

Dear Reader ...

What a busy month April was with preparations for the Easter Services and the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey - see photo's below, plus more on page 6. In this month's edition you will find out what dates the Spring Concerts are being held in St Lawrence Church. There will be a variety of

entertainment, which will include Parmiter's School musicians, organ recital from Steven Smith, 'All things S' again from the Southorn / Stratton family and finally the Salvation Army London Central Fellowship Band. Enjoy!

*Amanda Hawkes
Acting Parish Administrator
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Coming up in this edition...

Read all about the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey on page 6.



We hear news from Messy Church and find out when they are next meeting in May.



Head to page 13 to read about Thomas Shepherd's wonderful achievement of being awarded The Gold Chief Scout Award. Many congratulations Thomas!



We hear news from Bedmond Bells WI and find out when they are holding their Jubilee themed coffee morning on page 19.



Information on the Spring Concerts is on page 12 and see poster on the back page.

MAY CALENDAR



REGULAR SERVICE TIMETABLE

Sunday

8am Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

9.30am Choral Eucharist
at St. Lawrence

11.15am Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension
5pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday

11.15am Quiet Prayer
12.00 noon Eucharist

Monday to Saturday

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday 10am

Parish Prayers with cup of
coffee
Breakspear Room

Monday 1.45 for 2pm

Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

Monday 9pm

Zoom Bible Study

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 1st May 5pm

Breathing Space
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 7th May 11am

Parmiters School Pupils jazz
workshop group
St Lawrence Church

Wednesday 11th May 3.30pm

Messy Church
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 14th May 11am

Organ Recital by Steven Smith
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 14th May 6.30pm

Friends of St Lawrence Safari
Supper

Saturday 21st May 11am

Southern / Stratton Family—
Songs from Musical Theatre
St Lawrence Church

Saturday 28th May 7pm

London Central Fellowship Band
of the Salvation Army
St Lawrence Church

Sunday 29th May 6.30pm

Taizé Service
St Lawrence Church





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What to look out for in the Churchyard this month?

Wild Arum, Cuckoo Pint or Lords and Ladies *Arum maculatum*



This grows in damp shady parts of the churchyard. It has many many other names. It may be called Cuckoo Pint because it comes out in Spring when the cuckoo can be heard. It is also called Starchwort and Starch-root because historically the tubers were cooked and ground up as starch for laundry. The roots can also be used as a thickening agent - Arrowroot. Although the one growing in the churchyard is not the same as the one you buy at the supermarket. Don't try this at home.

Milkmaid, Lady's Smock or Cuckoo Flower *Cardamine pratensis*

This is a native plant. And it too grows in damp areas. It may be called a cuckoo flower because it comes out in April through to June when we hear the cuckoo is in the country. It has that in

common with the Cuckoo Pint above. It features in Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost* as "lady smocks all silver white". More usually, the flowers are lilac coloured, but they can also be white. Another 16th century reason for the name is that the flower's foliage is often covered with cuckoo spit. Cuckoo spit has nothing to do with cuckoos, however; it is the white foam produced to conceal the nymphs of the frog hopper. Lady's Smock is an important food plant for the caterpillars of the orange-tip and the green-veined white butterfly. The petals of the buds resemble a skirt, and so make it easier to see where the 'smock' part of the name might have come from. Lady's Smock also has an association with the Virgin Mary, and yet another alternative name is 'Our Lady's Smock'. This refers to the seamless white robe that Mary made for Jesus, and which was worn by him on Good Friday.



Easter Monday Pilgrimage

On Easter Monday after a break of two years there was once again an opportunity to be part of the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey.



The pilgrims set out from St Lawrence Church at 11am and arrived at the Abbey at 1pm in plenty of time to picnic and have a bit of rest and relaxation before the service in the Abbey started at 3pm. Some of them had been doing this pilgrimage for 50 years (Nigel Higgs) and for others it was their first time (Phoebe Stratton and Thomas Howarth). They all completed the 5 1/2 miles in good form and one young pilgrim even ran up the hill at the end to make sure he was the very first person in the group to reach the Abbey. Well done Thomas. Some only walked one way but seven of the pilgrims also walked back. Well done to Phill, Claire, Isaac and Aston Higgs and their guests.

Thanks to those who made everyone breakfast and to those who carried the St Lawrence and the Churches Together Banners there, so we could hoist them in the Abbey.



Easter Monday
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PILGRIMAGE

St Albans Cathedral | 18 April
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Friends of St Lawrence

SAFARI SUPPER 14TH MAY

Our next event is the very popular safari supper on 14th May starting at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church Hall with nibbles and soft drinks. Then we will move on to our hosts for the main meal and slightly differently this time, back to the Hall for desserts.

We are asking people to bring their own drinks, so take along whatever you would like to drink for the evening.

All details for the evening will be given once we know who is coming.

The tickets are £17.00 per person. It should be a wonderful evening.

Please contact Wendy Meldrum for tickets on wendymeldrum@gmail.com, text 07710 688633, or contact the Church Office on 01923 261795.



The Friends of St Lawrence

SAFARI SUPPER SATURDAY 14th MAY

Meet in the Church Hall for drinks and nibbles/
starters at 6.30pm
followed by 2 course meal.
(Venues for meals will be issued nearer the date)



Tickets: £17.00
From: Church Office (261795)
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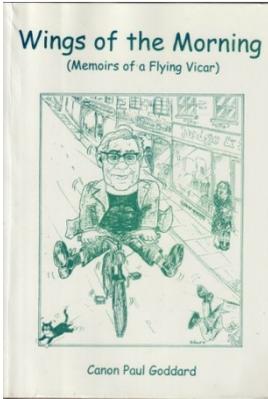
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Ideally there will be at least three, two person teams, so that the commitment would not be more than once a quarter with the ability to swap duties if necessary. The regular date of the sale has been on the first Sunday of each month, though this can be changed if necessary and can be flexible.

Traidcraft sales ensure fair trade for the producers and also helps our church funds.

Wings of the Morning (Memoirs of a Flying Vicar)

By Canon Paul Goddard



Over the past few months we have been serializing a couple of chapters from this book. They relate to the time that Canon Paul Goddard was our Vicar here in Abbots Langley and Bedmond. This month – which will be the last – we start by

hearing a bit more about the trailer for the boat.....

I had sent off for a trailer kit, this being cheaper than buying a ready-made trailer. Yet again, a gruesome package arrived at the vicarage. It seemed to consist of a bundle of angle irons and a couple of wheels and odd nuts and bolts. We managed to put it together and it looked and behaved like a trailer. With the boat mounted on this and the mirror mounted on the boat, we set off for the East Coast.

It was decided that Peter (*Peter Tomson*) and I should sail the boat on her maiden voyage from Aldeburgh to Felixstowe. With great ceremony, the boat was launched and Peter and I set off down the river toward Shingle Street where the river went out into the open sea. She sailed very well; we crossed the bar at Shingle Street and there we were in the North Sea. I found it a strange sensation to sail a boat which one had built in one's garage in the open sea. I kept on thinking of all those screws and parts of the boat which perhaps were not as strong as they should be. But actually, I generally make things stronger than they should be. It was a very pleasant voyage. We sped down the coast, past Bawdsey Island to Felixstowe.

Fortunately at this moment, I did not realise I had the car keys in my pocket. Mary was to drive the car and trailer down to Felixstowe, but discovered she was unable to do so having no keys. But in those days the problem was more easily solved than it is today. Someone very kindly by-passed the ignition switch for her, telling her not to stop the engine on any account. She set out for Felixstowe. Today, of course, without the key the steering is locked, everything is locked and it is extremely difficult to undo.

The boat was an immense success. It transformed our holidays for many years to come. She was called 'Peregrine of Deben', Deben being the river on which she spent the early days of her life. She was called Peregrine because I am very fond of the story of the little boy whose boat was named after himself because the boat had so much of himself in it. To make sense of this last remark perhaps I should tell you the story. There was a little boy called Peregrine who very much wanted a boat. He thought the best way for him to have his wish was to make one. So he carefully chose a suitable piece of wood and set to work. He carved and he shaved for many a day and many a night.....Eventually the boat was finished.... Down Peregrine went to the sea and launched his boat. But unfortunately a gust of wind caught it and it began heading out to sea..... As the fishermen came in he asked each one of them whether they had seen his boat..... For many a day he watched the shore and scanned the rocks.....But no it never arrived. However one day he went to a neighbouring village... and there in the window of the shop....was his boat. Beside it was a label '12/6'. Peregrine had not got twelve shillings and sixpence. He went into the shop and asked the shopkeeper if he would keep it a while.....He extended his

paper round and he worked hard each day.... to gradually earn twelve shillings and sixpence.....he bought his boat back. He decided to call is Peregrine because he said ‘You are twice mine, I made you and I bought you.’

If you want to know more about the life of the flying vicar, who once was vicar here in Abbots Langley, we will leave you to read the rest of the book for yourself.

Provided by Carol Higgs

Funerals taken in April

Martin Tanner



Christenings taken in April

Otto Curtis



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our Mothers Union group with the help of others had an enjoyable morning making 200 palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

We also held our last evening Zoom Meeting; it will be a change to meet together.

Our May meetings are:

11.00am on 11th May, coffee and chat on a theme ‘holidays’ in the Breakspear room, followed by Corporate Communion at 12.00 in church.

7.00pm on 17th May, meet in the church car park before a walk around Verulamium Park to The Fighting Cocks, where we stop for refreshments, before walking back around the park.

If anyone would like to join us you would be very welcome.

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(Please note that Peter is on sabbatical leave until the beginning of June—contact Maxine Howarth or the Church office).



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Malawi Update

THE GOURMET EVENING: We were so disappointed to postpone our Gourmet Evening in March due to Covid and anxious that as a result the event would not be well attended, but we need not have worried, the evening was as popular as ever! The hall was packed! The team had worked hard all day preparing food and setting up the hall to make it an evening to remember. We were treated to an excellent menu devised by Eileen and Michel (who unfortunately could not be with us as he had to work) and to some super musical entertainment from our very own Lesley Cummings and John Noonan as well as Jay who plays at the Henderson Hub.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening complete with quizzes and “guess the number of walnuts in the jar” to add to the fun. However, the reason for the event was to raise money to fund projects at the hospital and school in Malosa. Thus the hall was decorated with the colours of the Malawian flag and there was a presentation during the evening to update everyone on the current projects we are supporting. The total raised on the night from the meal tickets, raffles and personal donations was just over £1,300. This is a fantastic result with many thanks to the team for all their hard work especially Eileen and Michel and to our entertainers but most especially to all those who came along to support. Thank you!



CONTAINER: TUESDAY JUNE 7TH :

As many of you will know, St Lawrence has been supporting the hospital and local community in Malosa, Malawi, by sending out much needed items in a container lorry organised by the Birmingham Diocese.

The container will be loaded on June 11th and we will be packing the week before so, if you have items, **please can you let us have them by Tuesday 7th June.**

For the hospital:

Children's /toddlers/babies knitted jumpers : many of you have been knitting and collecting items for us during the year. If you have these stored in your homes, please let us know so we can arrange collection.

Bed sheets.

Blood Pressure machines

Bandages, cotton wool, gauze, gloves, incontinence pads for adults.

Equipment for physiotherapy

Manual sewing machines. Reels of cotton thread

Maintenance tools.

Heavy duty wear for staff ... heavy duty gloves and aprons.

For the nurseries

Appropriate books and learning materials. (Please contact for advice)

Please make sure the items you are giving are in good repair and of good quality.

For more specialised items requested by the school, we are contacting LabAid and SportsAid to source these requests.

There will be a box at the back of St Lawrence's where you can put small items and this will be labelled 'For Malawi'. For larger items (that won't fit in the box!), for enquiries about the appropriateness of items you are donating or for advice, please contact Wendy Meldrum 01923 267383 or the Parish Office 01923 261795 **Thank you for all your help and support.**

Messy Church

We had great fun at Messy Church in April with more than 15 families attending. As our session fell in Holy Week, our theme for the month was to look at the Last Week of Jesus' life. Dennis helped us to remember Jesus in his last week on earth by telling the story through the eyes of the donkey that carried him into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We followed this up with a treasure trail around the church yard where the answers were hidden in trees, on bushes and behind benches. The children thoroughly enjoyed dashing around trying to find the clues and we finished with an Easter Egg trail!

After our Treasure trail, we met up in the Church Hall where the children made and decorated Easter baskets and then filled them with chocolate easter eggs. They painted crosses which turned out to be very messy indeed! The children also wrote some very thoughtful prayers about peace on paper stones which represented the rock that was rolled away to reveal the empty tomb and the risen Christ. It was a wonderful afternoon and so good to see the children enjoying themselves.

We are delighted that next month we will be able to meet once again in the Methodist Church, Langley Road, WD5 0EH.



This will be for the first time in 2 years ... since the beginning of the pandemic! We will start as usual at 3.30pm but will finish around 5.30pm / 5.45pm as once again we will be having a Messy Church meal provided for the families (you don't need to bring your own picnic). Please can you let us know if you and your family are coming so that we can cater for you.

Our next Messy Church is on 11th May at Methodist Church from 3.30pm – 5.45pm

Contact: Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com



Spring Music concerts 2022

PARMITERS SCHOOL MUSICIANS

11.00am on 7th May

Parmiter's School has a fine musical tradition. Many of our church musicians here at St Lawrence have been products of the Music Department at Parmiter's – David, Harvey and Tobi Southorn, Emma Stratton, Katherine Bunting, Susan Bailey, Simon Stanley, Kathryn, Robert and Martin Sanders to name a few. Under the leadership of the Director of Music, Stuart Bates, the school is bringing its Jazz Workshop and other instrumentalists to entertain us.

ORGAN RECITAL BY STEVEN SMITH

11.00am on 14th May

Steven is a solicitor specialising in commercial and construction disputes. He read for a degree in politics at the University of Bristol, followed by a degree in law at the College of Law in London.

Whilst in Bristol, Steven was organ scholar at the St Monica Trust where he worked with the late Dr John Bishop, formerly principal of the Birmingham Conservatoire. Steven's organ studies have been with various teachers including, Gary Desmond (Bath Abbey), Matthew Bale (Bristol/Bath) and Andrew Lucas (St Albans Abbey). He achieved his diploma from the Royal College of Organists in 2013 and was organist and director of music at St Lawrence, Abbots Langley, from 2010-2017, where he continues to play regularly.

Steven will be playing some popular compositions for the organ.

'ALL THINGS S' - AGAIN!! **THE SOUTHORN / STRATTON FAMILY**

11.00am on 21st May

Making their 6th appearance at the Spring Concert event the Southorn / Strattons will again be singing and playing music which has the letter 'S' somewhere in the name of the piece or composer. The repertoire will be from Musical Theatre with some classical and popular music included. There will be songs, clarinet, saxophone and ukuleles. In the first concert in 2015 Norman was able to sing at 87 and the grandchildren who took part were Harvey aged 12 and Tobi aged 9. This year the grandchildren are 19, 14, 10 and 6. This will be Harvey's last appearance as this time next year he will be at Norwich University of the Arts.

SALVATION ARMY LONDON CENTRAL FELLOWSHIP BAND

7.00pm on 28th May

This ever popular band is returning to give a concert at St Lawrence of wonderful brass band music. The band was founded in 1997 by Roland Cobb, a past member of the International Staff Band and the Regimental Band of H M Welsh Guards. The band performs widely throughout the country and has toured abroad. Since resuming rehearsals in September 2021, after lockdown ceased their activities, the Band has produced a video entitled **A Journey out of Lockdown** which can be viewed through the Band's You Tube channel.

The Gold Chief Scout Award

by Thomas Shephard

The Gold Chief Scout Award is the highest award a Scout can earn, so I was very proud, with some other Scouts in my troop, to gain the award in March. To complete it, you need to complete nine Challenge Awards, plus six Activity badges. The challenges include: learning about your community, developing a healthy lifestyle, gaining useful skills like cooking, enjoying a creative hobby, going camping and spending time outdoors, trying out some adventurous activities, planning and taking part in an expedition, working in a team, taking on a leadership role and taking on a personal challenge. Some of the activities which I have particularly enjoyed were being part of a team which reached the county finals of a Scout cooking competition last month and winning last year's Watopoly game (a game of real life Monopoly which Scouts can take part in teams in Watford town centre.) Because some of our time in Scouts has happened during Covid it has been difficult to do all the challenges in the same way that they might have been done in normal times. Some of the

nights which were spent camping in Summer 2020 had to be in a tent in our back garden rather than a Scout camp. Volunteering is an important part of the award and I was able to use the time I have spent serving in church as a crucifer and the time I have spent volunteering at Messy Church over the last three years for my badge. I will be leaving Scouts this summer and moving onto the Explorer Scout section, but I am really pleased that I was able to get my Gold Chief Scout Award before I left. Here is a picture of the badge I have been given.



FROM THE CURATE



On Easter Monday I had the joy of doing my first pilgrimage to St Albans with my son. I'd done them before, you understand, but this was his first time. We arrived at church and he 'helped' me to unlock the church for the day. A task he described as "a bit of a job!" His curiosity piqued by Easter and the story with which he is well versed always, always raises questions for him, and he began with an interesting question. "Do you think that Jesus would have ascended to heaven if he hadn't been crucified?" After a moment's pondering I said I thought he probably would have, yes, because in due course, as he was fully human, we can assume that Jesus would have died from some other means. A more challenging question followed around whether or not it might be possible to ascend to heaven if one were still alive (if you were Jesus, you understand). Some mulling followed before the next question came, which was "and do you really believe that Jesus is coming back, because y'know, it's been a while?" I said that it had indeed been a while, but that yes, I did believe Jesus would return. The final observation of my ten year old was straight from the heart in the way that only children can get

away with sometimes, when he said "The people of Ukraine could really use his return now mummy. Why doesn't he come now to fix things?"

My son and people the world over, probably asking a similar question, are definitely searching for the same answer. My answer to my son (whilst not wanting to usurp the Vicar's new book!!) was that there is no easy way to answer that question; if there was we would all have discovered it by now. God isn't akin to Father Christmas, where we put our requests in, and, based on our behaviours (so we're told), a suitable reward or gift is the outcome. That's not how God works.

Each day at Morning Prayer since the conflict began, I have prayed for the people of Ukraine. Do I believe God hears my prayers? For sure, mine and many other people's. I don't have an easy answer as to why God doesn't intervene, but it strikes me that the war is largely a problem created by humans. So, I pray and I lament and I weep and I wait. But in the waiting and the watching, I believe that each of us is called to do what we are able.

This is relevant not just in the Ukraine conflict, but wherever we see injustice and suffering. In these times, 'compassion fatigue' is a very real threat, and as the conflict enters its third month we already see it dropping down the news agenda. We are all weary and are surrounded by so much need that it can feel overwhelming at times. Imagine then how it must feel if

you are caught up in the middle of it. I overhear conversations in cafes where people are complaining about refugees being brought to the UK, and comments about “what about us and our own people? Where are they all going to go? They can’t all come here!” and I wonder how we’d feel if it was our child or relative that had to be sent to another country for their own safety?

During our recent Lent course we looked at a whole variety of environmental issues and we were looking at what our responsibility as Christians ought to be, and those same feelings of being overwhelmed crept in quite swiftly. What difference is it really going to make if I change my lifestyle choices? One person can’t make a difference on their own. Things will just carry on the same regardless – writing to my MP won’t inspire them to action etc. But if we all bought into those ideas, change would never happen.

So, what can we do to help with the many challenges facing us. We can, first of all, try to stay interested and up to date as ignorance and apathy are the first steps to failure. I wonder if Putin is banking on (amongst other things) us all getting distracted and becoming disinterested; the environment stands no chance if we all stop caring, etc. Secondly, we must continue to do what little we can to help – make greener choices, provide assistance to refugees wherever we can and so on. Thirdly we can try to influence others through our votes, conversations and purchases to make better choices.

Sometimes, we need to listen to the children – or the child within all of us - and keep asking the questions, even though the adult in us feels we have heard them too many times and doesn’t have the answers. If we don’t keep asking the questions we will never provoke ourselves (or others) into helping with any of the solutions. With this thought in mind I shall continue to pray daily for the Ukraine and the environment and those in need in other ways. I will play my part as fully as I’m able. Our motto during the Lent course became ‘do what you can where you are’. Make one change if that’s all you can manage. Pray for one thing if the world seems overwhelming. Ask yourself the tricky questions and allow yourself to sit with the uncomfortable feelings they invoke. Until the day when Jesus returns and we will all be held accountable, we continue to live with joy through the resurrection hope we have.

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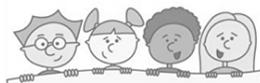


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Carers Network (Abbots Langley)	Joan Gentry (443563)
Churches Together	Brenda Southorn 677139
Citizens Advice Bureau	(08444 111444) - see advertisement on page 4
Community Centre	(to hire 07530 266293)
Cricket Club	www.abbotssc.hittssports.com
Evergreen Youth FC	Ian Turner (266640)
Family Planning	Garston Clinic (234525) Mon & Wed 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Flower Arrangement Society	Patricia Hill (262174)
Friends of St Lawrence	Bill Sanderson (265963) / Wendy Meldrum (07710688633)
Gardening Society	Jane Lay (447281)
Gilbert & Sullivan Society	Brenda Southorn (677139)
Good Neighbours Association	Helpline for Transport (466667)
Hillside Residents Association	School Mead (261734)
Home Start (Helping Families Under Stress)	(248010)
Infant Welfare Clinic	St Saviour's Hall - Monday 1.30 to 3.00 pm (264639)
Jo Jingles	Mags Bilson (222529)
Karate Club (Junior)	(Scout HQ, Langley Road) Andrew Lewry (07774 161685)
Library	Open: Mon & Thu 2.00-6.00; Tue & Fri 9.00-6.00 Sat 9.00-1.00; Wed & Sun closed all day
Local History Society	Delva O'Reagan (267585)
Mothers' Union	Jill Matthews (262046)
Orchestra (ALO)	Penny Abbot (01442 873205)
Parent & Toddler Group	Community Centre; Tue, Wed & Friday 9.15-11.15 am
Parish Council and Halls	Council Office, Langley Road (265139)
Players (ALP)	Jean James (461549)
Red Cross	Jeanne Johnson (263598)
Royal Air Forces Association	Mr R Sheminant (263141; rsheminant@gmail.com)
Royal British Legion	Secretary: Chris Driscoll (01923 675563)
St Lawrence Church Hall	Booking Sec: Ann Brown (264734)
St Lawrence Church Flower Arrangers	Church Office (261795)
Scouts: Abbots Langley Scout Group	Alison Redmond gsl@abbotslanglescouts.org.uk
Langleybury Scout Group	5thnwscouts@gmail.com
Bedmond Bells WI	Janette Noonan 01923 266921 or Moira Bunting 01923 262242
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We have three prizes to give away to three people aged 10 years or under who email us with the correct answers.

Email your answers to

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The baby Jesus was presented gifts from whom?

How many total books are included in the Bible?

How long did it take God to create the world?

Eve was created from what?

What was the name of the tower men built to try to reach heaven?

David famously defeated who in a fight?

How long was Jesus' body in the tomb?

How many books of the Bible did Jesus write?

How long did it rain while Noah was on the ark?

Where was Jesus born?

The Sermon on the Mount is included in which book of the Bible?

Which apostle disowned Jesus three times after he was arrested?

How many days did Jonah spend in the fish's belly?

What was the name of Jesus' mother?

What was the first bird Noah sent from the Ark?

What is the first book to appear in the Old Testament?

Would you find this easier if it were multiple choice?

Then have a look at this new website <https://allthetrivia.com/kids-bible-trivia/>

Bedmond Bells WI News

We had quite a successful first Open Spring Coffee Morning at the Tin Church on 7th April. Besides welcoming a few new folk—some from outside the village, some members attended and we raised money towards the "Toilet Twinning Charity". Our aim is to fund 2 or 3 toilets in Africa to provide privacy, dignity, hygiene and safety for women and girls in particular. Primitive arrangements are not safe or sanitary and leave females vulnerable to infection or even attack. This will obviously affect health and lead to loss of education and the consequences of that.

At our April meeting we had an extremely informative, lively and interesting presentation by well known local Bee Keepers, Kate MacNish and Chris Bromwich. Members were extremely engaged with this, and posed some interesting questions and enjoyed looking at the bee related exhibits and equipment brought along to the meeting.

One of our members had devised a bee related quiz which was challenging but

enjoyable and we tackled this in small groups.



Our next coffee morning will have a Jubilee theme, on **Tuesday 31st May** 10am -12ish. Coffee /tea and biscuits £2, stalls, hopefully including home made cakes and plants. All very welcome.



Our May Meeting will be our AGM. We also plan to do a bluebell walk and pub lunch in May. New members of all ages welcome.



Please contact:
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for more information.

SPRING MUSIC

7TH MAY - 11AM

Parmiters School pupils
Jazz workshop group
and other
instrumentalists



14TH MAY - 11AM

Organ Recital - Steven Smith
will play popular organ classics

21ST MAY - 11AM

Southern & Stratton
Family - All Things 'S'
Songs from Musical
Theatre plus clarinet,
saxophone and ukulele

28TH MAY - 7PM

Salvation Army London
Central Fellowship Band



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