



*Last week
(Taken by Ingrid Morris)*

South Cotswold Team Ministry

St. Mary's Church Fairford – Newsletter Sunday 21st August

Sunday 21st August – 10th Sunday of Trinity

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Common Worship Holy Communion

Sidespeople: Heather Gorton and Mary Mawle

Readings: Sally Salter

Intercessions: Lucy Hodson

Offertory: Alison and Wendy Close

Coffee: Linda Atherton, Sarah Bottomley and Laura Franklin

12.00 Baptism - Ralph Campbell Walker

Monday 22nd August

2.30 pm Holy Communion in Hyperion House

Thursday 24th August

10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th August - 11th Sunday of Trinity

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Service

Coffee: David and Sally Salter

12.00 Baptism – Winnie Jean Tyrer, Kit Robin Ryder Tyrer,
Blossom Daisy Grace Tyrer

6.00 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion

Online worship: Rev Caroline broadcasts 9am Morning Prayer (Monday-Thursday and Saturday) via Facebook

From Caroline: 01285 712467 / carolinesymcox@googlemail.com

Readings for Sunday: Isaiah 58.9-14; Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17

It's not a new thing, but in these last few years we have seen the question being more frequently and obviously asked: what is 'work'? What does it consist of? How does it feel? Is it true that people don't want to 'work'? Why not?

For Jewish people, still, and as we see in our reading today, during Jesus' time, the question of 'what is work' has a theological significance. Because one of God's commandments to his people, given in the Law, was that they should not work on the Sabbath. But in order to keep that, you have to work out exactly what that involves. Lighting a fire? Cooking food? Walking? Eating? What is allowed or not allowed?

For Christians, we are no longer bound by the Law. Jesus' sacrifice for us freed us from the need to keep a long list of Old Testament laws, but it didn't take away the meaning behind them, or God's will for his people. Honouring the Sabbath, recognising it as God's day, and a time to rest and recover, is still needed.

So back to the question of 'work'. Both Isaiah and Jesus cut through the debate, clearly and simply. Honouring God means that some things that might otherwise be considered 'work' cannot be forbidden. Because God's first priority for his people is wholeness and healing. God's first and foremost desire is that his people be WELL. Peace, shalom in Hebrew, contains this rich and vital element. Healing people, feeding people, caring for people – these are part of what honouring God looks like.

There can be no prohibition against loving our neighbour! Because that is the heart of God and our first mission in following Jesus!

Life and work both are about more than simply existing. We search for meaning and significance in everything we do, and when 'work' becomes grinding and hateful is when it no longer feels meaningful. When we go to a task and don't see the point of it, can't see how it helps another person or the world, well then no wonder it doesn't fulfil us.

God asks us to look for that meaning in every part of our daily lives. To see how we can love our neighbour, in the small ways and the large ones. And when we find those things... well then that is when as Isaiah puts it, "you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail."

May we find meaning and the fullness of peace, in our lives this week.

Rev'd Caroline

From Heather

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My office hours are 10.00 to 1.00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
I am also continuing to work from home so you can contact me at either the office (712611) or home (712428). The office is closed on Mondays and Michelle will be in on Fridays from 10.00 to 12.00.

Do please keep sending in your articles, photos and amusing stories! Favourite recipes or garden tips welcome - do need your input!

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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Rev'd David Gray, Grace Slack

Those who have died: Alison Cronin

NOTICES

Home-Start Cotswolds are running a 'Baby and Me' postnatal group at Fairford Library on Fridays, 11am to 12.30pm. Each week we cover a different topic, eg. sleep, feeding, play and communication. If you have a baby aged 0-6 months, please call 01285 885391 or email Groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk to book your place.

Embrace, the local support group for infertility and baby loss, is delighted to have recently celebrated its fifth birthday and, in celebration, has launched something new - "Embrace in a Box". These boxes, full of comforting goodies, are for anyone in our local area experiencing miscarriage. We have five boxes ready to give away and will create more as needed. As well as new things, the Baby Memorial Book, which Embrace and St Mary's Church introduced to the Corpus Christi chapel of the church in 2019, continues to be available, giving the opportunity for those who have been affected by the loss of a baby to make an entry in their memory. If you would like information about Embrace, Embrace in a Box or the Memorial Book, please do get in touch on: embracefairford@gmail.com or 01285 712565

Messy Church

Messy Church is now having a summer break. There will not be a session in August so we next meet again on Sunday 11 September at 4pm. We hope you all have a great summer. For more details about Messy Church please contact Sarah Bottomley on 01285712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayers from St Mary's – Rev'd Caroline's Morning Prayer every day except Friday and Sunday from 9.00 am - www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford

Daily Hope from the Church of England - A good option for worship if you can't access the internet. It is a free phone number where you have the option of the prayer for today, hymn for today and reflections. Telephone 0800 804 8044 Sent by Andrena Miles.

Christian healing is God meeting us at our point of need. (Bishop Maddocks)
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From Ann Nicholls

Lord, we give thanks for all who provide our food, and for all who protect us and shield us from harm, we pray for our own homes and our loved ones, we remember especially those who have recently lost a loved one and those who are struggling to keep their homes and finances together.

We pray for our government and ask by the power of your Holy Spirit that those in authority over us will make the right decisions for new leadership, be with all Christians in government and give them the discernment to speak out in the way that you alone know is right for us as a nation that our country may move forward in the right way.

Lord hear our prayer for we ask in Jesus name. AMEN



August Newsletter

Fairford Talking Cafe

You will find W4W at Fairford Community Centre every Wednesday at the Talking Café for all your signposting and supporting needs. 1030am-12noon.

Lechlade Talking Cafe

Jó Szerencsét every Thursday 1030am-12noon. Come and join the W4W team for a coffee or a cup of tea.

Digital Drop in session

Every Tuesday 0930am-1030am at Fairford Community Centre

Every Thursday 0930am-1030am at Jó Serencsét Lechlade.

The DigiBus is coming to Fairford Community Centre Wednesday 24th August and Thursday 25th at Fairford Library 10am-3pm.

Walking For Wellbeing

Next walk will take place Sunday 11th September at Quenington Green 3pm.

The Fairford Crafters

Afternoon crafters meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Fairford Community Centre 2pm-4pm. Free but donations are welcome.

The evening crafters meet on the last Thursday of the month Fairford Community Centre 7pm-9pm. A social group sharing and learning new skills.

Family Boards game event

Sunday 18th September sees the first family board game event. Come along, all ages welcome.

Mens Shed

Every Wednesday 0930am-1230pm- please contact

admin@fairformensshed.co.uk for more information. They are also selling 5kg

Kindling and firewood for £5.

Shopping trip

W4W are thinking of putting on a shopping trip- Nothing is finalised yet but looking for interest for maybe to Marks and Spencer shopping trip in October. Please get in touch if this is of interest to you.

Library Club

This is not a W4W club, but we would love to tell you all about it. They meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at Fairford Library, and they can offer transport. Please get in touch with Clare at Fairford Library 01285 712599.

Contact details: Wellbeing Coordinator Mary Ann 07555738138

From Alison Hobson



1911 Thomas Powell fly fishing in the River Coln

Fly Fishing within reach of Cheltenham – an extract of an article in the Field 4 March 1865

...We got to the hotel in Fairford on the previous night, so as to be ready for the business betimes next morning. Accordingly we rose with the lark. It was a beautiful May morning but there had been a sharp frost and the grass was still crisp; the sky was unclouded, and the wind direct east. The landlord at the inn told us we should have no sport – and he was a true prophet, for our catch was one small, undersized trout, which we did not bag. But there were plenty of fish in the stream, and the water being like crystal, we could see many fine fellows lurking about the bridge and under the bank; but not one would take minnow, worm or fly. One glorious fellow lying against one of the piers of the bridges in the village of Fairford was utterly insensible to all our lures, although we tried artificial flies and even dropped a wriggling worm before its nose. Mentioning our disappointment to mine host of the Bull afterwards he smiled, and gave us such information as showed that this particular fish was no stranger to anglers' devices. It seems he had been pricked once or twice, and had become too knowing for the most skilful angler. However he was a good friend to mine host, and served as an admirable decoy for his customers. Having satisfied ourselves of two things – viz, that there were plenty of fish in the river and that we could not catch them, we gave up the attempt mid-day, and spent an hour or two inspecting the church at Fairford, which contains one of the finest collections of painted windows that any of our parish churches holds...

SOME OF THE RIVER WALK INSECTS IN FAIRFORD

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By Sarah Lovatt

My observations along the river walk during the hot days of summer, are that many insects are to be found congregated on the ragwort, umbellifers, bramble, burdock, thistles and dandelions. It appears that these plants are nature's lifesavers for insects in very dry weather.

Soon the birds start singing again...something to look forward to! In the meantime, here are some insects you may be able to spot this month along the river walk...the wasps are about but none of these shown below are the slightest bit interested in us humans! Enjoy your walks!

<p>Batman Hoverfly (<i>Myathropa florea</i>) Large (7-12mm), theatrical, vibrant, wasp mimic, abundant, opportunist Fond of: umbellifers, wide range of flowers, basking on sunny leaves, woodlands, gardens Look out for: batman logo on thorax, lemony hairs, vivid 'wasp' colours. A bit about it: loves a scar on a tree where there is damp vegetation decay but will breed in anything that holds water e.g. bucket.</p>	
<p>Hedgerow Darwin Wasp (<i>Heteropelma amictum</i>) A parasitoid wasp, attention grabber, elongated (15-17mm), rarely rests (I was lucky!), twitcher. Fond of: searching in brambles, moth caterpillars, woodlands Look out for: gangly limbs, long rapidly-moving vividly bright antennae, flashes of orange, long abdomen. A bit about it: little is known about this wasp but it would appear that the female selects a host moth caterpillar and injects an egg into it.</p>	
<p>Speckled Wood Butterfly (<i>Parage aegeria</i>) Brown but striking, territorial, abundant, easy to spot. Fond of: honey dew, perching on leaves rather than flowers, shady spots Look out for: brown wings, covered in black spots with white inner spots.</p>	

<p>A bit about it: males compete over shafts of sunlight in wooded areas, spiralling upwards together in a sparring match.</p>	
<p>Small Javelin Wasp – (<i>Gasteruption assectator</i>) Sci-fi looking insect in flight, dainty, distinctive (though similar to its larger cousin - the Javelin wasp) unusual looking, small 8-12mm Fond of: variety of flowers but loves umbellifers especially fennel, deadwood, woodlands, meadows Look out for: three bands of dark red on long abdomen. A bit about it: looks for nests of solitary bees and wasps in which to lay its eggs. Also known as Wild Carrot Wasp.</p>	
<p>Slate Sawfly (<i>Tenthredo livida</i>) Conspicuous with its white tipped antennae, scuttling, tumbling, scrambling here and there, common, distinguishable, 12-15mm Fond of: willow herbs, honeysuckles, brambles, hedgerows Look out for: white tips on antennae and white mouth. Colour of abdomen varies – red or black. A bit about it: larvae are nocturnal eaters on willow, hazel, honeysuckle.</p>	
<p>An Ecteminius Wasp (<i>Ectemnius something or other!</i>) A digger wasp, small compared with the common wasp. Scrabbles over flowers. Vibrant in its 'waspsness'! Fond of: umbellifers, deadwood, woodland, hedgerows, parks, gardens Look out for: glossy abdomen with yellow and black markings. A bit about it: there are 10 species of Ecteminius in the UK which require microscopic examination to identify them! They generally excavate nest tunnels in dead wood, provisioning them with hoverflies or flies.</p>	
<p>Drone hoverfly (<i>Eristalis pertinax</i>) Widespread, large, territorial, abundant late summer, brash, male drone honey bee mimic. Fond of: late flowering Angelica and thistles, woodlands, gardens Look out for: distinct triangular shape of abdomen, brown & orange markings. A bit about it: there are 10 species of Eristalis hoverfly. This is one of the first to appear in spring, and the males</p>	

<p>defend their territory around flowering bushes. They stick around until the first frosts, but will come out of hibernation to feed on the ivy flowers on mild winter days.</p>	
<p>Buff Ermine moth caterpillar (<i>Spilosoma lutea</i>) Hairy, bold, courageous, fast mover for a caterpillar Fond of: nettles, honeysuckle, herbaceous plants and trees Look out for: brown, hairy, orange face A bit about it: It overwinters as a pupa among plant debris. The moth has yellowish-cream wings with black dots and is attracted to light.</p>	
<p>Willow Mason Wasp (<i>Symmorphus bifasciatus</i>) Small, frequent visitor, dainty, a potter wasp. Fond of: umbellifers, full sunlight, damp places, often near water. Look out for: three yellow bands, first one on abdomen goes in slightly. A bit about it: it preys on beetle larvae which it takes to its nest and stores in chambers.</p>	

Sources of good information besides the internet:

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DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.

HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE DID YOU ALREADY KNOW?

The Miraculous Cane

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the vicar's office while the choir was practicing. Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed. "Good gracious," the choir lady exclaimed. "Did the vicar heal you by faith?" "No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!"

Prayer at Sea

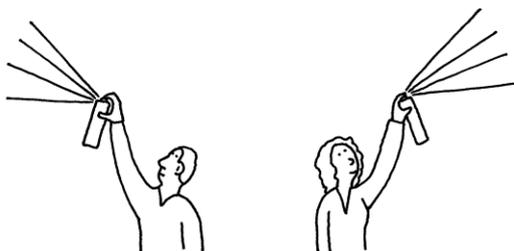
As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here knows how to pray?"

A pastor stepped forward. "Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we're one short."

CHURCH CLEANING

HOW TO MAKE IT SEEM AS IF YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB



SPRAY SOME POLISH IN THE AIR TO
GIVE THE REQUIRED AROMA



MAKE FULL USE OF LOOSE CARPETS



DO THE BITS THE VICAR CAN SEE



IF IN DOUBT: PUT IT IN THE VESTRY

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