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**Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell**

## THE GREATEST PATHAN IN 100 YEARS

In 1908 Abdul Ghaffar Khan attended The Mission School, Peshawar, close to the Afghan border.

In his autobiography he wrote:-

I was educated in a Mission school and my teachers were padres (missionaries). Many of my friends and companions went to the Islamia School at Peshawar. While in school there awoke in my heart a great love for my country and my people and a strong desire to serve my country and my community. But my friends who went to different schools did not seem to have that surging love for their country, nor any desire to serve her. I gave this question a great deal of thought, and I came to the conclusion that the credit must go to those teachers, under whose guidance it was my privilege to study. A pupil is bound to be influenced by his teachers, and it was the example of my teachers that inspired in me the desire to serve God and humanity.

My teacher was a British padre, Mr. E.F.E. Wigram. He had a brother, who was a doctor. It was said that they were the beloved sons of very distinguished parents and that their father had dedicated both brothers to the Mission, and that he paid their salaries from his own pocket. The elder brother was the headmaster of the Mission High School and the younger was a doctor in the Mission Hospital. They served the people with sincerity and love, as I could witness, because I was then living in the hostel, which was close to their bungalow. At that time the hostel was in the same place where the Mission College building stands now.

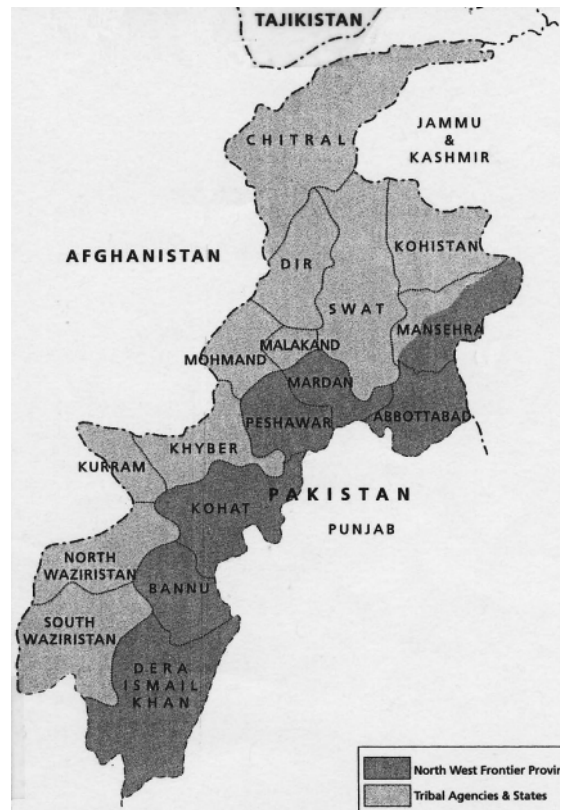
Our headmaster, Mr. Wigram, used to give scholarships to three or four poor or orphaned students from his own salary. These things impressed me very much and I said to myself: "Look at us, Muslim Pathans, we don't have enough sympathy to help or serve our poor needy brothers! And these people are foreigners, they belong to a different nation and a different faith, yet they have come here to serve our people. What sympathy and love for humanity they must have!"

He grew up to be a charismatic leader committed to non-violence, forgiveness, the equality of all people of all religions, and the education and full emancipation of women - all contrary to local custom.

His three sons inherited his independent spirit, and recently his grandson very publicly accepted from the Foreign Ministers

of both India and Pakistan the first volume of a new biography which includes the above quotation.

That same grandson has just been democratically elected to lead the government of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan.



Thus 2008 becomes a year in which to give thanks for the mustard-seed sown by the Wigram family and how it has grown (in a most unlikely spot), through two World Wars, a Cold War, several lesser wars, and the passing of Ottoman, British and Russian Empires, so that today it influences the birds of al-Qaeda and U.S. Special Forces who fly in and out of its branches.

We need to pray that the vision of this great Pathan seizes the 21<sup>st</sup> century as it did the 20<sup>th</sup>.



# THE VICAR writes

## EASTER CARRIES ON

This is one of those months when *Ewell Parish News* comes upon one almost stealthily, and I am having to think upon April on Monday in Holy Week. In fact April is a fairly gentle time at St Mary's this year, because of the very early date of Easter. However, this year the entire month of April is in the Easter season, and this allows us devotionally to feel the essential normality of resurrection life in the Church. The Mirfield Fathers in Yorkshire (and elsewhere) belong to a religious order called 'The Community of the Resurrection', but those words are also an accurate description of what the entire worldwide Christian Church is called to be. The sacraments of the Church are meant to be life-giving and life-enhancing: Holy Baptism gives a new form of life to those who pass through its waters; and one of the most frequently used titles for the Holy Eucharist is 'the Bread of Life.' Baptism conveys new life; the Eucharist sustains it and enhances it. In the last book of the Bible, there is the constant talk of a new heaven and a new earth, and of 'water of life', and the whole New Testament breathes the air of a new world order, new life and new hope. Both the Church Universal and the local Christian community can claim this title of being the 'Community of the Resurrection.' However Christ's resurrection is understood, the fact remains that the new life brought to us through the paschal mystery of Christ crucified and risen is the distinctive feature of Christianity. It is not just the case that something happened to Jesus at the turning-point of history; it is the case that something happened to us all in that event, and at our baptism that new life experience was specifically made real to us, when God called us by name and made us his own.

It is something to celebrate with hymns of praise on Easter morning. It is something to bask in during the great Week of Weeks, for the celebration of Easter lasts fifty days: 'seven sevens are forty-nine, and the fiftieth day is Pentecost,' when we celebrate the permanence of the Easter Christ among us, as his abiding presence with his own is effected through the operation of the Holy Spirit. It is good that the month starts off with an Easter Party: 'April in Parish' (delicious title) is another one of those occasions of good food and drink, warm fellowship and pleasant entertainment brought to us by Rosemarie Henson and the members of the Social Committee. I have occasionally said over the years that Lent Lunches really ought to be counterbalanced by Easter Banquets (or whatever), because there should be 'as much feast as fast' in the Christian experience of life. There is plenty to fast about in Lent, but there is far more to feast about because of Easter. The Community of Resurrection should actually enjoy its new life. It is always worth remembering that it is Sunday that Christians keep as their Holy Day, not Friday (the Day of Crucifixion) nor Saturday (the Day of Rest). Indeed, it is also worth recalling that Christians do not actually keep any Sabbath Day - people both outside and inside the Christian community sometimes get confused over this - because we keep a weekly commemoration of resurrection joy, and on Sundays we praise God on a day of festival (rather than of rest) for our new and risen life in Christ. In the famous words of St Augustine of Hippo, 'We are an Easter people, and our song is Alleluia.' The Easter liturgical cry of 'Christ is risen; he is risen indeed' is the central point and message of it all.

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### SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

#### 0800 HOLY COMMUNION

#### 0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Creche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the Eucharist and Mattins on Sunday mornings, and a chance for members of the congregation to meet or visitors to be welcomed to St Mary's.

#### 1100 MATTINS

(Third Sunday in each month SUNG EUCHARIST to the Book of Common Prayer Rite)

#### 1200 HOLY COMMUNION

(On Greater Festivals and on the last Sunday of the month except in December)

#### 1830 EVENING WORSHIP

Either at St Mary's or at Ewell United Reformed Church. Details are on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

### ON WEEKDAYS

The Eucharist is normally celebrated at present on Tuesdays at 1000, and at other times as printed on the Weekly Notes. Most of the Weekday services take place in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

### THE PARISH OFFICE

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This is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church and is open from 0930 to 1300 on Monday to Friday, (though at present it is not usually open on Thursdays). Also on Friday evening from 1830 to 2000, except in August, the office is open particularly for routine enquiries about Baptism, Banns of Marriage, Confirmation, or fixing up later appointments.

The Vicar is not usually available on Thursdays, and would be grateful not to be contacted on routine matters. Emergencies are different.

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The spring of the year is always a sign of new life and new hope. I come from a country where many thousands of new lambs are frisking and gambolling on the hillsides at this time. New lambs, new buds (the blackberry bushes at Ewell Vicarage are coming to life again) and longer days are all signs to the eye of faith that in the created order there is not just the beauty of the Divine Creator to be seen, but an annual reminder and sign of the victory of the warmth of life over the coldness of death. The Easter symbol of the egg bursting with new life is a beautiful parable in nature of the inability of the prison of death to hold the Prince of Life. Even our chocolate eggs of Easter can remind us that Easter is a joyful celebration of life itself. The Greek hymn-writer, St John Damascene put it like this;

'Tis the spring of souls today;  
 Christ has burst his prison,  
 And from three days sleep in death  
 As a sun has risen.  
 All the winter of our sins,  
 Long and dark, is flying  
 From his light, to whom we give  
 Laud and praise undying.

Happy continuing Easter.  
 Your friend and Parish Priest,  
*Richard Hanford*

## Women's World Day of Prayer

It was a great joy for St. Mary's to be able to host this year's Women's World Day of Prayer service on Friday 6th March. The Service was prepared by the Christian women of Guyana to be used in churches worldwide. St. Mary's Ewell has been twinned with St. Mary's, Corriverton, Guyana, for over twenty years, where Father Simon is the incumbent. Our 2007 Lent Project had been to raise funds for a brick-built church in Corriverton, so the occasion was very special.

The theme of the Service was "God's wisdom provides New Understanding", and we acknowledged the wisdom of God in the marvellous works of creation thinking especially of Guyana, whose name means "land of many waters". We were guided by Theresa Baker, our church representative, through a time of praise, prayer, Bible readings from Job, and the story of Mary and Martha, which is close to many women's hearts. A special treat was a circle dance to the anthem "Sophia, Hokmah, Sapientia [wisdom].



The Vicar, Canon Hanford, gave the Address, focussing on some appropriate "pairings". We heard more about our experiences from being twinned with the Corriverton church.. The next pairing was of two wisdom churches; Santa Sophia at Istanbul, now a museum, but built as a cathedral dedicated to the Second Person of the Trinity called Hagia Sophia [Sacred Wisdom} and a small church locally at Kingswood known as The Church of the Wisdom of God. The final "pairing" was that of the sisters Mary and Martha, whose relationship with Jesus we had heard about in the reading, highlighting that the practical outworking of our faith starts with a devotional life.

We were pleased to have the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Epsom and Ewell, David Wood and his sister with us in the congregation. Theresa expressed our thanks to the local committee the flower arrangers and to the refreshment ladies, and concluded by welcoming everyone to the Hall for afternoon tea.

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## APRIL MUSIC NOTES

In this feature, which started last month, there are really just two points to single out this time, one about a particular anthem, and the other about a very musical day.

Firstly, on the Sunday when choral services resume, the splendid anthem 'Greater love' by *John Ireland* is being sung at the 0930 Eucharist. The text of the anthem is a remarkable amalgam of verses from several New Testament books, all of which make the anthem a wonderful meditation on the Paschal mystery: love and sacrifice, new life and new birth, and the call to Christian living make it a unique work. The words speak of the unity of the Cross and Resurrection and also of our risen life in Christ. The words are from various scriptural sources, principally from 1 St Peter. For many years this anthem has been sung in the post-Communion slot at the Easter Vigil, encapsulating the entire paschal mystery, which has been worked out in the course of the Easter liturgy, finally reaching its climax in the Mass of the Resurrection. Because this year 'our' Vigil took place (by exception) at the Cathedral, it seemed right for this particular piece of music to find an alternative place. Whilst it has sometimes been used at Mattins on Remembrance Sunday (the text is appropriate on that occasion too), it has seldom, if ever, appeared at the Sung Eucharist here. Both words and music make it one of the truly great works of the Anglican liturgical repertoire. It is a day for following the printed text more closely than usual. Here is the text:

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who, his own self, bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The main 'musical day' this month is Sunday, 20 April. The choir divides in the morning, with the Upper Voices singing *Britten's* Missa Brevis in D at the Eucharist, and *Schubert's* enchanting setting of the twenty-third psalm. The Lower Voices will be singing *Byrd's* Three-part Mass at the Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100. There is Choral Evensong at 1700, with the familiar and much-loved setting of *Stanford* in C. The anthem is new to the choir: it is a vigorous setting of words from Psalm 107, 'They that go down to the sea in ships' with music by *Herbert Sumsion*. It is a delightful work, with atmospheric passages about rough times at sea, including a splendid interpretation of the lines, 'They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man.' The service ends with the towering Fugue from the Sonata on the 94<sup>th</sup> Psalm by *Reubke*, whose untimely death in his early twenties was a great loss to the musical world.

Finally, a reminder that the music for the entire term regularly appears on lists available in church for those who would like to have them. This is also a quick way of finding out whether there is anything to note about the service arrangements on a particular day, irrespective of what music is involved. This is especially useful for the 11 o'clock slot, when there are several features other than Mattins which occupy this time-slot.

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### Coffee Morning Coach Outings



Three coach outings planned for this year –

Thursday 19 June – Eastbourne  
Thursday 11 September – Chichester and Bosham  
Friday 28 November – Portsmouth- "A Victorian Festival  
of Christmas"

Further details later, but make a note of the dates in your  
diaries now.

*Joan Boulden*

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**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2009**

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## SUGGESTED PRAYERS

Lord, increase my faith, that I may embrace everything that is thy will.

Lord, increase my faith, that the mountains of difficulty may be removed.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may never be at a loss for some creative action for thee.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may never be impatient or frustrated.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may run to thee in every situation.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may trust thee in seeming failure or defeat.

Lord, increase my faith, that I may endure as seeing thee who art visible only to the eye of faith.

Lord, fill me with faith, hope and love, this day and always.

O God, I bring this situation to Thee and hold it to Thee, refusing to let it get away from thee, believing that by thy grace, in answer to my prayer, it will change, that something will turn up that was not there before, that the mountain of difficulty will be removed or thy wisdom show me the way to go round or thy grace strengthen me to climb over it or tunnel through it. Let me hold on in faith and love, O Lord my God.

*George Appleton*

Lord,  
 I am not a fraction  
 of what I am meant  
 to be in your will,  
 not a fraction of what  
 I can become through your grace.  
 Sanctify me, dear Father,  
 that others may see  
 a little of your glory  
 shining through.

*George Appleton*

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayer Book*

O Thou who camest from above  
 The fire celestial to impart.  
 Kindle a flame of sacred love  
 On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn  
 With inextinguishable blaze,  
 And trembling to its source return  
 In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

*Charles Wesley*

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## COFFEE MORNINGS

**WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY  
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We look forward to welcoming a new guest speaker Charles Abdy to our Coffee morning on Wednesday 9 April.

Mr Abdy will be giving a talk, illustrated with slides, entitled "A Short History of Epsom".

The talk will start at 11.00 in the Church Hall. Coffee/tea will be served beforehand from 10.30 - 11.00.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## NEW LIFE IN BETHANY

How can a grieving mother's vision in Northumberland lead on to the building of an orphanage in strife-torn Palestine, and link up with the Church Hall Coffee Morning in Ewell in Lent 2008 ?

As readers of the Ewell Parish News will know, the Lent Project for 2008 has been the Lazarus Home for Girls at Bethany - to raise funds for a purpose-built orphanage for girls in that historic but troubled region. Those attending the Coffee Morning 12 March were privileged to hear a first-hand account of this project from Alan Anderson, who had traveled from Whitley Bay during that gale-



ridden week to be with us.

Alan explained how one of his sons, Charlie, had been treated experimentally in infancy for a major heart defect but had died as a young man. Charlie's mother, Shirley had a recurring dream about helping children in the Holy Land. As a result Alan had travelled there in 1996 and found the work of an Arab Christian, Alice Sahhar; she had created a home for orphan boys, the Jeel-al-Amal, and now planned a similar home for girls. Alan, Shirley and their

family have linked with others in the Durham and Newcastle areas to set up a UK charity to support this work, in memory of Charlie. Alan and his family have visited Palestine frequently and he has done much "hands-on" work in Bethany, including financing the first electric bakery in the area to supply Jeel and the village with bread and raise funds for the project; Alan and Shirley were touched that this was named "Charlie's Bakery".

He described vividly the situation in Palestine over recent decades which resulted in so many children being actual orphans, or separated from their parents, or abandoned. We heard of the work of Alice Sahhar and her daughter Samar, in providing love and practical care without regard to background or creed, and despite the effects of strife on civil society, when - for example - food and water supplies were frequently cut off.

He then outlined the plans for the new building for 50 girls and the help he and his supporters had given in money and, in his case, in practical work "on site". The building work is now well under way but large funds are needed to complete the five storey building and to equip it to provide both a home and education facilities for the girls, as well as medical clinics for the local people for whom there is at present virtually no health care.

His illustrated talk was followed by the final Lent Lunch for 2008; Alan stayed on to talk to groups of us over the soup and the bread and cheese. The proceeds from these lunches, with their accompanying raffle and bring and buy, and from Lent Boxes, will go to the Lazarus Home. Proceeds from the Wednesday Coffee Mornings will continue to go to Jeel-al-Amal Boy's Home - for Joan Boulden, who organises the Mornings, visited the Holy Land some years ago and was inspired by what she saw of the work at Bethany and the dedication of the Sahhar family in driving forward these projects for Palestinian orphans.

This year we are also able to arrange for specific donations (not cash) by taxpayers to be Gift Aided so that contributions are boosted by the Government. There is (inevitably where Government is concerned!) a particular mechanism for this which has to be followed. And even though Lent will be passed by the time you read this, it is not too late to help. So, if you were not able to attend a Lent Lunch, or if you would like to boost your help through Gift Aid, please consult Joan or Julian Varney first.

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## HYMNATHON 2008



# ROSIE AND THE HYMNATHON



'No,' said Rosie,  
'You won't get me to go to any Hymnathon, not for love nor money.'  
My dear Rosie, you love music, you want company now that you are a widow, you would love this, by the way, there are no thongs in it, it is a hymnathon.'

'Well Cressida, whatever it is, what would my friends think of me, if they knew that I was planning to spend the whole of next Saturday singing hymns from a hymn book? They would think I had got religious mania.'

'Never mind about that,' replied Cressida,

'But let me tell you what happened to a friend of mine who went to a hymnathon at her church, and found herself a partner there.'

'What?' gasped a startled Rosie,

'Do they have men at these sessions?'

'Certainly they do, Rosie, and a very good partner he proved to be.'

'Really,' Rosie was very impressed,

'And are they going to get married?'

'I don't know about that, they are dancing partners, they are frenetically struggling with the art of dancing the tango at the moment..'

That sounds romantic', said Rosie wistfully

'Not when you see them doing it.' replied Cressida.

Well I might consider coming for an hour in the morning,' said Rosie in a grudging tone of voice.

'By the way Rosie, you have to ask people to sponsor you to sing, you see it is all about singing hymns for a charity, that of running the Ewell Village Fair.'

'Good Lord, Cressida, if I come and sing, I shall sponsor myself, I would not dream of asking anyone else to pay for me to sing.'

'You need only ask for £2 per person, what about that nice man who lives next door to you, whose cat you look after when he is away, you could ask him for a start.'

When Rosie arrived several people were already putting the chairs out in a semicircle. The boudoir grand was open, revealing its time-worn, yellowing, fragile ivory keys. The blue hymn book "A Hundred Hymns for Ewell" was open on the piano stand. The vicar arrived and started looking at page one, lightly running his fingers over the ivories in readiness.

'I think we'll manage to get through all hundred of these hymns by the end of the afternoon, with no difficulty,' he said.

'But we had better make a start now. I may have to transpose some of these hymns down a key,' he muttered, after casting a cursory glance over the assembled women and one man.

'Venite, Come let us sing to God the Lord,' this is a psalm, number 95

'Here's a tune we all know, but don't worry about the high notes, it is a bit early in the morning to reach for a top C.'

Rosie had had time to look round at the assembled group. It was as she had expected, almost all female. Cressida had spun her some exaggerated tale about the woman meeting a partner at a Hymnathon. A most forlorn hope indeed in this parish. All she could hope for now was that the time would pass quickly, so that she could make her escape.

They were moving rapidly through the blue hymn book. The Vicar did not require them to sing every verse of every hymn. If he deemed the tune to be boring, crude or repetitive, they sang only two verses. But when they chanced upon a favourite, such as No.16 set to Kingsfold, adapted from an English folk song, they sang their hearts out and relished working through all three long verses.

Not only did they sing hymn tunes that were new to them, but they were given interesting background information about the authors of the hymns as well. Such as that concerning Dr Richard Rutt who on becoming the bishop of Taejon in Korea, knitted his own mitre. Hymn No.90 has a verse attributed to Queen Elizabeth 1, and No.86 to Henry Moore. There were references to Vaughan Williams whose numerous hymns are so often sung and who had once lived nearby in Dorking. They learnt that the name of the Pre-Raphaelite painter Holman Hunt was associated with hymn No.71, The Light of the World, and his painting Lux Mundi, a copy of which hangs in St Mary's Church, Ewell. They heard that Millais stayed with Holman Hunt in Ewell, and that they had looked at an orchard there in moonlight, in preparation for the sort of light Hunt chose for that painting.\*

After they had been singing for over an hour, there was a rattle at the heavy oak door, and the sound of the old ring handle being turned. A lady crept in quietly and joined the group. Rosie would never have told her friend Cressida, but she was beginning to enjoy singing the hymns. It was alleviating her loneliness. A predominantly female group could be fun after all.

'We are half way through now,' said the Vicar, 'I think it is time for us to repair to the hostelry over the way.'

At this point some people went home, but the majority crossed the road and entered the tavern. They ordered lunches such as fish and chips, muttering,

'I shouldn't be eating this fatty food, but just this once I think I will, and I shall have a glass of white wine to go with it.'

They were busily munching and drinking when a man from a table opposite came over and started talking to Rosie.

'Long time no see.' he said.

She blushed as she had a mouth full of chips. But he sat down beside her and had quite a long conversation with her, before they exchanged telephone numbers and addresses.

On their return to the afternoon session of the hymnathon, Cressida said,

'Well Rosie, what was all that about in the pub, who was that middle aged, but good looking man who recognized you?'

'That was Pelham Grenville Smythe an old flame of mine,

'That's a very grand name Rosie'

'I know, Pelham told me that his father was very fond of some writer called P.G. Wodehouse, so he had him baptised Pelham Grenville Smyth. His mother persuaded him to leave the Wodehouse bit out. We are going to meet again. Pelham never married you know.'

'Well God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.'

'Yes, I hope so,' said Rosie,

There's more to this hymnathon business than I thought,' she giggled

'Ready now hymn No 51,' said the Vicar,

*"Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
And put your armour on,  
Strong is the strength which God supplies  
Through his eternal Son.  
Strong in the Lord of hosts,  
And in his mighty power:  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
Is more than conqueror."*

\*"The pre-Raphaelites" Romance and Realism

By Laurence Des Cars publ. Thames & Hudson 2000.

## THE ORGAN VOLUNTARIES

We have not done this before, but it seems a good idea to assemble a list of the term's organ voluntaries away from the full service-lists, which are available in church. Many people have spoken very warmly about some of the recent organ voluntaries, and some readers of *EPN* may also be keen to know what the organ music is (or has been) on a particular day, and this is a convenient way of doing so. The details include the initials of the person playing on the particular occasion. No other service details are given on this list – just the time of service and the actual music. This feature will normally appear in the issue of *EPN* at the beginning of a term, but not afterwards, i.e. not being repeated and getting smaller and smaller as the term goes on. It will be immediately apparent that there is a considerable range of music now being played by the Director of Music and the Organ Scholar after the services, from the baroque splendours of *J S Bach* to works by twentieth century composers, and from works of technical complexity written for the organ to splendid organ arrangements of orchestral works.

6 April	0930	Prelude in E flat (BWV 552). <i>J S Bach</i>	JC
	1100	Carillon-Sortie. <i>Mulet</i>	JH
13	0930	Final from the Glagolithic Mass. <i>Janáček</i>	JH
	1100	Fantasia in F minor/major. <i>Mozart</i>	JH
20	0930	Prelude and Fugue in C major (BWV 547). <i>J S Bach</i>	JH
	1100	Recessional. <i>Mathias</i>	JC
	1700	Fugue from the Sonata on the 94 <sup>th</sup> Psalm. <i>Reubke</i>	JH
27	0930	Litanies. <i>Alain</i>	JH
	1100	(No service)	
1 May	1900	Paeon. <i>Leighton</i>	JC
4	0930	The Ride of the Valkyries. <i>Wagner, arr.</i>	JH
	1100	Nun danket alle Gott. <i>J S Bach, arr. Virgil Fox</i>	JC
	1700	Prelude and Fugue in E minor. <i>Bruhns</i>	JH
11	0930	Allegro Con Spirito in B flat. <i>Bridge</i>	JC
	1100	Prelude and Fugue in D major (BWV 532). <i>J S Bach</i>	JH
18	0930	Pomp and Circumstance March No.4. <i>Elgar</i>	JC
	1100	Fugue à la Gigue (BWV 576). <i>J S Bach</i>	JH
Th22	1900	Alleluia; Final from <i>Livre de Saint Sacrement.</i>	JH
25	0930	Rhapsody No.3. <i>Howells</i>	JC
	1100	Fugue from Variations on an original theme (Op.73). <i>Reger</i>	JH
1 June	0930	<i>To be arranged</i>	
	1100	<i>To be arranged</i>	
8	0930	War March of the Priests. <i>Mendelssohn</i>	JH
	1100	Toccata in D. <i>Lanquetuit</i>	JH
15	0930	Carillon de Westminster. <i>Vierne</i>	JH
	1100	Paeon (from <i>Five Short Pieces</i> ). <i>Whitlock</i>	JC
22	0930	Toccata alla Rumba. <i>Planyavski</i>	JH
	1100	The Cuckoo and the Nightingale Concerto. <i>Handel</i>	JH
	1700	Chorale No.3 in A minor. <i>Franck</i>	JC
29	0930	Tu es Petra. <i>Mulet</i>	JH
	1100	Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux. <i>De Grigny</i>	RH
	1700	Incantation pour un jour saint. <i>Langlais</i>	JH
6 July	0930	Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux (Messe pour Les Paroisses). <i>Couperin</i>	JH
	1100	Imperial March. <i>Elgar</i>	JC
	1700	<i>To be arranged</i>	
13	0930	Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain. <i>Durufié</i>	JH
	1100	Capriccio. <i>Ireland</i>	JC
	1700	Prelude and Fugue in C minor. <i>Mendelssohn</i>	JC
20	0930	Allegro Maestoso (Sonata in G). <i>Elgar</i>	JC
	1100	Toccata and Fugue. <i>Francis Jackson</i>	JC
	1700	Dieu parmi nous (from <i>La Nativité du Seigneur</i> ) <i>Messiaen</i>	JC
27	0930	Handel in the Strand. <i>Grainger</i>	JH
	1100	Toccata and Fugue in D minor [Dorian] (BWV 538). <i>J S Bach</i>	JC


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There are 11 gaps here. Fit into them 11 of the letters of

### today's Gospel

When you've done it, which letter is left over?

The letter \_\_\_ is left over!



1 Jesu _	2 sa _s
3 _o	4 _u_
5 "L_ve	6 _od
7 an _	8 _ov_
9 e_ch	10 _ther"

By the way, what is a Dachshund?  
It's an animal that's two dogs long  
and half a dog high!

So ... what is a Poodle?  
It's a dog with pom-poms!

So ... what is a Corgi?  
Oh, that's a little model car!

May I have love in my heart  
 May I have love in my life  
 May I bring love to others  
 May I spread love throughout the world  
 Amen

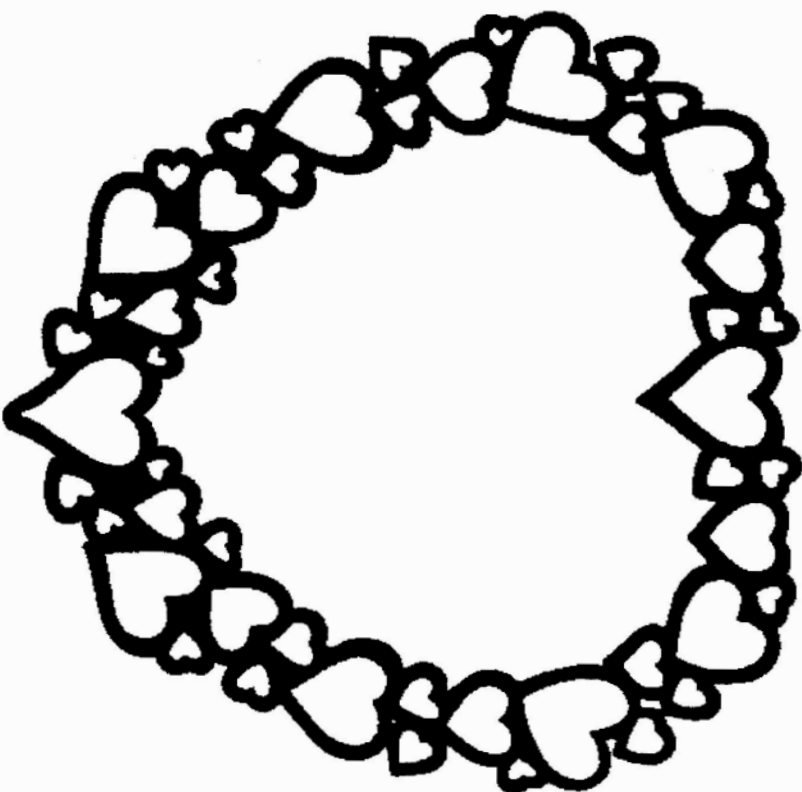


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# Young Church May

27<sup>th</sup> April 2008, Sixth Sunday of Easter: John 14: 15 - 21

Jesus said, "Love God and love each other"

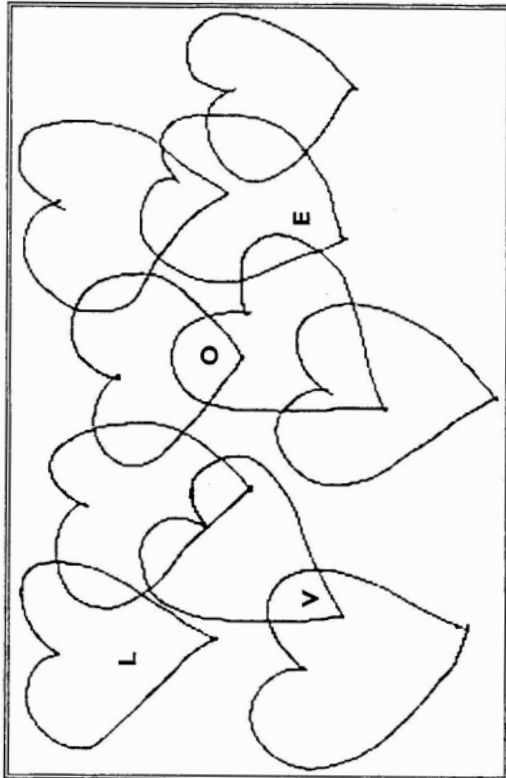


Draw some people you love in the heart

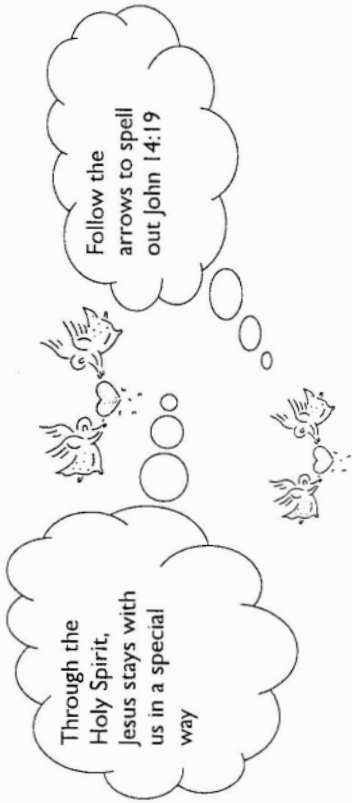
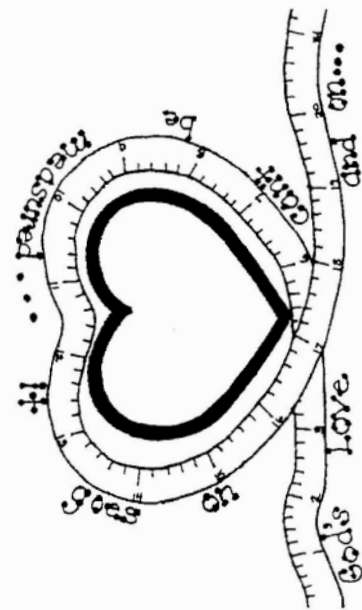
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What does God want us to do?



Find the letters for a word and then colour the hearts  
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N	O	W	B	D	W	J	P
T	E	R	L	I	E	S	R
H	D	L	G	E	B	E	B
E	O	N	E	O	M	T	U
E	S	R	S	U	Y	S	I
E	L	L	A	W	U	L	V
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# Calendar for April



*After a busy period over Lent and Easter it is good to have a quieter month.*

- Sat 5 **'April in Parish'**: Food and entertainment for a spring evening in the Church Hall. Admission by ticket, £8.
- S 6 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Easter 2)  
1100 Mattins and Holy Baptism
- S 13 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Easter 3)
- M 14 Holy Communion to the housebound.
- S 20 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Easter 4)  
1700 Choral Evensong
- M 21 2000 Meeting of the Website Group.
- W 23 2000 Meeting of Vicar, Wardens and Administrator.
- Sat 26 1930 Organ Recital by Jonathan Holmes:  
'Great Organ Transcriptions.'
- S 27 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Easter 5)  
1100 Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- Th 1 May **ASCENSION DAY**  
1000 **Holy Communion** (High Altar)  
1900 **SUNG EUCHARIST**

This is a change from our timetable in recent years for Ascension Day, and a reversal to what we used to do here. There will not be a mid-day Eucharist, but the 1000 service will cater for those who either want a 'plain' service, or who prefer not to go out in the evening. The choir will be at the evening Eucharist, and there will be some splendid music by Stanford, including his magnificent *Coelos ascendit hodie*. There will (hopefully) be a celebratory glass of wine afterwards.

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**Rest eternal grant them O Lord**

- 20 February Olive Freeman, aged 96  
6 March Brian Warwick Willis, aged 73  
11 March Alfred Oliver Thomas, aged 71

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