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WELCOME

To the first online edition of this magazine.

In the current circumstances, we have decided to publish online so that you don't miss out on the regular monthly issue.

We apologise for the lack of issues for April and May - in this June issue we include some of the material that would have been published in April, including the Crossword.

We've also included the May crossword; the solutions for April, May and June will be published next time.

There is no Letter from Fr. Michael in this issue; he is currently publishing a weekly letter within the Newsletter (The Orbit) which is now sent by e-mail and available on our website.

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JULY MAGAZINE



All contributions for the July Magazine to be with Jenny Jones by

Friday 5th June

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**ST. EDMUND'S
SUMMER FAIR
and
WOMEN'S GUILD,
BADMINTON CLUB
and
SCOUT GROUP**

**meetings are all cancelled
until further notice**

**THE YOUTH GROUP
continues
each Wednesday at 7.30 pm
via video conference.
Contact Steve Castle
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**SPECTRUM
ON
SUNDAY**

**Sunday School at
St. Edmund's Church**

**11am via video-conferencing
(during covid-19 restrictions)**

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2020

- 1 Mon *Visit of the Blessèd Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (transferred from 31 May)*
- 7 **SUN TRINITY SUNDAY**
- 11 **THUR CORPUS CHRISTI** (The Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion)
- 12 Fri **St. Barnabas, Apostle** (*transferred from 11 June*)
- 14 **SUN 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
- 21 **SUN 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
- 24 Wed **Birth of John the Baptist**
- 28 **SUN 3rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
- 29 Mon **St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles**

SUNDAY READINGS FOR JUNE 2020		
7 th June	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end 2 Corinthians 13.11-end Matthew 28.16-20
14 th June	1 st after Trinity	Exodus 19.2-8a Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35-10.8
21 st June	2 nd after Trinity	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39
28 th June	3 rd after Trinity	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Romans 6.12-end Matthew 10.40-end

SOMETHING TO CHEER YOU UP!

A Bishop was astonished to hear little Mary say that a person must be brave to go into church.

“Why do you say that?” he asked.

“Well, I heard my uncle tell my aunt last Sunday that there was a cannon in the pulpit,
the choir murdered the anthem,
and the organist drowned the choir.”

AN INTRODUCTION TO HELEN HUTCHINS

Fr. Michael recently announced that Helen Hutchins will be joining the staff at St. Edmund's in the near future. She was due to be ordained Deacon in June, but this year's ordinations have been postponed until (at least) September, so for the time being she will be a Licensed Lay Minister. She writes ...



Warm Greetings to everyone at St. Edmund the King! I am delighted that I will be joining your community from the beginning of July as an assistant curate.

My husband Jonathan and I have lived in Northwood for nearly 30 years. We have two adult children; our daughter Joanna is living with us during the coronavirus lockdown. Our son Peter lives with his wife and their two year old son in Harrow. We have a very friendly working cocker spaniel called Oscar.

I am a retired community mental health nurse, spending most of my career working in the fields of adult mental health and addictions. The work was often challenging and mostly rewarding.

After several years of not attending church, I worshipped for a short time at Emmanuel Church, Northwood before going to St. John the Baptist in Pinner. We have been part of this church family for 25 years.

In 2010, I started three years training as a Reader and was licensed at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in July 2013. At St. John's I have preached regularly, carried out lay assistant duties and taken home communion services. I have also been involved with leading adult discipleship courses (Emmaus and Pilgrim). After a long process of discernment, I returned to St. Mellitus College in 2018 for ordination training.

Outside of work and study, I enjoy spending time with my family. Trips up to central London to meet a friend and go to an exhibition, followed by lunch, is my ideal day out. I like listening to classical music and watching crime thrillers on TV. I am a West Bromwich Albion supporter.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course and finding out about parish life at St. Edmund's. In the meantime, I will be praying for an end to the coronavirus crisis and the well-being of the community.

Helen Hutchins

The remainder of a chilly and damp February was livened up by several celebrations for my birthday - the most lively being the one on my birthday eve, when Frank and the godsons presented me with a cake that caught fire (because of the large number of candles - no diplomacy there! - and a couple of sparklers). There was also a delightful Sunday evening meal at an Italian restaurant that Olive Fairclough arranged for us - many thanks! Another gleam of light in a grey month was when, on 22nd February, Frank's dynamic mother came up from Christchurch just for the day. She enjoyed Pinner (we visited the Queen's Head and the Parish Church - in that order) and was also very much taken with the interior of St. Edmund's, especially the windows. We all had a very pleasurable day.

Scarcely had we passed Candlemas when Lent crept up on us as suddenly as ever. The Ash Wednesday evening Choral Mass was thoughtful, and sober rather than sombre. It was well attended, with even a handful of children present, creating a real sense of community.

1st March was a special day, being the first Sunday of Lent as well the first Sunday of the month. Our all-age service was lively and tuneful, but also reflective in the way it looked at the disastrous effects of sin in our world. Amongst other music, we sang a couple of 1980s praise-songs about sin and forgiveness. One in particular I find very moving: *'Who can sound the depths of sorrow in the Father-heart of God?'* Sometimes we criticise Evangelicals for focusing too much on sin; yet when we look at the state of our world today, we wonder what our Lord must feel about it all - and how much our own individual lapses may have added to the mess.

The homily showed graphically - by loading a small boy with such a mountain of holiday-related items that he couldn't manage to reach his Easter-egg - the way we can get so bogged down with preparations for an event that we aren't able to appreciate and enjoy what it's all about. For the intercessions, we made a 'cairn' of prayers, piling up stones on top of one another. The cairns we see in the countryside are there both as an ancient symbol of prayer and as a guide along the way - making our gesture of laying the stones doubly significant.

The same day, we had our Choir Lunch at The Old Orchard, Harefield. It was a very convivial and delicious occasion, and our thanks go to Mark for organising it. Some of us (but not all) arrived home after this in time to watch the showing of the film *'The Way'*, in preparation for the Lent Course *'A Long Way to Heaven'* which began on Thursday 5th March.*

On Friday 6th March the World Day of Prayer service was held at the beautifully refurbished Northwood URC Church. It was entitled '*Rise! Take your Mat and Walk*' and had been prepared by Christian women in Zimbabwe. We were encouraged to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years, and were urged both to support their efforts and to make a commitment to seek love, peace and reconciliation in our world. The title of the service was taken from the story of the man Jesus healed at the Pool of Bethzatha (Bethesda). In this story Jesus challenged him with the question '*Do you want to be healed?*', because the man was full of excuses, as if he couldn't face the miracle of transformation that would happen in his life as a consequence. We as people of faith were exhorted to put aside our excuses and take up the challenge of making things better in our world. The three verbs in the title - '*rise*', '*take*' and '*walk*' suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the Word of God, who is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation. It was a powerful message.

The service was relaxed and effective. We had decorated the church and foyer with African artefacts and Zimbabwean flags and colours, and we were sitting in a horseshoe shape in the beautiful new interior of the church. Representatives from the various churches took part; this interaction gave it a quietly dramatic dimension, and a recording of a Zimbabwean song made us feel close to the courageous women of that nation as they try to bring about change. We each left the church with the gift of a home-made plaited sisal bookmark to remind us of the commitments that we had made during the service - and then joined together in the foyer for a friendly chat over a cup of tea.

It's great developing relationships with people from other churches in Northwood. As we saw in the United Service held earlier this year at St. Edmund's, being with each other creates local bonds and an increase in understanding. It helps us to see the importance of working together so that all people will experience the love of Christ.

NEWS FROM (BEYOND) THE PEWS - JUNE 2020

Sarah Parnaby

Greetings! It's lovely to be with you again, if only online or on paper! It's wonderful to know we can still communicate effectively as a parish in spite of, and within the limits of, the lockdown. A huge thank you to Fr. Michael and to Steve for all their efforts in bringing us streamed services, now screened back in Church, which is marvellous - but I miss seeing Monty wagging his tail when Fr. Michael comes in at the end to blow out the candles!

These services are a tremendous comfort and an important connection between God, us and each other - and the Sunday ones have become steadily more

electronically sophisticated, so that we have hymns we can join in, a beautifully sung anthem to listen to and audio-visuals of our organist playing inspiring preludes and postludes on his own piano, as well as of our readers and intercessors transmitting from home.

It has also been great to receive news and Fr. Michael's weekly letter in the online newsletter; being informed about each other's joys and sorrows during this difficult time has also generated more contact between us, which has been most valuable. (The Wilsons' 'parish visiting' with biscuits on Sarah's birthday was particularly warming.) Moreover, Zoom sessions for Sunday School and Youth Group have been successful in keeping our young people in touch with each other.

Owing to a bit of trouble with my network I haven't yet experienced a Zoom coffee session after Mass, but have just about managed to keep up with my fortnightly U3A Ancient Greek class (we're studying bits of the Old Testament in Greek!) and - even more of a lifeline - my weekly Interfaith session. London Interfaith comprises a delightful and fascinating group of people of all faiths and 'none' - if there is such a category - who have bonded increasingly closely both before and during the lockdown. Our purpose is dialogue, learning and listening, rather than either efforts to convert others or, at the other end of the scale, wishy-washy (and incorrect) statements about how all religions are the same! We have some absorbing discussions on a rich range of topics such as 'Is free will an illusion?'; 'Vulnerability'; 'The value of ritual' and 'Prayer and the rosary'. We often wade off the point into other realms of discussion - but it's fun, and very stimulating.

I'm conscious that my activities sound a bit 'ivory tower' compared with the more vital work others in the parish have been doing, such as caring for the vulnerable, and even making scrubs and masks for health workers. Whatever our abilities and style, we all have our bit of 'war-work' to do, as well as catching up with our personal life-laundry! (The dustmen are doing brilliantly...)

What is important now is taking care of our present: praying for and supporting each other, showing Christian behaviour to our neighbours and all those we encounter. But it's essential to look after ourselves too: in addition to physical exercise, we need spiritual nourishment, mental stimulation and, of course, plenty of fun and humour when we can find it! The British nation have always been good at the latter.

Gratitude, too, is transforming: I know I'm one of the lucky ones, having a garden, and beautiful places locally where I can walk. I'm glad to have good friends and neighbours, good local shops, and electronic means of communication with others. I try to be thankful.

Others are a lot less lucky, and I would never want to minimise their suffering. Even the more fortunate of us can get lonely and depressed at this time, and, as the popular modern saying goes, 'it's okay to not be okay'. It's when we cry out to God in our misery and desperation that we get to know Him better, and understand more deeply His love for us. At this time we hold in our thoughts those who are sad, especially those who are bereaved, remembering particularly Amanda Roberts

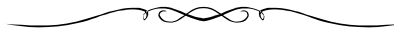
and her family after the loss of her mother Gill Hale. Our God is a God of infinite compassion and He understands our distress. It's OK to grieve for both ourselves and others.

Yet we've been blessed during this horrifying pandemic with signs of the eventual joy there will be when we live in God's kingdom, whether on earth or in heaven. As well as witnessing how brave and kind members of the human race can be under current pressures, we have experienced a beautiful spring, with the return of much wildlife to our urban areas and an abundance of blossom, burgeoning plants and birdsong.

I'll finish my ramble with a very simple poem I wrote at the beginning of the lockdown, when I was struck by the contrast between what was (not) happening on the High Street and what was happening in nature:

London
Is a ghost town
Heads down
Each with a worried frown
And a despondent heart
More than two metres apart -
Yet -
The sparkling air is touched with the warmth of spring
Birds wildly sing
The buds burst
The blossom blooms
An internet of green
Transforms the scene.
Nature unconsciously,
Joyously,
Keeps calm and carries on.

Stay safe and God bless, Sarah Parnaby.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

It has been suggested that members of the congregation might like to share particular memories of events through the years which could be included in our History of St. Edmund's articles. If you would like to share any memories in this way, please get in touch with me.

Jenny Jones - jonesjennye@googlemail.com

ST. EDMUND'S WOMEN'S GUILD

SARAH PARNABY'S SOUTH AFRICAN VISIT

Tuesday afternoon 10th March saw me with poised pencil looking forward to making notes for a report on Sarah's South African visit. It was a relief when after her talk Sarah agreed to allow me to use her notes. We heard that Sarah planned to stay with her friend Mitta. Mitta had come to our church several years ago as a carer for a group of children from South Africa and she and Sarah shared a strong friendship.

On arrival Sarah and her friend took a long taxi journey to Mitta's home in the township of Dobsonville, Soweto. The little town was of small, but characterful houses, each of a different design. Sarah was made very welcome by the community and members of the extended family came to visit while she was there. She soon found out that members of the community were "always popping into each other's houses". A specially interesting visit was to the Grace Bible Church with Mitta. The special occasion was the annual Nelson Mandela Lecture, which was a very high profile event with the Soweto Gospel Choir, colourfully dressed in South African costume opening the proceedings with the National Anthem, before the speaker, the South African Chief Justice, addressed the audience.

Sarah remembered a "lovely visit" to a small, but effective project for elderly women in Dobsonville, which Mitta nicknamed the Granny Project. The women gather regularly for a variety of activities, including dressmaking and walks. With solid friendships they support each other through their individual difficulties, Sarah had the privilege of attending their end of year tea party. There were prayers, beautifully sung and harmonised hymns and a plethora of speech making. Sarah was persuaded to speak, but she reports that her speech was not as eloquent or as long!

Of course Sarah's visit included the usual tourist activities - rides on open topped buses and on trains to see Jo'burg's "posh suburbs", parks and a theme park called City of Gold.

The most memorable and moving visit was to Mandela House, where Nelson Mandela's wife and their daughters lived, but the great man lived there for only eleven days.

We heard much more about South Africa than can be recorded here, including the fact that residents have to buy their water. Sarah has a huge fund of information about her journey that I am sure she would be happy to discuss with those of us who would like to hear more. The Women's Guild and their friends had a really interesting afternoon, for which we send our heartfelt thanks to Sarah.

Ann Warrick

ARROW



PLAYERS

Please note that in the present circumstances
the Arrow Players production originally planned for May
has been postponed until a later date.

Details will be published in due course.



Classic



Concerts

at St. Edmund's

All Concerts start at 3.30 pm

Sunday 14th June - Cancelled

Sunday 27th September - under review

FLUTE RECITAL

MATTHEW HIGHAM

ACCOMPANIED BY RADIM PANCOCHA (PIANO)

Sunday 15th November - under review

PIANO RECITAL - VALENTIN SCHIEDERMAIR

HYMN OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2020

Mike Godden

Triumph ... Victory ... Gladness ... Joy ... RESURRECTION!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

What better way to celebrate Easter than with this most majestic Hymn ...

The Day of Resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness,

The Passover of God.

From death to life eternal,

From earth unto the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over,

With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,

That we may see aright

The Lord in rays eternal

Of resurrection light;

And listening to his accents,

May hear, so calm and plain,

His own 'All hail!' and, hearing,

May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,

And earth the song begin!

The round world keep high triumph,

And all that is therein!

Let all things seen and unseen

Their notes in gladness blend,

For Christ the Lord hath risen,

Our joy that hath no end.

The text of the hymn derives from the "Golden Canon" of St. John of Damascus - one of a series of odes written to celebrate the major festivals of the Church year. John was a monk, theologian and poet. He was born c. 675 and lived most of his life in Damascus, and died at the monastery of St. Sabas near Jerusalem.

The English words of the hymn were written by Rev. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). He was born in London, educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1842. He wrote many hymns, and produced many books and articles on Liturgy and Church history. This hymn was first published in Neale's *Hymns of the Eastern Church* (1862). The first verse uses the Old Testament Passover story as a metaphor for the Resurrection (as is customary in all the first odes of a Greek canon). In verse 2 we, like the New Testament disciples, become witnesses to the risen Lord. Verse 3 invites the entire cosmos to join in praise to the risen Christ.

The tune usually used for the hymn is "Ellacombe". It's not clear why that name (of a district of Torquay) is used; the tune has its origins in a chapel hymnal for the Duke of Württemberg, appearing in its current form in the 1868 Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.



The Day of Re su rrec tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad.

HYMN OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2020

Mike Godden

This month we celebrate the Festival of Corpus Christi (which is Latin for “the body of Christ”), which is the occasion when the Church honours the Sacramental presence of Christ at the Eucharist. Its full name is The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion, and has been an integral part of Christian worship since the late 13th century. The festival is observed each year on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday - 11th of June this year. This month’s hymn expresses perfectly the Eucharistic purpose.

O Thou, who at Thy Eucharist didst pray
That all Thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, “Thy will be done.”
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all Thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make Thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to Thee, O Prince of Peace;
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray Thee too for wanderers from Thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all Thy Church above,
One with Thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with Thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

The words of the hymn were written in 1881 or 2 by William Turton (1856-1938), who was a Lieutenant (later Colonel) in the Royal Engineers. The tune usually used is called “Song 1”, written by Orlando Gibbons (c. 1583 - 1625), who was one of England’s leading composers of the 17th century, and sometime organist at Westminster Abbey

SOME APRIL HISTORY

Mike Godden

3 rd Apr 1721	Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Great Britain
4 th Apr 1581	Francis Drake knighted by Elizabeth I aboard the <i>Golden Hind</i> after circumnavigating the world
4 th Apr 1934	“Cats eyes” first used in the road in UK
4 th Apr 1949	Zebra crossings introduced in Britain
6 th Apr 1909	Team of explorers led by Admiral Robert Peary became the first people to document a visit to the geographic North Pole
6 th - 15 th Apr 1896	First modern Olympic Games held, in Athens
7 th Apr 1739	Highwayman Dick Turpin hanged at York
7 th Apr 1770	William Wordsworth born, at Cockermouth, Cumberland
10 th Apr 1633	Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in London
12 th Apr 1606	National Flags of Scotland and England were united by royal decree, for use at sea - the first Union 'Jack'.
13 th Apr 1742	Handel's <i>Messiah</i> first performed, in Dublin
13 th Apr 1953	“Casino Royale”, the first James Bond novel, published
14 th Apr 1865	Abraham Lincoln assassinated.
14 th Apr 1931	Highway Code first issued
15 th Apr 1755	Publication of <i>Dictionary of the English Language</i> by Dr Johnson
15 th Apr 1793	£5 notes first issued by the Bank of England
15 th Apr 1912	Sinking of the Titanic
16 th Apr 1889	Charlie Chaplin was born, in London.
17 th Apr 1956	Premium Bonds launched
18 th Apr 1968	London bridge (built in 1831), sold to American entrepreneur Robert McCulloch for \$2.5m
19 th Apr 1881	Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield died. In his honour the day was called Primrose Day, after his favourite flower, and is still observed by some by wearing primroses.
23 rd Apr 1924	The original Wembley Stadium opened by King George V
25 th Apr 1859	Work started on building the Suez canal
26 th Apr 1928	Madame Tussaud's opens in London
27 th Apr 1749	Handel's <i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i> first performance, in Green Park
27 th Apr 1828	Regent's Park Zoo opened
28 th Apr 1770	Captain James Cook lands in Australia (Botany Bay)

SOME MAY HISTORY

Mike Godden

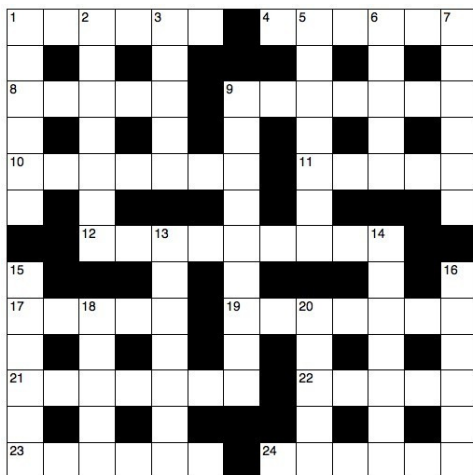
1 st May 1707	The Union between England and Scotland is proclaimed.
2 nd May 1611	The Authorised Version of the Bible (King James Version) was first published, and became the standard English language Bible.
3 rd May 1841	New Zealand was declared a British colony.
4 th May 1471	The Battle of Tewkesbury, the last battle in the Wars of the Roses, took place; Edward IV's Yorkists defeated the Lancastrians.
5 th May 1821	Napoleon Bonaparte died on the island of St. Helena.
6 th May 1954	Roger Bannister was the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes, at the Iffley Road Sports Ground, Oxford, England.
7 th May 1945	Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Reims and the war in Europe ended. VE Day is celebrated across Europe and North America on the following day.
9 th May 1092	Lincoln Cathedral consecrated
16 th May 1943	RAF Lancaster bombers caused chaos to Nazi German industry by destroying two huge dams. Dr. Barnes Wallis' bouncing bombs skimmed the surface of the water to reach their targets.
19 th May 1536	Anne Boleyn, King Henry VIII's second wife, was beheaded.
21 st May 1894	Manchester Ship Canal opened by Queen Victoria.
22 nd May 1455	In the first battle of the Wars of the Roses, Richard of York and the Nevilles attacked the court at St. Albans, capturing Henry VI and killing Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset.
23 rd May 878	The Saxon King Alfred defeated the Danes at Edington, Wiltshire; as part of the peace agreement, the Danish King, Guthrum, accepted Christianity.
24 th May 1809	Dartmoor Prison in Devon is opened to house French prisoners of war.
26 th May 735	The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian and writer, died.
28 th May 1759	Birthday of William Pitt (the Younger), English statesman who became the youngest ever British Prime Minister at the age of 24.
29 th May 1660	Charles Stuart entered London to become King Charles II, restoring England's monarchy following Oliver Cromwell's commonwealth.
30 th May 1656	Formation of the Grenadier Guards, the most senior regiment of the Infantry in the British Army
31 st May 1902	The Peace of Vereeniging ended the Boer War..

SOME JUNE HISTORY

Mike Godden

1 st Jun 1946	Television licences were issued in Britain for the first time; they cost £2.
1 st Jun 1957	First Premium Bond prizes drawn
2 nd Jun 1953	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
2 nd Jun 1953	Edmund Hilary and Tensing Norgay the first people to reach the summit of Mt. Everest
3 rd June 1162	Thomas Becket was consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury.
4 th Jun 1783	First public demonstration of a hot air balloon, by the Montgolfier Brothers at Annonay, France
6 th June 1683	Ashmolean Museum, Oxford opened - Britain's first museum
6 th Jun 1944	D-Day landings
10 th Jun 1829	First Oxford vs. Cambridge Boat Race (at Henley)
11 th Jun 1776	Birth of John Constable
12 th Jun 1667	The Dutch fleet under Admiral de Ruyter burned Sheerness, sailed up the River Medway, raided Chatham dockyard, and escaped with the royal barge, the <i>Royal Charles</i> .
13 th Jun 1944	The first V1 flying bomb, or "doodle bug" dropped on London.
14 th Jun 1645	In the English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell defeated the Royalists at the Battle of Naseby, Northamptonshire.
15 th Jun 1215	Signing of Magna Carta, at Runnymede
18 th Jun 1815	Battle of Waterloo
19 th Jun 1826	Metropolitan Police Act founded the first Policemen, in London
19 th Jun 1917	In the midst of World War I the British royal family renounced German names (Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) and titles, and adopted the name of Windsor.
20 th Jun 1214	Oxford University Charter enacted
21 st Jun 1675	Construction work starts on Sir Christopher Wren's St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
22 nd Jun 1814	The Marylebone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire play the first ever cricket match at Lord's Cricket Ground.
23 rd Jun 1894	International Olympic Committee founded
24 th Jun 1348	The Order of the Garter founded, by Edward III
24 th June 1417	First recorded meeting of the Isle of Man parliament (Tynwald)
30 th Jun 1894	Tower Bridge opened to traffic

APRIL CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Relating to the whole universe (6)
4. The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (*John 20:24*) (6)
8. 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (*John 20:25*) (2,3)
9. He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (*Jeremiah 36:25*) (7)
10. Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
11. 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptised?' (*Acts 8:36*) (5)
12. Repossessed (*Genesis 14:16*) (9)
17. Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (*Acts 27:3-4*) (5)
19. 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (*Exodus 34:29*) (7)
21. Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
22. Grill (*Luke 24:42*) (5)
23. 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (*Acts 1:26*) (6)
24. 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (*Matthew 25:36*) (6)

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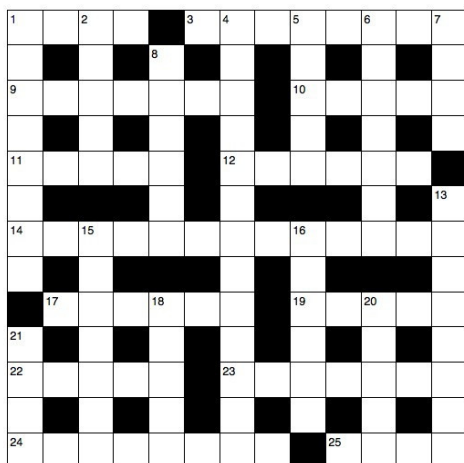
1. Coastal rock faces (*Psalms 141:6*) (6)
2. Academic (*1 Corinthians 1:20*) (7)
3. Publish (*Daniel 6:26*) (5)
5. For example, the Crusades (4,3)
6. 11 Across is certainly this (5)
7. He reps (anag.) (6)
9. Liberator (*Psalms 18:2*) (9)
13. Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (*Acts 8:27*) (7)
14. They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (*1 Timothy 3:8*) (7)
15. The human mind or soul (6)
16. 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (*Graham Kendrick*) (6)
18. 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (*Matthew 11:17*) (5)
20. Bared (anag.) (5)



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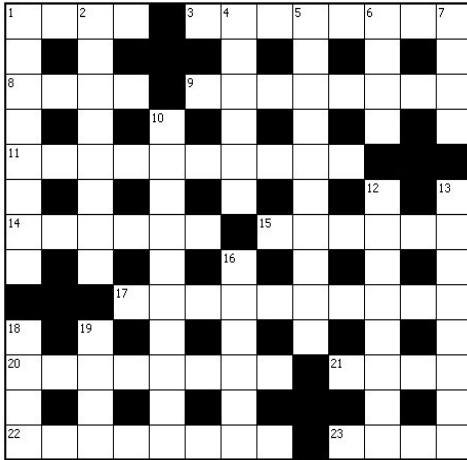
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1. 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (*Romans 14:13*) (4)
3. 'I — these persons here present' (*Marriage service*) (4,4)
9. According to a prearranged timetable (*Numbers 28:3*) (7)
10. Group of eight (5)
11. The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (*Acts 16:24*) (5)
12. — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
14. Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
17. 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (*1 Corinthians 9:27*) (6)
19. Attend to (3,2)
22. Approximately (*Acts 4:4*) (5)
23. Tea rite (anag.) (7)
24. Rule of sovereign (8)
25. Test (anag.) (4)

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1. The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (*Acts 9:11*) (8)
2. 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
4. 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (*Romans 4:9*) (8,5)
5. Dr. Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
6. Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (*Acts 28:13*) (7)
7. Observe (*Ruth 3:4*) (4)
8. Minister of religion (6)
13. 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (*Matthew 27:24*) (8)
15. 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (*John 15:13*) (3,4)
16. Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004 BC (6)
18. 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (*John 3:5*) (5)
20. Establish by law (5)
21. Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (*Jeremiah 46:11*) (4)

JUNE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. See 23 Across
3. Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (*Luke 23:43*) (8)
8. Invalid (4)
9. Blasphemed (*Ezekiel 36:20*) (8)
11. Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (*Philippians 3:6*) (10)
14. Shut (*Ecclesiastes 12:4*) (6)
15. "This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God" (*Luke 12:21*) (6)
17. Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
20. Agreement (*Hebrews 9:15*) (8)
21. Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
22. Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across
"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it" (*Genesis 2:15*) (4,4)

DOWN

1. Struggle between opposing forces (*Habakkuk 1:3*) (8)
2. James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (*James 1:27*) (8)
4. 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (*Matthew 26:48*) (6)
5. 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (*Romans 12:12*) (10)
6. St. Columba's burial place (4)
7. Swirling current of water (4)
10. Loyalty (*Isaiah 19:18*) (10)
12. 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (*1 Corinthians 1:21*) (8)
13. Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (*2 Kings 19:35*) (8)
16. 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (*2 Samuel 9:3*) (1,3,2)
18. David Livingstone was one (4)
19. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)