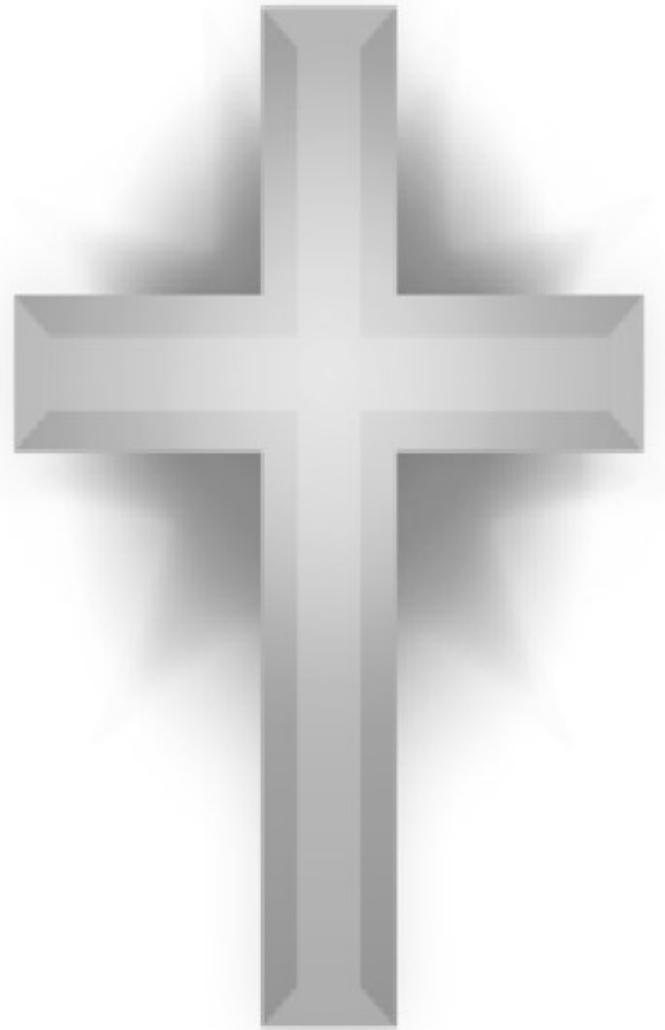
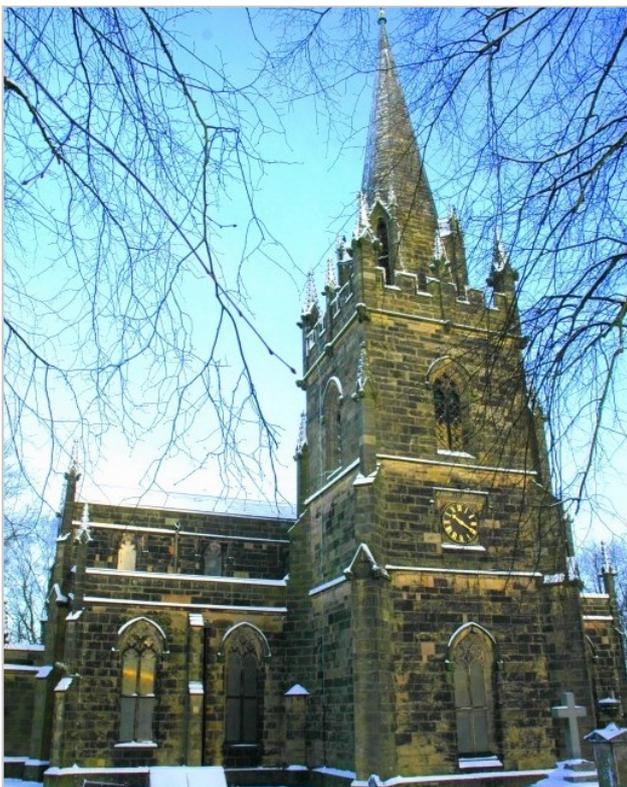


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DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Dates for Diary

Men's society - September 18th - Chris Smith

Mothers' union - September 5th - 2.15pm - communion - talk by Liz Green
September 26th - 7.30pm - Chinese culture - Kath and Zhou Apperley

Ladies society - September 4th - AGM

Baptisms

25th June - Chloe May McElroy, Madeleine May Wise, Amelie Lois Ann Lloyd
23rd July - Isabelle Louise Garbett, James Edward Pickering, Jack James Lucas
27th August - Edward Benjamin Draper, Liam Conor Bingham, Jenson James Porter

Weddings

10th June - Mark Bennett - Tracey Ingleby
10th June - Liam Bannister - Lauren Jeavons
22nd July - Jonathan Weinberg - Nicola Jukes
26th July - service of blessing - Timothy and Iris Anderson
5th August - Jonathan Pickup - Maria Dunn
25th August - Adam Taylor - Kerry Haywood
26th August - Mike Peterknecht - Elizebeth Keasey

Funerals

14th July - Emmie Hale - age 92 - Gornal Wood
17th July - Dorothy Wherton - age 88 - All Saints'
18th July - Violet Murrey - age 91 - Gornal Wood
20th July - Neville Screen - age 78 - Gornal Wood
21st July - Andrew Groom - age 54 - Gornal Wood
9th August - Josephine Margaret Mainwaring - Gornal Wood

Flower rota - September 2017

September 3rd - Maureen Iddles and Cicely Thomas
September 10th - Barbara and Bill Baker
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High Days & Holy Days for September

1st Sept Drithelm - vision of the after-life

1st Sept St Giles of Provence - helping those damaged by life

2nd Sept St William of Roskilde - standing up for social justice

3rd Sept St Gregory the Great - the man who saved the 'angels'

5th Sept Laurence Giustiniani - the saint who knew how to help a beggar

8th Sept The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th Sept St Peter Claver - compassion for slaves

11th Sept St Protus and St Hyacinth - victims of mindless violence

11th Sept St Deiniol of Bangor - bringing disagreeing bishops together

13th Sept St John Chrysostom - living a public faith

14th Sept Holy Cross Day

15th Sept St Adam of Caithness - the way NOT to tithe

16th Sept Ninian, Bishop of Galloway – Apostle of the Picts (Scotland)

16th Sept Cornelius – the saint who had mercy on sinning Christians

18th Sept St Joseph of Copertino - the awkward saint

20th Sept The Martyrs of Korea

21st Sept St Matthew

23rd Sept When the sun goes edgewise – and daytime equals night

24th Sept St Gerard Sagredo – church planting in the 11th century

25th Sept St Ceolfrith (d 716) - baking and Bibles

28th Sept St Lioba - a memorable woman

29th Sept Michael and All Angels

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Vicar's Ponderings – Sept 2017

A few years ago I was listening to a talk by John Bell, a Church of Scotland minister and member of the Iona Community. His talk was at the Christian and arts festival called Greenbelt. Greenbelt, which has happened annually over the past 40 years over the August bank holiday weekend, has for many years been hosted by Cheltenham racecourse, and in the past few years its moved to Boughton Estate, near Kettering. Greenbelt is a mixture of arts, music, talks and seminars, mostly by Christians but also politicians, authors and broadcasters; there is often an edge to the talks, this is not a fluffy Christian festival, it is often very thought provoking and challenging.

The talk I listened to was called “Ten more things they never told me about Jesus”, some years ago apparently, Bell did a talk called “Ten things they never told me about Jesus”.... So this is a follow on talk!!

The talk is quite diverse in its content, you'll have to go on line if you want to listen to the talk in full, but the part that caught my attention was about the questioning Jesus.

On 60 occasions In Luke's Gospel Jesus asks questions; often when asked a question, Jesus will respond with another question, engaging in conversation, rather than just giving an answer, he gives space for the questioner to think about what the correct response is.

Bell suggests that relationships grow when we respond to questions; we grow in memory, in knowledge and in potential.

As Christians, we often seek answers to our questions directly from the Bibleoften we say, well the Bible says this about about such and such, or that about so and so..... I have, and often still do that, but many of our questions cannot be answered in this way.

Bell suggests that instead of seeking answers to our questions, we should seek what God is asking of us; this can be quite scary, as we may not get the answer we were hoping for, but by seeking what God is asking from us, through prayer and Bible study, we will grow in our potential and in our relationship with God.

I imagine as our new team is completed with Guy being licensed as our new rector, you may have many questions, I imagine one of the biggest questions will be what will happen now, what will change?

Change is inevitable, both Guy and myself are quite different people from the previous rector and team vicar, also the way we have been licensed is different, we are both licensed across the team without specific responsibility for a particular church, this is different to what has happened in the past.

Our vision for the ministry and mission for our parish will also be quite different from before, and this will provoke uncertainty.

As the new ministry team is established and our relationship develops, we will be asking questions of what God is saying to us, as a leadership team, as a parish, and church communities and as individuals.

The most important thing in all this is our relationship with God, and as John Bell points out, that comes first and foremost with prayer and Bible study.

So my question to you is, at the start of the new phase in our parish ministry and mission, what is God asking of us, as an individual, as a church community and as a parish?

Blessings

Catherine

Team Vicar

The comfort of a staff

“Your rod and your staff, they comfort me” Psalm 23.4

Shepherds used to use a tall staff with a crook neck for caring for their sheep. They could slip the crook end around a lamb that had wandered off and fallen into a ditch, and lift it out to safety and comfort. At other times, the shepherd would use his staff to deftly prod a wayward sheep back onto the right path. Then again, there were always the reluctant sheep who were simply afraid to go forward.

Many a Christian has found that our Good Shepherd uses his heavenly staff in much the same way. Sometimes we fall into circumstances beyond our control, and need rescuing and comfort. Other times, we are stubborn and going our own way – and need a firm hand to prevent us causing even more trouble. And finally, there are those times when we are too timid to move forward and grasp what God has given us for the next stage in our lives. Then, we need a firm, loving push!

Whatever way we need the staff, the Bible assures us that our Good Shepherd will take good care of us. As long as we are following Him, nothing can get at us without first coming past Him.

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THE WAY I SEE IT: The Blame Game

Canon David Winter

‘It’s her fault!’ That, along with ‘it’s not fair!’ is among the first sentences most children learn. Something’s been broken, someone’s in tears, and the Blame Game has begun. The awful truth is, we don’t grow out of it. Look at any newspaper or watch daytime television and you’ll see it played out endlessly.

Years ago, a battle-hardened journalist told me that ‘in news there are no accidents’. Of course, in fact there are. But after every well-publicised incident the media and aggrieved parties ensure that the endless hunt for someone – anyone – to blame and punish goes on, even if it takes years.

When the tower in Siloam fell, the crowds didn’t ask Jesus who was to blame (they simply assumed it was an ‘act of God’). They wanted to know if the 18 victims were particular sinners, to suffer such a fate. No, he said, they weren’t – though they should all amend their ways. The crowd weren’t concerned with blame, but consequence. It sometimes seems we’ve reversed that, in the modern world, and replaced consequence with blame. Somehow it will all be better if someone is punished – or is made to pay heavy compensation.

Every time we say the Lord’s Prayer we ask for forgiveness, but add ‘as we forgive those who sin against us’. It may well be their fault, but we are not seeking a penalty for it. That seems a healthy, if radical, alternative to the Blame Game.

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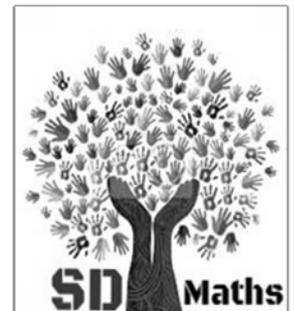


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Once a year the bells are peeled on Ascension Day. The one year the bells seemed to bounce around my mom's house who lived opposite the church (Dorothy Dunn).

The bell ringers came out for a break just as my mom had heard enough of them.

She went over and said the bells should drop on you for ringing them so loudly!

I will never forget that day. **Gregory Dunn.**

This week the bells were peeled for the funeral of Dorothy Dunn.

I (Gail) in the office had two people come to see me on that day to thank the church for the peel of bells.

They were thanking for the wrong reason though!

The first lady thought it was to welcome Guy and his family to their new house.

The second lady thought it was to welcome Asda to Sedgley, Gregory said his mom would have found this so funny and has asked me to include it in the church magazine.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Cream Tea in July was a great success enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who provided the china tea services, to the committee who provided the sandwiches, scones and cakes, and to the Sedgley Morris Men who entertained us. We raised £463 which was split between All Saints' and St Andrew's Churches and Mothers' Union.

The Mary Sumner Day service at Holy Trinity, Amblecote was led by Father Alan and was followed by a buffet lunch. We were made most welcome and met up with other members in the diocese as well as Revd Judith Oliver and her mother. It was however very sad that only three members were able to attend.

Our Deanery Festival is on Wednesday 6th September at 7pm at St Mark's, Pensnett. The service will be led by Revd Sue Oliver and Long Service Awards for 20 years membership will be presented to five of our members.

I hope that as many of you as possible will attend the festival which is an opportunity to meet with other members in the Deanery and support those from St Mark's who are hosting the service. If you need a lift please let Jan or myself know.

Trentham Gardens was the destination for our Summer outing and despite a wet start the sun came out and we were able to enjoy the gardens. Trentham has undergone a major restoration project in recent years and the Italian Gardens are now beautiful. It was lovely to wander through the gardens, as well as the River of Grasses, the Floral Labyrinth and the lake, designed by Capability Brown. Some visited the Monkey Forest and went on a boat trip. It is sad that very little of the original hall remains and that which does is in ruins. Photographs showed us how the hall looked in its heyday and one can only imagine how it would have stood in that setting. There were plenty of eating places and shops to enjoy before wending our way back to Sedgley.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the deaths of two of our members, Emmie Hale and Jessie Tomkins. They were both dedicated members of the Mothers' Union who will be sadly missed by all who knew them. We remember Emmie and Jessie's family at this sad time and pray that treasured memories of their loved ones will sustain them in the days to come.

Dates

5 th Sept 2.15pm	Communion followed by talk by Liz Green
6 th Sept 7.00pm	Deanery Festival at St Mark's, Pensnett
26 th Sept 7.30pm	Chinese Culture, Kath & Zhu

A SUMMER OF MUSIC, PRIZES & CAKES!

This year All Saints' decided not to hold a Summer Fete but instead to have a Concert & Raffle. On Saturday 1st July we welcomed 'Good Company', a Sutton Coldfield based choir, to entertain us with a range of music from Karl Jenkins to Simon and Garfunkel. In addition to the choir we enjoyed music from a brilliant lady flautist. It was an excellent concert enjoyed by all who attended. The church is a perfect venue for such events and it was good to see not only members from across the Team but friends from the wider community joining us.

Our Summer Raffle was successful and resulted in some very happy people who won prizes.

On the Tuesday after the Concert the Mothers' Union held their annual Cream Tea. This was another enjoyable event to which we invited the Sedgley Morris Men who entertained us.

The result was enjoyable fellowship between church and community which is important.

The sum raised for the church ministry from these three events was £1826.

'The Entertainment Team'

Future Events

‘Ukulele Union’ Concert – Saturday 21st October

7.30pm at All Saints’ Church

Tickets: £8 includes a glass of wine

Quiz Night – Saturday 18th November

7.30pm in Church Hall

£10 – Team of 4 (includes Ham or Cheese Roll)

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Why do Christians pray?

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Those who take prayer to heart do not see it simply as a series of requests that God will change the world in the way they personally want. Rather it is an active way of participating in the working out of God's plan for the world. Prayer can involve words, silence, reading, responding to art, or listening.

Christians look for answers to their prayers in a change to their own actions and attitudes, and are overjoyed when the result is something that they recognise to be a miraculous intervention by God.

But despite that, God undoubtedly registers and responds in some way to all kinds of prayer – even the desperate cry in an emergency of someone who has barely even thought about whether He exists.

A conversation with God of this kind takes many forms:

Praising This involves a human being putting himself or herself in a place of appropriate humility in front of the God who is utterly holy, loving and just.

Thanking This is a way of recognising that everything that gives value or joy to life is the gift of a Creator, not merely good fortune.

Asking Prayers of this kind can be personal (such as begging for healing for a sick relative) or immense in scale (such as longing for the end of a war).

Seeking forgiveness This involves confession of something wrong (either personal or as part of a worldwide injustice) and a recognition that God has mercy on those who regret what they have done and seek to change.

Looking for guidance Prayer frequently asks God for direction, or seeks understanding in the face of the mysteries involved in being alive.

You can find answers to questions about Christianity at www.christianity.org.uk. Christianity.org.uk is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency Ltd. This is an agency of Churches Together in England

Work that involves caring is good for you

It is good to keep working. The UK's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Dame Sally Davies, in a recent annual report on the state of the nation's public health, said that the health benefits of staying in work, as a volunteer, in paid employment or as part of a community group, 'cannot be overestimated'.

Work that involves caring is also excellent for you. A former nurse, June Shepherd, is now 81, but still loves working as a carer, even though she is looking after some clients younger than herself.

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After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up.

The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Larry?'

'No, ma'am, but I didn't like to see you standing there all by yourself!'

Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face.

'Why do you do that, mum?' he asked.

'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

'What's the matter, asked Larry 'are you giving up?'

Larry's class were on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.'

Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture ?"

Church service

A minister, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the minister asked the man where he had gone. 'I went to get a haircut,' was the reply.

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Ladies Society

The Coseley Tragedy

Told by Anne Clarke.

‘We had a very dramatic beginning to this talk, as a lady dressed in early 20th century garb came rushing into the room shouting “ I’ve put my children into the canal”

Anne who is a descendant of the family concerned first became interested after reading names in her Gran’s hymn book, she asked who they all were but her Gran was not interested, so she went to the ‘Dudley Archives’ and began delving into the past! The ‘Tragedy’ took place on June 14th 1901, when the lady dashed into the Police Station with the above message. I am not sure what the actual relationship with Anne is, but it was certainly interesting.

The cause for the event was about poverty. At that time the ‘Working Class’ were lucky if they could get a job and if they did work they were very poorly paid for long hours and heavy work. The men in desperation tended to drink a lot, so not much, so not much money was given to the wives, they were usually quite large families! Anne’s ancestor’s name was Hanna Cox and suddenly she decided she had had enough! She took (I think it was two) of her children for a walk by the canal and then put them into the water and drowned them! She then ran to Police Station and told the police what she had done!

Naturally she was arrested. The inquest was held on June 16th and she was found guilty and sent to Broadmoor. Her friends and neighbours got together and collected money to pay for the prosecution. She was eventually released from Broadmoor in 1906 .

Philip Cox, also one Anne’s ancestors was known locally as “King of the Gamblers”.

He was chased by his debtors and eventually went to America, he took three of his children with him, his brother France Cox sent him some money. He died in 1936 aged 63.

Well! what a story. Thank you Anne you kept us all enthralled, and it was so interesting because it happened so close to us.

Finally it was a shame our June meeting was cancelled at such short notice. The Proprietors of Baggeridge had spent a long time preparing everything for us. Geraldine had been helping and she said that they must have lost a lot of money as all the fresh food such as salads, bread etc would have to be thrown away. She felt so sorry for them, so she organised a collection from us, to help reduce their losses. I think that was a lovely gesture from Geraldine and I'm sure it was appreciated, here's hoping for better luck next time.

Well now we have the Summer Break and meet again for the AGM on September 4th I hope that you all have wonderful holidays and I will see you all at the AGM

Molly Taft

What's in a denomination...

Some delegates to an ecumenical church conference in Scotland set off between sessions to explore the beautiful surrounding countryside. Presently they came to a stream spanned by a rickety bridge, and started to cross, ignoring the warning to keep off. A local inhabitant ran after them in protest. 'Don't worry,' they called. 'We won't do any harm, we are the Anglicans from the Conference.'

'I'm no caring about that,' was the reply. 'If ye dinna get off the bridge quick, ye'll all be Baptists.'



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MENS' SOCIETY

LIFE SAVING DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

A little while ago the Mens' Society had an excellent presentation by Adam Aston from the NHS Ambulance Service and this included (but not exclusively) the life saving techniques CPR and the use of Defibrillators.

The importance, ease and fool proof use of defibrillators was ably demonstrated and this got me thinking that these could literally be a great life saving asset for both the church and the church hall.

To this end the Mens Society is launching an appeal to raise funds to purchase two such machines at an estimated total cost of some £2000.

Donations from individuals, church organisations or organised events would be most gratefully received and the Mens Society will start off the appeal with £250.

Donations by tax payers may be given in the pink 'Gift Aid' envelopes (available in church or from RB) so that a further 25% can be claimed back from HMRC. Progress of funds to target will be regularly displayed in the church entrance.

Training on this simple and fool proof device will be given at a future date when, hopefully, funds and machines are secured!

Please help us to achieve this target and most importantly, perhaps help save some ones life.

Thank you & god bless.

Roger Berry

WWI TIMELINE - EVENTS OF 1917

August 1917

- 15th Battle of Hill 77 (Lens) begins (ends 25th August).
- 16th Battle of Langemarck (Ypres) begins (ends 18th).
- 17th Eleventh Battle of Isonzo begins (ends Sept 12th).
- 20th "Second Offensive Battle" of Verdun begins.

September 1917

- 2nd First German aeroplane raid on England by moonlight by more than one plane.
- 3rd Severe aeroplane raid on Kent by moonlight (about 230 casualties, mostly military).
- 4th German planes raid London for the first time at night. German submarine bombs Scarborough.
- 11th First party of British prisoners reaches England from Switzerland.
- 20th Battle of Menin Road Ridge (Ypres) begins (ends 25th).
- 26th Battle of Polygon Wood, (Ypres) begins (ends Oct 3rd).
- 28th Action of Ramadi (Mesopotamia) (28 & 29th).

Battle of Pilchkem Ridge.

General Haig believed the German Army was weak and wouldn't withstand an attempted breakthrough in the north-east of the Ypres Salient. It would enable the British to possess the dominant views of the high ground of the Passchendaele Ridge, and would they be in a good position to continue the push to the German held ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge, hampering their supply lines.

The first bombardment before the battle lasted ten days: 3,000 guns fired 4.25 million artillery shells.

4.45a.m. on 16 August, 1917

Allied forces attack at Langemarck. Amongst the troops is **Private Harry Patch of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.**

He survives the battle but a month later is wounded by shell shrapnel when three of his Lewis machine gun-team are killed. He returns to Britain and is convalescing when the war ends. He goes on to become the last British survivor of the trenches.

Patch refused to talk about his war experiences until he reached the age of 100, and his forthright views on the war and its futility made him a popular figure and focus of much attention. He once said "War isn't worth one life". He died in 2009, aged 111.

Rosemary Moss

Witticisms

Pharmacist to customer: "Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depression pill you need a proper prescription...simply showing your marriage certificate and wife's picture is not enough."

A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman "Which book has helped you most in your life?"

The woman replied "My husband's cheque book!"

A prospective husband in a book store "Do you have a book called, "Husband: the Master of the House"?"

Sales Girl: Certainly Sir, you'll find it under 'Fiction and Comics' on the 1st floor!

Someone asked an old man: "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife darling, honey, luv...What's the secret?"

Old man: "I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her."

Wife: I wish I was a newspaper so I'd be in your hands all day.

Husband: I too wish that you were a newspaper...so I could have a new one every day!

Husband to wife: Today is a fine day. Next day he says: Today is a fine day. Again, the next day, he says the same thing: Today is a fine day. Finally, after a week, the wife can't take it and asks her husband "Since last week, you have been saying, 'Today is a fine day'. I am fed up. What's the matter?"

Husband: "Last week when we had an argument, you said, 'I will leave you one fine day.' I was just trying to make sure you remembered."

When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure that either the car is new, or the wife.

What's the difference between stress, tension and panic?

Stress is when wife is pregnant;

Tension is when girlfriend is pregnant;

Panic is when both are pregnant!

A young boy asks his Dad: "What is the difference between confident and confidential?"

Dad says: "You are my son, I'm confident about that. Your friend over there is also my son; that is confidential!"

From The Mouth Of A Lawyer

Tony Wright

A very successful attorney parked his brand new Lexus in front of his office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he was getting out, a truck came along too closely and completely tore off the driver's door.

Fortunately, a cop in a police car was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the Lexus with his lights flashing.

Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the attorney started screaming hysterically about how his Lexus, which he had just purchased the day before, was completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how any car body shop tried to make it new again.

After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer.

The cop replied, "Don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It was severed when the truck hit you!"



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SEPTEMBER 2017

3RD SEPTEMBER - ALL SAINTS

8AM - THE REVD CATHERINE MITCHELL

10.30AM - HON CANON JAN HUMPHRIES - MORNING PRAYER

4PM - THE LICENSING OF THE REVD GUY HEWLETT

ST ANDREW'S - 9.30AM - THE REVD CATHERINE MITCHELL

ST PETER'S - 10.30AM - THE REVD JAMES MAKEPEACE

10TH SEPTEMBER - ALL SAINTS'

8AM - THE REVD GUY HEWLETT

10.30AM - TEAM SERVICE WITH THE REVD GUY HEWLETT

6.30PM - EVENSONG - HON CANON JAN HUMPHRIES

17TH SEPTEMBER - ALL SAINTS'

8AM - THE REVD GUY HEWLETT

10.30AM - NO SERVICE

6.30PM - EVENSONG - THE REVD GUY HEWLETT

ST ANDREW'S - 9.30AM - JOINT SERVICE WITH ALL SAINTS - THE REVD JUDITH OLIVER

ST PETER'S - 10.30AM - THE REVD GUY HEWLETT

24TH SEPTEMBER - ALL SAINTS'

8AM - THE REVD CATHERINE MITCHELL

10.30AM - THE REVD GUY HEWLETT

6.30PM - COMPLINE - HON CANON JAN HUMPHRIES

ST ANDREW'S - 9.30AM - THE REVD CATHERINE MITCHELL

ST PETER'S - 10.30AM - MORNING PRAYER - SUZANNE BRADLEY