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**St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth**

The Church of England and The Methodist Church in Partnership

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## Regular Services

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	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Language</i>
<b>SUNDAYS</b>			
Weekly	8.00AM	Said Holy Communion	Traditional
1st	10.00AM	All Age Sung Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Church Centre	Modern
2nd–5th	10.00AM	Sung Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Church Centre <b>Children's Church</b> in the Church Centre (during term time)	Modern
2nd	12.15PM	Holy Communion	Modern
Weekly	6.00pm	Evening Service	
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>			
Tue	9.30AM	Holy Communion	Modern

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# Minister's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

St Mary's is a very fortunate church community in that we often have visitors join us each Sunday to worship, visitors to the church each day during the week, as well as visitors to the Church Centre for all sorts of activities.

Lest we think we can sit on our laurels with regard to the number of visitors, questions it is good to ask are; *how do we encourage these visitors to become friends; how do we encourage these friends to become worshippers; how do we encourage worshippers to become family - part of the household of faith?* We might like to ask too, how are we this household, this family, already? How do we pray together, learn together, spend time together - encouraging, persevering, sharing with each other in the joys, sorrows, ups and downs of our family life as a church community?

A place to begin might be by exploring:

How we pray together (beyond Sunday morning Services)

*We have Evening Prayer on Sundays, midweek Holy Communion and, if there are people available/ interested, we could begin Morning and Evening Prayer again on weekdays.*

How we learn together (beyond the Sunday sermon)

*We have two House Groups, a forthcoming Course on Mary and a forthcoming START Course (which is open to anyone and everyone).*

How we spend time together (beyond Sunday/Midweek Communion Services)

*We have the House Groups which offer fellowship, social events (one of which is this very month!) at which to meet one another and enjoy each other's company; groups that meet for coffee and lunch or tea during the week.*

I wonder whether, during this month in which we celebrate and rejoice in the faithfulness of Mary, our Name Saint, we might each consider how we celebrate and rejoice in both our own faithfulness, and the faithfulness of the others with whom we walk the path of faith at St Mary's - as well as how we might invite and encourage others to do the same.

As we look toward the Season of Welcome that begins this month, it is worth considering to what we are welcoming people. Members of the household of faith come to know each other by spending time with each other. I encourage you, even urge you (in good Pauline fashion) to 'not give up the habit of meeting together'. We need each other, and in our need is our strength. If people come and find a community where people are truly supportive of one another, and that is open to welcoming others in, they will want to join. Visitors will become friends; friends will become worshippers; worshippers will become part of the household of faith - with each one of us companions by their side.

With my prayers for us all in this season of Celebration and of Welcome,



The Revd Deborah Snowball

## Readings at Holy Communion

1 Sep	Prov 25.6-7*	Heb 13.1-8, 15-16	Luke 14.1, 7-14
8 Sep	Rev 11.19 - 12.6,10	Gal 4.4-7	Luke 1.46-55
15 Sep	Exod 24.3-11 Jer 31.31-34	Rom 12.1-2	Luke 15.1-10
22 Sep	Amos 8.4-7	1 Tim 2.1-7	Luke 16.1-13
29 Sep	Amos 6.1a, 4-7	1 Tim 6.6-19	Luke 16.19-end

\* At 8.00am only

## Prayers

### Prayer Suggestions

*Week beginning:*

- 1 Sep Those returning from holiday to face new challenges
- 8 Sep The future of our church
- 15 Sep For willingness to help
- 22 Sep For people in trouble
- 29 Sep For courage in a time of uncertainty

## For Local Churches

### The Deanery

1 Sep Mill End, W Hyde & Heronsgate  
8 Sep St Oswald's, Croxley Green  
15 Sep Sarratt and Chipperfield  
22 Sep St Andrew's, Chorleywood  
29 Sep St Lawrence, Bovington

### The Methodist Circuit

Studham  
Trinity Watford  
Wheathampstead  
Abbots Langley  
All Saints', Berkhamsted

## People Living Locally

1 Sep Rectory Lane, Parsonage Road  
8 Sep Rectory Road  
15 Sep Park Road, The Quadrant  
22 Sep Fellowes House, Walkers House  
29 Sep Woodman House, Middlemarch Lodge

## A Prayer for September

Heavenly Father, we pray for our country: guide our Prime Minister and Government and those who will support and advise them in the important decisions that must be made in the next two months, and will affect the lives and livelihoods not only of our own citizens, but also people in countries throughout the world. May all involved in negotiations act wisely and fairly and may an amicable solution be reached that benefits all.

Amen

## Ministry for Children, Young People and Families at St Mary's

*The Revd Deborah Snowball*

As part of our ongoing commitment to the children and families of our church community we are looking for new ways of providing ways to support and encourage the children on their journey of faith.

As you may already have heard, Children's Church at St Mary's 'closed' for the foreseeable future at the end of July. Rachel Turvey, along with others, had run it for many years and felt that it was time to take a rest. She and the other leaders have worked hard over those years, and have been delighted to watch the children of our church grow and learn and worship together. I know we are all very grateful to them all.

Looking ahead, we are seeking to glean from the parents of our children what activities would be welcomed as their children grow in faith. To this end, I am inviting parents and carers of younger children, and the children, to tea on Sunday 15 September at 4pm at the Vicarage, in order for us to chat together about various possibilities and to gather ideas about how we can serve children and their families more fully.

From September, we'd very much like the children who are in church to take a much more active part in the worship; reading, welcoming at the door, taking the collection, serving. It will be lovely to have the children sharing in worship this way. I know it will make them feel more involved - and this has to be good thing.

Following on from the meeting in July for all interested in the work we offer for children and young people at St Mary's, a whole variety of discussion and activities will be taking place in the coming months - initially related to the work we do with Baptism and Children's Worship. We have a team working to prepare age-appropriate activity bags that will be hung on the end of pews near the back of church and thus be available to families who might like to make use of them. In addition, activity mats are out in the tower - with toys - for little children who need a bit of space to let off steam during Services.

I do encourage prayer for vision and energy for this important area of our church's life.

## **Safeguarding Officers**

Please note that Mary Weatherilt is no longer a Safeguarding Officer. Helen Swain remains in post and Margaret West has been appointed as her deputy. Contact details for them may be found on the back cover of LINK.

## **St Mary the Virgin**

Our Church is dedicated to Mary and we celebrate her feast day in September, which is why she appears on the cover of this month's Parish Magazine, our familiar Mary, the statue we look at week by week on the little shelf just to the left of the pulpit. Let us learn about her too.



## The Patronal Festival Weekend – a Reminder

On **Saturday 7 September** we have our annual Patronal Pilgrimage Day, this year to Guildford Cathedral. Those who have booked to go should be at the Vicarage at 9.15am.

On **Sunday 8 September** there are two morning services as usual; the **10.00am** is our main Patronal Festival celebration, at which the Archdeacon of St Albans, The Venerable Jonathan Smith, will preach. It will be followed by a **Bring and Share Lunch** at 12.15pm.

### Discovering the real *Mary* - a journey for all

Come and discover more about the woman to whom our church is dedicated. Looking at scripture, art and prayer, this is an opportunity to learn more together about this woman who has such an important part to play in the life of the church.

The wo*Man*  
The *Mother*  
The conte*M*plative  
The radical *Messenger*



Tuesdays, 7.45pm, The Vicarage **OR** Saturdays, 10am in Church  
10,17,24 September, 1 October      14,21,28 September, 5 October  
All Welco*M*e

## The Season of Welcome 2019

From Back to Church Sunday (29 September) to the services that form part of our Christmas celebrations, the *Season of Welcome* offers one opportunity after another to invite people to events, activities and special services at St Mary's. It takes more than just a 'one-off' encounter for a sense of connection to be made and at St Mary's we continue to build on the work we have undertaken in inviting people to events during this Season.

Packs are available for you to take away - each with a set of invitation cards. Please take a pack, at least one, and invite people along. Think of your friends and family and anyone else who might need just a small, friendly nudge and a warm invitation (from you) to bring them through the doors of our church.

Here's a list of all the invitation 'events':

- Back to Church Sunday - 29 September
- Harvest Celebrations - 5,6 October
- Bereavement Service - Saturday 2 November
- Remembrance-tide events - weekend of 8-10 November
- Advent Services and events - from 1 December
- Christingle Service - Sunday 15 December
- Christmas Experience - from 9 December
- Christmas Services - from 22 December

## Music for September's 10.00am Services

*Andrew Sykes*

### 1 Sep

Music before:	Howells	<i>Psalm-Prelude No. 1, Set 2</i>
		<i>Improvisation on Bunesan</i>
Anthem:	Ledger	<i>Loving Shepherd</i>
Recessional:	Franck	<i>Finale</i>

### 8 Sep (Patronal Festival)

Music before:	Bach	<i>Prelude &amp; Fugue in C major</i>
Introit:	Sumsion	<i>Magnificat</i>
	Gabrielli	<i>Motet</i>
Anthem:	Arcadelt	<i>Ave Maria</i>
Recessional:	Handel	<i>Hornpipe (from Water Music)</i>

### 15 Sep

Music before:	Elgar	<i>Selection from The Vesper</i>
		<i>Voluntaries</i>
Anthem:	Walford-Davies	<i>God be in my head</i>
Recessional:	Buxtehude:	<i>Prelude &amp; Fugue in E</i>

### 22 Sep

Music before:	Couperin	<i>Selection from Messe des Couvertes</i>
Anthem:	Mozart	<i>Ave verum corpus</i>
Recessional:	Buxtehude	<i>Tocatta &amp; Fugue in D</i>

**29 Sep**

Music before: Messiaen

*Desseins eternelles*

Improvisation on *Liebster Jesu*

Anthem: Gibbons

*Almighty and everlasting God*

Music after: Vierne

*Carillon de Westminster*



## **Return of the Angels**

*Beryl Baker*

We have been asked to make angels again this year for distribution at the Crib Service.

I still have the pattern and have been given quite a lot of yarn. I will make up some packs for you and leave them at the back of the church. This time feel free to use colour and imagination.

I am also grateful for all the squares (for blankets) and baby hats and mittens that you have made. The blankets have been taken to *Knit for Peace* and will be sent off to Syria and St Mungo's. The baby hats and mittens are gratefully received by Watford Hospital Maternity Unit. *Knit for Peace* also want fingerless gloves for the homeless this winter - I have patterns.



## **Celebrations**

**Weekend of 5-6 October**

### **Harvest Exhibition of Gifts, Skills and Creativity**

Come and share your gifts, skills and creativity. If you have anything you would like to be on display, please let Katrina in the Office know what it is and how much space you will need to display it, and bring it

to church on either **Friday 4 October between 12 noon and 2pm**, or **Saturday 5 October between 8.30 and 9.30am**. The display will be open to visitors between **1pm and 5pm on Saturday** (although there is a Marriage Service of Prayer and Dedication at 3pm!), and **11.30am and 5pm on Sunday**. If you can assist in setting up the displays, offering a welcome to visitors (and being a guard to the items on display), assist in taking down the displays (**from 6.45pm on Sunday**), please sign up on the sheets at the back of church.

### **Harvest Gift Collections**

Our Harvest Collections each year link strongly with the theme of celebrating the fruits and gifts of the earth. Charities that will receive the gifts people bring will be Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership, Herts Young Homeless and the Catholic Workers Farm. Dried goods (with a long-range 'use by' date), baby food, and tinned goods are all welcome. Each year we receive letters to thank us for the gifts we pass on, from both individuals and charities. *Thank you for all that you give.*

We hope that pupils from St Mary's School will be involved in decorating the Church again this year - using both the gifts they bring, and other people's. If you'd like to bring items ahead of the day, please place them in the tower on Friday 4 October in the morning.

### **Hearty Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive**

**6pm - Saturday 5 October**

An event to which everyone is invited with a *Hearty Harvest Supper* to include homemade hotpots, yummy breads and cheeses, with apple crumble to follow (all hopefully made with local fresh produce!) There will be a Beetle Drive organised by the members of X Team (our Youth Group). Tickets are available from the Church Office: adults: £6, children under 12: £3, family ticket (2 adults, up to 4 children £15). Please note, ticket sales will close on Sunday 29 September.

### **Harvest Money Collections ([harvestappeal.org](http://harvestappeal.org))**

*All We Can*, the Methodist Relief and Development Charity invites us to be inspired this Harvest to deepen our roots and celebrate how lives in Ethiopia are being transformed by the power of potatoes. 'How spud-tacular!' The money that you raise for *All We Can's* Harvest Appeal will improve the lives of people in





poor communities across the world. We at St Mary's hope you will be as generous in your giving of money as you are with your goods! Gift Aid envelopes will be available in church - and further information can be found out by doing a quick



search for *all we can harvest 2019*. (The webpage address is really long. The search will be quicker! [www.allwecan.org.uk/resources/service-materials/harvest-2019-deepen-your-roots](http://www.allwecan.org.uk/resources/service-materials/harvest-2019-deepen-your-roots))

## New Garden of Remembrance

*The Revd Deborah Snowball*



*Rosemary for remembrance*

I am delighted to say that the new Garden of Remembrance will be dedicated on our Patronal Festival Day by the Archdeacon of St Albans, The Venerable Jonathan Smith. This will take place directly following out Patronal Festival Service and all are welcome to attend.

As the present Garden of Remembrance is full, all future interments will be in the new Garden. The UCC has made the decision that future interments will not be recorded by individual plaques but the names of all those interred in the new Garden of Remembrance will be recorded in a new Book of Remembrance. As many will have observed, the plaques in the present Garden move around, often becoming 'lost' under the grass as the ground is so uneven.

A bench is to be installed beside the new Garden and this has been donated in memory of a faithful parishioner, Freda Pickard. It is hoped this will have been installed by the time of the new Garden of Remembrance being dedicated - or very soon after.

Many people express a desire to offer something in memory of someone who has died. If this is the case for you, please do speak to me so we can discover together something that might be appropriate.



## **St Mary's 750**

*Buzz Coster and Helen Swain*

By now you should have heard the exciting news that 2020 will be the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Parish of Rickmansworth.

As usual, St Mary's people have not been slow to suggest all sorts of innovative ideas to mark this special year and a team of people is leading this project.

We hope to involve as many of the community as we can and are already talking with a number of local groups with whom we are planning collaborative projects. For example, the Historical Society and Three Rivers Museum are working to create a timeline of the last 750 years, Rickmansworth Players will be helping us dress up in costumes through the ages for the Ricky Week parade and the Art Society is dedicating its outside mural space to the project.

We're also planning a Flower Festival in the summer, evenings of music, quarter peals and a Christmas Tree Festival, involving as many community groups and companies as we can.

We'll be keeping you up-to-date with what's going on and, as you can imagine, there will be requests for people to help. Please don't be shy in offering your services! Getting involved in St Mary's projects is always a great way to make and build friendships. If you're unable to help, we still hope you'll come along to the events and join in the celebrations.

Please call us if you'd like to know more! We look forward to hearing from you.

Buzz Coster (07711 567864); Helen Swain (07800 576034)

## The Gramble

*Anne Kay*



This is a plea for more drivers on 29 September. There are over 20 invitations going out and whilst not everyone will accept, we do need a good number of cars. If you can give a couple of hours to help on the last Sunday afternoon in September, I would be very pleased to tell you more.



## WW2 Memories

*Hilary Pearce*

Wanted; personal and/or family memories/stories of wartime both active and on the home front.

These will be included in a concert for Remembrance Day  
email to: Hilary Pearce - [hilary\\_anne\\_10@hotmail.com](mailto:hilary_anne_10@hotmail.com)  
or hand them in to the Church Office marked for the attention of Hilary Pearce as soon as possible but no later than 30 September.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

*Hilary Pearce*



It's that time of year again to start thinking about the Christmas Shoe Boxes. I hope you have all been saving your shoe boxes and are now thinking about covering them with Christmas paper ready to fill with toiletries for men, women and children. New toys with the labels on, gloves, scarves and hats, and pens, pencils and pretty note pads are all very welcome.

There will be further information in due course but for the time being please get your boxes ready.

# Luke: The Winged Ox

*Dorothy Entwistle*

*For identification of paintings, see end*



Luke's pictured oxen look patient and long suffering, but not, it is cheering to say, as if they were in fear of being sacrificed. As well they might be, for the ancient bishops had sacrifice in mind when they endowed Luke with an ox symbol merely because Luke's gospel begins with Zachariah burning incense as a token sacrifice and the ox was a favourite sacrificial victim.

Luke himself was no victim. He was the "beloved physician", [maybe a doctor and certainly an educated man], a friend, and a fellow-traveller of Paul's, a writer not just of his gospel but about a great deal of the doings of the apostles after the Ascension. He was a man of culture, it is agreed, probably a Greek, and possibly from Antioch. His written Greek is idiomatic and he translated Hebrew and Aramaic terms as if writing for educated Greek speakers. In his gospel he particularly stresses the compassion shown to the poor and the outcast and the gentleness and understanding shown to women.



He stayed with Paul even when Paul was in prison or under house arrest. He is the only gospel writer who tells the story of the walk to Emmaus when Cleopas and an unnamed disciple - possibly of course Luke himself - find a third person walking beside them who only later identifies himself in the breaking of bread. Only Luke relates the parables of the prodigal son and of the good Samaritan. Only Luke tells us of the prayer on the cross: Father, forgive them.



So it is appropriate perhaps that the somewhat arbitrarily chosen ox symbol should appear with Luke in art looking amiable and tender. Legend has it that



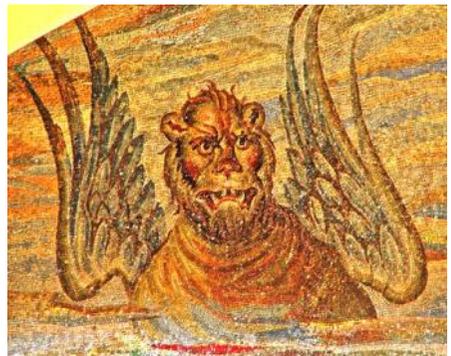
Luke was an artist as well as a doctor (and he is the patron of both) for in Florence the Guild of Medici e Speciali included dealers in artists' colours as well as spices and drugs. So there is a portrait by Bonfigli of Luke painting the Virgin (about 1450, Perugia) which has him sitting beside a very large ox who has the most patient if lugubrious expression perhaps because the saint's very long and narrow scroll is entwined about its horns and drooping beside its face (1). In Boston (by van der Weyden, 1438, The Museum of Fine Arts) is another Luke, elegant and narrow-faced, kneeling by a window overlooking a Dutch scene of river and bridge, and painting the

Virgin and Child while his ox skulks, but pleasantly, in a corner (2). A very early imagining of Luke is a sixth century mosaic in San Vitale, Ravenna, in which he is at his desk and holding a copy of his gospel, and the eternally patient ox is part of the design above him (3) The earliest use of the symbol,

it has been suggested, is probably that in the fourth century apse mosaics in the church of Santa Pudenziana in Rome (4). [We could only find a picture of Mark's symbol there (5); Luke is somewhere in a window recess. Ed.] But if you want to see the most



vigorous and moving picture which may or may not include Luke (and does not include an ox), you only have to go to the National Gallery in London and gaze at Caravaggio's (he did two of the subject but this is the more convincing) Supper at Emmaus (1601), (6). Is Luke the one with the cockleshell and the outflung arms, or is he more likely to be the younger



one with the hole in his jacket elbow who is starting from his chair in wonderment?

I am glad to say that it is reported that Luke died peacefully of old age in Boeotia in Greece. It was a long time ago but we have his written words still and also the painters' imaginings of how they might have looked - the tranquil ox and this most benign of evangelists.



List of artworks shown in the text

1. *Bonfigli - Luke painting the Madonna (about 1450, Perugia)*
2. *van der Weyden- Luke painting the Virgin and Child (1438, The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)*
3. *Sixth century mosaic in San Vitale, Ravenna*
4. & 5. *Fourth century apse mosaics in the church of Santa Pudenziana in Rome: a general view and St Mark.*
6. *Caravaggio - Supper at Emmaus (1601, National Gallery)*

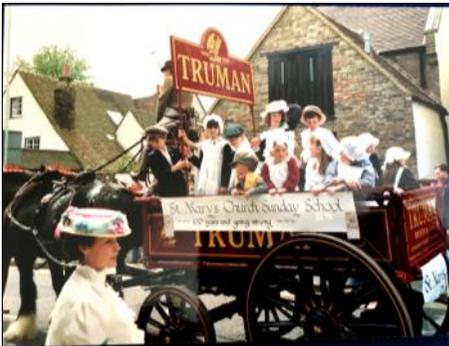
## St Mary's Sunday School



In the August LINK we included a photo of our Sunday School in the Ricky Week procession dressed as Victorian children. On the side of their float were the words, “100 years and going strong”. We asked if anyone knew when it was taken.

Suzanne Warren, one time Parish Secretary, recognised her children, Helen and Andrew, and on the right Tamsin Foreman. She sent us another photo of the occasion (p 16) that includes Sunday School teachers Bill Sylvester (can you recognise him?) and Clive Walton who moved to Weymouth and sadly died several years later. Her daughter Helen later identified Helen Gowing, Gemma and Matthew Harding, Sophie Howse and one of the Hilliers’ children.

Suzanne was able to confirm the date as 1990. As our present church was completed and re-opened in 1890, our Sunday School was started at that time. We also heard from Jo Bayley, who believes their float won the cup. She sent two more photos (see below), and thinks she is next to Tim Gowing on the float and also recognises the Johnsons. The picture that shows Bill Sylvester in full schoolmaster attire was taken on the Sunday morning.



## From the Registers

### Baptism

28 July *We ask for God's blessing on the life of*  
**OLIVIA INSLEY**, daughter of Mark and Mollie

### Funeral

5 August *May she rest in peace*  
**BARBARA MATTHEWS**

# St Mary's School News

*Brenda Bell*

*LINK has always been happy to publish news of our School especially as our UCC aims to build closer ties between Church and School. Previously we have used the School website, but it has recently been reorganised to make it more parent-friendly (fair enough) but less informative for a LINK editor, as some knowledge of school matters is assumed. I have done my best to draw news from the Head's and Class reports for the busy last 3 weeks of the Summer term.*

## **From the Head's Report**

As funding was a cause for concern the School reluctantly had to let five valued Support Staff go at the end of last term. The five Junior School and three Early Years Teaching Assistants would no longer be class based.

Four pupils 'did the School proud' at the *Music for Youth Festival* in Birmingham, as part of *Brass Attack* which the judges said gave a 'fantastic performance'.

All the school took part in Global Diversity Week. They studied a country and made things that parents could take home for a small donation. The children had practised for Sports Day and it was well supported. Certificates were awarded at a Celebration Assembly. There was also a graduation ceremony and outside picnic, 'all those things that make for an exciting end to the school year, culminating in an End of Year Church Service'.

Unwanted uniforms and shoes were collected to send to a St Mary's School in Africa.

Parents of children transitioning to new schools were given details of BBC-co-ordinated websites with great resources to help them and their children.

Miss Clegg and Miss Paxton attended the School Sports Partnership Awards to children from all the local Primary and Secondary schools in the partnership together with the school's two nominees for awards, Matilda and Reenie. Alex Gregory MBE, Olympic Gold Medallist for the GB Rowing Team, was a guest speaker. He encouraged the children to persist in their chosen activities and let them try on his gold medals!

## Drawn from Class Reports

**Early Years** The youngest children learnt about animals, and mini-beasts, measured snail trails and beanstalks, and used technology to draw the creatures.

**Year 1** studied France during Global Diversity Week. They tasted French foods, learnt about French culture and landmarks and were taught some French vocabulary. After school they sold French food they had made.

**Year 2** spent a 'fantastic' day at the seaside (place unspecified), where pictures show them discovering baby crabs and visiting an aquarium.

**Year 3** studied China in Global Diversity Week. They researched weather, school life, animals and food. They started cursive handwriting and practised using dictionaries to check spelling. They joined Year 2 on the trip to the seaside.

**Year 4** researched advantages and disadvantages of deforestation. They had 'Bikeability' lessons, made masks and decorated boxes to keep them in, built Lego models, made green slime and visited the Globe Theatre.

**Year 5**, From photos both boys and girls did some baking. They also took part in the same activities as Year 4, and also had an Evacuees Day when they dressed up as the children would have then and learned what happened to them.

**Year 6** *They wrote their report themselves.*

The TRDC Chairman Paula Hiscocks, who is a school governor, invited Year 6 to the Council Offices, where they had a tour and held their own debate in the Council Chamber. They had considered the topic *Should the age of criminal responsibility in England be raised from 10 to 16?* in advance. They had to debate as councillors, using a microphone and addressing the chairman and local councillors before putting their ideas forward with respect. Those listening found the debate really interesting.

They took part in a Show. In preparation they learnt their lines by heart, and were asked to use gestures/body language/strong facial expressions on stage.

The children were asked to write a 'Kenning' six lines long (see end of article) about another child in their class for the special Assembly for Leavers.

These pupils spent nearly a week at ROCK UK, an activity centre at Merthyr Tydfil. Activities included indoor climbing on different walls, and an aerial adventure and abseiling course which they went round blindfolded once familiar with it. They also tried caving in a man-made cave, football, canoeing, kayaking and bushcraft. They made shelters (fully equipped with xboxes and double beds) and practised starting fires. There was a campfire one evening.

A Kenning, derived from Norse and Anglo-Saxon poetry, is a stylistic device defined as a two-word literary description of an object through metaphors, or someone or something in confusing detail, for example, a two-word phrase “whale-road” to represent the sea.

## **St Mary’s in the Past**

**1913**

August had been a month of holidays and outings. The Revd Parkinson wrote his September letter from ‘amid the beautiful scenery of North Wales’, ‘delightfully green’ although ‘the Dee was exceedingly low’ and the Llangollen Falls were ‘shelves of bare rock’. The heather was ‘at its brightest purple’, with patches of ground gorse ‘in full blaze of glory’. They were moving on to Kenmare in Northern Ireland.

The Sunday School outings had been much enjoyed. The Vicar said that the seniors had enjoyed “a novel and very delightful outing to beautiful Shotover Common above Boxmoor, where our friend Mr C H Howe had acquired 5 or 6 acres and set up merry-go-round, donkeys, ponies, sweet stalls, toy stalls, cricket pitches and more and he and his wife saw to the thorough comfort of everybody.” Messrs Jones and Sons managed to assemble six brakes, two motors and a pony cart to get everyone there. The children thoroughly enjoyed the drive there via Croxley Green, Sarratt and Chipperfield in perfect weather.

Grace Notley, who also wrote a description of the day, described the journey there as ‘jolly, ...with everyone singing light-heartedly’. She said the moor was rather high and sloping with the few donkeys and two ponies in one corner, a roundabout and swings in another and two or three refreshment stalls in a third. Everyone was ready for lunch on arrival. After that they went to the donkeys and ponies: the donkeys were ‘rather tired’ but the ponies were ‘jolly’. After a good gallop they played cricket until teatime, when Mrs Howe showed herself to be a very good caterer. After tea there was a pleasant surprise for the children - a free ride on the roundabouts. On the homeward journey

via Chalfont their driver could not coax his horse to go, but when he ignored it, the horse ran to catch up the others, causing 'no little excitement'.

The younger Sunday School children had a 'Home Treat' in Rickmansworth Park.

The Choir men went to Lincoln for their excursion, where, in perfect weather "they enjoyed visiting the magnificent Cathedral, crowning so majestically the hill which dominated the ancient little city". The views of some 30 miles from both Cathedral and Castle towers amply rewarded "the toil up some hundreds of broken steps." Three past members of St Mary's had travelled 25 and 35 miles to join them for lunch.

The Choir boys' outing to Brighton was also an unqualified success. They set off on the 7.07am train from Rickmansworth to catch the 9.07am one from London Bridge. On arrival they were told where to assemble for tea at 4.30pm and allowed to disperse. The older boys walked to Hove and back. On the return journey they saw Mr Hawker go past in his water plane on his first attempt to fly round Britain. They had 'the most exciting time' with much fun bathing; Mr Pain bathed with them. They had photographs taken, listened to the band, and to some amusements on the beach and some had donkey rides before it was time for tea, when they 'did full justice to the substantial spread'. After a walk on the pier it was time to catch the 6.05pm train home, arriving back in Ricky at 9.30pm.

Fifty-six Mothers' Meeting members chose Hampton Court for their outing; the Vicar's only comment was that the drives to and fro were no light undertaking for Mr Jones's horses!

The magazine also contained reports of The Rickmansworth Swimming Club's 'Annual Events'. The Rickmansworth Football Club were anticipating the 1913-1914 season and inviting donations of funds. They played for a St Mary's Cup and several St Mary's people served on their committee.

## 1994

In her September letter, the Revd Dr Anne Shaw took the story of Naaman the Leper (2 Kings 5) as her inspiration for the theme of recognising what God the Holy Spirit is calling us to do.

The letter was followed by notice of three separate events of the Prayer and Healing Group: a service during which laying-on of hands

was offered, an open prayer group in which to offer prayers for healing and a meeting of The Group.

The Home Prayer Group, formed 4 months previously for those unable to attend services in church already had 20 members.

The Moor Lane House Group's August discussion topic was, "Are we too many?" in the light of God's command to Noah after the Flood, "Go forth and multiply. The question they planned to discuss in September was "Can Christianity exist without God?"

David Brown's comments about the organ voluntaries he would play during the current month drew attention as always. After discussing whether it was right to just play an extract, the *Adagio*, from César Franck's *Corale No 3 in A minor*, he rather dismissed Bach's *Prelude in G* as being "an early work and a bit unsubtle and bombastic".

The Sunday School outing was to Black Park, where some children watched the model boats and others fed the ducks, before attacking their picnic ravenously. They enjoyed some very energetic games and after ice creams, moved to nearby Langley Park where they tried to fly kites although there was little wind. After a demonstration of juggling by Bill Sylvester's son George everyone hastened home to see the World Cup final.

It was a happy evening at the Vicarage when Jeanette Short came to tell us about her work teaching blind girls in India to which St Mary's had contributed out of Parish Giving funds. The talk was followed by supper.

There was a whole page of congratulations in this issue of the magazine, for passing exams, to parents of several new babies and to Douglas Bartholomew who was celebrating 55 years service to St Mary's.

There was an appeal for a computer, printer and copier for the Parish Office, preferably free or low cost, as the existing one was becoming difficult and costly to maintain.

A poem by Gillian Baker was included. We all know that she loves poetry, but this was a rare glimpse of her own writing that we thought worthy of repetition.

## By the Lake

*Gillian Baker*

Snow-swan paddling silently  
through incandescent lily cups:  
purity.

Ice-cream sails dipping and skimming  
thread trails on silver water:  
tranquillity.

Tissue-paper butterflies twirling  
like soft moon-petals in the breathless air:  
fragility.

Cool marguerites reclining cosily  
in palisade of strong-armed reeds:  
security.

Thistledown floating like ethereal manna  
on everlasting flight:  
eternity.

Folk in white floppy hats chat heedlessly,  
missing the ephemeral nature of the hour.  
Oh unaware humanity!

In the Renewal section of the magazine there were further details of events already mentioned in previous LINKs and now imminent, the major ones being the Vicar's Pilgrimage to Canterbury, the Fashion Show and the Shop. In addition, we were to show some of our kneelers in the exhibition of ecclesiastical embroidery at the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace and take a small stand to sell goods of our own. The Renewal was due to finish in May 1995, but a Renewal Celebration Fair was planned for 8 July 'to round it off'.

## *Not a Lot of People Know That*

### **To Be Made a Scapegoat**

*Bill Sylvester*

To be made a **Scapegoat** is to take responsibility for, and be blamed for, another's mistakes. This phrase dates back to an ancient Hebrew ritual for the Day of Atonement, set out by Moses himself in his *Laws of Moses*. He decided that two goats should be taken to the altar of

the tabernacle where the high priest would draw lots for the Lord and Azazel (a desert demon). The goat selected for the Lord would then be sacrificed and, by confession, the high priest would transfer all of his, and his people's sins on the second goat. The lucky mammal would then be sent into the wilderness, taking all the sins with it. (If only it were that easy these days.)

Information from the book *Red Herrings and White Elephants* by Albert Jack

## **What's On in Rickmansworth Watersmeet**

Film: <i>Spiderman:Far From Home</i>	Wed 4	2pm, 5pm, 8pm
<i>One Night of Queen</i> performed by Gary Mullen and the Works	Fri 6	8pm
Film: <i>Lion King</i>	Sun 8	11am, 2pm, 5pm
NT Live: Margaret Atwood	Tue 10	7pm
Out of Bounds Comedy presents Paul Sinha	Thur 12	8pm
Film: <i>Annabelle Comes Home</i>	Fri 13	7pm,11pm
Film: <i>The Green Book</i>	Thur 19	2pm, 7.45pm
NT Live: <i>One Man, Two Guvnors</i>	Thur 26	7pm
Royalty in Concert - The King, The Queen & Prince	Fri 27	7.30pm

### **The Arts Society, Rickmansworth**

Sarratt Village Hall  
Tuesday 10 September

### **David Hockney: *Art as Biography* Peter Webb**

11.00am; tea and coffee from 10.30am  
For further information contact Gill Gowing (777715)

**Rickmansworth Evening  
Townswomen's Guild**

St Mary's Church Centre  
Thursday 19 September  
7.30 for 7.45pm

**Air Miss**  
*Jo Laurie*

Contact Suzanne Hill (772809) for further information  
New members always welcome

**Rickmansworth Garden,  
Arts & Homecrafts Society**

St Mary's Church Centre  
Saturday 7 September  
2.00pm - 5.00pm  
**Autumn Show**

Mill End Baptist Church Hall, Field Way  
Wednesday 18 September  
8.00pm

**Open Evening**  
**The Humble Extraordinary Potato**  
*Stephan White*

**Outing to RHS Wisley**  
Saturday 21 September  
Cost (coach and entrance): £16 for non-members  
To book call Ann Furness 07736 055469 or email  
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# By the Way

## A Review of the last Month

*John Shaw*

Last month's 'cloud of unknowing' has lifted somewhat. We have a new Prime Minister, who seems set on a 'no deal' exit from the EU on 31 October 'come what may'. In the meantime, he has apparently discovered a magic money tree and is promising vast sums of money to all quarters of the public service. Perhaps a general election may not be far behind?

Djokovic won Wimbledon after a titanic struggle with Roger Federer. Serena Williams amazingly lost. England won the Cricket World Cup but has now gone into deepest reverse by losing the first Ashes Test by 251 runs. The Proms, popular as ever, are in full swing. The new Premier League season began all over again on Saturday (10 Aug). Oh, and we survived the hottest day ever earlier in the month. We are now past the solstice, the evenings are beginning to draw in ever so slightly and, though still midsummer, the first hints of autumn can be seen (horse chestnuts ready to fall, geese honking around in the early evenings, gardens looking a bit tired).

Here are some news items which only the sharp-eyed will have spotted:

Supplies of frankincense are in danger of collapse due to cattle farming, drought, war in Africa and rising demand.

On 30 July Selfridges opened their Christmas shop (only 149 days to go).

There have been more than 5000 bank closures since 2010, particularly in poorer areas.

A Vicar near Maidstone has announced a 4 pm service on Sundays for those too hung-over to make it earlier.

Ethiopia is claiming a world record having planted 224 million trees in a single day (I wouldn't want to be person detailed off to check that claim).

Ben Nevis has become a slippery slope, as hikers on average leave some 300 banana skins behind them each week.

After 840 days, 73 games, and 300 goals conceded, Fort William, arguably the worst football team in the country, have finally won a game (5-2 against Nairn County).

Nearly a third of children aged 5-11 have never visited a butcher's shop and a quarter have never been to a greengrocer's. And when asked what a high street was, a quarter of the children didn't know.

The French Government are getting anxious about the use of English words in their language, despite laws, widely flouted, against it. Diners, for instance, invariably refer to fast-food restaurants instead of 'restovites' - the French word - and football supporters talk about a penalty instead of the less than snappy 'tir de reparation'.

And on the subject of language, in a book of made-up compound German words produced in 2013, one gem was 'Hochkommkrankheit' - a banal obsession with, or general confusion about, the deployment of apostrophes.

Recent deaths have included John McCririck, aged 79, the flamboyant, irascible but very popular TV racing pundit. He was notorious for always referring to his wife as 'The Booby' and for once being described by a TV critic as having 'the charm of an armpit'. Peter Ball, aged 86, disgraced Anglican Bishop (the first to be sent to prison since 1688) has also died and also Ross Perot, aged 89, self-made Texan billionaire, who ran gamely but unsuccessfully twice for the American Presidency, Andrea Camilleri, aged 93, who late in life achieved fame as the author of the highly successful Montalbano books and TV programmes, Freddie Jones, aged 92, a gifted character actor and father of actor Toby Jones and Hal Prince, aged 91, brilliant Broadway producer of musicals (*West Side Story*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*) and winner of Tony awards.

My grand-daughter Mia (22) visited me last week. She is a real live wire and wants to become a stand-up comic. To that end, she has done eight 'open mic' gigs so far and has been in the 'clap off' three times and won it once. She says it is absolutely terrifying. She writes her own material which is based on observational humour and one-liners. I forgot to remind her of Ken Dodd's famous dictum, "Freud said that laughter is the outward expression of the psyche. But Freud never had to play the Glasgow Empire on a Saturday night". A great man, Ken Dodd, much missed.

# Yemmerrawanyea and Bennelong

*David Hibbert*

I visit a number of churches and their churchyards during the year, generally on bellringing outings or sometimes because a church looks to be an interesting building. If it's possible I go into the church, always hoping that another set of Stations of the Cross may be displayed to study and photograph.

When on a ringing outing to the Peak District some years ago, we visited St Michael and All Angels in Hathersage, where Robin Hood's Little John is buried.

Close to where my younger daughter and family live in Eltham, is the Church of St John the Baptist, Eltham's Parish Church, in the Diocese of Southwark. Unfortunately, the building has always been locked when I was passing, so haven't seen the interior or even had a ring on their bells. However, in the churchyard is a very interesting gravestone.



*Little John's Grave*



For those unable to read from the picture, the inscription on this stone reads:-

**In Memory of Yemmerrawanyea a Native of New South Wales who died the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1794 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Year of his AGE.**

I thought this deserved some further investigation and after looking on a number of websites, the following facts emerged.

Two Aboriginal men, Yemmerrawanyea and Bennelong, visited London, when Governor Arthur Phillip returned from New South Wales, after governing the new colony from February 1788 to December 1792. Arthur Phillip was the

Captain of the First Fleet which arrived in what is now Sydney Harbour on the 26 January 1788.

It is said that the two Aboriginal men visited the King but records only exist of their expenses, mostly clothing and shoes, and most of all, medical expenses, indicating Yemmerrawneya's ailing health after only a few months in London.



He was treated whilst staying in Eltham but eventually succumbed to pneumonia in May 1794, aged only eighteen.

His friend, Bennelong, is the better known of the two Aboriginal men. He returned to Sydney. When he died, he was buried in a place subsequently named Bennelong Point after him, which is where the Sydney Opera House now sits.

The actual burial place of Yemmerrawneya is not exactly known. Some memorials were moved when the parish church was built in the 1870s. All that is certain is that his remains are somewhere within the churchyard.

References. Various web sites and the publication *SE Nine*, February 2019.  
Photographs by David Hibbert

## **Work and Worry**

*From Home Words that came with the Parish Magazine, August 1913,  
but even more relevant for us today*

I have so much to do  
I never can get through;  
One task accomplished means the rest undone  
So fast the moments fly  
However hard I try  
The day seems ended ere my work's begun.

Peace, restless troubled soul  
Tho' swift time's chariot roll,  
The reins are in his hands who guides thee too,  
Fast though the hours may chime  
Thou hast sufficient time  
To do the work that God would have thee do

# Smile

## What Animals Believe

*From Michael Baker*

Three animals died and found themselves in Heaven. There was God, on his throne.

‘Tell me what you believe’, said God to the first animal, an Alsatian.

‘I believe I must serve my Top Human faithfully’, said the dog, ‘and obey every command without question.’

‘You are a good dog,’ said God, ‘Come and sit at my left hand.’

He turned to the second animal, which was a Labrador. ‘What do you believe?’

‘I believe I must give my Top Human my entire love and devotion,’ said the dog, ‘my undivided loyalty and adoration.’

‘An excellent answer,’ said God, ‘Come and sit at my right hand.’

The third animal was a cat.

‘And what do you believe?’

The cat gave God a long, cool, unwinking stare. Then it spoke. ‘I believe you are sitting on my chair.’

## Rails to St Mary’s

*Michael Baker*

*(Nick Tibbles found this picture on the Internet. It shows a locomotive shunting coal trucks in the sidings at the old Church Street station in Rickmansworth in 1960. St Mary’s Church appears in the background.)*



No. 47307 shunting at Rickmansworth Church Street. 3.6.60. Photo: Roger Juarez.

Some readers of ‘LINK’ may not know that until the 1960s, there was a railway station opposite St Mary’s, the terminus of a branch railway line direct to Watford Junction. This was the Watford and Rickmansworth Railway, an independent company, a project of the first Baron Ebury, which he

intended eventually to extend to meet the Great Western Railway branch to Uxbridge. The line was under-capitalised and built on the cheap, and when it opened in 1862 trains were worked by the London and North Western Railway, the main line company at Watford. The Great Western was not keen on giving its great rival access to Uxbridge, and the extension project foundered.

The Watford to Rickmansworth line settled down to being a rural backwater, bringing coal and other supplies to Rickmansworth, and taking local produce (particularly watercress) away. It also provided a route for passengers to travel to Watford, where they could join the main line to London or the North. But in 1883 the Metropolitan Railway opened to Rickmansworth, providing a far more convenient route to London.

The trains pattered on, until in 1923 the suburban lines out of Euston were electrified, including the line to Church Street. But in the 1920s and 30s local traffic went over to the buses. By the time I remember, the trains on the line had dwindled to a single electric carriage. In 1952, passenger services were discontinued, having lasted just 90 years and in 1967 freight services also. The station buildings were used for a time by a printing business, and then the site became the Skidmore Way development and St Mary's Court. The railway line is now the Ebury Way cycle and walking route.



We are still hoping that someone will step forward so that we can continue to produce LINK next year.

## CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2019

1 SUN	<b>THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	8.00am Said Holy Communion
	10.00am All-age Sung Holy Communion
	6.00pm Said Evening Prayer
2 Mon	2.00pm <i>Threads for Change</i> Craft Group
3 Tue	10.00am Said Holy Communion
5 Thu	9.30am <i>Little Angels</i> Baby and Toddler Group, Cloisters Hall
	2.15pm <i>Meet for Tea</i>
7 Sat	9.15am Patronal Pilgrimage, Guildford Cathedral (see p7)
8 SUN	<b>PATRONAL FESTIVAL</b>
	8.00am Said Holy Communion
	10.00am Patronal Festival Eucharist followed by the Dedication of the new Garden of Remembrance
	12.15pm Bring and Share Lunch (see p7)
9 Mon	2.00pm <i>Threads for Change</i> Craft Group
	3.15pm <i>J Club</i> at St Mary's School
	7.45pm United Church Council Meeting, Cloisters Hall
10 Tue	10.00am Said Holy Communion
	7.45pm <i>Discovering the Real Mary</i> , the Vicarage (see p7)
11 Wed	9.00am St Mary's School Beginning of Year Service
	4.00pm Meeting regarding Ministry in Residential Homes
	7.45pm Housegroup (for contact, see cover)
12 Thu	9.30am <i>Little Angels</i> Baby and Toddler Group, Cloisters Hall
	12.30pm Clergy Deanery Chapter
	<i>October LINK copy deadline</i>
14 Sat	<b>HOLY CROSS DAY</b>
	10.00am <i>Discovering the Real Mary</i> , in Church
15 SUN	<b>COVENANT SUNDAY</b>
	8.00am Covenant Service
	10.00am Covenant Service
	12.15pm Said Holy Communion
	1.00pm <i>Lunch Club</i>
	4.00pm <i>Discussion: Children's Ministry, The Vicarage</i>
	6.00pm Said Evening Prayer
16 Mon	2.00pm <i>Threads for Change</i> Craft Group
	2.15pm LINK Editors' Meeting
	3.15pm <i>J Club</i> at St Mary's School
	7.45pm Charitable Giving Committee Meeting
	7.45pm Church Centre Management Committee Meeting
17 Tue	10.00am Said Holy Communion
	12.30pm Home Communion through afternoon
	7.45pm <i>Discovering the Real Mary</i> , The Vicarage
18 Wed	11.30am Collective Worship at St Mary's School
	2.30pm <i>The Teapot Club</i> , in Church
19 Thu	9.30am <i>Little Angels</i> Baby and Toddler Group, Cloisters Hall
	7.45pm Rickmansworth Deanery Synod Meeting

- 21 Sat **MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**  
10.00am *Discovering the Real Mary*, in Church
- 22 SUN **THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
8.00am Said Holy Communion  
10.00am Sung Holy Communion  
6.00pm Said Evening Prayer
- 23 Mon 2.00pm *Threads for Change* Craft Group  
3.15pm *J Club* at St Mary's School
- 24 Tue 10.00am Said Holy Communion  
11.00am Service at Seymour House  
12 noon 10-bell ringing practice (all ringers welcome)  
7.45pm *Discovering the Real Mary*, The Vicarage
- 25 Wed 11.30am Collective Worship at St Mary's School  
2.30pm Safeguarding Team Meeting, Vicarage  
7.45pm Extraordinary Meeting, Methodist Members, Church
- 26 Thu 9.30am *Little Angels* Baby and Toddler Group, Cloisters Hall
- 28 Sat 10.00am *Discovering the Real Mary*, in Church
- 29 SUN **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY / ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**  
8.00am Said Holy Communion  
10.00am Sung Holy Communion  
12 noon Holy Baptism  
2.30pm **The Gramble (see p13)**  
6.00pm Said Evening Prayer  
7.00pm X Team  
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- 30 Mon 2.00pm *Threads for Change* Craft Group  
3.15pm *J Club* at St Mary's School  
6.30pm Vicar and Wardens Meeting
- October**
- 1 Tue 10.00am Said Holy Communion  
7.45pm *Discovering the Real Mary*, The Vicarage
- 2 Wed 11.30am Collective Worship at St Mary's School
- 3 Thu 9.30am *Little Angels* Baby and Toddler Group, Cloisters Hall
- 5 Sat 10.00am *Discovering the Real Mary*, in Church  
1.00pm Craft exhibition (see p9)  
3.00pm Service of Prayer and Dedication after Marriage  
6.00pm Harvest Supper with Beetle Drive
- 6 SUN **HARVEST THANKSGIVING ,THE 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
8.00am Said Holy Communion  
10.00am Harvest Festival Communion Service  
11.30am Craft exhibition  
6.00pm Said Evening Prayer

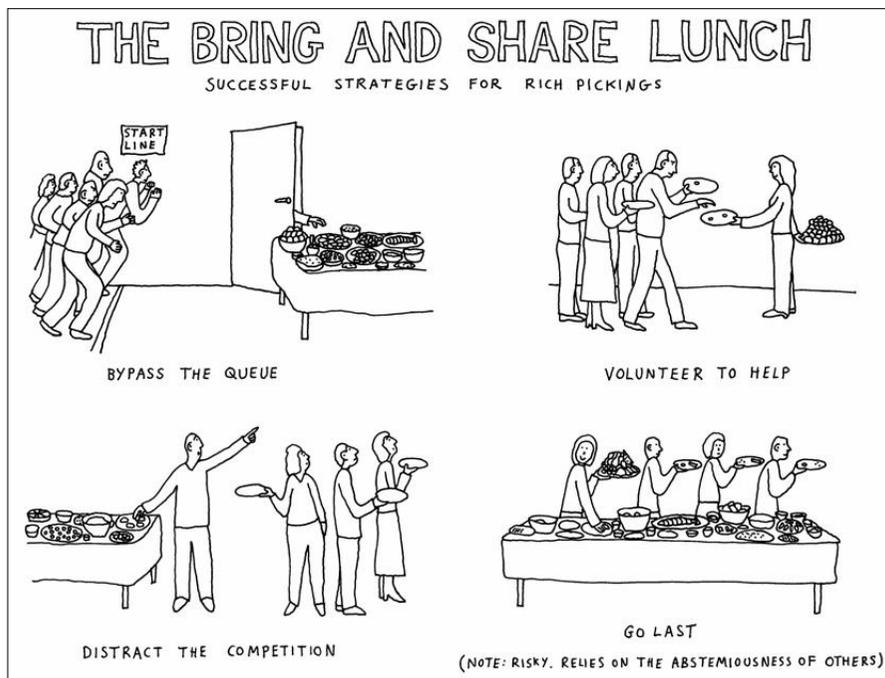
### Choir and Bellringers Regular Weekly Practices

Wed 7.30pm Bellringing

Thu 7.45pm Choir

*New members welcome at both practices - just come along*

# Dave Walker



*This cartoon, which originally appeared in Dave Walker's book Peculiar Goings On, is reproduced by arrangement with the author.*

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