

Bolton Parish Church



St Peter, Bolton-le-Moors



Parish News

September 2011

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Dear Friends,

Where were you and what were you doing at 08.46am Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday 11 September 2001? Chances are that you remember – I do. I was driving along the A666 on my way back to Bolton from a hospital chaplains' meeting at Wythenshawe Hospital, listening to Radio 4 (it was, of course, 1.46pm here). That was where I first heard the news about a plane crashing into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. I arrived at my home in Daubhill in time to rush in and turn on the television just before the second plane flew into the South Tower. It was at that moment that what everyone had assumed was a disastrous accident began to take on a far more sinister tone. Before the day was over two more planes went down in American airspace.

Like other significant moments in history, that day is emblazoned upon both our collective and individual memories. But where will you be and what will you be doing on Sunday 11 September 2011, ten years on from that day? All over the world, people of faith and those who profess no faith will be remembering not just that one day but also all its world-changing consequences.

Here in Bolton, at 1.46pm British Summer Time (08.46am Eastern Daylight Time), ten years on from the very moment that the world first became aware of what has come to be known as 9/11, there will be an act of remembrance, repentance, reconciliation and resolution in Victoria Square. For every memory of the pain and mistakes of the past has the potential to inspire us to live differently in the future. With that in mind, I leave you with these three prayers, which come from three very different sources. And may we too pray and work for peace, not only on Sunday 11 September 2011 but each and every day of our lives.

**Prayer written by an unknown prisoner in the Ravensbrück
Concentration Camp:**

O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will but also those of evil will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted upon us; remember the fruits we have borne thanks

to this suffering – our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this; and when they come to the judgement, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.

A prayer of Imam Abdul Rasied Omar:

Most Holy God,

you sometimes use sin and suffering – and turn it to good;

you have united people of faith against evil and helped us to work for justice, despite our prejudices;

you hold all people in your love and draw us towards you:

free us from our sinful desire to dominate others;

free us from arrogance and prejudice;

make us one in our struggle against humanity and poverty;

forgive those who have encouraged division between people of faith.

May the united actions that we continue to undertake, be their forgiveness.

A Prayer of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Lord Jesus, help us to know that goodness is stronger than evil,

love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness,

life is stronger than death, and that victory is ours

through him who loves us.

With my love and prayers,

Judie Horrocks



IN MEMORY OF THOSE LOST

NEW YORK ♦ WASHINGTON

PENNSYLVANIA

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 2011

- 1 Thursday **Giles of Provence**, Hermit [c.710]
12 Noon - Holy Communion
- 3 Saturday **Gregory the Great**, Bishop of Rome [604]
- 4 SUNDAY **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 - Holy Communion
10.30 - Parish Communion
6.30 - Evening Prayer (said)
- 6 Tuesday 12.30 - Holy Communion
2.00 - Mothers' Union (Parish Hall)
- 7 Wednesday 12.30 - Prayers for Healing
- 8 Thursday **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
12 Noon - Holy Communion
- 10 Saturday Heritage Weekend - church Open Day
- 11 SUNDAY **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 - Holy Communion
10.30 - Parish Communion
6.30 - Evening Prayer (with hymns)
- 13 Tuesday **John Chrysostom**, Bishop of Constantinople [407]
12.30 - Holy Communion
- 14 Wednesday **Holy Cross Day**
12.30 - Prayers for Healing
- 15 Thursday **Cyprian**, Bishop of Carthage & Martyr [258]
12 Noon - Holy Communion
- 16 Friday **Ninian**, Bishop of Galloway & Missionary [c.432]
- 17 Saturday **Hildegard**, Abbess of Bingen, Composer, Visionary [1179]
11.00 - Celebrity Organ Recital by **Michael Austin**
(*Jackson; Karg-Elert; Mendelssohn*)
- 18 SUNDAY **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 - Holy Communion
10.30 - Parish Communion
6.30 - Evening Prayer (said)
- 19 Monday 7.30 - PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 20 Tuesday **John Coleridge Patteson**, Bishop of Melanesia, Martyr [1871]
12.30 - Holy Communion
- 21 Wednesday **St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**
12.30 - Prayers for Healing
- 22 Thursday 12 Noon - Holy Communion
- 24 Saturday 11.00 - Celebrity Organ Recital by **Michael Austin**
(*Bach: The Art of Fugue*)
- 25 SUNDAY **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 - Holy Communion
10.30 - Parish Communion
6.30 - Choral Evensong
- 27 Tuesday **Vincent de Paul**, Founder of the Lazarist Missionaries [1660]
12.30 - Holy Communion
- 28 Wednesday 12.30 - Prayers for Healing
- 29 Thursday **St Michael and All Angels**
12 Noon - Holy Communion
- 30 Friday **Jerome**, Translator & Teacher [420]

Church Services

Sundays	08.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion
	18.30	Evening Prayer
Tuesdays	12.30	Holy Communion
Wednesdays	12.30	Prayers for Healing
Thursdays	12.00 noon	Holy Communion

In addition to the times shown above, Church will be open for private prayer and visitors as follows: 12.00 noon to 1.15 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 11.30 am to 12.45 pm on Thursdays, and, when Stewards are available, between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm Tuesday to Saturdays.

For Baptisms and Weddings please contact the Lecturer on 01204 522226.

For Funerals please contact the Vicar on 01204 845332.

October Magazine

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Heritage Open Day 2011
Saturday 10 September



**Church open
for visitors**

**Concerts &
Tower tours**

(see other side for details)

Prayer stations

10 am to 4 pm

Bolton Parish Church

**Light refreshments and sandwiches
available in the Parish Church Hall**

Anglican Witness in the Heart of Bolton

10.00 Tower tour

11.00 Concert - Stephen Martland (Organ)

11.30 Tower tour

12.30 Concert - Elizabeth Martland (Piano)

13.00 Tower tour

14.00 Concert - Adrian Van Der Schans (Organ)

14.30 Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Throughout the day there will be

Prayer Stations in the South aisle.

Heritage Open Day 2011

Saturday 10 September

Concert Programmes

11.00 a.m. STEPHEN MARTLAND (Organ)

- 1) Sonata No. 2 in C minor - Mendelssohn
Grave
Adagio
Allegro Maestoso e vivace
Fuga
- 2) Légende - Louis Vierne
- 3) First Movement, Sonata in G - Elgar

12.30 p.m. ELIZABETH MARTLAND (Piano)

- 1) The Island Spell - John Ireland
- 2) Selected Preludes from Preludes op. 11 - Scriabin
- 3) Piano Sonata No. 1 in F minor - Prokofiev

2.00 p.m. ADRIAN VAN DER SCHANS (Organ)

- 1) Fantasia on "Come, Holy Ghost" - J.S. Bach
- 2) Rhapsody (op. 4) - Harold Darke
- 3) Prelude on "Rhosymedre" - Vaughan Williams
- 4) Prelude and Fugue in B major - Marcel Dupré

Anglican Witness in the Heart of Bolton

BOLTON PARISH CHURCH ORGAN CONCERTS

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER at 11 a.m.
MICHAEL AUSTIN (Aalborg, Denmark)
Admission by programme £7 (concessions £4)

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER at 11 a.m.
MICHAEL AUSTIN (Aalborg, Denmark)
Admission by programme £7 (concessions £4)

Tea and Coffee will be served before each concert, from 10:30 a.m.



The recitalist for our September organ concerts is **Michael Austin**, who was born in the North of England and studied organ, piano and harpsichord at London's Royal Academy of Music. He remembers to this day London's amazingly rich concert life as – *'the very best education any young musician could possibly wish for'*.

After a four-year period as Organist and Choirmaster of Wimborne Minster, he returned to London to teach organ and theoretical disciplines at the Academy.

Becoming increasingly conscious of the need for good mechanical action organs to realise his artistic vision, he moved to Denmark in 1977 becoming first organist of *Frederikssund Kirke*, and then in 1979 of *Markuskirken* in the city of Aalborg,

In Markuskirken he created a centre for English music, forming and conducting a vocal ensemble of 10 singers which specialised in the English cathedral repertoire from the Tudors to the present day – albeit singing a good deal of it in Danish translation! Over the years, Danish Radio broadcast a good many choir, organ and chamber music concerts from the church, making Markuskirken's music famous throughout Denmark and beyond.

Michael Austin plays a wide repertoire, centred on the music of Germany and England. His concert career has taken him to Australia, and to almost every European musical centre, from Moscow's *Tchaikovsky Hall* in the east to London's *Royal Festival Hall* in the west, and he has broadcast on several European radio and TV networks. He relinquished his church appointment in 2010 to devote his entire time and energy to his solo concert career,.

The Programmes

Saturday 17th September :

Felix Mendelssohn: Prelude and Fugue in C minor Op. 37/1

(1809-1847)

Siegfried Karg-Elert Kaleidoscope

(1877-1933)

Legend

Pastel in F sharp

Francis Jackson:

Prelude for a Solemn Occasion

(1917-)

Toccata, Chorale and Fugue

Saturday 24th September:

J. S. Bach

The Art of Fugue

(1685-1750)

Contrapunctus 1-11, 2 canons

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen

ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY

2011 is being celebrated as the 400th anniversary of the Authorized Version of the Bible. 2012 sees another significant anniversary: the 350th of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. There had been several earlier translations of the Bible into English (a partial translation by William Tyndale in 1525, a complete version by Miles Coverdale in 1535, and a revision of the latter, which became known as the Great Bible). Similarly, there were several revisions of the Book of Common Prayer, and the 1662 book was at least the *fifth* version.

Thomas Cranmer's first Book of Common Prayer, published in 1549, did not satisfy some of the more ardent reformers, and a second Book appeared three years later, only to be replaced by a return to the Latin mass and daily offices under Queen Mary. Thomas Cranmer was burnt at the stake in 1556 for his perceived heresy.

Queen Elizabeth I took immediate steps to reinstate the Prayer Book and a third edition appeared in 1559. It was expanded by the addition of the Calendar of Lesser Saints Days on the express orders of the Queen. If you have your own copy of the 1662 book, you will find September 7th listed as the feast of St Evurtius. (This was a printer's error - his name was actually Enurchus. Our church museum has an unusual nineteenth-century copy of the Prayer Book with the spelling corrected.) But the really strange fact is that Enurchus – an obscure early Bishop of Orléans – was only included because his feast day also happened to be the Queen's birthday! He was omitted in the 1928 revision.

The fourth version of the Prayer Book harked back to Cranmer's first book in format, and was specifically produced for use in Scotland by Archbishop William Laud during the reign of Charles I. Charles wanted Scotland to come into line with the Church of England, and even established a new diocese (Edinburgh) in 1633. When Laud's Prayer Book was first used at St Giles Cathedral, there was a near riot, though whether Jenny Geddes *did* actually throw her stool at the Dean and accuse him of saying Mass is possibly doubtful. The result was that the majority of Scots abandoned Anglicanism,

and the mainstream Church of Scotland abolished priests, bishops and all prescribed forms of service.

The 1662 book was therefore the fifth version of the Prayer Book, and apart from some nineteenth century changes, has remained largely unaltered. Three extra "Red-Letter" days were added in 1662 – the beheading of King Charles I on January 30th, Restoration of the Monarchy on May 29th and Deliverance from the Popish Plot on November 5th. These were removed in the 1870s, and the table of lessons for the daily offices was revised around the same time. One of the petitions in the Litany prayers had already had references to deliverance "*from the Bishop of Rome and all his detestible enormities*" removed in 1559. (Nevertheless, it was actually over 300 years after Henry VIII's break with Rome that the Pope suddenly decided to announce that Anglican orders were "null and void".)

The remaining Anglicans in Scotland – the Episcopalians – produced revised versions of the Book of Common Prayer in 1764 and 1929, and the American Episcopal Church revised the 1662 book soon after the Declaration of Independence. In England, the "proposed book" of 1928 included both the 1662 and revised versions of all services in the same book. The small pale blue Prayer Books we formerly used at the Parish Church were of this 1928 version. Common Worship includes four versions of the Communion Service, one of which is the 1662 service (but with the permitted additions of the *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei*, neither of which are in the 1662 book).

The publishers Dent, in their Everyman Library series, issued a reprint of the 1549 & 1552 books in 1957, and I have had a copy for many years. While on a visit to Canterbury earlier this year, I saw in the Cathedral Bookshop a book entitled "The First English Prayer Book adapted for modern use", and I have now obtained a copy of this new book. There was no standard form of spelling in 1549, so people today would have difficulty in reading the original book easily. For example - "euell" for evil, and in the ordination service, where the word bishop is spelled four different ways on the same page! So the need for a version with modern spelling is clear, but I am curious to know who this book is aimed at. It claims that the words of the service have not been altered, but this

is not always the case, and it also makes much of the fact that the rubrics are printed in red (as they would have been in 1549), but these rubrics or instructions have been altered wholesale. Take the offices of Matins and Evensong for example: the preamble simply says "The minister shall begin with a loud voice", whereas the 1549 book actually says (using here the original spelling) -

"AN ORDRE FOR MATTYNS DAYLY THROUGH THE YERE.

The Priest beeyng in the quier, shall begynne with a loude voyce the Lordes prayer, called the *Pater noster*."

However, this new worship edition completely omits the Lord's Prayer, and replaces all references to "priest" with "minister". It also omits the *Venite* (Psalm 95), and says a hymn or psalm may be sung. The 1549 book, and all its subsequent revisions, allocate *specific* psalms to each day.

When we come to the Communion Service the editor has been even more free with his adaptation of the 1549 book. All versions of the Prayer Book, plus the ASB and Common Worship make it clear that only a person in priest's orders may conduct the service of Holy Communion, but this new book continues to use the word "minister". Possibly he is trying to make the Book more acceptable to non-conformist churches, but why should they want to use an Anglican Prayer Book? The rubrics at the beginning of the service are once again curtailed, this time drastically. "*The minister, turning toward the altar, shall say:*" replaces Cranmer's very full title and his extensive rubrics, which were: -

THE SUPPER OF THE LORDE
AND THE HOLY COMMUNION
COMMONLY CALLED THE MASSE.

(There then follow three paragraphs of instructions very similar to those in the 1662 book, but the fourth paragraph is completely different from 1662, and indicates that Cranmer was not prepared to "go the whole distance" with some of the more ardent reformers. I have modernised the spelling for this extract :)

"Upon the day and at the time appointed for the ministration of the holy Communion, the Priest that shall execute the holy ministry, shall put upon him the vesture appointed for that ministration, that is to say: a white Albe plain, with a vestment or cope. And where there be many Priests or Deacons, there so many shall be ready to help the Priest in the ministration, as shall be requisite: and shall have upon them likewise the vestures appointed for their ministry, that is to say, Albes with tunicles. Then shall the Clerks sing in English for the office or Introit (as they call it) a Psalm appointed for that day.

The Priest standing humbly before the midst of the Altar, shall say the Lord's prayer with this collect - (the Prayer of Humble Access then follows)

The reference to an Introit Psalm is interesting. The 1549 book, in addition to supplying Collects, Epistles and Gospels for every Sunday of the Year and all the major Feast Days, also allocates an Introit Psalm for all those occasions. This new book prints the Collects and gives references for the Epistles & Gospels, but makes no mention of the appointed Psalms. It certainly presents a rather inaccurate picture of Cranmer's First Prayer Book and, in my view, appears to deliberately distort liturgical history!

G.D.

September Music	
Sun 4th	Lead Me, Lord – S. S. Wesley
Sun 11th	Ave Verum Corpus – Byrd
Sun 18th	Beati Quorum Via – Stanford <i>Theme and Variations – Andriessen</i>
Sun 25th	O For a Closer Walk – Stanford
<i>6.30 pm</i>	
<i>Choral Evensong:</i>	Responses: Ayleward Psalms: 120, 123, 124 Canticles: Wood in D How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings – Brahms

News from the Mothers' Union

At the August meeting we were very pleased to welcome three new members to our branch. Lesley Easterman, Lesley Humes and Francesca Scattarre Gia were admitted by Judie at a short service in the Lady Chapel. This was followed by our meeting in the Hall, where they were welcomed by all the members. We then enjoyed strawberry and cream scones to end a very happy occasion.

On 9 August, four members attended the Bolton Archdeaconry Festival at St. James's Church, Edgeside, Waterfoot, for an enjoyable service with other members of the Archdeaconry. The preacher, the Bishop of Bolton, spoke about the life of Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union.

Below is the personal prayer of Mary Sumner, written in 1876, and two photos of her at different stages of her life.

"



All this day, O Lord, let me touch
as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch, do thou by
thy spirit quicken, whether
through the word I speak, the
prayer I breathe or the life I live.
Amen



Mary Sumner (31 December 1828 – 9 August 1921)

The present Mothers' Union Prayer:

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share
your love through the encouragement, strengthening
and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship.
and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

in Jesus' name

Amen

Trip To Harrogate and Ripon

Picture Gallery

The work of the omnipresent photographer Trevor Whillas. This month's magazine cover is a particularly creative shot of his.



The queue at Betty's



Harrogate in bloom



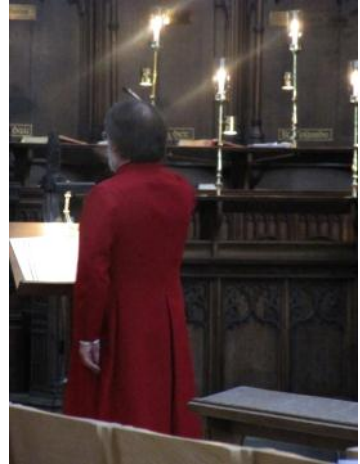
Waiting to re-board the coach

Ripon Cathedral





Left: sceptical-looking altos
Middle: the end of the practice approaches
Bottom: The driver took the scenic route home



Parish Records

Baptisms:

31 July	Kieran Joshua Bradley	7 Aug	Theo Lynden Wesley Green
	Grace Leigh Gavin		Emelia Louise Rigg
	Poppy Rae Gavin		Steven Baldwin
	Aaron John Green		
14 Aug	Bethany Jessie Baldwin	21 Aug	Leo Raymond Greenwood
	Chrystal Mary Meanley		Kaidon William Taylor-Ward
	Shaun William Ward		
	Claire Louise Taylor		

Weddings:

30 July	Peter William Reid & Leanne Claire Brooks
6 August	Alan Timothy Breward & Emma Jane Stuchbury
20 August	Matthew John Holden & Lisa Jane Davis

Intermediate Sudoku. Solution on page 31

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Spirit of Bolton – “One Bolton” Community Event.

The fourth *Spirit of Bolton – 2011* will take place on Saturday 10th September in Victoria Square, Bolton.

“Spirit of Bolton” is a multicultural community event, full of activities, entertainment and fun for all to enjoy and be part of **“One Bolton Family.”** It is an event which celebrates Bolton’s diversity, with support from many good partnerships working together, which makes Bolton a friendly place in which to live for various communities from many parts of the world. It is an event to engage people from different backgrounds and offers an opportunity to get to know more about one another, thereby enhancing trust and friendship between individuals as well as communities.

Spirit of Bolton will be officially opened by the Mayor of Bolton and will also be attended by the Bishop of Bolton, The Rt. Rev. Chris Edmondson.

The event is led by Bolton Interfaith Council (BIC) in partnership with the faith organisations Bolton Hindu Forum, Bolton Christian Community Cohesion, Bolton Council of Mosques, Town Centre Chaplaincy and Bolton at Home, as well as Bolton Council.

It is an event, which brings schools, young people, voluntary, faith and many community groups together to showcase their work, provides traditional activities and also offers cultural entertainment on stage.

This year, at the event, with support from British Red Cross and the famous Swaminarayan Pipe Band, we shall also be collecting donations for the East African Famine appeal. If you would like to keep a collection box at your place of work, place of worship etc... please do let me know.

Also, as this year’s event falls on the day before the 10th anniversary of the tragic events in America on 9/11, as a mark of remembrance and respect, we shall hold a two-minute silence at the opening ceremony of the event.

If you are interested in participating, helping out or need to know more -please contact Chan Parmar at Bolton Interfaith Council on 01204 546110 or 07533021028.

Our website is www.boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk



'Stronger Together'



“One Bolton Community Event”

“Spirit of Bolton 2011”



“EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER
FOR ONE BOLTON”



Spirit of Bolton 2011 to be celebrated
on Saturday 10th September 2011
in Victoria square
Time 10.30am-3.30pm

An event full of activities, entertainment, community group displays and much more for everyone to come along and enjoy the day. The event is all about promoting positive partnerships which enhances community cohesion and portrays the unity in our town. Also, at this event we will be supporting the British Red Cross by fundraising for the East African famine appeal.

If you wish to participate by promoting your community work in this unique event, please contact Chan Parmar on 01204 546110

www.boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk



Future Events

20/10/11

One World Peace Prayers

20/11/11 - 26/11/11

National UK Interfaith Week

a week of community engagement

Working Partnership Links

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Whoever Takes The Son.....

A story from across the Pond.

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection from Rembrandts to Van Goghs. They would often sit together and admire the magnificent paintings. When the Vietnam War broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died saving the life of another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, around Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he was killed instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art."

The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much, and I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this." The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for it. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me – it's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantelpiece. Every time a visitor came, he directed them to the painting of his son, recounting the story, before taking them to see any other works of art.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of all his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited at the prospect of seeing the vast collections of Picassos and Raphaels the man had collected, and having the opportunity to bid. On the platform stood the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "Who will start the bidding on the picture of 'The Son'? Who will bid for The Son?"

There was silence. Then a voice from the back of the room said, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."

But the auctioneer persisted. "Who will start the bidding, \$100, \$200?"

Another voice shouted angrily. "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Rembrandts and Van Goghs. Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued. "The Son! Who will take The Son?"

Finally, a voice came from the back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man. "I'll give \$10 for the picture."

He was a poor man, and it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who'll give \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters!"

"\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded his gavel.

"Going once, going twice, sold for \$10". A man on the front row shouted "Now let's get on with the collection".

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the paintings?"

"When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the valuable paintings. The man who took The Son gets everything."


A CHILD'S HYMN

Charles Dickens

Hear my prayer, O heavenly Father,
Ere I lay me down to sleep;
Bid Thy angels, pure and holy,
Round my bed their vigil keep.
My sins are heavy, but Thy mercy
Far outweighs them, every one;
Down before Thy cross I cast them,
Trusting in Thy help alone.
Keep me through this night of peril
Underneath its boundless shade;
Take me to Thy rest, I pray Thee,
When my pilgrimage is made.
None shall measure out Thy patience
By the span of human thought;
None shall bound the tender mercies
Which Thy Holy Son has bought.
Pardon all my past transgressions,
Give me strength for days to come;
Guide and guard me with Thy blessing
Till Thy angels bid me home.

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Awareness Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks

It is now nearly ten years since the deadly attacks on the Twin Towers in New York. The 10th anniversary falls on a Sunday, and as it approaches, churches across the country are joining in a special campaign to mark the day – Awareness Sunday: A Path to Peace. They will mark the day with special services and prayers, as a day of remembrance and reconciliation. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, who is patron of the Awareness Foundation, and who was in New York at the time of the attacks, said, "Awareness Sunday is acknowledging through education, the urgent need to dispel ignorance and the urgent need to help each one of us to build a path for peace in our diverse, ever-changing world." The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, said, "I welcome Awareness Sunday as it seeks to reach out and build better relationships based on mutual respect and understanding."

The campaign is also supported by The Most Revd Dr Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, "This is a wonderful initiative. We need to make each other more aware of our God-given humanity. We need to celebrate our rainbow diversity."

The Revd Nadim Nassar, President of the campaign and curate at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square in London, said it was important for the anniversary to be used as a milestone in the continuing path for peace. A special public service of remembrance and reconciliation for Awareness Sunday will take place at Westminster Abbey at 6.30pm on Sunday 11th September 2011. Details of events in Bolton can be found in the Lecturer's Dear Friends letter.

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3. Greater than God...
4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All the destitute have it...
6. The wealthy need it...
7. If you eat it, you will die.

Answer on page 31

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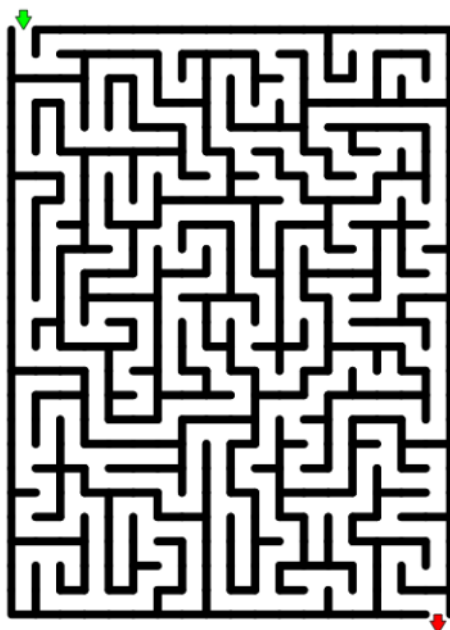
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Albert Einstein, the great physicist, was once travelling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached into his jacket pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he tried his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but still couldn't find it. Then he felt down the seat beside him, but it wasn't there either.

"The conductor said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it." Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next carriage, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back in dismay and said, "Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, please don't worry. I know who you are; there's no problem whatsoever. You don't need to prove you bought a ticket." Einstein looked at him and said sadly, "Young man, I too know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going!"

Songs of Praise turns 50

The very first ever BBC Songs of Praise was recorded 50 years ago this month, and broadcast on 1 October 1961.

The first programme was recorded on 25 September at the Welsh Baptist Tabernacle Chapel in Cardiff city centre (Tabernacl, Capel y Bedyddwyr). This summer all surviving members of the original congregation were invited to return for the recording of the anniversary edition, which was conducted by Tim Rhys-Evans, musical director of Only Men Aloud.

Songs of Praise has long been the most popular of all BBC worship programmes. During its 50 years, it has visited more than 1,800 churches, cathedrals and chapels, with over 12,500 hymns sung. Guest presenters over the years have included Sir Cliff Richard, Alan Titchmarsh and Toyah Willcox. At its peak, 12m viewers watched the programme. Songs of Praise has featured in episodes of comedies Vicar of Dibley and The Brittas Empire.

Cardiff's Millennium Stadium was the location for Songs of Praise's biggest ever episode. The special edition, to mark the first Sunday of the new millennium, included 60,000 worshippers, a 6,000-strong choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber.

They say August is the silly season! And here are a couple of unusual stories from this summer:

Bellringers Locked in Church Tower

A man confronted a group of six touring bell-ringers from Oxford while they practised a three-hour peal at St John the Evangelist church in Sharow, near Ripon, North Yorkshire. After threatening to damage their cars unless they stopped, he wedged the belfry door shut with some wood.

The ringers, who aren't locals, were trapped for half an hour before a member of the congregation freed them after hearing banging. Their rescuer, Sandra Price, thought something was up when she went to the church to lock up and saw the bell ringers' cars, but noticed there wasn't any noise coming from the tower. Police said they are not investigating the incident, but acknowledged they had received a complaint. The agitated man is believed to be in his 60s or 70s, and lives in or near the picturesque village.

[A word of advice—don't mess with **our** bellringers!!]

Inflatable Church

Father Krzysztof, a Roman Catholic missionary from Poland, had trouble gaining permission - and cash - to build a permanent place of worship in the Kamchatka peninsula, which is a 1,250-kilometre stretch located in the far east of Russia.

However, his long-time friend Robert Wojcik, who builds inflatable toys for children in Kolobrzeg, Poland, stepped in to help by offering to build a temporary church for the isolated congregation.

Money-raising efforts helped to pay for the alternative structure, which will remain open even in extreme conditions. During wintertime, temperatures can drop to minus 40 degrees in the Kamchatka region.



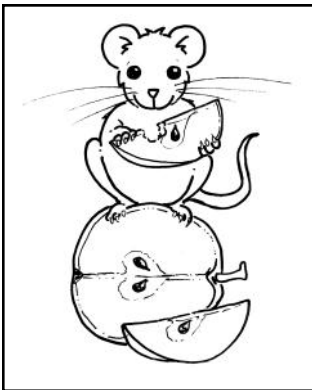
Father Krzysztof, who is a rector of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face parish, said he was thrilled with the design but did admit some might mistake it for a bouncy castle.

Riddle

The Answer is: NOTHING!
NOTHING has 7 letters. NOTHING preceded God. NOTHING is greater than God. NOTHING is more Evil than the devil. All poor people have NOTHING. Wealthy people need NOTHING.
If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.

If you feel far away from God, guess who moved?
Fear knocked. Faith answered. No-one was there.
What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God.
We can never really go where God is not, and where He is, all is well.
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
Do your best and then sleep in peace. God is awake.
God has a purpose and plan for me that no one else can fulfil.
The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.
We are responsible for the effort, not the outcome.
We set the sail; God makes the wind.
Sometimes when God says no, it's because He has something better in store for you.
Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm.



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Sunday 2nd October

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