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Sunday Services June 2026



	7th June	14th June	21st June	28th June
Broadmayne St Martin	11am Holy Communion		11am Together@11 at St Martin's	8am Holy Communion BCP
Broadmayne Methodist	11am Morning Worship			11am Holy Communion
Holworth				11am Holy Communion
Owermoigne	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	
Warmwell		11am Holy Communion		
West Knighton	6pm Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	6pm Worship & Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion & Baptism

Methodist Sunday 7th June 11am – Rev Deborah Cornish
& Joint Sunday 14th June 11am – Methodist Joint Service at WeyBay
Services Sunday 21st June 11am – Rev David Johnson & Peter Jenner: T@11 at St Martin's
Sunday 28th June 11am – Rev Judy Turner-Smith

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BENEFICE REGISTERS

Baptism

26th April Baptism of **Piper Elizabeth Wilgress Lee** at St Catherine, Holworth

Funerals

21st April **Tina Leeming:** Thanksgiving Service and burial of ashes at Holy Trinity, Warmwell

25th April **James Keppel-Palmer:** burial of ashes at St Catherine, Holworth

27th April **June Salt:** Burial of ashes at St Martin, Broadmayne

7th May **Doris Haggett:** Funeral at St Michael, Owermoigne

15th May **Joe Pugh:** Funeral and burial at St Peter, West Knighton



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Dear Friends,

A pessimist is often thought of as a person who sees a glass as being half empty whereas an optimist would think of the same glass as being half full.

Religious people tend towards being optimistic but it is more than just a general sense of wishful or positive thinking. We often use the words 'faith' and 'hope' to describe our outlook on the world but there are differences between them. In a world where many situations might seem hopeless at times it is worth thinking about what we mean when we talk about faith and hope. It is more than just optimism!

Faith is very much about the present: it is about trust and it is personal. We have faith in people; we have faith in God. Faith is about a relationship in the here and now.

Hope is much more about the future: it is about expectation and anticipation. That is different to wishing or positive thinking. Hope is about something we expect, something that has been promised. Hope has an element of patience with confidence. And also of shaping our lives and working towards what we hope for.

One of the most well-known chapters in the Bible – 1 Corinthians 13 – is read out at weddings (and is actually very suitable to be read at funerals too). The passage ends with these words:

“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

The Beatles sang *All You Need Is Love* but we should remember the place of faithfulness and hopefulness too.

Faith is where we start from – a place of trust, the foundation of a relationship. Faith for us in God; faith of God in us; and faithfulness as trust and friendship between us all.

Hope is the promise of where we are going to – a vision, an expectation of something and somewhere good – something worth working for. Hope is what carries us through.

In this way of looking at things, love becomes the way in which we travel: from the faith we start from and the hope we are travelling towards. Love is about how we live. Love is an expression of our faith. And love helps us walk towards, and build the way to, the life and the world we hope for. Love is not just a feeling; it is expressed in practical ways.

In a world where sometimes we might feel pessimistic or even hopeless, remember the importance of having faith and hope. And most importantly may our actions be those of love.

With my prayers for you all,

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This year, our Year 8 pupils have been doing exactly that through our all-new Make Your Mark project. Designed to nurture leadership, compassion, and a strong sense of purpose, the programme challenges students to explore what it means to serve others and to create positive change in the world around them. The results have been nothing short of inspiring. Our pupils have launched a wide variety of imaginative and impactful projects, showing real initiative and care for causes close to their hearts. From organising popular cake sales to raise funds for Dorset Hedgehog Rescue, to collecting unwanted spectacles for redistribution in disadvantaged communities overseas, our students are proving that small actions can have a big impact. Through Make Your Mark, pupils are not only developing practical leadership skills, but also growing in confidence and learning the importance of commitment, empathy and teamwork. These experiences are helping to shape thoughtful, responsible young people who are ready to contribute positively to society – both now and in the future.

At St Mary's, we are always eager to strengthen our links with the local community. If you know of a project, cause or opportunity where our students could lend their energy and enthusiasm, we would love to hear from you.

A Warm Welcome Back Awaits St Mary's Alumni

We are also delighted to extend a special invitation to former students. If you are a St Mary's alumnus, why not come and see how the school has grown and evolved? Join us on **Wednesday 17 June at 11am** for a relaxed and friendly visit. The morning will include a guided tour of the school, giving you the chance to see what's new, followed by a cup of tea or coffee in the library – perfect for catching up, sharing memories and reconnecting with the St Mary's community. To confirm your place, please email Mrs Gaughan in the school office (details below). We would be thrilled to welcome you back and celebrate the shared history that continues to shape our school today.

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Dr Tim Ennion (Head of School)



Year 8 girls held a cake sale last Bank Holiday Saturday at Weymouth Harbour Office to raise awareness of anti-bullying with all money raised going to The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme <https://dianaaward.org.uk/our-programmes-and-initiatives/anti-bullying>. With over £210 in cash raised plus £113 from online donations, they managed to raise an amazing £329.90! Fantastic effort girls! #makeyourmarkproject



Dorset Hedgehog Rescue Sophia and 5 friends held a cake sale during break and lunchtimes for Yr 8's 'Make Your Mark' project. They raised £154 and purchased 13 boxes of food for the hedgehogs which was presented to DHR on Monday. Thank you from us and the hedgehogs for your splendid effort.

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Sian and Jacque are walking the Great Wall of China in 2027 and this is our first fundraiser for the charity.

Knockout skittles competition

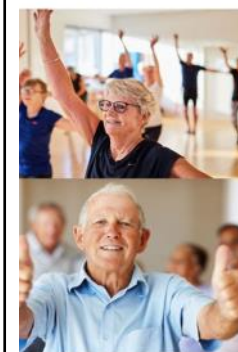
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Sunday 7th June, 10.30am: Choral Eucharist featuring Rheinberger's 'Missa brevis in C', Thomas Tallis's 'If ye love me' and Howells's 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem'.

Saturday 20th June, 12.30pm – 1.00pm: features baritone Jonathan Prentice and pianist Rob Taylor presenting an eclectic programme of songs and arias.

Sunday 21st June, 10.30am: Choral Eucharist includes Gabrieli's 'Missa brevis', Bruckner's 'Locus iste' and Faure's 'Cantique de Jean Racine'.

Saturday 27th June, 4.30pm: Choral Evensong marks the feast of St Peter and includes Durufle's 'Tu es Petrus', the Ayleward 'Preces & Responses', Bryan Kelly's lively 'Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C' and Herbert Sumson's 'They that go down to the sea in ships'.

Finally, top London chamber choir Siglo de Oro, and their conductor Patrick Allies, will be launching our autumn season with a concert at St Peter's on Friday 4th September at 7.00pm. Siglo de Oro are gaining an increasingly prominent reputation as one of the UK's premier vocal ensembles. We highly recommend catching these rising stars in Dorchester. Tickets are £20 and on sale from 1 June at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

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Cereal: Avoid sugary cereals, as highly refined cereals contain little fibre, and high sugar content can cause insulin resistance, and promote an unhealthy lipid profile. Choose porridge instead.

Toast toppings: Avoid bacon, which is high in saturated fat and sodium. Choose smoked salmon or smashed avocado.

Eggs: Avoid the Full English, which is high in saturated fats. Choose an omelette with healthy fillings such as mushrooms and tomatoes.

Bread: Avoid the refined flour in white bread, croissants and pastries. Choose higher fibre varieties of bread.

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WEST KNIGHTON / BROADMAYNE

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- Delicious home cooked lunches prepared with care (Two courses and tea/coffee)
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BROADMAYNE PARISH COUNCIL – Key Updates from the May 2026 Meeting

Broadmayne Parish Council's Annual Meeting in May set the tone for the year ahead, with councillors confirming key roles and reviewing a wide range of issues affecting village life. Cllr Richard Macer-Wright was elected Chair for 2026–27, with Cllr Ashley Evans taking on the role of Vice Chair. A number of representative appointments were also agreed, covering areas such as planning, staffing, village hall liaison, rights of way, environmental matters, speedwatch, emergency planning and the village defibrillator.

During **public participation**, residents raised several practical concerns. These included blocked road drains on Osmington Drive, the ongoing problem of ploughing right up to the edge of fields where there are public footpaths, and questions about how well Dorset Council is delivering the rights of way maintenance that Broadmayne Parish Council funds. Another positive suggestion from residents was that the parish should explore offering a community defibrillator training session, an idea the council agreed to investigate further.

Planning business was relatively straightforward this month. The council noted that a roof extension and alteration at 49 Main Street had been approved by Dorset Council, while a revised extension proposal at 2 Conway Drive prompted no comment from parish councillors. Elsewhere, the **Playing Field Association** reported a successful end to the football season, with local clubs praising both the facilities and the condition of the pitch. Work continues behind the scenes to explore improvements to pitch care, while the annual inspection of the playground and fitness trail is expected shortly.

At the **Village Hall**, attention is turning to possible upgrades, including replacing the current gas heating with electric heating to make better use of the building's solar panels. Councillors also noted missed grass cutting around the entrance, which will be raised with the contractor. **Broadmayne Community Speedwatch** continues to provide a valuable snapshot of traffic through the village: six sessions were held in April, recording 2,464

vehicle journeys, with 96 vehicles seen speeding and a top speed of 52mph. The monthly **PCSO update** mentioned two local incidents during April, both involving horses loose in fields or on the road, which were dealt with by the Police Rural Crime Team.

There was also welcome support for **Broadmayne School**, with councillors unanimously approving a grant of £263.16 to Friends of Broadmayne School to help provide book bags and PE bags for new starters. On **governance**, the council confirmed that preparations for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return are on schedule, with the internal audit completed and accepted. Councillors also agreed the period during which residents may inspect the council's unaudited accounts. **Beyond formal business**, members discussed concerns about the standard of work carried out by the current grounds maintenance contractor, and also praised the volunteers who have been regularly tidying the churchyard and making a visible difference.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will take place on **Monday 1 June 2026** in the Methodist Church Hall. As always, residents are welcome to attend and contribute during the public participation section. With everything from speeding and footpaths to community facilities and local grants under discussion, the meeting was a reminder of how much everyday village life depends on steady, practical work behind the scenes.

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BROADMAYNE

BROADMAYNE WEATHER REPORT FOR APRIL 2026 by Ted Byrne

From the weather station situated at 23 Watergates Lane

We had a windy start to the month courtesy of storm Dave, with really quite strong winds blowing on 4th and 5th. Dave also gave us a little bit of rain after nearly three weeks of pretty dry weather. The morning of the 6th was frosty with the temperature dropping to -1.8°C , which was to be the coldest temperature of the month. The warmest day was also early in the month, with a summery 24.9°C recorded on the 8th. It cooled down after that and it wasn't until the last week that temperatures started getting above the 20°C mark again.

The main news in April was that it was dry, continuing the trend that started in March following a very, very wet spell from November to February. We had only four days of rain which produced a not very grand total of 17mm. The wettest day was the 14th with 6.6mm. The first two months of the year gave us 450mm, the next two just 56mm, so we went from having very muddy fields and soggy gardens to having very dry hard soils, from hoping it would stop raining to praying for some precipitation. We have always had very variable weather but it does seem to be getting more extreme and I am very glad that I am a weather reporter and not a weather forecaster.

Maximum temperature: 24.9°C on the 8th	Minimum temperature -1.8°C on the 6th
Wettest day: 6.6mm on the 14th	Days with rainfall (0.5mm or more): 4
Total rainfall for the month: 17mm	Total rainfall for the year: 506mm

More details are available in real time on www.watergatesweather.co.uk. You will see temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit. If you would prefer centigrade click on the settings button at the top right hand corner of the screen and select $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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Warmwell Village Fete – 2026

The biennial Warmwell Village Fete will be held on **Sunday 26th July at Warmwell House** (courtesy of Mr and Mrs Sam Ross-Skinner). The fete will be open to visitors from **2–5 p.m.** The cost of entry will be £4; entrance is free for children under the age of 14. All profits from the event will be donated to local charities. There will be a wide of entertainments to suit all ages. Parking for the fete will be free.

Refreshments will be available.

As usual, there will be a range of stalls selling locally-made products and produce. In addition there will be a stall selling second hand clothing, and another for Bric-a-Brac – a description that covers almost everything else! If you have any items of good quality clothing that you no longer need, or any items that you would like to donate to the fete for sale at one or other of the second-hand stalls, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will arrange collection. Any unsold items will be donated to local Charity Shops.

Thank you, *Gerry Gerrard (01305 852320)*

OWERMOIGNE

Owermoigne Village Hall – June

This month's main events are:

• **Quiz and Pizza Night, Friday 5th June**

Come along for an evening of quizzing – details will be on noticeboard and newsletter – contact Derek Woodward on 07976 058158 to book a table.

The **Firehouse Pizzeria** will be ready to serve delicious pizzas from about 6pm. You can order in advance (see their Facebook page for the menu) or come along and order on the night.

• **Village Market, Saturday 13th June, 10am**

Visit our monthly market for fresh foodstuffs, plants, gift ideas and delicious tea, coffee and homemade cakes. Please come along to support local makers and growers and Owermoigne's wonderful village hall.

• **Owermoigne Open Gardens, June 20th and 21st**

Entry £5 for both days to a diverse range of beautiful gardens. Ploughman's lunches from 1pm and cream teas from 2- 4pm. See Newsletter or contact Derek Woodward on 07976 058158 for details.

Our regular events are:

Village coffee mornings, 9th & 23rd June

In June we meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays so come along between 10.30am and 12 noon to receive a warm welcome. We have shelves full of books for you to borrow and you can also get help with any digital issues you may have. We'll be pleased to see you.

Group guitar lessons

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Contact Nick for more info at nickandjudy@hotmail.com

Owermoigne painters

Our friendly painting group welcomes new members. We meet on Friday 10am-12 noon, except the last Friday of the month. Contact nigel_baker@icloud.com

Short mat bowls

The Short Mat Bowls Club usually meets on the first and third Saturdays from 10am till 12 noon. We welcome new members so contact Rob Burgess on 07836 386088 if you're interested in learning a new game.

Table tennis every Thursday

Table tennis at 10am. Come along to join in or call Margo on 07887 685199.

Dog Training Club

Peter Gibbins runs a number of classes on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm. Call him to check availability on 07767 147248.

The Village Hall also hosts a wide variety of clubs and societies and everyone is welcome. Please see the separate adverts for **Owermoigne Flower Club, Pilates classes** with Deni and **Yoga classes** with Kaly.

You can see event bookings online at <https://owermoignedorset.com/calendar> Contact Margaret Burgess on 07909 718569 to book the hall or send an e-mail to her at crozlemargaret1950@gmail.com

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Non-members are very welcome too, when accompanied by an existing member, and if you like what you see (and we think you will), why not ask for a membership form and become part of our friendly Club community?

Come up, take a look, enjoy a drink, and see the Club looking better than ever!

Forthcoming Events

- Thursday, 18th June – Fish & Chips Supper, followed by Col's Quiz – pre-orders and payment at the Club bar by no later than Sunday, 14th June
- Friday, 26th June – Meat Raffle – tickets available to purchase from the Club bar at £1 each, or 6 for £5

ENGLAND WORLD CUP NIGHTS AT THE CRICKET CLUB

The Club will be open for all the big England World Cup group games, so come along to cheer on the Three Lions!

- Wednesday, 17th June – 9pm
- Tuesday, 23rd June – 9pm
- Saturday, 27th June – 10pm

Keep your eyes peeled for posters and emails with all the event details!

Caroline Holmes, OC&SC Secretary

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Owermoigne Photography Group

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

History is the long story of man trying to be God.

V Havner

ECO TIP OF THE MONTH

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PUZZLES — 1

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Some of the words have a connection with the scriptures or a religion in some form or other.

Some words may be (sometimes obscure!) names of people and places. Two letters are given to start you off.

Can you crack the code?

For another letter see page 43

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PUZZLES — 2

WORDSEARCH Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
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After Jesus is born, Mary makes few appearances: when the **family** visits **Jerusalem** and she loses her Son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the **wedding** party in **Cana** with its **wine** problem; and when Jesus gives her into the **keeping** of one of the **beloved disciples** when He is **dying** on the **cross**. Mary's last appearance is in Acts, just before Pentecost.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a **unique place** in history. Down the **centuries** that have followed, the **Church** has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. "All generations shall call me **blessed**..."

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LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES ANSWERS

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WORD LINKS
The hidden phrase is
THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

WORDSEARCH

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ALL IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

It was....

250 years ago, on 11 June 1776 that the Second Continental Congress appointed John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R Livingston and Roger Sherman to create the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (*see p37*); and on 11th June, that John Constable, British landscape artist, was born (*see p33*).

150 years ago, on 19th June 1876 that Nigel Gresley was born: he designed some of the best-known steam locomotives in Britain, including the Flying Scotsman.

100 years ago, on 1st June 1926 that the American film actress, model and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe was born (*see p33*); and on 10th June that Antoni Gaudi, Spanish architect died: known for his unique Modernist style and buildings such as the *Basilica de la Sagrada Familia* in Barcelona.

90 years ago, on 14th June 1936 that G K Chesterton, novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, died (*see p35*).

80 years ago, on 8th June 1946 that the London Victory Celebrations following WW2 took place when Allied forces paraded through London, cheered by crowds that stretched from Buckingham Palace to Regent's Park: countrywide, an estimated 12 million people joined in various celebrations.

65 years ago, from 4th June to 9th November, that the Berlin Crisis of 1961 took place: it led to Berlin being partitioned into East Berlin and West Berlin, and the erection of the Berlin Wall on 13th August; and on 6th June that Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist and psychologist, died: founder of analytical psychology.

50 years ago, from 23rd June to 27th August, the 1976 British Isles Heat Wave saw one of the hottest and driest summers on record: it dried up rivers and evaporated reservoirs, domestic water supplies were rationed, and public standpipes were installed in some areas, but September and October both saw very heavy rainfall.

40 years ago, on 22nd June 1986 that the 'Hand of God' goal took place during the quarter-final of the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico City when Argentine football player Diego Maradona scored a goal against England using his hand, which the referee mistakenly thought was his head, and allowed the goal: England was knocked out of the World Cup as a result, and Argentina won it.

30 years ago, on 4th June 1996 that the Second Severn Crossing was officially opened: the bridge spans the River Severn and links England and Wales via the M4 motorway; and on 15th June that the centre of Manchester was devastated by an IRA bomb: 200 people were injured and the city centre had to be redeveloped because of the immense amount of damage; and on 18th June that Benjamin Netanyahu became Prime Minister of Israel for the first time: he served from 1996 to 1999, then from 2009 to 2021, and then from 2022 to the present time, becoming Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister.

25 years ago, on 1st June 2001 that Crown Prince Dipendra, heir to the Nepalese throne, massacred eight members of the royal family, including the King and Queen: he then shot himself and died three days later.

20 years ago, on 18th June 2006 that American bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori became the first woman to be elected as a primate in the Anglican Communion.

10 years ago, on 3rd June 2016 that Muhammad Ali, American world heavyweight boxer, died: he was regarded as the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time; and on 16th June that Jo Cox, Labour MP for Batley and Spen, was murdered by a far-right extremist: she was 41; and on 23rd June that the UK European Union membership referendum was held, when 52 per cent of voters voted to leave the EU, and 48 per cent voted to remain: the UK left the EU on 31st January 2020.



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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

Remembering John Constable – Tim Lenton

It was 250 years ago, on 11th June 1776, that landscape artist John Constable was born. Widely known as a painter in the Romantic tradition, Constable had a deeply conservative faith centred on the Church of England, which he viewed as an essential stabilising force in society. His painting of Salisbury Cathedral is regarded as a symbol of this.

Born in East Bergholt, Suffolk, to a wealthy corn merchant who owned Flatford Mill, he was expected to take over the business: although he was the second son, the eldest was regarded as incapable. But John Constable was always focused on painting, and the business was eventually taken over by his younger brother.

Constable enjoyed painting the areas he knew well – primarily those on the border of Suffolk and Essex which is now known as Constable Country. "Painting is but another word for feeling," he wrote to a friend. He regarded nature as a reflection of God's creation and his own work as spiritual, though a tour of the Lake District in 1806 did not convince him of the attraction of mountains.

He is now highly valued, but he was never successful financially in his own lifetime, though he was elected to the Royal Academy at the age of 52. He was more popular in France than in England, but refused invitations to travel to promote his work, saying he would rather be a poor man in England than a rich man abroad.

After the death through tuberculosis of his wife Maria Bicknell at the age of 41, Constable became depressed: it had been a love match that triumphed over opposition from her wealthy relatives, and he was left a widower with seven young children. He continued to paint, but in a different style, darker and semi-abstract, but still compelling.

'Our Marilyn Monroe' – born 100 years ago this month – Tim Lenton

One hundred years ago, on 1st June 1926, the American film actress, model and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe was born. Remembered for *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, *The Seven Year Itch* and *Some Like it Hot*, among others, she died in 1962.

Her original name was Norma Jeane Mortenson, and she was born in Los Angeles, spending much of her childhood in foster homes; she lived for a while with evangelical Christians Albert and Ida Bolender, as did her mother, Gladys Monroe. She married James Dougherty at the age of 16, and later Joe DiMaggio, the baseball star.

Marilyn suffered a great deal from endometriosis, and although she became pregnant on three occasions, she had no children. Her character was contradictory: she was probably bipolar, but combined an apparent naivety with an extremely shrewd business intelligence: some estimated her IQ at a very high 165. She certainly had a spiritual side, but this was rarely obvious. When she married Arthur Miller in 1956, she converted to Judaism because she identified with Jews as an oppressed group, and she retained this spiritual connection after they divorced.

Monroe's career in films started when she was spotted by a photographer while she was working in an aircraft factory. She was always seen as a pin-up, and it was an image she cultivated. She wore white to draw attention to her blondness (though she was naturally brunette) and wore deliberately revealing clothes.

As far as politics were concerned, Monroe was a democrat, admiring Abraham Lincoln and giving her backing to civil rights. Her closeness to the Kennedy family – she was rumoured to have had brief affairs with both the president, JFK, and his brother Bobby – came at the end of her life. She died of a barbiturate overdose at her Los Angeles home.

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Remembering G K Chesterton – Tim Lenton

Ninety years ago, on 14th June 1936, G K Chesterton died at his home in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton was born in Kensington, London, to an estate agent father and a Swiss-French mother. He was educated at St Paul's School before studying art at the Slade School and literature at University College, London. He did not get a degree, and his earliest ambition was to be an artist.

A conspicuous figure in both height and girth, he eventually took to writing, producing in all about 80 books, several hundred poems, 200 short stories, 4000 essays (mostly newspaper columns), and several plays. His literary preoccupations were initially journalism and social commentary, then literary criticism and lastly religion.

He was an apologist who spoke out for orthodox Christianity, initially from an Anglican standpoint, but after 1922 as a Roman Catholic. Using paradox, a sense of wonder and imaginative wit, he described the Christian faith as the one logical answer to life's mysteries. His seminal book, *Orthodoxy*, written when he was an Anglican, was a key factor in the conversion of C S Lewis.

Chesterton married Frances Blogg in 1901, but the couple were unable to have children. A writer herself, Frances encouraged her husband and acted as his personal assistant. He survived a life-threatening illness in 1914 affecting his heart and kidneys and was unconscious for a long period before recovering, though he never regained full vitality.

His most widely known invented character was Father Brown, kindly protagonist of a series of detective novels later televised and recently rerun. Father Brown is an unprepossessing figure with a sharp mind who understands the intricacies of evil through hearing many confessions.

Giving thanks for fathers – Rev Roy Shaw

There is no finer sound in the world than your child calling you 'daddy', or 'dad'. I love it! And as I look around our neighbourhood, dads today are far more involved in their children's lives than when I was a child. Pushing prams, holding hands while out on a walk, bathing, playing games. Dads are in all these activities and more. I see the dads on either side of our house, and they obviously love their kids with all their hearts.

Unfortunately, too many kids grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives over the whole of their childhood and beyond. And no prizes for guessing the outcome; when they reach fatherhood, their kids often grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives.

The month of June brings Fathers' Day – this year on the 21st June. May all dads reading this be pampered like never before! If it's a fine day, it may be a case of 'Stand back everyone- dad's going to BBQ'. But before we get carried away, let's spare a thought for those who for one reason or another couldn't be dads, or whose dads fell far short of the high expectations we invest in them, or who lost a dad at a crucial time in life and feel a permanent ache where 'Dad' should be.

Think of the picture Jesus paints in the parable of the Prodigal Son: the father on the look-out for his wayward son day after day, and when he sees him in the distance runs all the way to him to embrace him. Now in Jesus' time, in that culture, fathers did NOT run, least of all to welcome returning no-goods who had wasted half the father's fortune. Fathers were people of dignity. Run? Never! Jesus turned that on its head!



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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

BBC Proms will still celebrate the US – despite Trump's lawsuit

The BBC will mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a programme of American classical music this summer. That is while Donald Trump pursues his multi-million lawsuit against the corporation. But he is not the only thing that is making the BBC uneasy. BBC insiders are also wary of the shifting political situation between the US and Iran, which could make the Proms concerts at the Royal Albert Hall a target for anti-war demonstrations.

However, the concerts will still go on to showcase the music of famous US composers, including George Gershwin, Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein. American conductors will even lead several of the shows.

Sam Jackson, the BBC Radio 3 controller, said: "The 250th anniversary of American independence is a major moment in world history. We live in uncertain times, but our current geopolitical situation should not lead us to 'cancel' great music, or to deny licence fee payers the opportunity to hear repertoire of both the past and the present." The Proms will launch with the First Night on 17th July.

60 years of Girl Choristers at St Davids Cathedral

St Davids Cathedral recently marked 60 years since girl choristers first sang in the Cathedral Choir with a celebratory evensong. It was in April 1966 that the Cathedral Choir were busy preparing for a BBC radio broadcast of choral evensong, when in the days leading up to the recording, numerous boy choristers succumbed to a measles outbreak that was spreading through the local primary schools.

Facing the prospect of no choristers being well enough to perform, Organist and Master of the Choristers Peter Boorman approached music teacher Rosalyn Charles, and asked if the girls of Ysgol Dewi Sant school choir may be able to sing. The school, Dean and Chapter all approved the emergency measure, and following a successful broadcast on 20th April 1966, chapter agreed in July 1966 that the girls were to become full choristers.

Ever since, the soprano line in the Cathedral Choir has been sung by girls aged 8-18, drawn from St Davids and, more recently, further afield in Pembrokeshire. St Davids Cathedral pioneered the concept of girls singing in cathedral choirs, decades before similar initiatives were launched in other cathedrals. To celebrate this milestone, the Cathedral held a special evensong, with the Cathedral Choir joined by former choristers from the past 60 years.

LIFE IN THE 21st CENTURY

Our potholes are killing us

The number of people injured or even killed due to potholes has increased by almost 50 per cent in just the last five years. Motorists, passengers and pedestrians are all at risk. From 270 incidents in 2020, it now stands at 393 in 2024, the last year for which figures are available, when six people died, 128 were seriously injured and 259 suffered minor injuries.

The stories range from pensioners on foot falling into potholes, to cyclists getting their wheels jammed in narrow potholes, to motorcyclists being thrown in front of cars. Never mind the thousands of car tyres that have been torn to pieces.

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THE LETTERS OF UNCLE EUSTACE

Those readers of Compass before January 2015 may recall the predecessor to St Petrified's: the letters of 'Uncle Eustace' to his nephew Darren. The Anglo-Catholic Uncle Eustace, is incumbent in the small parish of St James-the-Least, and despairs of his nephew, Darren, who has become an Evangelical curate in a busy urban parish... and so he writes letters, to try and properly 'educate' Darren in parish life. Starting this month we would like to introduce (or re-introduce) you to those letters!

My dear nephew Darren

I do hope you have now settled down in your first parish – although it is such a pity that you did not choose a more distinguished one. I know you feel your vocation lies in inner city work – whereas mine, fortunately, has always been to the better sort of rural village. I have always felt that the Almighty understands me well in that regard.

We had a little flurry of activity in church on Sunday. At the signal "let us pray", as the congregation dutifully flopped to their knees, sounding like a flock of geese settling in for the night, Major Hastings lost his glass eye. Yes, again! That man is so careless at times. Anyway, released from captivity, the eye rolled under the pews like a fugitive marble, ricocheting from hassock to handbag over the stone flags.

My sonorous entreaties to the Almighty were completely lost as the entire congregation scuttled under pews, trying to retrieve it. It finally appeared on the collection plate – along with £4.17, 100 pesetas and Miss Simpson's front door key. I was unsure whether the last item represented a fit of absent-mindedness or an improper suggestion. I returned it to her very firmly at the end of the Service.

The eye stared at me mournfully as I blessed it, along with the money. But it left a small social dilemma. What is the etiquette of returning a lost glass eye to its owner? To have processed down the aisle with it, accompanied by crucifer and vergers seemed a little too public. To sneak it to him as we shook hands at the door seemed a little too furtive. I finally decided to send a server to deliver it during the last hymn. I still wonder if it was the right decision.

Perhaps you could look through that new Common Worship book and see if they have included an appropriate rite for returning lost glass eyes. We here at St James-the-Least haven't yet got round to Common Worship. The days are evil enough as it is.

I await your response with interest.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

POETRY CORNER — Trooping the Colour

Nigel Beeton writes: Every June the Monarch's 'official' birthday is marked by a military parade in London, Trooping the Colour. It originated as a way of making sure that troops recognised their standard flag – the colour – so that they could rally to it in a battle. This year it takes place on 13th June.

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The following excerpts are 10- and 11-year-old answers to tests and quizzes, collected by two teachers. Read carefully and enjoy the grammar, misplaced modifiers, and of course, spelling!

Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandos. He died before he ever reached Canada but the commandos made it.

Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was an actual hysterical figure as well as being in the bible. It sounds like he was sort of busy too.

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a young female moth.

(More next month...)



The Baptist and Methodist ministers thought they should be keeping up appearances at the reception for the new vicar

Car travel

A minister was looking at potential cars down at the dealership. Pointing to one, he asked the salesman: "Cargo space?"

Confused, the salesman looked at the minister's dog collar, and replied slowly: "Car no do that...no go heaven. Car go road."

Home visit

Several women visited a sick elderly lady in their church. After a while, they rose to leave and told her, "Well, don't worry, we will keep you in our prayers."

The old woman replied: "Actually, if you would just wash the dishes in my sink, I can do the praying."

Golf

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."
Caddie: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

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