

**We Welcome you to St George's Church
this Sunday 19th August, 2018,
the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.**

**We welcome our President for today's services,
Rev Canon John Turpin.**

A COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament: Proverbs 9; 1-6
New Testament: Ephesians 5; 15-20
Gospel: John 6; 51-58

TODAY'S HYMNS:

551	When morning gilds the skies
516	Through all the changing scenes of life
309	Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour
66	Bread is blessed and broken
342	My God, and is thy table spread
33	Angel voices ever singing

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the life and work of William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army. William Booth was born in Nottingham in 1829. In the same year as Catherine Mumford was born in Ashbourne in Derbyshire. They were married in 1855. A passionate preacher, William's style was criticised by his fellow Methodists and he left them in 1861, founding his own revivalist mission in Whitechapel four years later. The Christian Mission, as it was known, evolved into the Salvation Army by 1878. Both William and Catherine were famous for preaching and their movement developed into a world-wide denomination. It coupled moral fervour with a strong social commitment to the poor. Catherine died on 4th October 1890 and William on 20th August, 1912.

I was just looking over the records of St George's News, and I was quite surprised to find that the first one (a single A5 sheet) is dated 22nd February 2015 (about four months after Maroulla and I arrived on the scene) and the service on that day was led by Rev Paul McCarty. It seems impossible that it has been going for 3½ years!! When I started the News, it was on the understanding that people would feed articles to me and I would edit them and type them up; that is still the case, but I seem to be getting precious few contributions!! PLEASE give it some thought and put pen to paper!!

Just in case you worry because you see the hall lights are on, Christchurch Gilbert and Sullivan Society will be using the church hall on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 9th September in the afternoon and early evening for their rehearsals for 'The Mikado' as their regular rehearsal venue is not available. The Mikado will be performed at the Regent Centre on 27th-29th September at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinée at 2.30pm. Tickets are on sale now and there are a few flyers at the back of the church if you think you know somebody who might like to come. Come along and see Chris and Bob making fools of themselves!!

ALLELUIAS AS THE GOSPEL BOOK IS BROUGHT TO THE NAVE:



HARVEST FESTIVAL:

As I think I mentioned before, we are tying our Harvest Festival in with our All-Age Service on 9th September. Unfortunately, Jean Pitcher is on holiday the week before, so she has left this message: As I shall be away the previous week it would be helpful if anyone has any greenery or fruit that they think might be useful to decorate the church if they could bring it to the church on Friday afternoon 7th September (Bob will be in church from about 2.00pm until around 4.30pm). Also, I need to know names of anyone who is ill or who is unable to come to church so that we can send them a harvest gift. I shall be back on Sunday and will do the baskets on the Monday morning following the harvest. Hopefully someone will volunteer to deliver these any time after 11.00a.m! Any gifts that are left will be given to the Food Bank. Judy is buying the flowers and Pam is organising the display this year.

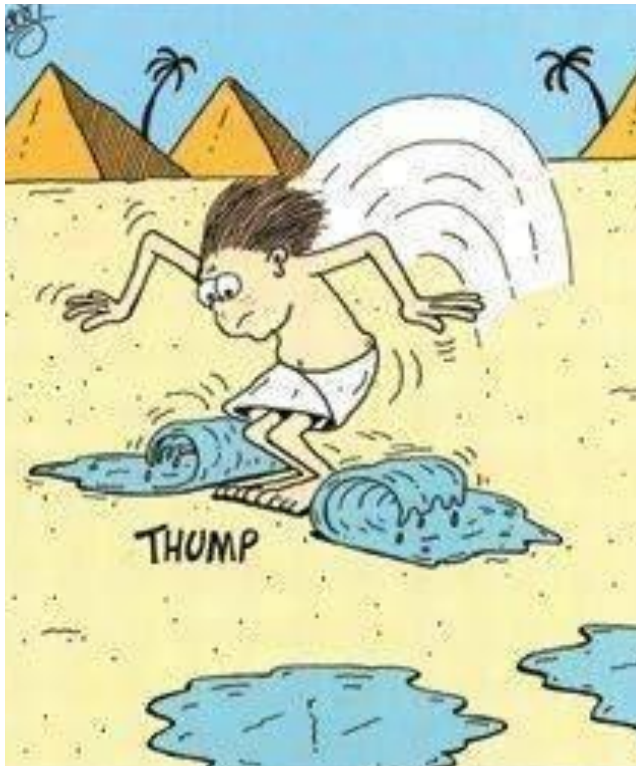
HARVEST LUNCH

It has been suggested that the Harvest Lunch this year will be a 'Bring and Share' occasion, which will, of necessity, be a buffet-style lunch. More details will follow next week.

A FINAL REQUEST for everybody to fill in a form at the back of the church if you want to be included in the next edition of the ST GEORGE'S CONTACT LIST. If you haven't completed a DATA PROTECTION form, you will NOT be included. This is not a whim, IT IS THE LAW. There are still a few forms at the back of the church, and if you can't find one, please ask Bob or Norma.

A SUNDAY SMILE

Unlike the other children, young Moses would never know the pure adolescent delight of joyfully jumping into a fresh springtime puddle!



Could anybody make use of a fishing rod and reel? Iris Long has one that she would like to dispose of. Free of charge, but a donation to St George's Church would be appreciated. If you would like further details please see Iris after the service.

Any articles for inclusion in next week's St George's News must be in by Friday evening please to Bob Savage at: Breezy Corner, 1 Hampshire Close, Fairmile, Christchurch, BH23 2TH.

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