



KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



May 2018

SERVICES FOR MAY 2018



- 6 May 10.30 Worship Leader and Rev Rachel Bending
Holy Communion
- 13 May 10.30 Mrs Penny Pedley. Family & Parade Service
followed by Church Annual General Meeting
- 20 May 10.30 Deacon Ramona Samuel (Pentecost)
04.00 CIRCUIT SERVICE - Acton Hill
- 27 May 10.30 Local Arrangement



STOP PRESS -

The Messenger and all our readers join in congratulations on the birth of a 8lb 7oz son to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge - William and Catherine on Monday 23rd April.



Congratulations and Good Wishes to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on the occasion of their wedding at Windsor on Saturday 18th May.

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The KINGSDOWN MESSENGER

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I am writing this on the balcony of our hotel room in Sorrento, soaking up a bit of Italian warmth and sunshine. In front of me is an olive grove on a hillside, and the birds are singing all around. Apart from the background noise of traffic, which in Italy never seems to exist without the roar of motorbike engines and horns blaring, it is all very peaceful!

A couple of days ago we did the almost obligatory trip from here to Pompeii, to visit the ruins of that ancient city, devastated by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD79, almost 2000 years ago, a time when the Christian church was in its infancy and parts of the New Testament were being written. I found it a profoundly moving experience.

What is striking as you look around is how well-preserved the ruins are for somewhere so ancient – a place dating back to the 6th century BC. You can still see floor mosaics and wall paintings, statues and pottery, marble shop counters, with holes that would have held bowls of food, and grooves on the thresholds into which they would have placed planks as sliding doors.

Also striking is how sophisticated they were in creating systems to assist them in daily tasks – heating water, milling flour, cooking pizza – and also in art and culture. In many ways it was a very modern civilisation. They also had a propensity for over-eating and too heavy a reliance on things they didn't realise were causing them harm, like lead pipes!

When Vesuvius erupted, the initial wave of molten lava engulfed Herculaneum, but stopped short of Pompeii. Many people fled Pompeii in terror, but some 2000 people stayed, believing the worst was over. However, during the night, a change in the wind direction brought a vast cloud of ash and poisonous gases which descended on the city, burying it 10 metres deep, killing everyone there, mostly while they slept.

Over centuries the ash hardened, hiding, but also preserving the city which then lay undisturbed for 1700 years, until people began to excavate the ruins. That work of excavation is still continuing, and the remains are revealing a great deal about the lifestyles of the people of Pompeii.



One archaeologist had the foresight, during the excavations, to stop the digging down through the ash about a metre above ground level, and then check, by sound, for hollow spaces in the ash below. These had been created by the decomposition of bodies in the hardened ash. When cavities were found, holes were drilled and liquid plaster was poured into the hollows. When the ash was removed, the plaster casts revealed figures, human and animal, and the positions in which they died. These are very moving. The one that touched me most was of a person seated on the ground, knees pulled up to his chest and his hands held in front of him on his knees, as if he died in prayer.

I found this a very powerful time to visit Pompeii, perhaps because there have been times recently when I have been reminded of how precarious life can be. For all our technical advances and apparent control over our lives, we are recognising our dependence on an environment that is being seriously threatened by human exploitation, and also our vulnerability, when we hear world leaders, who seem more concerned with power than responsibility, boasting about and threatening to use weapons that could cause devastation against which the eruption of Vesuvius would look like a minor incident! Just as Vesuvius is still active and could erupt again at any time, so other dangers hover in the background.

I don't want to depress you, but I am aware that it is easy to feel anxious and helpless in the face of these kind of issues. But there is something that we can do that can lift us beyond fear and anxiety and that is prayer. There was something about that figure in Pompeii that spoke to me of prayer as a power that we share with people down through the ages, a source of strength, of comfort and of peace – not a false sense that everything will be 'ok', but a sense that there is a reality that transcends everything we know here and holds us secure so that, whatever happens here, all will be well. 'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4: 6, 7)

I would love to see that kind of peace flowing through the lives of Christians and having an effect on people around us, so many racked with anxiety and fear. We have such a gift to offer. As we hover in the waiting

space between Easter, when we have been reminded that in Christ death has been disempowered, and wait for Pentecost when we will remember the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit being released in the world, let us pray that we may be empowered to make the love, joy and peace of God real where we are.



Family News

"I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards and presents on the occasion of my recent birthday."

Olwen Britton

Sincere condolences to the family of **Esmelda Porteous** who died early in April. The only information available at present re funeral arrangements are that it will be on Monday 14th May at 12 noon at Mortlake. Crematorium. Further details have yet to be decided but will, no doubt, be made available in the Church Notices.

Sincere good wishes for a speedy recovery to all those of our church family who we know have been missing recently through ill health.

Please note that the
**Church Annual
General Meeting**
will be on Sunday 13th May
after the morning service
and
that the next Church Council
meeting will be on Tuesday
5th June at 7.30pm.

KINGSDOWN CLUB PROGRAMME FOR MAY to JULY 2018

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. WE MEET IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH
FROM 2.00 TO 4.00PM

TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT NEED IT.
PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN TOBIAS [TEL. 0208 567 4205] FOR DETAILS.

MAY 1st

THE CAROLINERS sing for us

MAY 15th

A TALK by Dr MARION GARNETT

JUNE 5th

THE HURBS: a UKULELE BAND

JUNE 19th

A BINGO and QUIZ AFTERNOON

JULY 3rd

A TALK by JANET SMITH

JULY 17th

THE SUMMER TEA PARTY - DAVE ENTERTAINS

THE NEW PROGRAMME BEGINS ON THE 4th SEPTEMBER 2018

Charity of the Year

The final event for COTY 2017/8 was the March Book Fair which raised £200 for the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. Many thanks for anyone who helped in any way.

Olwen Britton



Kingsdown Methodist Church, Northfield Avenue, W13

BOOK FAIR



Books

Cakes

Gifts

Plants

Bric-a-Brac

Saturday 12th May

10.00am to 12.30pm

Proceeds to:



Never regret growing older –
it is a privilege denied to many.

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

We believe in life before death



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 2018

I'm not going to repeat all the details of "the week"! You will see these in the April Messenger - page 16 - and you will find a poster of the Annual Book Fair in the Church foyer and also in this Messenger. (Other dates itemised on forthcoming events - back page.)

I was pleased to hear that a number of you had read about HAITI, and of course, VILIA and her family and MARCELIN and his three teenage daughters. Do be sure to collect your 11-day devotional for Christian Aid week 'God's Kingdom is stronger than storms'. Here you will read the full story of Vilia and Marcelin.

NO new collectors for House-to-House collecting but I've been very pleased with the offers to help on Flag Day 19th May. A few more supporters would be very welcome.

Envelopes for your donations to Christian Aid will be in the pews on three Sundays 6 May - 13 May (CA Sunday in the UK) and 20 May. Please do contribute as you are able to help Christian Aid's work in Haiti.

Prosperity Raymond, Christian Aid Haiti writes "We are all connected We are all human beings. We are all sons and daughters of God. We are one: through Christian Aid, you in the UK and Ireland are connected with us her in Haiti."

A prayer from the Christian Aid Week 2018 ORDER OF SERVICE

Give us, Lord God, a vision of your Kingdom as your love desires,
A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry,
A world where life is shared, and enjoyed by all,
A world where all races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and respect,
A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build your Kingdom here and now. AMEN

Ruby Warne



Should the UK provide humanitarian and development assistance to other countries?

Speaking at the Wellcome Collection last week in London, Development secretary Penny Mordaunt said: "Britain stands for free trade and cooperation, the rule of law, justice and human rights. We believe in bravery, in service and in sacrifice. We believe in the potential of the people". The response to her defence of government aid spending with a focus on development, diplomacy and security, has been met with a mixed reception. Some congratulating her on the government's commitment to maintaining spending on international development, others concerned about whether we should be supporting international aid at all when we have a range of our domestic problems in the UK.



At **All We Can** we know that financial and technical support from

governments, non-government organisations and churches has done a lot of good; saving lives; rebuilding livelihoods; providing good health; promoting sanitation and encouraging education to name just a few benefits

The opponents of offering foreign assistance also have a strong argument because aid can; increase dependency; promote a form of paternalism and control; encourage corruption; overlook small communities and be offered for beneficial reciprocity such as trade agreements or military presence.

The United Nations' believes that foreign aid is important and set a target for each country to spend 0.7 per cent of its gross national income on foreign aid. The United Kingdom had met this target for the previous four years. The UK has been a world leader in committing to spending 0.7% of GNI on overseas development assistance. By meeting this global promise agreed in the United Nations every year since 2013, the UK has helped alleviate global poverty and has supported some of the world's most vulnerable people.

For every hundred pounds that are made in the UK, seventy pence goes towards foreign aid. Currently, that is about £14 billion per year. The 0.7% target has had a long history of opposition, most recently from people who argue that the money would be better spent on domestic priorities, like social care or defence spending. £14b is roughly one-tenth of government spending on health in England.

The Department for International Development (DfID) is responsible for most of the UK's aid spending. They spend 74% of the target; the rest is spent by other government departments and organisations. It goes towards a specific list of low and middle-income countries (Africa –51% and Asia – 42%) than anywhere else. About 15% goes as humanitarian aid, or crisis relief, with the rest focused on strategic or long-term goals. 36% of the money goes via multilateral organisations, like the United Nations. The other 64% goes to programmes in specific countries as bilateral aid.

These are the numbers. But what of the moral responsibility?

The notion of meeting need regardless of where it occurs is one of the fundamental principles of humanitarianism. If the need is within its own borders, nations have a responsibility to respond to that;

if beyond national borders, they have a similar obligation. Rich countries seem to be growing ever richer, and the poor are falling further behind. I also believe that both governments and individuals in rich countries spend billions on essentially discretionary spending, including on luxuries, pure and simple. Given this, we have no excuse for not alleviating the often dire suffering of families caught in circumstances beyond their control.



All We Can is a Christian faith-based international NGO and realises that the topics of development and humanitarian aid are certainly complex. The need is overwhelming—people are broken, hungry, misplaced, and in great distress.

The government only has one part to play. It is not their total responsibility. The government is an institution full of imperfect people in power, trying to protect, serve, and govern for the majority—it will never live up to our expectations.

The mandate to look after the orphan, the widow and the stranger was given first to the Church and believers. Compassion has and always will work with the local church in the most impoverished communities to bring hope to individuals and families. This is because the Church is a reflection and manifestation of God's heart for people and the poor, not a policy, a budget or a government.

As an organisation motivated by Christian values, we care about the poor because God commands it. We care about the poor because Jesus cares about the poor and because we were commissioned by him to love others as we would love ourselves.

If you are uncomfortable about this debate being political. Or even focussing on the economic. Or philosophical. And you don't like the religious. Maybe we need to keep it simple. As in this statement made by Nelson Mandela, "Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made, and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom."

Maurice Adams
CE, All We Can

Our Minister says:
"Bibles which are falling apart are
read by people who aren't."



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Wesley Day Celebrations & Pilgrimage by Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission

On 24th May we remember the "Evangelical Conversion" of John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism. The site of Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission is where he completed the final years of his life and ministry. Please feel free to accompany us for part, or all, of our celebrations.

Programme of the day:

11.00- 3.00pm Re-enactment in John Wesley's House.

12.45-1.15pm Lunchtime Communion Service in the Foundry Chapel at Wesley's Chapel.

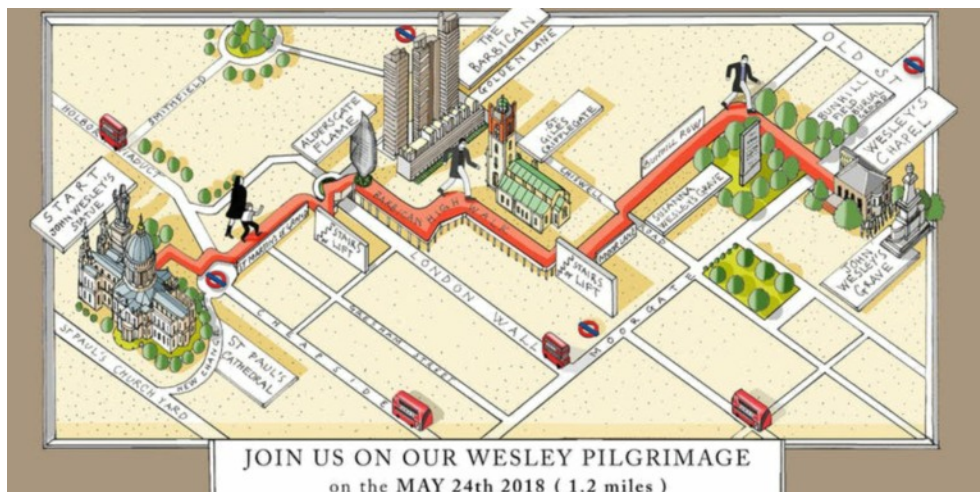
5.00pm Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral.

6.00pm Short Office at the Wesley Statue, North Steps of St. Paul's Cathedral.

6.30pm Short Office at the Wesley Conversion Site, Museum of London.

7.00pm Short Office at the grave of Susanna Wesley, in Bunhill Fields, followed by refreshments back at the Wesley's Chapel.

7.30pm Service in the Chapel with the Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Jill Baker.



8.15pm Short Office around the Tomb of John Wesley
"About a quarter before nine" – the laying of the wreath and final prayers.

Tickets are not needed for this event, however please consider registering to aid our planning.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wesley-day-celebrations-pilgrimage-tickets-44639856011>



Let's look forward to Summer

Saturday, June 16th Concert at the Kingsdown

The social committee, comprising Violet Cordon, Brenda Glassman, Blossom Jackson, Pam Smith and myself are in the process of arranging a Concert at the Church for the evening of 16th June.

The proposed format of this event is now beginning to take shape with a good number of talented acts already having agreed to perform. But there is still time to include anyone who would like to perform on the night (or, indeed, know of someone who might be interested), but please let one of the committee know ASAP!

The whole evening would be divided into two halves, and at the moment we have several musical items ranging from choirs, solo artistes and a quintet group.

We would like as many different acts as possible, so get thinking!
Age is no barrier. Young and old are all welcome.

Janet Smith

10th May Ascension Day

- 40 Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.



Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they

worshipped Him - and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

From Parish Pump



20th May - Pentecost in Jerusalem

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send them 'a Comforter'. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on Him, and for Him. They were not disappointed: for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ's body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the Gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow Him.

From Parish Pump

Pentecost Prayer



Father,

Thank you for sending Jesus to be one of us and to show us how you want us to live.

Thank you that He chose to live for us and to die for us.

Thank you that when He returned to you, He didn't leave us to flounder but sent us His Spirit to live in us and to equip us to continue the work He had begun.

Thank you for that Day of Pentecost when the Spirit became freely available to everyone who believes in Jesus and is willing to receive Him.

May we be willing Lord, willing and confident that whatever challenges life throws at us, we can face them and overcome them because you are with us and in us.

Please fill us afresh daily with your Spirit, that we may overflow with your love and peace and joy. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

by **Daphne Kitching**

The Day of Pentecost

(Acts 2)



From prophecy to fulfilment,
from fear to courage,
from confusion to conviction,
from despair to certain hope,
from head to heart,
from longing to knowing,
from weakness to strength,
from paralysis to power.

What a difference a day makes -

The Day of Pentecost

when the Spirit came

and everything was different and possible...

by **Daphne Kitching**

Ecumenical Visit

All Hallows by the Tower - 18th April

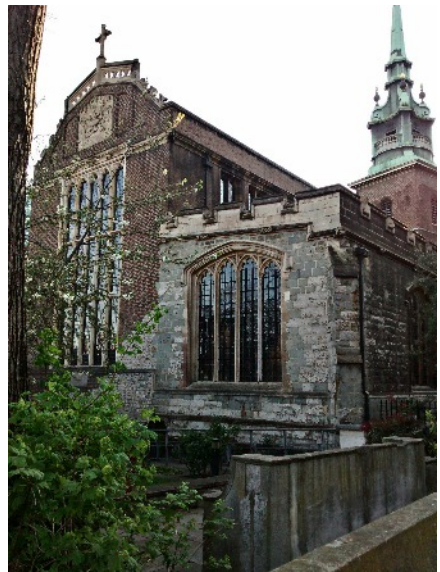
The interesting visit, under the care of a London Guide, was not only to the oldest city church but also to the crypt beneath it, where there are the remains of flooring of a Roman House as well as a 2nd Century tessellated pavement that you can still walk across. Many of the simple stained glass windows show the close maritime links that were established when the Port of London was the major port serving the UK. On the side wall is a small plaque in memory of HMS Hood, a battleship that played an important part in the sea battles during the second world war.



After the tour we were invited to stay for the regular Taizé Service - a simple service using prayers, chants and silence. With the setting sun coming in through the large windows, the chants led by a small group of excellent musicians, a Psalm, a short Bible Reading and the Lord's Prayer linked with periods of silence brought a feeling of peace and calm. Simple components that when brought together help in refreshing our beliefs and give us an impetus to look at how we can give practical help to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Walking back to Tower Hill station reminded us that Lord Soper spent many a Sunday afternoon preaching there.

Alan Smith



Looking through different eyes

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over the garden. My children see flowers for mummy and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at an old drunk and he smiles at me, I see a smelly, dirty person who probably wants money and I look away. My children see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously and listen. My children feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My children close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that. My children say, "Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss my Mummy and Daddy."

When I see a muddy puddle, I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My children play in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given children to teach or to learn from? No wonder God loves the little children! Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things

In a Dilemma?

Confront your fear - Step out in faith -

AND BELIEVE GOD for Success! Val Elgar



Time for a smile

A mother and daughter, who belonged to a small country church, were on a first outing to a big city.

On arriving at the hotel where they were staying, they stood in the foyer gazing at the ornate door of an impressive lift. "What do you reckon that door is for?" asked the mother. Before her daughter could reply, a rather scruffy old man walked up, pressed the button, got into the lift and the door closed. A minute later the door opened and a very handsome young man stepped out.

With a disbelieving look, the mother said to her daughter, "We'll bring your father next time."

From ACE Forum

What a good idea!

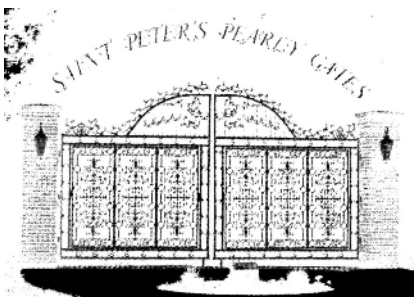
- * Create a thrifty watering can by puncturing holes in the top of a used milk bottle.
- * Flip a toaster on its side to make grilled cheese.
- * Water straight from the tap becomes cloudy when frozen.
To make ice cubes crystal clear, allow a kettle of boiled water to cool slightly and use this to fill your ice cube trays.
- * Use a large muffin tin to cook stuffed peppers in the oven - it will help keep them upright.
- * To prevent potatoes budding, add an apple in the bag.
- * Add half a teaspoon of baking soda to the water when hard-boiling eggs to make the shells easier to peel off.
- * WD40 can be used to remove crayon marks from any surface!
- * To tell if eggs are fresh, immerse them in a bowl of water. Fresh eggs will lie on the bottom, while stale eggs will float to the surface.
- * Prevent soil from escaping through the holes in the base of flowerpots by lining with large coffee filters.

From ACE Forum - to be continued

PEARLY GATES

Forty robbers arrive at the Pearly Gates. St Peter goes into the gatehouse and phones God: "I've got 40 robbers here; can I let them all in?"

God answers: "We're over the quota on robbers. Tell them to choose between them which are the 12 most worthy, and I will let just those in."



St Peter's Pearly Gates... relocated!
(Wikimedia Open Source)

Two minutes later St Peter is on the phone to God again: "They've gone," he tells God.

"What?" says God, "All 40 of them?"

"No, the gates!"

With acknowledgement to SPA News

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Do you shop at Waitrose?? Do you get a free coffee?

Branches are shortly to stop supplying cups. The free coffee service will continue but you will have to take a re-usable cup of your own if you want a free coffee!

The cardboard cups they were using have a plastic lining which means that they could not be recycled like other paper products.

I love my Grandparents' house.

The lights are some how warmer there: not as bright as the glaring city lights that I'm used to. My Grandma's always cooking so the house is always filled with the smell of fresh bread or cakes or melting butter.

The TV is never off. It's usually some old war time comedy so when you walk past you get a few seconds of silly trumpet music or canned laughter. The soap smells like the summer and the sheets smell like my Grandma. It's the kind of house where the pillows are never un-plumped.

Every available wall space is covered in photos. There are generations of my family smiling at me from all around. Their shelves are filled with odd little trinkets and knick knacks and the kitchen window sill is filled with plants. There always seem to be more birds and brighter flowers in their garden. There are old teddy bears welcoming you in each bedroom and the curtains let golden sunlight drift through in the morning, illuminating the dust mites.

Walking past my Grandpa's study, you can hear the sound of typing or the flicking of pages or maybe even snoring. His shelves are lined with books and old newspaper clippings. There's always a warm squishy hug going and never a frowning face.



I love my Grandparents' house.

Leah Plant (Age 14)



*"Oh Mother dear, please do be seated
We think a long, frank talk is needed.
This house is large, a move is due,
A sheltered flat is best for you.
And, Mother, we will need to know
About the arrangements when you go."
So Mother, when she went to bed,
Thought it over as they'd said.
She sold the house, she spent the money,
She cruised the world, she tasted honey.
She stayed away a long, long time
Living it up on the Cunard Line.
The arrangements were her very own,
She was buried at sea and never came home!*

PPI - Payment Protection Insurance - BEWARE

Way back did you take out a PPI plan when you arranged an mortgage, overdraft, bank loan or organised a new credit card?? If this was mis-sold then you may be able to claim back monies you paid out. The deadline for claiming is 29 August 2019.

The Financial Conduct Authority is the body that is responsible for the procedures for claiming and full details of how to investigate and make a claim can be found on:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/ppi/how-to-check>

BEWARE there are a number of companies that offer to make claims for you - **AT A PRICE** - they may cold call you on the phone with a very convincing story line. Recently households have been mailed with a very good letter and attached form - just 'fill in and return' and they will start to investigate for you. Any monies you get back are then subject to a FEE.

If you want to check if you have a valid PPI claim then follow the FCA guidelines - details sent through them will be secure and you will not have given out valuable personal information to companies that you know little about. This personal information is valuable - protect it.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

- Mon 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout term time)
- Tue 1 2.00 pm Tuesday Club - The Caroliners - Sing for Us
- Tue 8 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group
- Wed 1-3 pm Babies & Toddlers (term time only - resumes 18 May)
- Thu 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm CBSI UK Bible Studies in the Foyer
- Fri 10.15 am Coffee Morning in Foyer - everyone welcome
BOYS BRIGADE 6.30-7.30 pm Anchor Boys, 6.30-8.00 pm
Junior Section, 7.30-10.00 pm Company Section.
(Every week during Term Time)
- Sat 10.30 am -12 noon Coffee & Chat - everyone welcome
- Sun 6 1600 Iris Axon Concert at Acton Hill
- Sat 12 10 am - 12.30 Annual Christian Aid Book Fair with stalls
- Sun 13 Annual General Church Meeting following morning service
- 13 - 19 CA Week if House-to-House Collecting
- Tue 15 2.00 pm Tuesday Club - A Talk - Dr Marion Garnett
- Sat 19 Flag Day - Northfield Ave and West Ealing
12.00-5.00 pm Wedding Party - Greenford Church
(There will be NO Coffee Morning at Kingsdown on 19 May.)
- Sun 20 Circle the City - sponsored walk
- Wed 23 8 pm Property Committee

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tue 5 Jun 7.30 pm Church Council Meeting
- Sat 16 Jun 7 pm Concert at Kingsdown Church - see p.13
- Sat 1 Sep 4 pm (provisionally) Circuit Welcome Service for our new minister, the Rev Susan Male, will be at Kingsdown
- Wed 12 Sep Mission & Outreach Committee