

ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

Thought for the Week

Some people have expressed their annoyance about a T.V. ad showing a baptism ritual in which someone is lowered into the water and raised again as a giant chicken nugget. They're upset over the media mocking Christianity, which they wouldn't do with other faiths. What action should we take? Jesus recommended turning the other cheek or going the extra mile. Perhaps there's an opportunity here to spread the Gospel. Surely the offer of forgiveness of all sins and the promise of eternal life is a better option than being a chicken nugget for all eternity? Let's spread the Word

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

Every Wednesday~ BCP Holy Communion 10.30am

May 18th~SHINE family service 3pm

May 19th ~ Little Saints toddler group - 2.15-3.30pm

May 25th ~ Holy Communion 9.45am

COME AND JOIN US. OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN AND OUR WELCOME ASSURED.



WELCOME and FAREWELL

I think most people will be aware that Rev Jo has moved to the Uplands Benefice to complete her training to become a stipendiary minister. This all happened at short notice and she will lead her first service at Guilsborough on 11th May. Rev Jo has given her wholehearted commitment to everything she has done with us over the past 4 years. She did brilliant work with the Primary schools in Crick and Yelvertoft, and Shepherds' Delight, and energised the transformation of the Old School. Above all she loved the Lord Jesus which shone through in her ministry. Thank you from us all and may God bless you Jo.

Mattering I heard a memorable programme on Radio 4 recently, in which a woman suffering from long-term agoraphobia bravely talked about her coping mechanisms. Amongst other things she had a mantra, which went as follows:
"If they mind, they don't matter - if they matter, they don't mind."
It helped her to open up to others as to who she really was, and relieve her deep sense of shame over her affliction. It was a huge development for her in her gradual recovery. We do the same of course, in our prayers. God accepts us. He does not judge. He does not mind! And of course, God, above all, matters. What else, and who else, matters to each one of us?

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Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, as we celebrate VE day we remember all the other conflicts that are going on in the world today. We pray that you give wisdom to leaders of these nations and encourage them to seek peace that will be fair and just. We thank you for the peace we enjoy as a nation. We pray that you will keep us free from conflict within our nation by fostering a sense of communication and care with others we come in touch with in our daily lives. Thank you for loving us. Amen



More burgers and bangers sold than in a very long time. Teas and cakes flying off the plates. A suitably VE decorated church. Great atmosphere. 1940's nostalgia music. Friendly caring, thoughtful people. It was all there at St Margaret's for the celebrations. Of VE day. If you like the sound of this come to St Margaret's soon... And, to boot, the generosity of all managed to raise several hundred pounds to support our beautiful church! Thank you!

We are never prepared for sudden overwhelming events in our lives. For many faith, friends and community, help to support us through these times. When others believe we have come to terms with whatever has befallen us, we know we never will. We carry on with a smile on our face but we have changed, never to be the same person we once were. For some, they are stronger and wiser and use their experiences to help others, change laws or in quiet ways give strength to other's facing unprepared moments in their lives.

Romans 1 v 14-17 In these verses Paul emphasises his deep belief that his duty is to share the Gospel with everyone regardless of race, culture and level of understanding. He has already made a number of missionary journeys to various countries, but not yet to Rome. Why Rome? Because it was the powerful centre of empire. Rome already had a number of Christian converts mainly due to those converted in other territories returning to Rome. Paul wanted to give strong support to them and to ensure that the message of salvation through Jesus Christ was clearly and accurately understood, also to help in increasing their numbers.

FACT FILE- Nostalgia The VE anniversary set me thinking about landmarks in our post-war history. A very random selection: 1950 George VI opened the Festival of Britain; 1955 Grace Archer died!! 1960 1st traffic wardens in London; 1965 Winston Churchill died; 1970 Age of Majority lowered to 18; 1975 first oil pumped from the North Sea; 1980 Zimbabwean Independence; 1985 UK's first mobile phone calls; 1990 Poll tax riots; 1995 Women's pension age raised to 65; 2000 The Millenium Bug didn't bite! 2005 Ellen MacArthur - first woman to circumnavigate the globe solo. At that point my elderly brain went on strike!



MATTHEW 5:13-16 These verses form part of the sermon on the mount, which Jesus preached to His disciples who sat around him on a hill, watched by a large crowd of people. Having told them how they should live their lives in order one day to enter heaven He warned them not to practise their Christian ways quietly and in private. That way, the news of God would not spread but lose its potency. Instead, they must act like beacons of light, spreading the news of His love far and wide. We should hope to do the same.