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16 th November	Ezekiel 34 vv 1-16 John 10 vv 7-16	17 th November	Daniel 12 vv 1-4 John 11 vv 17-27
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Psalm 61. HEAR my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer. From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee : when my heart is in heaviness. O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I : for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy. I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings. For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires : and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name. Thou shalt grant the King a long life : that his years may endure throughout all generations. He shall dwell before God for ever : O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him. So will I always sing praise unto thy Name : that I may daily perform my vows. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King *CHARLES*; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Blythwood Shoeboxes

Your kindness and generosity make such a difference at Christmas, receiving a shoebox brings so much joy. We will soon be looking ahead to our Shoe Box Appeal 2022, helping vulnerable communities across Eastern Europe. We trust we will be able to deliver boxes to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. We shall be collecting these at our services on 6th November. Standard size shoeboxes please. Top priority contents are toothbrush & paste, hat, scarf & gloves, soap, underwear, socks, small toy & sweets, but no chocolate please, no other food, and no toy soldiers or weapons or stuffed toys. Also useful are flannel, shampoo or shower gel, make up, shaving cream & razor, brush, comb, toiletries, sanitary products & stationery, candles, household products and small tools such as screwdrivers or pliers. Leaflets will be available in church. Please add a donation towards the cost of transport if you can. Boxes should be labelled girl, boy, man, woman, etc..

We received this from James Campbell, the Chief Executive of Blythwood.

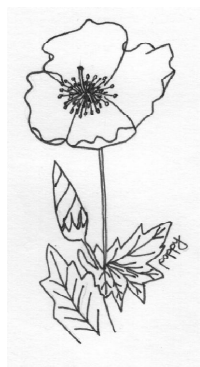
Your support for Blythwood's Shoe Box Appeal helps to deliver practical aid and sends a powerful message that somebody cares. Last winter Mihai Micula delivered boxes to a home for orphaned and abandoned children in the county of Satu Mare, northwest Romania. The carer told him that, after he left, many of the teenagers had started to cry, hugging the presents which they had been given. "She explained that these young people keep asking themselves what is wrong with them, that no-one in their families wanted them," Mihai said. "Their story was so sad to hear. Some of them had slept with their Christmas box close to them."

It was the French writer Victor Hugo who famously said that the greatest happiness in life is the conviction that we are loved. The apostle John, who knew Jesus so well, was less vague: "*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*" (1 John 3:1)

Your gift helps shoebox distributors like Mihai to show the love of God in a practical way. Thank you very much indeed.

Christmas Gifts

On the first Sunday in December (4th) at our 9.30 & 11.00 services we shall be collecting Christmas gifts for households in the Strood area – some of which have little to share even at Christmas. We need items like packaged food including puddings, cakes, sweets, chocolates, crisps, crackers, Christmas crackers, custard, biscuits. We also provide a small gift for each individual like new books and toys, shower gel gifts for adults and teenagers etc...



From the Rector

Among the many observations made on the long life and reign of our late Queen Elizabeth II it was remarked that she was one of that diminishing band of folks who remembered the Second World War. Her Majesty was a child at its outbreak and a young adult when it reached its conclusion in 1945 and, insofar as her position as daughter of the King and heir to the throne permitted, played her own part, together with all her father's subjects, in sustaining national resilience in the face of a

powerful and ruthless enemy until at last the evil of Nazism was defeated. This defeat of a wicked and expansionist political creed was one of the many things for which we have to be thankful which occurred during our late monarch's life and reign: – including advances in science, technology and medicine; the National Health Service and the extension of the Welfare State; a growing commitment to the education of the entire population; and a concern that all should be decently housed. If we are wise, we thank God for these and other developments during our lifetimes and those of our forebears. The fact that there remains so much to be done in establishing

peace and justice for all is a reflection of our failure to be obedient to God's Commandments.

When I was ordained, there were still plenty of people who remembered the First World War and had indeed served in the armed forces. I remember how, as a curate in the 1980s, I was saddened by a lovely, gentle, old Christian man telling me that he still had nightmares about the battlefields of the Great War. Such a man, I thought, never ought to have been called upon to be a soldier. However, while I don't know whether he was a volunteer or a conscript, along with millions of others, he had done his duty.

A few years before that, when I was still preparing for ordination training, I visited an old people's home. An old lady was quietly crying. I asked her what was wrong. "My husband has died," she said. I asked when he had died and she told me that it was in 1916. She still grieved. *These things ought not to be so.*

When I came here in 1987, there were still plenty of people around who remembered the Second World War – now a diminishing band, most of whom, like Her late Majesty, were very young at the time. *Time like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away*, a far from depressing thought if we share in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, of which the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke so effectively at the royal funeral.

When we say the Laurence Binyon lines on Remembrance Sunday

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

there seem to me to be two thoughts held in tension. One is the thought that those who have died in their youth will miss out on all the things that they might have done had they lived our allocated three score years and ten. The other thought is that, dying young, they are spared the trials and tribulations of this transitory life. They will not know anxiety or hardship or the pains and frailties of old age. I suppose that how we read these lines depends on what we think about God's Providence and what we believe about the hereafter.

Solemn thoughts, I must, however, share with you something I heard lately about the grim humour which often sustained our parents' and grandparents' generations in the horrors of war. A character in a World War II radio comedy show observed in a whiney voice, "I suppose the Blitz is a good thing really. It takes your mind off the war."

It is a strange thing how during all the rituals, ceremonies, services and commentaries following Her Majesty's Death, some things, often little things, unexpectedly stood out as especially poignant. I was very moved by a short anecdote provided by someone who had sat next to his mother at the funeral of King George VI. Queen Mary was by that time too frail to take part in the procession and watched from a balcony. As the King's coffin passed, her companion looked into her face and realised that this Queen was thinking of the little boy in a sailor suit her son had been in happier times.

It was a very precious reminder of the humanity of people involved in great events. The King, the Prime Minister, Black Rod, the Head of the Armed Forces, the Lord Chancellor, all these people, it is too easy only to regard the role, not the person. It is of course true that Charles is the King and Ms Truss is the Prime Minister. It is who they are, but it is not everything they are. There are human beings, just like us, made in God's image, for whom Christ died. I sometimes say that Rector of Cuxton and Halling is what I am, not what I do. I'm a priest just as a married man is a husband. I am, however, primarily a human being – as are King Charles and Robert Buckland. You think that shouldn't need saying? What if I told you about the woman who told me that she was momentarily surprised to discover at a church conference that even the Archbishop of Canterbury had to go to the gents'?

This matters too as we think about war. We talk about thousands of casualties, millions even. It's too easy to forget that every one of them was some mother's son, just as King George VI was Queen Mary's son. Every one of those millions was an individual human being, special to God, special to his family, special to himself. He had his own talents, gifts, opportunities and personality. This is equally true when we hear

about earthquakes or famines in which so many hundred or so many thousand are “believed to have died” or have been made homeless or are without food or clean water and succumbing therefore to disease. The numbers horrify, but they may also sanitise if we forget the individuality of each man, woman and child the statistics include.

That is why we must try to think of people in prominent positions as human beings with human needs and weaknesses whatever gifts and privileges have been bestowed on them. We must be sympathetic and understanding, not merely awed by or critical of their high status. We must pray for them.

It is why we must work and pray for peace. It is why we must take care of our servicemen and women and their dependents. It is why we support such charities as the Royal British Legion.

It is also the reason we must be as generous as we can be in seeking to meet the needs of the victims of poverty, sickness, conflict and natural disaster.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. These words of Jesus teach us how God cares for each one of us as individuals. It follows that we must care for one another in the same way.

PERCY PIGEON’S PERCEPTIONS

Good day to you all. Didn’t we have a glorious summer - and doesn’t it seem far away now! We have been making essential repairs to our nest to make it weather-proof for the winter while we take up our winter residence in the Amazon box in the disused garage.

We were somewhat bemused recently to hear two folk arguing and exchanging a range of insults. One shouted, “You are bird-brained!” This confused us as ounce for ounce, birds’ brains are far superior to humans’ brains. Even in terms of neurones per brain gram, we far exceed you, with our cousins the goldcrests being ‘brainiest’ of all. Given time doubtless we could solve all your human riddles and enigmas, but we really think they are diversions for you to enjoy while we soar above you - in more ways than one!

The days are getting shorter so we have less time to search for food. The foxes are complaining and sending out their young cubs to fend for themselves. We too have to go further afield to find our food or rely upon you to leave some out for us. So imagine our delight when flying over the river to Wouldham, we came across a ploughing match! We watched the two steam engines, and marvelled at the straight furrows made by the ploughs! Of course we followed the ploughs from a safe distance, feeding along the trenches they

Before I finish this month’s letter, I should like to thank all those who undertook various additional tasks as part of our churches’ response to the death of our late Queen and the Accession of King Charles III. Most conspicuous perhaps has been the contribution of our bellringers, but others have worked steadily in the background to mark these events and I am sure that all of us have been united in prayer.

[If you use the formal forms of prayer for the Sovereign and the Royal Family from the BCP, you will find the correct form of the Prayer for the King on the first page of this magazine. The Prayer for the Royal Family now reads **ALMIGHTY** God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

It might interest you to know that it was Katherine Parr and Princess Elizabeth who composed the Prayer for the King (first for Henry VIII) and that it was King James I who asked for a prayer to be included for the Royal Family.]

Roger.

created. Then there were the remains of the ploughers' sandwiches and the snacks of the onlookers and judges. We did so very well that day! In case you missed the sight – [Percy supplied pictures which won't be printable in the paper version, but will appear as an appendix to the electronic versions. Likewise the wooden chicken in Indonesia.]

We did hear the sad news that your Queen died. HM The Queen maintained an interest in the Royal pigeon lofts and regularly visited when at Sandringham. 160 mature pigeons are currently kept in the lofts, along with 80 young pigeons. Though some of these are 'stock' animals used purely for breeding, the majority are used for racing. We do hope that HM King Charles III will continue to look after our most elite cousins.

On a tree mail recently, there was an interesting article about the “chicken church” in Indonesia. The “architect” was “inspired” to create a dove - or pigeon - shaped building for all faiths but it didn't quite turn out very dovelike. Hence it's been called the “chicken church”. Pigeons are of course very closely related to doves. It's a popular tourist attraction.

Of course we pigeons have a real affinity with churches with their lofty nesting sites which are free from predators, relatively sheltered from the weather's worst, and sometimes filled with elevating words and music. There are often friends to meet on the tower of St Michaels and atop of St Johns.

I wish you all a mild and happy mid-autumn as you prepare for winter and your various festivities.

Coo coo.

Christmas at St John's

The Platinum Jubilee concert at Halling was such a success that everybody wanted a repeat performance. I'm happy to be able to tell you that at 4.00 pm on the 3rd December, there will be a similar **concert of Christmas music at St John's**. Halling Parish Council have kindly agreed to subsidise this event, but we shall also have to ask for donations to cover the full cost. Entry will, however, be free. Please contact me to book free tickets and tell all your friends about it.

There will also be another **Christmas Tree Festival** at St John's from 17th December. If you, or a group you belong to, would like to contribute a tree, please contact Jenny Beaney.



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MU Minute Bite-sized Report on Metamorphosis Course Actions - Belfast

I was asked to give a bite-sized 1 minute report on the work of our local Mothers' Union and whether our Zoom attendance on a Metamorphosis Course helped in stimulating change and action. This was shown on the screen at the MU Conference in Belfast!

“I have been helping in our local Prison's Visitors' Centre. Many visitors after a long journey, appreciate a warm welcome and refreshments. We help with problems and keep the children amused so they have a friendly, relaxed visit. Our Prison work in the Rochester Diocese has been a wonderful opportunity for MU members, to come together and make a difference in our local community. The Metamorphosis course inspired us to embrace the current Diocesan projects and extend the Prison Chaplain's requests for rucksacks and clothing for men on release.

At Christmas we took in Christmas trees, decorations and MU members gave every resident a gift at Christmas and Easter with a handwritten card. Supplying 700 Christmas socks and Easter Eggs to the prisoners brought an element of fun into the prison and lightened the mood between the wardens and residents.

Our local branch has particularly enjoyed zoom meetings with Valerie West's local branch, “Holy Saviour” in Trinidad and Tobago and we have shared many inspiring ideas with lots of laughter. This summer we enjoyed a special Twinning Service.

Our branch has also enjoyed saying ‘yes’ to a range of ideas such as Christmas Tree Festivals, Teddy Bear Picnics, Spring and Summer Celebrations for families, Autumn boxes for the local school.

Staying positive and saying “yes” to ideas, has enabled us to think of small actions which have created big changes.”

Jenny Beaney.

Difficult Times

Thomas Stevens Trust-Cuxton’s Only Charity

We really are living in challenging times, with permanent and temporary jobs disappearing overnight (often with no alternative employment options), heavily reduced hours for those in employment because of reduced ordering of products, severe stress and tiredness because of the worry of providing for oneself and family, or acting as a carer for someone in extra need. The Thomas Stevens Trust is here to help those in difficult circumstances to partially adapt their vulnerability, to overcome some of their food and fuel supply problems, thereby maintaining a semblance of normal healthy living.

If you have lived in Cuxton for 2 years, and believe we can help out in any small way, please contact us on thomasstevenscharity@hotmail.com

Pets & the Financial Crisis

Some people are now finding that they are unable to keep their family pets because of money problems. If you think you could permanently re-home or foster temporarily a dog in this situation, you could contact the Dogs’ Trust or another similar charity <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk> . Cats Protection and several other charities re-home cats <https://www.cats.org.uk/adopt-a-cat> You could also try contacting the RSPCA.

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place again this year in Cuxton Scout Hall at 10.00 am on Saturday 3rd December. There will be a variety of stalls, a raffle and a visit is anticipated from a bearded elderly gentleman dressed in red.

Frustrated by Banks

I thought of writing this article some months ago and decided not to on the grounds that we were probably the only ones affected, even that it might be all my fault because I am so useless at bureaucracy. However, having discovered other groups in the area facing the same problem and engaging with other frustrated charity trustees online, I realise that this is a big problem.

In days of yore, banks had a whole network of branches reaching into even quite small towns and villages. There were local managers who generally lived in the area and were respected members of the community. The bank staff knew you and understood your needs. Banks sometimes seemed stuffy and could be a bit intimidating, but they treated you fairly and always behaved honourably. They looked after your savings and didn’t lend money to people who they thought might not be able to repay. I’m not saying that banks were perfect in the past. Communication could be poor. Customers could feel patronised. Some charges were, in my opinion, excessive. They were, however, a great deal better in their treatment of the ordinary customer than they are today.

Most banks offered charity accounts. Not only was it good for their reputation and therefore for business, I believe that there was also a genuine sense of social responsibility. Banks wanted the communities in which they were situated to flourish because they were part of those communities. Now, I am afraid that, as with so many other institutions, there is no longer any humanity and customers exist simply to be exploited. Charity accounts are converted into business accounts and sometimes swingeing charges are introduced. We closed our CMS account with Lloyds when they put up charges to the point that they would have absorbed our entire capital in three or four years. One medium sized charity which supports churches was charged £200 in the course of a year just for the handling of cheques. Another which works in poor

communities at home & abroad is, for this reason, discouraging donations by cheque because of the bank charges. It's not safe sending cash by post. How far can we trust bank to bank transfers?

Legally, what counts as a charity is defined as follows and one can easily see why so many people donate freely and generously to charity.

The 13 descriptions of purposes listed in the Charities Act are:

- (a) the prevention or relief of poverty
- (b) the advancement of education
- (c) the advancement of religion
- (d) the advancement of health or the saving of lives
- (e) the advancement of citizenship or community development
- (f) the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science
- (g) the advancement of amateur sport
- (h) the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- (i) the advancement of environmental protection or improvement
- (j) the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- (k) the advancement of animal welfare
- (l) the promotion of the efficiency of the armed forces of the Crown, or of the efficiency of the police, fire and rescue services or ambulance services
- (m) any other purposes currently recognised as charitable or which can be recognised as charitable by analogy to, or within the spirit of, purposes falling within (a) to (l) or any other purpose recognised as charitable under the law of England and Wales

People may be less sympathetic to bank directors and chief executives, but they have their problems too. Do you know what it costs to moor a luxury yacht for a year at Cannes? Neither do I, but it's gone up since Brexit. A family living in a bedsit has only one room to heat and the more crowded they are the warmer they are, but a chief executive's London mansion may have twenty rooms to heat (most of them empty) and a swimming pool and there may also be a rural retreat which has to be kept warm and ready to receive him when he fancies a country break. There are helicopters and private jets to fuel and fast cars which drink petrol. People who travel on buses and drive hatchbacks just have no idea of what millionaires have to suffer. So it's perhaps understandable that banks are replacing free charity accounts with business accounts they can charge for.

My real issue in this article is the difficulty of changing the authorised signatories on charity accounts. In my experience, the worst is Santander, though I'm quite prepared to believe that other banks are as bad. Perhaps you remember the dear old Giro Bank, which was run as a public service. A straightforward bank operated from post offices, Giro was very popular with churches, charities and voluntary organisations. After a series of takeovers, Santander have inherited all these accounts and it is almost impossible to remove from the list of authorised signatories the names of those who have retired or even died or to add the names of new officers. You can go into a branch (if you can find one) or telephone them and they will give you a set of forms to fill in and instructions about obtaining a mandate from your trustees. You will do all this and they will then say that what you have done is insufficient. No matter how completely you follow their instructions, it will never be good enough. I've tried ringing them and writing to them. When I tried to register online, they claimed not to recognise my address even though they have known it for more than thirty years. When I tried ringing them again I waited in a long queue listening to a recorded voice telling me it would be quicker to go online. When I eventually got through I answered all their questions and they promised to make the changes I asked for and then they wrote to me and told me it was not enough and still refused to make the changes. So I wrote to them. They wrote back telling me to ring them. And so it has gone on for nearly twenty years, which is why we now also have an account with NatWest. As I said, we are far from alone. Another village charity was forced to open a new account with another bank because of

Santander's intransigence. Another Church I know of is in the same boat as we are with Santander. Another small charity I know of is paying bills out of cash receipts because they don't believe that Santander will ever release the money they have deposited with them. It occurred to me that, as this pattern is presumably repeated all over the country, the banks must be hanging on to millions of pounds belonging to churches, charities and voluntary organisations. They can't spend it, but it makes their balance sheets look good and very likely they use it to support their investment strategies. What happens when the last surviving signatories on these accounts die or move right away? In theory, the banks have mechanisms to deal with such situations, but if they are as impossible to access as the rules in force while we are still alive, the reality must be that the charity's capital is lost forever. Roger.

Fund-Raising Fun

The Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride went well. I'm afraid I was the only one from this parish to take part this year, though I think we had more visitors from other churches at both Cuxton & Halling than we usually do. I wasn't able to go so far as usual myself because it fell on the day the parish magazine has to be collated. However I did enjoy myself. It was a warm sunny day. It was good to meet other people cycling or manning churches. We raised £300 of which £150 will come back to us and the rest be used by FKC for the benefit of churches in Kent generally.

After our Patronal Service Eucharist at St Michael's, we enjoyed a splendid bring and share lunch, excellent food, wonderful fellowship. We raised £70 for Ukraine in the collection we took. The Tideway Folk Group Charity Concert on 1st October was a great success. The music provided by the lads and by Dawn was enjoyed by a large audience and we collected £615 in aid of Cancer Research UK. The sunny weather surprised us for our Harvest Barbecue on 2nd October at the church hall. The food was good and so was the company. Our collection contributed more than £70 to towards the Poverty & Hope Appeal.

From the Registers

Baptisms:

11 th September	Ava Thea Langridge	Wendover Close
18 th September	Nadia Gabrielle Jennifer Bridge	The Limes
25 th September	Elsie May Austin-Fuller	Gillingham
9 th October	Robert David Sant	
9 th October	Isabella Carole Sant	Conveyor Drive
9 th October	Sadie Charlotte Sant	Conveyor Drive
9 th October	Hannah Jayne Tickner	Rainham

Wedding Blessings:

25 th September	Thomas & Mary Hicks (68 th Anniversary)	St John's
1 st October	David & Christine Eede (40 th Anniversary)	St Michael's

Funeral

14 th October	Gladys Nunn	formerly of Cuxton
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Harvest Festival

Thank you all for the flowers, the drama and the music and for your harvest gifts. The food will be taken to the Foodbank and the Poverty & Hope envelopes may be returned up until Christmas. Please make any cheques payable to Rochester DBF and write Poverty & Hope on the back.

St John's Draw: £5 each to Mrs Burren (55), Mrs Gyde (133) & Mrs Fallows (184).

Church Hall Draw: 1st - Michael Lofthouse, 2nd - Laura MacDonald, 3rd - Ann Saunders



