

# MIXED BLESSINGS

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Welcome to Issue 7 of the lockdown version of the Mixed Blessings Times. After our jumbo-sized 100th birthday edition, we're back to normal size.

Did you notice our new masthead? It's designed by Howard Oldfield, one of the church's home group organizers. Let us know what you think about it.

Once again, our members have stepped up to the plate and displayed their considerable talents to fill the pages of the magazine, and Graham has pulled it all together. I think it's a fascinating read and I'm sure that, as you look through, you will agree with me.

Enjoy.

*Derek*

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## What's in a Name - Roz Hanson

### *The Lantern Shine Network Coordinator*

Do you know the meaning of your name?  
Do you know why you were called that?

We sometimes ask a person if they were called after a relative, a pop star or someone else famous, or was there a particular significance to their name. New parents to be, often pour over a book of children's names and their meanings to give them ideas of what to call their baby. So, some of us have names with meanings that imply something beautiful, strong or courageous, but many of us have names that have not been seen in the top 10 for many decades or might even be embarrassing.

When I worked as a cashier for Midland Bank in Broadstone, I regularly served a Mr James Bond which was fun for me but he was a bit fed up with all the quips that his name brought. On the other hand, an elderly widow that I knew was so proud because her great granddaughter chose to call her baby, Charles, after her late husband. Recently, I was also touched to hear that the forces sweetheart, Vera Lynn, chose her Grandma's name, to be her "stage name".

Did you know that the Bible says:- *A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.* Proverbs 22:1

In Matthew 1:21 the angel came to Joseph in a dream and said - .... *You are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save his people from their sins.*

Then in Luke 19:5 Jesus calls a Tax Collector by his name – Zacchaeus and tells him that He is coming to his house for some tea.

Like Zacchaeus, Jesus knows each one of us by name too, and longs for each one of us to know Him better and open up the door of our lives to let Him come in. God loves every one of us so much that he sent His only Son Jesus to die for us. Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for us so that we can have eternal life.

I was excited to find these words in the bible the other day and I would like to leave them with you to read:- Isaiah 43:1-4

*Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. You are precious and I love you.*

So I encourage you to call on His name, know His love, and welcome Him in as Zacchaeus did.

He's calling your name today.

Love, *Roz*

### **Practical Help and Support during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

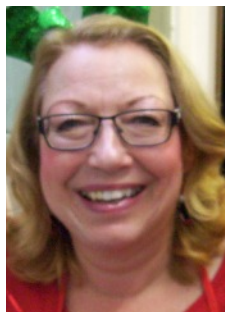
The Lantern Church tel: 01202 887733 or email: [help@thelanternchurch.org](mailto:help@thelanternchurch.org)

*Front page photo - Summer Outing to Branksome Dene 2019 - taken by Derek  
Maggie wore the most colourful socks, just ahead of Graham's odd ones*

## “These are a few of my favourite things ...”

*We asked Caroline, Clive, and Jenny to tell us a few of their favourites.*

*Here's what they said:*



<i>My favourite:</i>	Caroline	Clive	Jenny
<i>Meal</i>	Fish & chips	Steak	Roast lamb
<i>Drink</i>	Red or white wine	Red wine	Flavoured water
<i>Pudding</i>	Lemon syllabub	Dorset apple cake	Egg custard
<i>Fruit or vegetable</i>	Strawberries	Pears	Avocados
<i>Item of clothing</i>	Black jeans	Shirts	Jeans
<i>Hobby</i>	Crafting	Heritage railways	Craft, knitting, card making, sewing
<i>Sport</i>	Swimming / cycling	Football (Arsenal supporter since the 50s)	Equestrian 3-day eventing
<i>TV programme</i>	Last Tango in Halifax	Spiral	Downton Abbey
<i>TV detective</i>	Vera	Taggart	Vera (Brenda Blethyn)
<i>Film</i>	Slumdog Millionaire	The Train	Sound of Music
<i>Actor</i>	Tom Hardy	Burt Lancaster	Martin Shaw
<i>Musical show</i>	Moulin Rouge	Grease	Les Miserables
<i>Singer / group</i>	Coldplay	Roy Orbison	Rod Stewart
<i>Song</i>	Spectrum (Say My Name) by Florence and the Machine	I drove all night	Smile
<i>Book</i>	Marley and Me by John Grogan	Red for Danger	Becoming by Michelle Obama

## Margaret's 100th birthday - Tuesday 9th June 2020

*We asked Margaret to tell us some of her memories of her big day.*

*What time did you get up?*

About half-past six.

I put on one dress but that was too long, so I changed into another.

*How many cards did you receive?*

Well, I've counted 54, but there's a big pile still to be opened on the dining table. Of course one of them was from the Queen, and I had to keep reading it out loud for the visitors. There are lots of photographs of me holding it.



*Who were your first visitors?*

My grandsons and their lovely wives and families, who came from Chichester. Lydia (5) looked so pretty. She told her mother that she wanted to wear her best dress as she was going to see Nanna. Sadly, because of this virus, I couldn't give them a cuddle. Then about 20 ladies from the W.I. came at 10 o'clock. They put up a big "Happy Birthday" banner in the garden, and sang "Happy Birthday" to me. People came from St. Georges Church, and, of course, from our club. Poor George, my son, was worn out by the end of the day.

*Did you have a special meal?*

My grandsons had arranged for a party of us to go to Cranborne, but of course we couldn't do that. Instead we're going to have a party in September. So my grandson went to M&S and bought some food. There was so much of it that we were still eating it two days later.

*Did you see your picture on ITV?*

Yes. I couldn't go to my friend's daughter's wedding a few months ago, so she visited me after and brought her bouquet with her. She then took that photo of me holding it in our garden.





## Murder She Wrote - Clive Gill



My late wife Melanie (nee Felton) told me a few years after our marriage that there was a murderer in her family history.

This was the assassination of George Villier 1st Duke of Buckingham in 1628 by John Felton, a lieutenant in the army of King Charles 1st. John Felton believed he was doing Britain a service by killing the Duke, who as Lord Admiral of the Fleet was hugely unpopular following some disastrous naval campaigns with a heavy loss of life.

The murder took place in the Greyhound Inn in Portsmouth on Saturday 23rd August 1628. After having breakfast in the Inn, John Felton made his way through the crowds that surrounded Buckingham and stabbed him with a 3" silver dagger.

Surprisingly John did not try and escape but gave himself up, when he was then arrested and taken to London for interrogation. He may have also been tortured to find out who else was involved, but he always insisted he did it alone. Found guilty he was hanged at Tyburn on 29th November 1628.

A silver gilt dagger reported to be the murder weapon (but not proved) went up for auction some years ago, and was bought by the owner of the Greyhound pub in Portsmouth and put on display.

*In memory of my wife, Melanie Gill*



*The commemorative plaque - photo supplied by Clive's daughter Jeanette*



*Melanie pictured in Portugal.*

### **It's Quizzical** - loosely based on Clive's article

1. Portsmouth is in Hampshire. Name the five counties which border Hampshire.
2. Name 5 towns in Cornwall, Devon and Dorset which end in "mouth".
3. "Murder, She Wrote" was an American TV crime drama series.

What was the name of the fictional detective, and which actress played her?

*Answers on penultimate page*

# Living in Lockdown....Living in Lockdown....Living in Lockdown....Living in L

Jasper's Jolly Japes

Hi friends,  
Sorry you couldn't come to Lui's party, we had a lovely day with lots of goodies. I missed you, but after all the excitement I have decided to have a chill out day.  
Love, Jasper xxx



Let's hope the virus can't move sideways!



Until further notice the days of the week are now called:

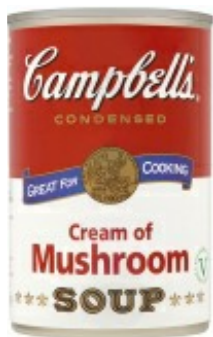
- Thisday
- Thatday
- Otherday
- Someday
- Yesterday
- Today, and
- Nextday

*I'm glad I didn't waste my money buying a 2020 year planner.*

*If 2020 was a slide*



*Due to my isolation, I finished three books yesterday - and believe me, that's a lot of colouring.*



Another recipe from the Mixed Blessings "Stay at Home" Cookbook

Fiona's Chicken in Mushroom Sauce

- 1 tin Campbell's condensed mushroom soup
- 6 Mushrooms sliced
- 2 Chicken breasts cubed
- Oven temperature: 180C

Combine all ingredients into an ovenproof dish and place in preheated oven for about 60 minutes or until cooked.



## The Inspector Calls by Arthur Smith



Good morning, Mrs Trufflebottom  
I've come to inspect your sea lions  
And maybe clip their claws.  
I hope they have not departed  
To some warm and distant shores.



Good afternoon, Mr Muddles  
I hear you are having troubles  
With your friends, the buffalos.  
You must put them on a diet  
Or else there will be a riot  
They'll knock your house to  
smithereens.

Good morning, Mrs Harpalot!  
How are your six wild boars?  
I hope they're all behaving  
Without fits of rampaging,  
Breaking all the glasses  
And knocking down the door!

## MORE FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

*From your feedback on Issue 5, you enjoyed the selection from the list both Fiona and Ann Wilkinson sent us. So here are some more items from Church bulletins, interestingly worded:*

- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones;
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays;
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community;
- Today there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get;
- Barbara remains in hospital. She is also having trouble sleeping and would like copies of Pastor Jack's sermons.

## Ted's Ticklers

It's hard to be nostalgic when  
you can't remember anything.

I've finally got it all together.  
But I've forgotten where I put it!



## Virtual Mixed Blessings in Bloom

Don't forget to enter photographs of  
your prize horticultural efforts for our  
recently announced competition.

So far we have 2 entries - Derek's  
blueberry bush full of unripened berries,  
and Graham's sparsely populated pot  
of petunias.

As the competition stands, if you enter  
your chance of winning is high!

## It's Quizzical - answers

1. Dorset, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Surrey, (West) Sussex.
2. *We know of eight* - Falmouth, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Teignmouth, Exmouth, Sidmouth, Weymouth, Bournemouth
3. Jessica Fletcher played by Angela Lansbury



## Born and Bred in Dorset - John Taylor

*In this issue John looks at the County's Geology and Landscape*

The great central chalk mass accounts for about one half of the County's surface. It crosses the county's north eastern boundary on a front of some ten miles and gradually narrows near the coast at Abbotsbury.

The chalk produces characteristic high, bare rounded hills with few trees except where the soil is modified by deposits of clay with flints, as in the area of Cranborne Chase. The landscape aspect of the chalk formation improves from the fact that its beds dip inwards towards Poole Basin, and that its outer edges and branches are the most elevated.

Outside the Poole Basin the chalk geological structure of the remainder of the County changes. Many of the features of the Weymouth - Portland region are repeated in the Isle of Purbeck where the geological structure is very much simpler.

Further south, the land slopes upwards giving rise to a broad, treeless tableland which in the eastern part finally presents sheer stone cliffs to the sea.

The Dorset coastline deserves special mention. Few coastlines display to such perfection the effects of the sea upon the many banks of rock. The area west of Portland is dominated by the Chesil Beach (*below*). This unique shingle bank connects the Isle of Portland with the mainland and continues unbroken along the coast to Bridport, a total of about eighteen miles.



## *Our Father in Heaven... - Pat Piddock*

Hi everyone, I expect like me you have missed our chit-chats and waves on Tuesday mornings. I trust that you are all coping with lockdown.

As Dame Vera Lynn sang: "Keep smiling through like we always do, and we will meet again" soon.

For this issue, I thought we could all say the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Take care and keep safe. *Pat*



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