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August & September 2018



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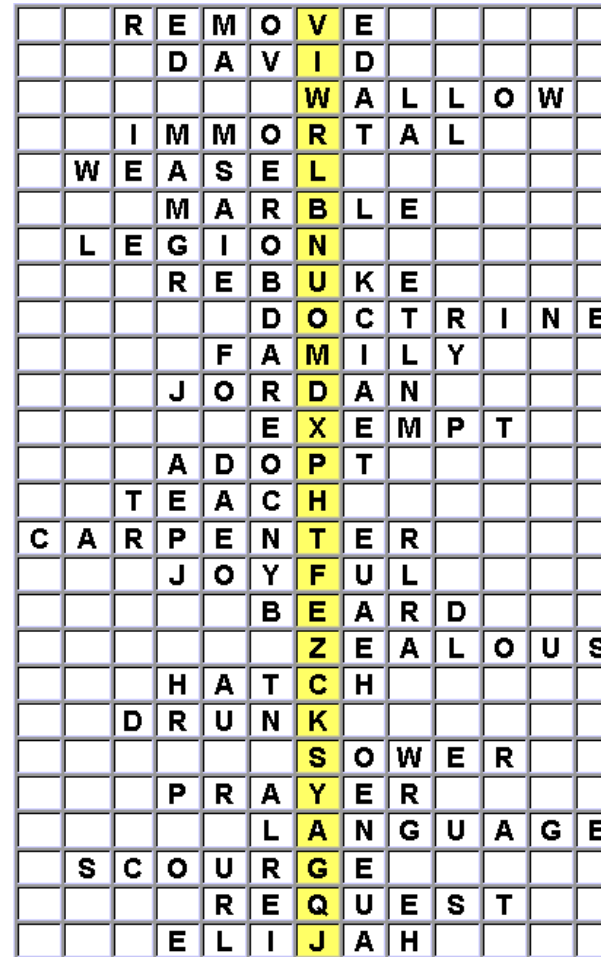
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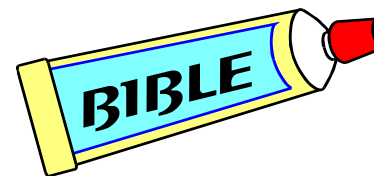
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TEAM TALK



The next edition of **TEAM TALK** will be a combined

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Teaching Day with Bishop James



'WHAT IS HUMAN?'

Saturday 20 October
@ St Mary's, Ulverston

9.30 am until 2.30 pm

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE DAY?

This teaching day is part of our 'God for All' programme. Previous days have looked at the Gospel, The Bible, Prayer, Mission, The Church, the Kingdom of God, Evangelism, the Sermon on the Mount, The Old Testament, Discipleship and Christian Lifestyle.

This year Bishop James will continue the 'What is ...?' series with an in depth look at 'What is Human?' The Teaching Day each will last from 9-30 am to 2-30 pm Its aim is to build confidence in the Christian faith, and it is intended to complement the teaching that already goes on so faithfully in our Parishes and Deaneries.

Everyone will be most welcome - if you would like to come along please sign up on the list at the back of church, which will be available in mid-September

PROGRAMME:

9.30 a.m. Arrive

10.00 a.m. Session One: Who am I?

11.00 a.m. Coffee

11.30 a.m. Session Two: Why am I here?

12.30 p.m. Lunch break *Please bring your own lunch.*

Drinks will be supplied.

1.20 p.m. Session Three: Where am I going?

2.20 p.m. Prayers

2.30 p.m. Depart

Sunday Worship during August & September 2018

5 August	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
12 August	*9.30 am Church Family Worship at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's 12 noon Baptisms at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
19 August	*10.30 am Team Service at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
26 August	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Church Family Worship at St George's 12 noon Baptisms at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
2 September	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
9 September	*9.30 am Church Family Worship at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's 11.15 am Baptism at St Aidan's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
16 September	*10.30 am Team Service at St Aidan's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
23 September	HARVEST THANKSGIVING *9.30 am Harvest Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Harvest Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
30 September	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Church Family Worship at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy

**Refreshments will be served after these services.*

The South Barrow Team Register

Baptisms

24 June	Darcey Jade Balderstone (B:4/11/16) at St George's
24 June	Rori William Balderstone (B:4/12/17) at St George's
24 June	Lucas Samuel Wood (B:19/4/18) at St George's
8 July	Jude Lucas Davey (B:20/2/18) at St Aidan's
8 July	Archie George McGovern (B:31/12/18) at St Aidan's
8 July	Brenden Daniel James Tinkler (B:24/7)14 at St Aidan's
21 July	Jay Edward Rollinson (Adult) at St George's
29 July	Archie Hoodless (B:2/12/17) @ St George's

Wedding

30 June Carl Burns & Sheena Gray @ St George's

Funerals

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

4 June	Winnie Shepherd (78) at St George's Church
6 June	Marian Corless (79) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
15 June	Jack Swarbrick (76) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
29 June	Stewart McKeown (82) at St George's Church
6 July	Jessie White (98) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
6 July	Eric Graham (88) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
11 July	Pamela Shaw (76) at St George's Church.
3 August	Belle Rollinson (93) at St George's Church

Enquiries about Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Weddings, Renewal of Marriage Vows and Funerals should be directed to any of the clergy (see page 2 for contact details) Thank you



MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2018

at 3 pm at ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Followed by light refreshments in the Hall

If you would like a loved one to be remembered or know someone who has been bereaved who could be helped by this service please contact: Alison Otto by Monday 17 October. All welcome.



'Imagine Church' Cumbria Hub 2018

Do you ever feel like church seems disconnected from the rest of your life? Do you ever imagine that there must be a way of doing church differently so that faith is more connected to everything else in your life?

Back in Spring 2017 a few of us from the South Barrow Team went to Ulverston for an 'Imagine Church' Day put on by Carlisle Diocese. The idea was to be inspired as to how our church services could better equip us for living out our faith the rest of the week.

Here's what Marek Mozdzynski from St George's said, "In the past I've tended to be enthusiastic about church and enthusiastic about so-called 'mission' work, but I'd almost disregarded my workplace as a place where God might use me. I've tended to keep a low-profile, just get the job done and get my money. It's not that I wasn't kind or thoughtful as you might expect of a Christian employee, but I was pretty passive about it all. But work is a really significant parts of our lives, and our approach to church needs to encourage us in that."

"The Imagine day helped me to start thinking of myself as a tool for God, and gave me loads of ideas. As a church it's also helped us start thinking about how what we do on a Sunday can support us the other six days, rather than being disconnected."

Off the back of attending that taster day, as a Team we were invited to explore this further by being part of a Cumbria based 'Imagine Church' Hub in 2018. The idea is that anyone from the church is able to attend three days of input & discussion, as well as then committing to reflecting on this together as PCCs to embed what we've heard.

In February this year eight folk from St George's attended the first Imagine Day at Ambleside, which was really encouraging and the feedback featured in a subsequent weekly Newsletter. Likewise, the second Imagine Day in June. The third and final Imagine Day will be on Saturday 6 October, again at Ambleside, between 10 am and 3.30 pm. Whether you attended the previous days or not, it doesn't matter—anyone is welcome to attend as each day 'stands alone'. If you would like to come along please let either Gary or Robin know by Sunday 22 September, to arrange transport & book for lunch—which is provided free of charge.

NEXT IMAGINE DAY: Saturday 6th October 2018 at Ambleside

ALPHA-BITE BIBLE PUZZLE

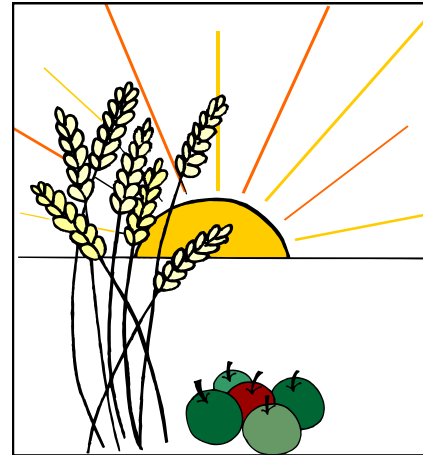
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These puzzles consist of 26 rows of letters with one empty space in each row. There is **one place** for each letter of the alphabet in the 26 empty squares. Fill in each letter so that **a word of at least 5 letters** is formed **reading across only**. Not all the letters in each row are used; it's up to you to discover which ones are needed to complete the **right** words. Some of the letters may fit in more than one of the empty squares to complete words; however **only one arrangement of all the letters of the alphabet** will complete a word in each row. Solution on page 15

A	B
C	D
E	F
G	H
I	J
K	L
M	N
O	P
Q	R
S	T
U	V
W	X
Y	Z

Harvest Thanksgiving 2018

We shall be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 23 September when the services will provide an opportunity for us to celebrate God's generous provision & to consider those less fortunate than ourselves. This year we aim to think both **LOCALLY & GLOBALLY**



9.30 am Harvest Communion
at St Aidan's with

10.30 am Harvest Holy Communion
at St George's with

You are warmly invited to bring items for the Barrow Foodbank to your local Harvest Thanksgiving Service; also, special envelopes will be provided for donations to the Bishop's Harvest For the Hungry Appeal (pick up a leaflet in church).

Pause For Thought...

Mahatma Gandhi was once asked, "What would it take for India to become Christian?" He replied, "All it would take is for Christians to be Christian!"

SUMMER FAIR A big THANK YOU to all those who helped at the recent SBT SUMMER FAIR and for all who supported it. It was a happy occasion and a real blessing as folk worked together. As a result over £640 was raised for the 'FIT FOR PURPOSE' projects at St George's and St Aidan's. Well done & thank you! *GARY*

Richard Corrie's Sunday Breakfast

6.00am to 9.00am

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Heritage Day - September 2018

The 28th September 2018 will be the 140th anniversary of the dedication of four Barrow churches: St Mark's, St John's, St Luke's and St Matthew's. All four churches were dedicated simultaneously at 11 am on this date in 1878. The Bishop of Carlisle officiated at St Matthew's; the Bishop of Hereford at St Mark's; the Bishop of Sodor & Man at St Luke's and the Archbishop of York at St John's. To commemorate this milestone event there is to be a:

Heritage Open Day

organised by Susan Benson (the Archivist for Barrow Archives Office) at St Mark's on Saturday 8 September between 10 am and 4 pm

to commemorate this milestone. St Mark's has been chosen for this special event as it the one which most closely resembled the churches as they were first built in 1878. The other three original church buildings were later demolished and rebuilt.

At this event archive material from each of the churches will be on display, along with information relating to the churches/parishes now. It is hoped that those who worship or worshipped at these churches in the past will be available to host the display relevant to the church they belong or belonged to.

As well as refreshments there will be activities for children which will include activities of an historical nature, provided by the Archive Centre. Do you have any photos or memorabilia about St Luke's which could be borrowed for a 'St Luke's Display'? If so, please get in touch with Alison Otto (01229 825802) who would be pleased to hear from you. Thank you!

MU Plus

The next gathering is the Deanery Service at Coniston for Mary Sumner Day at 2 pm on Thursday 9th August. We also plan to meet on the following Thursdays in the autumn: 20th September, 18th October & 15th November, from about 1.30 - 4 pm.

For more information please contact Janice on 01229 580175

Advance notice: 'CHOSEN' - a Saltmine production telling the story of the Mother's Union on Sunday 7 October 2018 (see page 11 for more details)

OPEN FORUM

Open Forum is a series of evening discussion meetings on a range of topical issues and which are open to everyone. The next meeting will be:



**An Evening with
Canon Andrew White
on
Saturday 1st
September 2018
at 7.30 pm
St Mary's Church,
Ambleside**

'We are privileged to have Canon Andrew White with us sharing on God's heart for the Middle East. He is known as the 'Vicar of Baghdad' from his time pastoring the congregation of St George's, Baghdad through the recent turbulent times. Andrew's ministry is dedicated to supporting the Iraqi refugee community in Jordan and to finding peaceful solutions to conflicts in the Middle East, promoting peace & reconciliation.

There will be a cash bookstall of Andrew's works

The Open Forum will be chaired by **Bishop James Newcome**

Everyone welcome – no need to book and no charge to attend.

Further details from Rev Nick Hallam 015394 36069,

Nick.Hallam@uwclub.net

'CHOSEN' tells the story of the Mother's Union & is being performed across the country by the Saltmine Theatre Company.

The local production is at St Andrew's Church, Penrith on Sunday 7 October at 3.30 pm. Tickets: £10.

To book please call Janice Eadington on 01229 580175



Jesus said that the key to freedom is knowing the truth:

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” John 8:32

In September a ‘Freedom in Christ’ Course is being organised by the Barrow Mission Community and will be led by Julia Burns, assisted by Liz Currie. The course will take place on Friday mornings at 9.30 am or Friday evenings at 7 pm and begins on Friday 14th September in St. Paul's Church Lounge. There is also an Away Day on Saturday 10 November. The cost of the course is £12 - if you would like to do the course but the cost would prevent you from do so then please chat to Gary, the Team Rector, who may be able to provide grant assistance.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

The 10-week Freedom in Christ Discipleship course is designed to help Christians understand the truth of who they are in Christ, resolve personal and spiritual conflicts and become a fruitful disciple. Jesus said that "you will know the truth, and the truth will free you." (John 8:32) and that’s what this course is all about: Learning, understanding and experiencing God’s truth, applying it to our lives, and walking free from the hurts & habits that hold us back. In a nutshell the course covers: key truths; barriers to truth; resolving the past; moving on to fruitfulness. There is an individual focus, emphasising personal responsibility and right choices, within the safe of company of others on a similar journey.

If you wish to attend the course please chat to Gary and contact Julia Burns on 01229 824112 or emails: 1944burnsim@gmail.com

Sylvia Groves submitted the following news-bite which left an impact on her a number of year ago and begs the question: how much do I value God’s Word?

NEVER-NEVER - BUENOS AIRES: Court Officials confiscated jobless father of three, Hector Arce’s furniture and pizza oven after he couldn’t meet payments on a Bible.

FIT FOR PURPOSE

As a church family across the South Barrow Team we are committed to ensuring that our buildings are a resource for mission and ministry and not a restriction. St Aidan’s and St George’s churches were built ‘for the glory of God’ and while we need to guard against worshipping buildings (instead of God) we nevertheless want them to be fit for *the* purpose of fulfilling our core vision: ‘To know Jesus better and to make Him better known’. Thus, here is a brief ‘snapshot’ of ‘where we are’ in relation to St Aidan’s & St George’s:

ST AIDAN’S Since the re-opening of St Aidan’s last year a new heating system has been installed in the church and unexpected but necessary drainage works have been completed - due to the expense of the latter (£25,000) the fitting of the kitchen and the purchase of tables and chairs was inevitably delayed, due to lack of funds. However, these are now on order and we hope the café area will be functionable in September 2018! This means we can begin to develop the café, working with community groups, and seek to serve the local community more fully through hospitality and welcome. At some stage we hope to acquire funding which will enable us to appoint someone to manage the café and develop the wider use of our buildings.

ST GEORGE’S A year ago a new kitchen was installed at St George’s; in the next few months we hope to enhance this improvement to the church hall by replacing the existing wooden floor and carpeted area. However, the most significant and pressing need at the present time is replacing, extending and enhancing the current heating system throughout St George’s, which is both inadequate and inefficient. Detailed plans have been approved and quotes have been received. These are higher than we anticipated and are explained in the ‘Warm & Welcoming’ Gift Day pack, which is available at St George’s or from the Team Rector. While it would be great to do all the work in one go, funds may not permit us to do so. There is a GIFT DAY on Sunday 5 August (though gifts/pledges can be made throughout August) and the outcome will ascertain how much we can do at this stage. Work is due to begin in late August 2018 and there will be inevitable disruption but steps are in place to keep this to a minimum. In the meantime, please pray for resources to complete the proposed work at St Aidan’s & St George’s ‘for the glory of God’ & the furtherance of His Kingdom.

I will not be shaken!

Some time ago I read a book by the mountaineer, Joe Simpson. *Touching The Void* is a detailed account of a climb he and his climbing partner, Simon Yates, undertook in 1985. They had just reached the top of a 21,000-foot peak in the Andes when disaster struck. Simpson plunged off the vertical face of an ice ledge, breaking his leg. In the hours that followed, darkness fell and a blizzard raged as Yates tried to lower his friend to safety. With much effort and determination they managed to get so far when Joe fell down a crevasse – he hung on the end of a rope for what seemed an eternity. There was no way he could get out and it was almost certain that Simon would also be pulled to an early death as well. Finally, Simon was forced to cut the rope and Joe fell.

The next three days were an impossibly gruelling ordeal for both men. Simon, certain that Joe was dead, returned to base camp consumed with grief and guilt over abandoning him. Miraculously, Joe survived the fall but, crippled, starving, and severely frostbitten, was trapped in the deep crevasse. Summoning vast reserves of physical strength, Joe hopped, hobbled, and crawled over the cliffs and canyons of the Andes, reaching the base hours before Simon had planned to break camp – it had taken four days! But he demonstrated great determination and resolve.

This story came to mind when I was reading Psalm 16 recently. The psalmist, which in this case is most likely to be king David, celebrates the goodness of God that he has experienced in life. It may be that he reflects on past troubles, but the thrust of Psalm 16 is the psalmist's hope and confidence in the Lord, in both life and death with respect - expressed so firmly in five simple but powerful words we find in verse 8: 'I shall not be shaken'.

And do you know what the secret of his confidence was? GOD. At the beginning of the psalm David prays that God will be his keeper and his guardian: "Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge" (1). It's a prayer, 'Keep me safe...', but it's a prayer that is based on a commitment of trust, "...in you I take refuge". David finds his shelter and security in God. And he says to God (2): "You are my Lord" - he, king David, submits to God as His Master and Ruler; and he adds, "apart from you I have no good thing". In other words, David is saying his life is complete and secure in God, whatever

the circumstances in which he finds himself. What an incredible witness; after all, David knew what it was to have a nation looking to him for the good life, to provide them with security, and prosperity and happiness; but king David says, "No. It is only in the Lord that we can have true and lasting confidence and security. In whom or in what is your confidence and security? For David his confidence and security was in the Lord.

But you know, the hope and confidence in God, which exudes this psalm, can so easily seem 'unrealistic' in our contemporary world, even by Christians. As wars persist, as racial tensions fester, as drug abuse thrives, as many struggle with broken and fragile relationships, as illness encroaches us – whatever it is the 'feel good factor' expressed by David here can seem very hard to accept – wishful thinking. It's an almost unbelievable anchor for the soul to know that whatever storms may stir and threaten us the Christian believer can say 'I shall not be shaken'. One could argue that David's world, when he wrote Psalm 16, was very different from our own. It was much less complex and more straightforward. But actually when we examine David's own life we discover that he lived in a world that was equally violent, equally uncertain, and equally threatening, as our own. And yet we find him saying that in the midst of all the pressures of life and all the threats that he faced, "I have set the Lord always before me. Because the Lord is at my right hand I shall not be shaken" (8). What a great statement of resilient faith!

In Psalm 16 we are reminded of a security that no one but God can provide - so there are no other offers, there are no competitors in this market, it is something which is unique to God. David's security is in always having set the Lord before him; his loyalty to the Lord is in response to His acts of goodness; his joy, first and foremost is not in the Lord's gifts, but in the Lord Himself. Could that be said of you and me? Do you set the Lord before you in your life, in the decisions you make, in your relationships, in your job, in the groups and organisations you belong to, in your possessions, in your worship, in your witness? This is a challenge but it is also an encouragement to us to remember God's greatness and His goodness, not least in saving us from sin and death and securing for us 'eternal pleasures at his right hand' (11).

Yours friend & Team Rector, Gary Cregeen