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Editor Writes ...

There seem to have been quite a few sports new to the Olympics this year, which is how, unexpectedly, I found myself watching competitive surfing on tv recently. When spectating any new sport there are words to learn alongside the rules, but seeing competitors described as 'regular' or 'goofy' still came as a bit of a surprise. The same words came up again a few days later in another new Olympic sport - skateboarding.



The Olympics is the time you can become quite expert at and fascinated by a sport you were barely aware of before. And so I know now that a skater, or surfer, is said to be goofy-footed if their right foot is at the head of the board whereas 'regular' means the left foot is at the head of the board. I tried to find out why. There was reference to the way the Disney character Goofy stood on a surfboard in a 1930s animation. But there were other claims that that was completely wrong and some alternative suggestions. I guess I'll never know. But Wendy Freer's article on page 20 tells us how some names that are closer to home came about, and it's fascinating.

What of the other skateboarding terms which now trip off my tongue (and yours)? There's the Ollie, when the skater uses their back foot to smack the tail of the board against the ground, while the front foot pulls the board up into the air, which, of course, we all know is the basis of most tricks. And there's the Fakie, where a trick is performed going backwards, or the Fliptrick which involves the skateboard spinning on any or a variety of its axes. I'm sure our dear friends at Ashby Youth For Christ have long known these terms thanks to their Sk8ers group. You can read an update of all the AYFC groups, along with some prayer requests, on page 24

There are two types of competition for skateboarders at the Olympics – street or park. Competitors for the street competition demonstrate their tricks on a course which includes walls, banks, curbs, stairs, handrails, and benches! But Park courses resemble large bowls with steep sides, nearly vertical at the top, and originated using drained swimming pools. What a great example of re-using and re-purposing. Read about a charity which is re-using and re-purposing, and about how we can get involved, on page 11.

And one final interesting fact - Sky Brown represents Britain in the park event and is Britain's youngest Olympian, aged just 13. Once the youngsters you know have had enough of the skate-park, there are lots of ideas for other things they might do this month on pages 8 and 9.

Jill Chapman .



Revd Mary Writes ...

Dear Friends

On Tuesday morning, my toast got soggy - and rather more salty. I didn't spill my tea or use too much ketchup. No, the soggy toast was due to an eye-malfunction. It is just possible, I confess, that at 7.35am I was weeping over the breakfast table.

Take heart, dear reader! - these were not tears borne of tragedy, but of joy and of love. You see, scrolling through Twitter I had come upon a video of Olympic swimmer Tom Dean's family, friends and neighbours, gathered in his family's back garden in Maidenhead to watch him in the final of the 200m freestyle in Tokyo. Not able to be there because of Covid-19, they had set up a big screen in their back garden and from thousands of miles away were roaring him on to gold.

The video showed none of the action in the pool, just how that action was lived-out in the bodies and faces of his Mum, his sisters, his brothers and his friends. Stroke-by-stroke they paced up and down the garden, punched in the air, covered their faces, screamed in agony and ecstasy. And when he won they danced and embraced and cried with joy. It was wonderful! (And I am feeling teary again, just remembering.)

Why was it so moving? - because of the sense of enormous love and support for Tom, for this great surge of encouragement, for these people, miles apart from him, giving him everything they had got although he couldn't see them or hear them. How wonderful, I thought, to be so upheld by others.

And I was moved, too, because I see that this is how we are to live; to be the crowd who roar another on, whose own bodies are moved in sympathy at the efforts of another, who dance and cheer and embrace at another's success, who hold one another up in prayer, who honour one another with great delight.

We're not always brilliant at this. We sometimes pull down more readily than we build up. We are sometimes more ready to criticise than to praise, to jump to the worst possible interpretation of another's comments or actions. There is, of course, a place for calling people out - not least in public life - but in our life together as a community, as a church, could we take on the drive, the passion, of that Maidenhead back garden and go all-out in our support of one another?

The writer of the Hebrews tells us that as we try to live out faithful Christian

lives, there is another crowd cheering us - our forerunners of faith who watch over our efforts and pace up and down as we progress, who punch their fists in the air, roar us to greater effort and who celebrate when we cross the line: 'Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses', they write, 'let us lay aside every weight and every sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...'

Run your race with the dedication and passion of a true Olympian. Cheer others on in their own race. And know that our forerunners of faith are in the heavenly equivalent of a Maidenhead back garden, roaring you on with all their might.

Now - where's the tissues?!

With love

Mary



A rebuke to the strategic planners

The river is not a straight line.
It does not run from A to B.
It finds the contours of the land,
arriving in its own good time.

Crows do not fly as the crow flies.
They ride the thermals still and fast;
swooping to a destination,
waiting as the warm airs rise.

Short cuts rarely save much time,
steps becoming functions starved of joy.
Walking is better than driving;
travelling well, not just arriving.

Stephen Cottrell

Do You Love Church Buildings?

Most of us have at least some vague notion of the organisation, the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, because of the annual 'Ride and Stride' fundraising event each September, with which we are always involved to a greater or lesser degree, thanks to the faithful link provided by Elizabeth Smith.

But have you ever wondered about their role? And what happens to the funds they raise?

Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust was formed in 1964, and their purpose is threefold:

- to give grants to help repair the historic churches and chapels of Leicester and Leicestershire that are open for public worship
- to encourage wider interest in them
- to raise funds for these purposes.

While its main task is to provide money and advice for the repair of



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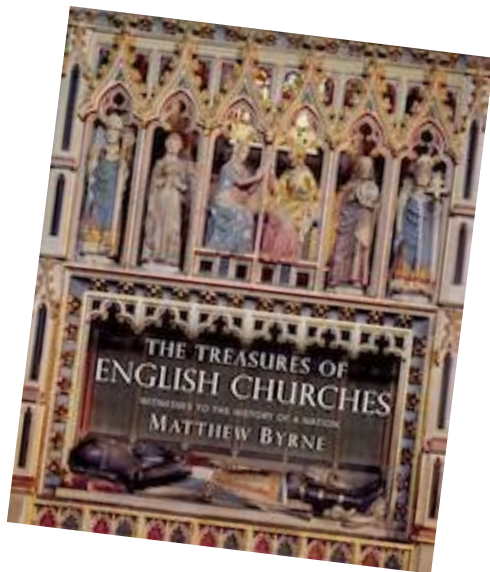
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churches and chapels, the Trust also seeks to spread interest in and knowledge of church and chapel buildings, and to generate enthusiasm for their care and preservation.

The LHCT is part of the National Churches Trust, an organisation which receives no funding from government or church authorities. And yet, due to their own fundraising efforts, in 2020 twenty-six churches and chapels were removed from the Heritage at Risk Register with the support of their grants. They helped to fund 260 churches and chapel projects in the year, with £1.7 million of grants being awarded for urgent repairs, new facilities, maintenance and project development. Earlier this year St Helen's PCC was a grateful beneficiary when £3000 was granted towards a roof alarm.

One way of supporting their work is to become a Friend of the National Churches Trust. The annual subscription is £30 (and new 'friends' receive a copy of a beautiful book of photographs, 'The Treasures of English Churches')



If you wish to find out how to be involved in this year's Ride and Stride (the sponsorship form is available already at <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>), or are interested in the other LHCT events coming up in August and September, please contact Liz Smith on e.smith991@btinternet.com.

The events are:

- On Saturday 21st August there will be an evening social event to support the work of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust – held in a marquee in the garden in Smeeton Westerby—Take a picnic and drink. There will be no charge for the event but donations will be much appreciated. Everyone is welcome - More details here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leicestershire-historic-churches-trust-summer-evening-in-aid-of-the-trust-tickets-159095530013>.
- Saturday 4th September – Tour of Churches in East Leicestershire The tour is limited to 30 people, £10 per head, applications to David Knowles djpk34@hotmail.com or 01509 268354.

Jill Chapman



St Helen's Church & Community Heritage Centre

Children's Glass Art Workshop

Saturday 14th August 10am - 12 noon
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Virtual Holiday Club

◆ **Monday 9th - Friday 13th August**

Virtual Holiday Club is an online resource featuring dramatized bible stories, crafts, songs, games and competitions. Streamed **LIVE on YouTube**

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one with Makaton
 - What is Makaton?
 - What's the link??



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So please don't throw these invaluable rejects away! Bring them to me at 3 Alton Way, Ashby, or ring me on 07792541998 or 01530 413511 and I will collect from you. If you would like to know more about TWAM I have a selection of literature from them, or

go direct to twam.uk. (Treadle sewing machines are like gold dust to them....)

Thankyou and God bless you real good!

Pam Watson



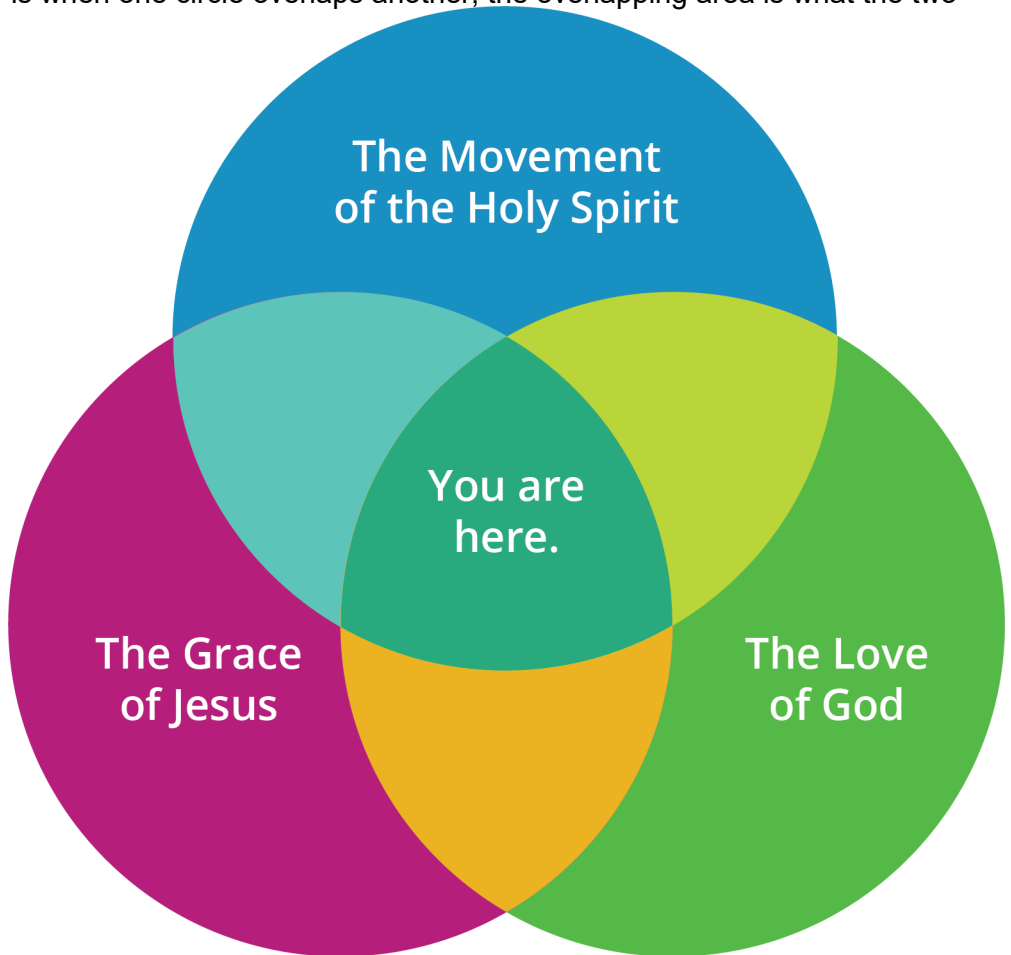
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Happy Birthday, John Venn ... and thank you

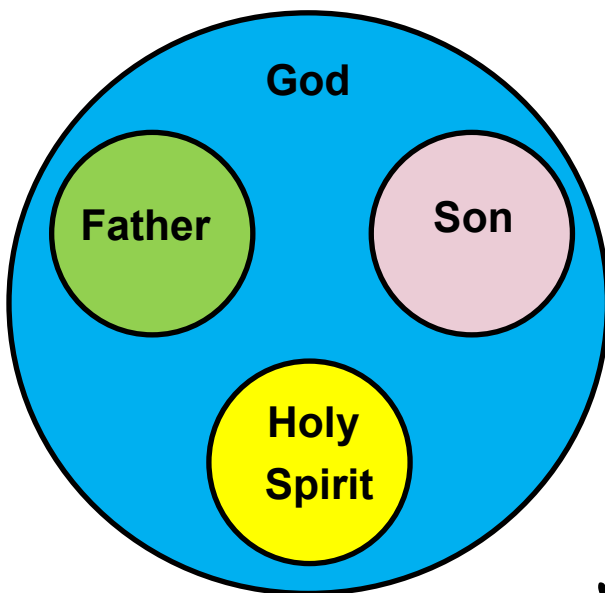
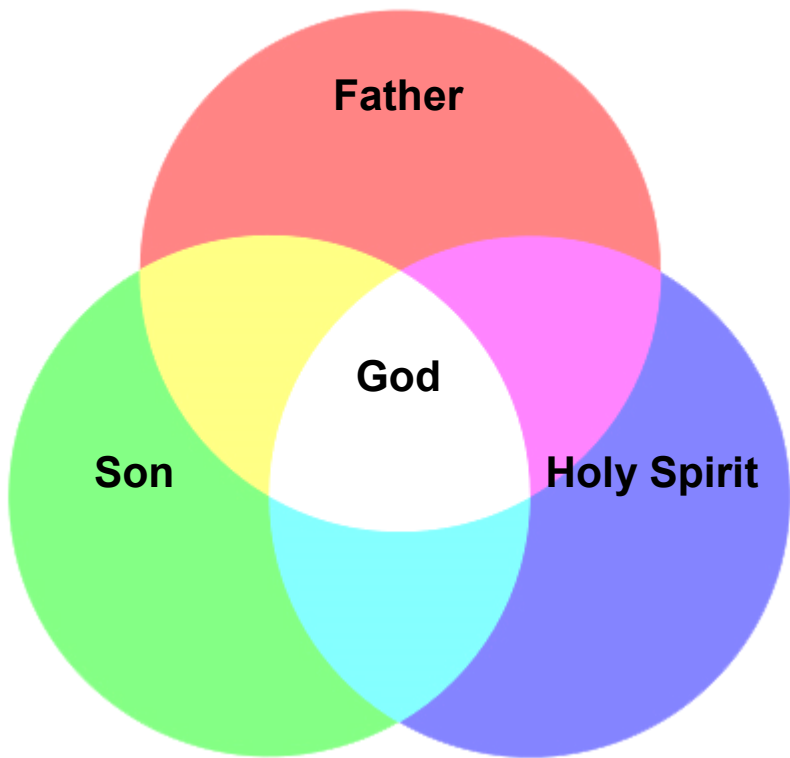
For no better reason than because John Venn was born in August (4th August, 1834) some Venn diagrams have found their way into this month's magazine. He devised the diagrams in the 1880s, at which time he was a mathematician and eminent Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, and he created it to help when he was teaching logic. The idea is when one circle overlaps another, the overlapping area is what the two



domains have in common. If one circle is entirely inside another, then one domain is entirely subsumed within the other. If two circles do not overlap at all, then the two domains share nothing in common.

A Venn diagram is sometimes used to illustrate the Trinity. Which one of

these works best for you? Do write in and share your thoughts.



Jill Chapman

For Union With Creation

A Christian prayer for union with creation' was published in Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*.

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

Giving up 'single-use' plastics

At July's All-Age service we were considering the impact we humans are having on our planet. Revd Mary confessed to having accumulated rather more single-use plastics in her recycling bin each week than she would have liked.

There was general agreement that it is hard to go 'single-use' plastic free. Solutions were discussed, and amongst the ideas was the suggestion of refilling empty plastic containers instead of sending them for recycling. And the good news is, we have a shop in Ashby where we can do just that - fair2all at 17 Bath Street. Currently they can refill washing up liquid, laundry liquid, hand wash, fabric softener and surface cleaner.



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Our Worship



We worship together on-line via Facebook on the Flagstaff Family of Churches' page.

You can catch up with our services later, on the St Helen's Church website (www.sthelensashby.net), simply by clicking on the relevant date on the Online Services and Readings page, under the Church Life tab.

Service Pattern

- All-Age Service - First Sunday of the month
10.30am
- Holy Communion - Second, third and fourth Sundays of the month
10.30am
Within the St Helen's church building & on-line
- Holy Communion within others of our Flagstaff Family of Churches' buildings - Sunday afternoons
4.00pm
1st Sunday:
Isley Walton
2nd Sunday:
Coleorton
3rd Sunday:
Staunton Harold
4th Sunday:
Breedon

Book places for Sunday services by emailing sthelensashby@gmail.com

- Holy Communion - Wednesdays 10am
Within the St Helen's church building & on-line
- Parish Prayers - Saturdays 9.30am
Within the St Helen's church building

Sunday 29th August is a fifth Sunday and so will be a Flagstaff Family service for the whole team at 10.30am. This simple service of outdoor Holy Communion will be in the grounds of the church at Breedon on the Hill. There is ample parking. Hot drinks will be served after the service, but you are also very welcome to bring a picnic and to stay and eat

From the Albums ...

Our Isolation Creation exhibition proved a great success, staged over three weekends, we had over 300 visitors.



From the Albums continued ...

The Community Heritage Centre garden was officially opened on July 15th by Ashby's mayor, Rita Manning. Also present, as honoured guests, were our contractors, our donors, and some of the army of volunteers who worked with Andrew Chapman. Hugh's brick-built barbeque made a very handy lectern!



Church Going

Part of a poem by Philip Larkin.

A serious house on serious earth it is,
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,
Are recognised, and robed as destinies.
And that much never can be obsolete,
Since someone will forever be surprising
A hunger in himself to be more serious,
And gravitating with it to this ground,
Which, he once heard, was proper to grow wise in,
If only that so many dead lie round.

The National Covid Memorial Wall

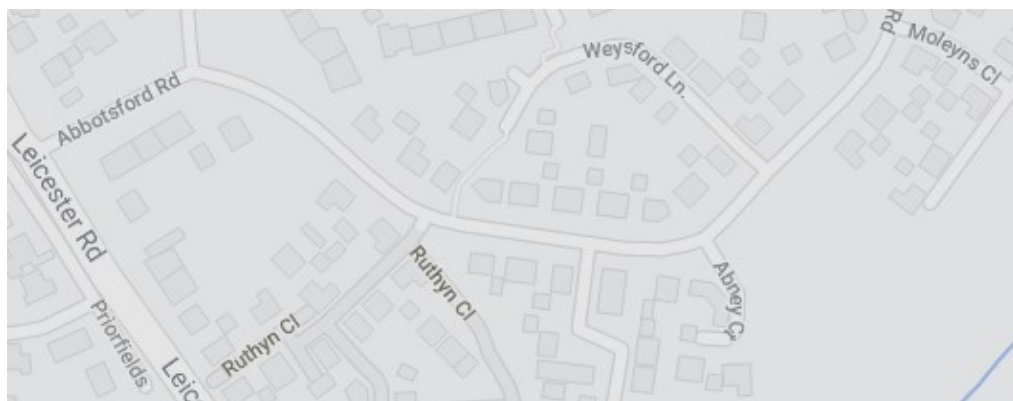
In July Revd Mary was able to visit, and leave flowers at, the mural in London known as the 'National Covid Memorial Wall'. The mural has been painted by volunteers to commemorate victims of the pandemic, and it's on a wall on the South Bank of the River Thames, opposite the Palace of Westminster and just outside St Thomas' Hospital. It is more than a third of a mile long.



The mural consists of thousands of red and pink hearts - when it was begun in March 2021 the intention of its creators was for there to be one heart for each of the approximately 150,000 casualties of COVID-19 in the UK, with each heart to be "individually hand-painted; utterly

unique, just like the loved ones we've lost"

It was established by the bereaved themselves, without official permission and was never planned as permanent. In fact volunteers have to re-inscribe weathered dedications. But it has captured the public's imagination, and a cross-party alliance of more than 200 MPs, peers and mayors is asking for it to be made permanent.



The Hastings Estate

The new housing estate off the Leicester Road in Ashby de la Zouch was named in honour of the Hastings family who once owned much of the land in the area and lived at Ashby Castle until its defeat in the English Civil War in 1646. They then made Donington Hall in Castle Donington their family seat. Some of the street names on the new estate have been chosen to commemorate members of that family.

Flora Grove is named after Flora Mure-Campbell, a Scottish lady born in 1780 to James Mure-Campbell, 5th Earl of Loudoun and Lady Flora Macleod. She became the 6th Countess of Loudoun in April 1786 on the death of her father. Loudoun is a parish in East Ayrshire but Flora became connected with Ashby when she married Francis Rawdon-Hastings, 2nd Earl of Moira in 1807. He became Marquess of Hastings in 1816. Francis was also not a local man, having been born Francis Rawdon in Moira, Ireland, but connected to the Hastings family through his mother, Elizabeth Hastings, 13th Baroness Hastings, who was born at Donington Hall. Francis inherited the Hastings estate from his uncle, the 10th Earl of Huntingdon, who had never married. Several roads on the Hastings estate are named after places in Scotland in honour of Lady Flora and there is even one called Campbell Close.

Moleyns Close commemorates a family name which became associated with the Hastings family in the 15th century. It is well known that William Hastings, the first Baron Hastings, was granted a "licence to crenellate" (i.e. licence to fortify) three of his properties in Ashby, Kirby Muxloe and Bagworth in 1475, and thus the medieval manor house at Ashby became Ashby Castle. William's eldest son was Edward Hastings, 2nd Baron Hastings who married Mary Hungerford. Mary held the titles of Baroness Botreaux, Hungerford and Moleyns which is how the Moleyns name first became associated with the Hastings family, and now the Hastings estate. The titles of Hungerford and Moleyns had already been

merged when they came into the Hastings family. The Hungerford/Moleyns title has fallen into abeyance twice over the last two hundred years but was revived for the Philipps family. The current holder of the title of Baron de Moleyns is 4th Viscount St Davids, Rhodri Philipps, born 1966, who also holds the titles Baron Strange of Knockin, Baron Hungerford and the baronetcy of Picton Castle. He was also co-heir to the barony of Grey de Ruthyn which brings us on to **Ruthyn Close!**

The title of Baron Grey of Ruthyn goes back to 1324 when it was created for Sir Roger de Grey. This branch of the Grey family had its seat at Ruthyn Castle in Wales and did not become associated with Ashby until 1831 when Barbara Yelverton, 20th Baroness Grey de Ruthyn, married George Rawdon-Hastings, the 2nd Marquis of Hastings. They had six children. The eldest, Paulyn Reginald Serlo Rawdon-Hastings, has his name commemorated as Paulyn Way near Ashby Hill Top School. Their eldest daughter was Edith Maud Rawdon Hastings who later became the 10th Countess of Loudoun and is commemorated by the Loudoun monument in Bath Street. Paulyn died unmarried in 1851 and the title passed to his younger brother, Henry Rawdon-Hastings and then to his sister Lady Bertha Lelgarde Rawdon-Hastings. Although Lady Edith Maud lived with her husband at Donington Hall, the rest of the family seem to have had little to do with Ashby and lived mostly in London. The title Baron Grey de Ruthyn fell into abeyance in 1963.

Henry Rawdon Hastings was the 4th and last Marquess of Hastings. His titles became extinct on his death in 1868. However, having the full name of Henry Weysford Charles Plantagenet Rawdon-Hastings, we see that one of his middle names was given to yet another road on the Hastings Estate, **Weysford Lane**.

Finally, **Abney Court** on the new estate takes its name from the

Abney family of Willesley Hall (now demolished). The Abney family had been Lords of Willesley since at least 1345 and probably earlier. They became the Abney-Hastings family after the daughter and heiress of



Henry Weysford Charles Plantagenet Rawdon-Hastings, 4th Marquess of Hastings. Pictured above in 1861 (age 19) as Lieutenant in the Prince Albert's Own Leicestershire Yeomanry Cavalry.

Thomas Abney, Parnell Abney, married Charles Hastings, the illegitimate son of the 10th Earl of Huntingdon, Francis Hastings. Their eldest son, Charles Hastings, assumed the name Charles Abney-Hastings in December 1823.

Wendy Freer

Among the Ashes

Many at St Helen's have an interest in, and support the work of, the charity Open Doors. Recently they have made available to churches a film and prayer resource which may be of interest to groups meeting for prayer or house groups as they start to meet in person again.

Although the work of Open Doors is with the persecuted church, they believe their film has particular pertinence for many at this time, a time of unprecedented hardship and loss.

Open Doors ask:

What do you do when it all falls apart?

What do you do when everything gets taken away; when all that you have worked so hard to build gets shut down?

Or, worse, becomes nothing more than a load of ruins and a handful of ash?

Whatever the specific situation, we are all, at some point, likely to be 'among the ashes'. The film's message is of one of hope and love, and of how, in the worst of times, we can encounter God in a new and powerful way. It combines biblical reflection with stories from the persecuted church, to explore how the biblical principle of lament can bring hope and comfort, even in the darkest situations - if we are among the ashes, we are not there alone.

To accompany the film, there is also a downloadable prayer outline which provides a simple framework to help people to pray for Christians who are among the ashes: whether in the persecuted church, or closer to home among friends, family and fellow Christians. It is available, along with all the other Open Doors material, from their 'church resource hub' - <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Jill Chapman

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Summer of Hope

In June, central Mothers' Union launched its 'Summer of Hope'. As part of this, we are dedicating the month of August to commemorating 100 years since the death of our founder, Mary Sumner, who led a truly remarkable and inspiring life.

Members will have received a Summer of Hope pack, containing a Count Your Blessings Calendar, encouraging us each day in August, to count our blessings and to put a few coins into a collection jar. At the end of the month, the coins collected can be counted and a cheque sent to our local branch at St Helens', or to central MU at Mary Sumner House, to support MU projects worldwide.

Mary Sumner Month Events

Sunday 1 st August	9pm	Compline on Mothers' Union Facebook Page
Monday 9 th August	10am	Virtual Tour of Mary Sumner's Church and the Grounds of Old Alresford Place, on Youtube
Monday 9 th August	3pm	Mary Sumner Day Service on MU Facebook Page and YouTube
Throughout August		31 Days of Inspiration, a series of videos from all over the world, on YouTube and social media channels.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Lord,
We give you thanks for the far-reaching vision
of our founder Mary Sumner.
We look back with gratitude and praise for her witness,
and for all that has been achieved thus far
in the name of Mothers' Union worldwide.
Amen

Beryl Stephens



Rock Solid - Summer holidays

Rock Solid will not now be meeting until September. Thank you for your prayers of this term. Please do pray for Rock Solid over the summer. Please pray for:

- Protection. This group are influenced by many people. Some people want their money, some want their approval, some want them to be incubators for their ideas. Not many of these people care about the eternal well-being of these precious souls. It's not just people who want to own them. We had a conversation about tarot cards not long ago. This was a reminder to us that our primary battle is not against flesh and blood.
- Revelation and discernment. Please pray that they will be graciously given the help of the Holy Spirit to separate truth from lie and good from bad.
- Support. During what can be a long period away from supportive people, please pray that they will be accompanied by people who care for them and share with them truth, grace, time and love.

Vernon & Kate

Football

Since moving to the ball courts, numbers in attendance on Wednesdays have been low. This may be because it has been peak holiday time. Please pray that for these lads this holiday time away from their usual weekly routine will contain many blessed opportunities to appraise their habits and priorities. Pray they will be reminded of the truths they have heard from God's word over the last few months and that they would meditate on these as they holiday.

Please also pray for those of our regulars who have moved out of home due to unhappy home relations. In at least two of these cases, tensions are around conflict with their mum's partner. Please pray that they would be enabled to believe in a perfect father - perfectly good, wise, powerful and loving. Pray that they would get to know our Father as they get to know his Son through the ministry of his word, his Spirit and the testimony of his servants.

Pray that they will be assured that God the Father is, like the father in Jesus' story of the prodigal sons, always ready and waiting to show them his love and acceptance.

Please pray that as I meet with individual players over the summer that our times will be blessed with his power, love and truth.

Vernon

Innit Together

'For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?' Esther 4:14

Although we only had one young person attend the final session, God was still present and used the time for His glory. Kate and Becky spent time chatting, and seeing how best, we as Youth for Christ, can continue to support young people in this time. As we neared the end of the session, we spent time praying over the young person – it was touching how God was moving and speaking to this amazing young person. This bible verse was a confirmation that we are made for such a time as this, we are not a mistake!

And praise God that He wastes nothing!

As we enter a season of rest over the summer, these young people have several needs I'd love you to pray for: 1. Exam results; this year hasn't played out how anyone ever envisaged, and exams are no different. Whatever the result please pray they]se brave souls know they are more than a grade or number! 2. Changing schools; there have been no induction days and as these young people navigate new spaces, will you pray they feel grounded, safe and a peace we know can only come through relationship with God. 3. Pray for growth in their faith. They are each like new delicately flowering buds, and we pray that what they have heard, shared and prayed for, comes to form part of their solid foundation of faith in Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers over this season. Please pray for us as leaders as we navigate emerging from lockdown and what that could mean for this club and it's members.

Thank you & God bless you,

The Innit Together Team
(Katie, Kate, Vernon & Becky)



Last Sk8ers Until September

Sob! Parting is such sweet sorrow... as it is said. Yet, we have so much to be thankful for, for the last 12 months.

Such as: 1. Being able to meet in person; outside and inside! 2. Volunteers returning to support young people (they are ace!). 3. One of our young people inviting 10 of their friends to come last week, knowing we would invite them in and accept them as they have been accepted and loved each week (and they queued up from 5.20pm, and were excellently behaved too!). 4. Seeing several of those same new young people in the week and them saying hello to me! 10. All of us staying well and being able to serve our God week after week with Ashby Youth For Christ....(if you are wondering what happened to points 5-9, I left space for you to fill in your own thanks!)

As we enter a summer season and rest for some of the team, could you please pray that we are re-fuelled and refreshed in the Spirit, ready for September; have great times with our families; and that our Young people remain safe and well until we can meet again and perhaps ponder on the seeds we have sown over our youth meetings.

Please also pray for all those in the background...yes that includes you; who faithfully give their time, building spaces, tithes and prayers to this wonderful ministry.

God bless you,

The Sk8ers team

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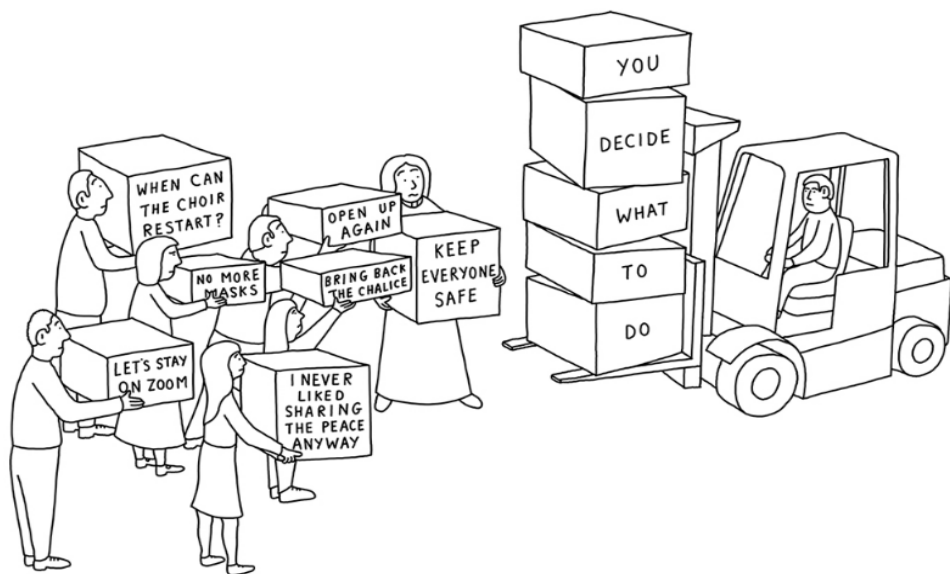
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Quotes for the Month

'Lay-led churches release the Church from key limiting factors. When you don't need a building and a stipend and long, costly college-based training for every leader of church ... It also releases the discipleship of people. In church-planting, there are no passengers.'

Canon John McGinley's presentation to MultiplyX 2021 church-planting conference, June 24th

'There is a lot of tiredness in the Church. We have had lots of initiatives.'

Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Vision & Strategy briefing paper, June 2021 for Synod in July

'I had to pinch myself the other day ... as I read of plans for 10,000 new lay-led churches by 2030 ... that did not need costly buildings, or costly, well-trained & theologically-literate clergy.'

Very Rev'd Professor Martyn Percy, The Great Leap Forward, modernchurch.org.uk, July 5th

'When it comes to LGBTQ Catholics, what Pope Francis giveth, the Vatican taketh away.'

Claire Giangravé, Religion News Service, July 8th

'As a general rule, church growth is inversely proportional to the big talk coming from head office.'

Revd Dr Giles Fraser, The Church is abandoning its flock, unherd.com, July 8th

'Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest to you.' - Mother Teresa

Rev Steve Chalke, Twitter, July 10th

'In church this morning I prayed for the Italian fans to be able to cope with their disappointment.'

Comedian Frank Skinner, pre-match build up on BBC 1, July 11th

'My pastor suggested we stop calling it "the story of the woman caught in adultery" and start calling it "the story of the men caught in hypocrisy."'

Laura Jean Truman, Twitter, July 11th

'It's easier to fly a rocket into space than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.'

Middlechurch, Twitter, July 11th

'Charity is patient is kind.'

Chancellor Rishi Sunak on reducing overseas aid, July 13th

'The C of E's General Synod ... has been overshadowed by a storm in an Anglican teacup.'

<https://anglican.ink>, Do the C of E bishops want 10,000 new churches or not? July 13th

'God had me there for a reason'

Tim Stephens, Canadian pastor jailed for breaking Covid rules, www.rebelnews.com, July 15th

'Latest church Covid advice: proceed with caution'

The Church Times, July 16th

'Our prisons provide a talent pool that we shouldn't ignore.'

James Timpson @JamesTCobbler, Twitter, July 18th

'We thank you all for your feedback regarding an intention to ring the Cathedral bells tomorrow marking "Freedom Day" ... The Dean refused permission on hearing about it.'

Chester Cathedral, Twitter, July 18th

'I've chosen to live my life without the 'certainties' of faith, but I maintain a great reverence for the mystery & wonder of our existence, and my agnosticism is a tolerant cousin to my curiosity.'

Pop star Sting re his Catholic upbringing on religionnews.com website, July 21st

'Any advice on introducing your new kitten to your husband after he specifically told you not to bring home a kitten.'

The God Article, Facebook, July 27th

'Brace yourselves, brother and sister clergy who follow the lectionary - it's bread season. The worst month in the whole three-year cycle, when we have to find a new sermon about bread for five straight weeks.'

Mother Anna Stuttard, Twitter, July 30th

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