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WELCOME MESSAGE



Rev'd Peter Toller
Rector

Welcome to the 'Summer' edition of News Extra for July and August. We're into the holiday season with people taking the opportunity to get away from their usual surroundings and explore somewhere different. Whether you can get away or not, sometimes it's good for us to have a break from our normal routine and to do something completely different.

I recently preached on the Trinity and noted both the unity and diversity found in the Trinity. If we find both at the heart of the one who made us, then finding that balance could be important in our own lives. Unity - we need a level of consistency and routine to our daily life. Doing the same things each week gives our bodies a sense of security and confidence. We also need diversity though - this keeps our minds interested and engaged. So if you're going away this summer - enjoy the change to routine, the different surroundings and the opportunity to explore a different part of God's wonderful creation.

If you're not able to get away - perhaps try to do something different - something you've never done before - and reflect on how it made you feel.

This summer at church, we're inviting people to 'Spread the Word'. As a part of Bible Alive '25, we're challenging our church family to take a copy of the Gospel of John with them wherever they go and take a picture of themselves with the gospel. It's a reminder that as Christians, our lives can point to the gospel - the good news of Jesus - and so we take the gospel with us all the time. The aim of taking it with us is to give it away to someone we meet as a blessing to them. Hopefully we'll end up with a wonderful display of pictures of people taking the gospel from Dibden to the world!

Whatever you're up to this summer and whatever you end up doing, may you know God's blessing upon you, your homes and your families. We look forward to being in touch with you soon.

Rev'd Peter Toller

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PARISH NEWS

SPREAD THE WORD – THE GREAT GOSPEL GIVEAWAY!

As part of Bible Alive '25, this summer, we're challenging our church family to take a copy of John's Gospel with you wherever you go, and to take a picture of yourself with the gospel in any far flung, unusual or significant locations. It's a reminder that we carry the gospel - the good news of Jesus - with us wherever we are. We're also challenging you to give the gospel away to someone you meet.

Towards the end of the year, we'll

present prizes for the Furthest Location, the Best Picture and the Most Gospels given away! The 'Bible Alive '25' noticeboard will show how far and wide the copies of the Gospel of John have travelled. To build this visual record, please send a picture of where you read or passed on your copy, whether it be Hythe or Holland, Lyndhurst or London, Southampton or South Africa, Mozambique or the Moon ... you get the idea.

Email a suitable picture to the office (office@dibdenchurches.org) so that we can print and display it, even if it's just a book and a landmark. Let's spread the Word as we enjoy our holidays!

THE CRAFT TABLE IS BACK!

Looking for affordable gifts and summer items? Our St Andrew's craft stall is back, made lovingly by hand, many items only £2 or £3.

Our thanks to the amazing ladies who did all this! The stall is in aid of the Rector's discretionary fund for those who find themselves unexpectedly in need, and has greetings cards, fabric bags and all sorts of gifts made from offcuts and reused materials, 'When it's gone, it's gone'. Do have a look if you're visiting, maybe there's something you'd like.

PARISH COOKBOOK – RECIPES WANTED

We are creating a cookbook of our Dibden Parish congregation's favourite recipes that you like to cook, which we will have ready to sell in the Autumn. We hope it will make a great Christmas present.

Copies will be sold in aid of the Rwanda Blessings Fund.

All recipes need to be submitted by 18th July and we are also looking for volunteers to sit on the shortlisting panel. Please speak to Pippa Brown or contact the parish office for more information (office@dibdenchurches.org).



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NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE



11,000 PEOPLE TAKE PART IN CONSULTATIONS FOR THE NEXT ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

More than 11,000 people have so far participated in the consultations for the next Archbishop of Canterbury. It was carried out online, by post and in person between February and March this year.

The public consultation was a unique opportunity to influence the future of leadership within the Church, helping to discern the gifts, skills and qualities that will be required in the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, to meet the needs of the Church today and in the years to come.

The themes that emerge through this consultation will sit alongside the 'Statement of Needs' produced by the Diocese of Canterbury, as well as other information provided by the National Church and Anglican Communion. This information will inform the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission of the needs of the mission of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion.

RURAL AREAS, LOWEST INCOME COMMUNITIES AND PARISH REVITALISATIONS BENEFIT FROM MISSION FUNDING

A recent report has shown that national strategic funding awards have been making a 'significant' difference to the mission of the Church of England.

There are now growing levels of investment in the revitalisation of parishes and the most deprived areas of the country.

And while of course much remains to be done, there is also now much to celebrate, because of the growth in the numbers of new followers of Christ in places supported by strategic funding.

So says the recent annual report of the Church of England's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB).

It was in 2024 that the Board awarded £81 million in grants to 12 dioceses. The money went to support staff, local lay and ordained leaders, building work, community engagement and new services.

Other details from the 2024 annual report include:

£6.49 million approved for 40 additional stipendiary curates to begin this year.

£30.1 million of Lowest Income Communities (LinC) funding to 28 dioceses, with these awards sustaining ministry and paying for stipendiary clergy in many of the lowest income communities in the country. (LinC supported more than 2,000 parishes in 2023, serving around 15 million people.)

Overall, since 2017, as a result of SDF and SMMIB awards, there are:

- An estimated 37,000 people newly participating in church.
- An estimated 6,000 new leaders have stepped up to lay leadership or exploring ordained vocations for the first time.
- An estimated 1,300 new worshipping communities have been created.
- A third of England's population are estimated to live in parishes which are supported through SMMI or SDF projects.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BISHOPS URGE PRIME MINISTER TO RETHINK MIGRATION RHETORIC

Fifteen Church of England bishops have joined Jewish, Muslim, and other Christian leaders in urging

the Prime Minister to reconsider migration rhetoric that they warn risks deepening division and undermining compassion.

They have signed a joint letter to the Prime Minister, calling for a more compassionate and respectful tone in the national conversation around migration.

The letter, coordinated by HIAS+JCORE, a UK-based Jewish organisation that advocates for racial justice and refugee rights, expresses deep concern that current political rhetoric risks "strengthening those who would divide us" and undermines the UK's proud tradition of offering sanctuary to those in need.

Among the signatories are 15 Church of England bishops, including: Bristol, Guildford, Leeds, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Southwark and Winchester.

Together, the leaders warn that the Prime Minister's recent reference to the "incalculable" damage done by uncontrolled migration risks "strengthening those who would divide us."

While acknowledging public concerns around migration, the signatories stress the need for a response which is "principled, and lowers the temperature of the debate, respecting the dignity of all who make up our nation."

SUMMER AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



James Willett
Youth Minister

I would love to tell you about two exciting events this summer! Last Summer, Dunamis' Youth Revival (for the first time) and Holiday Club took place.

Thank you so much to leaders from last year's Youth Revival and Holiday Club and to those who will serve at the events this year. Your servant heartedness helps to draw children and Young People towards Jesus and I thank God for all of you.

Preparations are on the way to run both events again this coming Summer.

YOUTH REVIVAL

On Friday July 18th and Saturday July 19th, representatives

from Dunamis and volunteers from St Andrew's and other local churches will invite young people (aged 11 to 18) to join us at St Andrew's for a weekend of worship, teaching and sports activities. We will meet on Friday evening and through the day on the Saturday.

Timings:

Friday 18th July: 7pm-9pm (doors open at 6:30pm).

Saturday 19th July:
9:30am – 8:30pm
(doors open at 9am).

Dunamis' mission for Youth Revival is 'to ignite 'revival' in the hearts and lives of our Youth.

Echoing the words of **Isaiah 61:1** and **Luke 4:18**, we want to proclaim "freedom to the captives", to share the Gospel, and to invite young people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Through teaching on the Holy Spirit's vital role, we aim to see this generation equipped and empowered with every spiritual gift, to live a life that builds the kingdom of God here on earth as in heaven.'

During the weekend at Youth Revival, we'll be 'diving into teaching and worship, paired with plenty of downtime and space for hanging out, playing games and creating new friendships. We'll create space for small group discussions, praying for one another, and building community. We will also receive relevant, engaging teaching on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and

experience extended times of ministry together in the Lord's presence.

This year's theme is Listening to God. We'll be exploring questions like: 'Does God still speak today?', 'How does God speak to us?', 'What can we do to hear Him effectively?' and 'How can we discern that it is truly God's voice we are listening to?'.

For more information on The Youth Revival and to book a place for a young person, please follow this link: <https://www.dunamis.org.uk/youth/>

WONDER ZONE HOLIDAY CLUB

On 27th to 29th August, we will be running another Holiday Club! This time, the Scripture Union theme will be 'Wonder Zone.'

Last year, a wonderful group of amazing volunteers served the church, children and families in the parish to deliver 'Deep Sea Divers' Holiday Club. Thirty children attended the week, many of whom were not previously connected to a church. During one conversation, a parent told me that his daughter had said 'can we go to my church?' after only one day of the Holiday Club, which is so wonderful after a short time at the church. In addition a Mum told me that her child had been socially anxious in several settings, however he had taken to Holiday Club like a duck to water and not even looked back. This is an

amazing encouragement to us as a Church and to those who serve God through leading the children's work.

St Andrew's aims for their children and youth work to be welcoming for all young people, children and their families by:

- Sharing a positive experience of Christianity.
- Offering a community to belong
- Sharing the gospel

Wonder Zone Holiday Club aims to encourage a sense of wonder

WONDER ZONE TIMETABLE

9:30 - 9:45	Arrive
9:45 - 10:10	Songs, Story, Jokes, Messy Challenge
10:10 - 10:40	Craft or Sports
10:40 - 11:00	Snacks break
11:00 - 11:30	Craft or Sports
11:30 - 11:40	Drinks Break
11:40 - 12:15	Songs, Quiz, drama, joke box
12:15 - 12:30	Prepare to Leave
12:30	Pick Up time

in God's creation and more importantly a wonder in God.

We will explore some great scientific discoveries and find out who God is and how exploring science and following Him can go hand in hand.

The three mornings from Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th will run from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The children will begin the morning with fun activities in their age related groups, we will then join together to sing songs, hear a Bible story, share jokes and do messy challenges. Each of the

groups will do crafts and sports activities during the morning related to the theme and Bible story of the day.

Thank you to leaders who were involved last year with Youth Revival and Holiday Club and to those who have committed to serve this coming year. Your servant heartedness enables these events to take place.

If the Youth Revival or Holiday Club is something that you think would be of interest to a child you know, please contact James Willett at youth@dibdenchurches.org.



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RECTOR'S UPDATES



Written by
Rev'd Peter Toller

BUILDING WORKS

Many in our community have been asking about the large hoardings that have gone up at St Andrew's over Easter. At a time when it feels like church has become less significant in our culture, it's great that people are talking about the church again! To be honest, the building work is not as dramatic as it looks. We're replacing old, single glazed windows and repairing the roof and parapet at the same time. We're hoping it will look great when it's finished and really enhance the environment where we live and worship.

FOUR FACULTIES

We're really excited to be applying for four faculties at present for various important works at All Saints' and St Andrew's.

1. We have a full faculty application for the Pathways Project, which will significantly improve the Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard at All Saints'. We're currently trying

to raise the £20,000 this will cost. We're grateful to the many families with loved ones laid to rest there who have made a donation towards this.

2. We have a faculty application for installing a professional and discreet Sound System into All Saints' Church. The anticipated cost will be just under £2,000. This will significantly enhance the services we conduct there.

3. We have List B permission for the Redecoration of the Chancel at All Saints' as the paint is flaking. We have a painter ready but are waiting for the specialist paint to become available. This is costing just under £2,000.

4. We have a full faculty application for revamping the signage all around the St Andrew's Church and Centre. We're hoping to carry this out shortly after the current building works finish. This will cost just under £2,000 (again!).

If you would like to contribute financially to any of these projects we would be extremely grateful - please email office@dibdenchurches.org for details.

ORCHARD PRESCHOOL

Towards the end of this month we'll be sad to say goodbye to Orchard Pre-School. St Andrew's Centre has hosted the Preschool since it moved

to us from Orchard Infant School over 25 years ago. The Preschool is returning to its roots and will be located back at Orchard Infants from September. We are currently exploring options to host a new Nursery or Preschool so please get in touch if you know anyone who would be interested in this.

COFFEE HOUSE

We highly value the work of our Coffee House staff, volunteers and directors who provide this wonderful third space for our community. Part of our vision for St Andrew's is to reach out in Prayer on the one hand through our Prayer Garden and Waterside House of Prayer, and to reach out with Hospitality with the other hand through our Coffee House.

Contrary to popular opinion, our Coffee House struggles to break even (let alone make a profit). We would really value more volunteers

to reduce our costs and to offer pastoral care to those who come in wanting someone to talk to. Please see Tina in the Coffee House if you're interested - our volunteers enjoy their time in the Coffee House and you might too!

OAK ROAD CAR PARK

Finally, I'd like to mention Oak Road Car Park. For the first time this year, New Forest District Council have decided to levy a rates charge to St Andrew's for our lease of Oak Road Car Park. St Andrew's Church operates the car park to provide vital free parking for our village. Our appeal to NFDC was turned down so we have reached out to the local parish council and the Dibden Purlieu shops and businesses to support us in paying the rates to keep the car park free for everyone. We're also working with NFDC and the Parish Council to secure free parking for the future.



HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM: JOHN MARTIN'S 'MANFRED ON THE JUNGFRAU'

The Rev'd Michael Burgess surveys works of sacred art that can be found in various museums. John Martin's "Manfred on the Jungfrau" (1837) can be found in Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

In July we start looking with eager longing to holidays, a chance to get away from it all – to rest and recharge the batteries of life. Holidays are also a time to explore and visit new places. It might be the wild splendour of the Northumberland coast or the serenity of the Italian lakes, the vastness of the Grand Canyon or the magnificence of the Lake District.

This month's artist had a gift for creating paintings that expressed this epic quality of landscapes. John Martin was born in 1789, and as an artist was drawn to religious and historical

scenes on the grand scale. He illustrated the Bible and Milton, and his final works were on the theme of the Last Judgement. These are in the Tate Gallery in London, but for this July we visit the Art Gallery in Birmingham with its amazing collection of over half a million items, including many Pre-Raphaelite treasures. The entrance to this Victorian building is beneath the clock tower known as Old Brum.

The Art Gallery is home to John Martin's watercolour of 1837, 'Manfred on the Jungfrau.' It is a large work, almost 5 feet by 3 feet, capturing the rugged, imposing glory of the Jungfrau. Now a railway takes tourists to the summit in the Bernese Alps in Switzerland. In the 19th century climbers had to navigate glaciers, high passes and steep precipices. John Martin captures the grandeur of all this in his painting of snow and sky, crags and torrents, mountains and pine trees. Against that immensity we see two characters: Manfred, tortured by guilt and about to throw himself off the edge, and the mysterious hunter who leads him to safety.

Byron's poem 'Manfred' inspired the music of Tchaikovsky and Schumann, as it inspired John Martin. They were each attracted by the romanticism of man and nature in the poem. Like

Manfred and the hunter in the watercolour, we look at this grace and nobility and feel humble and insignificant. Byron wrote:

*'How beautiful is all this visible world!
How glorious in its action and itself'*

Manfred seeks redemption, but, sadly, finds only the solace of death. As we look at this painting, we see reflections of the landscapes we shall visit on our holidays. Such beauty, such glory, evoke for us those feelings of wonder and awe that inspired

John Martin.

Manfred sees life in its true perspective as he gazes on the majestic scenery of the Bernese Alps. Holidays help us to put life into perspective. Away from the pressure of responsibility and duty, we often realise what is essential in our lives and with those around. We behold the majesty and glory of creation; we see this world as the handiwork of God; and we ask ourselves how we might make our way through it and be always alert to its mystery and its beauty.



'I STARTED NOTICING THEY HAD SOMETHING I DIDN'T'

Students have been sharing their experiences of what first drew them to become Christians, and go on to speak about a "noticeable" increase in faith among Generation Z, in a recent national online survey.

The students, Tegan and Gus, had began their journey to faith because of a simple invitation from friends to attend a church service.

For Tegan, it was a conversation with a friend at brunch which sparked her curiosity. For Gus, he needed to call into the church to borrow a camera for a university project.

"The first couple of times I came back just because I wanted to chat to the people – like it was a nice place to be," Gus explains. "And from that community I noticed Jesus in them and that's what I really wanted at the end of it."

Tegan agrees: "I started noticing that they had something that I didn't and it's why I started going to the Alpha course and learned all about Jesus and who He was and what it meant for me."

Gus admits he had previously struggled with his poor mental

health. "Looking back at it now, I see Jesus in those moments, but now I interact with Jesus in those moments," he says. "He's actively helping me through those things now."

Tegan speaks of the death of her mother since she became a Christian. "I think that is where I've known Jesus's love the strongest – in my grief. I think grief is really dark and I don't know if I would have been able to do it without Jesus. I think He's been my strength through that and also my comfort.

"And I think people can see it within you, right? Like they see, wow, you have this sort of peace or joy that, is almost unreasonable, like that you couldn't have from anything but Jesus."

Both also speak about their own sense of growing interest in faith in their generation.

"I have noticed since being in a church myself lots more people joining that have never even heard the name of Jesus or don't know much about Him and seeing other people come to Him is just so exciting," says Tegan.

Gus adds: "The amount of people each year has definitely been increasing. It's noticeable each time the new year comes up it's 'oh we've got even more people now' it's just so encouraging."

AN EVENING WITH GRAHAM KENDRICK



Written by
Alice Ventris

How much for a ticket to go to the Graham Kendrick concert, I asked! Is that all ... this doubting Thomas asked in amazement! I knew the evening would be a sell out, just up the road at Testwood Baptist Church, no long expensive train rides with the return "milk train" in the early hours.

The tickets would sell like hot cakes, and so in excess of 350 did! Quite a good number of us, car sharing, enjoyed this most uplifting night of praise and worship. The evening was interspersed with some gentle silent prayer, led by Graham and supported by Jason Carter, on his unusual harp guitar, and Natasha Petrovic, with her violin and flute, both international Christian musicians in their own rights.

Throughout the evening, Graham shared some personal glimpses of his own stories, recounting his personal life journey and experiences which inspired

him to create compositions of words and music. Notably, for me, he extolled the Psalms, explaining how these were Jesus's prayerbook, His songbook and almost a meditation manual, if one can believe Jesus's needed such a thing. Psalm 1, the very first Psalm, "Like a tree...", Graham has set to his own musical composition, which is a favourite of his. Subscribe and listen to this on YouTube.

The great songs, so well known of his, were sung all night and, suitably rounding off the concert, lifting the Testwood Baptist Church roof off, was Graham's most famous anthem, "Shine Jesus Shine". This is sung by all generations and ages and silently murmured by those in distress and in places around the world where loud praise is not accepted.

So I end up promoting "Keep The Banner Flying High". I wish I could play this to you but do look it up and savour this strongly Christian message.

In the meantime, I'm on the lookout for his future concerts not too far away.

For further information relating to Graham Kendrick: <https://grahamkendrick.co.uk/>



WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER

ST. ANDREW'S, DIBDEN PURLIEU

Every Tuesday			
Dibden Minis Playtimes (term-time)	9:00am-10:30am	Main Hall	Toys, songs and snack time for babies and toddlers!
Every Wednesday			
Parish Prayers	9:00am	Garden Lounge and via Zoom	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/854948714 A Psalm, thought for the day and prayer.
Every Thursday			
Dibden Minis Playtimes (term-time)	10:00am-11:30am	Main Hall	Toys, songs and snack time for babies and toddlers!
Seekers youth group (term-time)	5:00pm-6:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Garden Lounge	Youth groups for those in Years 7-13. 5:00pm-6:30pm for Years 7-8, 6:30pm-7:30pm for Years 9-13.
Parish Prayers	6:30pm-7:00pm	Chapel	Prayers for our parish, community and world.
Wednesday 2nd July and Wednesday 6th August			
Living with Loss	3:00pm	Garden Lounge	An informal and supportive bereavement group.
Saturday 5th July			
Men's Breakfast	7:30am	Main Hall	We will be in the Main Hall, as usual, with prayers from 7:30am, breakfast from 8:00am.
Tuesday 8th July and Tuesday 5th August			
Women's Fellowship	2:15pm	Garden Lounge	A friendly group that meets with a guest speaker. Enjoy tea and a chat afterwards.
Thursday 17th July and Thursday 21st August			
CAMEO	12:15pm	Main Hall	Lunch time group for the elderly. <i>Booking required.</i>
Friday 18th July and Saturday 19th July			
Dunamis' Youth Revival	9:00am-11:00am	Church and Centre	We're inviting young people (aged 11 to 18) to join us at St Andrew's for a weekend of worship, teaching and sports activities. <i>For more information and to book a young person, please follow this link:</i> https://www.dunamis.org.uk/youth/
Saturday 19th July and Saturday 16th August			
Who Let the Dads Out?	9:00am-11:00am	Main Hall	Every third Saturday, dads and father figures are invited to bring their children to play games, eat bacon butties and meet other families. <i>Please contact James Willett at youth@dibdenchurches.org for further information.</i>
Wednesday 27th August - Friday 29th August			
Wonder Zone Holiday Club	9:30am-12:30pm	Church and Centre	Our annual holiday club for children in school years R-5 (July 2025), including messy challenges, creative crafts and uplifting Bible stories. <i>Please contact James Willett at youth@dibdenchurches.org to book a place.</i>

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ARABELLA AND REV'D GEORGE SOUTHOUSE



Written by
Viv Hutchinson

Whilst putting together the display to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the re-opening of All Saints' Church, I read "A History of All Saints" booklet. One paragraph in there read that in 1884 the old tower, with its surmounting spire, was considered to be unsafe. Plans were made to replace it and the foundation stone was laid in May 1884 by the Reverend Carlyon, assisted by the Reverend Southouse. The Reverend Southouse was a clergyman of independent means who lived at Depedene House, just a short step away from the church.

Quite by chance I came across a headstone in the graveyard that had the following names inscribed on it: Arabella Anne Southouse and her husband, Rev George Wrenford Southouse.

Arabella was born in Derby in 1812 to the Rev. Unwin and his wife, she had 7 siblings. In 1839 she married George but they remained childless. In the 1871 census, George and Arabella are recorded as living on the Isle of Wight, with George's occupation stating that

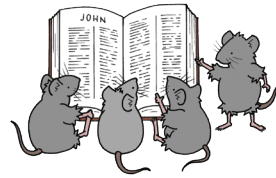


he is the Rector of Shanklin. They had four servants listed as living with them, plus a brother and sister in law. By the time of the next census, in 1881, the couple had moved to Depedene House at Dibden. Being retired now and living just across from the church, it would seem that George became active at All Saints' on a voluntary basis, helping the rector with the planning of the replacement tower. The census records five servants living with them. George is by now 68 and his occupation is still listed as the Rector of Shanklin.

Eight years after the census, Arabella dies, aged 77, and is laid to rest in the churchyard at All Saints'. By the 1901 census, George is now a widower, still living at Depedene House, along with four servants, but his niece is now living there too. His niece is Penelope L. Unwin, the very same lady who built the Mission Hall at Dibden Purlieu and who on her death bequeathed the Hall and the land next to it to the Rector and Churchwardens of Dibden Parish, where later St Andrew's Church was to be built. Penelope was the daughter of Arabella's brother, Edward. Perhaps she had moved into help look after her ageing uncle?

A year later, in 1902, George Southouse dies age 89. He is laid to rest with his wife and his name is added to the gravestone. Just a few months later, his niece, Penelope, dies aged 48 and her gravestone can be seen just to the left of Arabella and George.

SERMON REFLECTIONS



‘QUEEN OF SHEBA & THE VISIT’
 2 Chronicles 9:1-9 & Matthew 12:42
 Jo Fenton / 4th May

...“The Queen of Sheba ... it was not easy for her to get there. She made a massive effort to get there. I was doing some research on this ... but I found I was becoming bogged down with facts and I was missing the point of the story that's in the Bible. I was becoming a bit obsessed with where she came from ... [but] it doesn't matter. What matters is that we understand the Queen of Sheba made a massive effort to come to see [Solomon]. Why did she come? It says in the Bible she came with a caravan, ... she came with loads of camels ... and she came with loads of gifts. She took ages to get there ... How long did it take to get there, weeks and weeks and weeks and weeks. Through desert, over difficult terrain. It was boiling hot and she was bringing all this gold ... about 300 million pounds of gold and spices. Now why did she come? Because she'd heard all about [Solomon]. She'd heard about his wisdom, about his worship of his God and she'd heard about his wealth and she went "Well I want to check this out myself." ...

‘SOLOMON & THE TEMPLE’
 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 & 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
 Rev'd David Lewis / 11th May

...“Listen to just a few verses and notice a common theme. When the tabernacle was set up we're told, "Then the cloud covered the temple of meeting and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." And then, when Solomon had finished his prayer of dedication of the temple, we read, "fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offerings and sacrifices after Solomon finished praying. ... the Lord filled the temple." John's gospel, when it talks about the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, says, "We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father". Then, from the book of Revelation, ... "I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple." The city he writes does not need the sun or moon to shine on it for the glory of the Lord gives it light. The common theme, God's glory: filling the tabernacle, filling the temple, revealed in Jesus, shining in the new Jerusalem ... God dwells in us, as individuals, through His spirit." ...

‘JOSIAH & THE LOST BOOK’
 2 Chronicles 34:1,14-21 & 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4
 Rev'd Peter Toller / 18th May

...“If you became king or queen of our nation what would you set about doing at the start of your reign? Where would you start, what would be the idols that you would begin to tackle? Or maybe it's not the nation, maybe you're in charge of the church and you you're the new Archbishop of Canterbury. There's a position vacant at the moment, if anyone wants to fill it?! What would you do, where would you start? What reforms would you begin with, what idols would you look to remove? Or, taking it down another level, maybe you're in charge of your own life. You've suddenly been appointed as king or queen of your own life and you've got a decision to make. How am I going to rule? What am I going to do? What are the idols I'm going to look to tackle first? It's quite a dramatic thing when the idols are broken down. They are smashed, they're torn down. There's a sense in which there is no negotiating with idols, they need breaking down and that can be a painful thing.
 So, I wonder, what are the idols in our nation, in our church, in your own life, perhaps, that need breaking down just like Josiah set about breaking down the idols of the land?" ...

‘NEBUCHADNEZZAR & THE EXILE’
 2 Chronicles 36:15-23 & Matthew 1:12-17
 Rev'd Ian McGill / 25th May

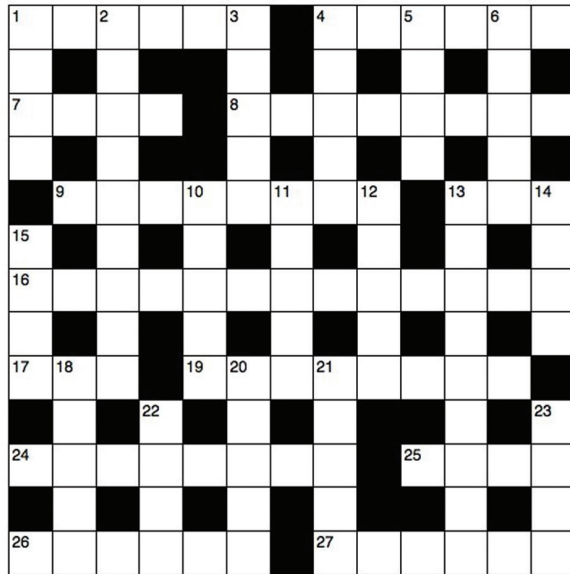
...“How many opportunities can a loving father give his children, I wondered, when they seem to be endlessly going against what He's asked them to do? ... How patient is the God that we worship?
 So I'm reflecting on this and I thought ... there's two themes that come through from our reading today, when it seems that it's all over for the Israelites, God has abandoned them. ... Firstly, what God set in motion, He intended to bring to completion; it was a promise. A promise that He was going to honour and complete. And, even though He acts in judgment, He never ever gives in. I find that really encouraging and reassuring. Through these pages, we've heard how the people He had chosen to reveal himself to on Earth, had swayed, hadn't they, from belief to brokenness over many many centuries. And yet He continually seeks to try and find a way. He tries to find a way that they may be restored to Him. For who is He? He is the God of many chances.
 I should remember, it's not Him that moves and messes up, it's me. It's me, it's us. So that's the first theme, I think, for today." ...

PUZZLES!

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)



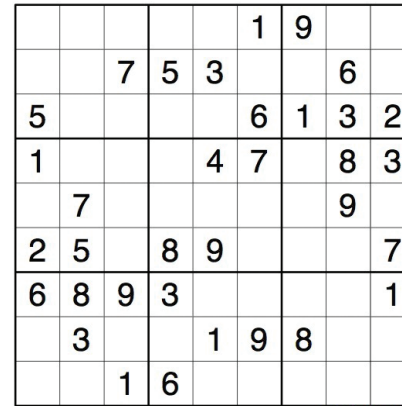
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Down

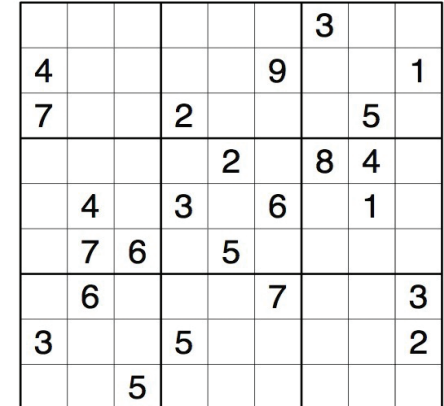
- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)

Answers on page 27.

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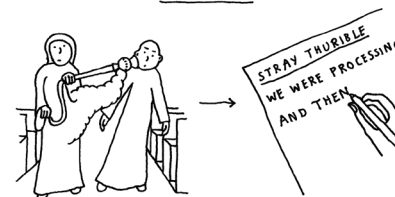
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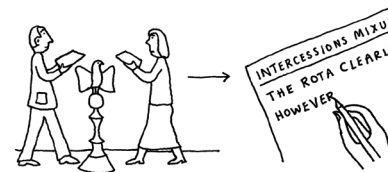
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WONDER AND WORSHIP: REFLECTIONS IN A SCOTTISH RAINFOREST

Written by Ruth Banciewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

It can be easier to notice things away from home, when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the same wonders are there in our own backyard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways.

I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs

lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings.

I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem.

Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city. I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for – thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150).

There is a growing call to take both our personal devotions and our church services outside from time

to time, and there are a growing number of resources to help us do this. As you go through your week, can you find one new way to appreciate your surroundings, and praise God alongside the rest of Creation?



CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS:

- 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul.
- 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes.
- 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship.
- 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are.
- 25, Wise. 26, Target.
- 27, Thief.

DOWN:

- 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu.
- 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round.
- 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense.
- 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo.
- 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect.
- 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

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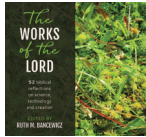
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52 BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND CREATION
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Ruth M. Bancewicz



The Works of the Lord is a collection of 52 biblical reflections on creation, science and technology. Each contributor is a scientist and/or a theologian, who uses the insights from their scientific studies to inform their faith and worship within a biblical context. The reflection begins with a passage of scripture and it ends with a short prayer. The book isn't a scientific, philosophical or theological treatise. It seeks to encourage us to experience how science can help to deepen our understanding of God revealed in creation.

COMING TO FAITH THROUGH DAWKINS
12 ESSAYS ON THE PATHWAY FROM NEW ATHEISM TO CHRISTIANITY
Kregel Publications - £17.99
Denis Alexander and Alister McGrath

Coming to Faith Through Dawkins contains 12 essays on the pathway from New Atheism to Christianity, edited by Denis Alexander and Alister McGrath. The contributors come from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures, who became disillusioned by the arguments and conclusions of Richard Dawkins. Inevitably extracts from science, philosophy and theology are mentioned in the book, and the comments are well referenced. It is not a 12 plan for converting your atheist friend. The inspiration lies in following each person's journey to faith in Christ.



BEING THERE HOW TO LOVE THOSE WHO ARE HURTING
10 Publishing - £7.99
Dave Furman



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various ways.

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BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR BIBLE
NINE HEART POSTURES FOR APPROACHING GOD'S WORD
10 Publishing - £3.99
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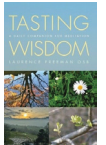


We know the Bible is important, but many of us struggle with it. We're not biblical experts—though we may have started enough reading plans to be really familiar with Genesis. If we're honest, the Bible often intimidates us, confuses us, and reading it doesn't always thrill us.

And yet, the Bible is where God reveals His loving character and incredible plan of redemption. In a practical and engaging manner, Matt Smethurst—managing editor of The Gospel Coalition—presents

nine heart postures that will prepare you to unpack all that's awaiting you in God's Word, for without the 'right heart postures', we're not yet ready to start reading.

TASTING WISDOM A DAILY COMPANION FOR MEDITATION
Canterbury Press - £14.99
Laurence Freeman



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"The Works of the Lord" and "Coming to Faith through Dawkins" reviewed for this issue of News Extra by Ray Richiardi.



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Sunday 13th July

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10:30am Morning Worship *

Sunday 20th July

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10:30am Family Communion *

Sunday 27th July

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Funerals	We sympathise with the loss of loved ones, following the funerals of: 6th June Pam Constable 25th June Christina Ring



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