaningful and memorable. And it's not just for churchgoers. Anybody who lives in the parish of Stone gets the chance to use its church for their wedding. All you have to do is make an enquiry. You can get married in a hotel or a summerhouse, but will your hotel or summerhouse still be there in 50 years' time when you want to celebrate your golden wedding? St Mary's has seen a lot and stands for the permanence of the married relationship as much as the solidity of God's love for us.

Having said all of that, the Church of England admits that you don't need a priest or a church to make a marriage in the eyes of God. After all, God does not live in the church and can be present in the registry office or the garden as much as within consecrated walls. Though a priest may preside at a ceremony and offer prayers and a blessing, the makers of a marriage are the bride and the groom through the promise they make to one another and the keeping of it. "When the chips are down" the priest isn't there in the marriage, though God may be. It will take the couple themselves, remembering how loved they are by God, to sort things out, to decide whether to forgive or not, to do the things that keep love alive and fresh.

Since Jesus himself went to a wedding we know that marriage isn't a Christian invention and indeed it seems to predate all religions. Christians explain it as God's will, a part of the way humans are created, that they reach out to one another and pledge a faithfulness which allows them to live together in honesty and truth. Love and marriage, it would seem, do indeed go together. As such for Christians the marriage ceremony holds an extra special place, on a par with baptism and communion. St Paul calls it a "profound mystery" (Ephesians 5.32, translated into Latin as *sacramentum*, the only use of that word in the New Testament). The pledge of a couple to one another mirrors the pledge of God to the human race, to love us, protect us, honour and cherish us.

Wedding imagery surrounds the gospel of Jesus Christ. He called himself the bridegroom and told a parable of his return (St Matthew 25.1-13) using the example of bridal attendants waiting with their lamps to go in with him to the reception. Revelation (19.7) invites us to attend the wedding supper of the Lamb, and even the Last Supper has overtones of a love-feast with the beloved disciple leaning against Jesus himself (St John13.23).

Why not come and lean on us as you plan your own wedding?

Your Rector, Kenneth Clark

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Climate Change and the Purposes of God

During Lent a weekly group met at the Rectory to explore this topic together. We followed a course from 'Operation Noah', a Christian charity working with churches to inspire action on climate change. We discussed questions such as: why does climate change matter; why is climate change an issue of justice; how can we, as a church, become better informed; and what is God asking of us? As well as discussing the causes and impact of climate change from today's perspective it was fascinating to discover bible passages that have a real relevance today. For example, Psalm 24 reminds us that 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it'.

Environmental challenges can often feel overwhelming but as Christians we live in hope and want to work with God so that his purposes for creation will be fulfilled. During the final sessions we started thinking about ways in which we can bring creation care back into the centre of our church's work. We have already cut down on our paper consumption by moving to a mostly 'e-Lantern newsletter'. Other ideas emerged which we are now enthusiastic to take forward. You can read more from 'Operation Noah' at operationnoah.org and on social media where there is a wealth of information and ideas. We will update you about our progress at St Mary's in future editions of 'The Lantern'.

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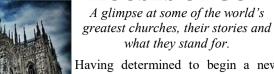
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HOUSES OF GOD



Having determined to begin a new series on some of the inspiring cathedrals and churches that have

been built to glorify God, the recent fire at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris only served to underline how important these buildings are to us and suggests a good starting point.

A great many of the world's most magnificent cathedrals are built in a "gothic" style of architecture, originally a term of abuse contrasting the barbarity of pointed arches and crocketed pinnacles with the smooth, clean lines of classical architecture. But gothic or pointed architecture, with its flying buttresses and soaring spires, seems perfectly to capture the age of faith and the ascent to heaven. And it was born in Paris.

Outside Paris the royal abbey of Saint Denis is credited as the first building to make use of the ingredients we now classify as gothic: the pointed arch, the ribbed vault and the flying buttress. Under Abbot Suger the church was rebuilt in an attempt to build higher and lighter and give over more of the wall space to windows. This work began in 1135.

Six miles away in the heart of Paris the cathedral church was the subject of a reconstruction programme beginning in 1160 and lasting for about hundred years. (It is believed that the present Stone Church was built towards the end of that period between 1250 and 1260.) Though Bishop Maurice de



Sully gets the credit for initiating the work, its sponsor was Louis VII whose desire for a son and heir was finally satisfied after over forty years of waiting and a pilgrimage to the shrine of Thomas Becket at Canterbury.

It was dedicated to Our Lady (Notre Dame) having previously been known as St Etienne (the French for Stephen) and its beauties did much to popularise the prominence of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though it is built in cruciform manner, with a double row of aisles and chapels extending right round the nave and sanctuary, the transepts do not extend beyond the width of the church. With a rounded apse at the east end, each of the three other roof gables displays a magnificent rose window, and this too has influenced the association between Mary and roses. Twin towers flank the western entrance which is made through three giant portals surrounded by rows of statues. Particularly loved is the Gallery of the Kings, biblical figures who at the time of the French Revolution were thrown down as symbols of royalty when the cathedral was confiscated from the church and turned into a Temple of Reason. The statues were later restored, but the originals were discovered, neatly and decently buried by someone who thought they deserved better treatment.

Notre Dame, like many medieval buildings, was saved from further deterioration and restored during the nineteenth century when all things medieval became fashionable once again. Victor Hugo wrote what we know in translation as "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" in 1831 to promote its sympathetic restoration. "Restorers" were still taking out medieval painted glass in favour of plain windows that would let in more light. In the story the cathedral plays a part as important as any of the other characters.

Notre Dame had a key influence on the development of music. To make use of its new acoustic, medieval choirmasters Léonin and Pérotin the Great experimented with different lines of music sung at the same time so creating the harmonies that characterise choral singing today. Within the shadow of Notre Dame grew up the University of Paris, one of Europe's first, and within its walls were crowned in 1431 Henry VI of England and France, and in 1804 Napoleon, who had imported the Pope but crowned himself.

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Following on from our series of articles on the Great War "100 Years Ago", we are grateful to Sarah Mees for sharing her research into some of those from Stone's war memorial whose stories had eluded us.

George William TURP - was born on 15th July 1886 In Northfleet, baptised at St Mark's, Rosherville 24th February 1888. He lived in Northfleet and Swanscombe before moving to Orsett, Essex where he married Elizabeth Jane Wiggins in 1908. In 1911 they had one son, named after his father. There was another brother born in 1914 and possibly other siblings. George had an older brother Charles Reginald who was a soldier.

On 4th November 1918, just seven days before the end of the war, Acting Lance Corporal George William TURP of the Army Ordnance Corps 130 Company, 031611, died. His death was registered in the district of Calais and shows that he died at 6.15 in the morning at the English General Hospital number 10; he was aged 32 and a resident of Stone, Kent. They knew he was married but had no further information about him. He is buried in Les Baraques Military Cemetery Bleriot-Plage, Calais. He was granted the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. After the death of George, his wife Elizabeth Jane remarried. She settled in Leeds and her now married sons lived nearby.

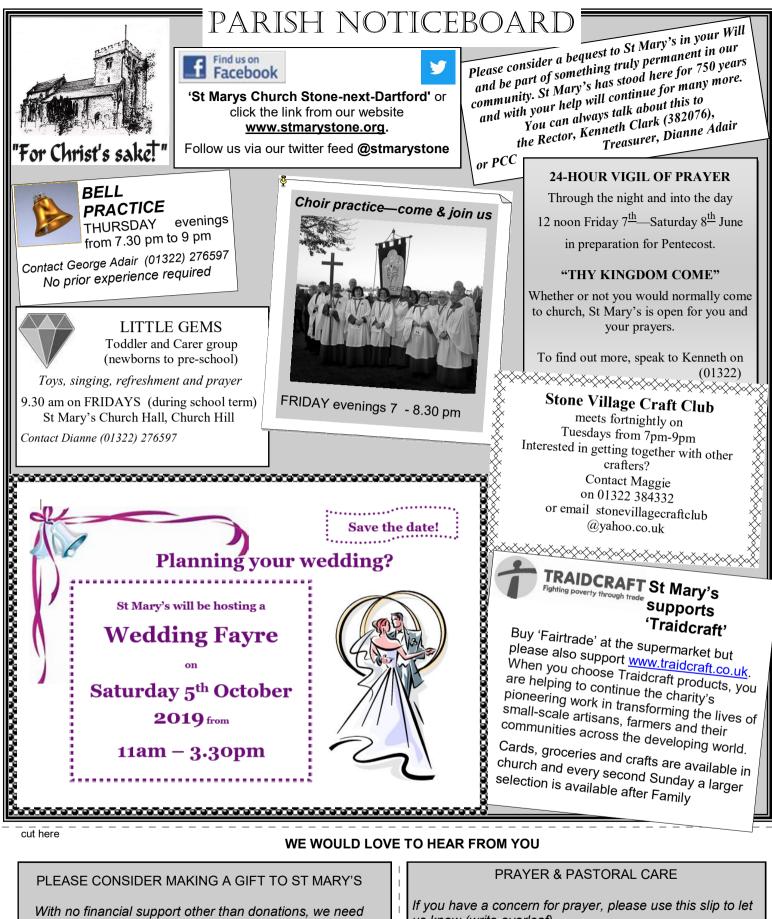
<u>Thomas William LONGHURST</u> - was born in the first quarter of 1893. On 10^{th} Feb 1917 he married Nellie Lane "by licence" at St Marys, Stone. Nellie Tabitha lived in Elm Road in 1901. Thomas died on 23^{rd} October 1919 aged 31.

He is buried in Stone Cemetery - Plot R4661Thomas and Nellie had a daughter - Gladys Hilda Mary who was baptised on 3^{rd} Feb 1918 at St Mary's Stone. That record shows that her father was a Stoker in the Royal Navy residing at 5 Acacia Road Stone.

More details next time.



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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms "You	u must be born from above" St John 3.7	28 th March	Freda Barbara Hodges, aged 94
13 th January	Chantilly Bella Wenham, daughter of Robert & Chantilly	29 <u>th</u> March	Doreen Elizabeth Kerley, aged 86
	Italia Winifred Harber, daughter of Leonard & Leeann	2 <u>nd</u> April	Deborah Jane Harris, aged 49
7 <u>th</u> April	Ada Evelyn Luto, daughter of Anthony & Amy	8 <u>th</u> April	James William Downes, aged 95
21 ^{<u>st</u>} April	Max Frank Devoir, son of Adam & Sopie		Anthony Martin, aged 88
5 th May	Isabella Elizabeth Poulton, daughter of Andrew & Faye	12 th April	David Leonard Homer, aged 81
12 th May	Layla Elizabeth Redmill, daughter of William & Megan	15 th April	Roy Douglas Jewiss, aged 65
26 <u>th</u> May	Blake Mark Elia, son of Mark & Denise	23 ^{<u>rd</u>} April	Stanley Peter Hand, aged 85
	Rory Mark Anthony Newman, son of Ashley & Shonagh	9 th May	Kevin Snowden, aged 58
Funerals "I will raise them up at the last day" St John 6.40		10 th May	William Roy Chipperfield, aged 83
27^{th} February	Alec John Turner, aged 88	15 th May	Henry "Bert" Carey, aged 89
14^{th} March	Edith Maud Skinner, aged 98	20 <u>th</u> May	Carley Mary Newson, aged 35
	(service in church)		church & burial in the parish cemetery)
20 th March	Vernon Albert Payne, aged 73	30 <u>th</u> May	Patricia Anne Piper, aged 84
	(service in church & burial in the parish cemetery)	(service in	church & burial in the parish cemetery)
22 ^{td} March	Jean Joyce Morrison, aged 89		
27 th March	June Cade, aged 84	"Rejoi	ice that your names



Using the parish church for weddings and funerals helps to support the Christian ministry in Stone. A funeral costs £195 whether in church or at the local crematorium/cemetery. A wedding costs £489 including preparation and full rehearsal. Baptism remains God's free gift and no fee is charged, so that all may be members of God's kingdom if they choose. Thank you to all who choose St Mary's.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

"The Story of Noah"

The story of Noah is amazing! It includes a family, all the animals of the earth, a huge boat, a flood and why we have rainbows.

It all starts with Noah. Did you know that **after** Noah was 500 years old he had 3 sons? I don't know about you but I've only met one or two people that were 100 years old and they were old! After Noah was 500 years old things started getting very interesting for him.

One day as God was thinking about the people on earth His heart became very sad. He could see that all the people had become very bad, so bad that they stopped thinking of anything good. God was so sad and hurt that he wanted to get rid of every person and all the creatures that He had made. He wanted all the evil to stop.

Noah was the only one that was righteous (which means that he did things right). He was a good guy and he walked with God.

So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all the people because the earth is full of fighting because of them. I am going to destroy them and the earth."

God then gave Noah instructions on how to make the boat. He told him what kind of wood and how big to make it. He also told him to put a door in the side of the ark and to make it with three floors. The

ark was humongous! We'll get to that more later in the story. The Bible says that next God told Noah that He would make a covenant with him. A covenant is an agreement with a promise. He would save Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives. They would be safe in the ark because God was going to flood the whole earth and everything else would die.

I'm missing one other BIG thing that's going in the ark with Noah and his family... and that is... The animals! Two of all living creatures male and female (or the boy and girl of each). Plus two of every kind of bird and every creature that moves along the ground.

Then food for each of them for as long as they were on the boat. Yikes! That's a lot of animals and a lot of food. I think it would've been a very full, noisy, stinky place to be, but they would all be safe.

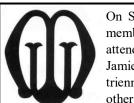
It's hard to describe how big the ark actually was but if you think of some of the biggest animals you know (elephant, moose, buffalo, giraffe, rhino, gorilla) and make sure you have 2 of each of those plus all the other little animals that couldn't be stepped on...they needed a lot of room!

Keep in mind that Noah was building a big ark because God told him to. I have a feeling Noah and his family were teased a lot from the other people. What if your neighbour started building a huge boat on your street? It would sound a little strange...

When the ark was done God gave Noah 7 days warning before the flood to get all the animals and food on board, and told him that He would send rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

When everyone was in the ark God shut the door.

Then the rain started. The Bible makes it sound like the rain came from the clouds and that there was also water coming up from the ground. So everything probably was covered pretty quickly.



On Saturday 23rd March four Mothers' Union members went down to Rochester Cathedral to attend the commissioning service of Julia Jamieson, our Diocesan President for the next triennial, Julia was commissioned along with

trustees by Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge.

Branch banners were carried during a procession at the beginning and end of the service. The service was uplifting and the choir led us wonderfully.

Tea and coffee was served in the cathedral at the end of the service and the newly refurbished crypt was open for light lunches. Our little group adjourned to Peggotty's Parlour in Rochester and enjoyed a



lovely lunch together

The floods kept coming for 40 whole days! The ark floated on the water and all the high mountains were completely covered with water.

Every living thing died on the earth that wasn't in the ark.

So the rain came for 40 days and nights but when it stopped Noah and the animals

couldn't just leave the ark. There was too much water and no land for them to walk on, everything was covered.

The waters flooded the earth for one hundred and fifty days, which is about five months.

God remembered Noah and all that was in the ark so he sent a wind to help dry the earth. Finally in the seventh month after the floods had stopped the ark rested on the top of a mountain.

A little while after that (40 days) Noah opened a window he had made for the ark and probably let in some fresh air! Ha! Even more importantly he let a raven out. It would fly back and forth to the ark until the water had dried.

Then he sent out a dove but the dove couldn't find any place to go. He waiting a week and then sent the dove out again. This time the dove came back with an olive leaf which meant the waters had gone down. He waited one more week and let the dove out again and this time it didn't return.

From the way the Bible describes Noah, his family and the animals were in the boat for just over a year or 370 days! That's a long time to be on a boat with all those animals!

When the earth had dried up enough God told Noah that everyone could get out of the boat. That probably was a very happy day! Maybe a little uncertain as well. There would be no one but them on earth and they would have to start all over building a house, collecting food...there wasn't a big grocery store waiting for them when they got off the ark.

Then Noah built an altar to thank God for keeping them safe. When God saw what Noah had done he told Noah that he would never again curse the ground even if people became very bad.

Then he gave them a sign for everyone to see this promise. He put a rainbow in the sky and that's to remind us of the promise God made to Noah, the animals and us today!

So, whenever you see a rainbow say a little prayer and thank God that he loves us and that He keeps His promises.

