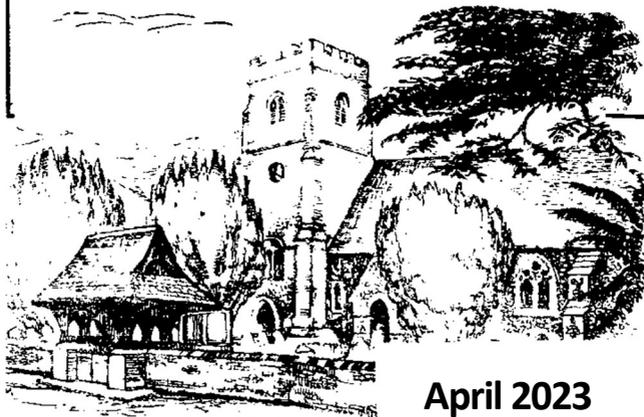


WINKFIELD PARISH NEWS



April 2023

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An Easter meditation by Dr Herbert McGonigle

In the New Testament the resurrection of Jesus is presented as a simple historical fact. He did rise from the grave on that first Easter morning.

The four evangelists, and Paul, carefully lay out the evidence. They record for us the details of the empty tomb, the names of those who visited it, the various appearances of the risen Jesus and how He was seen by more than five hundred witnesses. But the New Testament tells us more than that.

It tells us, not only of the power of God that raised Jesus from the grave (e.g. Romans 1:4) but also of that same power being invested in the Church. Christians are new people! We are 'made alive' in our Risen Head (Ephesians 1:1). His victory has become our victory! As Jesus promised: 'Because I live, you will also live' (John 14:19).

Until our Lord returns again one day, Christians will die physically, but their victory over death is already guaranteed. As Paul demonstrates in 1 Corinthians 15, death is 'swallowed up in victory'! Death's sting is abolished! And so, Paul proclaims our victory anthem. 'Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ' (vv.55-57)!

Down through 2,000 years Christ's people have lived in that glorious victory. One example was Donald Cargill (1619-1681). Cargill was a Presbyterian minister and a Covenanter in the years known in Scotland's history as 'the killing times.' The Covenanters opposed all attempts by the English parliament to impose Episcopacy on Scotland. With other Covenanters, Cargill strongly denounced the immorality and irreligion of the court of King Charles II. Hundreds of Covenanters were imprisoned at this time, and many were executed, both men and women.

Cargill's fearless itinerant preaching made him a marked man. He moved from place to place, preaching in cottages, fields, and town squares, protected by loyal friends. Then in July 1681 he was arrested and imprisoned. The outcome of his trial was never in question. The government of the day was determined to silence this influential 'rebel.' He was sentenced for execution on July 27th of that year.

On the scaffold in Edinburgh, Cargill spoke to the large crowd that had come to support him. "I climb this ladder," he declared, "with less fear than ever I entered a pulpit to preach." Then, raising his eyes to a blue July

sky over his beloved Scotland, he cried out: "I have gotten me Christ and Christ has gotten me the victory." The blade fell and the brave soul of Donald Cargill joined the martyrs who lived and died in the victory of the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to God indeed! That glorious victory is not only for all the brave martyrs, but for all of us who belong to Christ. Death is defeated. The grave is conquered. Christ lives for ever in the power of an endless life. And we live in Him! We can all say: 'I have gotten me Christ and Christ has gotten me the victory.'

From the Parish Registers for February 2023

Baptisms

Bluebell Amelia Margaret Brown was baptised on 5 February at St Mary's Church Winkfield.

Funerals etc.

A Memorial service took place for Ruth Timbrell on 8 February 2023 in St Martin's Church, Chavey Down.

Weddings & Blessings none

APCM and other notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 (APCM)

The APCM will be held in St Peter's Church Cranbourne as a special event from 9:30am on Sunday 23rd April. There will be breakfast at 9:30am, a short service at 10am, and the APCM itself will begin at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome.

Details of the APCM can be found on the Parish Notice Sheet.

There will be an 8am Said Holy Communion at St Mary's on that day, but there will be no other services at St Mary's or St Martin's that morning. Please join us at St Peter's and share your thoughts. See also:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/apcm2023.htm>

Easter Memorial Lilies

Every Easter St Mary's Women's Guild and Church Flower Arrangers decorate Winkfield Church with lilies donated in memory of loved ones. If you would like to purchase one or more Easter Lilies please contact lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com or 01344 427565. The cost of each lily is £3.00.

Church Office

Office hours are: Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon. The Church Office is open for visitors on Tuesdays & Fridays. Contact info: Church Office: c/o St Martin's Church, Church Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RR Phone: 01344 882933 or email admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

Website: <https://winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk>

If you are arranging an event, please contact Stephanie in the Church Office at the email address above, so that it can be noted in the Church diary and recorded on the website.

Don't forget to use our fundraising links:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/donate.htm>

Safeguarding in the Parish

The Parish safeguarding details are at:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/safeguarding.htm>

Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life. Please be alert to the fact that Safeguarding concerns arise in many different guises. So we should always have faith to question, especially when something does not feel right.

Should you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Camille Jeffs, via the Church Office on: 01344 882933, or email safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk (please begin message with 'SAFEGUARDING').

CADS perform Stepping Out in Windsor

Stepping Out by Richard Harris is a warm and funny play about the lives, laughs and loves of a group of women and one man attending a weekly tap-dance class in a dingy North London church hall. Originally set in the 80s, the playwright updated the text in 2022 to be set in the present day so, even if you've seen this wonderful show before, you'll be interested and delighted by the new content.

You will gradually discover the story of each of the very diverse characters in the class – Dorothy, Lynn, Maxine, Andy, Geoffrey, Vera, Sylvia and Rose - their background, their struggles, their worries and their hopes and dreams. They don't always see eye to eye but, as well as learning to tap dance, they learn to develop a better understanding of each other and to work together towards a common goal.



CADS proudly
presents



STEPPING OUT

by Richard Harris
Directed by Maggie Ashley
Dance arrangement and
tap training by Emma Hone
A comedy with two left feet

20TH-22ND APRIL 2023

7:45PM

The Old Court, St Leonard's
Road, Windsor, SL4 3BL

Tickets at:

www.oldcourt.org

01753 911333



Cranbourne Amateur Dramatic Society - cadsact.org.uk
Presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals

With problems of her own, the ex-professional dancer, Mavis, who runs the class, tries her hardest to teach the bumbling amateurs whilst appeasing her grumpy (but underneath it all good-hearted) pianist, the indomitable Mrs Fraser.

Will the motley but loveable crew's dancing improve enough to take part in a grand charity performance without embarrassing themselves and their long-suffering teacher?

Join CADS to find out on 20-22 April 2023 at 7.45pm at The Old Court, St Leonard's Road, Windsor SL4 3BL. Tickets £12 at www.oldcourt.org or 01753 911333.

Bellringing at St Mary's church

Have you ever thought about having a go at ringing our beautiful bells here at Winkfield? Now is your chance to do just that.

Here, in the bell ringing team, we are hoping to enable a group of people to ring our bells to celebrate the King's coronation in May. It will take a bit of learning to be ready to do it, but we have ringing

teachers in our team and are able to offer tuition free of charge. If you might be interested, please let us know. Call or text Tony Bish, Tower Captain, on 07759876642. Looking forward to hearing from you!



Local reports and events

Bag2TheFuture textile collections

Many thanks to all who have been supporting the textile collections for Bag2TheFuture to help raise much needed church funds while helping others and the environment too.

The collection on 28 February raised £34, following the bumper collection at the end of November, which raised £120. Nearly £1,700 has been raised all together since we began doing this.

The next collection will be in September so there's plenty of time to start collecting unwanted good quality clothing, shoes, bags, hats, belts, towels and bed linen (not pillows or duvets).

St Mary's Choir

The choir continues to sing at all services and usually performs a solo item. Once again several of our extra singers joined us for a Memorial service during early March and will attend on Mothering Sunday service. It has been good to work with Josh Tuffley again.

St Mary's Women's Guild

The March meeting took place at Lambrook School, following an invitation from the Archivist – our Lay Minister, John Kimbell. This was the Guild's first return there since an excellent pre-pandemic visit in May 2019 and on this occasion we were welcomed in the Reception Hall of the new Queen's Building, before moving through to the Chapel.

Following the Guild Prayer, John gave us a most interesting presentation about Lambrook's third and fourth Headmasters, Reverend F. D. Browne and G. F. Cameron. Six generations of their family have been associated with the school since 1904, including a recent centenarian who was the first child to be christened in the Chapel.

This historical talk about their heritage was illustrated with portrait photographs, descriptions of honours boards, commemorative panels, memorial plaques and a stained glass lancet window. We were able to view these legacies in the Chapel and on the way to the Library's Churcher Room, where a delicious tea was served and we were greeted by the Deputy Headmaster and Registrar.

The Women's Guild is very grateful to Lambrook for hosting this fascinating meeting and we look forward very much to future collaborations between St Mary's Church and the school.

Lesley Philpot, President

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield

We have been seeking new quotations for the Electrics Project. Two companies have visited this week and will prepare their quotations for, hopefully, next week. There is one more company to visit.

The Friends' AGM is scheduled for Friday 24 March at 8pm in St Mary's Church. This follows a Trustee's meeting on 23 February, which showed a balance available for the Project of nearly £16,000, before any specific fundraising campaign towards its Project objectives.

Family Matins

At the February service the children told the story of the Boy in the Temple. Thirteen children took part and also led the Bible readings and prayers.

Family Praise and Crafty Church

Both services have been about the Lenten Walk. Several children are filling in their Lenten calendars and will return them in due course. The Crafty Church activity was making prayer chains. All bible passages and prayers are led by the children. There are several musicians who also play their instruments during the services.

Future Events

Family Matins theme on Sunday May 14 will be 'Monarchs of England'; this will be followed by stalls, entertainment and refreshments in the Church grounds. More details to come. Please make a note in your diary.

Lesley Philpot 427561

Bell ringers Report February 2023

Goodness how cold it is right now!!

Our quiz night was a great success at the new venue - it was our first at Brownlow Hall and it worked out very well. We are grateful to everyone who attended to make it such a wonderful evening – we raised in excess of £800 for the bell tower electric fund.

The tower ringers have recruited two new members who would like to participate in 'Ring for the King'- a National initiative to encourage new tower ringers with the objective of taking part in the Coronation Celebrations. There is a fantastic poster near the back of church next to the bell rope hanging from one of the pillars. Do have a look and then speak to Tony.

As always, the tower bells are rung before all the services and this is an important part of worship.

Some of the hand bell ringers have just attended the AGM and Spring Rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB) South East region, when we had the opportunity to ring 5 pieces of music, including one arranged especially for the Coronation. The joy of massed ringing is the enormous range of bells used which enhances any piece of music. We will

do our best to get 'Fanfare for a Special Day' to performance standard in time for the Coronation.

We will be ringing a lovely piece at the Mothering Sunday service and another on Easter Sunday morning - we look forward to seeing you at these special services.

This week we will be holding our AGM when all the official posts are confirmed, and the social calendar organised!

If all this has inspired you, then come along and give it a go...

Take care and keep warm,

Jill Glennerster 07821 131303

The Winkfield and North Ascot Good Neighbours scheme

For 30 years, Winkfield and North Ascot Good Neighbours have provided a vital Community service taking our vulnerable neighbours to essential appointments. This has made a huge difference to many people who would have had to travel alone, take expensive taxi journeys or use inconvenient public transport.

**THE WINKFIELD & NORTH ASCOT
GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

- We can help with transport to hospital, surgery, dentist, chiropodist
- for just a small fee per mile towards costs.
- *Please give 2 days notice*

Co-ordinators:	Brenda	882975	Please ring Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm
	Angela	883854	
	Pat	886144	

HELP IS AT HAND

New drivers always needed!!

Our drivers are all volunteers and they claim their mileage at the agreed HMRC rate of 45p per mile, door to door.

We are always looking for people to join us as drivers. If you have some spare time, are patient, caring and in good health, you could volunteer and make a big difference to local people.

Do consider helping us to help others.

Please contact Lynne Wilkes on 01344-884947

Or email lynnebobben@btinternet.com

. Services in the Parish – April 2023

NB. All content in these lists may be subject to change

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

COMMON WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Day	Time	Service
2	Palm Sunday	9:30am	Family Praise
		4pm	Family Craft Café
3	Monday of Holy Week	7:30pm	Compline
7	Good Friday	4pm	Eastingle*
9	Easter Sunday	9:30am	Family Communion
16	2 nd Sunday in Easter	9:30am	Family Communion
23	3 rd Sunday in Easter	Please join St Peter's from 9:30am for breakfast & a short service followed by the APCM	
30	4 th Sunday in Easter	9:30am	Family Praise

* Family friendly service with fruit & sweets

ST MARY'S CHURCH

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER SERVICES

Date	Day	Time	Service
2	The Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday)	10am	Family Matins
4	Tuesday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Compline
6	Maundy Thursday	2:30pm	Said Holy Communion <i>followed by</i> coffee served by Patrick
7	Good Friday	2pm	Hour of Meditation at the Cross
9	Easter Day	8am	Said Holy Communion
		10am	Family Communion <i>led by Canon Dagnall</i>
16	1 st Sunday after Easter	9:30am	Crafty Church
		11am	Holy Communion
23	2 nd Sunday after Easter	8am	Said Holy Communion
		Please join St Peter's from 9:30am for breakfast & a short service followed by the APCM	
30	3 rd Sunday after Easter	10am	Crafty Choral Matins

ST PETER'S CHURCH**COMMON WORSHIP SERVICES**

Date	Day	Time	Service
2	Palm Sunday	11am	Family Praise
5	Wednesday of Holy Week	10am	Lauds – Service of Reflection
		7:30pm	Compline
6	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	Said Holy Communion <i>with Washing of Feet and Servanthood</i>
7	Good Friday	10am	Stations of the Cross
9	Easter Day	11am	Family Communion <i>with Easter Egg Hunt</i>
16	2 nd Sunday in Easter	11am	Morning Prayer
23	3 rd Sunday in Easter	9:30am	Breakfast
		10am	Short Service
		10:30am	APCM meeting
30	4 th Sunday in Easter	11am	Morning Prayer

Thoughts of all sorts

Why Easter will never go away ¹

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's gospel, we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course, each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

¹ With acknowledgement to Parish Pump

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So, did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, but we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds? That He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped? That the disciples nursed Him back to health? But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus all along, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present-day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me," and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.'

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

A personal report from Saudi Arabia

This encouraging report by Julie West, a long-term American friend of the Editors, was written on 8 March. Julie is a science communications specialist in Saudi Arabia with the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), in the Department of Global Branding and Communications. She promotes academic excellence through writing-editing assignments, podcasts, and a variety of digital media projects.

It's International Women's Day, and I've been thinking a lot about the information that 'Western media' continues to spread about Saudi Arabia and its treatment of women, and how this perpetuates false narratives. Before I moved to the Kingdom, my understanding of Saudi women and their experience was also shaped by these narratives. I now see the situation differently. Reforms are making a difference for the women of Saudi, and there's reason to celebrate.

Yes, I live and work in an elite university environment, so you might think that my framework is based on being with Saudi female colleagues who are the exception to the rule. Not so. They come from all backgrounds. And I have interacted with plenty of Saudi women from outside the university, too. I have heard the stories about life now vs the decades prior to 2016 and MBS² — a time when radical fundamentalism and Sharia law gripped the Kingdom, creating a climate of fear that affected not only women but also men and families. Whereas women in other Middle Eastern countries are still fighting for freedoms and being persecuted, Saudi is in a different league. The time of fear and oppression has lifted.

Saudi women are among the most strong and powerful of all ethnicities of women I know. They are respected, move freely and speak their minds. Don't mistake a Saudi woman's choice to wear a hijab or abeya for oppression. It's not. It's tradition. The men here wear the same: the thobe (full length, long-sleeved robe) and ghutra (headdress). And not all women and men opt for traditional dress. Many wear professional and street clothes just as we wear in the West. More than a clothing choice, the reforms are creating business, cultural and educational opportunities.

What about the LGBT+ community? Does the Kingdom support these expressions? Does the USA? It takes time for a nation on the brink of

² Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, colloquially known by his initials MBS, is Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

change to adopt the full spectrum of personal expressions. Every ‘great’ nation has a dark side and ugly things happen. We don’t get to stop being critical. I also know that there are radicals in the wings (or out front and open, as is increasingly the case in the US) in all countries who work to discredit those who champion reform. They stand to gain if we believe them.

It’s important to acknowledge and commend the positive changes that are ‘fundamentally’ shifting and uplifting a nation’s culture forward, and to be willing to shift our minds and opinions accordingly. The Kingdom is heavily investing in entrepreneurial and educational opportunities for women. 45% of startups in Saudi Arabia are owned by women. The university where I work, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, was the first mixed gender university in the country. KAUST maintains a female student body population of 39% — a figure higher than the global average of women in STEM³ programs. This reflects trends in the nation, too. You watch. Saudi will surprise us all and upturn biases.

On a different but related note, KAUST is launching a ‘Dear AI’ campaign to address gender biases about the underrepresentation of women, Saudi and Arabs in AI⁴ software. Other interesting facts about Saudi women can be read in this article:

<https://www.kaust.edu.sa/.../kaust-dear-ai-campaign...>

It’s really cool to live here at this time of incredible change. You feel it. The window is open, and the breeze is moving through.

Episode 26–Montebello atom tests (part 2)

Serial memoirs of Anthony Hodson

Looking back at the first Montebello atom test of the previous episode, it is curious that, within the environment within which we sailors lived, everyone was so matter-of-fact about what happened. This would not have been the case for the scientists, for whom the tests were part of world politics and their professional careers. nor would it have been for the senior officers in HMS Diana and other naval vessels involved, since they carried a huge responsibility to make those tests as effective as

³ Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – now a standard acronym.

⁴ AI is data-driven Artificial Intelligence – it generates knowledge by pattern recognition within large quantities of data, and is therefore as sound as the accuracy and diversity of the information fed into it.

possible, and as safe as possible, to the extent permitted by the available resources. All of the key figures in the tests would be aware of the limits of knowledge about the test outcomes, and alert to potential dangers.

For us ratings, the non-commissioned mass of the ship's crew, what we were doing was what we were trained to do, and we accepted the briefings that we were given, because they had been coherent and consistent.

So we sailed to the other side of the world for two Atom Bomb tests, and we learned the craft of being professional seamen in Her Majesty's Navy as we travelled, and we were prepared for the unforgettable sight of a real atomic explosion. And on a clear day, in the early afternoon, that first atom test took place, with a huge flash of light and radiation. The seething mushroom cloud rose, 20 miles away; it soared higher and higher into the sky, expanding as it went up, leaving a relatively thin stem below it, which was carved into a zig-zag as the differing winds at various levels distorted it. Yes, the image is unforgettable, and still in memory after nearly 70 years, even though the image of an atom-bomb explosion and its mushroom-cloud, was probably already familiar in days that never seemed so very far off from the possibility of nuclear war. Only six years later, the Cuban Missile Crisis brought the world close to that catastrophe.

After the explosion, HMS Diana switched on the pumps for the pre-wetting system that was to keep the outside of the ship wet, to reduce the extent to which radio-active particles in the air adhered to the ship's surface. We found the fallout cloud, and, with all mess-decks and most working-areas locked down and fed with filtered air, we sailed through it, testing the multiple arrangements to make the ship continue to be human-habitable. When the external level of radioactivity had subsided, the pumps stopped, and life at sea resumed its normal course. Reports were written of all that happened, and all that could be concluded from the experiments; and when that had taken place, HMS Diana sailed back to Singapore.

Today, what happened at that test, and others, has been described as an outrageous experiment. At the time, it was life as we expected it to be.

I do not recall much of Singapore at the time. The city is almost exactly on the equator, with warm and often wet weather. It was fourteen years after the city's traumatic capture by the Japanese in 1942 - "the worst disaster and largest capitulation in British history" (Winston Churchill). In September 1945 Japan at last surrendered the city, amid local violence

and disorder; recovery began, fed to a degree by worldwide demand for tin and rubber, although hindered by the communist-inspired Malayan war seeking independence. Singapore gained a degree of autonomy as a British Crown Colony. In the late 1950s Singapore was granted full independence.

To us sailors, it was a beautiful spot and there was no obvious sign of the difficult recovery. Our pocket-money did not run to exotic venues like the Raffles Hotel, but we enjoyed the local food, and bought trinkets from the traders and bazaars, and sailors did what sailors did. My main outlay was a cheap Japanese camera. Unable to go ashore weeks later in Penang, Malaysia, after the second atom-test, I lent my camera to a friend to take pictures for me onshore, and he dropped it. It literally fell apart, revealing the mechanism inside, which was fabricated by ingenious Japanese craftsmen from the only available resources: tin-cans that had contained food - descriptions of the tins' contents were still visible on the pieces.

I remember a cricket match arranged for our entertainment and diversion between Diana sailors - fore-decks-men vs after-decks-men, on a beautiful cricket field. After about an hour the heavens opened, and the air seemed to become 50% water – almost hard to breathe. As a place used to this kind of weather, deep monsoon ditches, several feet deep, had been dug to convey the water to the sea. In only a few minutes, it seemed, those ditches were brimming with water. A couple of hundred soggy sailors made their way back to the ship.

Soon we returned to the Montebello Islands about 1700 miles away, for the second atom test. This time, the weather was heavily overcast. The explosion was scheduled for the early afternoon, but there was no chance of seeing it. Instead, 40 miles away, we felt the deepest of sonic booms. Our task was then to find the radioactive fallout cloud as it reached the surface, and, due to inaccurate meteorological information, we were unable at first to do so. Eventually, and after it was dark (darkness falls very quickly in those tropical latitudes), we did find the fallout, but a new problem arose.

To sample the fallout particles, the scientific party had a special instrument - a deep round metal tray that was divided up into many sector-like compartments. Above the tray was a slowly rotating mask with a single sector-like opening that generally covered all but one compartment below (except when making a transition from one compartment to the next. The rotating mask served to allow samples collected at different times to land

in different compartments, so that it would be possible to measure the quantity and composition of the radioactive components of the fallout cloud at different times after the detonation of the atomic device.

The problem was that by the time the fallout cloud had been found, the rotating mask had run its course, and the instrument, which was on the ship's bows had to be reset by hand, out in the fallout cloud. The scientific party was assembled to discuss this; the professional scientists were not volunteering to do the job, so I volunteered, feeling rather heroic, and of course, aged 19, immortal. So I was dressed in protective plastic clothing and a gas-mask, given a film-badge dosimeter to record my total radioactive exposure, and out I went through a double-lock system of hatches. A bulletin was given on the ship's PA system: "Ordinary Seaman Hodson has gone out on deck to reset the scientific instruments". I reset the instrument (which I knew well, from my work with the scientific party) without difficulty, and returned to the double lock. There I was decontaminated and showered clean, and that was the end of the story. I felt that I had been professionally treated and cleaned up, and thought no more of it, other than having played a tiny, but possibly key, role in the big atomic experiment.

However, many of HMS Diana's crew were affected over the years by the radiation of the tests, particularly the engine people.

Was I affected? Not significantly, as far as I know. I am a very lucky man in many ways, and it is tempting to think that my washing-up duties at the time of the first test explosion were an amazing stroke of good luck.⁵

⁵ On <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2008/jan/06/military.nuclear> there is the following report:

"The destroyer HMS Diana was sent by defence officials into the zone of an atomic test in the South Pacific in 1956 to discover the effects of a nuclear explosion on naval vessels and their men. Of the 308-strong crew, around two-thirds have died, with survivors claiming that a range of illnesses including cancer, cataracts and lung disorders may have been caused by 'ingesting radiation'.

"Even the ship's captain, John Gower, was unhappy with the mission, writing that after sailing through the nuclear fallout he felt uneasy having to 'continue to serve in a ship, parts of which had been unacceptably radioactive'. An ardent champion for the crew members he believed were

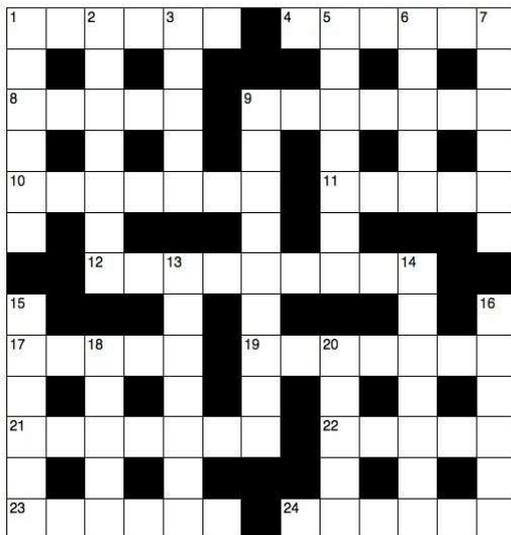
After the test, we returned to Singapore – where (in the delicate political situation on the island), and with parts of the ship still radioactive, we were not welcome in the dockyard. So we proceeded homeward, looking forward to an uneventful cruise back to England.

But that was not to be.

All episodes so far: <https://fosmw.com/parishmag/an-interesting-life.pdf>

Puzzles

Crossword Puzzle



Clues

Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)

affected by the tests, Gower died in 2007 aged 95."

- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
 19 ‘Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord’ (Exodus 34:29) (7)
 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis’s half-man, half-horse (7)
 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
 23 ‘The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles’ (Acts 1:26) (6)
 24 ‘I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me’ (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
 14 They must be ‘worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine’ (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
 15 The human mind or soul (6)
 16 ‘O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ’ (Graham Kendrick) (6)
 18 ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not — ’ (Matthew 11:17) (5)
 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

ACROSS: 1. Cosmic. 4. Thomas. 8. In his. 9. Delat. 10. Falwell. 11. Water. 12. Recovered. 17. Sidon. 19. Radiant. 21. Centaur. 22. Broil. 23. Eleven. 24. Prison. 25. Holy war. 6. Moist. DOWN: 1. Cliffs. 2. Scholar. 3. Issue. 5. Holy war. 6. Moist. 7. Sphere. 9. Deliverer. 13. Candace. 14. Deacons. 15. Psyche. 16. Stolen. 18. Dance. 20. Debar.

Children's Corner

The doctor and the ill person



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS CALLED MATTHEW - A TAX COLLECTOR TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.

JESUS EVEN WENT TO MATTHEW'S HOME.



THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!

BUT JESUS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK TO EVERYONE!

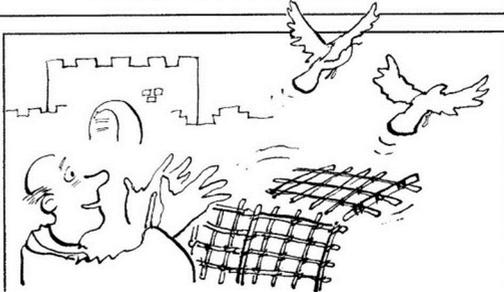


"PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL DO NOT NEED A DOCTOR"



"BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK"

"IT IS KINDNESS THAT GOD WANTS"



"NOT ANIMAL SACRIFICES!" see Matthew Ch. 9 v.9-13