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May

- 2—Thursday**
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church, followed by refreshments
- 4—Saturday**
10.00 a.m.. Gardening Morning in Garden of Remembrance (to 12.00)

5—SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church *(and live-streamed on Facebook/through church website)*

- 7—Tuesday**
9.45 a.m. MU Service, in the Old Church

- 9—Thursday** **ASCENSION DAY**
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church

- 11—Saturday**
10.00 a.m. Baptism Preparation, in the Church

12—SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church *(and live-streamed on Facebook/through church website)*

Followed by the Annual Church Meeting (APCM)

11.30 a.m. Family Service

- 16—Thursday**
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church
7.30 p.m. Prayer Evening for St. John's, in the Old Church

- 18—Saturday**
10.00 a.m. **Table-Top Sale, in the Church (to 2.00 pm)**

19—PENTECOST

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church
9.30 a.m. Worship Together, in Church
6.00 p.m. Coulsdon Churches Birthday Celebration,
Old Coulsdon Congregational Church

21—Tuesday

- 9.45 for 10.00 a.m. Pram Service for Babies & Toddlers, in Church

23—Thursday

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church

26—TRINITY SUNDAY

- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church *(and live-streamed
on Facebook/through church website)*
11.15 a.m. Family Service, in Church

29—Wednesday

- 2.00 p.m. Pray, Knit & Chat, in the Old Church

30—Thursday

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Old Church

June

1—Saturday

- 10.00 a.m.. Gardening Morning in Garden of Remembrance (to 12.00)

2—FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion, in Church *(and live-streamed
on Facebook/through church website)*
11.30 a.m. Baptism Service, in Church

4—Tuesday

- 9.45 a.m. MU Service, in the Old Church

6—Thursday

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, in Church
12.00 noon 'D-Day' Exhibition, in St. John's (to 4.00)

7—Friday

- 10.00 a.m. 'D-Day' Exhibition, in St. John's (to 4.00)

8—Saturday

- 10.00 a.m. 'D-Day' Exhibition, in St. John's (to 4.00)
7.00 p.m. 'Quiz Night', in the Church

WHEREVER YOU ARE YOU CAN JOIN US ONLINE FOR SOME SERVICES

Follow the Parish Communion services, etc. online live as they're streamed from the Church on Facebook via our website at www.stjohns.coulsdon.net (or watch later) Contact the Parish Office on 01737 552461 or at stjohns@coulsdon.net if you need any help with this.

Sue writes...

Spring Harvest Minehead, Somerset!



Enjoying sunshine...

was not an option when we arrived. The storm broke. The Big Tent was as far away as you could get, re-sited due to building work. And Charlotte and I couldn't get in! Too many people. 1,600 people were in, with two overflows at different locations. So we chose to chill back home at our apartment and

watch it on TV! After a four hour drive, it was good to sit on the sofa and rest up.

We were reenergised by 9.30pm and went out to join some spectacular worship led by Lou Fellingham who has just released a new album. And we met up with another of our group at the end. By the time we got back home it was well past 11.30pm. But a great night in the



end. This got us into the routine of exploring the other venues.

On the second night, now the storm was over, we discovered Nick and Ali Herbert who led contemplative worship time with a charismatic edge, along with prayer at the front. The Spirit-led worship meant we knew a close time with God. And I



looked over as someone climbed the steps to the mic on the stage. She raised her right arm and said, I never used to be able to do that. Explaining she had progressive MS, with not a good prognosis, she said ‘...and I couldn’t have walked up these steps’. We looked over to her well worn electric wheel chair laden with bags and bits (*poor photo*). We quietly praised God for what we saw. But afterwards, someone I’d talked to earlier, said they felt a bit sceptical. And quite rightly so, we can’t prove it scientifically. All I know is what I saw. And I choose to believe

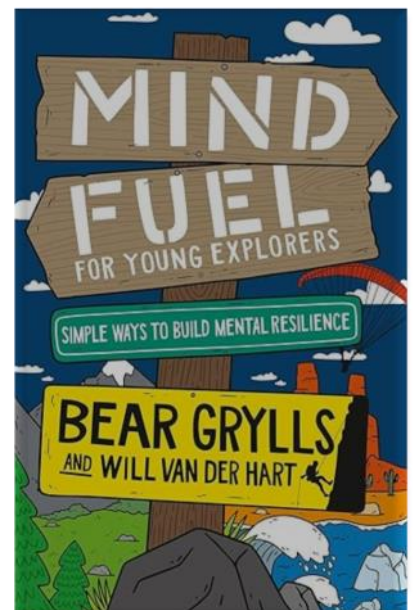
we witnessed something amazing and praise God for that.

This closeness with God, and an expectation that God takes action, is why Spring Harvest appeals to not only the ‘regulars’ but to young families, teenagers, and children too, with their young people’s facilities. Every morning was the BIG START with vibrant lively interactive worship and a newly formed singing group of young people on stage too!





My focus, this year, was on teens and pre-teens, along with families, to find out what organisations and books can support them in their following Jesus. St Andrew's Bookshop has a wealth of materials and I took photos and bought books. If we take the step to 'think in' teens, and prepare for them to be there, and tend to the ones we have, then there will be a lovely welcome in place to encourage their participation in the wider life of the church. They are the lifeblood of the church going forward and a warm welcome is essential. Books I bought include a Youth Bible for doodling by the Bible Society, a pink devotional for teens to write down their feelings in, and a Bear Grylls book written by this Adventurer. Please do buy them and give a copy away to someone you know needs your input. Our young people need encouraging and discipling and this is a simple and easy way - and please do introduce yourself to them when next you are at coffee time after church!



Croydon South Deanery Synod
Open Meeting
6 June 7.30pm
 Interested in Children,
 Young People & Families?
Imani McEwen & Jo Gavin
 Southwark Diocese
 bring fresh insight & approaches

7.30 Refreshments
 8.00 Worship & Prayer
 8.15 Start
 9.30 End

St Mark's Church
 5 Church Road
 Woodcote, Purley
 CR8 3QQ

At the next **Deanery Synod on 6th June** at 7.30pm there will be visiting speakers **Imani McEwan & Jo Gavin from Southwark Diocese** to talk on just this: how to attract and keep teens and pre-teens, often the missing group in churches. Churches are great at appealing to little children, pre-school and primary, but keeping the next group coming is the challenge. This is an OPEN MEETING (see *the poster*) so please come, bring your friends, and anyone interested in Children, Young People, and Families.

If you would like to see any of the books I bought...please ask

Sue



There are three important dates not to be missed this month. We look forward to seeing you at as many as you can make. If you want to know more about anything, please contact the Parish Office on 01737 552461 or at stjohns@coulsdon.net

THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING...

...will take place on **Sunday, 12th May** between a shortened Parish Communion service at 9.30 a.m. and Family Service (11.30 this Sunday) First there will be The Annual Meeting to elect 2 Churchwardens (*formerly known as The Vestry Meeting*). Gill and Ralph have agreed to stand again, but others are welcome to put their names forward.



Then we have the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) when reports of many of the happenings – events, groups, financial situation, fundraising, church maintenance, etc. – during 2023 will be presented and we'll hear of plans as we look to the future. If you want to get up to speed before the meeting, look out for the reports already circulated to some by email and available in print in the church – always an interesting read, where you can see how much has been going on at St. John's with and without a Rector! We will also be electing 1 new member for the PCC. And, of course, you can have your say and ask questions. Do come if you can—everyone's views and support are very welcome.

TABLE-TOP SALE

Our next fund-raising event is the Table-Top Sale in the Church on **Saturday 18th May** 10.00-2.00. Why not book a table for just £10—we supply the tables but you can bring your own—and make some cash for yourself, your favourite charity, club, small business, etc. This is like a superior boot sale/market place but in the warm and dry—or out of the sun?? Entry is FREE for all visitors. Snacks, tea, coffee and cake will be available throughout.

Just a few items—unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac, etc. you're happy to donate to the church? We'll be running a 'Church Table' so if you'd like to help stock that, goods can be brought to the church beforehand. **So come and buy, come and sell, but book that table very soon!**

St. John's Church, Old Coulsdon



Sat. 18 May

10.00-2.00 in the Church

Just right for

Crafts, Homemade Goods

& Declutterers!

Tables just £10 (in advance)

Contact stjohns@coulsdon.net (01737 552461) for more info or to book

Admission Free ~ Refreshments Available

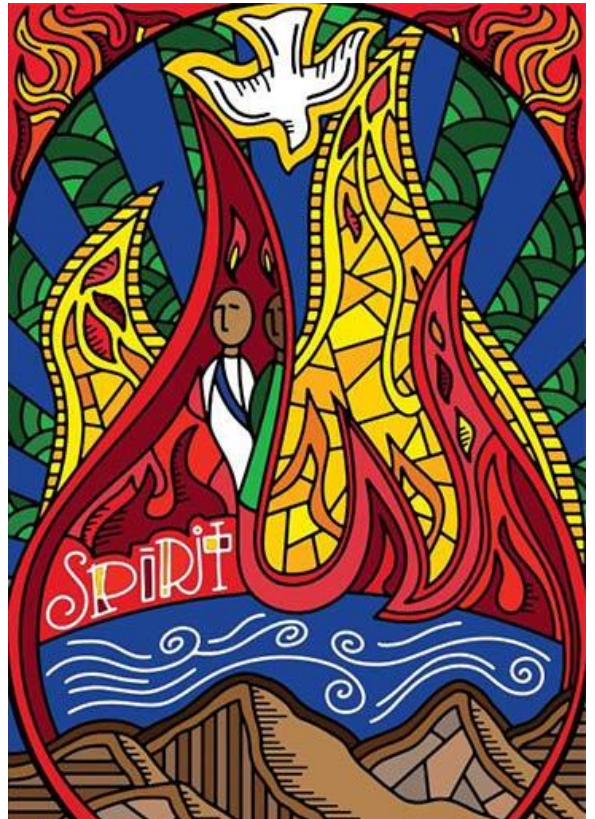


PENTECOST 2024

Pentecost is a great day of celebration in the Christian church as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples, and seen by many as the birthday of the Christian church. This year it's on **Sunday 19 May** when we have our regular 8.00 am Holy Communion in the old format and Worship Together at 9.30 when we hope the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will join us for what is sure to be a special service on such a special Sunday.

'In the evening there will be further celebrations as **Churches Together in Coulsdon (CTC)** is forty this year and we will celebrate this with a **United Service**, when members of the various Coulsdon churches will be taking part and everybody is welcome. We are also inviting people formerly involved in CTC, and representatives of the community to this celebration. **Pentecost Sunday, 19th May – 6.00 pm** – In Old Coulsdon Congregational Church.

This will be followed by special refreshments in the Cameron Hall, where we will have a display of CTC and Floating Shelter items. Please put the date in your diaries and do join us. *[Dave Newland—Vice-chairman CTC]*



CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH



Old Coulsdon Congregational Church warmly invites friends from St. John's to its annual

Christian Aid Soup Lunch Saturday 11th May

12.00-1.30 in the Cameron Hall.

All donations to Christian Aid.

Please join us.

Rev. Malcolm Newman

FUN and PRAISE at PRAM SERVICE!

If you're at home on a Tuesday morning with a little one—baby, toddler or preschooler—whether a mum, dad, granny, grandpa or other carer, then you really shouldn't miss our Pram Service on the third Tuesday of each month. This month we're meeting on **Tuesday, 21 May** at 9.45 for 10.00 a.m. start in the Church. We usually start with a hymn and a prayer for the adults and then the



little ones take over—choosing their favourite rhymes and choruses! We have an interactive Bible story, birthday celebrations and then the instruments come out usually for the last song ... bells, shakers, tambourines, etc. We were a very small number last month—wondering where everybody else was! - but we heard how Jesus healed the 10 lepers—tore our ‘bandages’ off and were very happy—but only 1 remembered to say ‘Thank you’ - so we thanked God for making us big and strong! As you can see, we have a lot of fun—one little regular thinks it’s a party

in the church - so why not bring your little one(s) along on the **21st** and give it a try? There are drinks and biscuits afterwards with time for play and chat. We’d love you to join us! If you want to know more first just email Wendy at stjohns@coulsdon.net

THE COMMON CUP

As many of you know, when the Church reopened after Covid, the Anglican Church allowed ministers to intinct the wafers (*dipping them into the cup*) instead of drinking from the Common Cup. Many Churches have since returned to the Cup but at St John’s we continued intinction, taking into account the needs and health of our congregation. Although Covid is still with us, vaccinations, and hygiene control are helping to protect the population.



Guidance from the Anglican Church is asking us to return to using the Common Cup. After much thought, the PCC made the decision to reinstate the Cup from **May 26th**. We understand that this may upset some members of the congregation but feel the time is right for this and you can choose to only take the wafer if you wish.

Gill and Ralph on behalf of the PCC

‘SIGNS ALONG THE SEASHORE’



Thursday morning dawned bright and clear with no sign of rain in the blue sky, and even a hint of warmth in the sunshine. We excitedly packed our coats, umbrellas, sun hats and paddling shoes as we had no idea what the weather might have in store for us down at the Worthing seaside. Yes, at last we were off on our planned outing; the culmination of our Lent study, ‘Signs along the Seashore’.

21 of us, travelling in several cars, made our way to All Saints Church in Findon

Valley to meet up with Fr Andrew and members of his church. Fr Andrew, as some of you will know, wrote the Lent booklet we had been studying and which had been shown to Carole Caddick by her friend. Andrew very generously agreed to share his work with St John's and many of us had enjoyed House and Life Group sessions throughout Lent, looking in depth at this rather different study.



We were very warmly welcomed by Andrew and were able to join in The Eucharist and share prayer together. We learned that Andrew had connections with St John's and knew both our church and Paul, Nicy and Sue from when he was part of Southwark Diocese. He told us that in being appointed to All Saints in 2022 he had come full circle, as it was the area in which he had grown up. Coffee and cake followed our worship, with Andrew advising us that All Saints prided themselves on their cake ministry!

We were so busy chatting and enjoying fellowship that it was a little later by the time we set off for the seafront, where we had planned a walk, some worship and prayer, to chime with the sessions we had enjoyed in the booklet. Rapidly changing our plans, as we did not want to be late for our lunch booking at the famous 'Chipwicks' Fish and Chip restaurant, we decided to eat first. I'll leave you to wonder at the size of the portions we were served!!



As we left Chipwicks, the wind had picked up and blew us along the short stroll to the seafront, where we gathered on the beach, looking out to sea. As we quietened and, guided by Andrew, reflected on both the enormity of God and the sea and ourselves as perhaps little boats on this sea, we could feel God's presence and power amongst us. We sang a verse of 'Father we love You, we worship and adore You', our voices drifting and embracing as they blended together. We prayed, ending with the Grace and a blessing over us all from Andrew.



A beautiful and powerful day out. We look forward with excitement to the new study booklet Andrew has written, focusing on 'Discovering faith on our doorstep'. He tells us it reflects on the countryside, fences, gates and nature. Watch this space!

Why not join a House Group or Life Group in the Autumn and study this new booklet with others? All welcome. Details of times and days for meeting are available from the office or ask in church.

Last but not least, grateful thanks to Carole without whom we would not have known about 'Signs along the Seashore' or enjoyed our outing to Worthing.

Wendy J

Paul Field
Celebrating 50 years
as a singer-songwriter
Special guest performance
by Jonathan Veira

Saturday 11th May
7.30 pm (Doors open 7.00 pm)
Emmanuel Church,
Normanton Road,
South Croydon, CR2 7AF
Tickets: £10 on the door



MOTHERS' UNION - Faith in Action! **MAY focus: Building God's Kingdom**

Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation that has been supporting families



worldwide for over 140 years. Started by our founder Mary Sumner in 1876 in her local parish, we have grown into an international charity with over 4 million members in 84 countries. We demonstrate our faith in action. This happens as

we work towards stopping poverty, stopping inequality, and stopping injustice. Our members work at grassroots level around the world. They bring hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

Our prayer is that we can:

- ◆ *Transform ourselves, personally and spiritually, to live out our faith*
- ◆ *Transform the churches and communities we work with, and of which we are a part, to reflect Christ's kingdom*
- ◆ *Transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life.*

" For with God nothing shall be impossible" - Luke 1:37

Here at St. John's we have our monthly service on **Tuesday 7 May** at 9.45 a.m. in the Old Church, followed by refreshments. **But Pray, Knit & Chat is moving** to the fifth **Wednesday—29th May**—just for this month—at 2.00 p.m. in the Old Church. All knitters very welcome but this isn't just for knitters. It's for anyone who would like to join us for good company and tea, coffee and delicious cake!



Reflection

When St. Paul's Cathedral was being built in 1675, different craftsmen were once asked what were their tasks. Their answers included laying bricks, carving stone and other specific undertakings. One man, however, replied that he was helping to build St. Paul's Cathedral. He had a bigger and better vision of what his work was achieving. As we live out the values of Christ by

our example, words and actions, let's ask God for a bigger vision of what we too are achieving. Let's rejoice that our specific offerings are contributing to the wonderful task of building God's Kingdom on earth.

Monthly prayer

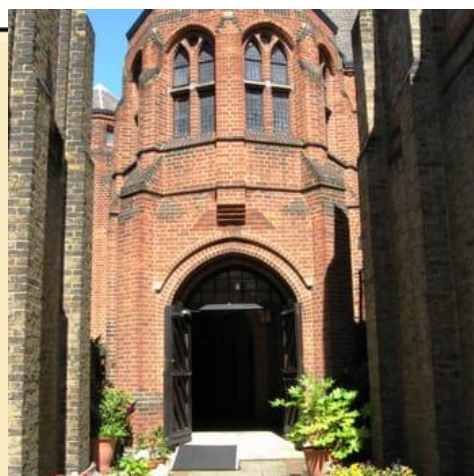
Our Lord and heavenly King, fill our lives with the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith to trust in you and set our hearts to pursue your ways, that we may work in partnership to build your Kingdom on earth. *Amen*

VESTMENT & FLOWER FESTIVAL

St. Mary's Church, Bourne Street, Belgravia,
London SW1W 8JJ

Our beautiful church will explore the theme of "liturgy as theatre" as we host a Festival of Flowers and Vestments to celebrate our 150th anniversary—during the week of the Chelsea Flower Show. The church will be cleared of pews and filled with spectacular flower displays alongside an exhibition of historic floral-themed vestments, which are worn by the clergy throughout the religious year. These include sumptuous brocades, silks, satins, gold-embroidered textiles and rare pre-Reformation garments from the 15th century. It will also convey how flowers, from lily-of-the-valley to roses and hyssop, allude to Biblical teachings and express a profound sense of the sacred.

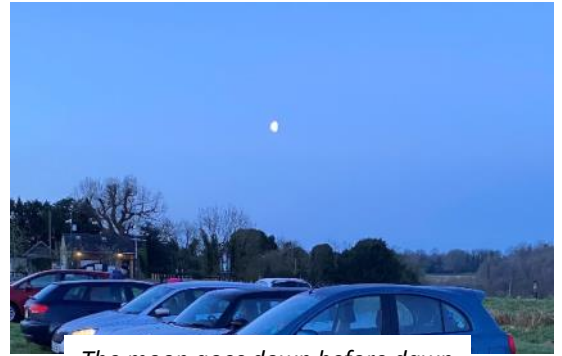
Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 May 10am-5pm; Saturday 25 May 10am-1pm.



KEEPING UP WITH TONY

Hello everyone – after my quiet time last month things have been a little busier – but before launching forth I hope you all had a lovely Easter. I had hoped to attend the Passion Play in Trafalgar Square, but still suffering the effects of ‘the lurgi’ I stayed in the warm, but did venture out for ‘An Hour at the Cross’ in church on Good Friday. What a lovely service it was and we should offer huge thanks to Rev Sue and Christine for all the hard work they had put in to prepare for it.

Still with the Easter theme, once again a group of us enjoyed the Sunrise Service on Farthing Down on Easter Sunday, and were able to welcome the risen Christ together on a chilly but clear morning – complete with the moon setting and the sun rising. It was lovely but sadly only attended by 18 people from all the Coulsdon churches. Maybe something to do with the clocks going forward overnight, but a little disappointing after previous years. An upside was that the Scouts had prepared their usual wonderful cooked breakfast in the Scout



The moon goes down before dawn



Just some of the worshippers – before singing Thine be the Glory (quietly because apparently it’s not allowed under the bylaws)

Hut – catering for 40 – so we all ate **very** well! Then it was back home to change before the All-Age Parish Communion, when the 9:30 congregation joined forces with folks from the Family Service for a truly joyful morning for the 109 people attending. A fine

group of 10 singers, accompanied by Eileen Poore on piano and organ, led us in a variety of worship songs both known and new (to us); and we should thank all of them, not only for their performance, but also for the thought, preparation, and rehearsals that went into it.

Despite all the rain the churchyard was looking good in time for Easter – thanks in large part to Churchwarden Gill, and Abe Williams who put in a good Sunday afternoon’s work tidying, cutting, and mowing. I’m glad to say that the last mower in our ‘stable’ is finally up and running after laying idle for more than five years, so we now have four machines ready willing and able to be put to use.



..... and as the Beatles once sang “Here comes the Sun”

The rhododendron mentioned last month has now been planted by Graham and Sylvia Evans, along with some Forget-me-nots, so we'll look forward to seeing them all bloom, and with another Gardening Saturday coming up things should start looking lovely and they are despite numbers being down with just Sheila B, Anne N, and our good friend Julie who all worked hard on the brick pathway and surrounding areas. A separate vote of thanks must go to Patricia Pegg who had purchased half a dozen 'Red Robin' shrubs to go round (and disguise when they're grown a bit) the ugly, but essential gas meter box just inside the lychgate. It was something of an effort to get the old Box hedge roots out, but we did it and got the new plants in.



In the car this morning a lovely piece of choral music came on the radio, and it was fortunate that I had just pulled into the driveway as I could switch on the Shazam app on my phone, which told me in seconds that it was Handel's 'Dixit Dominus'. I'd not heard it before, but it quickly brought back memories of the fantastic Easter Concert put on by The Downland Chorale in church. Handel's Messiah (Parts II & III). A twelve piece orchestra, four wonderful young soloists, and probably 40 or so in the choir. The soprano Karla Grant had sung at St John's before, but we'd not heard the mezzo Julia Solomon, tenor Marcus Swietlicki, or baritone James Quilligan before, but we'd love to again. I must also thank conductor Thomas Chapman for his enthusiastic commitment, and Duncan White the accompanist for the evening. I don't have names for members of the orchestra, but must mention a gentleman who played a Piccolo trumpet in one section of the work – so good. Thank you to everyone involved.

During the week commencing on 8th April a group of us made our way west for the annual Spring Harvest convention at Butlins in Minehead. I believe that Rev. Sue will be writing something about it for this edition of the magazine, so any contribution from me would be superfluous, but what I would say is that the weather was foul, and didn't brighten up until we were packing the cars to come home.



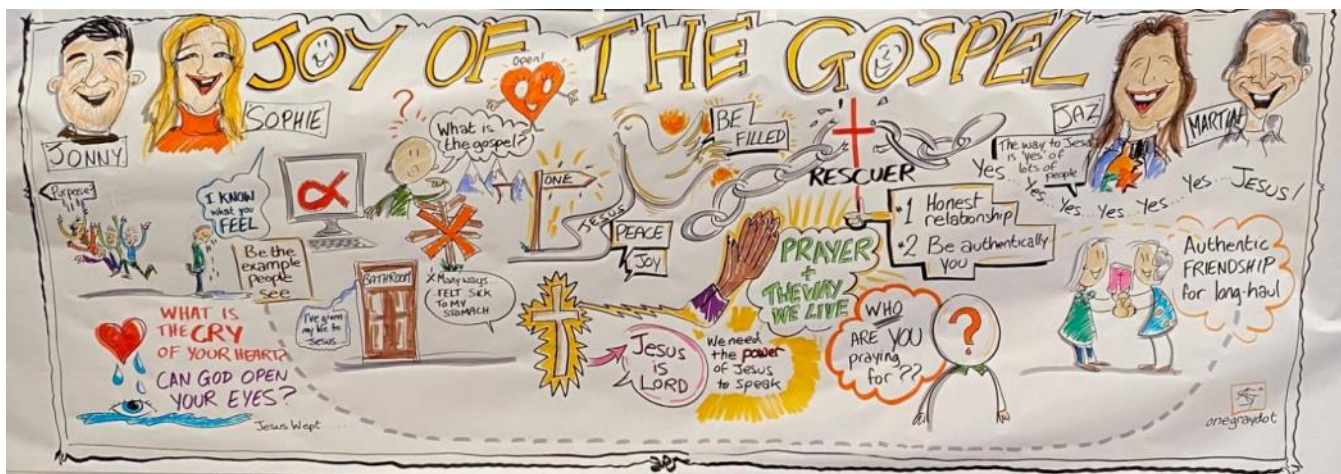
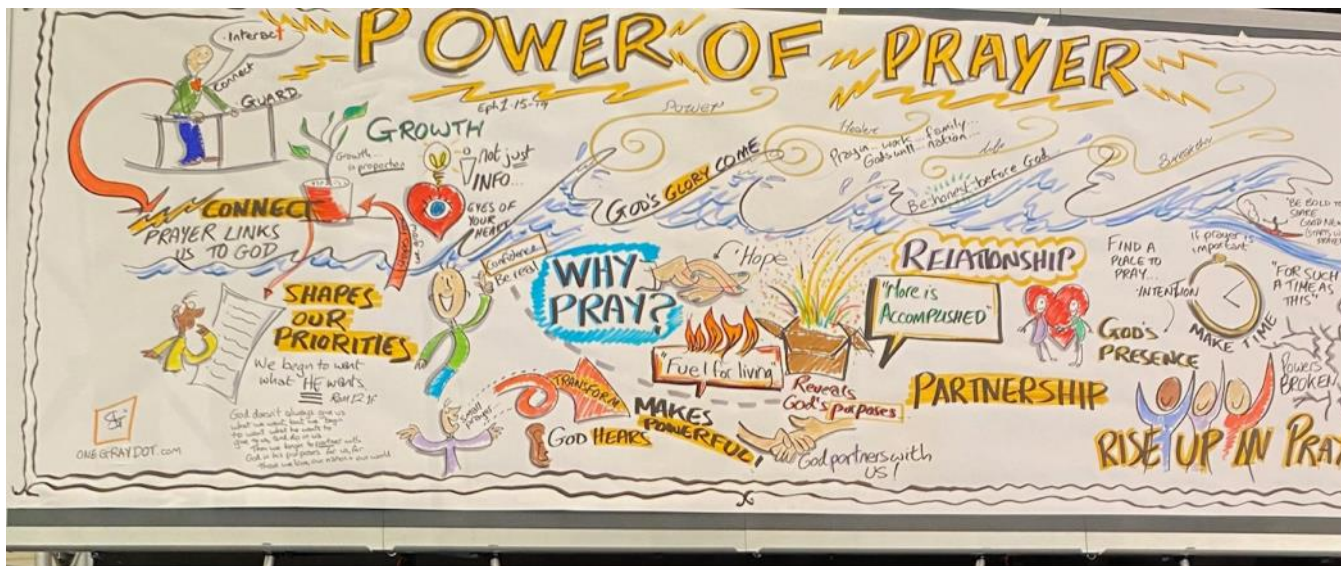
Picture – with ackn to the BBC at MSN

from the BBC news feed reported that the sea at Dunster beach had turned red, and pictures confirmed just that, as the massive storm pounded the beaches and run-off from the land had washed the lovely rich Somerset soil and red mudstone cliffs into the sea.

Never mind, as far as we were aware there were no injuries or damage to

property; and there were some good talks. During some of those an artist worked

at the side of the stage illustrating on 8-10' sheets of paper, salient points from the talk. Here are three of them and I just have to admire the talent that such people have – no rough outlines beforehand, just freehand drawing – quite brilliant.



The black and white images in the magazine won't do these pictures justice, so if you can, have a look at the colour version on St John's website (when it's available) – they really are impressive.

Well the days march on and I'm late getting my copy to our Editor, so I must draw

this to a close. Thanks as always to Rev Sue, our churchwardens, singers, tech team, and others who all contribute to the ongoing life of St John's whilst we await news of a new incumbent. Let us pray that the job advertisement draws lots of interest, and that we get several talented people applying, and from amongst whom the PCC can make a wise choice.

With all blessings. **Tony**



This year is the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landing in Normandy. 132,715 troops were landed that day and started the successful re-capture of Western Europe with victory in May 1945 - 'VE DAY'.

Old Coulsdon Commemoration

Thursday evening - June 6th - at 9.15pm

**Procession of a 'Lamp Light of Peace' in Grange Park
With Bagpiper**

Please bring your own lanterns or torches.

Sunday—June 9th—at 11am

Special service at the War Memorial.

**The Civic Mayor of Croydon will lay a wreath in memory of the
4,414 soldiers, sailors and airmen who died that day.**

EXHIBITIONS

in St John's Church

Thurs. 6th June - 12-4pm and Fri.7th & Sat 8th June— 10am -4pm

Bradmore Green Library-

Tues. 4th June & Fri.7th June —10am-6pm

D-DAY FILMS

in Cameron Hall on Fri. 7th June—7.00-9.30pm

QUIZ

**in The Fox Pub on Monday 13th May start at 6.30pm.
£2 to play plus raffle. Please phone 01883 340737 for table.**

QUIZ

NIGHT

**St. John's Church
Old Coulsdon**

Saturday, 8th June

7.00 p.m. in the Church

**TICKETS: Just £12.00 each –
to include Sausage & Chips Supper –
BOOK NOW—tables of up to 8, individuals
pairs, etc.—with the Parish Office on 01737
552461 or at stjohns@coulsdon.net
Must be booked in advance.**

in aid of St. John's Church Funds



STANDING STRONG is a unique and uplifting experience aimed at deepening our relationship with God and our persecuted family. On **Friday 17th May**, the event will be coming to London @ Kensington Temple – and we need your help to spread the word! This is a precious opportunity for people to

meet the risk-takers of the persecuted church, ask them questions, pray with them, and get a glimpse into what life is like for millions of believers worldwide. We will also spend time worshipping God together. Doors open at 18.30 for tea and coffee, with the event kicking off at 19.00 and concluding at 21.00.

“My teenage daughter and I, along with a friend, attended Standing Strong in Cambridge last year,” shares Rev Bethany Burrage from Cheshunt. “The testimonies were deeply moving and we felt humbled and honoured to hear those who have suffered so much and yet walk in such faith.”

“The interactive prayer time had a huge impact,” she adds. “As a result, my friend began a monthly prayer meeting for the persecuted church, and I am now leading a Bible study for a couple of asylum seeker families living in our local hotel. I would urge everyone to attend Standing Strong this year.”

With persecution intensifying worldwide, support is more crucial than ever – and that’s why we want to make sure this event is better than ever. Money raised from ticket sales will go towards supporting our persecuted family and speakers, and to cover minimal administration costs.. Please see Eventbrite link to sign up

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/standing-strong-london-tickets-837618889647?aff=SRLND> Places are limited.

CHURCH OF OLD COULSDON

CLERGY	The Rector - Parish in Vacancy <i>(All enquiries to the Churchwardens or Parish Office ~ see below)</i> The Rev. Sue Thomas	020 8406 9300
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Three steps to find options and places to get help

Step 1: What's the problem?

I suddenly have no money

- Lost job or reduced hours
- Money stopped
- Lost money
- Unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Sanctioned (benefit stopped/reduced - see option 6)

See options 1 2 6

My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food, fuel, and mobile credit
- Low income
- Zero hours contract
- Statutory Sick Pay too low
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance

See options 1 2

I have debt

- Rent or Council Tax
- Gas and electricity
- Payday loans
- Owe friends or family
- Benefit repayments

See option 3

I am waiting on a benefit payment or advance

- New claim for benefit
- Payment delayed
- Waiting for decision

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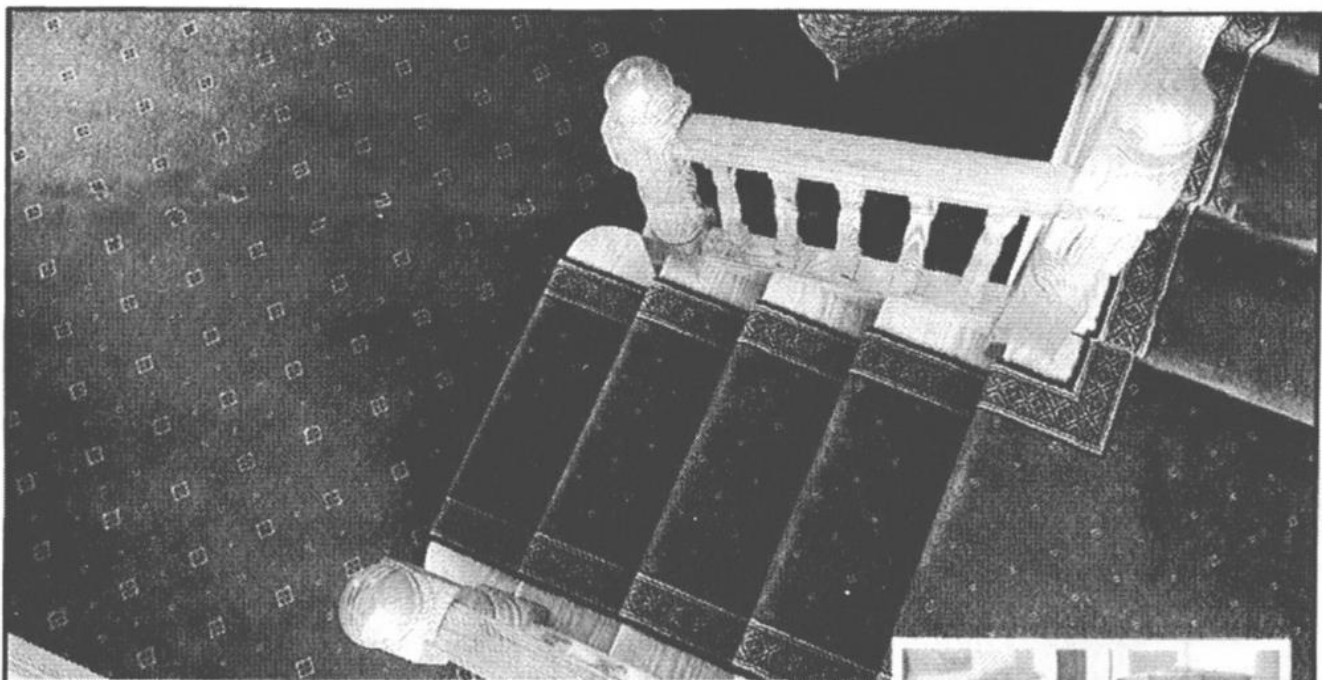
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