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Fr. Hugh Broad



" FIVE MARKS FOR MISSION"

Over the past few years a theological consensus has grown among the Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church and The World Council of Churches to address the needs all Christians have in order to be THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST!

As the result of various meetings and synods the these **Five Marks for Mission** were formulated to take the Gospel forward in our present age.

- 1. TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM*
- 2. TO TEACH, BAPTISE AND NURTURE NEW BELIEVERS*
- 3. TO RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED BY LOVING SERVICE*
- 4. TO TRANSFORM UNJUST STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY. TO CHALLENGE VIOLENCE OF EVERY KIND AND PURSUE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION*
- 5. TO STRIVE AND SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION, AND SUSTAIN AND RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH.*

WOW! What a lot to take in and do something about! I have to admit that I am not at all sure how to respond, so dear Reader, please let me know if anything comes to mind having read them.

What I plan to do is to take one point each month, so I am asking you to let me know of anything which comes to mind with the first one in the next week or two to help me to respond next month. Our Readership has not been terribly good to make responses in the past, so perhaps this could be different? Replies are invited from any reader whether you are a church goer or not.

SO - OVER TO YOU!

FATHER HUGH - YOUR EDITOR

Creation Care - Ways of Green

By Revd. Mark Siddall



Jesus said 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. I often think about the first of these three descriptions, 'I am the Way'. The ways and byways of our lives speak of who we are in what we do, where we go and how we get there. I mention this to emphasise just how important it is, and how grateful I am that Kingsway and Quedgeley have been planned with the most amazing Greenways for us to enjoy.

Greenways are elongated green spaces that provide corridors for streams and rivers, fresh air, wildlife and our mental health as well as foot or bike travel. If you haven't yet explored Daniel's Brook in Kingsway, then get down there! The vast majority of us find that time in green and wild spaces is great for our mental health and we have it right on our doorstep, for free - greenways of truth and life right in our midst.

What I am praying about

Sometimes it can feel like there is no way out. We are told that the gradual destruction of our planet, the demise of the NHS and our infrastructure are things we must just accept because of some sort of economic inevitability.

More and more of us get trapped with our interests online, in what are called 'rabbit holes' of ever narrower interests and outlooks. Perhaps we are lonely at home, isolated in our worry, fear and even judgement of others. And yet, when we meet each other and find ways to forgive we glimpse new hope and new life. Like at Pentecost, we begin to speak each other's language.

When we glimpse Christ in those encounters we can begin afresh. So this month I am praying for new beginnings and especially new beginnings together.

AMEN

Next Month ... We shall be producing our Bumper Summer Edition. This will cover the months of July and August. Due to technical issues on Fr. Hugh's computer please submit your articles to both Fr. Hugh & Jackie Hall jackiehall1854@gmail.com BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF 12th JUNE Thank You.

“Lights in their Own Generation”

A series celebrating, month by month, some of those who left a special mark on the history of the worldwide Christian Church.

***“Lights” that shine in June by
Fr. Ian Robb***



1st: Justin, Martyr at Rome. Justin was a teacher & philosopher who defended the Christian faith in Ephesus and in Rome, entering into serious debates with other philosophies, including Judaism. He was arrested in 165 AD and beheaded in a persecution of Christians in Rome.

9th: Columba of Iona Born in Ireland in 521, trained as a monk before leaving Ireland to set up a monastery on Iona, which became the starting point for the expansion of Christianity across Scotland.

11th: Barnabas the Apostle A Cypriot, who was a major benefactor to the Early Church in Jerusalem. He accompanied Paul on his visit to Cyprus, later returning to lead the Church there and to face martyrdom in 61AD.

15th: Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer Born in 1875, baptised & confirmed in the Church of England, she wrote extensively about the faith and was highly-regarded as a retreat conductor and spiritual director. Her best-known work, *“Worship”* on the mystery of faith, was published in 1936. She died in 1945.

22nd: Alban, First Martyr of England A Roman soldier in the city of Verulamium (now St Albans), he sheltered a Christian priest who was fleeing from persecution. Alban was deeply moved by the man's devotion & commitment and after many discussions he accepted the Christian faith and was baptised. When the priest's hiding-place was discovered, Alban dressed himself in the priest's robes and was arrested in his place, and refusing to renounce his faith he was beheaded. The year was 250AD; Alban was the first English martyr & his shrine stands today in the cathedral in the city which bears his name.

24th: The Birth of John the Baptist As recorded in the gospel of Luke. John was related to Jesus and set apart by God from before his birth to be the forerunner of the Messiah: “A voice, crying in the wilderness: 'prepare the way of the Lord'....”

29th Peter & Paul, Apostles Peter witnessed to the Lordship of Christ and the scholarly Paul developed an understanding of what it meant for all who believed. We remember them together on this day, the anniversary of their martyrdom in Rome in 64AD.

On a personal note:

On Saturday 1st July, Fr Ian will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. To mark the occasion there will be a Sung Eucharist for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit in St James at 12noon, to which you are all warmly invited. There will be refreshments after the service and to help the caterers we shall need to know how many to cater for; please keep an eye on the weekly newsheet for further details – and we look forward to seeing you there

Tea@2 Coronation Party





Everyone enjoyed our Coronation Party at Tea@2. There was a Coronation Quiz devised by Tricia, lots of lovely cake, sandwiches and a glass or two of lovely vino to wash it down with. Thank you to Tony Cockerton who gave the loyal toast, and to all our helpers Tricia, Lin, Ann, Pat, Keith and Carol who helped to make the event such a success.

Tea@2

Wednesday at 2.00pm—4.00pm

We are taking a short break over the summer months. Our last session is Wednesday 14th June and we are back on Wednesday September 13th. Hope you all have a great summer!

THE CHURCH'S HEALING MINISTRY



Healing, we might say, is what the Church's mission is all about. Healing wholeness, salvation - these three words embrace what God has achieved for us through the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

In spite of her many failings, the Church has always attempted to be God's obedient servant as a messenger of redemption, reconciliation and renewal for the humanity he created and recreated in Christ.



The New Testament shows us that Jesus' healing of the sick and casting out demons were vivid demonstrations of the coming of the kingdom; and his charge to continue that ministry in his name was part of his commission to the apostles. Through the ages the Church has responded by caring for the sick and troubled in so many different ways.

But like all its work, the healing ministry is always in need of renewal as the Holy Spirit leads us to learn afresh what the New Testament teaches us about this ministry, and to recognize new opportunities.

Our worship, here at St James, has always included prayers of intercession, in which we pray both individually and corporately, for those who are suffering, combining our love with God's love and our will with his will, so as to cooperate with him in fostering his kingdom.



Through Mark's initiative, we have a new opportunity to carry out one of the forms of Christian healing here at St. James each month.



The ministry of healing, with laying on of hands is to be offered at the main Sunday service, once a month, on the second Sunday, after receiving Holy Communion.

The first time we will do this is on June 11th. Mark has asked me to put together and train a small lay team to conduct this ministry.



For those who have never experienced this ministry, hands are usually placed gently on or side by side of a person's head, or on his or her shoulders and accompanying prayers said quietly and reverently. This form of touch can make a sick person feel less fearful or alone in their suffering.

Through this ministry we receive Jesus' love, strength and healing touch. What form that healing will take, we cannot tell.

It may be to help to carry us through a prolonged illness or disability; or a recovery more rapid than expected; or maybe a healing which is so unexpected that we immediately want to thank God.

Whatever, the healing ministry is for everyone; we all need healing in some way. It's here that Jesus meets us at our point of need.

Anointing is not usually regarded as a sacrament to be offered routinely as part of a Sunday service: it will continue to be offered and administered by a priest after the service for those who need or request it.

Should you feel that you do not have 'special gifts' in this way be reassured that we are all a precious and valuable part of Jesus Christ's healing ministry.



Every single one of us in our congregation at St James is part of this prayer ministry, through private and corporate intercession, in personal prayer and in services. Please pray for the team.

Gordon

Aid for Ukraine

Many of you will remember, indeed probably supported our fund raising event for families in Ukraine, held earlier this year.

Laura Bullivant who visits Ukraine on a regular basis has kindly sent us some photos of how the money raised has been used.

First, play equipment has been bought for the children's centre. This centre caters for those children with disabilities as well as a number of orphans.



With the money left over the first photo shows the amount of food and other provisions that have been purchased. I'm told there is flour, hygiene products, pasta, washing powder, nappies, soap, soup mix, cereal and also 100Kg of rice. All really basic stuff but very much needed.



Our second photo shows the establishment where some of our supplies will be taken. This establishment has almost 200 people living there. On one floor are mothers and children, another disabled people and the other IDP's (Internally displaced people) plus they have people coming in daily who need help.



The third photo shows the team that helps to distribute the provisions to the poorest in the village. Provisions are also sent to the children's centre to support them and their families. In the words of Laura as she writes from Ukraine:

" Honestly, it has made the biggest difference more than you will ever know X"



FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

April 23rd EMILY MAY CURTIS
30th AMBER MAC SILLS
May 3rd ELEANOR ROSE UDALL
21st WINNIE MARSH

"Welcome to the Lord's Family"

FUNERAL

May 22nd HUGH ROBERT PHILLIPS
"Rest Eternal grant to him O Lord"

Out and About with Revd. Mark and Dan



This month, I am writing about how proud I am of our son Dan, age 9.

Just before Christmas, Dan mentioned that he wanted to climb a mountain and I suggested Yr Wyddfa, Mt. Snowdon because it is certainly a 'proper' mountain experience.

From the outset Dan knew that we would need to train and he committed to no less than six full-day training hikes in our own beautiful region. He also wanted to raise money for the vital work of St James Church in our community.

For training we would often climb multiple local summits in a day to prepare for Snowdon. On a snowy and challenging day after Easter, Dan made it to the summit and even with a spring in his step. How much did he raise for the work of St James? No less than £600!

Thank you to all who sponsored Dan. Dan said 'I was so happy to get to the top, which was really satisfying after all the training. When we finally got down, I felt really proud to have managed it'.



We are SO proud of Dan's achievement. The amount he raised was amazing. A great example to us all, of what can be achieved if you set your mind to it. Well done Dan! - Editorial Team.



Open the Book

Our thanks to members of our Open the Book team who visit our local infant and primary schools. The team are very dedicated and spend many hours in rehearsals. The children in our schools love listening and watching stories from the bible being re-enacted by the team. We at Saint James' appreciate all you do. Our photo shows members of the team Left to right—Liz Keenan, Sue Parker, Pete Allen, Jane Rogers and Val Harris.

Coffee Morning Success

A Coffee Morning held at the end of April raised a staggering £500. Apart from copious cups of tea, coffee, cake being served the morning gave an opportunity to purchase craft items from the various stalls and try your luck on the raffle and tombola. Thanks go to everyone involved in organising this great event.



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Oxford University Press (OUP) continues centuries of tradition by producing King Charles III's Coronation Bible



Hi, my name is Harinath Reddy Ellanki and I work for Oxford University Press. I'm not involved in any way in making His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation Bible but as an OUP employee, I'm very proud to share this great news with you all.

OUP has had the honour of producing Coronation Bibles for many British monarchs—most recently for His Majesty's mother, Queen Elizabeth II, in 1953. The tradition of specially produced bibles for the Coronation Ceremony dates back to Edward VII in 1902.

OUP has a long history of bible publishing. In 1675 it was granted the right to print the King James Authorized Version of the Bible which, in 1611, was commissioned by King James VI and I to be translated from the original Greek and Hebrew by some of the country's leading biblical scholars. The first recorded use of an Oxford Bible was at the Coronation of George III in 1761.

The Bible produced for His Majesty's Coronation features typesetting based on the Quatercentenary Edition of the King James Authorized Version, published by OUP to mark the 400th anniversary in 2011. The Quatercentenary Edition was chosen for the Coronation to celebrate the significance of the translation, as well as to highlight its pivotal role in the histories both of the English language and of the United Kingdom.

This is once in a lifetime honour in anyone's career and the main OUP people involved in this project to make it a great success are Clare Hofmann (Design Manager), Thomas Perridge (Senior Acquisition Editor for Religion), Paul Lansdowne (Inventory, Procurement and Manufacturing). They faced many challenges such as finding appropriate tools, short time frame, design of the Bible are very few to mention. But the team came together and made this as a huge success and the completed Bibles were handed over to the Archbishop of Canterbury on 20 April, four days ahead of the requested date.

Nigel Portwood, CEO of Oxford University Press, said: 'We are honoured that the Archbishop of Canterbury chose OUP to produce the Bible for His Majesty's Coronation. At OUP, we are incredibly proud of our long history of bible production, dating back to the seventeenth century and forming the basis of our publishing activities for the years that followed. This Bible is an example of the fine craftsmanship and attention to detail of the Press and our colleagues at Shepherds, Sangorski & Sutcliffe, and CPI Printers.'

We are confident that it will be a fitting tribute to a momentous occasion in British history and we hope it will be cherished by His Majesty for many years to come.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: 'On this momentous occasion, the Bible will be the first, and most important, gift offered to The King. The Scriptures offer a guide and light to all – and I pray these living words will offer strength and encouragement to His Majesty.'



The Coronation Bible used in the service was retained by the Archbishop of Canterbury and placed in Lambeth Palace's archive alongside their collection of all four twentieth-century Coronation Bibles. OUP also produced three identical copies; the King's personal copy, which was given to him as a gift, and a further two for the archives of Westminster Abbey and Oxford University Press's head office in Oxford.



Dr Bike

The Dr. Bike event at Saint James' was a great success. A team of fully qualified mechanics were on hand to give advice, do overall maintenance checks and make sure bikes



Dan making a smoothie using pedal power



Revd. Mark examines a bike

were fit for the road. People took to *Face Book* praising the idea one person said 'I just want to say thank you. It was a great idea and very grateful for being shown

how to change an inner tube'. Another asked if we had any plans to hold more of these in the future. Even some of the refreshments were provided using 'pedal power'.

The 'Smoothie' bike was a great hit and instead of switching on the electricity, 'pedal power' was required to make a delicious smoothie drink.





June is the month where our financial accounts are open for inspection by the general public. The official timescale runs from Monday 5th June 2023 until Friday 14th July 2023. An inspection notice is now in the Town Council Office and if you want to view the accounts, you just need to make an appointment with the Town Clerk.

We hope you all enjoyed the Coronation Parade which was organised by Help if we Can, but supported and assisted by this council. It was certainly well attended, with record numbers of people at SV School afterwards. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a success. Another example of the community coming together.



Our Annual Meeting took place last month where the Chair and Vice Chair are voted in for another year.

This year things stayed the same with Cllr Steve Smith and Cllr G Smith remaining in post. We also celebrated long service awards for our staff. Mrs D Hughes was awarded her certificate for completing 23 years of service and Mrs B Aldridge, 21 years of service.

This council, as an employer, acknowledges the importance of loyal staff and as such we wanted to show our appreciation.



And finally, on the 4th June 2023 we are holding our annual Dog Show at the Kingsway Sports Pavilion ground. This is always a really fun, family affair and we welcome anyone who thinks their dog would like to take part.

There are loads of categories and prizes. Entries start from 10.00am and judging commences at 11.00am. There is small fee for entering your dog but free if you are just coming along to spectate.

A reminder to everyone that your Town Council Office is situated in the same retail park as Matalan. We are open Mondays – Fridays, 9.30am – 2.30pm. We are also available on email, Office@quedgeley-tc.gov.uk up until 5pm.

Services at Saint James' Church Quedgeley

You are warmly invited to...

Morning Prayer - 9.15am daily during term time

Holy Communion - Wednesday 10.00am

Holy Communion - Sunday 10.30AM except for the first Sunday in the month when said Communion is at 9.15am.

STJ'S Family Service - First Sunday in the month 10.30am

JAM - Every Sunday at 5pm – 6pm



St. James and St. Mary Magdalene Quedgeley & Kingsway

The JaM Sessions

YOUR INVITATION

Every Sunday, 5-6pm @St James Kingsway and Quedgeley, teens or any age. Music, Singing, Food & Fun!



Together we work out what church is for and grow in friendship

0800 804 8044
DailyHOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Saint James' Church
Quedgeley & Kingsway

Summer Fair
Saturday 10th June
12 noon - 4 pm

School Lane Quedgeley
Glos GL2 4PN

Assortment of stalls!

Bouncy Castle

Raffle

Cakes

Plant Stall

Q Club Ice creams

Tombola

Music

Refreshments

A visit from Shortie from 2pm

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