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**Fr. Hugh Broad**



**“ I HAVEN’T GOT TIME!”**

I wonder how many times you have uttered that phrase?

I guess for most of us, including me, have to admit it is quite often!

In the hurly burly of daily living, if we are not careful things do get on top of us and we just cannot see ways and means of getting things right and in order, and there just don’t seem enough hours in the day! The list of things to do seems to get longer and longer and no matter how we try to prioritise that one thing which needed a quick response gets forgotten!

So what can we do about this?

Here is a help for us who are Christians:

“ LORD, I HAVE TIME !”

Way back in the 1950’s a French priest, Michel Quoist compiled a book of prayers on a wide range of subjects - the telephone; at the door; the *funeral*; ; the delinquent; eyes; and many others!

This little book entitled PRAYERS OF LIFE rapidly became a best seller – 200,000 in the first year!

So what makes this a best seller?

The simple answer is that it really speaks to everyone in some way, and the whole area of just how we can improve our prayer life is covered in one way or another.

One prayer is just on this subject of TIME and I for one have found it a great help although it is nothing like a prayer you can find in any other book.

What it is really saying in a most unusual way is that we DO HAVE TIME! You have to read and use this prayer in a most unusual way to make it speak to you. Given opportunity I could use it in the novel way it was given to me!

If you would like this, do let me know and I will try to oblige!

If you feel moved by this editorial it is just possible you could purchase a copy from one of the used books company of which there are several.

So to conclude here is just a little of Fr Quoist's thoughts on Praying for time.

“ But we must not lose time, waste time, kill time,  
For time is a gift that you give us,  
But a perishable gift, a gift that does not keep!

Lord I have time, I have plenty of time,  
All the time that you give me,  
The years of my life  
The days of my years ....”

So – do hope you have TIME to read this!

Father Hugh your Editor.

## Out and about in Kingsway and Quedgeley with Revd Mark

*Reviews and insights from our community*



**Ogdens is @ Unit 1, Oakhill Court, Telford Way, Quedgeley, GL2 2GA**

It is a nice treat to get out for a simple, affordable lunch once in a while and today Erica and I did just that with Bidy, our border terrier. Ogdens serves really tasty lunch and brunch items with sandwiches from £3.40. I had a chilli cheeseburger which was about £5 and Erica had a steak and onion roll, which was the same price. We sat out front in lovely sunshine and tucked in. The service from new owner Jodie and chef Ci was very friendly and they even gave Bidy a sausage. We will be happy to have a return trip and Bidy has found a new favourite restaurant!

As parish priest I love to support local businesses and employers whenever I can. If you have ideas about places worth trying, then bend my ear and let me know.





# STJ's is back!

STJ's family service is back with Revd. Mark Siddall at Saint James' Quedgeley. The service is open to all ages but aimed at those with young families.



Children (and those young at heart)) eagerly took part. They were captivated by the story of Peter, one of the disciples of Jesus, read to them by Revd. Mark. Craft, lots of songs with catchy tunes, made for a great morning. Of course a tasty snack followed the service!



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The pupils of Clearwater Primary Academy made these super models of churches. Some have fonts, crosses, stain glass windows. Some have all three! Well done Clearwater Academy!



# **“What is that called?” and “What is it for?”**

## **By Revd. Fr. Ian Robb**



*This month we focus on The Eucharist, the central act of Christian worship.*

### The Name:

The word “Eucharist” means “Thanksgiving”, as in “It is our duty and our joy always and everywhere too give you thanks...” and it was the word used by St Paul and St Matthew when they recorded the events of the Last Supper. There are other names which help in the description of this service: Holy Communion – sharing in things of God – which describes a particular moment in the service; the Lord's Supper – which tells us where and with whom the service the service began; the Mass – from the Latin word which means “Offering”, which describes how the service is presented.

### The Origin:

Matthew, Mark, and Luke record in their gospels – and Paul in his 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians – what Jesus did on the night before his crucifixion; how he instituted this Thanksgiving meal with a divine command to “Do this...”. The Acts of the Apostles (ch 2 and ch 20) reveal that the Early Church had made the Eucharist their central act of worship. There is preparation for the Eucharist in the Old Testament. Genesis 14 v 18 tells how the king and priest Melchizedek presented bread and wine; Leviticus 2.23 designates flour and wine as sacred offerings; Proverbs 9.1-15 describes the meal to which the Wisdom of God invites us.

## The Function:

The Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer lists the Eucharist among the Sacraments of the Church, describing it as “An outward and physical sign of an inward and spiritual grace”, through which we receive the presence of Christ into our souls and bodies.

The gifts which we offer – the bread and wine – are accepted and blessed by God; infused by the Holy Spirit they are given back to us as the Body and Blood of Christ. It is no wrong to speak about the Eucharist as a “Sacrifice”, but it is essential to move away from the concept of carnal sacrifice, a practice that was constantly repudiated in New Testament times.

The word “Sacrifice” can be defined as a gift or offering which costs the giver – in more than just financial ways. We are contemplating time, spiritual and physical effort, and yes, financial commitment too.

In its various accounts of the Eucharist, the New Testament uses language with definite connections to sacrifice. In Judaism bread and wine were sacrificial elements. At the institution of the



Eucharist *during the* Last Supper Jesus used words such as “covenant”, “memorial”, poured out” - all of which have sacrificial associations. We need to remember that the purpose of all sacrifice is life – Christ the Lamb of God offered his life so that we might live; by accepting and restoring gifts to us, God assures us of new life with him – hence the use at the moment of Communion of the phrase: “The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life”.



It's worth contemplating the production of bread and wine. Death and decay take place before new life is given. The grain of wheat dies in the ground before a new harvest can be gathered; the grape is crushed and fermentation takes place before wine can gladden our hearts.

The Eucharist is truly a “living sacrifice”, which we offer – as we say: “for the praise and glory of His name, for our good, and the good of all his Church”.

*To be continued...Fr. Ian*

P.S. I am delighted to write that, come September, our discussion evenings “Come and Find Out” can recommence. Therefore: If you would like to invite the group to your home – in the past, there were usually about 12 of us at the most – then please email or phone me with some dates that would be convenient. (You might need to check the dates of PCC and Synod meetings so that we avoid a “clash”). I look forward to hearing from you and to our meeting again!

Fr. Ian

## Put a lid on it!

### *Energy saving tips for 2022*



If you are already doing this then it will seem obvious but many of us don't put a lid on a cooking pot. It always surprises me how much more quickly the contents warms inside a pot when there is a lid on. Of course, quicker means less energy and less cost. Annual savings can be as high as £50 to £100. That is not the kind of money you would just throw away so why not 'put a lid on it'?

Care for Creation - we are all part of it.

Revd. Mark

**StJ's** Family fun,

laughter and worship, snacks,  
coffee/tea afterwards



**Sunday 7th August**  
**10.30 until 11.15am**  
**St James' Church, School Ln.**



## For our Younger Readers

God protects baby Moses. Exodus 2:1-10 - Colour in the picture below after reading the story or ask a grown-up to read it to you.

Pharaoh was afraid of the Israelites. There were many Israelites in Egypt. Pharaoh thought there were too many Israelites. Pharaoh planned to stop them by hurting all the Israelite baby boys. But one mother hid her baby boy from the Egyptian soldiers. When she couldn't hide him anymore, she made a basket that would float. She put the baby in the basket and carefully put it on the river. The baby's big sister, Miriam, hid nearby to watch what would happen. Pharaoh's daughter came to the river with her servants to take a bath. The princess saw the basket and sent one of her servants to get it. When she opened the basket, the baby was crying. The Princess felt sorry for him. Miriam ran up to the princess and said, "Shall I go and get someone to take care of this baby for you?" The princess said yes. So Miriam brought her mother to the princess. The princess told the mother to take care of the baby. Later the princess named the baby Moses. When Moses grew up, he lived with the princess, right in the Pharaoh's palace!



# Our Super Servers



Our three servers attended the 50th Anniversary of Fr. David's Ordination. The service took place in Up Hatherley. Congratulations to Fr. David and our 'Super Servers' who did a sterling job.



I know this little story has been in the magazine before, many moon's ago, but after reading Fr Hugh's Editorial in the new July edition, "Keep smiling", I feel it might be appropriate to put it in again.

Many years ago on one of my monthly visits to some offices in the city, a gentleman suddenly came to me and said, "Forgive me for asking, but do you believe in the Lord Jesus"? I was a little surprised, but confirmed that I did indeed believe in Jesus. He said, "I thought so, as you always have a smile on your face"

Lovell Cornwall.

# GLOUCESTER HISTORICAL CHURCHES TRUST - BIKE RIDE 10 SEP 22

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Of interest</u>
1. Quedgeley	St James	Start	In 1137 Earl Milo, Constable of Gloucester gave all tithes connected with the church as a perpetual thank offering. A brawl in church between two parishioners ended with a dog tied to a pew to lay claim to the disputed seat. Henry VIII & Queen Anne Boleyn visited the parish.
2. Elmore	St John the Baptist	3.9	The churchyard holds the Guise family, of Elmore Court, mausoleum. A tomb chest dates to 1472 with a portrait of a Knight in armour. The area is famous for the growth of Russet Apples.
3. Longney	Independent Chapel	2.0	An independent mission was founded in 1839.
4. Longney	St Laurence	2.0	Elsi Lord of Longney built a church and invited St Wulfstan Bishop of Worcester to consecrate it. A luxuriant nut tree blocked light which the bishop wanted removed, Elsi objected but the bishop cursed it and it withered!
5. Upper Framilode	St. Peters	2.1	A fine example of an Early Victorian church built for workers of the Darrell estate. It has many nautical motifs as befits a tidal riverside community. The church has a beautiful ceiling, a Norman font & Jacobean pulpit. Seafaring families built homes which are reflected in the nautical themes of monuments in the churchyard and houses.
6. Arlingham	St Mary the Virgin	4.7	Mid 14C Has some of the original stained-glass windows of the highest quality and a very old font!



7. Fretherne	St Mary the Virgin	2.3	Known as Gloucester's mini cathedral in the Severn Vale is a tiny church of great beauty with a depth of history. Built in High Gothic style by the Victorians. Francis Niblett's masterpiece
8. Frampton			
	on Severn	2.3	Consecrated in 1315 it has one of six remaining Romanesque bowled lead fonts of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Century surviving in the county. Salmond are depicted on the south side of the church reflecting its river position.
9. Whitminster	St Andrew's	1.9	Was known as Wheatenhurst. It had a priest and a church in 1086 but the church fabric is not older than the 14 <sup>th</sup> Century. One of only a few churches in Gloucestershire to retain a traditional Stoup, a stone basin used to hold holy water.
10. Saul	St James the Great	0.9	Probably the oldest church of the five churches in the Severn-side Group of Parishes. Mentioned in 1140 and built by the monks of Standish as a chapel of ease.
11. Hardwicke	St Nicholas	5.3	In 1902 Winebaud de Ballon gave a church called Hardwicke to Bermondsey Priory sold in 13/14C. A medieval bell remains unhung in the nave. The Lychgate was opened as a WWI Memorial in 1927.
		<u>Total mileage:</u>	<u>29.4</u>

Lunch could be taken, dependant on time, at either The Bell 740346, The Three Horseshoes 742100, The Red Lion 740700,

The Ship Inn 740260 (12:00 to 15:00) or The Anchor740433 (no food after 14:00 hrs)!!

There are three other local churches we could visit but time and busy roads suggest they are not included. They are:

Haresfield	St Peter	Recorded in 1161 a coped gravestone thought to be Saxon and beside it two medieval grave slabs.
Moreton Valance	St Andrew	St Andrew's has a Norman nave and chancel. Above the doorway is a sculpted stone tympanum representing the Archangel fighting a dragon?
Standish	St Nicholas	Local legend has it that the body of Edward II rested overnight in the church on its way to Gloucester Cathedral C1327 after his murder at Berkeley Castle. Oak trees were planted along the route where the carriage stopped for prayers, only 3 remain. An ancestor of Winston Churchill is buried here.



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