

THE

KING

AUGUST 2020



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Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Church is currently closed.
Services are available only by streaming from our website,
or from YouTube - see our website for details.
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and weekday Eucharists at various times.

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WELCOME

to the online edition of this magazine.

In the current circumstances, we are publishing on our website so that you don't miss out on the regular monthly issue.

If you know someone who does not have internet access and would like a printed copy of this magazine, please contact Steve Castle at steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk giving their name and postal address (having first obtained their permission to supply this personal information).

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

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail you can subscribe by completing the form at <https://tinyurl.com/subscribe-orbit> or by visiting www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk and clicking the "Subscribe" link underneath "Weekly Newsletter".

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SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE



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

Friday 7th August

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**ST. EDMUND'S
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)**

More information: 01923 825 434

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2020

- 2 SUN 8th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
 6 Thur *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*
9 SUN 9th SUNDAY after TRINITY
16 SUN 10th SUNDAY after TRINITY
Assumption of The Blessèd Virgin Mary (transferred from 15th August)
Annual Parochial Church Meeting - after the 10 am Service
23 SUN 11th SUNDAY after TRINITY
 24 Mon *St. Bartholomew the Apostle*
30 SUN 12th SUNDAY after TRINITY

SUNDAY READINGS FOR AUGUST 2020

2 nd August	8 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55.1-5 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
9 th August	9 th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19.9-18 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
16 th August	10 th Sunday after Trinity (Readings for The Assumption)	Revelation 11.19-12.6,10 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 1.46-55
23 rd August	11 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 51.1-6 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
30 th August	12 th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 15.15-21 Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28

Classic Concerts

at St. Edmund's

Sunday 27th September - CANCELLED

Sunday 15th November - under review
PIANO RECITAL - Valentin Schiedermaier

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AT ST. EDMUND'S

After nearly 4 months, from 26th July, the 10am Sunday Eucharist is now celebrated with a congregation inside Church as well as online.

2 metre distancing in Church continues to mean seating capacity is much reduced and is being allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Holy Communion is offered in one kind. Demand for places in Church will continue to be monitored and extra Services may be provided. The weekday Eucharists will continue to be available online only for the time being.

There are a number of conditions and guidelines that must be observed in attending the Services. The latest information regarding Services is available in the weekly St. Edmund's Newsletter - please see page 2 for how to access the Newsletter.

ST. EDMUND THE KING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held on Sunday 16th August,
after the 10 am Service

Including

Elections of Churchwardens and PCC members

Vicar's Report

2019 Financial Report

Further details will be published
on the Church foyer noticeboard, on the website,
and within a forthcoming weekly newsletter.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR PRESENT TIME

from www.churchofengland.org

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEWS FROM (BEYOND) THE PEWS

Sarah Parnaby

I don't know whether you agree, but I find time moves both fast and slowly at the moment. It seems far less than a month since I wrote the last 'News from beyond the Pews' - yet to be honest, for me the lockdown is now dragging more, in spite of, or maybe because of, the easing measures introduced in early July. This is because I feel more uncertain - firstly as I've become very muddled about what we can and can't do now, and secondly, there's an anxiety that some of the things we are allowed to do may lead to another peak in the disease. Only yesterday, I witnessed some pretty worrying behaviour outside a local hostelry (I was just passing!). I truly hope that the relaxations of lockdown will prove to be safe - but I wonder.

Consequently I've barely taken advantage of the new rules. I did catch a (the?) virus myself, which has probably made me more wary. My continuing caution, along with having a weak internet connection, has, sadly, increased the 'cut off' feeling. How much worse, then, for those who are totally alone, or who need to shield for the sake of themselves and others. To those who can and want to get out, I sincerely wish you joy but urge you to keep taking care; to those who cannot, you have my heartfelt sympathy. We must all continue to reach out to each other, and also not feel shy about asking for help and companionship.

And I guess that includes asking for help from God. Some of us are, understandably, struggling with prayer at the moment. Many people find praying in a group easier than alone, which is where our streamed services can give us so much strength through Word, Sacrament and Intercession. I found the July all-age service very moving. The music was, as is the custom for First-Sunday services, of a more informal style, which I find aids emotional relaxation; the sermon with its imagery of the gym, helping us to understand how God holds us up when our spirits falter, was inspiring. The visual stimulation of photographic images assisted us effectively in our intercessory prayers, and I was both touched and impressed with the readings from members of the Sunday school - especially as the Bible passages were quite tricky! Thanks to all those who brought us this wonderful service. Maybe by the time you read this, we'll have had our first Mass back in church, alongside continued streaming for those who cannot get there.

I suspect that that day might be quite an emotional one - as was the case when a number of us gathered (at arm's length) outside the Church on 2nd July to bid farewell to Joan Wilkins (who died on 22nd June), prior to her family-only funeral at Breakspear Crematorium. She would have been so glad to know how we honoured her departure.

You can read Joan's eulogy elsewhere in this magazine, but I want to give her a personal mention. Joan and Derek were very much my 'St. Edmund's Mum and Dad' when I first came here. They saw me through all my joys and sorrows, put up with my anxieties and helped me cope with practical challenges. Derek helped me find the local flat where I still live, and did a number of handyman jobs for me while he could. He and Joan gave me various items of furniture, to start me off. I have spent many hours in their home talking about 'life, the universe and everything', and eating Joan's delicious food. I remember too how Joan and Derek looked after me after my first time under anaesthetic - the dental clinic called it 'sedation' but it was STRONG; I slept at their house afterwards for 24 hours!

There are many more memories of Joan that I will treasure forever. My heart aches that she couldn't have the funeral she had planned, with all of us present, but Fr. Michael and the people of St. Edmund's did their utmost to send her forth in peace to 'rejoice upon another shore and in a greater light'. Our deep sympathies go to Derek and Vincent.

On a less sombre note: it's good to have our new Lay (for now) Minister Helen Hutchins 'with' us, if only at a distance at present. Some of us have chatted with her on Zoom, and we look forward to the time when we'll meet with her properly. At least she will be able to identify some faces, which hopefully will make life a bit easier for her!

Lastly: although I tend towards suspicion of political motives (of any variety), I was so pleased to learn from the national news recently that the government have agreed to give substantial funds to support the arts at this difficult time, when music, theatre and art are sustaining many of us by radio, TV and online - but many jobs have been lost as well, as in other walks of life. Arts are not just about escapism: they remind us of the eternal values and lift our spirits with glimpses of glory. Whilst support for scientific progress, medicine and social care are vital, particularly in these hard times, I'm also very thankful that the arts haven't been forgotten. The joy of creativity is a gift to us from a creator God.

JOAN WILKINS R.I.P.

*The following is the text of Rev. Peter Godden's address
at Joan's funeral on 2nd July 2020*

Those wonderful words of St. Paul (*Colossians 3.12-15,17,23-24*) are absolutely focused on the thing that is at the root of all life on this planet and which keeps this world turning: love. And not some saccharine platitude: St. Paul was a pretty hardened man in terms of life experience, and when he spoke about love, he meant something profound and powerful.

It says something of Joan's character, and the love that she experienced and reflected in her life, that the first thing she wrote down to be mentioned in her funeral service was that we share with her in giving thanks for Derek.

We all know what devotion Joan and Derek have always had for one another. I was always struck by the sight of them continuing to always hold hands after so many years of marriage whenever I saw them walking around the local area.

Joan also asked that we give thanks for Vincent their son, who she described as a great gift to them.

She also wanted us to give thanks for the love that she received within the family of God.

Joan wrote these words in the mid-1990s describing how, after many years in what felt like a wilderness, she found a new strength and a new sense of personhood.

She also found an awareness of her place as a child of God. And Joan's faith was a living faith. She was devoted in Christian service. When I was growing up as a server at St. Edmund's, Holy Week wasn't Holy Week without Joan and Derek's tea provided for the Vicar and servers between the practice for Holy Saturday and the service itself.

She used her home as a place to share Christian fellowship, and was thankful to Derek for allowing her to do so.

Joan was thankful for the things God revealed to her over the years. Her journey of discipleship included a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, a place where her own father had always wished to go. As Joan walked into the old city, she felt her father's presence with her, which she continued to experience until she departed Israel and bade farewell to him.

Above all, she was persistent in searching for God throughout her life's journey. Joan recalls Derek frequently asking 'Don't you ever give up?' In respect to her quest to follow God, Joan says that she hopes she never did.

Joan also wrote words giving thanks for the way that God had repeatedly held her, carried her, and set her on her way again.

And her conviction, her belief, that the end of her time in this world was not the end of life, was firm. As too was her conviction that God's offer of eternal life was for us all, that we too might all join her in that new place.

Joan ended the notes that she put down twenty-five years ago with these words, echoing the passage from Paul's letter to the Colossians which we heard a few moments ago:

"I prayed and searched for so much, but slowly realised the only thing necessary was love, and God gave me that in great measure. I tried to share it, and that is how I want to say goodbye: so God be with you 'til we meet again, in love, through His great love."

On this desperately sad day as we bid farewell to Joan, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, may we, like Joan, trust in the unfailing love of Christ: the love that has conquered the power of sin and death, the love that has burst open the tomb, and that invites us to enjoy everlasting life with Him.



JOAN WILKINS - IN MEMORIAM

Kalyani Menon

Joan was born in Ruislip on 19th April 1926 and baptised in St Martin's Church. She told me that when her mother was in bed for the long post-natal rest that was customary in those days, she enjoyed reading about the Duchess of York (later the Queen Mother), who gave birth to the Queen on 21st April. The family were proud of her father's service with the RAF. It was with them that they moved to RAF Milton in Berkshire at the beginning of World War II. Joan met Derek when she went to work at Esso in 1944; they were married in 1949. They moved to Ruislip in 1952.

My family first met Joan in 1960 when my father, a late ordinand, was curate at St Paul's, Ruislip Manor. He used to celebrate Mass weekly for mothers and young children at St Mary's, South Ruislip, where he met Joan, with Vincent in a pushchair. He spoke of how she was a faithful communicant and he enjoyed the welcome he had with her home-made cakes - surely her hallmark.

Later, Joan's younger sister, Enid took her fiancé Chris, my first cousin, to meet her. Chris explained that his uncle and godfather was a priest and would be conducting their marriage, and in a few moments Joan realised that Chris' uncle was the Father Menon, whom she already knew.

Derek and Joan moved to Winchester Road in Northwood Hills in 1961 and discovered St. Edmund's. The permanent Church was being planned and the community was a hive of industry raising money for it. Both became involved in the community, Joan joining what was then the Mother's Union. The "Friend's of St. Edmund's" was another project they supported. Joan also served on the Deanery Synod for several years and often contributed to this magazine.

We used to meet at family gatherings, especially when my father baptised Chris' and Enid's two daughters, for both of whom Joan was a godmother. We shared that honour for the younger daughter, Sarah-Jane, who, with her children, became such important people in Joan's life.

Some time later I was in St. Vincent's Hospital with a spinal operation and, as soon as they heard, Joan and Derek visited me regularly and did my washing and brought me delicacies. Then, when I moved to Northwood, they brought me to St. Edmund's and the rest, as they say, is history. Joan's friendly welcome was a surer way to spread the Gospel than just holy words, although she could defend her faith when that was appropriate. Her mission was to include newcomers and invite singles to her home for meals. There must be many people who felt at home at St. Edmund's because of Joan's welcome.

May she rest in peace.



JOAN WILKINS AND THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Connie Ambrose

Joan Wilkins, who sadly passed away last month, was such a valued member of The Women's Guild, attending regularly with Derek. She was a fountain of knowledge and always ready to pass on valuable information from the past.

She was a founding member of The Mother's Union until Fr. Reg Ames wanted all women to join, even if they were not mothers, so the Women's Guild was formed! She will be sadly missed by all members.

My abiding memory is of Joan and Derek walking hand-in-hand into the Church they both loved so much.

Our thoughts and prayers are for Derek, a wonderful husband.

May she rest in peace.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE PARISH OF ST. EDMUND'S

PART 8

Jenny Jones

1992

JANUARY The annual pantomime took place. This year was poignant as it was the last in which Fr. Reg Ames took part as the Dame, as he was retiring in the summer.

The congregation were asked to pray that sufficient money would be found to meet our annual dues to the Common Fund.

FEBRUARY 2nd Northwood (St. Edmund's) Cub Scouts celebrated their 75th Birthday.

MARCH Ian Dawson, Cub Scout Master, obtained his Wood Badge - the highest qualification available for a Scout Leader.

The Common Fund deficit has been paid.

The West Window sections are now paid for except for the Widows/Widowers window.

Norman Rogers (Lay Reader) is due to assist in the parish from July.

MAY On 16th May the re-built organ was dedicated and a recital was given to celebrate the event. It had taken 8 years from the purchase to its completion.

On 17th May the West Window panel showing the Annunciation was dedicated.

JUNE An Auction raised £1200; the profit of £900 was divided between a loan to the fund collecting money for the Widows/Widowers panel to enable the work of construction could begin, and the remainder went towards a new security system necessitated after recent outbreaks of vandalism.

JULY On 12th July the Farewell Choral and Orchestra Concert for Fr. Reg took place. The choir was enlarged by many other singers- past members, and friends from local churches. Ian Hooker - past choir member and Organist - was the Conductor. Vivien Banfield was soloist in Piano Concerto no. 27 (Mozart), and Rebecca Whalley(past church member) now a professional violinist and her friend Elizabeth Peskett (viola) played the Sinfonia Concertante for violin, viola and orchestra in E flat (Mozart). All of the above soloists gifted their time and talent to Fr Reg. A professional orchestra was engaged and paid for by donations.

On 19th July the last Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Reg and was followed by a reception in the Hall. A presentation of a cheque was made which included contributions not only from the congregation but many both within and without the parish whom he got to know after years of parish visiting (he aimed to call on every house in the parish every 6 months), and became well known for his years as pantomime Dame.

SEPTEMBER The advertisement for a new Vicar appeared in the Church Times : *Vicar for St. Edmund the King, Northwood Hills. Ready for vigorous imaginative leadership and work with young families. Anglo-Catholic tradition. Mission planned: Healing, Bible teaching wanted. Details from the Bishop of Willesden.*

OCTOBER Interviews for a new Vicar held this month.

On 22nd October a joint service took place for Northwood Churches Together.

NOVEMBER (15th) The Widows and Widowers panel in the West Window was dedicated at the Bereavement Service.

On 20th November the Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist was held followed by a buffet supper. This replaced the previous formal arrangements as we were in interregnum.

DECEMBER The Churchwardens' letter for the magazine announced that a new Vicar had been appointed. It is to be Fr. Peter Vannozzi, currently in charge of the church of St. Philip and St. James, daughter church of All Saints in Fleet. Previously he had been a Curate at St. Mary's, Kenton.

(19th) Carol singing took place with "Churches Together", in Northwood car park.

A suggestion was made that when Christmas cards were exchanged at St. Edmund's the postage saved could be donated to the Church.

1993

JANUARY At The Deanery Synod Meeting on 13th January, the Archdeacon, the Venerable Michael Colclough, indicated that the Common Fund requirement would rise by 8% in the coming year. At present the amount asked is £29,680 (of which £16,880 was actually paid by St. Edmund's), and this would rise to £32,400. The outstanding monies were requested by the Diocese.

FEBRUARY (18th) The Induction and Institution of Fr. Peter Vannozzi as Vicar of St. Edmund's, was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Graham Dow, Bishop of Willesden.

The last panel of the Thanksgiving Window was dedicated at the first Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Peter, on 21st February.

MARCH 'Celebration 1993' started on 1st March - it was an initiative by 'Churches Together in Northwood' as a series of lectures in addition to the usual Lent Courses, which aimed to encourage confidence among Christians by lifting the profile of the Church in the community.

APRIL The PCC discussed the merging of the time of the Sunday School with the time of the Parish Eucharist.

JUNE The start time of the Parish Eucharist was changed from 9.30 am to 10 am, and the Sunday School time changed to stay in step. The 11.30 am service will now be merged with the 10 am. *(The loss of the 11.30 am service resulted in the ending of the girls choir - some of whom were then welcomed into the main choir.)*

The annual Flower Festival took place on 25th-27th June, and included an Arrow Players Entertainment Evening on the 25th.

OCTOBER The Saturday Market re-opened on 2nd October.

An Open Church Meeting took place to discuss the decisions that had been made by the PCC since March; also to outline the projected Mission Action Plan.

The price of the magazine rose to 20p from 15p.

NOVEMBER The Vicar's letter reflected on the fact that the Church Commissioners had reported a loss of £800 million from invested assets, which will have a severe effect upon the Church across all areas.

The Vicar wrote to all regular worshippers to explain that, since 1980, the language used for the Eucharist Liturgy was offered in three forms. The PCC had agreed to trial

Rite A (Contemporary) and Rite B (Traditional) for the Parish Eucharist on alternate Sundays for 6 months. Rite B will be used for midweek Eucharists, and the Book of Common Prayer will be used at the Saturday Eucharist. The trial will start on 23rd January and end on 5th June. A vote will then be taken by everyone to decide which Rite is preferred.

1994

JANUARY The 'Friends of St. Edmund's', a charity set up to raise money for equipping the newly built church, voted that due to changed arrangements for collecting money for the Common Fund the function of the charity was no longer necessary and would be disbanded at the General meeting in March.

FEBRUARY Rev. David Tuck preached at the 10 am service on February 13th, which was the nearest Sunday to the 60th Anniversary of the setting up of the "Pinner Green Mission" in 1934, when the area was separated from St. John's, Pinner, subsequently becoming (in 1952) what is now the parish of St. Edmund the King.

APRIL Carole Owen, Marjorie Pimm, Penny Jones and Rachel Windsor undertook training to become Bereavement Visitors, which will be part of the pastoral ministry at St. Edmund's.

JUNE Along with all other churches in the Diocese of London, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral supplied St. Edmund's with four passes to enable members of the church to visit St. Paul's without entry charges. (*These passes still exist - speak to a Churchwarden if interested.*)

A group from St. Edmund's went on the Glastonbury Pilgrimage on 25th June.

JULY The PCC discussed the Church of England Resolutions regarding the acceptance of women Priests :

Resolution A - *'This PCC would not accept a woman as a minister who presides at or celebrates Holy Communion or pronounces Absolution in the parish.*

Resolution B - *'This PCC would not accept a woman as an incumbent or priest in charge of the Benefice'.*

The PCC decided not to take a vote, (although Resolution B was subsequently adopted), but recommended that if the Vicar were away or ill those responsible for finding a replacement should be able to decide whom they should ask irrespective of gender, but that a notice should be placed on the church door indicating the name of the priest who would be celebrating.

AUGUST The result of the 6 month trial of Rites A and B was announced. Rite B was preferred. Fr. Peter announced that he would begin a monthly House Eucharist in a different venue each month.

Spectrum 5 Holiday Club took place in the first week of August; it was very successful.

OCTOBER Arrow players performed the musical "Godspell" in the church as part of the celebration for the 30th Anniversary of the Consecration of the permanent Church building. The Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. Dr. David Hope, presided at the service for the Anniversary on 9th October.

NOVEMBER Rev. Anne Burden (a former worshipper at St. Edmund's) was licensed as Team Vicar in the Basingstoke Team Ministry.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Mike Godden

The Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, when the true glory of Jesus as God the Son was first revealed to (a few of) the Disciples, is celebrated usually on 6th August. There are a number of hymns written to describe the event, but in the hymn below, in a wonderfully poetic way, Charles Wesley sees the Transfiguration in a wider context, with Christ's glory spreading over the whole of creation.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Wesley first published the hymn in 1740, jointly with his brother John, in their *"Hymns and Sacred Poems"*. One of the greatest of English hymn writers, Wesley (1707-1788) was born in Lincolnshire, the 18th of 19 children. He was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford, where he was ordained in 1735.

The tune usually used now for the hymn is "Ratisbon". The origin of the tune is somewhat obscure, but it has been traced back to a German folk hymn from the early fifteenth century. It was used for various purposes, in various versions, but the version underlying the current tune was originally published by German organist Johann Gottlob Werner (1777–1822), originally as a setting for a version of the Creed. The adoption of Werner's tune into English hymnody came via William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), who simplified it for his *"Old Church Psalmody"* (1847). He credited the tune to Werner, and gave it the name "Ratisbon", which is an old Anglicism for the Bavarian city of Regensburg.



SOME AUGUST HISTORY

Mike Godden

1 st Aug 1714	George I becomes King - start of Hanoverian dynasty
1 st Aug 1798	Battle of the Nile victory for Nelson
1 st Aug 1820	Regent's Canal (London) opened
1 st Aug 1831	"New" London Bridge opened, replacing its 600 year old predecessor
2 nd Aug 1784	World's first mail coach - Bristol to London
2 nd Aug 1880	Greenwich Mean Time adopted throughout UK
5 th Aug 1620	"Mayflower" set sail from Plymouth for the New World.
8 th Aug 1963	Great Train Robbery
8 th Aug 1969	Beatles' "Abbey Road" photograph taken
10 th Aug 1675	Greenwich Observatory foundation Stone laid by Charles II
10 th Aug 1970	First Mr. Men book published
11 th Aug 1711	First race at Ascot Racecourse, founded by Queen Anne
11 th Aug 1968	Last regular steam locomotive service - Carlisle-Liverpool
11 th Aug 1999	Total Eclipse of the Sun, seen in Devon/Cornwall
13 th Aug 1704	Battle of Blenheim victory for Duke of Marlborough
20 th Aug 1940	Winston Churchill's "Finest Hour" speech
21 st Aug 1770	Capt. Cook formally claims Australia for Britain
22 nd Aug 1485	Battle of Bosworth Field - end of the Wars of the Roses. Throne passes from Richard III to Henry VII - start of Tudor dynasty. Yeomen of the Guard founded
22 nd Aug 1851	First America's Cup yacht Race
22 nd Aug 1860	First tram in Europe runs, in Birkenhead
22 nd Aug 1864	First Geneva Convention establishes the Red Cross
24 th Aug 1456	Earliest dated print of Gutenberg Bible
24 th Aug 1662	Act of Uniformity - BCP now compulsory in the Church of England
24 th Aug 1875	First recorded English Channel swim, by Capt. Matthew Webb
25 th Aug 1609	Galileo demonstrates world's first telescope
26 th Aug 1959	First Mini car announced
27 th Aug 1664	New Amsterdam renamed New York after British capture
28 th Aug 1963	Martin Luther King "Dream" speech (see over)
29 th Aug 1831	Michael Faraday first demonstrates electro-magnetic induction
29 th Aug 1835	Factories Acts ends employment of children under 9

THE DREAM

Mike Godden

It is now 57 years since Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made his speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC on 28th August 1963. The speech included the following ...

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.’

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

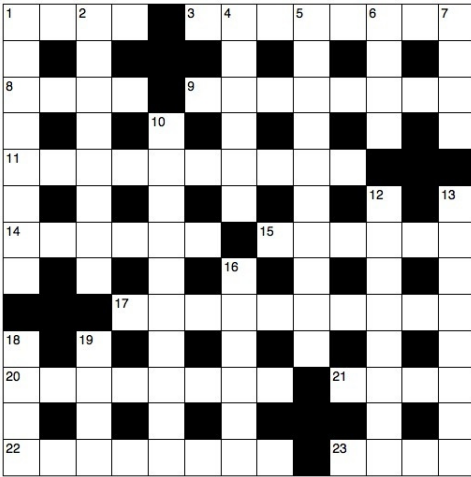
I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor’s lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.”

It is not easy for people under the age of, say, 40 to appreciate the impact of that speech at the time. It was a different world. A smaller world. I was 15; I had never met anyone with a black or brown skin. But I’d never met anyone from Spain or Sweden or Sheffield either. It was nevertheless easy to grasp the simple concept that colour of skin is a ridiculous way to judge people. Of course, I realise that there’s much more to discrimination than that, but Dr. King’s speech was a hugely important milestone.

Has the dream been realised? No, not fully, not yet, not everywhere. There has been progress, but we are clearly not yet at the point where Dr. King’s speech can be viewed as just history.

AUGUST CROSSWORD



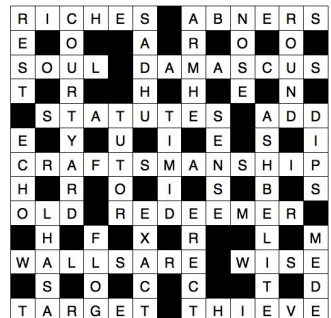
ACROSS

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (*Luke 9:28*) (4,3,5)
8. 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (*Hebrews 10:22*) (4)
9. O Simon is (anag.) (8)
11. Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
14. How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (*Luke 22:45*) (6)
15. In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
17. Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
20. Spinal column (*Leviticus 3:9*) (8)
21. Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (*Psalms 84:6*) (4)
22. 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (*Numbers 24:3*) (5,3)
23. Adam and Eve's third son (*Genesis 4:25*) (4)

DOWN

1. David's great friend (*1 Samuel 20:17*) (8)
2. 'The Lord ... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (*2 Timothy 4:18*) (8)
4. 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (*Daniel 10:3*) (2,4)
5. Seeking to vindicate (*Job 32:2*) (10)
6. Female servant (*Isaiah 24:2*) (4)
7. 'For Christ died for — once for all' (*1 Peter 3:18*) (4)
10. 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (*1 Peter 2:5*) (10)
12. Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (*Matthew 19:12*) (8)
13. One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (*Daniel 3:20*) (8)
16. 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (*Luke 12:19*) (6)
18. 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (*Revelation 6:2*) (1,3)
19. Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

JULY Crossword Solution



*The Church of St. Edmund the King has been serving
the Parish of Northwood Hills since 1934.*

*The Parish is in the Harrow Deanery of
the Willesden Episcopal Area of the Diocese of London*



*Edmund was the devout young King of the East Angles,
martyred by the Danes for his allegiance to Christ
in the year 869 when he was 29 years old.
The crown and arrows of the church crest
symbolise his Kingship and Martyrdom.*

