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EXCALIBUR MAGAZINE

EDITOR - **Rob Sage** see opposite

From the Rectory

Later in this edition you will find details of services arranged so far during August. I am pleased to be able to begin in this way and indeed we have already had the initial post lockdown service in the benefice, a Communion service on Sunday 19th July at St Mary's Compton Pauncefoot.

It has not been possible at this stage to restore all of the monthly services across the Group held pre-lockdown. Our return is a phased one. However, if a service in the Group which you regularly attended is not included in the August schedule you are of course most welcome to attend any other service within the Group. However, it would be appreciated if you could let a churchwarden know that you are planning to come to a service vou do not normally come to as the churches now have limited capacity due to the need for social distancing.

Equally, however, we recognise that there are a number of you who will continue to need to be very careful in respect of what public activities you are able to participate in. For this reason our electronic magazine Cutting Edge Camelot will continue as before for the whole of August and indeed the plan is to continue it beyond this date.

As I thought about the complexities of our return and all the various



safety measures which we need to take I was reminded of the account in the Bible of how the ancient people of Israel returned to their land following fifty years of exile in Babylon.

One account of this comes in Psalm 126. It is most likely that the context in which this psalm was written was indeed the return from exile although it can also apply to any time in which our fortunes have been at a low ebb and where we find God coming to the rescue of His people.

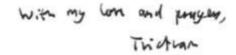
What were their emotions on this occasion? First of all undoubtedly joy, 'our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy'.

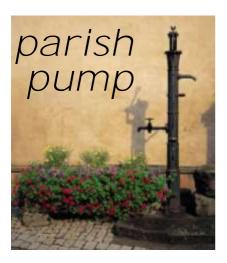
And yet their position was still very precarious. The exiles came back to a scene of devastation. Jerusalem their capital city had been destroyed. But the surrounding towns and cities also lay in ruins while the countryside was no longer prosperous agricultural land but had gone to waste in the past 50 years or so.

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So as well as rejoicing they needed to pray earnestly 'Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.' And they needed to make a start on the hard, indeed daunting task of rebuilding. They will 'sow in tears'. And yet God's promise is that 'Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.'

We can learn much from this experience of patient and faithful waiting. They were both joyful and yet knew that there was more to come. They prayed that God would do His part and yet they knew that they in their turn needed to do theirs so that in time the joy of harvest might come.





Excalibur

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, hand delivery of the Excalibur magazine is no longer possible. While the restrictions remain in place an electronic version of Excalibur will be placed on the Camelot Parishes website each month.

To compensation for the interruption in delivery of the paper magazine, the amount requested for next year's Excalibur subscription will be reduced.

Note to Advertisers

Some adverts, particularly those for village halls that are now closed, have been removed to make space and reduce the size of Excalibur.

As Excalibur is now only being published online, all advertisers will be given extra months in Excalibur before being asked to renew when we go back to printing a paper magazine.

Churches Open for Public Worship

Details of the services of public worship taking place in Camelot during August can be found on page 7. As noted in the Rector's letter on page 3, this is not the full rota of services that took place before the lockdown.

If there are no services in your church yet, you are welcome to attend another service in the Camelot Parishes but do check with the churchwardens beforehand (telephone numbers on page 2) as the need for social distancing means capacity in some churches is limited.

Churches Open for Private Prayer

With the commencement of services in some of our churches the arrangements for private prayer have changed. The arrangements for August (as far as they are known) are as follows:

Compton Pauncefoot Church is open from 9.30am to 10.30am on Sunday August 9th and Sunday August 30th.

North Cadbury Church is open from 2.30pm to 4.00pm on **Wednesdays** August 5^{th} , 19^{th} & 26^{th} .

North Cheriton Church is open from 9.30am to 10.30am on Sunday August 2nd and Sunday August 30th.

South Cadbury Church is open from 10.00am to 11.30am on Sunday August 9th.



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Galhampton Church may also be open for private prayer during the week at times to be decided.

Cutting Edge Camelot

Our electronic magazine, Cutting Edge Camelot, will continue for the time being as not everyone is able to attend services.

Past copies of Cutting Edge Camelot are available on the Cutting Edge Camelot page of the Camelot Parishes website.

If you would like to be included in the email list for Cutting Edge Camelot, please contact Rob Sage (details below) and give us your email address so that you can be added to the list.

Parishes Secretary/Office

The Parishes Secretary is continuing to work from home and only coming into the Office as necessary. Please make contact by email or telephone if you need administrative help. Please use the e-mail at the bottom of page 2 or, if the Office is unmanned, ring 01749 850934 during office hours.

Please note that the Parishes Secretary will be taking a break from work for the first two weeks of August.

The Lord's Larder

Do you know anyone who is short of food? Are you, perhaps?

Help is available, in confidence, from the Lord's Larder – not directly, but by phoning **01935 479398**.

Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Paul John Ashelford (aged 55). Died on 6th May 2019. Burial of Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Saturday 18th July 2020.

Elizabeth Bois Grubb (aged 92). Died on 9th November 2019. Burial of Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Thursday 23rd July 2020.

Joshua ('Josh') Thomas Brooker (aged 27). Died on 1st October 2019. Burial of Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Thursday 30th July 2020.

Meditation on Sickness

Lord, you are good and gentle in all your ways; and your mercy is so great that not only the blessings but also

the misfortunes of your people are channels of your compassion.

Grant that I may turn to you as a Father in my present condition since the change in my own state from health to sickness brings no change to you.

You are always the same, and you are my loving Father in times of trouble and in times of joy alike.

Blaise Pascal (1623–1662), mathematician and scientist





Do you have a few hours to spare a month to visit someone in your area?

Being visually impaired can be very isolating and to help with this we are looking for people to befriend someone in your local area who needs a little company just to sit and chat over a cup of tea or maybe go out and visit a Garden Centre or help with correspondence and maybe some personal shopping.

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If you feel that this is something you would like to do then please contact:

Christine Crossing Visiting Co-Ordinator on 01823 333818

or e-mail christine@somersetsight.org.uk

Registered charity no. 1154472

Sunday Worship

2 nd August	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Camelot Worship Sunday		Green
11.00 am	North Cadbury Group Communion (CW org) t		trs rw ac ap
READINGS	Morning - Isaiah 55: 1-5; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21		
9 th August	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity		Green
9.30 am	Galhampton North Cheriton	Communion (BCP) Communion (CW)	rw trs ac
READINGS	Morning - 1 Kings 19: 9-19; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33		14: 22-33
16 th August	The Tenth Sunda	y after Trinity	Green
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot Communion (BCP org) Blackford - Service at Compton Pauncefoot		trs
11.00 am	Maperton	Communion (BCP)	trs
	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship	rw ap
READINGS	Morning - Isaiah 56:1	6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a,29-32; Mal	thew 15: 21-28
23 rd August	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity		Green
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Communion (CW)	ар
	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP)	trs gr
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)	rw
READINGS	Morning - Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20		
30 th August	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity		Green
6.30 pm	Galhampton	Evensong (BCP org)	trs
READINGS	Evening - <i>Jeremiah</i> 15: 15-21; <i>Romans</i> 12: 9-21; <i>Matthew</i> 16:21-28		
Key: CW = Common Worship,			
Holton, North Cheriton, North Cadbury & Yarlington Churches		BCP = Book of Common Prayer, Iona = Informal Communion	
have an Audio Loop for the hard of hearing		in the Celtic tradition	

org = organ, kb = keyboard, g = guitar.

From the Bishop

I'm tired! I don't know about you? And yet I am getting up later and going to bed earlier than I was accustomed to before the pandemic struck. I'm travelling less, indeed I still have an almost full tank of petrol and have had to call out the AA three times because the battery has died! I'm at home principally, but my working day has got fuller and more demanding as time has gone on.

So, I'm planning a holiday! A retreat and some study leave. Having been ordained 24 years I have yet to have a period of sabbatical and I'm looking forward to Time it! It is not going to take the form I would have for a planned. There will not be the opportunity of a rest trip overseas residential conference attend, but there will be plenty of time for family, rest, reading and reflection.

What about you? I know some of you might be feeling that our children have had one big holiday at home since lockdown but I can assure you that they, their parents and their teachers have all been working hard to ensure that learning can continue even though the normal patterns have been disturbed. Whether we have been working from home, furloughed or feeling alone in isolation, each of us will I expect have experienced something of the sense



of weariness that heightened anxiety, change of routine and uncertain expectation brings.

So I want to encourage you to take some time off. There's a fabulous little children's story called, Jesus' Day Off, which you might like read as an example of the need for even the Creator to recreate. The example of Sabbath rest which our

Creator God offers us in the opening chapters of the Bible, speak to us of the need for taking time to put down the tools of work and take space to reflect and rest.

We have spent the past few months in lockdown in order to keep ourselves physically healthy. Let's make sure that in these next few months we attend as much to our spiritual and emotional health, by discovering sabbath rest!

With every blessing

Bishop Ruth

CAMELOT VOLUNTEER NETWORK

The following people have been coordinating volunteers in the different villages to help with shopping and delivering food and medical supplies to the elderly and vulnerable and to those who are forced to self-isolate and who are unable to shop for themselves:

North Cadbury and Woolston

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Yarlington

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Blackford

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Holton

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North Cheriton

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If you have queries or you village does not appear to be covered could you please contact the overall co-ordinator, Keri Montague.

The clerk of North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council, Becky Carter, 240226, parishclerk@northcadbury.org.uk, has also offered to be a hub to co-ordinate any requests for assistance from residents within the Parish Council area.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



Have You Heard our Wonderful News?

The Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) is an annual bidding round for eligible academies, sixth-form colleges and non-diocesan VA schools to apply for capital funding. The priority for the fund is to address significant condition need, keeping education provider buildings safe and in good working order. This includes funding projects to address health and safety issues, building compliance and poor building condition.

We have received fantastic news. In November we put in a CIF bid and have recently heard that it has been successful, so we will be getting 'Funding for Urgent Classroom Block Renewal'.

Understandably we are absolutely delighted about this, but at this early stage we have no other details to share as this is breaking news and I will be busy over the coming weeks meeting with architects and contractors to start the whole process off and get further details. When there is something more tangible to share, please be assured that we will share this with you, but for now - please just join in with our sheer jubilation:0)

During the last few weeks of term we were able to have every child (who wanted to come) back into school,



even if just for a week. This has been fantastic and has felt like a real step forward in our fight against COVID-19 as we were able to give our Year 6 children a fitting send-off and celebrate their time at Primary School properly, with a pizza lunch and a socially distanced Leavers Assembly.

If your child would like a North Cadbury education, we are planning

that the so called 'new' normal, simply becomes much more normal in the Autumn Term, so please do get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Thompson

Head Teacher

office@northcadbury.ppat365.org

The Lockdown Lifts

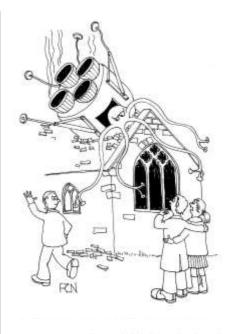
There's life in the town!
No longer 'locked down'!
The people stroll out in the sun.
The majestic trees
sway in the light breeze
like they wanted to join in the fun!

Like light after dark!
We can walk in the park!
Buy our tea, and sit out on the grass!
We can chat to our friends
as our loneliness ends
and we smile at the strangers we pass!

Yes there are still queues
which cease to amuse
but things are no longer so black!
As they sing in that song –
you miss what is gone,
but it's great when
at last it comes back!

By Nigel Beeton

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.



As Lay Rectors, he reminded them, the chancel roof was their responsibility

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make great ancestors.

NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

The following topics were among matters discussed at the remote meeting of North Cadbury and Yarlington PC Meeting held on 24th June 2020.

Reports from County and District Councillors

<u>D.Cllr Hobhouse</u> reported that SSDC were £8 million in deficit. The Government initially promised to make up any additional expenses incurred due to Covid 19, however, they have since made a U-turn and informed District Councils that they will have to cover the expenditure themselves. To date, Covid 19 has cost SSDC £4 million, in addition there has been a considerable loss of income that would have come from car parking charges, theatre tickets etc. SSDC were currently putting plans in place for re-opening its offices and he hoped their working procedures would be back to normal within the next couple of months, however, they were still in response mode.

A resident queried how Covid 19 had affected SSDC's investments. Cllr Hobhouse advised that, with regard to the Council's energy investment, the connection had taken nine months to be put in place with Western Power and the National Grid, however, any lost income would be covered now that the system was up and running. He hoped that SSDC would realise its initial investment early on from income. With regard to rental income from Marks and Spencer, Yeovil, this was more uncertain as he could not answer what the future will be like for the UK high street, however, the Council had received 100% of April's rent and up to 90% of May to June.

North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG)

Cllr Keys-Toyer gave the following report on behalf of the NPWG:

Locality Grant: Grant approved for £9572, next application will be in October 2020. This mainly covers the fees of Jo Witherden, the planning consultant and the Heritage Statement Document. It will also cover; Meeting room hire, Questionnaire publication, Land registry searches, 6 months Zoom licence, mapping software licence. (This doesn't cover VAT but we hope the PC can claim this back.)

Housing Needs Assessment: SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment) Awaiting South Somerset District Council (SSDC) via David Clews to progress this.

Business/Employment and Facilities Surveys: Has been slow to get these all in, now need to process the responses.

Strategic Environmental assessment: Now we have the grant in place we are moving forward with this.

Call for Sites: AECOM are geared up to make a start on assessing these.

Heritage/Design guidance: We will be making a start on this.

Neighbourhood Plan Draft: Jo Witherden about to start on this now

we have the funding.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The PC considered the seven recommendations in the LGR report commissioned by (Somerset Association of Local Councils) SALC, Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) in order to form a response to be sent to the Leader of Somerset County Council (SCC), David Fothergill and Leader of SSDC, Val Ketich.

The Chairman reported that he had written to C.Cllr Lewis as he considered the LGR report to be long on words with no substance and no detail. C.Cllr Lewis copied the email to Cllr David Fothergill, Leader SCC, who responded directly to the Chairman.

D.Cllr Hobhouse advised that proposals from SSDC and the other four district councils were put on hold due to Covid and would be promulgated at a later date, however, SSDC favoured two much smaller unitary authorities. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the PC required more detail prior to forming any response and would await SSDC's proposal.

Please Visit the New Parish Website!

We have a brand new Parish Website full of useful information and links. Please click on: https://www.northcadbury.org.uk

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 remote meeting or return to ordinary meetings TBC nearer the date. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend, please contact the Clerk for joining details.

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Blackford

BOOK CLUB

For details contact 01963 440754.

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 16th 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot There will be no services in St Michael's in August, but members of the congregation are welcome to attend the joint service in Compton Pauncefoot.

Bratton Seymour (Bratton St Maur)

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

There will be no services in St Nicholas in August.

Compton Pauncefoot

PRIVATE PRAYER IN ST MARY'S

Compton Pauncefoot Church is now open for private prayer on Sunday mornings between 9.30am and 10.30am.

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 16th 9.30am Communion (BCP org) Communion services resumed in Compton Pauncefoot in July.

Galhampton

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING

In accordance with government guidelines, the village hall has been closed and all upcoming events and activities cancelled. This will carry on until further notice. Please check the village website (www.galhampton.com), village Facebook page and village noticeboard for any updates.

COVID-19

If anyone needs to self-isolate or simply wishes to minimise contact due to coronavirus, consider informing your neighbours so that they are aware and can either help or arrange help. There are volunteers willing to help and details have been distributed to houses within the village. Please continue to look out for your neighbours. We have a lovely community here in Galhampton.

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Following the success of the 2020 calendar, we to collecting village photographs for the 2021 calendar. These need to be in landscape format and reflect life in Galhampton.

If you would like to submit a caption as well then please include one. Email them to <u>village@galhampton.com</u> by the end of each month. One photograph will be selected to represent each month with the final calendar being available to buy from November 2020. Keep snapping!

AUGUST SERVICES AT GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 9th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
Sunday 16th 11.00am Sunday Worship at North Cadbury Church
Sunday 30th 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

The Sunday Worship on August 16th will take place in St Michael's, North Cadbury to enable adequate social distancing.

Holton

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

There will be no services in St Nicholas in August.

Maperton

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

Sunday 16th 11.00am Communion (BCP)

North Cadbury

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS

Food banks are running seriously short of donations during the current coronavirus crisis.

While St Michael's Church in North Cadbury remains closed, we have no local collecting point for donations to the main regional food bank in Yeovil, The Lord's Larder.

So we have organised three locations for food donations in North Cadbury:

- One food donation box is located on the High Street, opposite the Catash car park entrance.
- There is another food donation box halfway down Cary Road on the right hand side, between the Catash and the school.
- And there is another food donation box at the junction of Cary Road and The Close.

We'd really appreciate any food donations that you're able to place in any one of these three donation boxes, in particular:

Tinned vegetables and tinned fruit

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North Cadbury & Yarlington

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South Cadbury

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Galhampton

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South Cadbury

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To update the information on the above list, please contact the Parishes Office.

- · Tinned meat and tinned fish
- · Tinned baked beans and spaghetti
- Pasta, pasta sauces and packets of rice
- Tinned custard and rice pudding
- · Packets of breakfast cereal
- Tea and coffee, and packets of sugar
- Cartons of long-life/UHT milk
- · Cheese biscuits and sweet biscuits
- Fruit juice and squash
- Tinned baby food and packs of nappies
- Toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Tinned and dried dog food and cat food

We will be emptying the donation boxes daily, and delivering all donations to the Yeovil food bank at least once a week.

To find out more about their work or to make a financial donation, please visit their website: www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/help-us

There are also food donation points in several local supermarkets, including Morrisons in Wincanton and Tesco in Yeovil.

Thank you!

MAINLY MUSIC AND COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Sadly we have had to make the decision to postpone our pre-school mainly music group and the monthly coffee mornings for a while. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the not too distant future.

VILLAGE WALKS

Sadly, whilst the current health crisis is upon us, we shall not be holding further walks as a group. Please continue to walk the paths as individuals and keep the growth around them in check! Thank you. susan@brookcottage-somerset.co.uk

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is closed for all clubs, classes and events until further notice as a result of the government's advice on non-essential contact. We thank everyone for their understanding in the current situation.

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

NORTH CADBURY WOMEN'S GROUP

The North Cadbury Women's Group meetings have been cancelled until further notice. For more information on the Group please contact Pauline Moylan on 440775 or pmoylan1@gmail.com

PRIVATE PRAYER IN ST MICHAEL'S

North Cadbury Church will be open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons in August from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. (The Church will be open on Wednesdays 5th, 19th and 26th but not on Wednesday 12th August because of a wedding taking place that day.)

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Group Communion (CW org)
Sunday 16th 11.00am Sunday Worship
Sunday 23rd 11.00am Communion (CW org)

North Cheriton

PRIVATE PRAYER IN ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

North Cheriton Church will be open for private prayer on Sunday August 2nd and Sunday August 30th from 9.30am to 10.30am.

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 9th 9.30am Communion (CW) Sunday 23rd 9.30am Communion (CW)

South Cadbury

SOUTH CADBURY AND SUTTON MONTIS WI

Our scheduled meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

PRIVATE PRAYER IN ST THOMAS À BECKET

South Cadbury Church is now open for private prayer on the second Sunday of the month between 10.00am and 11.30am.

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST THOMAS À BECKET

Sunday 23rd 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Yarlington

AUGUST SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

At the time of printing services in St Mary's were under review and might resume in August or September.

This crisis has in many ways made us more grateful for each other and ... it has shown people at their best – volunteering, helping neighbours, protecting those at greatest risk, pulling together as communities to support one another.

Justin Welby,
 Archbishop of Canterbury

It is cynicism and fear that freeze life; it is faith that thaws it out, releases it, sets it free.

– H E Fosdick

Bible Readings

AUGUST

1st - Matthew 14: 1-12

2nd - 8th Sunday after Trinity Romans 9: 1-5

3rd - Matthew 14: 13-21

4th - Matthew 14: 22-36

5th - Matthew 15: 21-28

6th - *The Transfiguration* Luke 9: 28-36

7th - Matthew 16: 24-28

8th - Matthew 17: 14-20

9th - 9th Sunday after Trinity Romans 10: 5-15

10th - Matthew 17: 22-27

11th - Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

12th - Matthew 18: 15-20

13th - Matthew 18:21—19:1

14th - Matthew 19: 3-12

15th - The Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1: 46-55

16th - 10th Sunday after Trinity Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

17th - Matthew 19: 16-22

18th - Matthew 19: 23-30

19th - Matthew 20: 1-16

20th - Matthew 22: 1-14

21st - Matthew 22: 34-40

22nd - Matthew 23: 1-12

23rd - 11th Sunday after Trinity Romans 12: 1-8

24th - Bartholomew the Apostle Luke 22: 24-30

25th - Matthew 23: 23-26

26th - Matthew 23: 27-32

27th - Matthew 24: 42-51

28th - Matthew 25: 1-13

29th - Matthew 25: 14-30

30th - 12th Sunday after Trinity Romans 12: 9-21

31st - Luke 4: 16-30

All in the Month of August

250 years ago, on 22nd August 1770, British explorer Captain James Cook discovered eastern Australia, named it New South Wales, and claimed it for Britain.

150 years ago, on 4th August 1870, the British Red Cross Society was founded.

125 years ago, on 10th August 1895, the Proms (Promenade Concerts) began in London.

100 years ago, on 21st August 1920 Christopher Robin Milne was born. He was son of the author A A Milne, and he appeared as a character in his father's Winnie-the-Pooh stories.

90 years ago, from 16th to 23rd August 1930 the first British Empire Games (now the Commonwealth Games) were held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

75 years ago, on 6th August 1945 the US Army Air Forces dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. The centre of the city was totally destroyed, and 80,000 people were killed immediately. A further 60,000 died by the end of the year. It was the first city in history to be hit by a nuclear weapon.

Also 75 years ago, on 9th August 1945 the US Army Air Forces dropped a second atomic bomb on the city of Nagasaki, Japan. 40,000 people died immediately and about 33,000 more by the end of the year.

70 years ago, on 15th August 1950 that Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, was

born. She is the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

40 years ago, on 14th August 1980 Lech Walesa led a strike by shipyard workers in Gdansk, Poland, to protest against the dismissal of a trade union activist. On 30th August the striking workers won the right to establish independent trade unions. This led to the formation of the Solidarity movement.

30 years ago, from 2nd August 1990 to 28th February 1991 the Gulf War took place. On 2nd August Iraq invaded Kuwait. The United Nations Security Council then ordered a global trade embargo against Iraq. On 7th August the USA launched Operation Desert Shield, and then Operation Desert Storm, to prevent Iraq from invading Saudi Arabia

20 years ago, on 5th August 2000 Sir Alec Guinness, British stage and film actor (*The Bridge on the River Kwai, Lawrence of Arabia, Doctor Zhivago, A Passage to India, Star Wars*, etc) died.

10 years ago, on 5th August 2010 a cave-in at the San Jose copper and gold mine near Copiapo in northern Chile trapped 33 workers 700 metres underground. An international rescue operation was launched, and they were brought to the surface on 13th October after being trapped for 69 days. Around one billion people watched the rescue on TV.

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It can be read in the Bible in Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-13

A short story from the Bible

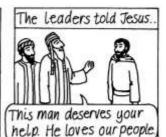
When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.





When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help.



He has even built us a meeting place!

This could have been a tricky situation, for Jews never went into the houses of non-Jews.



I will go and heal the boy.



But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

(But he says he understands) authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed



Jesus was amazed!



Thave never met anyone in Israel with as much faith. He said to the friends...



You may go now. What he L has believed has happened When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!



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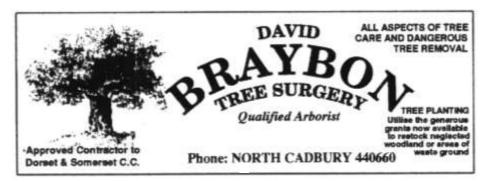
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