

Prayer

Prayer and Healing Ministry

As a Church Family, God calls us to “pray without ceasing” for one another and for our neighbourhood. With this in mind, a Calendar of Prayer covering the whole of The Parish Of Three Saints has been drawn up. Each Sunday we will be highlighting a particular road or street, plus an organisation or group of people in our Parish or Diocese and encouraging you to pray for them during the week. The Calendar of Prayer will also be available in the prayer corners of each of our church buildings.

This week please pray for....

- Those living in Brean Road, Batch Lane and Wick Lane, Lympsham.
- Those who run and attend the Bereaved Friends Group (BFG).

Don't be afraid to ask for Prayer!

If you or a loved one are going through a difficult time and would like prayer, please contact our Prayer Group Co-ordinator **Gwen Hatton 01934 750416**. The Friday Prayer Group will support you in prayer for as long as you need and everything is absolutely confidential.

Alternatively, if you or a loved one would like to be included in this public prayer list in the Sunday Link and prayed for by the whole Church Family, please contact Carole in the Church Office 01278-769082 or Ginnie Soffe 01278-769117. Please ask for the person's permission beforehand.

Please continue to pray for Iona, Caroline, Mervyn, Luke, Ben, David, Carole, Kathryn, Peter and Marcus.

Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7th July 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist	8th 19.30 Pastoral Care Team Meeting	9th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church 19.00 PCC Standing Committee	10th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's	11th 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	12th	13th
14th July 08.00 St Michael's Holy Communion 10.00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist 19.00 Quiz Brent Knoll Inn	15th 09.00-10.30 Emmaus Brentcombe House East Brent 16.00-17.30 Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers Group Brentcombe House East Brent	16th Toddlers Summer Outing	17th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's 14.00 Emmaus Church Office	18th 14.30 Comfort Group 19.30 All Sorts Choir Singalong Concert St Mary's	19th 10.00 Prayer Group 2 The Worthings, Lympsham	20th
21st 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Michael's Parish Eucharist	22nd	23rd 19.00 PCC Meeting Brent Knoll Methodist Church	24th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's	25th 14.30 Bereaved Friends Group	26th	27th

Contacts

SAFEGUARDING: We take safeguarding very seriously. If you have any concerns for a child or a vulnerable adult please contact our parish Safeguarding Officer (a voluntary position) Kathy Quinnell (01278-760031) or contact the central diocesan team <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding/rep>

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For further contact information please see our parish website - www.theparishofthreesaints.org.uk

If you would like to submit anything for the Sunday Link please email it to Carole at office.tpots@gmail.com by **Thursday**. Please also send anything for **The Parish of Three Saints** website to the same address.



Connecting faith and daily life

A pain in the neck

Caroline Hodgson *reflects*
on Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

I'm struck by the personal statement that Paul makes, quite out of context, in the middle of this passage: "See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!" Looking into it in a bit more depth, I discover that this is probably a reference to the poor eyesight that dogged him, to which it's thought he was referring in Corinthians when he wrote about his "thorn... in the flesh".

Yet for all Paul's physical eye problems, here was a man of great spiritual vision and, indeed, visions. Acts recounts a number of them – the Macedonian man pleading for help in a dream; God telling him, "speak and do not be silent". Later, before King Agrippa, Paul tells him "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision".

Today I'm troubled by a neckache which makes me grumpy. It's a symptom of an ongoing back problem that I can't shift, which puzzles the physiotherapist and prevents me from doing physical activity. Frankly, it gets me down. But what if, like Paul, I could learn to compensate spiritually for my physical limitations, precisely *where those limitations lie*?

The dictionary definition of "stiff-necked" is "haughty and stubborn". Could I use my experience of, and insight into, physical neck pain to learn how to be the spiritual and emotional antithesis? Could I learn to turn freely to look at others and, in so doing, to be soft, supple and humble? 🙏

Lord, thank you for the revelation of your word, and for the wisdom, willpower and example of your servant Paul. Amen.

Walking with Poppy

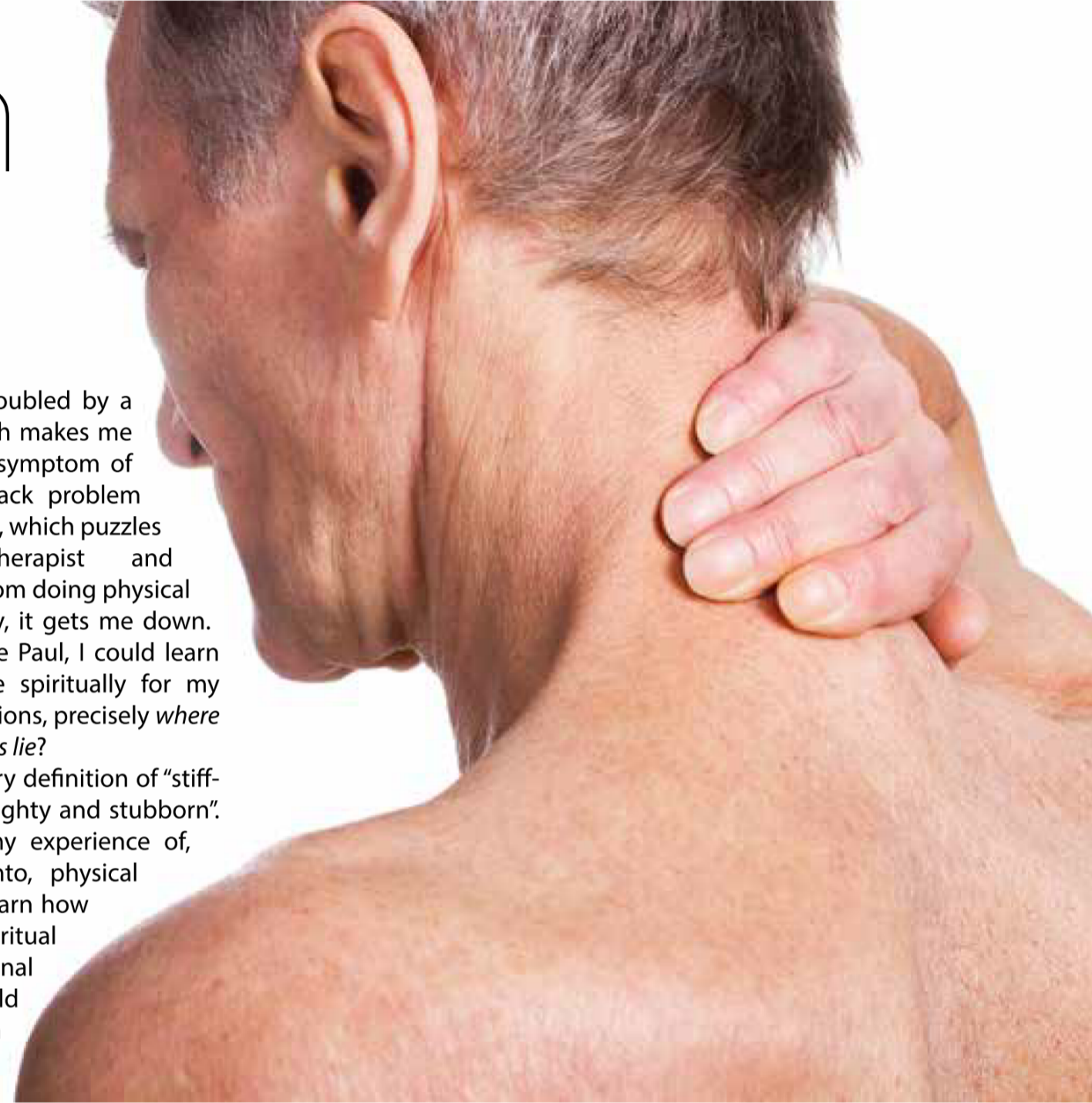
Surprise!

by Gillian Cooper

Our trip involves a car journey, an overnight stay, and a ferry. Poppy tolerates it all without enthusiasm. Finally we arrive, and Poppy sniffs the air. Now she knows where she is. She can smell rabbits. Best of all, she knows that waiting for her next door is Spiggy the

labradoodle, her favourite playmate since puppyhood. Her tail wags and she bounces on her paws. She has arrived in doggy heaven.

My longer journey, through my life, has a destination which should not be a surprise to me, but which is easily forgotten. The effort of getting there, the delights and sorrows, the complications and challenges along the way, keep me from looking ahead. But in the Christian faith we are reminded that we will in the end travel through the waters of death to a place full of joy, and will find waiting for us a friend who has loved us from our very beginning. 🙏



Summer

by Ricarda Witcombe

Apart from a few rather wonderful saints' days, the summer months take us through the church season known as Ordinary Time. That doesn't mean it is not special – rather, it is about the ordering or measuring of time. It is an opportunity to order our lives – to attend to our inner selves.

This kind of attention begins with noticing the details of life that we miss when we are too busy. These may be as simple as the pattern of our breathing, or the smell of the flowers in a garden, or the colour of the sky as the sun sets.

The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green – the colour of life and growth. Through tending to the life within us, we may just find the treasure that exists in every one of us, so often hidden from our view, but known and valued by God. 🙏

“Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost... save that of knowing that we do your will.

Ignatius of Loyola (c. 1491-1556), priest, theologian, founder of the Society of Jesus

Bible Readings

First Reading

Galatians 6. 1-16

Bear One Another's Burdens

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Final Admonitions and Benediction

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Stewardship/Church Life Giving Champion

Regular monetary income is essential for the church to function and pay its way day to day, week by week. The parish urgently needs a Stewardship/Church Life Giving Champion to work with me, the Treasurer and diocesan adviser to encourage people to commit to consistent generous support of the Church Life funds, as there is a substantial shortfall in this budgeted area.

The continuing mission and outreach of the church family needs funding.

While interpersonal skills are paramount, no financial knowledge is needed; training and resources are available.

What you can do...

1. Pray that the right person comes forward;
2. Listen quietly for God's prompting;
3. Ask yourself if you could do this, or if there is someone you think might be good at it;
4. Speak to the Vicar or Wardens or Treasurer.

Thank you, Revd Kevin Wright (Incumbent)

Gospel Reading

Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

The Mission of the Seventy

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The Return of the Seventy

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Blessed Thought.

"Show me your ways LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long."

Psalm 25. 4-5

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

What's On



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Our Vision for the Parish of Three Saints

Our desire is to deepen our spiritual awareness and relationship with God so that we can serve our communities more effectively as His hands and feet, and also to develop our sacred spaces to make them welcoming, flexible and suited to the broad ranging needs of our communities.

(Taken from The Parish Profile 2018)

St Mary's will be open today

Sunday 7th July, 2-4pm

for teas and to view the flowers from yesterday's "St Mary's in Bloom" event.

Everyone is welcome.



Quiz Night

The Knoll Inn

7pm Sunday 14th July

£3.00 per person

Everyone is welcome.



Highbridge Area Foodbank

As summer holidays approach and children, who would normally receive free school meals, have to be fed at home; sometimes the money doesn't stretch that far.

Can you help?? We are currently short of..

Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Carrots	Tinned Peas
Tinned Sweetcorn	Tinned Fish
Rice Pudding	Custard
Biscuits	Instant Mash
Jam	Juice

Donations can be dropped off in any of our three churches in TPOTS. Thank you for your support.

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer
..... to do your work in the world.**

During our worship an offering will be collected. If you wish to join with our offering there is a yellow envelope nearby for your contribution or you can, of course, simply add your donation to the bag that will be passed along the pew during our offertory hymn. Many of our Church Family make a regular contribution to the running and work of the Parish by Standing Order. If this is something you would like to find out more about, please see one of the Stewards or a Churchwarden.

The East Brent Parish History Group
are pleased to announce that

The George Reed Display

Will be up in St Mary's Church, East Brent

From 25th July for two weeks.

George Reed was the Lord of the Manor of East Brent and Burnham's greatest benefactor of the Victorian era.

Rural Forum 2019 - Open to all.

Tuesday 16th July 9.30-3.30pm.

At Bagley Baptist Church.

- Guest speakers
- Workshops
- Refreshments and Lunch provided
- Opportunity to discuss and share stories



Register now at:
www.bathandwells.org.uk/rural-forum
or contact: Sophie Moore 01749 685116



Concert

St Mary's Church, East Brent

Thursday 18th July
At 19.30

Singalong with your local community choir
whilst enjoying a light hearted fun evening

Raffle
Variety of music
Refreshments in the interval

Free Admission
(donations appreciated)

Proceeds to the All-Sorts Choir and St Mary's.

