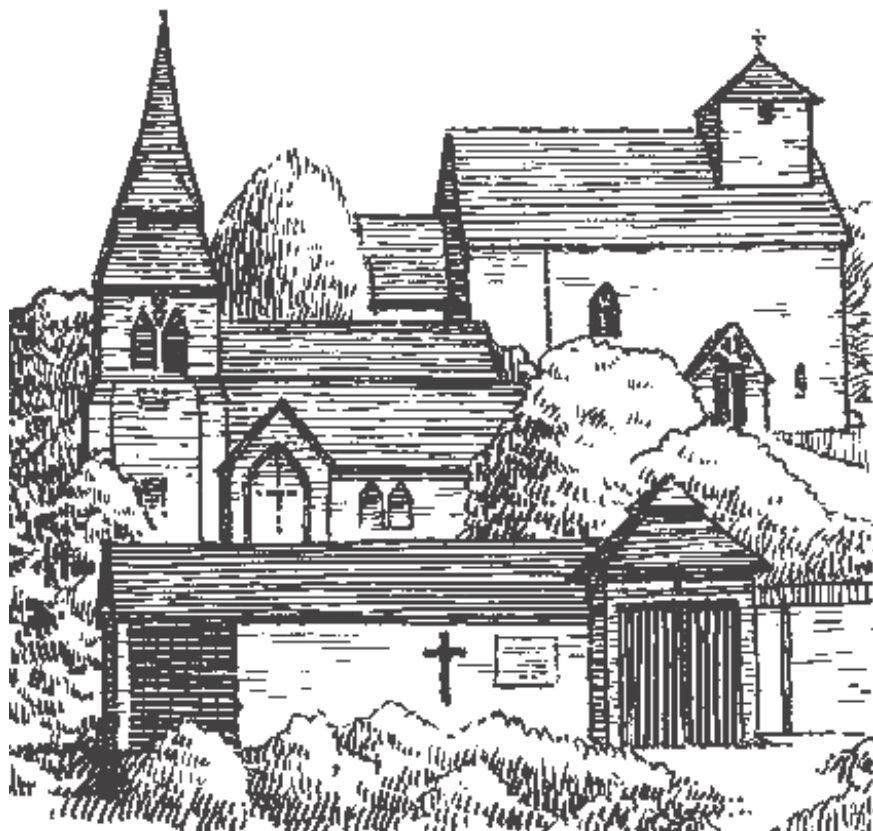


CLAYTON WITH KEYMER PARISH MAGAZINE

*St John the Baptist Clayton
St Cosmas & St Damian Keymer
St Francis, Hassocks*

June 2018

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DIARY FOR June 2018

Morning Prayer is said daily at 09.15 at Keymer

Father Alex has a day off on Tuesdays and Fr Tom on Fridays

Sun 3rd	Trinity One Corpus Christi at Keymer Holy Communion BCP at Clayton +Sung Eucharist and Benediction at Keymer Eucharist at St Francis Family Eucharist at Clayton	08.00 09.45 09.45 09.45	AB TC SM AB
Tues 5 th	Eucharist at Age Concern	13.30	TC
Wed 6 th	Mothers Union Corporate Communion BCP Confirmation class at the Rectory	10.30 19.00	TC
Sat 9 th	Walsingham Mass	09.30	AB
Sun 10 th	Trinity Two Holy Communion BCP at Keymer Sung Eucharist at Keymer Family service at St Francis <i>Breakfast from 09.45</i> Eucharist at Clayton	08.00 09.45 10.15 11.15	AB AB GP TC
Wed 13 th	Confirmation class at the Rectory	19.00	
Sun 17 th	Trinity Three Holy Communion BCP at St Francis Family Eucharist at Keymer Family Eucharist at St Francis Eucharist at Clayton	08.00 09.45 09.45 11.15	AB TC AB TC
Tues 19 th	Eucharist at Villa Adastra	10.30	TC

Wed 20 th	Confirmation class at the Rectory	19.00	
23- 24 th	St Johns Festival please see elsewhere for More details		
Sun 24 th	Birth of St John the Baptist Holy Communion BCP at Keymer Parish Eucharist at Clayton <i>followed by Bring and Share Lunch</i> Blessing of the animals at Clayton Songs of Praise at Clayton <i>From darkness to light, from the dawn of the Christian era, to the worship song of today, through the medium of hymns.</i>	08.00 10.00 15.00 18.00	AB TC/ABp AB TC
Mon 25 th	Cameo , tea, coffee, cake, bingo, card games, and a natter. Keymer church hall.	14.00	
Wed 27 th	Confirmation class at the Rectory	19.00	
Fri 29 th	Wedding at Clayton Mark Richard Slattery and Deborah Jane Christie	12.00	MS

+ services at which incense might be used

AB The Revd. Alex Baxter

TC The Revd. Tom Cameron

MS The Revd. Maurice Slattery

GP Gary Pickett

Siuhban Anderson our Parish Development Officer works Monday and Thursday mornings. She can be contacted on [01273 846853](tel:01273846853) usually from 10.00 - 12.30. (answer-phone at other times) or by email claytonkeymer@gmail.com She will be working on new developments for the parish and handling enquiries and admin in relation to the work of the clergy and assisting with other non-urgent administrative matters.”

Please inform Juliet Strange of any items to be included in this monthly diary, 843908 –

Email: julietstrange@googlemail.com

The deadline for articles for the Parish Magazine is the 15th of the month.

From the Rector



Pentecost brings us a really fruitful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have a lot to give thanks for here in our parish at this time. I'm very excited about our new mission outreach Cameo which stands for 'come along and meet each other'. This is a social group event organised by the church and will take place at Keymer in the hall on the 4th Monday of the month, beginning June 25th. 2-4. Do tell all your friends and neighbours and come along for a fun afternoon out. I didn't serve my curacy in Eastbourne to then never use my bingo calling skills again! If you would like more information on this or a lift if you cannot get to it, please contact Siubhan at the parish office: Mondays and Thursdays 10-12.30 on 01273 846853 or email: claytonkeymer@gmail.com

We celebrate the patronal festival of St John The Baptist on the 24th this month, with a fun packed weekend on at Clayton do join us in celebrating the life of the church there and in how we serve the local community.

Our new website is now operational and I hope you agree looks very smart and modern and will help us connect with those who need information on our parish in the digital world. It even has the magazine on it so you could be reading this article on paper or on your screen! Thank you to everyone who has worked on this. Do have a look at www.claytonwithkeymer.org.uk

There has been a change to the plans for the confirmation service. Our classes will continue as published during June with extra sessions in the autumn. We now however have got our own confirmation service to take place on November 18th at 9.45 at St Cosmas and St Damian which will be very special and much more suitable for families and young children. Thank you to Bishop Mark for offering to do this for us.

Down through the centuries the Holy Spirit has guided the church. We have the witness of many generous and heroic people who have been 'led by the Spirit' and whose lives have given eloquent testimony to the power of God at work in them. This month let's take heart and welcome the Spirit of God that we may be filled with a joyful appreciation of who we are and what we have to give. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to release our gifts to the church and to the world and enable us that we may fulfill Gods true potential as his children.

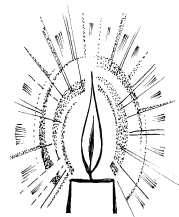
With prayer and blessings

Fr Alex

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

27th at Keymer, Madison Rose Gentle



Recent Events in the Parish

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Memories of a First Visit

Our first visit to the Shrine added another dimension to our faith and our relationship with our fellow pilgrims. The whole experience—the services in the Shrine Church and in the Holy House (we attended them all) the stations of the cross, especially when Hagop read in Armenian and then English, the group Mass in the Barn Chapel, the singing and music, the service in the Parish Church the serene and beautiful gardens, the art work, both old and new and the mother duck with her 11 ducklings.

For our intercessions in the Holy House I wrote a thanksgiving for the Christian fellowship of our group. They gave us love, help, companionship, encouragement and much more. The problems of life are insignificant against the blessings we have. Our faith was strengthened by this wonderful experience. The whole weekend was a very special time and we thank everyone who made it possible.

God bless you all.

Ann and Hagop Kasparian

Feast and Famine lunch for Christian Aid and CAFOD

Thank you to all who supported this event
which raised £300 for these worthy
charities.



Forthcoming Dates

Sunday July 29th - St Cosmas and St Damian
9.45 Fifth Sunday 'Songs of praise' Eucharist and
Hog Roast garden party in the Rectory Garden.

Saturday August 4th –
'Sea Side Special' afternoon at St Francis

Saturday 29th September – Harvest Supper at
Keymer with entertainment from 'No Strings
Attached.'

Sunday 30th September—St Francis Patronal
Festival Jazz Eucharist and Lunch. 9.45

Saturday November 17th –
Christmas Fair Aadastra Hall

November 18th at St Cosmas and St Damian
9.45. Parish Confirmation Service and Admittance to
Holy Communion of Young people. Service led by
Bishop Mark.

Saturday January 19th 2019 – Murder Mystery
Evening

Saint of the Month—An occasional addition to the magazine

4th June St Petroc – the founder of Padstow

If you are going to Cornwall this summer in search of peace and quiet, Petroc is the saint for you. Especially if you find Padstow a bit too crowded for your liking! He would have sympathised.

This 6th century abbot is Cornwall's most famous saint. Petroc set sail from South Wales, landed at Haylemouth, and founded a monastery at Lanwethinoc – now called Padstow, after him (Petroc's Stow). Padstow must have been popular even in those days, because about 30 years later Petroc, in search of some peace and quiet, moved on to build another monastery at Little Petherick (Nanceventon). Here he must have decided to try some 6th century equivalent of 'Fresh Expressions', because he engaged with his local community by building a mill and a chapel.

In time, Petroc began feeling crowded again. So he tramped off to the remote wilds of Bodmin Moor, where he lived as a hermit – until some 12 monks turned up to join him. Firmly, Petroc kept them all housed in a monastery on a hilltop, while he enjoyed his private space in a cell by the river.

But even here Petroc was not alone. One day a terrified stag came rushing through the woods, pursued by the hunt. Petroc flung open the door of his cell, and the panting animal took refuge. When the huntsmen arrived on the scene, they did not dare to argue with the famous holy man, and went their way. The stag's gratitude made him tame, and Petroc would come to be portrayed with a stag as his special emblem.

Petroc was buried in the monastery in Padstow but in c.1000 his shrine and relics, including his staff and bell, were translated to Bodmin. Here they have stayed ever since, except for a short, unplanned trip to Brittany in 1177, when they were stolen and carted off by a naughty Canon of the Church. Henry II intervened, and everything but a rib of Petroc was eventually returned.

Cameo

Come Along and Meet Each Other

Keymer Church Hall
Church Mead
4th Monday of each month
2pm—4pm
Tea, Coffee, Cake
Board games, Cards, Bingo
Afternoon tea and Chat

All Welcome
Transport available

25th June, 23rd July, 24th September,
22nd October, 26th November



Parish Bible Study Group:

Next meeting will be on Tuesday June 26th at 7:30pm, at 52 Stonepound Road.

We will be looking at “the Gethsemane Prayer”

Matt 26:36 – 46

All Welcome



Prayer Corner

The eighth Commandment is “neither shall you steal”

Could a daily practice not only be about not stealing but encouraging us to be open and generous with our own possessions.

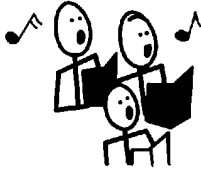
Dear Jesus, help me today to respect other peoples possessions and to be generous with the resources that have been gifted to me. Amen

A note from the past: The cover on my Bible has lots of small written notes stuffed inside where, over the years, I have attended Christian conferences or meetings and forgotten my notebook so it was a case of writing something down on whatever I could. The following slipped out the other day.

" C.H. SPURGEON (19th century) If you will tell me when GOD permits a Christian to lay aside his armour, I will tell you when Satan has left off temptation."

Still relevant = Ephesians 6 verse 10 onwards.

Rita Arnold



St Cosmas and St Damian Church

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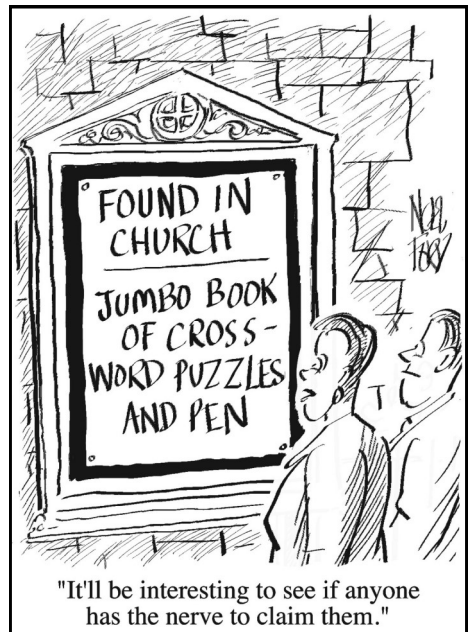
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New Rural Dean of Hurst

The Bishop of Chichester has appointed The Revd. Paul Doick as the new Rural Dean of our Deanery to serve for the next five years from 16th May.

The Bishop said he appreciated his willingness to serve the deanery in this role alongside his ministry in the Parishes of Henfield, Shermanbury and Woodmancote. Please support him with your prayers



Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you..."
John ch.14 v.27

More reflections from a Grandmother's viewpoint.....

Dearest Grandchild,

I cannot leave all these theological speculations without considering Pentecost.....the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds. This season is the climax of Christ's earthly mission and the fulfilment of the Father's promises to us all. We and the disciples are now as one. Like us, they must face life without the earthly comfort of Jesus, their familiar friend and guide, whilst like them, the Ascension leaves us too bereft. Together, with them, we are left 'gazing up into Heaven', facing the separation from his presence in a state of bewilderment.

For Christ's life of pure goodness has been the brimming over of Heaven to overflow into human lives, with an irresistible power of attraction. The sheer beauty of Goodness has awoken in us a spiritual hunger and a desire to emulate that perfection. Unable now to re-capture our former appetite for simple, one-dimensional hedonism, we have developed a 'Divine discontent' which only Jesus can satisfy. Now, at this final rupture from his presence in space and time, we feel we are left alone, apparently stranded.

Yet our initial desolation swiftly alters to a mood of exalted anticipation as we remember that his promises are to be believed. The miraculous Resurrection which followed crucifixion has proved to us the truth of his assertion: "I am come that you may receive Life...." Now, the hope-infused intensity of our desire to remain with him draws us effortlessly into the slipstream of his ascension. Like the disciples, determined not to be separated from him, we too begin to rise spiritually through our growing trust in his promises: ("I am with you always...until the end of time"). In an attitude of thankfulness we willingly obey his final commanding words to us: "WAIT for the promise of the Father...."

Now, waiting in glad patience, our firm expectation and hope in God's goodness transforms seamlessly into prayer. No longer falling into the heavy sleep of unawareness, as in the Garden of Gethsemane, we are learning to 'watch and pray'. Focussed on Jesus alone, we are gradually awakening to the full illumination of love, with its unfolding vistas.

Only through fervent, simple prayer can we grasp the lifeline which connects and unites us indissolubly with Christ and the knowledge of the Father's loving will. Like an umbilical cord, prayer becomes the means of our spiritual re-birth, enabling us to outgrow our former selves and reach our full stature alongside Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God.

So, at Pentecost, the prayerful intensity of the disciples, gathered together in ardent supplication, is ignited, by the transformative fire of the Holy Spirit, restoring their contact with their risen Lord. The 'rushing mighty wind' of God's supreme power sweeps aside their former selves, even as the fire consumes the dross. Visible to all, flames of enlightenment hover over each of them, like a halo, as head and heart converge in a unity of worship. Their speech becomes the words of God, understood by all who hear them, native and foreigner alike..... for the language of Love has no need of translation.

Thus does prayer reap its reward for all who sincerely surrender their souls to the Spirit's guidance. Baptised with the promised Fire of Grace, Christ's followers are now inspired to become, with him, full participators in the active 'doing' of God's will, no longer content to be mere passive recipients.

We begin to realise that good deeds demand of us a deeper, richer commitment, governed entirely by the Holy Spirit. We must allow our wayward wills and desires to be henceforth supplanted by a higher reasoning: the Holy Spirit of Wisdom must now be allowed to assume control of our actions and discernment must be our guiding light.

Head and Heart.... Thought and Feeling..... must now act together in a harmonious fusion of good intent. Hereby we have the dual, two-edged sword of the Spirit: the dynamic 'sword of Truth', worthy to inherit the promised Peace of Christ.

Jesus certainly set the bar high when he said of his followers: "By their deeds ye shall know them", but Love of course always yearns for us to achieve our highest good.....

With many blessings and love, as ever,

Grandmother.

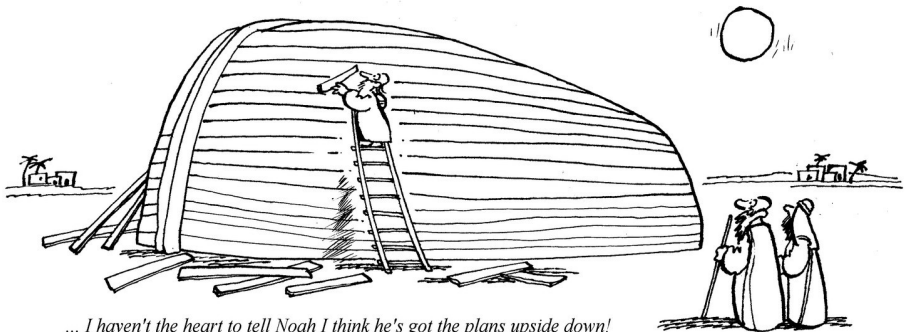
J.R.H.

‘People nowadays’

‘Everyone seems to be against *something*’, someone said to me the other day, and I had to agree. ‘What I can’t stand is . . .’ can be followed by almost anything, from babies screaming in the coffee shop to people who will say ‘Take care!’, junk mail, careless parkers or even someone’s accent or hair style on television.

Identifying ourselves by what we are *against* is an ancient but ultimately soul-destroying attitude. Older people like me have our own version of it: ‘People nowadays . . .’ followed by our particular dislike about modern ways. ‘People’ are us, actually, and I dare say our little foibles equally irritate some younger citizens.

The answer, someone suggested to me, is to replace ‘What I can’t stand is . . .’ with ‘What cheers me up is . . .’ I worked out my own list, including children laughing, a dog’s devotion, ‘Hiya David’ from a neighbour, a favourite hymn in church, and the supermarket check-out person who has just beeped their five hundredth item of the day but still smiles and says hello as though she means it. Come to think of it, I quite like the dismissal, ‘Take care!’ I need to.



In praise of knitting



Knitting can be astonishingly good for you. This gentle hobby has been found to lower blood pressure, reduce depression, keep your mind alert, slow the onset of dementia, distracts from chronic pain (such as arthritis), boost wellbeing, and reduce loneliness.

A major study by the organisation Knit for Peace has found that knitting lowers the heart rate by an average of 11 beats per minute and induces ‘an enhanced state of calm.’ The repetitive movement also boosts calming serotonin, which lifts your mood and dulls any pain. Knitting also boosts the reward centres of the brain, because it allows people to feel that they can still make a contribution to society.

In Britain, where the NHS spends more than £2 billion each year on blood pressure treatments, around £300 million on antidepressants, and about £26 billion on dementia, and unknown billions on various chronic pain, perhaps more people should take up knitting. As one expert says: ‘Research has shown that there is a growing crisis in primary care. As a skilled and creative occupation, knitting has therapeutic potential. There is an enormous amount of research showing that knitting has physical and mental health benefits.’

Clayton Festival 2018



Flower Festival

'There but not There'

In memory of the eighteen men who lost their lives in the first world war and whose names are recorded on the memorial at Clayton

Friday 22nd—Sunday 24th June

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Italian Evening 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Sun. 24th Festival Eucharist for the whole Parish
10.00 am bring and share lunch
The Blessing of the Pets Service
3.00 pm In the Churchyard
behind the Church (in the event
of wet weather the service will
be held in the Hall).
All pets welcome!
Teas in the hall afterwards.
Songs of Praise 6.00 pm





Italian Evening

Saturday 23rd June

Clayton Church Hall
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Three Course Meal

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Editor: Paul Hardingham looks forward to the world cup...

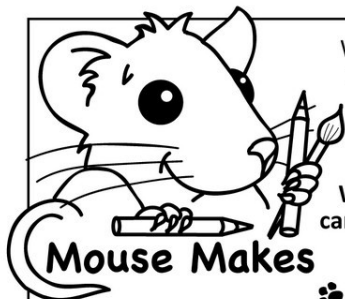
World Cup Fever

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, *'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'*

This month sees the start of the World Cup in Russia; a truly global event watched by billions on television. Yet this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles* we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?



Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?

Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection
John 21:4-11



Which animal goes with which bible character?

LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAAM
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SOLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**, the **LOCUST** and the **LIZARD**.

Look up **Proverbs 30:24-28** to find out why.

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F Q P E A C O C K G O A T
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Find the animals in the word search

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DONKEY • RAVEN
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St James the Least of All

Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...



On church tourists and outrageous lies

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear of the dawn call by the police because your church had been broken into, although the theft of tambourines, books of choruses and banners proclaiming "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam" are likely to have a limited market. But you are fortunate that those are the only unexpected call-outs you receive.

Those of us with ancient churches are resigned to receiving telephone calls from people living in remote corners of the globe who happen to be on holiday in England and want to trace long-lost relatives who were married or buried in our parishes. They invariably seem amazed when they find you are not personally familiar with someone who died 400 years ago, what family still exists, where they live and what interesting anecdotes you know about their ancestors - preferably something criminal. Any attempts to put them off will be deflected by being told that they fly home tomorrow and since they are booked at a show in London that evening, could they come round early afternoon?

Once inside the church, they will expect a conducted tour. I have a competition with myself to see how outrageous I can make our history, yet still be believed. One family now thinks that the conical tomb in the churchyard is the last visible tip of the spire of the famous cathedral which once stood on this spot but sank into the ground when cursed by a bride who was jilted at its altar.

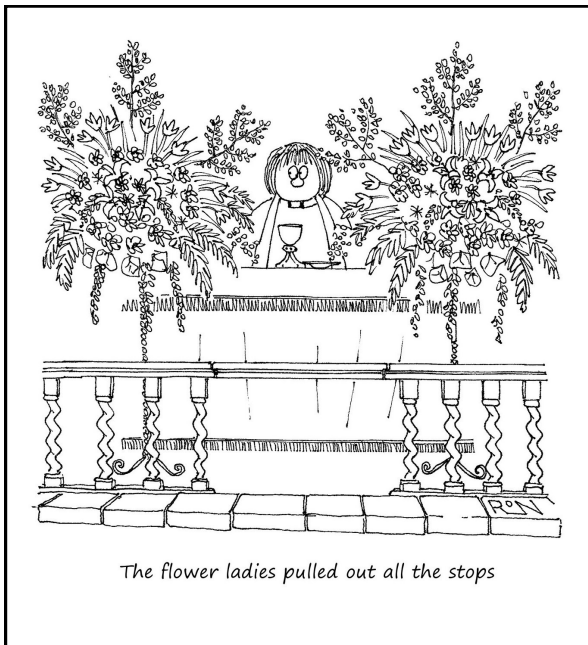
A second couple now know that a locked safe contains a set of pagan gods which were worshipped by an obscure sect in the parish during the time of the Tudor monarchs. They were removed by the incumbent of the day and locked away. Only the Rector is allowed a key and is only permitted to look inside at the contents on the day he leaves office, as the sight is too terrible.

Yet another are convinced that several dozen mediaeval gold chalices are buried in the rectory garden, where they were hidden from Cromwell's soldiers and their exact location has been forgotten (I told that story when I was looking for volunteers to dig over the rose beds).

Should they get as far as the vestry to inspect the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, you know that the afternoon is lost. It can occasionally hasten their departure by casually telling them to ignore the mice which will be running round the floor - although hardened visitors are likely to set up their tripods to catch them on film.

The ultimate deterrent is to suggest they stay to Evensong which I am about to say. That is guaranteed to remind them that they have an urgent appointment back at their hotel.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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No need to cut the grass weekly

How often should you cut your grass? That depends on how much you want to help the bees.

It seems that the ideal 'gap' is two weeks. This helps improve the habitat for the pollinating plants that need bees to survive. Cutting the grass more often than every 14 days destroys dandelions and clover and other plants which the insects need for pollen.

Two weeks is ideal – it gives time for the grass to attract a greater diversity of insects. The number of bee species and the abundance of lawn flowers were up to 2.5 times higher when home owners mowed lawns every two weeks compared to once a week.

Don't be a martyr, though – as three-weekly cuts are also not recommended. The high grass then makes it more difficult for bees and other insects to access flowers.



The PCC of the Parish of Clayton with Keymer is committed to encouraging an environment where all people and especially those who are vulnerable for any reason (children and adults alike) are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. The safeguarding policies are displayed in each of the churches and church halls. For help, advice or guidance on any safeguarding matter please contact either the rector or one of the safeguarding officers. Details are to be found at the back of the parish magazine or the poster displayed adjacent to the policy in your church or church hall. The link to the Diocese of Chichester Safeguarding Policies, on which our policies are based, can be found at:

<http://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/policy/>

Our Parish Website
www.claytonwithkeymer.org.uk

Our website contains details of all known events organised by the churches throughout the coming year, and is a good place to check for clashes if you are wanting to arrange an event. The website is only as good as the information loaded onto it, so if you are responsible for an event, please give the details to claytonkeymer@gmail.com or 01273 846853 (Monday and Thursday mornings). We can add pictures and update the information as the event approaches, publicise it through Facebook (Parish of Clayton with Keymer) - which is good as a reminder nearer the time - and include a report and photos afterwards to show people what goes on in our parish.



Baptism

A father is in church with three of his young children, including his five year-old daughter. As was customary, he sat in the very front row so that the children could properly witness the service.

During this particular service, the minister was performing the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl was taken by this, observing that he was saying something and pouring water over the infant's head. With a quizzical look on her face, the little girl turned to her father and asked: 'Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby??'

Quiet

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, 'and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

Cat Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray this cushy life to keep.
I pray for toys that look like mice,
And sofa cushions, soft and nice.

I pray for gourmet kitty snacks,
And someone nice to scratch my back,
For windowsills all warm and bright,
For shadows to explore at night.

I pray I'll always stay real cool
And keep the secret feline rule
To NEVER tell a human that
The world is really ruled by
CATS!

Author Unknown

Be with you

The vicar at a local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: 'There's something wrong with this microphone.'

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: 'And also with you.'



The Bill

Some years ago, an artist was commissioned to restore a mural in a Yorkshire Church. He did the work and submitted a bill, but the authorities refused to pay until they had specific details of the work done, so another bill was submitted, and this is how it read

To:

Washing High Priest's Servants – 10 shillings and sixpence

Cleaning out St. David's ears – 2 shillings

Polishing up Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbons in his hat – 8 shillings

Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning the moon – 7 shillings

Brightening up the flames of hell, putting a new tail on the devil and doing odd jobs for the damned – £1 1shillings and one penny

Touching up purgatory and restoring four lost souls – 7 shillings

Improving appearance of Pharaoh's daughter – 2 shillings

Mending shirt of Prodigal Son – 2 shillings

The bill was paid without comment.

Too late

First friend: 'It took me forty years to discover I had not the gifts for Holy Orders.'

Second friend: 'Goodness, whatever did you do when you found out?'

First friend: 'It was too late to do anything. By then I was a bishop!'

ORGANIZATIONS and Groups in the Parish

JUNIOR CHURCH & DISCOVERERS – KEYMER –3 to 11+ years

Church Hall each Sunday except 3rd, 9.45 am

Leader : Mrs Carolyn Paynter, 82 Grand Avenue 01273 844186

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JUNIOR CHURCH – ST FRANCIS – 3 to 14 + years

Church Hall each Sunday except 2nd, 9.45 am

Contact : Mrs Jacque Drake 01273 842122

1st KEYMER GUIDES

Church Hall each Wed 7.30 pm

Guider : Mrs Margaret Maillardet, 103 Dale Avenue 01273 842342

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

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St Francis: Mrs Jill Hewer 01273 844208

Clayton: Mrs Jill Rogers 01273 846049

KEYMER CHURCH CHOIR

If you are interested in joining the choir please contact

Pauline Stone. No auditions, all welcome. 01273 843612

BELLRINGERS

Practice night Wednesday 7.30–8.45 pm

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The Keymer Cell of Our-Lady-of-Walsingham

On the second Saturday of the month the cell meets for

Mass at 9.30 am followed by breakfast. Pilgrimages to England's Nazareth, the Shrine at Walsingham are arranged.

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Newcomers contact Scheme co-ordinator.

If you know of a newcomer in Hassocks please contact
Mrs Jacquie Drake and she will alert the nearest member of
the contact team. 01273 842122

'Bumps, Babies and Toddlers'

1.30 pm every Thursday in St Francis Church Hall, Priory
Road Hassocks. Toys and activities for children. Refresh-
ments and time to chat. Contact : Mrs Jacquie Drake
01273 842122

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

The meetings for Prayer for Israel are continuing and you are wel-
come to contact Rita Arnold for details 01273 843018

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