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From the Rectory

So the uncertainty continues. The government announcement last Monday tells us that the current level of restrictions will continue for another four weeks (or is it really four?).

And even though this announcement had been flagged up pretty extensively in the media it still came as a shock to many people particularly those who are most affected by it. This is very understandable. The disappointment and dismay is real. For many people it represented yet another serious blow to their business and their income. For others there was the psychological effect of the delay to what had been dubbed 'Freedom day', the long awaited moment when we no longer have to live with all the restrictions placed on our everyday lives.

As I have been thinking about this I have found a famous passage in Paul's letter to the Philippians (Philippians 4: 4-9) coming into my mind. It seems to me to be packed with relevant advice for a time like this.

It begins with the word 'Rejoice' and this is then strengthened with the word 'Always.' What does this mean? Although circumstances around us may not always be easy, we are still to rejoice. I don't think that this means pretending that our difficulties do not exist or that they are not very painful. But it is an encouragement to rejoice in a relationship with God and all the good things and blessings that God continues to give us.

And then it goes on to talk about anxiety. These are indeed troubling



times but again the encouragement is not fruitlessly to worry about them. There is a choice. We can keep on worrying and this will lead us nowhere. Or we can admit that we are worried and then speak to God about our worries. We need to be open and honest with God or, as Paul puts it, 'in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God'.

And after that we are reminded of the power of our thought life and of what we choose as the centre of our attention. If we think of what we are not allowed to do we can become very frustrated. On the other hand we can, as Paul advises, think of 'whatever is true... honourable... just... pure... pleasing... commendable... and... worthy of praise'. What is the most productive course of action? Paul assures us that if we do place all of this at the centre of our thoughts 'the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

So may God's peace be with us in these uncertain times.

*With my love and prayers,
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July Events

4 th Sun	Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
10 th Sat 10.00am	S Cadbury Village Café - see page 20	South Cadbury Village Hall
11 th Sun	Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
15 th Thu	<u>DEADLINE FOR AUGUST EXCALIBUR</u>	
18 th Sun	Sunday Services	See centre pages for services
25 th Sun	Sunday Services	See centre pages for services

Climate Change and Your Cup of Tea

Now here's something that will send you straight to your kitchen to put the kettle on: the Great British cup of tea may not taste quite so good in the future.

It seems that extreme weather and rising temperatures could lead to inferior leaves in the future, according to Christian Aid.

Kenya, the world's foremost exporter of black tea, is now affected by erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. India, Sri Lanka and China, also major tea producers, face climate change problems as well.

Climate change has been predicted by some as likely to cut production in Kenya's best tea-making areas by as much as a quarter by 2050. Even areas of only average growing conditions could see production fall by 39 per cent.

As one tea farmer in Kenya's Western Highlands, explained: "We cannot predict seasons anymore. Temperatures are rising, rainfall is erratic, often accompanied by unusual hailstones and longer droughts. If this continues, it will make growing tea much harder."

Church Statistics

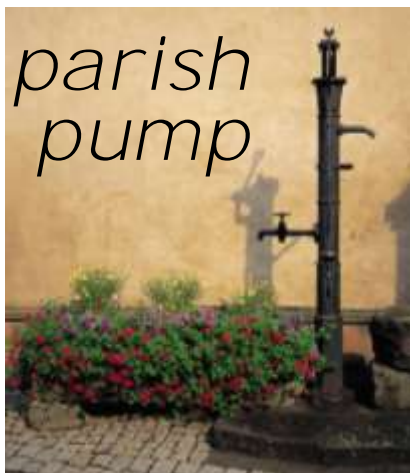
There were an estimated 45,500 congregations or churches in the UK in 2020: 79%, in England, 8% (3,700 churches) in Wales, 8% (3,500 churches) in Scotland and 5% (2,100 churches) in Northern Ireland.

New congregations are being started or having to close all the time, and in the fifteen years since 2005 it is estimated that collectively some 3,100 new congregations have started while some 5,800 have closed, a net drop of 2,700 across the UK.

Most of the new congregations are in the Church of England, many of which are planted by the larger churches. A third of all the churches which have closed in the last 15 years have been Methodist, followed by the Anglicans and Roman Catholics (both 15%) and the Presbyterians (9%). The Baptists (7% of all closures) have also seen over 400 churches close in the last 15 years, which is one in eight of their congregations.

*Sympathy is two hearts tugging
at the same load. – Anon*

*I'm playing all the right notes,
but not necessarily in the right order.*
Eric Morecambe



Church Services

The majority of our churches have now resumed regular services - see the centre pages for details as currently known.

Please note that Covid restrictions remain in place - social distancing, hand sanitising and the wearing of face masks (unless exempt). Currently congregational singing can only take place outside the church building.

Any changes to services taking place can be found on the Camelot Parishes website and on each church's A Church Near You website.

Items for Excalibur

Our Village View section giving details of events in the villages of the Camelot Parishes (see pages 16 to 22) is currently somewhat depleted as coronavirus restrictions limit the events taking place in our villages. Hopefully, once restrictions have eased, more events will take place over the summer, so do make use of the Village View section to tell people about events in your village.

Items for inclusion in the next month's Excalibur should be sent to the Camelot Parishes Office (preferably by e-mail - see page 2 for the address) by the 15th of the previous month.

There is no charge for including a short item about future or past events in the Village View section. If you would like a boxed advert for your event the cost is £3 for an eighth of a page advert or £6 for a quarter page advert. (There is no charge for advertising church events.)

As with items for Village View, adverts should be sent to the Parishes Office by the 15th of the month before you would like it to appear. Contact the Parishes Secretary (see below) for details of how to pay.

Cutting Edge Camelot

Our electronic magazine, *Cutting Edge Camelot*, will continue for the time being.

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.

Castle Cary Community Library

Castle Cary Community Library provides a valuable resource to both the town and

the surrounding area. Rescued from closure in 2018, the library now operates as a charity with volunteers helping to run it. Opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am – 12.30pm and 2.00pm – 4.30pm plus Saturday 10.00am – 12.30pm. The library has received a lot of new books recently, both fiction and non-fiction, including children's, and is well worth a visit.

As part of Libraries West, a consortium of 145 libraries across the south west, Castle Cary Library has access to a vast range of books and online materials and activities which can be seen via www.librarieswest.org.uk

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held virtually on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.00pm. Please contact the Clerk for joining details.

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The following people have been co-ordinating 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: -

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Samantha Davey,
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Jane Monk, 440666,
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Lisa Prior, lisaprior63@btinternet.com,
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North Cheriton

Richard Strachan,
rcstrachan@btinternet.com, 33231

If you have queries or your 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.

Camelot People

We give thanks to God for:

Peter Kevin Higgins (aged 57). Died on 10th January 2021. Burial of Ashes at St Michael's, North Cadbury on Friday 4th June.

Baptism

On May 30th 2021 at St Michael's, North Cadbury -

George William Frank Pitman.



Sharing the Notices while keeping a social distance was proving tricky.



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A woman took her four-month-old baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived. The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. "He was sent down from Heaven," the mother replied, above the screams.

The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!"

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From the Assistant Bishop

The leaves of the trees will be for the healing of the nations. Rev. 22.2

A few days spent recently in the Lakes gave us a much anticipated opportunity to visit the new RHS garden, Bridgewater, near Manchester. Created in the ruins of the much overgrown walled garden of a long gone great house, the garden is the result of co-operation between the RHS and the City Council.

While the Paradise Garden with its pools and flowing water reminded me of the river of life in the Revelation, it was the therapeutic garden which captured my imagination. A number of charities working in inner Manchester with people whose lives are deeply affected by issues of mental health and social deprivation had approached the RHS to explore the possibility of creating a working garden to be grown and maintained by the various communities involved. The result is stunning both visually and mentally.

To aid the development the partners decided to allocate some of their limited financial resources towards the appointment of a full time occupational therapeutic gardener. Talking with her and reading the display boards around the garden we discovered that for many of those involved not only was this their first



experience of gardening but more importantly the physical work and interaction is giving them a hope and purpose in life in ways that nothing else had been able to achieve.

The Revelation speaks of a world transformed and made new by God; the very stuff of the earth, trees and water, bringing new life to what was tired and old.

God's gift to humankind

The Scriptures remind us that the earth is God's gift to humankind to be tended and cherished; to be used for the good of all.

But let the last word be that of the therapeutic gardener "we can care for others; we can care for the earth. All we need is a vision and the will."

With my blessing

✠ Trevor

Trevor Willmott,
Assistant Bishop,
Diocese of Bath and Wells

*Holy people have a sense of inner peace.
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still, small voice that one perceives.*

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If you asked us what was significant about the last 18 months, I'm sure you would expect our reply to include something Covid related; however, despite the challenges of Covid we have also been engaged in something much more fun and worthwhile!

So, it gives me great pleasure to share our news with you - this week we have received notification that our application for the Foundation International School Award has been approved. The assessors' comments are particularly pleasing for us as they encapsulate all we are aiming to achieve here at North Cadbury C of E Primary School:

"There is an excellent commitment across the school to develop and embed international activity. Your wish to gain recognition for the shared commitment from your pupils, staff and parents is admirable. There is evident enthusiasm and whole school support to develop and progress this important work and it is particularly excellent to see a focus on broadening knowledge and understanding. We are delighted you

have specifically decided to further develop your support to develop mindful and compassionate young people and develop provision to heighten awareness of our large diverse world. We recognise your excellent efforts in seeking to develop and embed a whole school commitment to both cultural capital and international teaching and learning.

"You have an evident whole school approach to make global connections through your commitment to increase understanding of other nationalities and compare and contrast Somerset with links in Dubai and Kenya. Your commitment to awareness of the importance of preparing your pupils for later life and employment through a broad and balanced 21st Century Curriculum is especially encouraging.

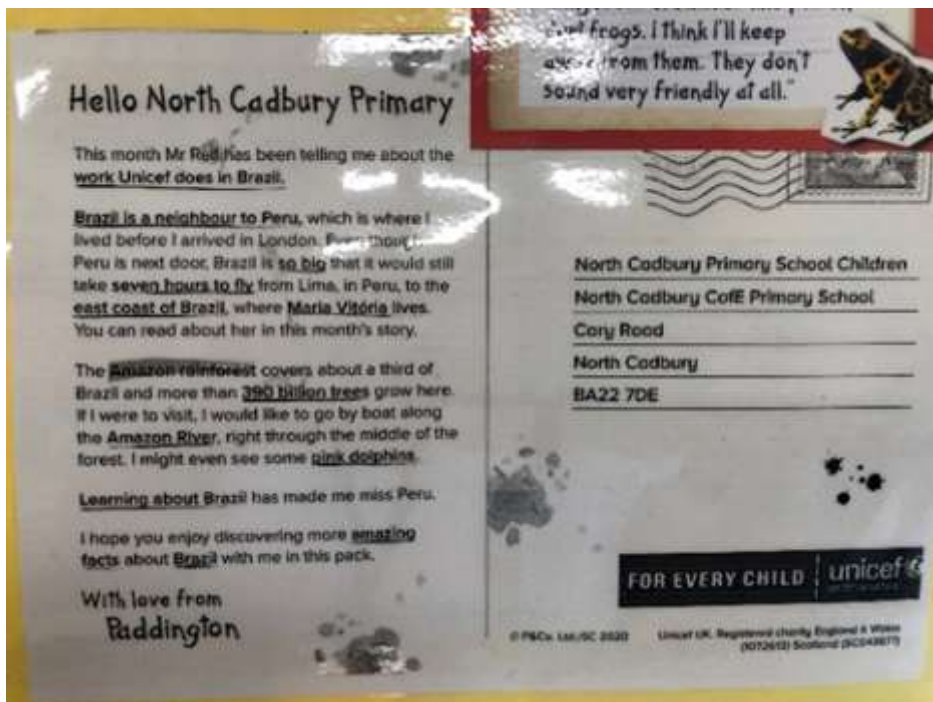
"It is evident that the school is committed to developing enquiring young learners who are keen to take action to bring about a better, more informed world. Best wishes with continuing your activities and their further development across the school. Good luck with your continued support for impactful international work; the British Council is delighted to also support your international journey at North Cadbury."

Thank you for letting us share our good news with you.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Thompson

Head Teacher



Some of the Paddington Postcards from Unicef that we used to provoke the children's interest.

Church notices that didn't come out quite right....

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

*The sacristan was in a hurry to inform the congregation that their minister had recovered from an illness, so he put the following notice outside the church:
"God is good. The Vicar is better."*

Sunday Worship

4th July *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity* Green

9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)

READINGS *Ezekiel 2: 1-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13*

11th July *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity* Green

9.30 am	Blackford	Matins (BCP org)
	Compton Pauncefoot - <i>Service at Blackford</i>	
9.30 am	Galhampton	Communion (BCP)
	North Cadbury - <i>Service at Galhampton</i>	
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Communion (CW org)
11.00 am	Holton	Sunday Worship (kb, g)

READINGS *Amos 7: 7-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29*

18th July *The Seventh Sunday after Trinity* Green

9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Communion (BCP org)
	Blackford - <i>Service at Compton Pauncefoot</i>	
11.00 am	Maperton	Communion (BCP)
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Sunday Worship
	Galhampton - <i>Service at North Cadbury</i>	
6.30 pm	Yarlington	Evensong (BCP org)

READINGS *Morning - Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ephesians 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56*
Evening - Job 13:13—14:6; Hebrews 2: 5-18

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At the time of printing details of those taking services had not been confirmed.

25th July ***The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*** Green

8.00 am	Blackford	Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Compton Pauncefoot	Matins (BCP org)
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Morning Worship (org)
9.30 am	South Cadbury	Communion (BCP)
11.00 am	Holton	Communion (CW org)
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)
11.00 am	Yarlington	Sunday Worship (kb, g)
6.30 pm	Galhampton	Evening Service (piano)

READINGS Morning - 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21
 Evening - Job 19: 1-27a; Hebrews 8

1st August ***The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*** Green

9.00 am	Yarlington	Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	North Cheriton	Camelot Matins (BCP org)
11.00 am	North Cadbury	Communion (CW org)

READINGS Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35

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Sunday 18th 9.30am at Compton Pauncefoot

Sunday 25th 8.00am Communion (BCP)

Bratton Seymour (Bratton St Maur)

JULY SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

Services in St Nicholas' Church remain suspended for the time being to allow building work to take place.

Compton Pauncefoot

JULY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 11th 9.30am at Blackford

Sunday 18th 9.30am Communion (BCP org)

Sunday 25th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

*Security is not the absence of danger,
but the presence of God,
no matter what the danger.*

– Anon

Galhampton

JULY VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Please note that following the extension of lockdown measures this event has now been cancelled. Our first village gathering/coffee morning will now be the first Saturday in August (see below).

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

There are a range of activities currently taking place in the hall including yoga, Pilates, line dancing, table tennis and ballroom dancing. Details of all events and activities in the hall are shown on the village website at www.galhampton.com. All are subject to Covid-19 regulation.

AUGUST VILLAGE GATHERING

& Coffee Morning with 200 Club Draw – Saturday 7th August 10.00am to 11.00am at the village hall with draw and notices at 10.30am. We are back – hopefully! After a 16-month break, come along and celebrate with a cup of fresh brewed coffee and a delicious home-made cake or two, join fellow villagers for some convivial company and see if you have won in the monthly 200 club draw. All are most welcome at this very popular event which is also a great way of catching up with what is going on in the lovely village of Galhampton. Do come and join us at our first gathering this year – it will be an important and celebratory event.

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Following the success of the 2021 calendar, we are collecting village photographs for the 2022 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 village@galhampton.com by the end of each month. One photograph

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VILLAGE EVENTS

Keep up to date via the Village Events page at www.galhampton.com and check the village calendar for what classes and other events are available.

JULY SERVICES AT

GALHAMPTON CHURCH

Sunday 4 th	11.00am	Communion at North Cadbury Church
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Communion (BCP)
Sunday 18 th	11.00am	Sunday Worship at North Cadbury Church
Sunday 25 th	6.30pm	Evening Service (piano)

Holton

JULY SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS'

Sunday 11 th	11.00am	Sunday Worship (kb, g)
Sunday 25 th	11.00am	Communion (CW)

Maperton

JULY SERVICES AT

ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

Sunday 18 th	11.00am	Communion (BCP)
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- And there is another food donation box at the junction of **Cary Road and The Close.**

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.

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

NORTH CADBURY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The new programme for 2021 has already been arranged but will of course remain subject to government guidelines.

Our two gardens (Village Hall and Wildflower) have continued to give us pleasure in this difficult time. No doubt everyone has found solace in gardening this year!

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (obviously Covid Restrictions have prevented this). We are always delighted to have new members, so please come along and join us. Non-members and guests are also welcome for a fee of £2.

JULY SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday 4th 11.00am Communion
(CW org)

Sunday 11th 9.30am Communion (BCP)
at Galhampton Church

Sunday 18th 11.00am Sunday Worship

Sunday 25th 11.00am Communion
(CW org)

North Cheriton

JULY SERVICES AT

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 4th 9.30am Matins (BCP org)

Sunday 11th 9.30am Communion (CW org)

Sunday 25th 9.30am Morning Worship
(org)

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On 12th June, the South Cadbury Village Café was open again with a plant sale as well as the usual cakes and refreshments. It was great to see so many attend and enjoy the sunshine after a very wet May. We welcome anyone from across the Camelot Villages to come to our next event, which is at 10am on 10th July.

This will also be the first draw this year of 150 Club. If you haven't yet bought some shares, this is your last chance to be eligible to win in July. Each share is £10 and, even if you win the smallest prize, you'll more than cover that cost! And, of course, the more tickets you buy, the more your chances of winning! If you haven't already, please consider buying some shares which help raise vital funds to support the village hall.

For this, and to keep in touch with all our events and news, please write to us at our new email address:

Village.Hall@SouthCadbury.org.uk.

JULY SERVICES AT

ST THOMAS À BECKET

Sunday 25th 9.30am Communion (BCP)

Yarlington

JULY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 4th 9.00am Communion (BCP)

Sunday 18th 6.30pm Evensong (BCP org)

Sunday 25th 11.00am Sunday Worship
(kb, g)

Be great in little things.

– St Francis Xavier

Bible Readings

JULY

- 1st - Matthew 9: 1-8
- 2nd - Matthew 9: 9-13
- 3rd - *Thomas* - John 20:24-29
- 4th - **5th Sunday after Trinity**
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
- 5th - Matthew 9: 18-26
- 6th - Matthew 9: 32-38
- 7th - Matthew 10: 1-7
- 8th - Matthew 10: 7-15
- 9th - Matthew 10: 16-23
- 10th - Matthew 10: 24-33
- 11th - **6th Sunday after Trinity**
Ephesians 1: 3-14
- 12th - Matthew 10: 33—11: 1
- 13th - Matthew 11: 20-24
- 14th - Matthew 11: 25-27
- 15th - Matthew 11: 28-30
- 16th - Matthew 12: 1-8
- 17th - Matthew 12: 14-21
- 18th - **7th Sunday after Trinity**
Ephesians 2: 11-22
- 19th - Matthew 12: 38-42
- 20th - Matthew 12: 46-50
- 21st - Matthew 13: 1-9
- 22nd - *Mary Magdalene*
John 20:1-2, 11-18
- 23rd - Matthew 13: 18-23
- 24th - Matthew 13: 24-30
- 25th - **8th Sunday after Trinity**
Ephesians 3: 14-21
- 26th - *James the Apostle*
Matthew 20: 20-28
- 27th - Matthew 13: 36-43
- 28th - Matthew 13: 44-46
- 29th - Matthew 13: 47-53
- 30th - Matthew 13: 54-58
- 31st - Matthew 14: 1-12

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INTERVIEW - Time to Step Up

Dr Peter Brotherton, is Lead Director for Climate Change at Natural England, the government's agency for the natural environment, and Environment Officer for Peterborough Diocese.



What has climate change got to do with the Church?

Climate change will be felt most by the countries who have done the least to cause it. That's a Christian issue. We are meant to be stewards of God's creation and we are failing and must step up and play our part to support biodiversity and for climate change.

How are climate change and biodiversity linked?

Climate change is making the ecosystems we rely on to become less able to deliver what we need from them, in turn making climate change worse. 15 per cent of the emissions causing climate change are by land use change driven by human consumption.

Is biodiversity loss already affecting us?

Nature isn't providing us with what we need in the UK already. Our air isn't as clean as it should be. Our towns and homes flood more than they should. In some areas our soil is depleting and blowing away.

What can we do?

Many of the most nature rich places in urban areas – and there are species in Britain found only in churchyards so we do have a special role to play. We can make a difference by protecting and nurturing their biodiversity and by speaking up. If the church doesn't speak about the environment, at a time when children are more conscious than ever that their future options are disappearing as a result of environmental changes, we will become irrelevant.

Can individuals make a difference?

It can seem an overwhelming, global problem but lots of little bits of action will matter. What we do as congregations and as individuals collectively adds up to a lot. Anything we can do to reduce how bad climate change gets has to be a good thing.

Thinking about action for nature as action for nature and for people is empowering. People should feel powerful and can make a big difference by telling those in power how much caring for the environment means to them.

Read the full interview at www.bathwells.anglican.org/time-to-step-up

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Bible Bite

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2 Samuel 11: 1-12: 25

Kings normally led their armies to battles but David had sent his army with his commander, Joab, to fight the Ammonites.

David was strolling on his palace roof when he saw a beautiful woman.



She is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah.



Later, Bathsheba sent a message to King David.

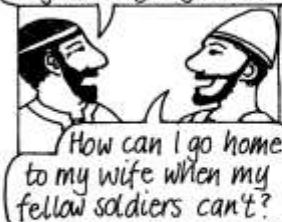
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David tried to cover up what he had done. He sent a note to Joab.

Send Uriah to me now.
D

When Uriah came, David sent him to his home, but he didn't go.

Why didn't you go home?



David had Uriah stay to dinner and got him drunk.



So David wrote a letter to Joab.

Put Uriah at the front of the fighting where he will be killed. D

He gave it to Uriah to give to Joab.



Bathsheba was now a widow and David married her.



But God was angry and He sent Nathan the prophet to David.



You took Uriah's wife and then you murdered him by having him killed.





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