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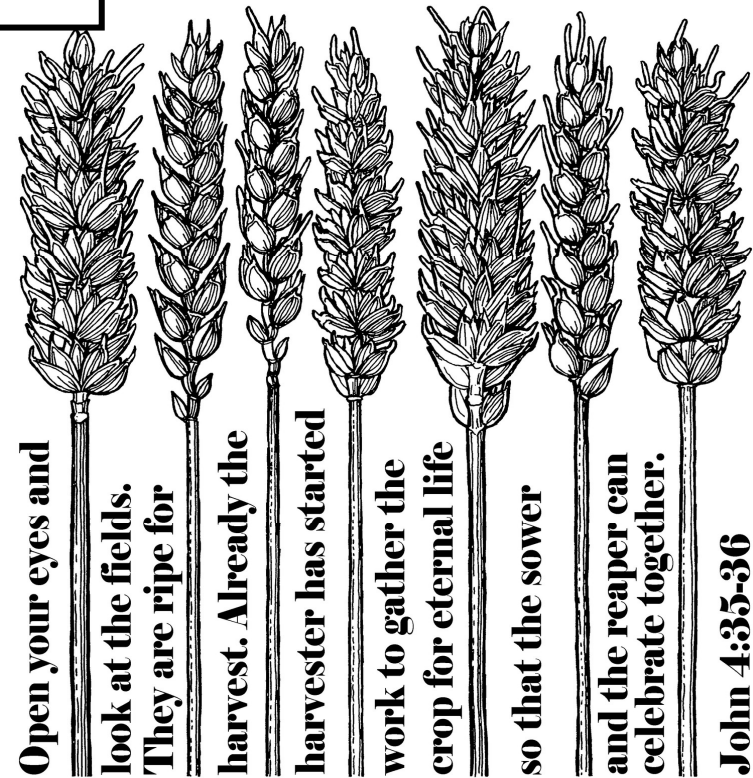
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Worship Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.30 a.m.	Sung Communion and Junior Church (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact Philip or one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Vicar) on 0161 338 2368. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Aug	Norman Wood	1956	16 Aug	Walker Ratcliffe	1938
	Jesse Brierley	2000		Colin Mark Press	1982
2 Aug	Patricia Anne Southerin	1991		Gertrude Ireson	1997
	John David Southerin	1991		Joan Etches	2016
3 Aug	Florence Newton	1982	17 Aug	Arthur Cottrill	1985
	Anthony Wray	1982	20 Aug	Fred Wrigley	1998
	Ellen Cooper	1996		Rose Kemp	2003
	Doreen May Winifred Tomlin	2015		Richard Arthur de Yarburgh-Bateson (6th Lord Deramore)	2006
4 Aug	William Smith	1990	21 Aug	Richard Grantham	1979
	Agnes Swindells	2013		Mary Maddock	1997
5 Aug	George Buckley	1956		Adele Ann Clifford	1981
	Thomas Hudson	1984	23 Aug	Jack Mitchell	1964
6 Aug	Norman Holt	1976		Wadsworth	
	Mary Turner	1998		Charles Horner	1997
	Margaret Butterworth	2015	25 Aug	Florence May Gee	1975
8 Aug	Olive Greenwood	1988		Ernest Lomas	1991
	Esther Mary Osgood	2013		Harry Swindells	1994
9 Aug	Elsie Andrews	1993	26 Aug	Adam Kirk Gordon Tye	1988
	Ethel Rebecca Hirst	1989		Frederick Cook	1998
	May Longden	2013	27 Aug	Martin James Sweeney	1966
10 Aug	Louis Vickers	1997		Joan Roberts	2001
11 Aug	Amanda Jane Sedgwick	1951		Joan Cathrine Hartnett	2004
	Joseph Parkinson	1958		Owen Bartley	2007
	Bernard Gudgeon	1987	29 Aug	Frank Charlesworth	1981
	Beatrice Newton	1990		Marion Styan	1994
13 Aug	Vera Lydiate	1990	30 Aug	Peter Steven Turnbull	1982
14 Aug	Edward Barlow	1975		Harold Davenport	1999
	Hugh Darbyshire	2006		Mona Jones	2010
	Mildred Standing	2009	31 Aug	John Cowman	1989
15 Aug	William Frederick Ireson	1942		Jean Cooper	2010
	Ellen Mawdsley	1985		Diane Bardsley	1994
	Ann Dunn	2007		William Beard Hadfield	2013

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or Philip.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

2 July

Lola Rose Taylor, Staveley Avenue, Stalybridge

30 July

Anabelle Chapman, Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

Brooke Maya Daly, Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

Confirmations

God has called you by name and made you his own.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

9 July (at Christ Church Ashton-under-Lyne)

Carolyn Joyce Wright

Gary Walker

Ella Darcy Walker

Prince Kurien Ipe

Pretty Aleena Ipe

Daniel James Hohmann

Weddings

God is love and those who live in love abide in God, and God lives in them

29 July

Andrew David Clarke to Poppy Elizabeth Carr

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

11 July

Graham Stewart Gorst (aged 70 years) Summershades Lane, Grasscroft, Oldham



If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens for any Sunday this year.

Dear All,

For three days, at the end of June, and together with most of the full-time clergy in Manchester Diocese, I attended the Diocesan Clergy Conference at Swanwick in Derbyshire.



The theme of the Conference was 'Church for a Different World'. The Speakers were Professor David Ford – the Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge and Lorretta Minghella – the CEO of Christian Aid and who, during the Conference, was announced to be the next First Church Estates Commissioner, one of the most senior lay people in the Church of England.

Both David and Lorretta helped us to focus on ways of being the Church in a Different World, although at the end of it, just like Pooh Bear – a bear of very little brain – my brain, too, was hurting! Take a look at their entries in Wikipedia etc. and you'll see what I mean!!

David helped us to look at various passages in John's Gospel and one thing that stuck in my mind, was that John's Gospel is a book of signs. Indeed John himself describes it as such. Jesus went about healing the sick, raising people from the dead, turning water into wine, etc and told us to do likewise. We may be able to heal the sick, but perhaps we may have more difficulty in raising the dead and turning water into wine. Yet the one sign he gave and commanded us to do, was to wash the feet of others – basically to look out for them and serve them in whatever way we can.

Lorretta told us about the poverty which faces so many people in the world, and by the end of the first session, I thought, and I'm sure I wasn't alone in thinking it, how on earth can we rid the world of such poverty? And it isn't just poverty from lack of money, but poverty in spirit, friends, health, generosity and justice, for example. Her second session told us how we can help – by giving, by helping with Christian Aid Week and by helping out, even in this country as well as worldwide. It isn't so much a daunting task when it's looked at it this way.

There were group sessions – some of which were as a Deanery Group. We were asked to set out our vision for a 'growing, worshipping and transformative Christian presence in every community'. We looked at:

How can we reorganise ourselves to be more resilient for the future?

How do we contribute to making the gospel message plausible and attractive?

What has to change so our churches/congregations are reconnecting more with our local communities and they with us?

What vision do we have of how churches in the Ashton Deanery will be in 10 years time?

What, realistically, would a flourishing church look like?

I wonder what your answers would be? If you have some, or any, then please let me know.

It was quite intensive, though there was a little space on the Tuesday afternoon for something a bit more relaxing. Of the various options on offer, I chose to visit some Well Dressings – Derbyshire is famous for these – and I along with two colleagues visited the wells at Rowsley, Youlgrave and Over Haddon.

We came away with a feeling of being more connected and a deeper sense of our calling to minister to all people.

With my best wishes to you all.

Philip

Prayer in a storm

Faithful Father, +++++
Storms come! No matter who we are, no matter what we have done or not done, storms come. Please protect us. Reassure us that you are with us in any and every storm; that you will never leave us or forsake us. May we know the peace of your presence whatever our circumstances today. Alone we would sink and give up. With you we will be strengthened to stay afloat. We will be encouraged to face each day, confident that you are above all things - and that we belong to you. Thank you Father, in Jesus name.
Amen.

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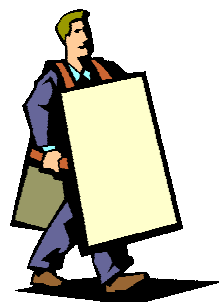
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Confirmation 2017

In brilliant sunshine on the Sunday afternoon of 9 July, six members of our congregation, along with their families and friends, gathered at Christ Church on Oldham Road in Ashton for their Confirmation by the Bishop of Middleton, Bishop Mark. Our candidates were Carolyn Joyce Wright, Gary Walker, Ella Darcy Walker, Prince Kurien Ipe, Pretty Aleena Ipe and Daniel James Hohmann.

Other candidates came from Christ Church itself, St Martin's Droylsden and churches from the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Ashton.

It was a joyous occasion, with the added bonus of clashing cymbals during two of the hymns. You could tell that the Vicar of Christ Church, David Jacks, was thoroughly enjoying himself, although it made Chris, our Director of Music, who was playing the organ, nearly fall off the organ stool when he clashed the cymbals!

The Bishop asked the candidates if they had enjoyed the Confirmation classes and then proceeded to ask them if they remembered all of what they had learnt. He was about to ask one or two but they all put their heads down. During the service, we all renewed our baptismal promises, and to remind ourselves of these, Bishop Mark proceeded to sprinkle the candidates with water. The clergy didn't get away with it either – we got a sprinkling, too.

After the service there were refreshments and time for photographs, and for one of the pictures, Bishop Mark placed his mitre on both Pretty and Prince's heads. Is this the future for both of them, I wonder?

We all enjoyed the service. The candidates each received a lighted candle to remind them of their Confirmation vows and how God has delivered them from the dominion of darkness and given them a place with the saints in light. Also that, having received the light of Christ, they should walk in this light all the days of their lives, as we are all called to do when we have been baptised and confirmed.

Congratulations to all our candidates. Please continue to support them with your prayers.

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"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

CHURCH FINANCES

July 2017 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
25 June 2017	Feast of Dedication	£60.19	£509.18	£569.37	
02 July 2017	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	£42.79	£368.00	£410.79	
09 July 2017	4 th Sunday after Trinity	£47.48	£595.31	£642.79	
16 July 2017	5 th Sunday after Trinity	£53.42	£458.00	£511.42	
23 July 2017	6 th Sunday after Trinity	£	£	£	
30 July 2017	7 th Sunday after Trinity	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
	Monthly Total	£203.88	£2794.49	£2998.37	-£467.63

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,466 per month

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for July 2017 are:

1st Prize	£25	52	Andrew Trudgeon
2nd Prize	£15	36	Gillian Cotton
3rd Prize	£10	103	Alan Smith

The cost is £12 per year per number and there are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome. If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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Things you do on holiday but never at any other time

Get up at 2am to go to an airport.

Say “are we nearly there yet?” after a drive of 20 minutes.

Climb on a bus without knowing quite where you are going, or where to get off.

Wear a swimming costume while shopping.

Buy postcards.

Lend your key to a neighbour and spend half an hour explaining the knack of locking the front door which entails pulling, turning and pushing at the same time.

Worry about your hanging baskets and runner beans.

Miss your cat/workmates/a decent cup of tea.

Spend an hour looking for window lock keys which you have not seen since last year and why aren't they in THEIR SPECIAL PLACE?

Have a pocketful of foreign coins which you try to spend on your last day.

Go to a quarry museum and try to convince yourself it is interesting as you never knew there was so much to know about slate and that it comes in so many colours (grey mainly).

Get on another bus and hope it is headed back to your hotel, whose name now escapes you.

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Readings and Psalms for August 2017

Tues 1st 10.30 Exodus 33.7-11,34.5-9,28; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 13.36-43

Sun 6th **Transfiguration of Our Lord**
10.30 **Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1.16-19; Luke 9.28-36**

Tues 8th 10.30 Numbers 12.1-13; Psalm 51.1-8; Matthew 14.22-end

Sun 13th **9th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30 1 Kings 19.9-18; Matthew 14.22-23
10.30 **1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33**

Tues 15th 10.30 Isaiah 61.10-end; Psalm 45.10-end; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 1.46-55

Sun 20th **10th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.21-28**

Tues 22nd 10.30 Judges 6.11-24; Psalm 85.8-end; Matthew 19.23-end

Sun 27th **11th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30 Isaiah 51.1-6; Matthew 16.13-20
10.30 Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Tues 29^h 10.30 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Psalm 139.1-9; Matthew 23.23-26

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July Crossword Solution

ACROSS:

1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thief.

DOWN:

1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede

All in the month of August

It was:

400 years ago: on 23rd Aug 1617 that the world's first one-way streets were introduced – in London.

150 years ago: on 3rd Aug 1867 that Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister (1923-24, 1924-29, 1935-37) was born. He is the only British Prime Minister to have served under three monarchs.

125 years ago: on 24th Aug 1892 that Goodison Park opened in Liverpool. It was one of the world's first purpose-built football stadiums, and is the home of Everton FC.

90 years ago: on 13th Aug 1927 that the BBC took over the running of The Proms in London. The Proms were also broadcast on the radio for the first time.

75 years ago: from 23 Aug 1942 to 2 Feb 1943 that the Battle of Stalingrad took place.

70 years ago: on 14th Aug 1947 that Pakistan gained its independence from the UK.

Also 70 years ago: on 22nd Aug (to 11th Sep) that the first Edinburgh Festival was held in Scotland.

65 years ago: on 15th Aug 1952 that the Lynmouth flood in Devon occurred. 34 people were killed and buildings and bridges devastated as a flood swept through the village.

60 years ago: on 2nd Aug 1957 that the Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank Observatory in Cheshire began operating.

50 years ago: on 18th Aug 1967 that the city of Long Beach California purchased the RMS Queen Mary after it was retired from service.

40 years ago: on 16th Aug 1977 that Elvis Presley, 'The King', iconic American rock and roll singer, guitarist and actor, died.


30 years ago: on 1st Aug 1987 that Mike Tyson of the USA became the first heavyweight boxer to hold all three major world championship titles simultaneously: the WBC, WBA and IBF.

Also 30 years ago: on 19th Aug 1987 that the Hungerford Massacre took place in Berkshire.

20 years ago: on 31st Aug 1997 that Diana, Princess of Wales, her companion Dodi Fayed, and their driver, died in a car crash in the Place de 'Alma underpass in Paris.

10 years ago; on 27th Aug 2007 that Google launched Google Sky, a virtual globe application that maps space and allows users to view images from satellites and the Hubble Telescope.

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Where did God ask Jonah to go?
Read Jonah 1-4

What did Jesus tell his disciples *not* to take with them on their journey?
Read Matthew 10:9-10


Who spoke to Saul on his journey to Damascus?
Read Acts 9:3-8

What animal took Balaam to Moab?
Read Numbers 22:22

How did God guide the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness?
Read Exodus 13:21

Who did Abram take with him on his journey to Canaan?
and
Read Genesis 12:4-5

Have you ever been on a long journey?
Where did you go?
How long did it take you to get there?
The Bible reminds us that wherever we travel and wherever we go, God is with us!



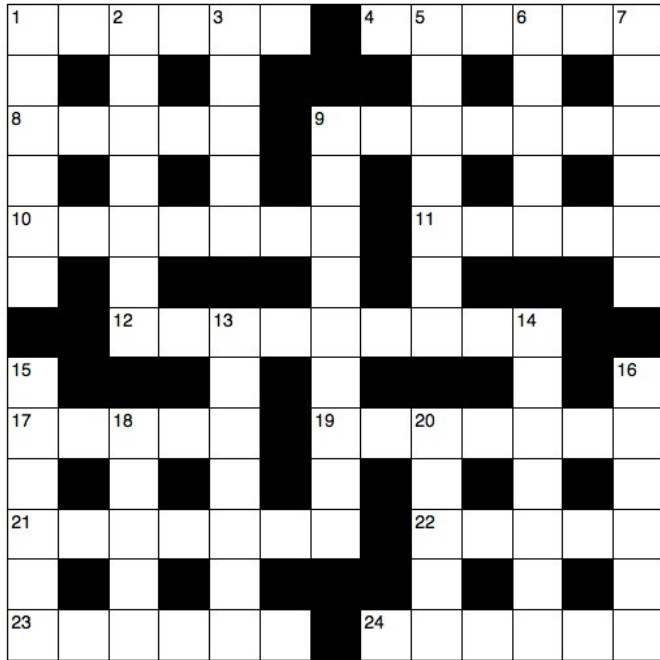
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God is with us

The Lord watches over all who love Him Ps 148:20

Can you decipher the verse on the suitcase?

August Crossword



Across

1 'The _____ people were _____ at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6), 4 'He saved _____; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6), 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5), 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7), 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7), 11 '_____ thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5), 12 and 15 Down 'All _____ is God-breathed and is _____ for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6), 17 'No _____ of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5), 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7), 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7), 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this _____ you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5), 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6), 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the _____ light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

Down

1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6), 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7), 3 'The wicked man _____ deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5), 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7), 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is _____' (5), 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6), 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9), 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them _____, that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7), 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7), 15 See 12 Across, 16 Rioted (anag.) (6), 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5), 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

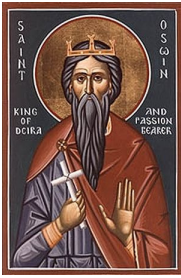
Some dates for your diary - August 2017

Tuesday	1st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.30p.m.	Mission Action Planning Meeting
Sunday	6th	8th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 13	
		The Transfiguration of Our Lord	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tuesday	8th	10.30a.m.	No Service of Holy Communion
Sunday	13th	9th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 14	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	15th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	19th	2.00p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	20th	10th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 15	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 3
Tuesday	22nd	10.30.a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	26th	1.00p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	27th	11th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 16	
		8.30a.m	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		1.15p.m.	Wedding
Tuesday	29th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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Eternal life does not begin with death, it begins with faith. Sam Shoemaker
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Saint of the Month

5 August Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

Oswald was King of Northumbria from 634 to 642 and was one of the first Christian kings in England. The son of King Ethelfrith of Northumbria, Oswald was forced to flee to Scotland when the rival king, Edwin, seized the Northumbrian Kingdom following the death

of Ethelfrith in 616. Whilst living in exile in Scotland, Oswald was converted to Christianity through the monks of St Columba. He spent some time at the monastery of Iona which had been established by Columba about 563, and returned to Northumbria to claim his crown when Edwin died in 633.

To establish his kingdom Oswald was forced to fight the Welsh king, Cadwallon. Before entering battle Oswald erected a wooden cross on the battlefield and ordered his soldiers to pray. He was successful in the fight and the field was named Heavensfield.

After securing his kingdom, Oswald sought to establish Christianity in Northumbria. He sent to Iona for missionaries. The initial response of the community at Iona was to send a bishop who by reputation was severe in character and who met with little success. When he returned, discouraged, the community sent a monk called Aidan, who was known as a gentle character, to work in the region.

Oswald gave Aidan great support. In his first journey through the region Oswald acted as interpreter. The presence of the king can only have aided the work of Aidan in spreading the Christian message as, together with a small group of colleagues, Aidan began establishing churches. Eventually Oswald gave Aidan and his colleagues the island of Lindisfarne as a monastic base.

After eight years as King of Northumbria, Oswald was killed in battle by Penda of Mercia, who followed the ways of paganism, and who sacrificially mutilated Oswald's body, dispatching it to different parts of his kingdom. Oswald was 38 when he died. He had united Northumbria, both politically and in terms of faith, and is recognized as one of England's foremost Anglo-Saxon Christian kings.

Bede records that

As soon as he became King, Oswald greatly wished that all the people whom he ruled should be imbued with the grace of the Christian faith, of which he had received such signal proof in his victory over the heathen.

Bede: Ecclesiastical History, III.3

Smile lines

Helpful signs

Sign on a door: Push. If that doesn't work. Pull. If that doesn't work, we're closed.

In front of a church: Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.

In the grounds of a private school: No trespassing without permission.

A sign advertising a Company-wide skiing race: Let's see who can go downhill the fastest.

Outside a photographer's studio: Out to lunch: if not back by five, out for dinner also.

Notice in health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

On a plumber's van: We repair what your husband fixed.

Sounds

Music festival as parent drops off teenagers...

Daughter: Did you ever hear anything so amazing as that band?

Father: Well, I once heard a collision between a milk float and a little van filled with ducks.

Music appreciation

The music critic enthused: "Here is Tchaikovsky at his best. Music so beautiful it has to be heard to be appreciated."

A lot of music is like that.

Golf

There was a clergyman who was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golf, and the minister could not resist the temptation. He rang his assistant and told him he was too ill to attend church. Then he packed up the car, and drove three hours to a golf course where no one would recognise him. Happily, he began to play the course. But an angel up above was watching the minister and was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, 'Look at the minister. He should be punished for what he's doing.'

God nodded in agreement. The minister teed up on the first hole. He swung, and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup three hundred and fifty yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. The minister was amazed and overjoyed. The angel was a little shocked. He turned to God and said: 'Begging your pardon, but I thought you were going to punish him.' And God smiled. 'Think about it; who can he tell?'

Can't count

It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten. They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane.