

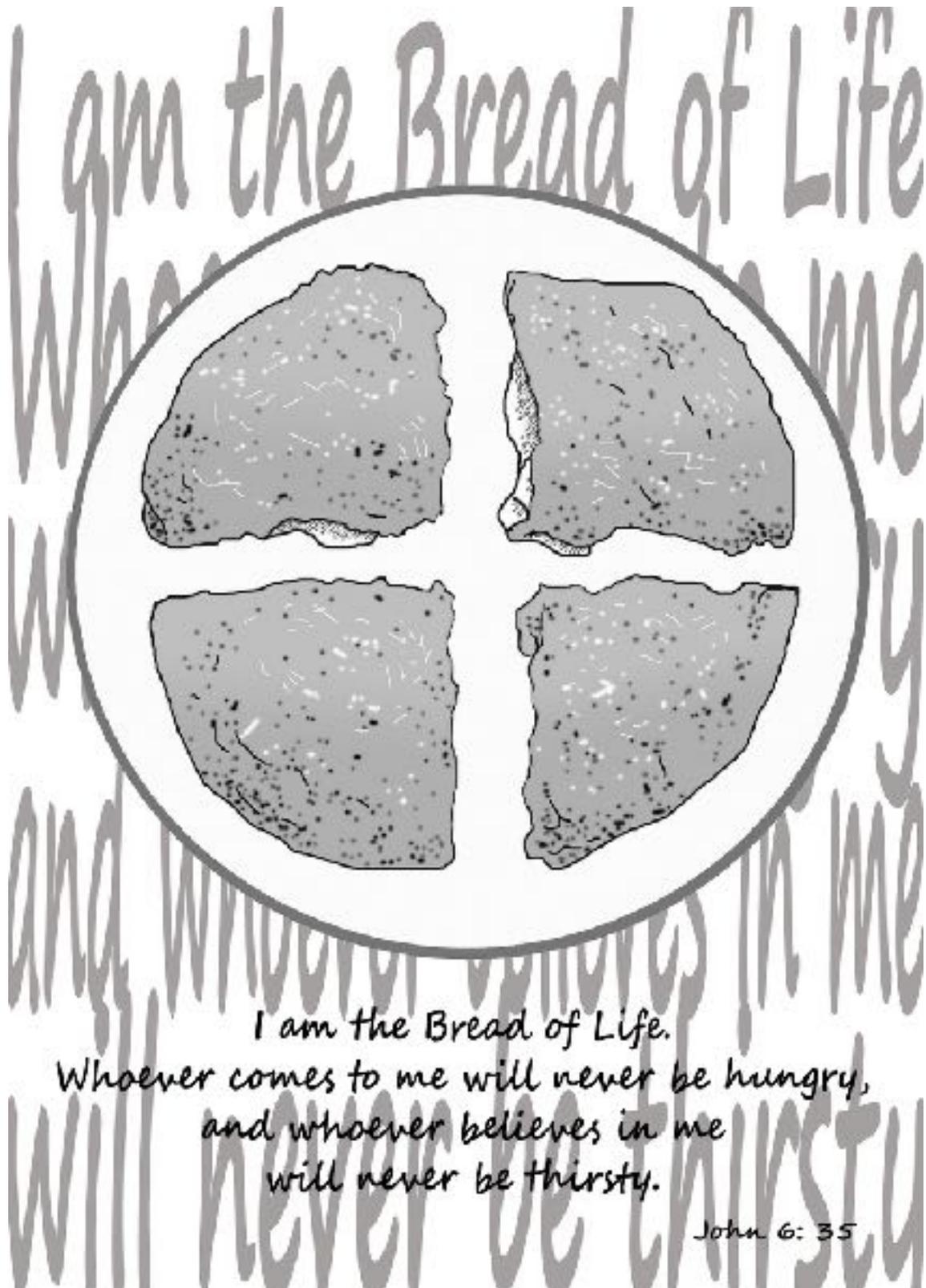
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*I am the Bread of Life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.*

John 6: 35

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Sunday Services		
10.30am	All-Age Service	1st Sunday of month
	Holy Communion	2nd and 4th Sundays
	Service of the Word	3rd Sunday of month and 5th of 5 week months
6.30pm	Holy Communion	1st and 3rd Sundays
	Evening Prayer	2nd and 4th Sundays and 5th of 5 week months
1.00pm	Asian Calvary Church - Every Sunday	
Regular Events		
Mums & Toddlers		Tuesday afternoon @ 1.15 pm
Tuesday Morning Prayer Time & Bible Study		Every Tuesday @ 9.30am
Tuesday Evening Prayer Time		Every Tuesday @ 7.30pm
Youth Groups		
TNG		Wednesday @ 7.40 pm
Kids Club		Wednesday @ 6.30 pm
Messy Church		One Wednesday of month @ 7.30 pm
Social		
Ladies Cake & Chat		Every Thursday @ 9.15 am. Homemade cake, toast and chat.
Social Afternoon		3rd Wednesday @ 2.00pm with gentle exercises. Cost £1.00/head .
Coffee Morning		Last Saturday of month with prayer opportunity @ 9.0 am and Toast & Chat @ 10.00 am.
Lunch Club		First Wednesday of the month @ 12.30pm

AUGUST - DIARY				Morning	Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday	1st	NO	Bible study/Prayer	NO	Trinity Tots
Wednesday	2nd	NO	Holy Communion Lunch Club	NO NO	Kids Club TNG
Thursday	3rd	NO	Cake & Chat		
Sunday Pentecost 9	6th	10.30	All-Age Worship	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Songs of Praise
Tuesday	8th	NO	Bible study/Prayer		Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Wednesday	9th				Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Thursday	10th	NO	Cake & Chat		Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Saturday	12th		ACC Youth Event		
Sunday Pentecost 10	13th	10.30	Service of the Word	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Evening Prayer
Tuesday	15th	NO	Bible study/Prayer		Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Wednesday	16th				Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Thursday	17th	NO	Cake & Chat		Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Sunday Pentecost 11	20th	10.30	Holy Communion	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Holy Communion
Monday	21st			7.30	PCC Social
Tuesday	22nd	NO	Bible study/Prayer		Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Wednesday	23rd				Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Thursday	24th	NO	Cake and Chat		Holiday Drop in 2.00 - 4.00
Saturday	26th	10.00	Coffee Morning		
Sunday Pentecost 12	27th	10.30	Holy Communion	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Evening Prayer
Tuesday	29th	NO	Bible study/Prayer	NO	Trinity Tots
Wednesday	30th			NO NO	Kids Club Messy Church
Thursday	31st	NO	Cake and Chat		
Sunday Pentecost 13	Sep 3rd	10.30	All-Age Worship	1.00 6.30	Asian Calvary Church Holy Communion

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From the Vicarage

The bible is the story of God, the world and us. The bible is God's story of himself and why he made everything. The question the bible asks of every human being is, "where do you fit in the story?"



This question has become much clearer to me in recent years as the world has quickly become connected like never before. It's never been so easy to jump on a plane to fly anywhere in the world and instant and free communication via the internet means people can keep in touch and make new friends anywhere in the world at the touch of a button.

So, where do you fit in God's story of the world? To answer that question, we need to know the story, at least at a basic level.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and he created human beings in his image. That means that you are not a biological machine which evolved by chance but that you are fearfully and wonderfully made, with great value, dignity and worth. God loves all that he made, which means he loves you.

God made everything good but he planned to let one of his created angels rebel against him and bring evil, greed and wickedness into the world. This fallen angel, a created being, not equal to God, but inferior, led the first human beings to join him in rebellion against God and he has been hard at work every since, leading the rebellion. The rebellion is not out of God's control. It is part of the story, God's plan.

The good image of our creator in us all has been ruined by sin, so that we can still see God in each person but we know that there is something very, very wrong. We have curved in on ourselves, like a pair of socks, rolled together into a tight ball and tucked at the back of a dark drawer. We don't trust each other, we don't love each other, we don't live as God made us to live. One of the ways we see this most clearly is through the division of the world into different groups of people, who war against each other. We label one another and make stereotypes and stay with our own kind, not being willing to cross great divides.

God is the perfect creator and so in a world where justice and injustice is part of the way things were made, he is perfectly just. He exercises perfect justice over the people of the world. But God is also perfectly loving. God demonstrates his love to us, he shows us his love, by coming in the person of Jesus, the God-man, divine and human nature in one body. Jesus was willing to die on the cross under the judgement because he loves us. He paid the ultimate price, taking our place to free people who trust him from judgement.

And so, our story is to be caught up with the life of Jesus, to live and die in Christ, following his example and teaching. If we live in him, we will rise with him to eternal life. If we don't live and die with him, but carry on living for our own pleasures and agendas, then on the day Jesus returns to judge us, we will stand condemned before the judge. We are either safe in the shelter of his wings or stand alone before the creator of the universe and we must face the full force of his justice alone.

When anyone first enters into his story, and takes their place with his people, with people from every tribe, tongue and language, they begin a new life, like a new born baby. Baptism marks the start of that life and like new born babies, who are completely dependent on their parents, God's people depend on him for everything. And they need to learn to walk like Jesus, talk like Jesus, think like Jesus and act like Jesus, as he remakes the image of God in his people, one day at a time.

So, stop to think, how would you answer the question I asked at the start? Where do you fit in the story of Jesus, the world and you?"

With love
Neil

Prayers

Wind and Waves

(Mt 14: 22-34)

Buffeted by the waves of the world,
waves of worry, insecurity and rejection – personally,
waves of fear of difference and terrorism – nationally and globally,
The wind against us in our small boats,
And so strong.

How we need to hear that voice of encouragement,
To lift our eyes to the only source of calm in every storm.

When the sea is raging
And sinking seems inevitable
Your presence will not only keep us afloat,
But will lead us safely to solid ground.
Your presence Jesus – stronger than the wind and waves,
Our security,
Our Saviour.

By Daphne Kitching

Prayer in a storm

Faithful Father,
Storms come! No matter who we are, no matter what we have done
or not done, storms come. Please protect us. Reassure us that you
are with us in any and every storm; that you will never leave us or
forsake us. May we know the peace of your presence whatever our
circumstances today. Alone we would sink and give up. With you
we will be strengthened to stay afloat. We will be encouraged to
face each day, confident that you are above all things - and that we
belong to you.
Thank you Father, in Jesus name.
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

July Prayer Reflection - Graham Daniels

Prayer for the Day - Volume 1

George Orwell said that 'serious sport has nothing to do with fair play.....it is war minus the shooting'.

The 1964 British two-man bobsleigh team of Robin Dixon and Tony Nash wouldn't agree. They were in contention for the gold medal but after the first of their two runs, they discovered that the main bolt holding their back axle place had snapped in half and there wasn't enough time to find a replacement.

Their main rival, current world champion Eugenio Monte of Italy, hearing of the Britons' plight, removed the bolt from his own bob after his second run, to have it fitted in the British bob. The Britons won the gold medal.

Robin Dixon pointed out, 'Monte knew that he was sacrificing his chance of an Olympic gold medal.' Monte's own comment on the incident was, 'My action was very normal for a sportsperson. You try to help the other people to have the same conditions that you have.' He still has the mug presented to him by the British team, with the inscription: 'A great sporting gesture.' Monte clearly embodied the Olympic spirit and ideals.

The Bible presents high ideals for those who would follow Christ. In Paul's letter to the Church in Rome he urges that 'in view of God's mercy' they should 'offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God'. He comments that to do so is 'a reasonable act of worship'. It is reasonable in God's eyes to use what we have sacrificially, out of gratitude to him.

Heavenly Father, You have shown us great mercy. Please help us to be sacrificial in our relationship with You and each other today. Amen.

The Transfiguration - a glimpse of Jesus' future glory

The story is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36).

It was a time when Jesus' ministry was popular, when people were seeking Him out. But on this day, He made time to take Peter, James and John, His closest disciples, up a high mountain. In the fourth century, Cyrillic of Jerusalem identified it as Mount Tabor (and there is a great church up there today), but others believe it more likely to have been one of the three spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to about 9,000 feet, and overlooks Caesarea Philippi.

High up on the mountain, Jesus was suddenly transfigured before His friends. His face began to shine as the sun, His garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses, of all people, suddenly appeared, and talked with Him. A bright cloud overshadowed the disciples.

Peter was staggered, but, enthusiast that he was - immediately suggested building three tabernacles on that holy place, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. But God's 'tabernacled', God's dwelling with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a cloud covered them, and a Voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was His beloved Son, whom the disciple should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our *listening* to Jesus.

Then, just as suddenly, it is all over. What did it mean? *Why Moses and Elijah?* Well, these two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they are handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.

Why on top of a mountain? In Exodus we read that Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the sacred covenant from Yahweh in the form of the Ten Commandments. Now Jesus goes up and is told about the 'sealing' of the New Covenant, or New Testament of God with man, which will be accomplished by his coming death in Jerusalem.

That day made a lifelong impact on the disciples. Peter mentions it in his second letter, 2 Peter 1:16 - 19 - invariably the reading for this day.

The Eastern Churches have long held the Transfiguration as a feast as important as Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension and Pentecost. But it took a long time for the West to observe the Transfiguration. The feast starts appearing from the 11th and 12th centuries, and the Prayer Book included it among the calendar dates, but there was no liturgical provision for it until the 19th century.

St Clare of Assisi

Assisi, a beautiful town in the Italian province of Umbria, was the birth-place in the twelfth century of two of that country's greatest saints, Francis and Clare. Francis first, and then Clare, discovered the liberating effect of release from the burden of wealth. For them simplicity, a godly poverty, was the way to blessing.

Their followers – Francis's monks, the Franciscans, and Clare's nuns, the 'Poor Clares' as they were known, set themselves to live without any kind of luxury. This freed them, they believed, for a life of prayer and service, to care for the poor around them without distraction. They built no elaborate basilicas, though one was erected after the death of Francis, strictly against his wishes, to surround the simple chapel (his 'hovel') where he and his followers were based. The present-day house of the Poor Clares is a perfect example of the sheer beauty of simplicity.

Their life-style, their message, their simplicity of life and love of the Creation and its creatures, offered a striking alternative to the society around them, where wealth (which Francis had enjoyed but rejected at his conversion) and poverty and sickness lived side by side. It has to be said, too, that their message is on collision course with the values and goals of much of the western world today. Simplicity of life and affluence don't sit easily together.

By David Winter

The Prime Minister who served three monarchs

Stanley Baldwin, the only British Prime Minister to have served under three monarchs, was born 150 years ago, on 3rd August 1867.

He led the government for three terms – 1923-24, 1924-29 and 1935-37 – which included the 1926 General Strike and the 1936 abdication crisis.

As Conservative leader, Baldwin was noted for his support of parliamentary democracy at a time when revolution and dictatorship were common in Europe.

In the 1920s and 1930s he tried to prevent class conflict and strongly defended democratic and Christian values.

He said: “I am one of those who would rather sink with faith than swim without it.”

After the First World War he appealed for voluntary donations by the rich to help reduce the war debt, giving a fifth of his own money. From 1938 to 1939 he led an appeal to provide financial assistance for Jewish refugees.

Remembering Elvis – the ‘king’ of rock n’roll

The king of rock and roll singers, Elvis Presley, died 40 years ago on 16th August 1977, at the age of only 42. As well as singing and playing the guitar, he was also a film star, appearing in over 30 films.

The cause of his death has never been totally clear, but it has been blamed on his taking a cocktail of about ten prescription drugs, including morphine, codeine and valium.

Nearly four years earlier he had been admitted to hospital with pneumonia, pleurisy, hepatitis and an enlarged colon, and he continued to struggle with ill health after that.

Elvis was raised at a fundamentalist, evangelical, Pentecostal church in Tupelo, Mississippi, and never renounced his faith.

His family moved to Memphis Tennessee when he was in his early teens, and he died there, at his home, Graceland.

It is reckoned that Elvis sold over a billion records worldwide, and he won three Grammys – all for his Gospel music.

David Winter remembers the shock of that tragic day, now 20 years ago...

The night Diana died

From time to time I am invited to a local group called 'Speakability'. It is made up of people who have suffered a stroke or other condition which has made ordinary conversation difficult. Visitors like me are invited to introduce a topic which will encourage them to contribute to an animated discussion, forgetting any disability. For my last visit, I chose a topic which is particularly relevant this month, the twentieth anniversary of the event: 'Where were you when you heard that Diana was dead?'

I began with a brief resume of my own experience – woken by my wife to be told that Diana had been killed in a car crash. An hour or two later the bedside phone rang. Would I present a live programme on Radio 2 that evening reflecting the amazing impact this still young woman had had on so many areas of life? I said I would, but only once I'd taken the early Communion service. When I went into church at 7.45 there was a bunch of flowers on the altar and a card, 'For Diana'. The public response would be similarly spontaneous. When I got to London thousands of people had flocked to Kensington Palace, crowds that would grow bigger over the next few days.

Well, I said to them, what's your story of that day? And out it all poured. The leader eventually had to call a halt because we had to vacate the hall. Their stories were of shock, of tears, of feeling bereaved even though they had never met her. One man had been in Paris at the time and knew a nurse who was on the team that tried in vain to save her life. Another woman had got up early to visit her daughter and hadn't heard the news. She arrived to find her daughter sobbing in her kitchen.

It was obvious that this one woman – 'the People's Princess', as Tony Blair dubbed her – had made an enormous impact on their lives. It might be interesting at your next home meeting or family gathering to repeat that exercise. I think you'll be surprised at the response.

Ruth Ebanks Desert Island Discs.

I was surprised when Colin asked me to write August Desert Discs, as I never would have thought to do one. I knew I had a challenge on my hands when I struggled to choose 15 songs for my birthday party list, so 8 would be a nightmare.



But I just managed it.

I couldn't be on an island on my own for a long period of time, as I would probably end up like Tom Hanks in Cast Away, (not a pretty sight) but a day or 2 wouldn't hurt if I had my music, a couple of books to read, a few nice bottles of wine, some delicious food, and a hunky man i.e. Will Smith to wait on me. Then Yeah, I could cope.

One of the first songs I remember was singing **Morning has Broken** by **Eleanor Farjeon**, for morning assembly at school this would be the main song. Also, my Mom would have helped me practice this in the mornings when I was getting ready in the mornings, too make sure I had it perfect, and which would be in good practise for the church choir later on.

If I were a Butterfly by Brian Howard.

This song reminds me of a performance we had to do in the front of church. All the kids from Sunday School had been practicing this song with actions. I remember this as Eileen Hems was my Sunday school teacher at the time, and George Campbell would have been the vicar. It's just a jolly & fun song to sing. Happy Days.

Brown girl in the ring by Boney M

For as long as I can remember this song was played at every birthday party I had at home. From age 3 -10yrs old. Because when I turned 11 (high school age) it wasn't cool to know the words to the song, let alone dance to it. Dad had this tune on a 45 (oh I'm showing my age) for the youngsters it looks like a big cd. We had to dance very carefully as we wouldn't want the song to skip.

Once in Royal David City by Cecil Frances Alexander

When I was about 10 years old I joined the church choir, with my mom for the Christmas Carol service. After being there for a year I was chosen to sing the solo verse for Once in Royal David City. I was so nervous, shaky knees, sweaty palms, and a tremor in my voice. Said a little prayer and then it was show time. Now when I sing this song it reminds me of this time.

Since working at Mitchells & Butlers for the past 15 years, I have had some fantastic Christmas parties, from the Wizard of Oz , The 1960's and a Winter wonderland theme. The one song that will always be played is **Livin on a Prayer by Bon Jovi**. This song will get everybody on their feet, shouting the words out loudly and waving our hands in the air. Roll on this Christmas!



One Love by Bob Marley

You can't beat a bit of reggae from the master himself. This song reminds me of my travels to Jamaica visiting family & attending my Dads family reunion. At the end of last year, I was there again with a work friend, part of my 40th birthday treat. Memories of dancing on the beach barbeque in the evenings against a lovely blue sea back drop. It was even better that early this year, me & a few work friends went to see a play about the life of Bob Marley at the Birmingham Rep. It was really good. The guy who was director also starred in casualty Kwame Kwei-Armah.

Now my summer tune is **Hot, Hot, Hot by The Merryman** this song reminds me of summer, which we pray for a lot here in England. (well I do). I remember when I first heard it playing at a family member wedding reception. The beats just want you to get up and dance. It's a such a Caribbean tune, no doubt I will play it soon.

My final song will have to be **Cry me a river by Michael Bublé**. (why I hear you say) because he has such a smooth voice and he is easy on the eye. But I find his music really relaxing after a hard day's work and your brain can't cope, it's nice to listen to his songs and just zone out.

Hope you enjoyed hearing about some of my choices of songs, but I had so many artists I could have used from Adele, Ed Sheeran, Canton Jones, and plenty more.

God bless

Ruth



Peter will be next up in September magazine, followed by David in October. That leaves only 2 more months and 2 more volunteers to finish off a year of DID please.



"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

Story behind the Hymn

During the time of Rev. Trevor Glover a double-decker bus load of us went to Villa Park to listen to the preaching of Billy Graham. One of the new hymns we learned and have sung with feeling ever since frequently in church was **Majesty** written by Dr. Jack Hayford.

This is the story behind this very popular hymn.

It was the silver anniversary of the coronation of Elizabeth 11 as Queen of England. At that time, **Dr. Jack Hayford** of California was touring England with his wife. The celebration, the countryside, and the spirit and enthusiasm of the English people, coupled with the great historical significance of that kingdom, made those two weeks a special time for the Hayfords.

As he felt the courage and motivation of the English people, Hayford realised that there was also a deep feeling in their hearts for the royalty who stood with them in dark hours.

Suddenly there came to his mind a feeling that Christ wants his church to have such a sense of loyalty and fellowship, because he must be our leader in good times and bad.

One word seemed to charge to the forefront: majesty! That word seemed at the moment to represent the glory, excellence, grace, and power of Christ. By comparison, Queen Elizabeth's glory seemed paltry. Dr. Hayford said to his wife: "Take the notebook and write down some words, will you?"

He then began to dictate the key, the notes, the timing, and the lyrics to one of the most popular new songs now being sung by Christians everywhere.

*Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from His throne, unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*

Maximilian Kolbe - Christian witness amidst 20th century suffering

Some people's lives seem to epitomise the suffering of millions, but also to shine with a Christian response to it. One such person was Maximilian Kolbe, 1894 - 1941, a Franciscan priest of Poland, and publisher extraordinary.

Maximilian was born at Zdunska Wola, near Lodz, where his parents, devout Christians, worked in a cottage weaving industry. Like thousands of others at the time, the family and their village were ground into poverty by Russian exploitation. In 1910 Maximilian entered the Franciscan Order, and studied at Rome.

After his ordination in 1919, Maximilian returned to Poland, where he was sent to teach church history in a seminary. But a new factor had entered his life: he was diagnosed with tuberculosis.

Living in post-war Poland was difficult enough, but with tuberculosis as well? Most people would have quietly withered away. Not Maximilian Kolbe. Instead, the tuberculosis gave Maximilian a sense of urgency - a sense of the transitory nature of life. He knew his time was slipping away.

Instead of teaching history, he determined to do something to help the Christians living in Poland now, in the tatters of Europe after the First World War. And so he founded a magazine for Christian readers in Cracow, who badly needed effective apologetics to help them hold to their faith in a chaotic world.

Soon, the obsolete printing presses (which were operated by Maximilian's fellow priests and lay brothers) were working overtime - the magazine's circulation had leapt to 45,000. Then the printing presses were moved to a town near Warsaw, Niepokalanow, where Maximilian now founded a Franciscan community which combined prayer with cheerfulness and poverty with modern technology: daily as well as weekly newspapers were soon produced. The community grew and grew, until by the late 1930s it numbered 762 friars.

Then in 1939 the Germans invaded Poland. Maximilian sent home most of his friars home, to protect them from what was to come. He turned the monastery into a refugee camp for 3,000 Poles and 1,500 Jews. And the presses continued: taking a patriotic, independent line, critical of the Third Reich.

Kolbe was arrested by the Gestapo along with four friars. They were taken to Auschwitz in May 1941. Their names were exchanged for tattooed numbers; and they were sent to brutal forced labour.

But Maximilian Kolbe continued his priestly ministry. He heard confessions in unlikely places, and smuggled in bread and wine for the Eucharist. His sympathy and compassion for those even more unfortunate than himself was outstanding.

Then came the final scene in his hard life. At the end of July 1941, several men escaped from his bunker at the camp. The Gestapo, in revenge, came to select several more men from the same bunker who were to be starved to death. A man, Francis Gajowniczek, was chosen. As he cried in despair, Kolbe stepped forward.

“I am a Catholic priest. I wish to die for that man. I am old; he has a wife and children.” The officer in charge shrugged his shoulders - and obliged.

So Maximilian went to the death chamber of Cell 18, and set about preparing the others to die with dignity by prayers, psalms, and the example of Christ’s Passion. Two weeks later only four were left alive: Maximilian alone was fully conscious. He was injected with phenol and died on 14 August, aged 47.

He was beatified by Paul VI in 1971. In 1982 he was canonised by Pope John Paul II, formerly Archbishop of Cracow, the diocese which contains Auschwitz. Present at the ceremony that day was Francis Gajowniczek, the man whose life Maximilian Kolbe had saved.

Interesting but may be known facts. Wonderfulinfo.com

Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' — and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

In France , where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US , Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

We continue our column that looks at memorable dates in the month (this time, August) down the years.

All in the month of AUGUST

400 years ago: on 23rd Aug 1617 that the world's first one-way streets were introduced – in London.

150 years ago: on 3rd Aug 1867 that Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister (1923-24, 1924-29, 1935-37) was born. He led the government during the 1926 General Strike, the 1935 Ethiopian crisis and the 1936 abdication crisis. He is the only British Prime Minister to have served under three monarchs.

90 years ago: on 13th Aug 1927 that the BBC took over the running of The Proms in London, following the death of their founder, the impresario Robert Newman, who had run them since 1895. The Proms were also broadcast on the radio for the first time.

80 years ago: on 30th Aug 1937 that Bruce McLaren, the New Zealand racing driver, car designer and manufacturer was born. Founder of the McLaren Formula One team. (Died 1970.)

75 years ago: on 9th Aug 1942 that Mahatma Gandhi launched the Quit India Movement after being arrested by British forces in Bombay.

Also 75 years ago: from 23 Aug 1942 to 2 Feb 1943 that the Battle of Stalingrad took place. It was the turning point of the war in Europe, and regarded as the largest and bloodiest battle in the history of warfare, and one from which the Germans never recovered. Decisive Soviet victory.

70 years ago: on 14th Aug 1947 that Pakistan gained its independence from the UK. Muhammad Ali Jinnah was its first Governor-General. (Pakistan and India both officially became independent at midnight on 15th August, but Pakistan held its independence ceremony 30 minutes early, on 14th, and now celebrates 14th Aug as its Independence Day.)

65 years ago: on 15th Aug 1952 that the Lynmouth flood in Devon occurred. 34 people were killed and buildings and bridges devastated as a flood swept through the village.

60 years ago: on 2nd Aug 1957 that the Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank Observatory in Cheshire began operating. It was the world's largest steerable radio telescope at that time. It became fully operational on 11th Oct, just in time to track the Soviet Union's Sputnik 1 satellite.

40 years ago: on 16th Aug 1977 that Elvis Presley, 'The King', iconic American rock and roll singer, guitarist and actor, died.

Also 30 years ago: on 19th Aug 1987 that the Hungerford Massacre took place in Berkshire when Michael Ryan went on a shooting rampage around the town. He killed 16 people, including his mother, before committing suicide.

25 years ago: on 3rd Aug 1992 that the ANC held a two-day general strike – the largest political mobilisation in South Africa's history – as part of its mass action campaign. It was followed by a series of huge marches in South African cities.

20 years ago: on 26th Aug 1997 that, following the IRA's final ceasefire (19th July) Britain and Ireland established the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning. It oversaw the decommissioning of paramilitary weapons in Northern Ireland as part of the peace process.

Also 20 years ago: on 31st Aug 1997 that Diana, Princess of Wales, her companion Dodi Fayed, and their driver, died in a car crash in the Place de 'Alma underpass in Paris.

10 years ago; on 27th Aug 2007 that Google launched Google Sky, a virtual globe application that maps space and allows users to view images from satellites and the Hubble Telescope.

Smile Lines

Hymns for People Over 50

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion
Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
Just a Slower Walk with Thee
Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

Golf

There was a clergyman who was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golf, and the minister could not resist the temptation. He rang his assistant and told him he was too ill to attend church. Then he packed up the car, and drove three hours to a golf course where no one would recognise him. Happily, he began to play the course. But an angel up above was watching the minister and was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, 'Look at the minister. He should be punished for what he's doing.'

God nodded in agreement. The minister teed up on the first hole. He swung, and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup 350 yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. The minister was overjoyed. The angel was a little shocked. He turned to God and said: 'Begging your pardon, but I thought you were going to punish him.' And God smiled. 'Think about it; who can he tell?'

Observations on cats

Behind every cat that crosses the street, there's a dog saying, "Go on, you can make it."

There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat. (Hmm...)

Miscellaneous observations on life in general

Keeping up appearances is the most expensive thing in the world.

No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come.

Victor Hugo

Luxury: something you don't really need and can't do without.

Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren.

People and News

Birthday Celebrations - August 2017

1st	Isha			10th	Thomas Prismantas	
2nd	Dor Dor			16th	Jackie	
2nd	Bazz			19th	Sonia	
	<i>Happy Birthday to you Happy Birthday to you May God Bless you and keep you Happy Birthday to you.</i>				<i>Happy Birthday to you To Jesus be true May the Lord bless you richly In all that you do</i>	

Remembrance - August 2017

- 6th Holden - In memory of a loving husband and father, Tony Holden who died August 1st 2015. In our hearts he will always be remembered.
- 6th Sedgley - In loving memory of Edward G. W. Sedgley who died October 8th 1957 aged 77. And Martha Ann Sedgley who died May 27th 1965 aged 82.
Beloved father and mother of Ted Sedgley and their daughter-in-law E. Sedgley. *"At rest and peace"*
- 13th Payne - Ada Alice Payne passed away September 8th 1965 aged 71 years. *"Peace, perfect peace in God's holy keeping."*
- Thomas Bernard Payne son of Ada Alice who died June 25th 1991 aged 68 years. *"Peace after long suffering."*
- 20th Tanner - Mrs Emmie Tanner aged 59 years who died August 26th 1965. *"At peace and rest."*
- 27th Wilkinson - In loving memory of Louisa Wilkinson, who died November 3rd 1965 aged 76 years. From Miss Beattie Williams her dear friend. *"At rest in God's keeping."*

Grant unto them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them . May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Prayer for those in church who are ill or who can no longer join us in worship

Father ,

We pray for those who are hurting in our church family today. Lord, some have minor health problems while others have some very serious ones. We pray that You will be with them and heal them, Father. You are the Great Healer and we believe in Your power to heal! Lord, please give peace to those who are in the midst of serious health issues. Father, we pray that they turn to You and know that You are right there beside them in their time of crisis. May Your will be done in their lives this day. Amen

Regular Prayer Times and Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Prayer

Every morning at 10.00 am. prior to the morning service.

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Prayer and Bible Study run by Chris Pegler at 9.30am.

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Prayer

A time for open intercession or quiet prayer run by Ian and Kevin at different venues @ 7.30pm.

Midweek Morning Prayer

Every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8.00am in church for a time of quiet prayer.

Coffee Morning
Saturday 26th August
10.00am - 12.00am



Come and join us for tea/coffee toast and fellowship.
Bric-a-brac and book stalls. All donations and money collected
donated to monthly just cause.

Forthcoming Events



The Schools Life Exhibition Holy Trinity Church - w/c 5th November

The Life Exhibition is a multi-media experience designed for primary school children which complements and works alongside existing RE teaching. Using interactive tablets, QR codes, graphics, quizzes, films, songs and a discussion café, *Life* helps children learn – in just over one hour – about the story of Jesus and his relevance today. It is aimed at KS2 children, although sessions can be shortened to include children in YR3.

8 schools will attend during the week and Holy Trinity will require teams to host and welcome visitors to our church. Opening times will be 9.30am - 3.30pm and the church will be open in the evening.

Last year The Life Exhibition was extremely successful and hopefully will be again this year. Training sessions will be given before the start of the Exhibition so please don't be afraid to volunteer. You will not be on your own.



Holy Trinity Church
Family Weekend Away
November 24th - 26th November
Quinta Christian Centre
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