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**Mothering Sunday
14 March**



March 2010

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am	Holy Communion	
10.00 am	Main services in Church or Hall	
1 st Sunday	Family Service In Hall	
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11.45 am	1 st Sunday)	Holy Communion
	3 rd Sunday	Healing Service
12 noon	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	Baptisms
6.00 pm		Evensong

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Mothering Sunday or Mothers' Day?

March 14th is an important date in the Christian year – Mothering Sunday... but why is it so often called 'Mothers Day'? Many people think that 'Mothering Sunday' and 'Mothers Day' are interchangeable names for the same thing. Certainly if you were to go into any card shop at this time of year, you would find many more 'Mothers Day' Cards, than 'Mothering Sunday' Cards, but in fact 'Mothering Sunday' and 'Mothers Day' are two quite different days, with very different histories.

'Mothering Sunday' is an English tradition, and is always observed on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Hence because the date of Easter is movable, the date of Mothering Sunday is not a fixed date. On this day a special cake, called a simnel cake (a boiled rich fruit cake), was allowed to be eaten, thus breaking the Lenten fast. It was often finished with an almond icing. It is decorated with 11 marzipan balls representing the disciples minus Judas Iscariot who handed Jesus over to the authorities.

The history of Mothering Sunday goes way back into pre-Christian history; the earliest celebrations of motherhood can be traced back to the spring festivities of ancient Greece in honour of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods.



Some say that pre-Christian Roman ceremonies were adopted by the early church to venerate the Mother of Jesus, Mary. Others believe that as Christianity spread throughout Europe, the celebration changed to honour the "Mother Church".

People attended the mother church of their parish – or the church of their baptism - laden with offerings. Over time this church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. From about the 1600's, young men and women who were apprentices or servants returned to their homes on Mothering Sunday, bringing their mothers parcels of food, or Simnel cake that was given to them by their masters in the big house where they normally lived and worked. On the way home they may have picked flowers to present to their mothers – which we remember today in the giving of flowers to all the women in church.

In northern England and Scotland, the preferred dish was not Simnel cake, but Carlings – a sort of pancake made

of steeped mushy peas fried in butter, with pepper and salt. In some locations the day was even called Carling Sunday. (Not to be confused with the lager of the same name!)

Sometimes also known as Refreshment Sunday, Mothering Sunday is an important landmark, a mid-point in the desert of Lent, as we journey with our Lord through the wilderness, towards Easter.

In contrast to this, 'Mothers' Day' is celebrated on the second Sunday of May in many parts of the world. It comes from the United States and it's history is recent and has nothing to do with religion. Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Julia would hold organised Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Massachusetts ever year. In 1907 Anna Jarvis, from Philadelphia, persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. By the next

year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia. Anna and her supporters began to write to church ministers, business people, and politicians in order to establish a national Mother's Day. They were so successful, that by 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state of the United States, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May. His lead was followed by Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand and Belgium and now many other countries as well, who also celebrate Mother's Day in May.

So enjoy Mothering Sunday – and especially the Simnel Cake – which we shall share after the 10am Family Communion Service on that day. May we give thanks to God for our Mother Church, our mothers, and all who share motherly love with us.

Your friend and Vicar



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Dora Lockett

Dora Lockett was a well known person in Northwood and a valued Reader in the Holy Trinity family. Her funeral was held on Wednesday 27 January and this is the Vicar's address.

Dora, the younger daughter of Ben and Helen Lockett was born on 8th February 1916, almost 94 years ago, in London; a little sister for Vera. At just a few days old Dora was taken by her father to the local church, where she was placed on the altar, prayed for, and her life dedicated to God. And from that moment onwards Dora's life has always been in relationship with God, and intertwined with the church; a relationship that she shared so readily and easily with many of us.

Dora's family came originally from Staffordshire. It was when Ben entered the Metropolitan Police that they came down to London, where Ben was in charge of Gower Street Police Station, which was where the family lived. Dora and Vera would regularly go up to stay with Grandmother Whalley in the Potteries for some good clean country air; especially during bouts of childhood illness.

Dora was educated at Greycoats Hospital School in Westminster, which had an important and valued influence on her life. She especially enjoyed music, having the gift of perfect pitch. Dora became head girl, and was very close to the Headmistress, who fondly referred to Dora as 'legs'. Can you imagine the processions to Westminster Abbey, where the girls were marched two by two, headed by the Headgirl with the youngest girl – 'legs' Dora, and a tiny little thing

beside her. Dora told me how proud she was to read the lesson at school services in Westminster Abbey.

Dora's schooling was clearly made such a profound impression on her that she herself became a teacher. When the family moved to Northwood in 1936, Dora firstly taught at the Pinner Road Infant School; there she stayed throughout World War II. Latterly she became Head of the Primary School in Harefield. One of her maxims in education was "get them to laugh and then you can deliver the punch lines of the lesson". She was much loved and respected; many ex-pupils over the years would stop Dora in the street to talk. She had a good rapport with all sorts of people, especially children.

Dora was a committed member of the Guiding and Scouting movements. With Vera she ran the 1st Northwood Cubs in Hillside Road; she ran 1st Northwood Ranger Guides, was District Commissioner, ran the guiding orchestra for many years, and received the Beaver Award in 1959 – that is the second highest award in guiding. Dora was involved in introducing the song Kum ba ya, originally as a camp fire song, to England. She even took part in guiding in Buckingham Palace with the two princesses. Dora's guiding career continued, alongside her teaching career, and she was made an MBE before retirement. She was a great

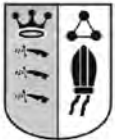
supporter of the building of The Willow Tree Guide Centre at Harefield .

But perhaps even more significantly that her teaching and guiding and scouting, Dora and her family made a huge contribution to the life of this church, involving themselves in many aspects of this parish's life. Back in 1936, when they first came, they were quite revolutionary: their own experiences of church life in Central London did not always sit comfortably with life in the country parish of Northwood. Ben quickly got himself onto the PCC in order to abolish pew rents which the family disagreed with fiercely. They came to church as a family, not only to Matins, but to Evensong. When the Vicar commented to them that Evensong

was really for the servants, Helen replied, 'But we're all servants of the Lord, Vicar!' Dora and Vera set up a Sunday evening social club for the servants, with whom there had previously been little social engagement.

It was in the 1970's that Hugh Fearn, Vicar and Area Warden of Readers, asked Dora to be a Reader in the Church. Dora became the first woman Reader in the Diocese of London, and was, I'm told, only pipped to the post nationally by the then Archbishop's wife! Dora's ministry was centred upon this church from then right up until she died, whilst also helping out at St John's Hallowell Road, and St Edmund the King. Dora has been a real pillar of this church giving much

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loving support, encouragement and guidance to many people here today, including our own two Readers, Margaret and Ann, whose vocations to that ministry Dora fostered.

The Bishop of London said this week: "Dora epitomised the life and service of the baptised, as well as being a trail-blazer for women in Reader ministry. We thank God for her life and witness".

Dora, it must be said, was *une dame formidable!* She had very firm views, she knew what she liked and what she

John Spinks, the budding young curate back then, writes of the beginning of his ministry here "having been interviewed at the vicarage by the then Incumbent it was apparent there was a second filter waiting in the wings – Dora! Dora immediately assumed the role of the Headmistress and explained in rather forthright terms her role in the parish as a Reader. This approach belied one of the most delightful, loving and respected people in the parish; someone you could go to not just for information on just about anyone in Northwood, but how to handle them and providing sound advice as well as a confidant".



CHURCH OF ENGLAND READERS

didn't like; and she didn't suffer fools gladly. It has been a great privilege for me to read this week about Dora's ministry from some of my predecessors in ministry here: Peter Hancock wrote: "I got off to rather a shaky start, being rather too evangelical and low church for Dora. The previous two Vicars had been sensibly anglo-catholic; I was definitely a come down! However, I discovered before long that underneath that somewhat solemn exterior there lay a warm heart. My errors in churchmanship were forgiven. I found myself accepted and loved. On almost all policy decisions – Woman and priesthood as the prime example, we found ourselves in agreement"

Olwen Field, whose ministry was both here and at Mount Vernon, wrote: "I have fond memories of Dora's kindness and encouragement. She was totally supportive when I was made a priest, on that occasion gave me a little gold cross and asked me to keep it in my cassock pocket, I keep it there, even today. We prayed together regularly, and I know that during my ministry in Northwood she prayed for me every day".

That spirituality which comes from deep rooted prayer has been a hallmark of Dora's ministry. The prayers which she led were always carefully selected and beautifully worded. She made a significant

contribution to the Holy Trinity Book of Prayers. She prayed at the Eucharist, at Evensong, at Baptisms and Funerals and with many people individually, with an extensive pastoral ministry. The ministry of prayer continued for Dora well past the time when she could physically be present here in church. Prayer – connected to the telephone! Those of us who shared in taking her Holy Communion at home over these past few years would often leave feeling far more spiritually enriched ourselves, than when we went it. On those occasions I always used the Gospel reading for the following week, so that Dora's good ideas that we shared after reading the Gospel together, could be incorporated in the sermon here the following week.

Being deeply spiritual certainly didn't make Dora unworldly though. She was rooted in family life, and when Vera and Dora moved from Dene Road to the bungalow, it was parts of the names of their dear family that they chose to name their new house – Ben Hel-ve-dor. Dora was very interested in the lives of those around her – knitting special blankets for grandchildren of friends, being concerned with the ordinary everyday aspects of family life. She was most amused when right at the beginning of my ministry here, before discovering her name, our Thomas, who was then 5, called Dora 'the high lady with the sandals' and sat down with her at the Parish Lunch. I've not made a single visit to Dora since then when she has not commented with such joy about that; she always asked about each of the children by name and how thrilled she was at the times when I took Katie

to visit her. Dora came from a loving family and made the 'family of God at Holy Trinity' as she often used to say, her own extended family. I know that many from this church extended family have been very good to her, especially in these last years; and without the support of Colin and Sally and many others, life would have been difficult for Dora.

Dora loved the Eucharist; it was her specific request that this service should be a Requiem Eucharist and that she should enter the church to the Halleluiah Chorus. We share with her in the Eucharist today. For this is the meal that unites heaven and earth – this is the foretaste of the great heavenly banquet, which Dora, at rest from her labours, now enjoys. And we will have a visual reminder of her every time we celebrate Holy Communion during the festival season here, for this chasuble, completing our Trinity set, was given by Dora just three years ago.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly'. We celebrate today a life that was lived and shared abundantly with us, and with many others. As we give thanks for Dora's life and ministry, so we rejoice with her at the greater abundance of life that she now shares, with all the saints of God, in glory. To God be glory and praise now and forever.

Amen.

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March Quiz - Medical Matters

1. What percentage of the human body is composed of water?
2. Which famous doctor played in goal for Portsmouth, introduced skiing to the Davos region of Switzerland, and made one of his characters say : 'When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains however improbable, must be true.'?
3. What is the hardest substance in the human body?
4. By what are the following medical conditions more commonly known :
(a) pertussis (b) orbital haematoma (c) hallux valgus ?
5. What percentage of your eventual height have you reached by the age of two?
6. What is the commonest (a) organ to be transplanted? (b) and the first.
7. Who first discovered the antibiotic properties of Penicillin and what does penicillin mean?
8. What external parts of the body do not tan in the sun?
9. Humans possess both a uvula and a lunula which are easily visible ; where are they situated and what is the meaning behind their names?
10. By peering through the Zonula of Zinn you can actually see part of the brain. How is this possible?

Answers Overleaf



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March Quiz Answers

1. Adult male : 60% ; Adult female : 55%. Newborn baby : 75%.
2. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle played in goal in the 1880s for Portsmouth Football Club, introduced cross country skiing to parts of Switzerland in 1893 and made Sherlock Holmes pronounce the above observation. (The Sign of Four; 1890).
3. The enamel of teeth, due to its composition of hydroxyapatite, calcium and fluorine, giving it a hardness quotient of 5 out of 10 on the Mohs scale.
4. (a) Whooping Cough (tussis [Lat] = cough)
(b) Black Eye (orbit = eye socket haematoma = bruising)
(c) Bunion (Hallux= big toe, Valgus=displaced).
5. 50%.
6. (a) Kidney
(b) the cornea in 1905
(blood-1918 ; kidney-1954 ; heart-1967)
7. Joseph Lister was using penicillin mould as an antibiotic on his surgical patients in 1870 but discontinued because of the problem of obtaining sufficient quantities as Sir Alexander Fleming did in 1928. Latin for paintbrush referring to the appearance of the mould under the microscope.
8. The palms of the hands and soles of the feet.
9. The uvula (small grape) hangs down at the back of the mouth, function uncertain. The lunula (little moon)is that little white crescent at the base of the fingernail.
10. The Zonula of Zinn is a circular membrane attached around the circumference of the lens of the eye and holding it suspended. By looking through the lens (with a special torch called an ophthalmoscope) you can see the nerves that are sensitive to light (the retina), these are an extension of the brain! Johann Zinn (1727-1759) was Professor of Medicine, Gottingen University, Germany, and Head of the Botanical Garden. The Aster flowers are named Zinnia in his honour.

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Another Letter from South America

A further update from Austen and Ashley Southcott who have both been travelling around South America.

This is an abridged version - please apply to the Parish Office for the unedited article, complete with stories about the children in the houses.

As promised here's some of our activities/musings/exploits from the five fantastic weeks we spent at Orphaid's

A little on the foundation: as I (Ash) write now I am made aware for the first time of how little I know about how the orphanage was started – but it was set up by Ana Draper's father, John Hart. All the kids know John very well and are very fond of him and all call him "Juanito" or "Abuelito Hart". I am now aware that here in Ecuador these are terms of affection but from my experience of Spanish in Spain, the suffix "ito" on a word signifies "little", "small", "short" or "young". So at first we used to laugh so much at these names as we thought that he was being called "Little John" or "Short Grandad Hart"! Sorry John, but we never took it to mean "Young John." Orphaid's has/is a very large and extremely impressive gated complex on the outskirts of a city called Santo Domingo. It seemed to have a tropical climate and could be very hot and humid whilst tipping it down with rain. Santo Domingo is 3 hours west from Quito over bendy barrier less mountainous roads which are so "hair-raising" they've inspired a number of T-shirts and postcards! They are actually extremely windy and the

buses career round them at great speed and sometimes there are sheer drops off the side. I (Ash) am not a wimp (fact) but on one journey where I was in the aisle seat and Aus was sat in the window seat I had to launch myself across him to be violently sick out the window whilst he was recoiling back trying not to get caught in any cross fire. I really wish you all could have seen his face as he tried to bury his head into the firm seat headrest. The thing that surprised us (aside from the weak stomach) was that not one Ecuadorian seemed to pay any attention to me or the fact that I'd just been stood up whilst leaning across another passenger throwing up out the window.

The complex is split into several "houses" with the children divided into houses where a husband and wife couple cook and clean for them (have a guess which one of those two does ALL the cooking and housework – as it should be!) There are around 5 Orphaid's children in each "house" and in all 3 of the Orphaid's "houses" the couple had children of their own living there. In 2 of the 3 houses we think that this works incredibly well, and loved the way that the orphans were so happily included into a family environment. However, in the third case we're not so convinced that it's working as well. In this house the "parents" (who were nice people) have 4 of their own children, with 3 of them living there, with the oldest being 11.

There was also Likemba (an orphan, 8) and another Orphaid kid, Angel who was 14 years old. Angel is one of the few “problem kids” at Orphaid and doesn't really get on with Don Zero or Dona Ana (the parents). We imagined he felt out of place in this house dynamic that was basically a family with young children and himself, the older kid.

The Director of the orphanage is a “stern but fair” trained psychologist from Colombia called Luz Celle. We didn't really have much interaction with her as she was on her yearly holiday in Colombia for most of the time that we were there, but she certainly didn't take much messing about from the kids! On one of our first days we wanted to do some activity with the older kids but we had to get permission from the Director beforehand. After hearing about her from the kids we've decided that she's a bit like one of those strict teachers who can be a pain but gets the best out of you when exam time rolls around. Her husband (also a Colombian psychologist) was called Don Fabio and was an extremely friendly man – we considered him to be the proverbial “carrot” to his wife's “stick.”

The other main man of authority was Lenin and we really can't sing his praises highly enough. He was the “head-honcho” whilst the Director and her husband were away and works incredibly hard for the foundation. He was hired by John about 10 years ago when Lenin was in his early 20s to be a sort of general handyman helper but has since enrolled in further education and so as well as seeing him cutting

the weeds or fixing things up around the complex he also does the accounts and other administrative work. At Orphaid he really does handle a variety of different tasks. He acts as a DIY man working around the compound, documenting the expenditure and finances and helping to resolve problems between the kids. He is the only person with a truck and so often acts as a taxi driver, ferrying kids around to school or church (unfortunately this also involved ferrying us to Church - more on boring Ecuadorian services next time.) He cares so much about all the children and works incredibly hard. He starts work at around 5am and doesn't stop till around 7pm. We lived in John Hart's house with him and would sometimes hear him going off to work and think “I am so glad that's not me”, before rolling over and going back to sleep for (at least!) another 3 hours. We can't get across how much of himself he devotes to helping the kids. He puts the children first and we saw him give up several days off to help one of the kids with a problem with school or to settle disagreements between the families and the orphans.

Okay, so there's our 'concise' introduction to Orphaid and the people there. As said next time we'll go into what we actually did and hopefully give you an even better impression of these indefatigable little (or not so little in some cases) guys through a couple of stories and jovial anecdotes - and no doubt there'll be a further whinge about how boring Church is out here!

Austen and Ashley Southcott

March 2010 Calendar

Morning Prayer in the Church 9.00-9.15am
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Holy Communion is celebrated Wednesday mornings at 10.30am
followed by refreshments in the Green Lounge

Tuesday 2nd March
2.45pm

Pre-school service

Sunday 7th March
8.00am
10.00am
10.00am
11.45am
6.00pm

3rd Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Communion
Family Service in the Hall, Give Way Café
Holy Communion
Lent Special

Friday 12th March
12 noon

Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch

Saturday 13th March
10am - 4pm

Quiet Day at Chipperfield

Sunday 14th March
8.00am
10.00am
12 noon
6.00pm

4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion
All Age Mothering Sunday Service
Baptism
Evensong

Tuesday 16th March
2.45pm

Pre-School Toddler Service

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8.00am
10.00am
10.00am
11.45am
6.00pm

Friday 26th March
12 noon

Sunday 28th March

8.00am
Procession to
10.00am
12 noon
6.00pm

Tuesday 30th March
2.45pm

5th Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion
Parish Communion
Connect and Pathfinders
Healing Service
Chiltern Hundreds Bach Choir and
Orchestra performing Bach Cantata

Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

Parish Communion and Connect
Baptism
Labyrinth in the Church Hall

Pre-School Toddler Service

LENT 2010

Sunday Evening Lent Specials with Rev Richard Bartlett

6pm in Church on 21st February, 28th February, 7th March. All welcome.

Lent Groups commencing 22nd February for 5 sessions

Mondays at 10.30am in the Parish Room with Margaret Nicholson

Mondays at 8.00pm at 7a Rofant Road with Ann Kentfield

Mondays at 8.00pm see Barry Southcott for venue

Tuesdays at 7.30pm at 27 Sandy Lodge Way with Rev Elaine Dando

Please contact the person leading the group.

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Can you think of a better name for the proposed 'Welcome Area'?

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Red is the colour of fire. Fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, so we use the red vestments at Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, when the spirit

of God was poured up the disciples in tongues of fire. Red is also the colour of blood, so we use the red vestments on days when we celebrate the great saints who gave their lives in the cause of the Gospel - the martyrs.

Finally, green is the colour of many things in nature. Therefore it is the colour of 'ordinary time'. It reminds us that God is in the ordinary, as well as the special times of the year – God journeys with us all through the year.

Many of our beautiful vestments have been given by members of our congregation in memory of loved ones who have been part of our Holy Trinity Community. We are very grateful to them for their generosity, and for the beauty they add to our worship.

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Most readers will have a well-thumbed copy of the Parish Directory which was last revised in 2007. We are in the process of updating this and we need your help to ensure that your details are correct.

We plan for the next edition of the directory to have photographs so that it is not only a useful list of contacts, but a way for new people to easily put faces to names as well for those "I've spoken to this person for ages and can't now own up to not knowing their name" scenarios we all occasionally have!

A typical entry might now look like this:

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If you are unable to supply a picture, then please contact Sue Boutbee in the Parish Office and we can then make arrangements to take a suitable informal photograph.

The new directory will be available in the summer - look out for more details.



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Diocesan Festival Eucharist

An intrepid group of parishioners travelled in our "trusty" minibus to St. Paul's Cathedral for the Diocesan Festival Eucharist on Saturday 23rd. January. It was the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

"Transformative" is a sequence of activities in the Diocese of London exploring our life as one body in Christ and our call to be agents of transformation.

It began with Study Sessions in the August of 2009. There has been an international symposium at King's College and there will be a diocesan Lent Course on-line at www.london.anglican.org/transformative.

The climax of the project will be the great liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

The Messe Solonnelle was inspiring and the Taizé Community's "In the Lord I'll be ever thankful" provided a gentle contrast. St. Paul's is a wonderful setting for any event and the Bishop of London's resonant tones on Matthew XIX:30 *But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first*, were both rousing and thought-provoking. In a public world dedicated to the project of growth, with no end in view beyond that process itself, the Eucharist has become a private source of contact with another world from which flows strength and comfort.

As Christians, our work has to be dangerous and demanding, if it is to be authentically transforming, not of this world, or another world, but "next worldly". If we are to make our contribution to the world that is to



come, we must incorporate what we have learned from the past two hundred years of the search for Paradise. It does not repose in politics, economics and the nation state.

After the Service, we enjoyed a convivial "picnic" in the Crypt. Warm coffee and warm conversation provided us with a glow before we left St. Paul's for the journey home.

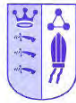
It was a lovely day, and many thanks must go to Richard for his patience, his organisational skills, his driving and his never-wavering cheerfulness!

Carol Went



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MOTHERING SUNDAY by Gary Hamilton

With Mothering Sunday arriving imminently, the words of Abraham Lincoln sum up the occasion perfectly. He said, "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." I also recall a Spanish proverb which is somewhat more controversial: "An ounce of a mother is worth a pound of clergy." I thought you might appreciate reading a poem I wrote for my Mum, who a number of you will know. I took my inspiration for it from Proverbs Chapter 23: "May she who gave you birth be happy."

**Years may come and then years may go;
The heartfelt truth's I love her so.
A mum who's done so much for me,
Given her time and love so free.**

**She's shared my joy and shared my tears;
Been there for me throughout the years.
Never demanding, giving love;
A blessing bestowed by God above.**

**My mother's heart is tender
And her face a gentle glow,
She's my friend, a kindly lady,
The sweetest I could know.**

**She gives her love so freely
To me, her one and only son.
She thinks of others selflessly
In all she's said and done.**

**Her eyes are full of kindness,
Her words are soft and mild.
She lives for helping others,
She's shown such love to me, her child.**

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Connecting with Culture - Snowflakes and Earthquakes

Lately, there's been more talk about the weather than is normal – even for the British. Day after day there has been an avalanche of media coverage about the impact of the snow – from spectacular shots of snow-shrouded scenery, to school closures, to heartbreaking reports of lives lost on icy roads and frozen waterways.

And then, amid our winter snow, a massive earthquake hits Haiti, wreaking devastation on a terrible scale. There, schools are closed because they have collapsed, and lives lost are counted in the tens of thousands. In terms of global significance, the natural phenomenon of snow in winter - and our discontent - suddenly turns a whiter shade of pale.

The reality of suffering on a grand scale, however, does not diminish the impact of suffering on a smaller scale. How, then, should we respond when the elements inflict misery on our local or global neighbours?

Certainly with love - the compassionate, practical love that will provide clothes, food and shelter for the stricken in Haiti; and dig next door's car out from the snow at home. Such is the love that testifies to our faith being alive and not dead (James 2:14-26). Such is the love with which Christ loved us, and commanded us to love each other (John 15:12).

Similarly, we follow his example by resisting any response that neatly correlates suffering with judgment. When told of Galileans slaughtered by

the Romans as they worshipped, Jesus utterly rejected the underlying assumption that their murder was evidence of divine judgment. Neither, he insisted, was the suffering of those killed when a tower collapsed on them (Luke 13:1-5). In neither case did Jesus offer any alternative explanation of human suffering, but issued the stark challenge to his hearers: 'unless you repent, you too will all perish'. The implication is clear: since we can never know when or where tragedy or disaster will strike, the need to be in right relationship with God is vital. That means evangelism matters - *really* matters. We must attach the same urgency to daily sharing the gospel as we do to despatching emergency aid in the wake of disaster.

In this too we follow Jesus' example. The gospel, after all, whilst demanding social action, is defined by more than social action.

But how easy, in the routine of the everyday, to let our concern for the salvation of others melt away - like the thawing snow - to nothing but a memory.

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Notes from the PCC

The PCC met on Wednesday 27 January 2010, the main areas of discussion were as follows: -

- Sven Beyrich has been elected as a PCC representative on the Holy Trinity School Governing Body;
- Fundraising by the Choir has enabled the purchase of a Clavinova for use in the Church;
- Diocesan Lent Appeal this year is to support children within the ALMA link under the title "Transforming Lives". The Vicar, Margaret Nicholson, Sally Moore and Andrew Newell are all drinking water only for Lent and are asking for sponsorship in aid of this appeal;
- Holy Week and Easter Services will follow the same pattern as last year, the Easter Vigil will start at an earlier time of 8pm;
- A report on the Mini-bus was considered, the vehicle is currently roadworthy, but is coming to the end of its useful life and will be replaced during the year, various options are being explored;
- Insurance arrangements have been reviewed following a review by our Insurers and their recommendations have been approved by the PCC;
- The Treasurer reported on the draft Annual Accounts for 2009, these again show a small deficit on the Unrestricted Fund, which will be covered by a transfer from designated funds. The Designated Funds show a significant increase reflecting a number of legacies received during the year which it is anticipated will be utilised during 2010 for the improvements to the South Porch, South West Corner of the Church and Lighting;



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- The PCC approved the budget for 2010, which prior to new fund raising initiatives will again result in a small deficit for the year. The PCC have asked the Finance Committee to work up some proposals on Stewardship and Fund Raising activities for discussion at the next PCC to address the deficit;

- The PCC approved a change in Bankers from National Westminster to the Charity Aid Foundation, which will result in a significant saving in bank charges. The change is likely to take several months to implement;

- The PCC considered the feedback from the Open Meeting in November in respect of the proposed improvements, and are pleased that there is a high level of support for the proposals. The feedback is being utilised by the Working Group to finalise the proposals and a meeting with the Diocesan Advisory Committee is being arranged for February/March, with the aim of finalising the proposals by the APCM;

- The PCC discussed the heating arrangements, changes are being made to the servicing arrangements,

and it is proposed that a full flush through of the system will be undertaken once the weather improves;

- Youth Minister reported that there are around 90 young people attending the various activities on a regular basis and with this in mind a Youth Alpha is being launched on Sunday Evenings;

- Fete Planning has commenced for the 15 May, previous helpers are to be contacted but new helpers are always welcome, anyone interested should contact Sue in the Parish Office;

- Deanery Synod representatives reported on an excellent presentation by Brian Cuthbertson on “Shrinking the Footprint”;

- Holy Trinity was well represented at the CTN Week of Christian Unity Service on 17 January;

- Advertising in the Parish News is now been handled by Carl Landsbert, and the PCC thanked Nigel Washbourn for his significant efforts over many years in this respect;

- Future Meetings – Next PCC is scheduled for 25 March, and APCM for 28 April.

*Andrew Newell
Churchwarden*

Email to the Natural History Museum

Chris Chiu-Tabet recently sent an email to the Natural History Museum giving suggestions to improve the dinosaur gallery. The email was as follows:

Dear Sir/Madam

I've been visiting the Natural History Museum since I was a child (I'm 19 now) and noticed the dinosaur exhibit hasn't really changed except the addition of the T Rex animatronic and the subsequent moving of the raptor robots to above the main exhibit.

Last year there were some interesting discoveries regarding bird evolution: Velociraptors and their ilk used their claws to climb trees, and developed an early form of flight by using feathers on all four of their limbs. They may have also been venomous. I know it will be expensive to sow feathers into your raptor robots but it would be worth it.

I'm not sure if you've heard, but the African specimen of Brachiosaurus was renamed Giraffatitan since a paleontologist examined each bone carefully and determined it was a different enough from the American specimen to be given a new name. Also, a third of dinosaurs may be young/old specimens of previously known species, e.g. Torosaurus being an older [specimen of] Triceratops. Would be worth mentioning with the Brontosaurus story.

The cultural impact of dinosaurs can be expanded to discuss depictions of them before they were identified scientifically in the 19th century, e.g. dragons, griffins, that were based on their skeletons. Even then our understanding of them has changed dramatically, I don't recall if you mention the older vertically spined T Rex depictions or the elephantine Crystal Palace models of Iguanodon. And of course, discussions of resurrecting them, like retroengineering them from bird DNA.

Yours faithfully
Chris Chiu-Tabet

Chris was delighted with the response:

Dear Chris,

Thank you for sending us your feedback following your visit to the Dinosaur gallery. The Dinosaur gallery is part of a larger scheme to upgrade the existing permanent exhibitions over the next 10 years. Your feedback is useful to help us update and improve the gallery and I have passed this to the Interpretation & Design Department for their records and information, I have also entered this onto our database for future reference. We look forward to welcoming you back.

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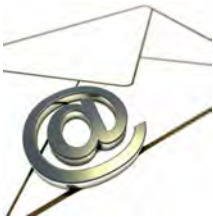
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