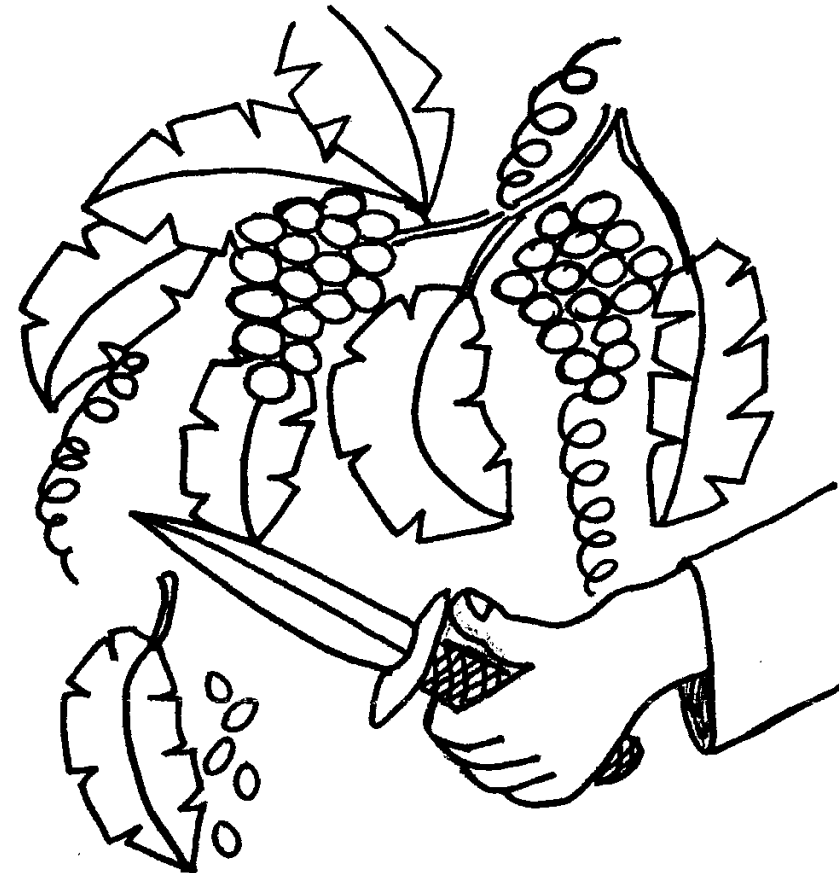


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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

LIBYA AND PLACES

The awful situation in Libya appears to entering its end game as I write. Gaddafi is in hiding, and the opposition has taken control of Tripoli. What will happen for quite a long time (as it has done and is doing in Afghanistan and other places) is that an insurgency will arise, and the ousted regime and its supporters will bomb, kill, and maim many more innocent people.

When there is tyranny in a country then any attempt to challenge it or overthrow it will always lead to a worsening of the situation as it has done in Libya, and even in Syria. Should this stop concerned nations from intervening? I am in a quandary because the Christian ideal is to love even our enemy, yet it is hard to stand idly by.

And then I look at places like Zimbabwe and China where there is also persecution of those who think differently from the governing authority. Yet we do not get involved. There are other countries in the Arab world which we similarly leave alone. Something doesn't add up.

Maybe it is all to do with economics. There is oil in Libya so we want to liberate it, but China is a significant trading partner. Many of the countries experiencing drought and starvation presently have sufficient food and other resources to feed their people, yet the corrupt government seek to keep the folk cowed by keeping them hungry. We also leave them alone.

THE RIOTS

And our own country has not been without its own problems lately. There are those who take the view that the courts are treating the looters and rioters very harshly. Well, the ones who aren't corporate looters, that is. When it comes to bankers and the like taking huge bonuses, that seems to be alright. The lad who got six months prison for taking a £3.50 Bottle of water puts this into great contrast. It really does beg the question as to why we acquiesce to those who make wealth (as it seems the bankers claim to do) taking huge amounts of money and large

pension pots for their pains, while those who can't find work, or who have to take very low paid jobs, receive very little.

The Christian response to this will come from both ends of the political spectrum, but most commentators agree that reducing costs on the public purse by reducing services will not ease the situation at all, but rather it will exacerbate it. Young people of all colours and all backgrounds will feel disaffected if they are left with nothing constructive or gainful to do. And when they see bankers and their ilk, and even some MPs getting away with taking lots of money they will start to think they have a right to some too.

Christians, in my humble opinion, should speak up for the disaffected and the poor, and against those who accrue fortunes while others exhaust themselves to survive.

Unfortunately, when this is said out loud, those who say it lay themselves open to accusations of not knowing what they are talking about. People of all faiths need to read up and learn from the history of these matters and not listen solely to the politicians. There is a noble tradition of Christian activism in the social sector, and many slum priests of the past and present are testament to this.

END OF HOLIDAYS

It is the nearly the end of the summer holidays for many families and their children, and school will begin again in a few days. It is time to look forward to our harvest thanksgiving, which we will celebrate with a fish and chip supper with bingo, followed by our Harvest Festival on 11 September. Please be generous in the gifts you offer that day. The non-perishables will be given to the food bank, and on the Sunday evening we will hold a Harvest Praise at 6pm followed by bread and cheese and a harvest auction, the proceeds of which will go to the East Africa appeal.

**Yours in Christ
Fr Alan**

BISHOP DAVID'S LETTER

At the point when I was first seeking to respond to God's calling me to ordained ministry a wise priest said to me, "David, clergy are like horse manure - spread thinly they get the garden growing, but piled up all together they just make a stink!" It was an old joke even thirty years ago, but it's one I remember whenever I'm off to attend the House of Bishops or General Synod, and it has come to mind again as we get ready this month for the first Diocesan Clergy Conference we have had in my time in Worcester.

Like most of the jokes that pass the test of time, it has a grain of truth in it. The Church's licensed and ordained ministers are called to spend the vast majority of their time in their parishes and chaplaincies, growing the Church and Kingdom through their distinctive contribution to the ministry of all the baptised that is God's mission. And I've spent more hours of my life than I care to recall in clergy meetings that have descended into either competitive bragging, "my ministry is more fruitful than yours", or communal whinging about difficult funeral directors, over-demanding bishops and the intricacies of the Faculty system.

Also, like most good jokes, it's an exaggeration.

I'll be packing my bags later this month with a real sense of excitement and expectation. I'm looking forward to spending several days in the company of a large body of people deeply committed to living and proclaiming the Christian Faith and to responding to what the Holy Spirit is up to in the Diocese of Worcester. As we share our individual stories, I'll be looking to recognise the common themes and patterns that are the clues to where the most significant opportunities and challenges are arising, and hence where a Bishop's contribution can be most effective. I'll be enjoying praying with a body of people who, more commonly, I am praying for. And whilst the formal sessions and worship will be vital ingredients of the event, I'll also be looking forward to the informal chats and socialising that strengthen the friendships among us and so underpin the more formal occasions when I meet with our clergy and lay workers back in the Diocese.

So please pray for the Conference, for all who will be attending it, that we will be inspired both by God and each other, and return to Worcester strengthened for the time ahead.

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UNLOCKING THE GATES TO THE GARDEN OF LOVE

Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the sanctuary is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is bound by the oath.’ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the sanctuary that has made the gold sacred? And you say, ‘Whoever swears by the altar is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is on the altar is bound by the oath.’ How blind you are! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So whoever swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; and whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the one who dwells in it; and whoever swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by the one who is seated upon it.

May I speak in the name of the Divine Trinity
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

It seemed to me that there is a lot of swearing in our Gospel reading this morning. Now, if I were lecturing at a theological college, I could have a lot of fun with that, but the sort of language I would need to illustrate it would not be appropriate to this holy and beautiful place. Instead, something else leapt out at me – “You who shut up the kingdom of

heaven in men's faces, neither going in yourselves, nor allowing others to go in who want to".

It's a pretty bracing image, isn't it? And maybe some of us recognise in that awful picture of jealousy and small-mindedness, ourselves. It made me think of a poem by William Blake. Poetry scares me, but this one stuck in my mind many years ago, and here it is:

The Garden of Love

I went to the Garden of Love,
And saw what I never had seen:
A Chapel was built in the midst,
Where I used to play on the green.

And the gates of this Chapel were shut,
And "Thou shalt not" writ over the door;
So I turn'd to the Garden of Love
That so many sweet flowers bore;

And I saw it was filled with graves,
And tomb-stones where flowers should be;
And Priests in black gowns were walking their rounds,
And binding with briars my joys & desires.

Sometimes I think I can see Mr Blake's sad face as he gazes through the railings at something that once was beautiful, and thinks of all his joys and desires that others want to suffocate and hurt. Of course, the modern mind – perhaps it was ever thus - thinks of sex when it hears about "joys and desires", but, for a change, something quite different came to my mind.

I was making a funeral visit, preparing the order of service, with the daughter and only child of a lady who had lived into her late nineties and been away with the fairies for most of the last decade. She was one of those for whom Heaven would not have been a surprise. Her late husband had been a war hero, literally the man who went down with the ship, having tried his best to send everyone else to safety. For years after grateful colleagues would knock at her door and offer their thanks that he

had saved their lives. “Of course, I couldn’t let them in”, she used to say, “What would the neighbours think?”

She and her daughter – the lady I was visiting – were evacuated to Oxford during that war, along with other members of their family, from London. I heard tales of marvellous family parties, singing round the piano. And every time, the last song was “Maybe It’s Because I’m a Londoner”.

We got to a sticky bit in the order of service – what music to have at the end? My friend was quite exhausted by now, and said “Oh, let’s just have what we had at the start, or let the organist do whatever he likes”. I said, “What about “Maybe It’s Because I’m a Londoner”?” She said “Oh no, I don’t think that would be appropriate”. I said “Why ever not?” “Well, it wouldn’t be allowed” I straightened up to the full height of my pomposity and said, “I’m taking the service, whatever I allow, is allowed”. “But I don’t have a recording”. “I’m a Londoner, I do”

At the end of that service at the Crematorium, she led her children and grandchildren singing that happy song, indeed, positively dancing, out of the chapel. I confess, I joined in.

Just for once, though I was indeed in a black gown, and I was walking my round, I had managed to kick open the door, take “Thou Shalt Not” from the lintel, and dig up the briars. And it felt marvellous.

Alas for you, scribes, and Pharisees, and hypocrites, who choose to stand guard over a locked door. Hear the voice of the Good News which says: Kick it down, replant those sweet flowers, and shed your black gowns, because the garden is meant for Love, and let God show you there is a world of joy and delight that you are missing out on.

Let God show you.

*Richard Haggis
Littlemore, Oxford
August 2011*

Fr Alan was at Theological College with Fr Richard, and this is reproduced with his permission. Please take a look at Richard’s online blog at <http://rhgiles.blogspot.com/> for more wise thoughts

ANSWERS TO JULY QUIZ

1. Reading
2. Stoke-on-Trent
3. Bury
4. Ayr
5. Windsor
6. Alloa
7. Minehead
8. Kings Lynn
9. Cowes
10. Newark
11. Selby
12. Poole
13. Sevenoaks
14. Whitchurch
15. Ripon
16. Egham
17. Leek
18. Lincoln
19. Worcester
20. Bangor

*The Chocolates were won by Lyn Jenkins.
The Wine went to Sheila and Colin Hill.*

SEPTEMBER QUIZ – BRITISH TOWNS

- 1 You may have this for lunch or tea
- 2 A convenient place to stop
- 3 Dark pond
- 4 Do this with playing cards
- 5 In this place, a shallow water crossing
- 6 Part of a ship
- 7 First lady's bacon
- 8 Replacement fort

- 9 His plot
- 10 Kind of sole
- 11 Posh London Hotel
- 12 Place of worship at Pentecost
- 13 Two places where animals shelter
- 14 Sounds like a cowboy film
- 15 Old testament King's fruit
- 16 Thin crossing place
- 17 Skin of an ox
- 18 Sainly summit
- 19 Entrance for sheep
- 20 What the one in front does

Thank you Lyn. Answers to the usual place, please.

A SPIDER'S TALE

Two spiders met in Church. The first spider said "I can't find anywhere comfortable and quiet in this Church. It's noisy in the organ loft, it's not peaceful in the choir stalls and if I settle in the dark corner of the pews it isn't long before someone comes along with a broom and sweeps me out." The second spider said "you had better come and join me in the offertory box, I haven't been disturbed for months."

Submitted by Lillian Pearson.

THE WAY

We live upon an earthly plain
But long for heavenly things.
Our hearts and mind explore the ways
to find the King of Kings
For though on earth we cannot break
The bond that holds us fast
And we with all the saints are called
Each day as in the past.

Thus do we tread the surest WAY
Prepared by Him before,
And as he calls us on and on
I'll trust and love Him more.
His captive I, His promise mine,
"For you there'll be a place."
And sure it is through His great love
And his abundant grace.

*By Gwen of Westland Gardens
John 14.2,3*

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2011

The day when we are encouraged to invite people to come back to church is becoming a regular feature of our church year. Over 100,000 people came back to Church last year across the country. Statistics show that in participating churches an average congregation increased by over 20%; that figure was 40% in the Diocese of Worcester. We were ranked 3rd out of 58 participating dioceses and other denominational groups, for the number of churches taking part.

St Barnabas with Christ Church in Worcester has been participating in Back to Church Sunday for several years with mixed results but felt that last year it made a perfect focus for showcasing the work going on in the parish. St Barnabas celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2010, which gave opportunity to reflect on the successes of the past and also launch an ambitious plan to re-develop the back of Church to help safeguard the future, developing mission and vision. One year on there's much to celebrate but still much to do.

In preparation for Back to Church Sunday, a questionnaire, based on the marks of a healthy church, is being sent out to everyone on the electoral roll. People are also invited to send back ideas and a view of what is going well and what needs to be developed in the parish. An invitation also encourages everyone to come to St Barnabas on September 25th to share in the worship-centred discussion and stay on for lunch

afterwards. The archdeacon will be on hand to work through the results of that with people at a special evening afterwards.

The 25th will also be a chance for the congregation to meet Rick Tett, the new Community Missioner, who will be based at the Tolladine vicarage. Rick will be helping develop a Christian Community House as a focus for hospitality and Christian presence in the locality.

Meanwhile at Christ Church in Tolladine on the 25th, there will be a Harvest Service with Harvest lunch to follow, linked into a newly launched monthly After School Club at nearby Gorse Hill School which is one of three schools that the Church has been visiting for three years leading weekly "Open the Book" Assemblies. The Club will be making Harvest decorations for the Tolly Centre which houses Christ Church. The previous week though, a similar club kicking off in St. Barnabas School will link with a re-launch of children's and youth work at St Barnabas for the new school year. Known as BBatS (Barney's Bunch at School) they will link with the all age service on the 18th, or "BBatS to Church Sunday"!

The Revd. Peter Haddleton, Rector of the Parish says, 'September marks a new start for us in lots of ways. We feel sure Rick Tett and his family will connect with many in our community for whom the Church has seemed irrelevant. In other ways, there is much good will towards the Church here; and we want everyone to feel they can contribute to our vision of the Church being right at the heart of our community. This year, Back to Church Sunday gives us an ideal way to knit together these different but complementary strands of mission.'

Look out for what your own church is doing for Back to Church Sunday. Sam Setchell would love to hear what you make of it. Please contact Sam at ssetchell@cofe-worcester.org

'CONFIDENCE IN OUR CALLING'

The Diocesan Clergy Conference takes place at High Leigh Conference Centre in Hertfordshire (part of the Swanwick family of Christian conference centres) this month from September 26th until the 29th.

The theme of the conference will be 'Confidence in our Calling'. Its purpose is to encourage and refresh clergy in their calling so that they

might the more effectively minister in God's Church. They will be assisted in this by keynote speakers the Revd. Prof. Alister McGrath, Ann Morisy, Andrew Dilnot and Cathy Ross, who will be leading a daily Bible study. The speakers will reflect on faith from various perspectives and help clergy to stand up for it in a sceptical and sometimes hostile environment. Clergy will also engage in group discussions and attend workshops and seminars on subjects ranging from stress-busting to financial planning, use of technology in worship and senses in praying, drama and caring for the environment. There'll also be entertainment and a time to relax!

Bishop John commented, 'These fast changing times provide great opportunity as well as challenge for clergy. I hope and pray that this Conference will encourage and refresh us all in our particular calling. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to be together to seek God's inspiration and guidance. I hope that it will also be a very enjoyable time for everyone who comes'.

The end of the conference will also see the 2020 Group launching the 'Kingdom people' resources to help us all in our parishes discern together where God is leading us in mission for the decade ahead.

Canon Robert Jones, who has led the planning group said 'It is refreshing and inspiring to come together as clergy and take a good look at our work together in a more relaxed way, stepping back from the parish. We are looking forward to being together with colleagues from our links abroad and returning to our ministry and parishes with renewed strength and confidence in our calling.'

A special prayer for the Conference written by the Bishop's Chaplain, the Revd Lizzie Shipp.

Almighty Father,
you have called us to be priests
and ministers in your Church:
help us to hold fast to you
through prayer and work.
Give us confidence in your calling,
that we might prefer nothing to your work:
that you may be glorified
and the world sanctified,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ECO VICARAGES

In line with the our diocesan policy to reduce our negative environmental impact on the planet, two new 'Zero Carbon' vicarages are now being built in the Diocese of Worcester. As the Archbishop of Canterbury has said "For the Church of the 21st century, good ecology is not an optional extra but a matter of justice. It is therefore central to what it means to be a Christian".

Redditch and Kingswinford are the sites of a new generation of 'Eco Vicarages'. They are being built to a completely green specification - putting environmental considerations at the top of the priority list..

These vicarages are being built from low carbon materials, for example recycled aggregate concrete blocks for the walls and a slate roof, and are designed to require the minimum amount of energy to run. Recycled newspaper is used to insulate the loft and the windows are triple glazed. No central heating boilers will be fitted, the heat being provided by solar gain and that generated by the occupants; the houses have high levels of air tightness. Hot water will be provided by solar panels on the roof and electricity by electricity generating panels. There will also be a rainwater collection system for flushing the toilets and supplying the outside taps and the landscaping of each site will be designed from an environmental point of view.

Mark Wild, the Diocesan Surveyor, said: "We are leading the way in alternative vicarage design and the recent visit from other diocesan surveyors and property managers underlines this. Building the vicarages in this way demonstrates our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint. We anticipate that it will cost around £100 to heat the house for a year compared to £2000 for many of our current vicarages."

The cost of these new vicarages is being financed from the sale of existing houses, which were no longer viable as vicarages, in terms of layout and cost to run, or were not needed as there are fewer clergy.

Experience of building in an eco-friendly manner has already been gained through the development of the Archdeacon of Worcester's office. This was built as an extension to his home to similarly green specifications. However, the two vicarages will be the first complete houses to be built in this manner.

If you wish to know more about the Diocesan Environmental Policy, or find out how you can make a difference, please go to:

<http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/EF/82>

THE BIG BIBLE STUDY

The King James Bible is a book that changed the world; its phrases are on the lips of millions, its cadences the music of English literature. In America it inspired the rhetoric of politicians from Abraham Lincoln to Martin Luther King, and has thus been a potent weapon in the struggle for freedom and social justice.

The King James Bible was the culmination of an heroic 80 year struggle to give the English people a Bible in their own tongue. William Tyndale (1494-1536) was the first to translate the New Testament from the original Greek. It was a capital crime to render the words of scripture into English and after publishing further editions of his New Testament, and an incomplete Old Testament, Tyndale was arrested by the agents of Sir Thomas More and burned at the stake. But his dream of creating a Bible that could be understood by the simplest ploughboy had been realised. Ironically, just two years later Henry VIII commissioned the first authorized translation of the Bible into English. The compiler of this 'Great Bible', Myles Coverdale, relied heavily on Tyndale's work, whose phrases were now part of the English language.

Events to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible have been going on all year across the country. On 24 September, as part of the anniversary year, the Big Bible Study will be hosted at Worcester Cathedral. The ecumenical event will involve two different styles of bible study, which look at modern versions of the scriptures, and will be led by Bishop John, along with the Roman Catholic Archbishop for Birmingham, Bernard Longley.

Sue Adeney, part of the organising group, explains the structure of the Big Bible study morning at the Cathedral: "We'll be starting at 10am with a dialogue between the Bishop and Archbishop on the impact of scripture on our culture and the life of our churches. After this we'll split into groups of around 15 people which will be spread throughout the

Cathedral and will look at the passage using a meditative approach known as Lectio Divina. There'll then be a second address which will lead into use of the imagination in engaging with the scriptures from an Ignation perspective, concluding with an invitation to people to enter into a Bible scene using this method. The whole process will be directed centrally the bishops, there will be no group leaders.”

Following the bible study there will be a period of responsive worship after which participants can stay to share in a picnic lunch together. There will also be a marketplace of bible organisations and hopefully a parallel opportunity for children and young people to participate. The University of Sheffield Theology Department will be staging an exhibition in the Cathedral on the day.

Churches are encouraged to bring a group and maybe invite those who normally do not participate in Bible study groups. The shared picnic lunch will give churches an opportunity to share a meal together afterwards and maybe have a look at what the Cathedral has on offer like a trip up the tower or a tour.

Sue continues: “We hope that this will be a refreshing approach to bible study and a wonderful way of rediscovering the bible alongside our fellow Christians from other churches”.

If you think that you would like to attend, please email: BBS@worcestercathedral.org.uk

END-TIME PROPHET (AND MESSIAH'S MUM) JOANNA SOUTHCOTT

IN A SECRET LOCATION somewhere in England lies a box. Inside are the revelations of Joanna Southcott, which may only be read when every bishop of the Church of England assembles to open it. Which is a shame, because they're said to contain very important information about the end of the world.

Joanna Southcott was a Devon upholsterer and end-time prophet born in 1750. Till the age of 42 she was nothing more exciting than a Methodist, but then she started getting messages from God and issuing

thousands of paper “seals” guaranteeing salvation. She also wrote prophetic poems and published 65 books.

But the best stuff was put in the box until “all twenty-four bishops of the Church” should come and read it. Evidently the apocalypse is easier to foresee than the expansion of the episcopate.

At 64, Southcott announced that she was pregnant with the new Messiah and her followers made a magnificent cot for him. She went into labour on 25 December 1814 and cried out that the child was being born through her side. “Thus the ethereal invisible body was taken by angels back to the Throne of God.” She died two days later, saying in her will that she had been deluded by the Devil.

Her following thrived and in 1927, after a bus advertising campaign, a psychic researcher decided to arrange a meeting in London for press and bishops, and the Southcottians apparently gave him the box. Only the suffragan Bishop of Grantham came, but figuring it was as good as they were going to get, they opened the box. Inside, they found a romantic novel, a French court calendar, a pistol, a night cap and a dice cup.

The Southcottians said they'd got the wrong box, and they guard the true one, along with the cot, in a secret location to this day. They also offer one-inch square bits of cloth, as God instructed Southcott, with the power to heal all ailments and personality problems – but they suggest users remain under the care of a doctor.

With thanks to the Ship of Fools website ©

SAINT OF THE CHURCH

Allen Gardiner – Commemorated on 6 September

Born at Basildon near Wallingford in Berkshire in 1794, Allen Gardiner entered the Royal Naval College in Portsmouth in 1808 and went to sea two years later. He served in many parts of the world and saw action most notably in 1813 when he earned distinction for his part in the capture of an American frigate off the coast of Chile. A successful naval officer, he had reached the rank of commander when he resigned from the service in 1826.

Brought up in a Christian family, Gardiner's faith had been 'on old' until the death of his mother while he was away at sea when he began a process of his rediscovery of the truth of Christianity. A visit to South America on HMS Dauntless in 1821 first aroused an interest and concern for the indigenous peoples of that continent, for so long abused and exploited by Europeans. He made the decision to devote his life to mission work and, following the death of his first wife Julia in 1834, he set out to work among the Zulus of South Africa. But attacks on Zulu territory by the Boers made effective mission work impossible and with his second wife Elizabeth he sought new spheres for missionary service.

He and his family went first to South America, crossing the continent overland by pack mule from Buenos Aires to Santiago distributing Scripture. But he made little headway with the suspicious Indians who regarded English missionaries with the same hostility as their Spanish conquerors. Gardiner's next project was in Papua New Guinea, but the hostility of its Dutch rulers frustrated this plan.

But Gardiner's vision for South America remained and to further it he founded the Patagonian Missionary Society in 1844. A Bible-distributing mission to the Gran Chaco in 1845 aroused the hostility of the local Roman Catholics so he turned to the far south. A preliminary expedition in 1847 convinced him that it was right to target Tierra del Fuego, where he returned with companions in 1850. But native hostility and the lack of food in this remote area doomed the expedition to starvation. Gardiner died on Picton Island probably on 6 September 1851, four months before the arrival of HMS Dido, which buried Gardiner and retrieved his journal, which was still in his hands and in which he had written the words, 'Let not this mission fail'. An answer to this prayer became apparent as the Patagonian Missionary Society was revitalized by news of Gardiner's tragic death. In 1864 it was renamed the South American Missionary Society and became the Church of England's principal channel of mission to that continent.

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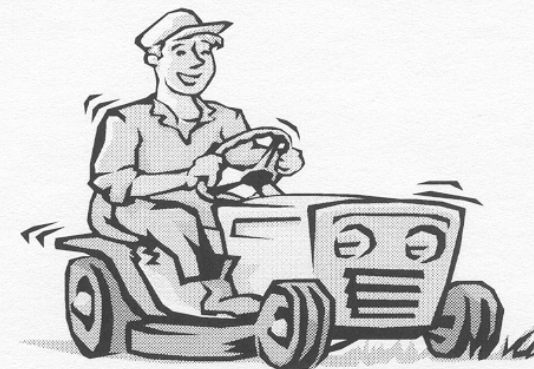
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19	Ellen Finch	
20	David Eric Watkins (1984)	
22	Harry Aston (1999)	
23	Norman Clegg (1986)	Emma Thornes
24	Gladys May Saunders (1998)	
27	Mark Jones (1990)	Mary Withnell
28	Katharina Dubois (1949)	Mary Foxall
	Edith Lacy (2004)	Raymond Thomas James Slack (2006)
	Laura Jane Walters	
29	Edith Winifred Loveridge (1981)	
	Charles Benjamin Saunders (1998)	
	Lily May Haden	
31	Leslie Reed (2008)	June Hawkes
	Ada Richardson	

YEAR'S MIND FOR SEPTEMBER

1	William Bowen (2000)	Marion Daniels
2	Thomas Worrall (1979) Clifford Noman Brookes	Win Watkins (1990)
3	Dennis Charnock	
5	Janice Colebourn (1995) Tom Harding	Ann Coy (2001)
6	Albert Hill (1984)	
8	Kathleen Mary Nation (1995)	Theo Harper
9	Ethel Williams	
11	Denis Smart	
12	Mark Olaf Jonsson (1964)	Dora Isobel Hewins
13	James Edward Worton	Mary Forrest (1986)
14	Ivy Coleman	
16	Rose Powell (1988) Bernard Wilkinson	George Willam Furness
17	Joseph Henry Woodall (1978)	
18	Ann Eliza Smith (1952) Hazel Norton (2005) Eirlys Jenkins	Clarence McLean (1981) Moirra Marian Parkes
19	Syd Taylor (1979) Paul Edward Johnson	Eric S Taylor;
20	Annie Lafon (1999) Doris Rock	Alice Mullet
21	Sybil Mary Walters (2002) Eunice Cope	Frank Biddlestone (2009)
22	Kenneth Moore (2009)	
23	Christine Menday (2009)	
24	Dorothy Tolley Alf Withers	William Schofield;
26	Ena Daulman (2004)	
28	Joseph Henry Woodhall (1977)	
29	Evelyn Kendrick (2005)	Rod Skidmore
30	Mavis Tranter (2005)	

CHURCH KALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710*
2 *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942*
3 *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604*
4 **THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
5 *John Bradburne of Mutenwa, Franciscan Third Order, 1979*
6 *Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851*
7 *Brother Douglas, Franciscan First Order Friar, 1957*
8 **The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9 *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*
10 *Feria*
11 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
12 *Feria*
13 *John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*
14 **Holy Cross Day**
15 *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*
16 *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432 /*
Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882
17 **The Stigmata of St Francis, 1224**
Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179
18 **THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
19 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*
20 *John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871*
21 **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
22 *Feria*
23 *Feria*
24 *Feria*
25 **THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
26 *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942*
27 *Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660*
28 *Feria*
29 **Michael and All Angels**
30 *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420*

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

MASS	EVENSONG
4 SEPTEMBER	TRINITY 11
Ezekiel 33.7-11	Psalm 108
Psalm 119.33-40	Ezekiel 12.21 – 13.16
Romans 13.8-end	Acts 19.1-20
Matthew 18.15-20	
11 SEPTEMBER	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Deuteronomy 8.7-18	Psalm 119.41-48
Psalm 65	Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44
2 Corinthians 9.6-end	Acts 20.17-end
Luke 12.16-30	
18 SEPTEMBER	TRINITY 13
Jonah 3.10 – end of chapter 4	Psalm 119.121-128
Palm 145.1-8	Ezekiel 33.23,30 – 34.10
Philippians 1.21-end	Acts 26.1,9-25
Matthew 20.1-16	
25 SEPTEMBER	TRINITY 14
Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end	Psalm 124
Psalm 25.1-8	Ezekiel 37.15-end
Philippians 2.1-13	I John 2.22-end
Matthew 21.23-32	
29 SEPTEMBER (thur)	MICHAELMASS
Revelation 12.7-12	Psalm 138, 148
Psalm 103.19-end	Daniel 10.4-end
Hebrews 1.5-end	Revelation 5
John 1.47-end	

MASS	EVENSONG
2 OCTOBER	S FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Micah 6.6-8	Psalm 136.1-9
Psalm 100	Proverbs 2.1-11
Galatians 6.14-end	I John 2.1-17
Luke 12.2-34	
9 OCTOBER	TRINITY 16
Isaiah 25.1-9	Psalm 139.1-11
Psalm 23	Proverbs 3.1-18
Philippians 4.1-9	I John 3.1-15
Matthew 22.1-14	
16 OCTOBER	LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Acts 16.1-12a	Psalm 103
Psalm 147.1-7	Isaiah 61.1-6
2 Timothy 4.5-17	Colossians 4.7-end
Luke 10.1-9	
23 OCTOBER	BIBLE SUNDAY
Nehemiah 8.1-12	Psalm 119.89-104
Psalm 119.9-16	Isaiah 55.1-11
Colossians 3.12-17	Luke 4.14-20
Matthew 24.30-35	
30 OCTOBER	ALL SAINTS' DAY
Revelation 7.9-end	Psalms 148, 150
Psalm 34.1-10	Isaiah 65.17-end
I John 3.1-3	Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2
Matthew 5.1-12	

GAZETTE MARCH TO AUGUST 2011

HOLY BAPTISM

6 March: Connor James NIXON, age 6 months, Hollybush Lane

3 April: Ethan William Andrew SYKES, age 8 months, Bague Walk, BH
Zoe May CLARKE, age 3½, Hamilton Avenue, Wollaston
Abbie Jayne Brenda CLARKE, age 16 months, Hamilton Ave
James Joseph PEARCE, age 7 months, Ardingley Walk

Easter Day: Lilly-May Florence LAWLEY, age 2 months, Bissell Way
Cameron Paul SMART, age 1yr, Waterfall Road

15 May: Lucy-Rose HIPKISS, age 17 months, Hammond Way
Lauren Emily-Mae REEVES, age 6yrs, Bewlay Close
Finnlay Martin GRAINGER, age 18 months, Speedwell Gardens

12 June: Lisa GRAZIER, age 24yrs, Churchward Close

19 June: Jack Mark MALPASS, age 6 months, Church Avenue

3 July: Lily Mae BAKER, age 6 months, The Breeze, BH

7 August: Thomas James TROTH, age 4 months, Tamar Rise
Dylan Anthony Dennis BILLS, age 15 months, Tile Croft, SB
Daisy-Mai Amelia BILLS, age 6 weeks, Tile Croft, SB

21 August: Emily STRINGER, age 6 months, Quincy Rise

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

March

Thomas James DIPPLES & Emma JEWKES (Wollaston on 16 April)

April

Matthew Joseph KITCHING & Shane MILLER (Oldswinford on 28 May)

May

Richard Frank EAGLES & Sarah Louise WORRALL (Claverley 18 June)

Jonathan Charles BOWEN & Claire HAMILTON (Kinver 25 June)

June

Marc James POWELL & Glynis Eireen MILTON (Kinver 5 August)

Jamie Alan PICKEN and Charlotte Elizabeth JACKSON (Hagley 9 July)

Adam Benjamin KITTO & Holly BROWN (Hagley 29 July)

July

Dale Michael PRIEST & Sarah Jane BARKER (Oldswinford 5 August)

Jonathan Peter DUDLEY & Jennifer WORTHINGTON (Sedgley 6 Aug)

Mitchell Grant COLLIS & Kathryn Ann HAUGHTHEY (Shrawley 8 Sept)

HOLY MATRIMONY

11 June: Lee Peter CADMAN & Nicola Michelle BUTCHER

23 June: Carl Asa EVANS & Kerry Louise PARKES

30 July: Mervyn SHEPHERD & Anne HARTSHORNE

FUNERAL SERVICE IN CHURCH

27 June: Pamela WOODS, age 68 years, Harlestones Road

18 August: Jean CROSBY, age 67 years, Church Avenue

SERVICES AT CREMATORIUM

29 March: Richard John ALFORD, age 66 years

14 April: Olive BILLINGHAM, age 93 years

16 May at Gornal: George HILL, age 85 years

11 August: George William PREEDY, Age 83 years

INTERMENT OF ASHES

2 July: John William MULANEY

16 August: George William PREEDY



WEEKLY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS

8am	Low Mass
10am	SOLEMN MASS (<i>inc Baptisms 3rd Sunday of the month</i>) (2nd Sunday of the month – PARADE MASS)
12noon	Holy Baptism (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
5pm	alt.worship Mass on last Sunday of the month
6pm	Solemn Evensong (4th Sunday of the month includes Benediction)

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer	9.00am:	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat
Evening Prayer	4.30pm:	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri
Low Mass	11.00am:	Monday
	9.30am:	Wednesday

Other occasions as announced

OTHERS

1st Tuesday at 11am	Mass in Brettell Lane Day Centre.
2nd Tuesday at 11am	Mass in Comberton NH
3rd Tuesday at 11am	Mass in The Brambles NH
3rd Tuesday at 2.15pm	Service in Hollybush House NH

MAJOR FEAST DAYS

Solemn Mass at 7.30pm followed by Buffet Reception.

REGULAR EVENTS

Bell Ringing	Friday 7.30pm.
Choir practice	Some Fridays at 7.30pm
Trinity Cares and Toddlers	Thursdays in term time 1.30pm in the Hall.
Mothers' Union	3rd Thursday in the month as per schedule
Amblecote Ladies Club	1st Wednesday in the month at 7.45pm in the Hall.
Kneeler Group	2nd Monday of the month at 2.00pm. See notice in Church for whereabouts.
Men's Society	Bi-monthly as announced

