

Church of All Saints in the Vendée

"To know and to share Jesus Christ"

The Grapevine

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Preface

And so it comes, my final preface for Grapevine. It is very difficult to find words for, thankfully both Christ and Paul demonstrated an itinerant ministry. But I have at least been travelling around a beautiful part of France. It has been a busy time interspersed with sickness and troubles but it has been a great pleasure and a privilege to serve you and God here. Reflecting back I think of that first Christingle service and all the adults busy with oranges and cocktail sticks, the Lent Lunches which were in fact no sacrifice at all, the fun of the first harvest supper in the western side and the pleasure of the meals at the Maison du Diocese, whose hospitality towards us has been outstanding. I am very pleased that the bi-lingual "Faites le Plein" is an established part of Christian activities in the Vendée and that our ecumenical contacts have grown both Catholic and Protestant although those meetings have really stretched my language skills!

I said when I arrived that the words God had continually given me when I was praying about taking this post were those of reconciliation and unity and in some areas I have seen this happen or start to happen. I pray that it continues throughout the Vendée and with all denominations. Our faith is not just about what we say on Sundays and how we conduct our acts of worship, it is about our lives outside of the church what we say and do is more

influential than the fact that we go to church on Sundays. When I say at the start of sharing communion, "All are welcome at God's table" I really believe it; God wants us to worship him, to be in a relationship with him, he hasn't instructed us to do that in a set way, he wants us to meet the Father through the Son. We don't all conduct our marriages or other relationships using set words or even the same words. Some relationships are quiet and tranquil, some are lively and emotional, it is the relationship that is important and that those involved both talk and listen.

"Somebody said a long time ago that if the devil can't make you sin, he will make you busy, because either way your soul will shrivel. Our world will divert your soul's attention because it is a cluttered world. And clutter is maybe the most dangerous result, because it is so subtle." John Ortberg 'Soul Keeping'. Being busy is a trap many of us fall into, perhaps especially those of us involved in church life. It can also be an excuse for not doing important things, being over-involved with trivia. Being a Priest in the Church of England carries with the role all sorts of duties and expectations from others as well as from oneself and that becomes even more difficult with self-supporting Priests, retired Priests helping out, House for Duty etc etc trying to do a job that even my colleagues in full time posts find never ending. There is always someone else who could do with a visit, another service to prepare, more stuff to read from the Diocese. But keeping busy can also keep us from our God, and that can apply to Priests as well as lay people.

Having said that many of you have been incredibly busy during my time here, both publically and behind the scenes, and for that you have my sincere thanks, everything from sweeping floors and setting up tables, sitting on committees, co-ordinating worship and giving me a much needed cup of coffee at the end of a service, Jacqui with Grapevine and our musicians, it hasn't gone un-noticed, and we couldn't operate as a church community without you all playing your part. THANK YOU.

So these are my prayers for you: that you will always make time for God, for building a relationship with him and growing in him and from that serving others; and that you as individuals and corporately will continue to reconcile yourselves with those who are different or who have upset you and will unite with all who profess a Christian faith to proclaim God's love and glory in this land.

Goodbye, God bless and thank you for walking beside me over the last years and for your prayers for me and mine,

Caroline

ps I have been trying to make a collection of photos of my time here, and have sent some to Jacqui. Unfortunately with the destruction of one of our machines, and some failure in 'the cloud' I don't have as many as I used to. If you can add some or your own that would be lovely!

OCTOBER into NOVEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES WITH LECTIONARY READINGS

All Services start at 11am except where indicated

[We have also included the Psalms for each week, as they may inform your own reading at home]

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|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2nd October | LCP | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Harvest Festival |
| | | | Philippians 4:4-9 | John 6:25-35 |
| 9th October | PDS | 11.00am | Morning Worship | |
| | | | 2 Timothy: 2-15 | Luke 17: 11-19 Psalm 66: 1-11 |
| 16th October | LCA | 11.00am | Morning Worship | |
| | | | 2 Timothy: 3: 14-4: 5 | Luke 18: 1-8 Psalm 119: 97-104 |
| 23rd October | PDS | 11.00am | Morning Worship | |
| | | | Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-end | Luke 18: 9-14 Psalm 84: 1-7 |
| 30th October | PDS | 4.00pm | Evensong | |
| | | | 1 Corinthians 13 | Psalm 145 |

(There may be last-minute changes to the readings
so please check with the Worship Leader, if you are a Reader)

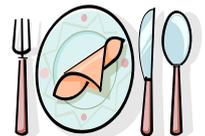
LCA = La Chapelle Achard; PDS = Puy de Serre; LCP = La Chapelle Palluau,
MW=Morning Worship; HC(CW) =Holy Communion (Common Worship);
BCP=Book of Common Prayer.



PLEASE JOIN US

*for Tea, Coffee & Biscuits after our services,
followed by a Bring & Share Lunch.
Everyone is welcome to join us*

- even if you have not brought anything, there is always enough to go round!
Unfortunately, when there is a service on the fifth Sunday in the month,
the hall is not always available



🧡 Sunday Club 🧡

Sunday Club takes place at Puy de Serre.
If you know of any children who would like to join our Sunday Club
please bring them along at 11a.m.
They will be most welcome.

Barbara

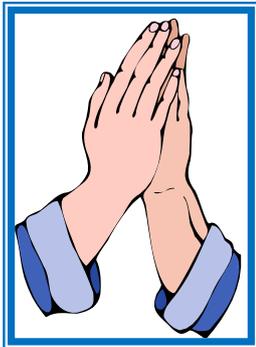
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OCTOBER FORWARD PLANNING

This Forward Planning Rota displays those essential responsibilities which make our Services and Refreshments afterwards possible. If you feel able to "fill in the blanks", please contact the Organiser concerned.

| Responsibility (Organiser) | 2nd October LCP | 9th October PdS | 16th October LCA | 23rd October PdS | 30th October PdS/LCP(?) |
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| Welcomers (Polly Ward) | | | | | |
| Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS) | | Martin & Parkin | | Parkin & Martin | |
| Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS) | | Martin | | Parkin | |
| Musicians +/-Organist (Polly Ward) | Simon and Stuart | Stuart | | Stuart | Stuart |
| Readers (Polly Ward) | | | | | |

Prayer List



Regular readers of Grapevine will have noticed that the usual list of names for prayer has not appeared this month. The ASV Ministry Team has decided that this and the reading out of names during intercessions should be discontinued, mainly in the interests of privacy and to avoid unnecessary embarrassment. In future, names will only be published, or read out in church at times of crisis such as bereavement or an operation and, of course, always with the express consent of the person(s) or family involved.

You may be interested to know, however, that there is an e-mail 'prayer circular' operating. If you don't already subscribe, why not join us? Just e-mail me at:

davidpearson@orange.fr

with your request and I'll make sure you're included.

Thank you all,

David Pearson



Dates for your Diary



2nd October Sunday 11.00 **Harvest Festival** and **Revd Caroline's Farewell Service**
at La Chapelle Palluau.

3rd October. **Revd Caroline's official leaving date**

3rd October Monday 1500 **Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group** (email: carole.stocking@gmail.com)

5th October Wednesday 1900 for 1930 "**Faites le Plein**" (See page 8 contact: liz.jond@wanadoo.fr)

10th October Monday 1500 **Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group** (email: carole.stocking@gmail.com)

13th October Thursday 14.30 **Sewing Circle** (For more information, email: jpsmorandiere@free.fr)

17th October Monday 1500 **Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group** (email: carole.stocking@gmail.com)

24th October Monday 1500 **Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group** (email: carole.stocking@gmail.com)

27th October Thursday 14.30 **Ladies Circle** Barge ware with Debs, Cakes: Jaynie
(Contact Joan Stewart for more information, email: jpsmorandiere@free.fr)

28th October Friday **Quiz** (Contact Polly)

30th October Sunday 16.00 **Evensong & Patronal Festival** at Puy de Serre

31st October Monday 1500 **Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group** (email: carole.stocking@gmail.com)

...and looking ahead....(please see website Calendar)

11th November Friday **Commemoration Services at Angles' Crash Site and Cemetery.**

Refreshments afterwards at the home of Sally Mills.

12th November Saturday **Autumn Bazaar** at St Hilaire de Voust. (Posters will be available shortly to download from the website)

13th November Sunday 1050 **Remembrance Sunday Service** at Puy de Serre

20th November Quiz (Contact Polly)

14th December, Christmas Lunch at Bazoges en Pareds. (Organiser: Mike Mylod)

...and looking even further ahead to 2017....(please see website Calendar)

18th – 23rd January Week of Christian Unity

3rd March 2017 World Day of Prayer

Good Friday – Joint Ecumenical Service



A Thousand Gifts, a Thousand Blessings!



Don't forget your gifts on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Bill and Carole will collect them and pass them on to Restos du Coeur in Coulonges-sur-l'Autize.

For more details and updates of all these events, please visit our website:

www.AllSaintsVendee.fr

Notes from our Church Wardens



This is to introduce you all to (*Reverend) Tim Bravington and his wife Rosemary who will be joining us at the beginning of November and staying until the end of the year.

Polly and Barbara

Tim writes:

I was born in Reading, England and grew up in the Thames Valley until I was 12. My father, who retired from the navy in 1946, decided that we would all go to South Africa where he bought a 9 acre small holding outside Stellenbosch and I went to school in Cape Town. After studying at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, Cambridge and then Cuddesdon Theological College near Oxford, I was ordained in the Cape and served all my working life in South Africa.



I have always enjoyed singing. Both of us were Life Line telephone counsellors for about 10 years. I retired in 1998 and we lived in a rented converted barn on a farm outside Stellenbosch.

Rosemary grew up in Cork and worked in London for 10 years in the 1960s. We were married in 1971 and lived in South Africa until we moved to Oxford in 2008.

*(*I like to be called Tim. I don't like being called 'reverend' and can easily live without any title at all! .*

We are looking forward to spending two months with you all in the Vendée.

From Revd Caroline.....

The Bishop of Europe commissioned Tonie as the Diocesan President of the Mother Union, reminding people that the office carries great responsibility for the Mothers Union as it is a worldwide society within the church, with special concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

Tonie has promised to serve God in this way with a firm belief that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all who call upon him.

The Synod, representing all of us within the Diocese of Europe, were asked to welcome Tonie and to pray for her, encourage and support her in her new role.

I am asking all of you to do this for her, to pray for her regularly as she goes about this challenging role.



The Bishop prayed:-

O God we ask that you will bless your servant with a sense of your presence and knowledge of your constant love. Give wisdom and understanding, your guidance and the humility to accept it. Grant all members the grace to support and uphold all who work in your name: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Mothers' Union Prayer

O God, you have called us from many nations and people; we ask you to bless and prosper the work of the Mothers' Union, and prosper its branches throughout the world. Give wisdom and courage to those who hold office and serve on its councils; unite its members in faith and love and grant us peace in our hearts and homes. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Deux-Sèvres BIBLE STUDY GROUP



*We are now studying ST LUKE'S GOSPEL
We meet each Monday afternoon at 3.00pm at our house
at La Barangerie, La Chapelle Thireuil (79).
Our phone number is 05 49 06 05 85.*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Please give us a ring if you would like to join us and we will give you directions to the house if you don't already know where we are.

Carole and Bill Stocking.

Do you **pay** French taxes?



If so, did you know that for every 100 euros that you give to our Church the taxman will reduce your tax bill by 60 euros thus a 100 euro donation will only cost you 40 euros (and you will be able to increase your donation!!!)

You simply need to make your donation in a recordable manner.

You can put your donation in numbered envelopes in the collection box, set up a standing order (virement) or send money to the planned giving officer (Mike Mylod) giving your name and address. At the end of the year your contributions will be totted up and a certificate issued. You enter this amount on your tax return (no need to send proof, just keep your certificate in case you are asked for it) and the taxman will reduce your tax bill by a figure equal to 60% of your donations.

Donations to the vicarage renovation can also qualify for tax relief if made through A S V.

Start Planned Giving now and let the taxman help our Church!

Contact..... Mike Mylod 02 51 51 07 36 (joseph.mylod@wanadoo.fr)
or..... Colin Grimshaw 02 51 98 67 91 (colingrimshaw@orange.fr)

.....to find out how easy it is!!!



**You are warmly invited to our next "Faites le Plein" meeting
which will be held in La Roche sur Yon on**

Wednesday 5th October 2016.

The evening will start at 7pm with refreshments, followed at 7.30pm by a time of sung worship,
in French and English.

**Our guest speaker this month is Alain Jore
who used to be president of the Full Gospel Business men in France.**

*Anyone who would like personal prayer ministry, offered by a qualified team,
can receive that at the end of the meeting.*

The meeting is held at the Maison du Diocèse, 62 rue Maréchal Joffre (the entrance to this site is opposite
the Boulangerie Potier which has a red frontage, through the large gateway, into the car park).

Look out for the "Faites le Plein" signs directing you towards the restaurant.

You may not be a regular attendee of the Faites le Plein meetings?

As a newcomer, you'll be made very welcome !

Liz JOND for the "Faites le Plein" team.

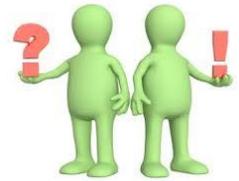
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These are YOUR pages.....

Once again, my thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine" so, read on, and see what you can discover.

Your comments will be much appreciated.



You will discover:

Messages received from friends of ASV, including:

"Who nose?" from Revd Gareth;

Geoff Kent, Richard Rackham, Mike Knight

and more.....



Geoff's had an IDEA!!!



I have an old portable wheel chair. It's not in the best of condition, but has good wheels and has been successfully used recently for 2 different people - not at the same time, I hasten to add! I also have a pair of adjustable crutches.

Now for my IDEA.....

I am sure that there are many of you who also have similar items stashed away in forgotten corners of your homes. There may be folk, Churchgoers or other, that we hear about, that could have need of such items - maybe a little accident, or infirm visitors coming by 'plane for example.

I am quite prepared to act as key person to temporarily loan them out, as well as storing and maintaining the equipment. Let me know if you have any similar aids that might be useful to someone. I am happy to collect any items that you may have.

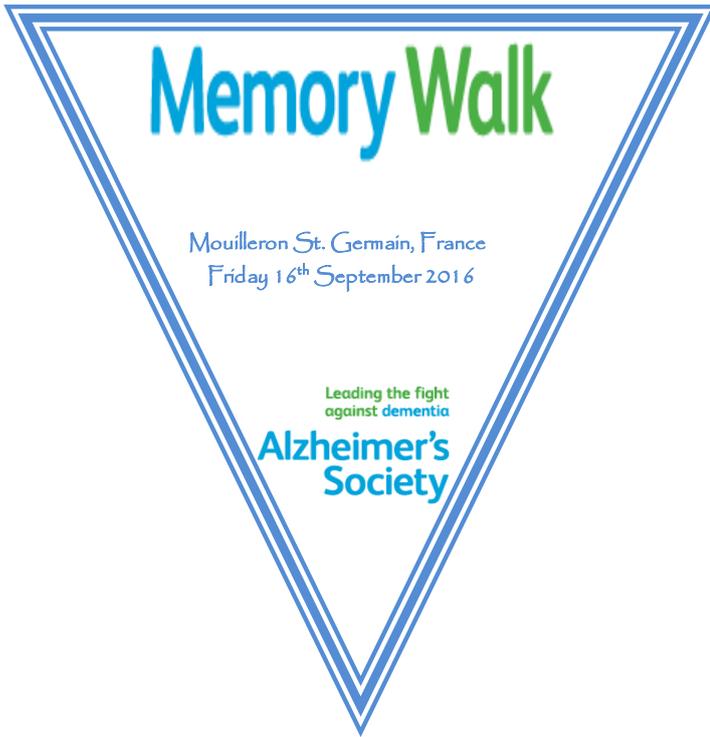
Please contact Geoff Kent 0549 72 27 72 or geoffrey.kent@wanadoo.fr

“Walking for Dementia”

16th September 2016

Colline des Moulins,

Mouilleron en Pareds (now Mouilleron St. Germain)



Here are the intrepid “Walkers” with their dogs. Due to inclement weather (the first rain for months!), the picnic lunch was adjourned to the home of Jacqui and Stuart at the bottom of the Colline des Moulins. After lunch, they had a sing song around the piano (thanks, Stuart) but the weather never cleared, so Afternoon Tea/Coffee and Cakes rounded off the occasion. They did have to walk (for Dementia) back to car park!

As a result of “The Walk”, the sum of 150 euro was raised and will be sent to the Alzheimer’s Society.



Please view the Photo Gallery on the website, where you will discover photos of the highlights of Revd Caroline’s time at All Saints Vendée.

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Calling all kind and generous people!

The Vicarage Garden is becoming a problem. Two years ago, after appealing for volunteers, a *very small* group managed to reduce the height of the “grass” and tried to tame the jungle. Private machines were broken in the process and several days spent achieving some degree of success. Without the vicarage owning a motor mower, it is impossible to maintain and we have now had to make a 684€ payment to a “paysagiste” merely to get it back under limited control and not to be a problem for near neighbours. As we are obviously not able to find constant volunteers to maintain it, we need to raise funds to continue to pay a local enterprise to do this.



Please can you find it in your heart and your pocket to make a donation towards this? If so, please will you make this known to one of the PCC members as soon as conveniently possible.

Richard Rackham



Items for the Vicarage

Caroline and Bob are moving from the vicarage at the beginning of October and within a month we will have a locum and his wife staying there. As you



know, Bob installed a kitchen, many shelves, cupboards and wardrobes, which will remain. Caroline has also given us a provisional list of other items they will be leaving behind.

However, there will be a shortfall in terms of such items as - some white goods, other kitchen equipment, sitting room/dining room/bedroom furniture, rugs, lamps, TV, bedding etc, etc. We have already had offers of good items from some members of the Congregations.

We cannot yet say exactly what is required, but please think about the possibility of donating any good, surplus items you may have. We will know more at the beginning of October.

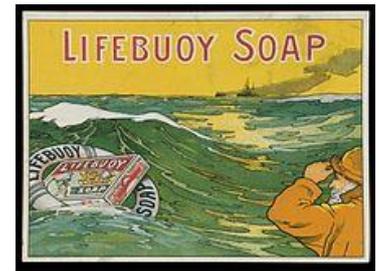
Do contact one of us if you think you may have suitable item/s.

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Who nose?



Is a sense of smell a gift or a curse? Brought up in London, just after the War, the smell of a coal fire was a homely smell to me. London smog and grimy public buildings were one of the unintended consequences.

Adverts, like the one for Lifebuoy soap, with its warning about BO and its cheery music when the unspeakably smelly was suitably banished by a healthy wash, informed my boyhood. Cleanliness was surely next to godliness?

I still smile whenever I'm standing in the queue at the boulangerie for a baguette tradition and a croissant if the odour of the unwashed detracts a little from the blessing of the freshly baked bread and cakes wafting across to me.

But there is a term in psychology of which I was recently reminded when I was phoning my brother back in England. Les has an 'A' Level in the subject and the term redintegrative memory came up in our conversation. Now, if you have ever read Proust, 'A la recherche du temps perdu', you may recall the idea of the smell of a Madeleine connecting the author with the past. This is what redintegrative memory in essence means – the ability of a smell to reconnect you vividly with a past event just as if you were actually there now. A perfume that reminds you of your first date; the aroma of a particular food being cooked – perhaps Coquille St Jacques; the odour of a disinfectant conjuring a painful visit to a doctor or dentist?

Made in His image, smell is one of the five senses with which God has gifted us but I wonder what smells might connect you with your past? I'm sure Jacqui would love to know.

Gareth Randall,

Priest-in-charge,

St Bartholomew's Dinard



*(Jacqui says: The smell of redcurrant bushes and lilac trees take me back to my Primary School garden at playtime! Unfortunately the smell of Dettol revives memories of hospitals and pain!
Do let us know what memories you have)*

Christians Against Poverty, Part 2.

Continued from September's "Grapevine" by Mike Knight

Reading through Part 1 I realise I left a couple of things out about John's life. His marriage to Anne fell apart during his breakdown and although they remain good friends they divorced in 1994. Their two girls stayed in touch with John after the divorce, the eldest, Jasmine is married and works at CAP, whilst Jessica is a midwife.

His good friends, Paul and Kjersti Hubbard were in the car park at Bradford Christian School, in March 1995, when a young woman walked out of the pre-school where she worked. They looked at each other and both had the same thought "there is John's future wife!" They then arranged through mutual friends to get them together by inviting several people round for a pizza evening. Lizzie and John had no idea what they were orchestrating but it worked, as John said later "the first thing I noticed about Lizzie was her face, it was so bright and joyful. I was captivated and invited her round for a barbeque." Lizzie had been a committed Christian for seven years and in her own words was "waiting for a knight in shining armour to sweep her off her feet" and instead got "an old bloke on a donkey with emotional baggage and two children in tow" Lizzie is six years younger than John and got on well with John's two girls. John and Lizzie married in July 1996 and less than a month later they started CAP together. They have three children and still live in Bradford.

John saw his first clients in September 1996, they were about to lose their house and were £24,000 in debt, John contacted all their creditors with a recovery plan and by 2002 they were debt free apart from their mortgage.

Seventeen years on and CAP has grown to be one of the most respected organisations involved with debt in this country and has won many awards for its work. Sister CAP organisations are now running in Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It works alongside some of our largest financial institutions such as Barclays and Lloyds providing advice for their debt recovery divisions. Before speaking at the Conservative Christian Fellowship's Westminster Briefing, John Kirkby had met with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby to discuss how CAP can support the Church of England in rolling out credit unions over the coming years.

CAP has 230 employees at its head office in Bradford along with numerous others employed by churches to run debt centres of which there are now 239 around the country. CAP provides debt help for 26,000 people in a year. In 2012, 1,658 clients became debt free. CAP's money management course, the CAP Money course runs in 1,029 churches and in the 12 months of 2013 around 10,000 people will have completed it. CAP also runs a Money Youth course for schools to teach financial management along with CAP Money Students for those at university. In March, CAP Job Clubs was launched. There are now 72 of these centres helping people find work.

CAP's expenditure for 2012 was £7.2 million, but not a single penny of funding is provided by the Government. CAP runs entirely on donations with 22,000 regular givers (known as Life Changers). During the financial crash of 2008 John Kirkby was asked by a politician how CAP would be able to keep going in the financial climate. He replied that he was not worried because his funding came from God! Since then, whilst many charities and state services have cut back, CAP has trebled in size.

This is a testament to the generosity of God's provision through an increasing number of people who support and believe in CAP's work. CAP is always open about the fact that it is a Christian organisation. The lack of state funding does actually mean it can be more open about the faith aspect of its work. CAP will work with clients from all backgrounds and faiths, but its staff want to give others the opportunity to learn about and experience God's love. With the permission of clients, CAP staff and volunteers talk about Jesus passionately and directly. As well as the offer of prayer, every client is given a befriender from a local church – this person will be with them throughout the often long journey to become debt free. In the last year 500 people have become Christians through the work of CAP. .../continued

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How CAP Works

“At Christians Against Poverty we are committed to offering the very best service to those with the very least. We give the most comprehensive service in the UK and it really works! We don’t just help people for a few weeks, we support them until they are debt free, even if it takes years. This is truly relieving poverty over the long haul.”

After calling CAPs freephone number and booking an appointment, each client is visited in their own home several times by a Debt Advisor and a Support Worker from their local CAP Debt Centre.

CAPs trained caseworkers then work out a realistic budget by prioritising essential bills and negotiating affordable payments with each creditor. This is to stop interest and other charges.

A CAP account is set up and acts like a simple bank account, the client makes a weekly or monthly payment into their account that covers all their bills and debts which CAP distributes on their behalf. Provision is also made in this account for savings, a key to long term poverty relief.

If a client is in severe debt they are taken through the steps necessary for bankruptcy. Clients are helped through every step, from filling in forms to attending court with them.

Clients use their CAP account to pay their debts, save for treats and are supported until they are debt free.

Marianne Clough, CAP’s National PR Manager has given a taster from her perspective:

‘My first experience of John Kirkby and CAP was when I was working as a reporter at the Telegraph and Argus in Bradford. I went to interview him and we sat round his kitchen table. He explained what he was doing for Bradford

Families crippled by debt and the plans he had to help more people. Back then, it was just him and his mate working out of the spare room of his family home doing what they could for the very local community. It was 1997, my first year in Bradford and the year I married. Considering it is not that long ago, the growth is utterly mind-blowing. Yes, the need for debt help has grown but so have the number of people who are prepared to sacrificially give their time, money and expertise to help the poorest – there’s a willing army of them and that’s what gets me most.’

MK

Harvest Festival at Puy de Serre



and

Harvest Supper



PUZZLE WITH A DIFFERENCE.

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aircraft seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on it while fishing from his john-boat. Another friend studied while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam especially as the book names are not necessarily capitalised.

Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph.

During a fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, Surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal.

A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are at least 20 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this article waiting to be found.

CAN YOU FIND THEM?

(I've found 27, but maybe you can find more? Jacqui)

Just to make you smile.... with thanks to Carole and Bill

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."



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