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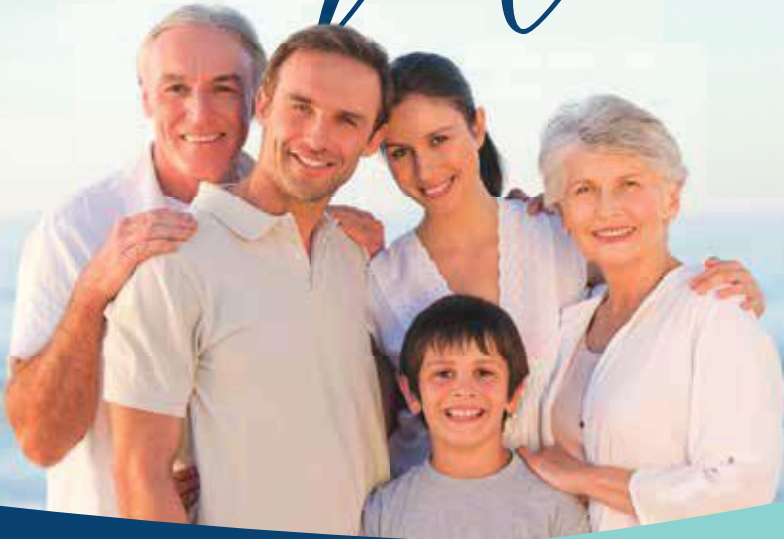


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Services

For details of Sunday and midweek services, please see the Diary inside.

Enquiries

There is a great deal of information to be found on our website, including copies of the *Parish News* and *Weekly News Sheet*:

www.lymingtonchurch.org

To enquire about weddings, baptisms, funerals, church and hall bookings please contact our **Parish Office** which is open at St Thomas' Church, Monday to Friday, 9.30a.m.—11.30a.m.

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MONTHLY EVENTS

Zoom Details – Prayer [1]

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89529902640?pwd=QVQxTGxjODdwV3ROT1gxM2NWUjN0dz09>
or from a landline phone: 0203 481 5240; Meeting ID: 895 2990 2640:
Passcode: 2020

+ St Thomas' Church is open daily for visitors and private prayer +

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sunday:	8.00am	Early Communion
	9.15am	Choral Communion
	11.00am	Life & Soul Informal Service
Monday to Friday:	9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer [1]
Monday:	12 noon	Monday Lunch - STH
Tuesday:	10.00am	Toddler Group - STH (Term time only)
Wednesday:	10.00am	Poetry Corner - STH (2nd Wednesday of the month in STC)
	11.00am	Wednesday Communion
Thursday:	10.00am	Vistas Café - STH
Saturday:	9.00am	Prayers for the parish - STC

MARCH EVENTS

Sun 5		LENT 2
		Services as usual including
	3.00pm	Choral Evensong for Lent
	4.00pm	Lent Course - STH
Wed 8	11.00am	Wednesday Communion

MARCH EVENTS

Sun 12

LENT 3

Services as usual

4.00pm

Lent Course - STH

Wed 15

11.00am

Wednesday Communion

3.15pm

Messy Church - Lymington Infants' School

Sun 19

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Services as usual

4.00pm

Lent Course - STH

Wed 22

11.00am

Wednesday Communion

Sun 26

LENT 5

Services as usual

4.00pm

Lent Course - STH

Wed 29

11.00am

Wednesday Communion

7.30pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - STC

APRIL EVENTS

Sun 2

PALM SUNDAY

Services as usual

Electoral Roll Revision and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

Our Electoral Roll needs to be revised before our Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held on **Wednesday 29 March in St Thomas' Church at 7.30pm.**

If you are not already on our Electoral Roll, please contact the Parish Office for an application form which should be returned before the closing date of **Wednesday 15 March.**

The Electoral Roll indicates parish membership and everyone on the Roll has the opportunity to take part in the proceedings of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

If you are not sure whether or not you are already on the Electoral Roll, please check with the Parish Office. Please help us by ensuring that your name is on our list. Thank you.

*We should like to wish
Happy March Birthday to...*



Edward Herbert + Sidney Davis
Evie Strehlau + Julia Thomas
Lily Faiella



This month's cover:

**Ben Ainslie 2012 Olympic Gold
Post Box, Lymington High Street.**

Photo: Nigel Mussett

Ben Ainslie won medals at five consecutive Olympic Games from 1996 onwards, including Gold at the Games in Sydney (2000), Athens (2004), Beijing (2008) and London (2012), the most successful competitive sailor in history. He was knighted in 2013.



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Wednesday 15 March

Lymington Infants' School at 3.15pm

**This month's topic -
Let's say "THANK YOU!"**



Info & Updates at www.lymingtonchurch.org/messy-church

Churchwardens' Notes

The APCM is Nearly Upon Us. A Reflection on the Past Year.

A little under a year ago I walked into St Thomas' on a Sunday morning, totally oblivious to what I was about to do. I was vaguely aware that we were looking for two Churchwardens. The Vicar was due to retire, as was the Parish Administrator. The pleas for Churchwardens were building into a crescendo, so throwing caution to the wind I volunteered, as did Mo Penrose. Peter Salisbury told us that our main task for the coming year was to "find a new Vicar" - a seemingly straightforward task?

The past year has been eventful, to say the least. The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed a tall oak table on the right of the church supporting some notice boards. I found this at the vicarage and subsequently discovered that it was originally used as an altar table in a former chapel in the south aisle.

The PCC was short of a Safeguarding Officer as well as a Health and Safety Officer. I had to plead for some time to fill those posts until two worthy individuals came forward.

Mo and I were expecting clergy availability to be challenging but our three retired clergy have excelled themselves and we have never had to access the clerical register. I understand that availability is limited anyway.

The leaving party for Peter and Sarah Salisbury in July was organised with a mixture of military precision and extensive event management know-how, and what a happy and successful event it was.

The Queen's passing in September happened to occur at the same time as Mo Penrose was away on holiday, but all was not lost as hasty arrangements for *ad hoc* services, bell ringing and public funeral viewing were all taken in the congregation's stride. All extremely impressive!

My colleague Mo Penrose decided to resign in November, but help was at hand from Malcolm Ward and Maureen Harris who both stepped into the role of Assistant Churchwarden and they have since taken a huge load off my shoulders. I certainly couldn't have managed without them.

Our organist of nearly 25 years recently left St Thomas' and a very successful leaving event was organised for Martin by many helpers. The wheels were oiled by speeches from Peter Salisbury and Phil Daish-Handy. We now have the challenge of ensuring musical continuity in the coming months: short term arrangements are encouraging.

We have completed our Parish Profile work and a suitable advertisement has been written. In mid-April we shall embark on the candidate interview process for our new Vicar. Meanwhile, we need two Churchwardens for the coming year. I'm minded to run again if that is agreeable to the parishioners. Currently, one other person has indicated a willingness to stand for election. "Who is that?" you ask? Well, you'll just have to wait and see!

Chris Stroud

Easter Community Tea

at

Lymington CE Infant School

Come and join us for hot cross buns and an
Easter Bonnet Parade

On: Tuesday 28th March At: 10.00am

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We look forward to meeting you!



Used Postage Stamps collected for The Leprosy Mission

Over the years this scheme has raised thousands of pounds for The Leprosy Mission which has helped to transform lives across Africa and Asia.

Unfortunately, over the past couple of years the value of stamps has fallen and now that bar-coded stamps have been introduced, stamp values have fallen even further.

It is with regret that we have therefore made the tough decision to cease fund-raising through stamps and collectables. We shall, however, be able to accept collections until the end of March 2023. We are grateful to all those who have supported the Mission by sending us used stamps in the past but hope that support for TLM will now be made in other ways, using Gift Aid if possible.

Peter Waddup, Chief Executive, The Leprosy Mission

The Blue Lamp Trust



Cyber Bobby — our first year

The growing demands of the digital age come with pitfalls. Cyber crime and fraud can have a devastating impact, both financially and emotionally, on victims' lives. In January 2022, the Blue Lamp Trust launched the Cyber Bobby scheme to help older people, those with disabilities or who have been a victim of cyber crime to stay safe on line.

The Cyber Bobby service is unique in offering home visits from our volunteer Cyber Advisors to give advice and guidance about basic IT security and how to avoid being affected by a cyber crime or a cyber-enabled crime to the elderly and disabled in Hampshire.

The areas covered during a visit are:

- * What is cyber crime?
- * Cyber and scam prevention advice
- * How to check privacy settings
- * Signposting to other advice and resources
- * How to report issues
- * How to recognize scam emails and text messages

In the first year of the scheme we have visited 76 residents in Hampshire and 88% of these have been aged 60 and over, while 23% of referrals were for people who had already been a victim of cyber crime.

Collectively, our volunteer Cyber Advisors have donated over 135 hours of their time, visiting residents and giving talks to community groups. One client reported that "It was wonderful! I learnt lots. It is a great service and I appreciated the advisors being so patient with me."

Anyone can make an on-line referral for someone they know who may benefit from a visit.

<https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/about-cyber-bobby/>

If you organise a community group in Hampshire and would like a Cyber Bobby Advisor to come and give a talk, then you can get in touch via cyber@bluelamptrust.org.uk.

Do you have a background in IT? Could you be a volunteer Cyber Bobby Advisor? E-mail the team at cyber@bluelamptrust.org.uk for more information.



Lymington Parish News



DID YOU KNOW...

- ... that St Thomas' Church first produced a magazine in 1907, shortly after Canon Charles Bostock became Vicar of Lymington, and that archive copies are held by the church and The Hampshire Record Office?
- ... that the parish magazine is currently printed by Hampshire Print and Document Services at the HCC site, The Castle, in Winchester?
- ... that we achieved 16th place out of 450 entries in the A5 magazine category in the National Parish Magazine Awards 2022?
- ... that last year we had printed a total of 1890 copies of the magazine, monthly print-runs varying between 170 and 220 per issue?
- ... that the average number of pages per issue during 2022 was 28 and that 93% of these were printed in colour?
- ... that the total bill for printing and delivering the magazines in 2022 was £3474.30, meaning that the average cost for producing each copy last year was £1.84? But we still managed to break even!
- ... that the cost of delivery by courier of each monthly batch of magazines throughout 2022 was £20.00?
- ... that advertising revenue in 2022 amounted to over £2000?
- ... that income from annual subscriptions in 2022 totalled £863?
- ... that a dedicated team of eight proof-readers scrutinized the proofs of the magazine before it went to print on the 21st of each month?
- ... that a faithful and hardened team of sixteen distributors delivered the magazines throughout last year to subscribers around the town?
- ... that five copies of the magazine were sent out by post each month?
- ... that complimentary copies were delivered to the Library, the St Barbe Museum, the Community Centre, the Infant and Junior Schools, the RC Church, several local care homes and the local paper?

The Editor



A PRAYER OF AN AGEING WOMAN

LORD, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old. Keep me from being talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind from the recital of endless details — give me wings to come to the point.

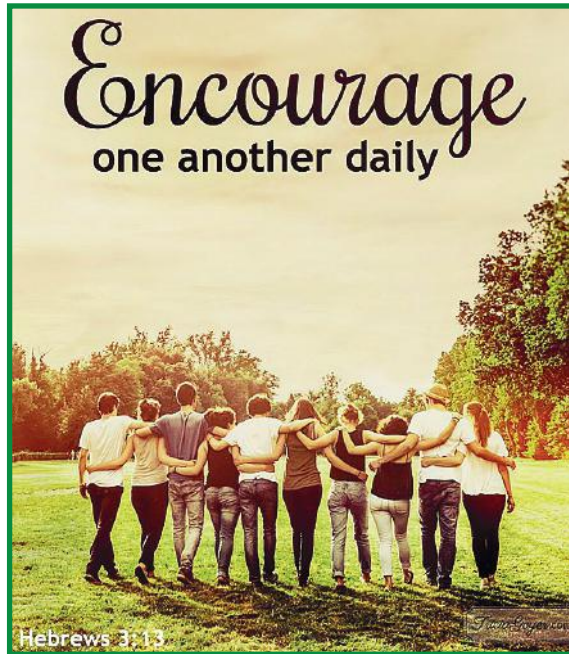
I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pain. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains — they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. Help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint — some of them are so hard to live with — but a sour old woman is one of the crowning words of the Devil.

Give me the ability to see good in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

*Submitted by Sylvia Pepin.
Attributed to a 17th-century nun.*



Ken Mumford

Everything I need to know about life, I've learnt from Noah's Ark

1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah started building the Ark.
2. Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
3. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
4. Build your future on high ground.
5. Don't miss the boat.
6. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. Remember, the snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. Remember also that the woodpeckers inside are often a more serious threat than the storm outside.
10. When you're stressed, float a while.
11. Take heart, the Ark was built by amateurs, the *Titanic* by professionals.
12. However fierce the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Original author unknown.

Jesus declares his purposes

In the four Gospels, Jesus states the purpose of his life's work and mission in sentences beginning with the words "I am not come to... but to ...", or simply, "I am come to...". During 2023, we are looking at ten of these passages.

"And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5.31-32)

As in Matthew 5.17 (February magazine), Jesus makes use of the "not... but" contrast. This time, however, he uses it not to resolve a controversy, but to correct a misapprehension. In the background of this declaration we are to imagine two classes of people — on the one hand, representatives of the horrified respectable and, on the other, the vulgar crowd.

Jesus is found associating cheerfully with the latter, with the most reprehensible and deplorable members of society. Without distaste or disdain, he sinks himself among them and cultivates their friendship, not because his morals are as low as theirs but in order to lift them, without patronising, into a reformed, indeed redeemed, way of life.

The Pharisees, who are described in later chapters of the Gospels as being in hypocritical denial of glaring immoralities of their own (for example, Matthew 23), openly criticise Jesus for the unsavoury company he deliberately chooses to keep.

Jesus' response is pithy, apt and ironical in context, but at this distance can be taken as a friendly warning to us all. All human beings are sinners, including those who think they are not — and worse than the flagrant and unrepentant misconduct of Bohemians, can be a stand-offish and smug self-righteousness!

St Paul shows his understanding of the purposes of Jesus when he writes in his letter to the Christians at Corinth, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." (1 Corinthians 9.22)

And John Wesley is said to have said after an arduous day preaching in unsavoury circumstances, "I made myself vile for the Gospel's sake!"

William Cummings

PRAYER THOUGHTS

THE HARD JOURNEY...

Let us pray today for all who are walking a hard journey:
for those whose daily paths encounter barbed wire and guns;
for those who did not want to leave home but were forced to;
for those who set out today in search of food and water;
for those whose journey is shattered by economic hardship;
for those whose journey is marred by pain or despair,
and for those who faithfully journey alongside them.

Let us pray today for all who are walking a hard journey:
for those who are journeying through life alone;
for those who are making a move and beginning again;
for those who are clinging on to something that has ended;
for those who are being bullied, and for those who are bullying;
for those who are weighed down by sorrow and loss;
for those who have just taken their first breath,
and for those who today will take their last.

May this Lenten journey,
with its stories about the hard places of Jesus' experience,
give strength and courage to all
whose journey is far from easy.

And may it inspire us to risk walking Christ's Way of love,
as we share the journey with other travellers.

We make this prayer in his name.

Amen.

*Based on: 'Wandering in the Wilderness'
Lent Celtic Worship, A Service of Prayer and Praise
(From the internet).*

Malcolm Ward

Postscript: Passionate about post boxes - 1



An early square post box seen in Brugges, 2004.



Victorian fluted design from the 1850s, Mudeford, 2017.



Hexagonal 1860s Penfold post box in Monmouth, 2011.



George V 'phone box with integral stamp dispensing machines and post box. Preserved at the East Somerset Railway, 2018.



QEII pillar post box, Lymington, 2023.



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