

ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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The other evening I found myself staggering alone under a load that was heavy enough to crush half a dozen strong men.

Out of sheer exhaustion I put it down and had a good look at it.

I found that it was all borrowed: part of it belonged to the following day;

part of it belonged to the following week—

and here was I borrowing it that it might crush me now!

It is a very stupid, but a very ancient blunder.

F. W. Boreham

For Our Prayers

Lord God, may we feel your comforting arms enfolding us on our journey with you. Keep us safe and protect us. You are our comforter and friend, and you are with us, even in our darkest moments. Thank you that you will never leave us alone; your love surrounds us, always and in all places; no one is beyond your reach including those who feel they are unlovable; help us to show your love to all. You reach out in times of depression stress or anxiety and place your healing hand on us. We claim your promise never to leave or forsake us. Comforting, loving, and redeeming God, through you, may we see the rainbow after the clouds.

Coffee Shop Sunday, Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit.

We pray for all who are unwell, especially **Francine & Meindert Aits, Jim Baird, Barbara & Ted Bishop, Fred & Jessie Collinson, Edith Dyson, Enid Lazell, Rita Maxwell, Bernard & Sheila Powell, Shirley Pullen, Nina Seaman, Freda Towner, Graham & Joyce Whistance, John & Marie Wilkins, Bob and Jean Want.**

There are others amongst our members and friends not mentioned above who are either of an age or have underlying health conditions and do not yet feel confident to come to our services and events. We pray that they are able to receive contact and support from family and friends.

We were sorry to learn that Kathleen Joy Webster died peacefully on Monday 4 October, aged 91.

Joy was a musician and former Head of Hoath Primary School, lifelong Methodist and a long-standing member at St Peter's. **Following a private committal at Barham a Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Peter's on 23 November at 2.30pm.** Organist: Christopher S Gower. Refreshments will follow in the Hall. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Catching Lives

We are also sorry to learn that Sheila Thompson died last Sunday, 24 October. She fell in her garden on Saturday morning and underwent surgery for a fractured hip the following morning but became unwell under the anaesthetic and didn't regain consciousness.

Message from Deacon Joy Everingham

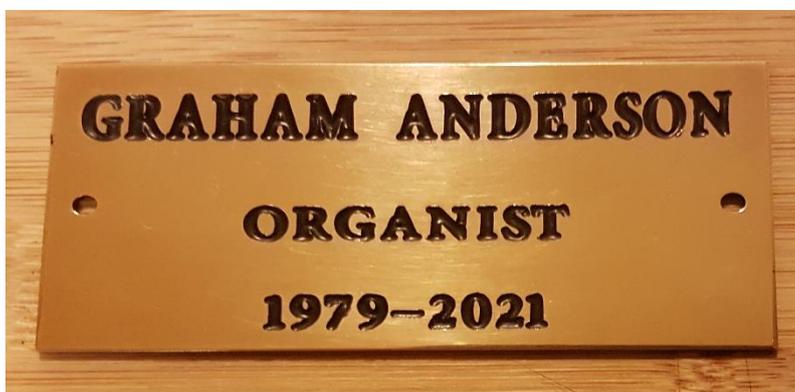
As you may, or may not know, Tim had scheduled a memorial service for the 1 November, however due to my circumstances I haven't managed to sort out organising and publicising it.

I've spoken to Tim and he's kindly agreed to reschedule it on the 26 November at 11am, I will make some arrangements for there to be refreshments to follow the service too.

Thanks to Graham Anderson

When ill-health forced Graham to retire as our organist after forty-two years of outstanding service to St. Peter's, the choir presented him with a certificate of appreciation and made a donation to the homelessness charity Catching Lives. He has said that he does not wish for any further public recognition. If there were to be a whip round, he said, it should go to Catching Lives.

To respect his wishes there will be opportunity next Sunday morning to make a donation. This may also be done via www.catchinglives.org/donate, by post to Catching Lives, Canterbury Open Centre, Station Road East, CT1 2RB or phoning 464904 to request a donation form, marking your gift in each case 'Graham Anderson'.



A brass plaque to mark Graham's service will be placed on the organ case. Letters or cards may be sent to 23 Hillside Avenue, CT2 8EZ.



Message from Joy Sharman: She wonders whether we could shop early for Christmas this year.

She hopes the regular Sunday stalls will resume from Sunday 31 October when we start serving coffee again.

An invitation from Canterbury Diocese (taken from the Blean Parish Magazine) COP26: 12 Days of Prayer and Change Monday 1st – Friday 12th November

As leaders from around the world gather in Glasgow for the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference, we invite you to join us in 12 days of prayer and action.

We will be praying for the planet, for those affected by climate change and for significant outcomes from the COP26 discussions, and we will be challenging ourselves to add creation-caring actions to our praying.

Here's how you can join in the praying:

Sign up to receive daily emails which follow the themes of the COP26 programme, each containing an image, a prayer and a suggestion of three ways you can act to care for creation. Sign up here: <https://www.canterburydiocese.org/prayer>

Sunday Morning Coffee after Church

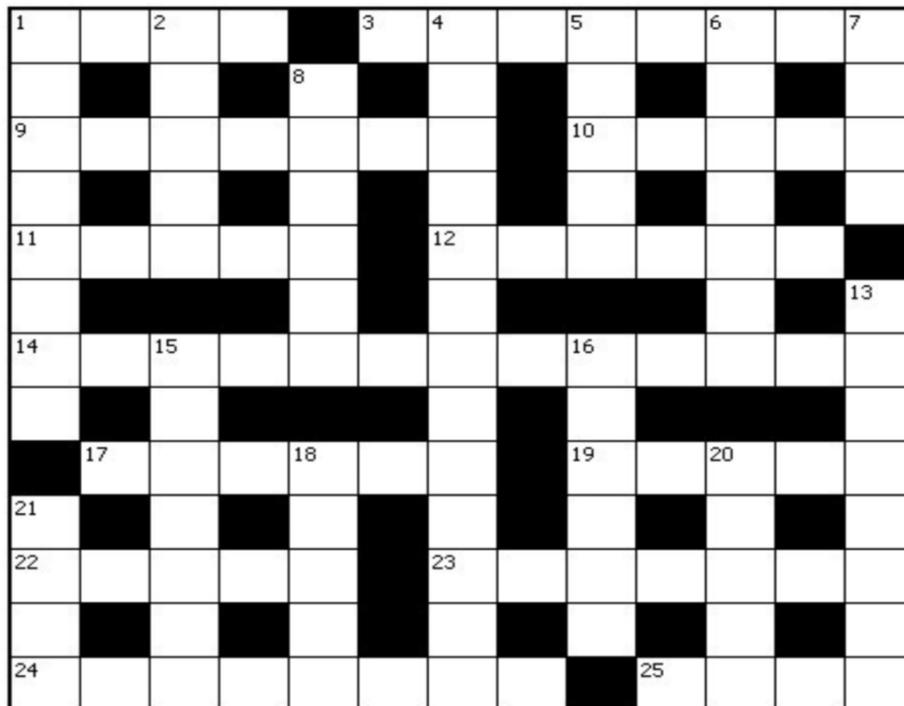


We are in urgent need of people to help serve the coffees after Sunday morning services. If you would be willing to do this occasionally Christine Wood would be really pleased to hear from you. Phone or text 07768 965323, Email christinewood7143@gmail.com

Joan Cuthbert

I had a surprise phone call from Joan Cuthbert who moved to Deal a few years ago on Thursday. She wanted some "Messages in a Bottle" for her friends. These are supplied by the Lions' Club for elderly people living on their own. Joan is very well although waiting for a hip operation which she thinks might take place at The Chaucer Hospital. I know she keeps in touch with friends at St Peter's, in fact she might well know more of what is happening here than I do! She is keen to get a Vaccine Passport when they are available so that she can go abroad.

Crossword Puzzle *from Roy Irons*



Clues Across 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4) 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8) 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4) 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5) 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5) 12 Listen (anag.) (6) 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5) 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6) 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5) 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5) 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3) 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8) 25 Note (anag.)

(4) Clues Down 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8) 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2) 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4) 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5) 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7) 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1) 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6) 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8) 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2) 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6) 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5) 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5) 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

Church Flowers



Sally and Sue would like to thank everybody for their generous donations to the Flower Fund. If anybody would like to join the arrangers please contact Sally on 01227 451169. There is no need to be skilled, general help would be welcome

My Kitchen Sink Drama by Jenny Devenish

When we moved to Canterbury forty years ago our house, like many of the same era, had a very small kitchen. Our first improvement was to have an extension which amongst other things enlarged the kitchen. This was a great improvement apart from the fact that when working at the sink I only had the wall to look at. A few years later, when finances improved we had a "kitchen makeover" and a sink was installed at the other side of the kitchen, giving a view of the garden and amongst other things the tower of Canterbury Cathedral. The original drainage remained on the opposite side of the kitchen, but the problem was solved by the installation of a pump which assisted the waste water on its way to the sewer.

On returning from holiday back in September I discovered the pump had come to the end of its useful life and was no longer working – it was 15 years old. The original sink had been modified to a much smaller one, to be used for food preparation, remaining on the original side next to the cooker, etc. Because of shortage of labour, difficulties in obtaining building supplies, holidays, etc I have been restricted to using the smaller sink but am pleased to say all was in place for the replacement pump to be fitted last Thursday.

The plumber came, as expected and had replaced the pump in a little over an hour. Thought he'd satisfied himself all was well but hadn't been gone long before I found there was a leak! I knew he probably wasn't going far because he was asking me where Halfords was. I rang the firm's office and fortunately they have an admin person there who phoned the plumber straight away and instructed him to come back.

The story is that these sinks are imported and only have push on fittings which don't really suit our system and become loose over time, although I came across a letter in the file from Ian who requested the firm come back and fix a leak before he would settle the original final bill 15 years ago

The plumber dashed round to the plumbing shop and was back earlier than I expected. Could it be he was sitting in his van waiting for the call? All the original pipework has been replaced with British screw fittings. That part also completed within another hour.

"It all makes work for the working men to do" as Flanders and Swann said.

The plumber was a very nice man though he spoke broad Scots and I could only understand one word in three. He made a good inroad into my chocolate malted milk biscuits! I suppose all the Eastern European plumbers have gone home?

Crossword Puzzle Answers

ACROSS 1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

DOWN 1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

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CANDIFA
CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT INTER-FAITH ACTION

Interfaith Week 2021: Events

Inter-Faith Week is a national event, promoted each year by the Inter-Faith Network, as a time when the spotlight is on the tremendous contribution that faith and belief communities make within their neighbourhoods and to wider society. The focus of the Week is to strengthen good inter-faith relations at all levels.

Last year, activities in Canterbury, as elsewhere, were curtailed by the pandemic, but this year we are planning a mix of online and face-to-face events (weather permitting) and we welcome all Candifa friends who are able to support some or all of them.

Here are the planned events! We hope to see you!

1. Woodland Walk

Our Woodland Walk in Blean Woods will take place on Saturday 20 November, meeting at 10.30am for a 11.00am start.

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

** Please would you let us know if you are planning to join the Walk! Email: candifa123@outlook.com

2. Visit to Interfaith Sculpture Park: <https://imosfoundation.org/hope-all-saints/>

The visit will take place on Sunday 14 November and will include a welcome and guided tour of the site by Briony Kapoor.

- Candifa friends can make their own way to the visit arriving at approximately 12.45pm
- Lifts will be offered to those without transport. Cars will leave Canterbury at 12.00noon, returning at approximately 4.00pm.
- Please would you let us know if you are planning to join the visit candifa123@outlook.com and if you are a) travelling in your own car
 - b) can offer a lift to others
 - c) need a lift yourself

3. Forum (on zoom): Repairing the World

'Repairing the World' is based on a concept from the Jewish tradition, that every human being can be involved in acts of social justice which improve the world and bring it to an harmonious state. This will be a forum with speakers from different faith and belief traditions offering perspectives on the theme, followed by discussion. We anticipate that this will be on 24 November from 7.30 – 9.00pm. This date will be confirmed later once availability is secured from all speakers.

We will be in touch again in early November!

Lynne Broadbent. Chair of CANDIFA



**“SACRED TREES”
A WOODLAND WALK
(AN INTERFAITH WEEK EVENT)**

Saturday 20th November 2021

We will meet from 10.30am and start the walk at 11am from the
car park of

**Blean Woods Nature Reserve
Rough Common Road, Canterbury CT2 9DD**

The walk is just under a mile and there will be three short stops at
resting places to share readings and poems about trees.

(Copies of the leaflet with these will be available on line or at the meeting)

In case of heavy rain on the morning, the walk will be cancelled.

For further information: 07810647130 or 07732 277001

Here are a couple of photos sent by Rick Norman showing the CANDIFA banner in the procession at the UNA Peace Service in the Cathedral.

At the Fair Trade Fair, Penelope and I were reminiscing about the time we and Gaya Perera took the CANDIFA banner to the massive Anti-Iraq War demo in London. It was donated to CANDIFA by that generous man John Wilson, our Circuit Treasurer when CANDIFA started



Photo taken by Mike Walling from the steps of the Beaney..

This amazing dignified puppet (Little Amal) emerged from the cathedral last Thursday greeted by a great crowd including excited school children from all over Kent. Paul Merrywest in his Refugee Tales tee-shirt was in the great procession which followed her past our church up to the University. Wouldn't it be good if all refugees receive that sort of welcome!

