

*Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us
even as we hope in you.*

Psalms 33:22

Christ Church URC, Marlow

New Forum

July - Aug 2022



Winning hats and smiles!

Platinum Jubilee Lunch Party at Christ Church Marlow

– more photos inside!

Dear friends

"A change is gonna come" sang Sam Cooke many years ago.

It was a soulful peaceful song that was forceful in its hopes... that social change would come. It was a song that gave encouragement to those looking for change, but it was sung in a way that gave comfort to those unsure about the implications of change.

In some of the gospels we are prepared for the change that is coming right at the start of the journey. Think about Matthew and the kings' gifts. Think about Jesus in the wilderness. Transfiguration.... and more.

Even in our lives, we know change is coming. Do any of us think that we aren't going to change by getting older?!

Even church changes. Our building has changed... the people who worship in it have changed, Marlow has changed... the world in which we are called to be disciples has changed, and is changing still!

A change is gonna come.... That is our hope, isn't it? We hope for change that war will stop. We hope for change that creation will be given the chance to breathe and heal. We hope for change that all will have clean water and have food. We hope for change that there will be social justice.

But there is a cost. The war in Ukraine will raise our cost of living. But our hoping for change isn't so that we can live more cheaply. If it is, we haven't grasped what being a disciple is. The hope for change for creation will challenge our way of living. There is a cost to change.

For us, very specifically as a church, we are facing a change with Jean and Martin moving on. They have been a core part of the church (and far more!) for many years and have contributed so much. But we now face a change – as do they! We know that a change is 'gonna come' and we should mark this change with thanksgiving and blessing. Thank you, Jean and Martin.

The thing about change in the Bible is that whether it was leaving the garden, leaving slavery, leaving the wilderness, or whatever the story... wherever God's people went with change, they discovered God!

So, as we face change... may we be assured that God will be with us. May Jean and Martin be assured that as they move, they will find that God is already ahead of them and leading them.

God bless

David



Summer worship at Christ Church URC

July

- 3rd Mr Rob Lewis will lead our worship
- 10th David will lead our service of Holy Communion
- 17th Zoom worship (see next page) followed by a paella lunch at Maidenhead URC (see page 7)
- 24th David will lead our worship
- 31st Morning worship at Maidenhead URC. NO SERVICE at Christ Church Marlow

August

- 7th Mr Colin Ferguson will lead our worship
- 14th David will lead our service of Holy Communion
- 21st Zoom worship (see next page)
- 28th The Elders will lead our worship

Sept

- 4th Ms Linda Jackson will lead our worship
- 11th David will lead our service of Holy Communion
- 18th Zoom worship (see next page)
- 25th David will lead our worship

Third Sundays are still Zoom Sundays

You can use either a computer or your regular home phone. Zoom services are followed by a chance to chat over coffee together with our friends in Maidenhead URC. It is always the same link and always at 10.30 am:

Topic: Sunday Worship

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82345181397>

Meeting ID: 823 4518 1397

To join Zoom services by phone, please dial one of these two numbers and follow the instructions: 0203 481 5240, or 0203 901 7895.

Tuesday mornings – all welcome!

House Group continues to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the week at Doreen's house, 2 Baron's Court, Dedmere Rise from 10.30 am.

Our **coffee mornings** are always alternate weeks so as not to clash with the house group. Our coffee mornings (held at The Ark coffee shop at the Methodist Church) start at 10:30 am. They will be on 12 and 26 July – but then we will take a break for August.

Our Platinum Jubilee celebration

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June in style with a 'bring and share' lunch after worship. What a fabulous spread there was! There were some creative entries in the best Jubilee hat competition as well as some beautifully decorated floral contributions.

There was stiff competition, so David awarded prizes in several categories, with Martin Ashford declared 'head and shoulders' above other entries! See next page for a few photos.

Dr Margaret Yee (who led our service that morning) has written as follows:

In all the rush over the last few weeks I did not manage to fulfil my intention to write you a note to say "thank you" most sincerely for yours and the Marlow

congregation's kind invitation to join you all at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch Celebration, after morning worship on Pentecost Sunday. We truly enjoyed being at the celebration and meeting folk from both congregations, and your Minister and his parents too. Do please give our thanks to all. I was not able to say a personal thankyou on the day, as we were taken to see the new "Walk of Life" garden and pathway, which is marvellous, and then had to be off. So, though belated, many thanks from my husband Malcolm and myself for such a lovely time together in honour of Her Majesty – what a wondrous reign she has fulfilled for GB and the Commonwealth!

*Every good wish
Margaret (Yee)*



Church Magazine

As you know we have been trying to find a new name for the new joint church magazine... and we hope to announce the new name soon! So, this will be the last *New Forum*!

We really do appreciate all that Jean has done for *New Forum*. It's not just the printing... it's the setting... and possibly worst of all – the chasing of items, normally from the minister!

Ministers' Gathering

Back in May (that feels like a very long time ago now!) one lucky venue in Staffordshire played host to hundreds of URC ministers! What a privilege! It was great to have a few days together and discuss themes... with there being no business! We listened to speakers, participated in workshops, and spent time together. It was a very encouraging time.

If you want to find out more about the week, there are quite a few recordings of sessions on the URC website.

Social Media Engager

We are delighted to record that we are joining in with Maidenhead and have employed a Social Media Engager. This is someone who will help us promote our online presence, especially for us on Facebook and our website. Maria will have just about started. If you follow us on Facebook, or know people who do, you will start to see her work!

Marlow Refugee Action

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who dropped into our plant sale at [the Ark Café](#) on Sat 19 June as part of our Refugee Week fundraising. We raised over £670 which is phenomenal, but our green-fingered fundraising is not over yet! Our sale has branched out (pun fully intended) and is now at three locations:

- The Ark Café
- 62 Oak Tree Road Marlow
- 35 Mill Road Marlow

All three are now cash only so please bring change!

Paella & Chat



Sunday 17th July 2022 at 1.30 pm

Maidenhead URC church hall, West Street

We will serve a meat Paella of the type found in the mountain areas of Spain, and it will NOT contain any fish or crustaceans.

We will offer a vegetarian option and an ice cream dessert.

Please bring any alcohol you wish to drink.

We will supply water, soft drinks and a smile!

Tickets £8.00

from Jean Ashford, 01628 486227



Christian Aid Week 2022 in Marlow

Dear friends

Firstly, thanks for all you have done for Christian Aid this year.

As you know, the focus of Christian Aid Week 2022 was on helping families affected by drought in Zimbabwe. The Marlow Christian Aid Group organised an envelope drop, a cake sale, a concert and a soup lunch. In addition, we had a JustGiving page so that people could donate online if they wished. The results are as follows:

		Gift Aid	Total
Envelopes	£1,796.14	£259.63	£2,055.77
JG Page	£2,845.00	£675.00	£3,520.00
Cake Sale	£261.03	-	£261.03
Concert	£450.00	-	£450.00
Soup Lunch	£120.00	-	£120.00
Total	£5,472.17	£934.63	£6,406.80

Again, thank you for helping us achieve this. Given the many other calls on people's generosity this year, we think this is a more than satisfactory result. Well done everyone!

BTW the JustGiving page is still open for anyone who has missed the opportunity to make a donation. Here is the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marlow-christian-aid-week-2022>

As this is my last year of coordinating CA fundraising in Marlow, I'd like to invite you - and all Christian Aid supporters past and present - to celebrate our achievements over the past several years. Together we've raised loads of money to support CA's work in tackling poverty and injustice and bringing hope to communities throughout the world. Sometimes it's been hard work, but we've also had plenty of laughs along the way...!!

Please come and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake in our garden at 24 Squirrel Rise, Marlow Bottom SL7 3PN on Friday 8 July, any time between 2.30 pm and 5 pm. This is a purely social event, no fundraising involved!

In the event of bad weather, we will be in the house, but here's hoping ...

If you've not been here before, please note the approach to the house is up a steep slope. Perhaps those with mobility issues would contact me in advance.

If anyone is interested in taking over the role of CA coordinator for Marlow from next year, please do get in touch with me. We have a wonderful team (a huge thank you to Tony, Barbara, Alison, Sue and Catherine). It is not an onerous job (mainly concentrated in the months April-June) and is often enjoyable and certainly rewarding.

I look forward to celebrating with you!

Jean Ashford, Marlow Organiser for Christian Aid

Lord, to those who are hungry, give bread.

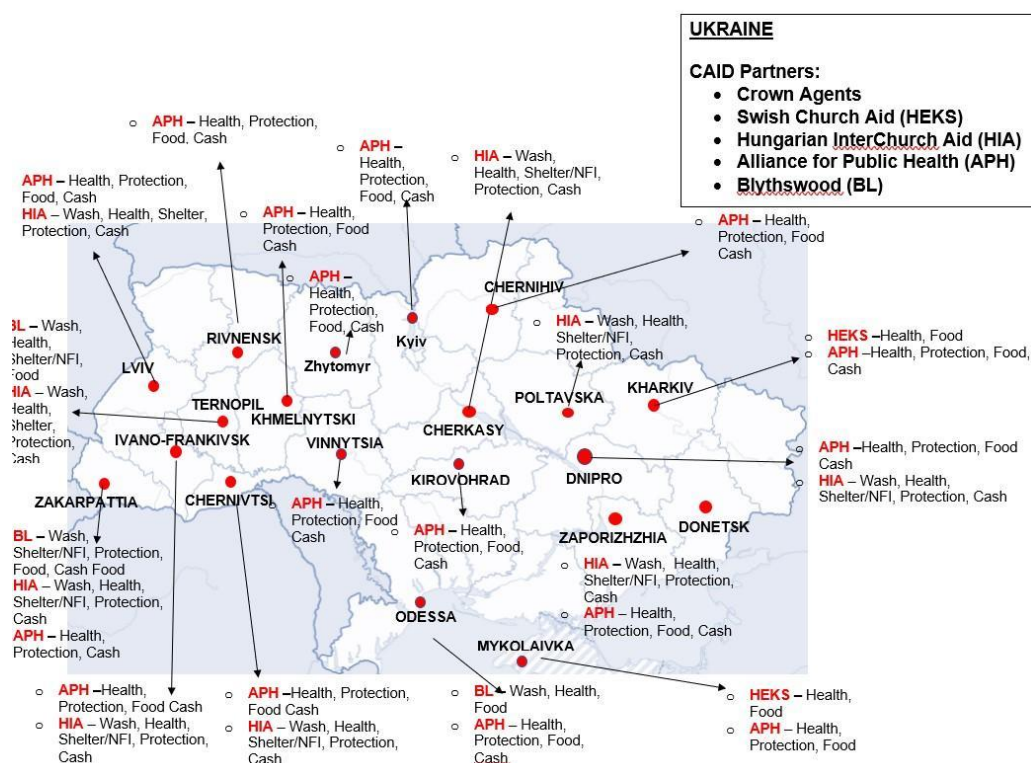
And to those who have bread, give a hunger for justice.

Latin American Prayer

PS: You may ask what Christian Aid is doing in Ukraine.

Christian Aid's share of the DEC Ukraine appeal was about £21 million (7% of the total). Christian Aid is also running its own Ukraine Appeal. CA works in Ukraine mainly through the ACT Alliance of Christian development charities and church bodies. CA's partner organisations are providing:

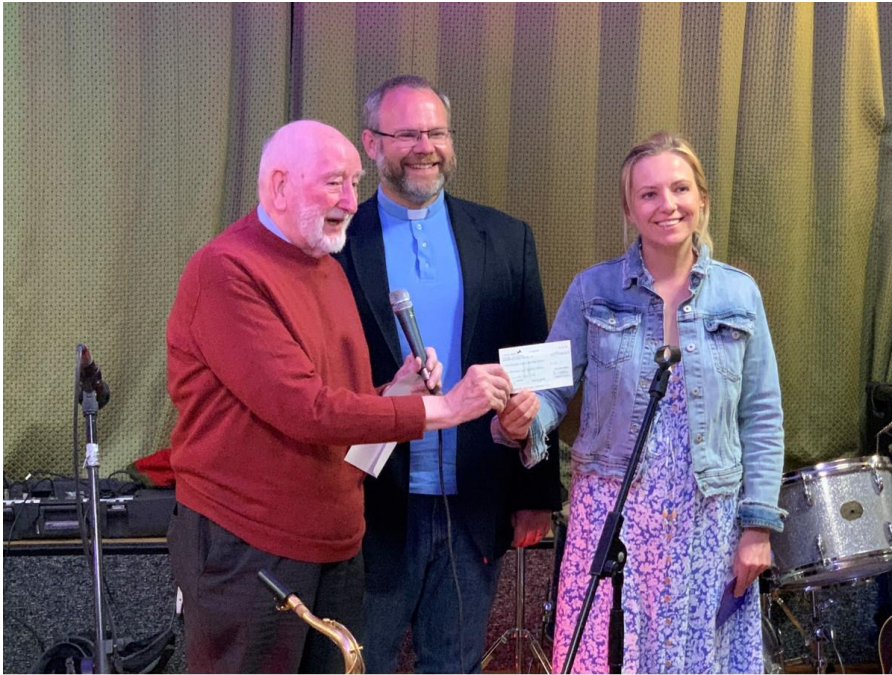
- **Hungarian Interchurch Aid** – immediate food, emergency aid and shelter in Ukraine and Hungary
- **HEKS (Swiss Church Aid)** – similar aid in Ukraine, Romania and Hungary
- **Crown Agents** – £2.2 million of Trauma First Aid Emergency Kits, medical supplies (including baby incubators, neo-natal drugs, thermal blankets) to the **Ukrainian Ministry of Health**
- **Alliance for Public Health (APH)** – Ukrainian charity running mobile medical units and providing supplies across Ukraine
- **Blythswood** – working through local churches in Ukraine, sheltering refugees and providing supplies



The Independent recently interviewed the new CEO of Christian Aid, Patrick Watt, as he visited CA's work in Lviv - <https://inews.co.uk/news/ukraine-war-how-aid-agencies-using-football-normality-joy-child-refugees-1706668?ITO>

Aid for Ukraine

How many people do you recognise in this picture?



Jolanta and I were invited by Geoff Cronin to attend a jazz concert where we were given a cheque for over £1000 which had been raised by a special concert organised by Jazz Angels (Hedsor Social Club). Geoff preaches at both Marlow and Maidenhead URCs!

What we are doing

On Friday mornings and Sunday afternoons, some of us gather for coffee or tea. We natter and catch up. Sometimes we pack donations.... but we are always reminding people of the need to fight the war in peaceful ways. Even on days when we are quiet, people know and hear about our donation sessions... and people are reminded of the reasons why we are doing what we are doing!

So much so, that money is coming in! On days when it feels like we are doing nothing, we are raising money. One family heard us talking at Pub in the Park... the next day they told their grandchildren, and they then set up a stall outside their house to sell their toys. They raised £58 for us! The oldest child was 8.

Our role is still important, especially as in mid-July the next truck will leave. Some of you may have met Jolanta (who basically is the boss of the project).

Jolanta will be going to Poland to meet her family but will be in Susiec when the next truck arrives. She will film more of it and find out more information.

There is going to be a raffle soon and an auction to help us raise funds so that we can buy specifically what is needed. We are thankful to George who asked his guests for his birthday lunch to donate... he and I were able to go and buy over £400 of food! Amazing George and guests!

We still need food, that's the main thing. Instant food, meals that can be eaten out of a container or tin.

I am very grateful to those who come and volunteer.... Those on welcome duty, refreshments, packing and more!

Along with the vigil that still takes place on Sundays at 4pm, we are fully taking our part in the resistance and the stand for peace.

Oh, just to say..... the vigil on Sunday 24 July will be at a different time. It will start at 5pm, as it marks the 5th month of the war. Other than that, why not come and join us for 10 mins at 4pm on Sundays....



The truck at Christ Church on 9 May



The Rwanda issue – So Many Kinds of Wrong

As you may know, Martin is a trustee of London Churches Refugee Fund. This organisation has an annual speaker meeting which this year was held on 20 June at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

It was an amazing evening. The speech (So Many Kinds of Wrong) by Revd Dr Sam Wells was a total and hard-hitting demolition of the government's appalling Rwanda policy, the contributions from two projects showed exactly why LCRF does what it does, and the music was stunning.

For those who were there and would like to read or hear the speech again, or for anyone who missed it, here is the important info:

Read Sam's speech by clicking [here](#) or if this doesn't work, it has since been published in *Church Times* so can be read here:

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2022/24-june/comment/opinion/so-many-kinds-of-wrong-a-theological-response-to-the-rwanda-asylum-initiative>

Watch the video at <https://www.facebook.com/stmartininthefields> - scroll down past more recent posts to find it. Or this link should take you straight to it: <https://www.facebook.com/stmartininthefields/videos/385587383548340>.

The actual talking starts about 15 minutes in.

If you are moved to **donate**, you can do that at www.lcrf.org.uk.

Thanks for your support for vulnerable and destitute people.

Ten years of Music in Marlow

It all started with a piano.



The parents of two girls whom Jean had taught were splitting up and offered their 1901 Bechstein grand to us. The church seemed like the place for it, some of the congregation were keen but others felt this wasn't what the church should spend its money on. So, a compromise was devised involving a 'consortium' of the willing who clubbed together to buy the piano and lend it to the church, while we raised money from concerts to buy it outright. The piano/music fund was set up and Jean and I were challenged to raise about £6,500.

Jean had long organised occasional musical events, notably for Christian Aid Week, but from 2012 we stepped up the pace under the new brand 'Christ Church Music in Marlow'. The first event was on March 16th that year when a voluptuous lady called Louise Herrington came and sang, with James Church at the piano. In May we had one of many visits by the Taplow Choirs, in June a recital for violin and piano thanks to Jean's own piano teacher, in September a 'family' affair with Ashfords and friends performing. All quite low-key and without significant outlay.

Then something unexpected happened. I approached Michael Eagleton at the Marlow Jazz Club to ask if perhaps he might know a jazz pianist who could come and entertain us... By the end of the conversation, I had agreed to a visit by Lillian Boutté, gospel singer from New Orleans, with a professional four-piece backing band. The cost was £850. "Don't worry," said Michael, "my audience will love it and we'll easily make a profit." And we did. It was a useful lesson in

weighing expected ticket sales against costs and, ever since, we have made a point of trying to pay musicians decently (if never generously!) for their time and skills.

Over the years, we've tried to balance professional appearances with amateur, local and youth performers. Among the latter, as well as Taplow Choirs and various of our friends, have been Chiltern Music Academy, Marlow Music Makers (a 'Last Night of the Proms' in 2014), Marlow Gospel Choir, Sound Force Big Band, Berkshire Brass and Quire Voices. Among a number of young pianists, Theresa Yu from the Royal College was perhaps the star. And, of course, Fran Stafford performed several times and became quite a friend of the church.

Professional 'acts' have included Cameo Opera (two very successful nights), the Cristofori Trio, and some real jazz stars including Dave O'Higgins, Derek Nash, Greg Abate, Alan Barnes and Lenore Raphael. For sheer musical excellence, I don't think anything has surpassed the wonderful Brompton Quartet who played for us last year.

In 2015 we ran an entire 'Marlow Festival of Wind and Brass', with six concerts in a few weeks (a bit much, that!). The only events we've ever run outside Christ Church were a couple of big/brass/concert band days which we held at All Saints in 2015 and 16. Another special event was when we celebrated the Reformation with a 500th anniversary concert in October 2017, under the title 'Luther, Bach and beyond'.

People have often assumed that Jean and I have wonderful 'contacts' with all these musicians. While that applies to some, half the time we have simply approached performers 'cold' – musicians we've heard of, or heard elsewhere. And sometimes (increasingly, over the years) they have approached us, eager to have a platform. With the 'return' from lockdown, that became particularly important.

And how have we decided what to put on? The top criterion was very simple: would it be a concert that we thought **we** would enjoy? And then, did we think it would appeal to our audience? A proposal for a saxophone recital 'with electronica' failed that test! Some things have worked better than others, and even after ten years every concert has felt like a new mountain to climb when it comes to ticket sales. We have some 350 potential audience members on a

mailing list, but getting bums on seats has always been a challenge and it still is. For all that, only one concert out of the 75 has made an actual loss. And, while we had a couple of concerts cancelled due to Covid and the odd occasion when a performer had to be 'replaced' at short notice, nothing ever went too horribly wrong.

Did we raise enough to buy the piano? Of course! For some reason, our financial records only start in 2013 but from then until 2022 we raised over £12,000 for church funds and something like £9,000 for outside causes – primarily Christian Aid but also others including, recently, the Ukraine appeal.

That's a bottom line of a sort. But the real summary would be this: it has been fun! We've really enjoyed the music and the work has never felt like a burden. Will concerts continue at Christ Church without us? We hope so, albeit probably not as regularly – and even that depends on people's willingness to help make it happen. Meanwhile, we have a lot of memories and photos to look back on: every concert is documented at www.musicinmarlow.org.uk.

So we say... 'Thank you for the music,' of course, and may the show continue!

Martin & Jean



Big Day Out 2022, Were you there?

A great day was had by all who attended our Big Day Out on Saturday 7th May. There was much to do, as well as music by Liss Brass Band and worship at the beginning and the end of the day. We played games, made crafts, found out about the history of the URC, sang and listened to stories.

We went on steam trains, carousels, and other rides from Hollycombe, attended Forest Church, discovered a labyrinth and followed a nature trail with rubbings across the site. (*I loved the Forest Church! – ed.*)

Did you miss it? Well - keep an eye out for the next one!

Covid-19 Update from the Moderators

Covid-19 infections continue to spread, although the lower 'R-value' shows that the infection rate is slowing. Restrictions imposed by our various Governments have been lifted.

However, many people who form, and are served by, our churches are still vulnerable. Many now see the risks from COVID-19 as being lower because of vaccines and seasonal factors. Some people will continue to feel nervous about the risk to their health, and others will rightly want to be cautious about the possibility of passing infection to others.

We remind churches that the Elders' Meeting or equivalent council in a Local Ecumenical Partnership has the responsibility for mitigating all health and safety risks around their premises and operations.

Government regulations no longer require the wearing of face coverings, although some will choose to do so, and their decision must be respected by the local church.

We commend the practice of maintaining good hand hygiene, so the ongoing provision of sanitiser is a sensible precaution where it is not practical to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

It is likely we will see seasonal increases in Coronavirus, just as we do for flu and other respiratory infections. Even though the main Covid-19 variants currently in the UK tend to produce milder disease, the potential for more serious effects remains. Churches should therefore be ready to reintroduce appropriate precautions according to local circumstances at any time, whether or not they are mandated by legislation.

We believe that the experience gained in the last two years will help churches to respond appropriately. The Synod Moderators are only likely to offer further guidance if the UK Governments change their approach.

<https://urc.org.uk/coronavirus-synod-moderators-updated-guidance/>

Moderator's Christmas Card Drawing Challenge

It's been a few years since we last held our challenge to find a design for the Moderator's Christmas Card.

This year the challenge is open to EVERYONE within the Synod.

Are you up for the challenge?

Find out more by visiting [Moderator's Christmas Challenge post](#).

The URC @ Greenbelt - 26-29 August 2022

The URC theme for Greenbelt 2022 is **Revoluting Christians!**

Ever thought of venturing out as a church group to Greenbelt? It's an excellent way to engage with faith, arts, music and activism as well as deepening in fellowship together. Boughton House near Kettering is a delightful setting. There is something for everyone and all ages at Greenbelt, whether you have not even started your faith journey yet or have been 'walking the way' for many years.

Flier: <https://urc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Greenbelt-Flyer-2022.pdf>

For more information: <https://urc.org.uk/urc-at-greenbelt-festival/>

The URC's 50th Jubilee

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration

If you asked for a seat or two to be reserved for the October 1 service, you should now have received an email from Eventbrite with your ticket/s. Please keep these safe as the codes will be needed to gain entry to the venue. You can bring a printout of the PDF or show them on your phone.

More than 600 tickets have been reserved and so if you have yet to reserve any, please do so soon:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/50th-anniversary-service-of-thanksgiving-and-celebration-free-event-tickets-163843796205>

URC at 50: Worship Resources - All the details can be found at:

<https://urc.org.uk/who-we-are/our-50th-anniversary/> (scroll past the videos).

Volunteering at Greenbelt Festival 26-29 August 2022

Want to see an end to poverty and stand up for climate justice? Got a tent and fancy a free ticket to the incredible Greenbelt Festival?

Will you help Christian Aid inspire festival goers to put their faith into action? We're looking for volunteers to inspire others to take action. Apply online: christianaid.org.uk/get-involved or volunteering@christian-aid.org.

Days to Lament

I was a somewhat sceptical participant in this Lent course. Its title "Days to Lament" was, after all, a bit of a turn-off. "Days to Lament" comes from Judges and the harrowing story of Jephthah who killed his only daughter.

However, my attitude changed as some new and enthusiastic people arrived from across Marlow's different church fellowships. Among them, Fr John (St Peter's) who suggested the group open our initial meeting by singing a version of Psalm 13, the Bible passage which was the basis of the study's theme of Lament. Perhaps it was the subtle lyrics or the soft tone of his guitar, but I found my attitude changing. And it continued to change with each of the sessions. Instead of sullen pictures of pious believers bowed down with helplessness, I began to see real people with real problems crying out to God for help in difficult and painful circumstances.

Practical ideas can come from the process of sharing sadness and grief and acknowledging that God can work through people like us. Our discussions repeatedly referred to Ukraine and the impact people's courage and positive convictions have had. Crying out for God's help can be a force for good and if this is lamenting, then we too should apply it in our Christian lives.

As we concluded the study, we agreed that we had learned valuable lessons and our time had been rewarding and spiritually uplifting. It was good to have a representative from Embrace the Middle East at our final meeting and we asked that she pass on our thanks to the team who produced such a stimulating booklet. The study also provided an opportunity for good cheer and true fellowship - always a great bonus but especially so when life is challenging. So our sincere thanks also go to Churches Together in Marlow and its hard-working secretary!

Paddy Gallagher

Mischief

In the beginning
God made physicists
out of nothing at all.

Now hold on
said the physicists
that's against a law.

God,
having not yet made Newton,
said nothing.

Then God made theologians
and became man
and joined them.

Oh no
said the theologians
it's one thing or the other,
God or man.

God smiled
and passed the bread and wine.

Finally, God made philosophers
and died for them.

We've got you there
said the philosophers
immortals don't die – it's inconsistent!

But God,
having anticipated this objection,
got up,
packed away his shroud

and walked back into town to see some friends.

And then
just when he'd got them really interested,
just when they were running out of arguments,
just when it looked like he'd put them straight
once and for all

God made disciples
and left.

But that's God for you,
always full of surprises,
never know what he won't do next

Wouldn't put it past him
just about now with the
physicists theologians and philosophers
thinking they've almost worked it out
to come back
and prove them wrong again –

even though
it's the very last thing
he's likely to do.

Godfrey Rust

(from *Liturgy of Life*, Anthology compiled by Donald Hilton, collection © Donald Hilton 1991, published by
National Christian Education Council 1991)

Limericks

It's a while since we've had Alan Ball's limericks in *New Forum*. So turn over to enjoy a selection, and if you would like more, just ask Alan if he can spare you a copy of one of his many ecclesiastical limericks books!

A rector translated to Slough
Owned two small pekes and a chow
They would always obey
When he taught them to pray
But instead of 'Amen' barked bow-wow

If you think that the world is flat
You will find this view is old hat
So don't jump off the edge
As you won't find a ledge
For God will just let you go splat.

If you eat a golden delicious
It's said to be highly nutritious
But for Adam and Eve
The result I believe
Was not exactly propitious

There once was a Vicar of Dover
Who decided to call his dog Rover
This uninspired name
Brought him so little fame
That he changed it one day to Jehovah.

When it rains a lot I do wonder
If God sits up there in the thunder
And for vivid effects
A bonus collects
As with lightning he splits trees asunder

If you think the Lord will provide
This can with the facts fast collide
As I'm sure he prefers
And often infers
Planning gives you a much smoother ride.

A Scots minister sat on a rock
As he contemplated a loch
'What a beautiful sight'
He sighed, 'It's not right
That I've got such a difficult flock.'

Perhaps all those black holes in space
Are just wrinkles in God's own face
So if he grows old like us
Why should we all fuss
And not accept age with good grace.

Platinum Jubilee Bella



Something to pray ...

May God bless us with a restless discomfort
about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
So that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with holy anger
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,
So that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all
people.

May God bless us with the gift of tears
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of
all that they cherish,
So that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and transform their
pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we really can make a difference in this world.
So that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be
done.

(Words taken from a Franciscan blessing)



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