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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, STRANTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday

8.30am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am. Service (with children's groups for 3-14s)

1st Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the month will be Morning Worship

3rd Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month will be Lighthouse Service

11.00am. Morning Worship at Burbank Community Church,
at Ward Jackson School.

7.30pm Youth Fellowship (14 years +)

On the Third Sunday of each month, **Messy Church** takes place at St Matthew's Community Centre at 4.00pm. This is a time for parents/carers and children to have fun together, doing crafts and various activities, based on a bible theme.

Occasionally, (2 or 3 times a year) the congregations at Stranton and Burbank all come together for the 10.30am service, and this is followed by a bring and share meal.

Wednesday Morning

10.00am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
at St Matthew's Community Centre.

Please note that the next **Messy Church** will be on **15th October** and will continue to take place on the **Third Sunday of each Month**

Dear friends,

I am sure I am not alone in going through periods in my life when I struggle with my feelings. Perhaps you are like me. As I look at events in recent weeks including the international news, our own national situation and more local issues I find myself feeling unusually down beat and glum. When natural disasters and on-going wars are added to continuing terrorist incidents, austerity and unexpected bereavements it's perhaps not surprising that even an optimist like me finds it hard. As a Christian what am I to do? How am I to pray?

My first observation is that I need to be honest with myself and with God. I am encouraged here by many of the psalms of lament. These down beat psalms are sometimes disarmingly honest. They really tell it as it is. Perhaps we all need to be reminded that it's OK to pour out our concerns, our sadness's and our struggles to God. Perhaps the challenge is to have enough faith to make the time to pray. God is still faithful.

In this situation I have also been encouraged by two verses from the end of the book of Romans. This is a book I happen to have been reading as part of my personal devotions in recent weeks. In chapter 15 verse 5 Paul talks about God giving us 'endurance and encouragement' that we may glorify God. It strikes me that sometimes a faith that endures is enough. God is pleased when we are faithful in worship, prayer and loving service. What is more if we add in a little encouragement – if we stop and look at some of the good things that are going on in our church and community and if we take time to thank those who are involved that makes a real difference.

The second verse is simply a prayer of blessing and on this I will close. Suffice to say I want to say yes to hope, joy and peace. 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit' (Romans 15.13).

Norman Shave

MOTHER`S UNION

At our first meeting of the Autumn Session we recalled the sudden death, during the Summer break, of our Branch Leader Kathy Webster. Kathy is sadly missed but will be fondly remembered. An obituary is included in this edition.

We started our meeting thinking of Autumn as the start of a new year – like school children moving up a class as they mature and advance in age.

In our prayer time following the countries set out in our “Wave of Prayer” literature we found ourselves praying for Belize, The West Indies including Barbados – some of the areas devastated by Hurricane Irma. These prayer aids are prepared long before publication, so it is amazing how topical they can be.

We finished our meeting with an old favourite hymn, “Bind us together Lord”, before settling down to a catch-up chat with tea and chocolate eclairs.

The Quiet Afternoon held at Greatham was led by our Deanery Vice President Sue Elsey and a friend. They arranged a special service for us to remember those people who had led us in our Christian life. We started as children, and went on to adulthood, then middle age and as we are now. The hymns we sang – “Father I place into Your hands” and “Lord for the years” reinforced how God is close to us, supporting and strengthening us in whatever need we have.

Many thanks to Sue and her friend for a chance to remember those who brought us to faith and who continue to pray for us.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 9th October at 2pm in The Asda Room in St Matthew’s Community Centre.

As the church celebrates Harvest Festival the day before our meeting we are going to have a time of remembering God’s goodness to us and bring our Harvest offerings to be given to the Foodbank. I hope to get someone, or some information, to tell us about how the Foodbank is able to help those in need in our area.

Please remember Geoffrey and the family in your prayers and also pray for each other and our church family.

God Bless

Ann Courtenay

From the Home Front

This Summer has been a rollercoaster of emotional highs and lows for me. With my Dad having crises in his psychological wellbeing and health whilst receiving ongoing hospital care. It is hard to remain positive and to know what to pray when your heart is being torn by his despair of being 'stuck' in hospital for so many months and my knowledge of his medical requirements. However all our worries have drawn my extended family to work together in order to give as much comfort and physical love and support as we can to our Dad. When he worried about being a burden to us – with one voice we have kept telling him it is “payback time”, and our privilege to look after his needs now. He has supported each of us throughout our lives in very diverse ways – physically helping on siblings' farms, in my brother's pubs, with cars, household maintenance, ferrying us around to appointments, childminding grandchildren, bailing us out of financial difficulties and always being there when he was needed.

It really is our bittersweet joy to ensure he has visitors throughout the day (even when we just sit and hold his hand as he sleeps!). His children, in-laws and grandchildren, plus church friends keep his spirits up. He loves receiving emails and skype calls from his children and great grandchildren in New Zealand and The Canaries. He enjoys recalling events and reminiscing from his long life (he is 96!). It was only a few months ago he told me of his experiences in the ruins of a repatriated Naples, just after the Allied Landings in Italy in 1945, and of troop movements around the Mediterranean and taking nurses out to India. I always knew he had been a keen cyclist and rugby player, but I had no idea he had played cricket too. His sense of humour shines through some days - he hates hospital food, but with a twinkle in his eye he always 'complains' about some aspect of the food we take him – too sweet, not sweet enough, needs salt, no mustard, too tough..... I have had to learn to perform intimate tasks whilst ensuring Dad's dignity and also overcome my abhorrence of some bodily requirements.

It continues to be a trying time for us all, but we count every day we still have Dad as a real blessing – and that enables us to continue even when we are exhausted and life throws us other challenges with which to contend. It has also made me appreciate my heavenly Father – the trial I must be to Him at times – how loving and caring He is, how sensitive and consoling. How blessed am I to be a Child of God?

J.A.R.

Kathy Webster

1.10.38. - 13.8.17.

I first knew of Kathy when she became President of Durham Diocese Mother's Union. I saw her at the centre of various committee meetings held at Durham well before she and Geoffrey moved back here to Hartlepool, the town where they had spent their childhood years.

After the move Kathy and Geoffrey came to worship here at All Saints Stranton. Kathy having completed her term as President joined All Saints Mother's Union branch which I led at that time. Needless to say I was apprehensive about this – but Kathy became a colleague, mentor and a dear friend.

Her knowledge of MU, her open friendly nature, her deep faith and love of her Lord filled her completely and drew people to her. The present President of MU Kathleen Wilson and many representatives and friends from Durham Diocese attended her funeral.

Jean Carelton - also a past MU President spoke - telling of her friendship and closeness to Kathy and of her years sharing with her.

Kathy will be greatly missed – at MU, in our church fellowship, also for her experience from her time as a church warden here.

Our sympathy is extended to Geoffrey and the family and to the wide circle of friends who knew and loved Kathy.

Talking to Geoffrey on hearing of Kathy's death he said, "I know where she is now." This was echoed in the first hymn sung at Kathy's funeral, "Lord I come to you", which speaks of the power and renewal of God's love.

We will miss you Kathy – but you have left us blessed for having known you. X

Ann Courtenay

Great North Run

My grandson Matthew London took part in the Great North Run on Sunday 10th September. He would like to thank everyone who donated money towards his run which was in aid of The Sarah Trust Foundation which takes very ill children and their families on holiday which this helps to give them all a lift in very difficult situation.

Matthew's run time was 2hrs and 22minutes.

Once again many thanks to those who donated just over £70 pounds towards this worthwhile cause. He has raised around £300 in total.

Frances London

Ringling a Remembrance

In August/September issue Joseph Jobling was noted in the Stranton fallen. An article appeared in The Mail and on Monday 18th September Hartlepool Bellringers rang a Quarter Peal in remembrance of Joseph which was wonderful to hear and a fitting reminder of the sacrificed lives of those who died so far from home.



BELL RINGING TRIBUTE PLANNED FOR WW1 SOLDIER

The bell ringing team who rang at Stranton on Bank Holiday Monday, from left to right are Andrew Frost, Jack Hanson, Barbara Busby, Joseph Wilson, Helen Scott, Ross Weddell, Brian Teffer and Andy Kays

Appeal to trace war hero's family

By Amie Slack

HARTLEPOOL bell ringers are on the hunt for descendants of a World War One hero.

The Hartlepool Guild of Bellringers is appealing for any family members of Joseph William Jobling, who was killed in action in France on September 18, 1917, to get in touch.

Joseph, who was killed in action in France as he served in the Royal Garrison Artillery, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Medal and British War Medal.

"We are looking for information or photographs as we plan to ring in his memory, on the same bells that Joseph would have rung," said spokesman Andrew Frost.

Primary school teacher Joseph, formerly of 68 Wansbeck Gardens, was a former ringer at Stranton Church.

The group is planning to ring the Stranton Church bells on 18th September for approximately 45 minutes to mark the 100th anniversary of Joseph's death.

The Hartlepool ringers are members of the Durham and Newcastle Association of Bellringers who died in the Great War.

A plaque listing those members is in Newcastle Cathedral, with the initiative "Ringling to Remember". Joseph, who was born around 1878 to Edward and Ann Jobling, is the first Hartlepool ringer to be remembered in this way with others expected to follow next year.

Joseph's wife was Elizabeth

Jobling. At the time of the 1911 census they had a son named Edgar, who was four.

Anyone who is a descendant of Joseph's or who has any information about him is asked to contact Andrew on (01429) 281767.

THESE ARE THE BELLS AT ST OSWALDS CHURCH. RIGHT AND BELOW, THE PLAQUE AT NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL HONOURING FALLEN SOLDIERS INCLUDING JOSEPH WILLIAM JOBLING

BORN: GEORGE WILLIAM TYREMAN, R.N.A. STRANTON, ALL SAINTS BORN: J.W. JOBLING, 265th REGT BA, R.G.A. CAR: F. MACARTHY, H.M. AUX SHIP TOLAIRE

"Ringling to Remember"

There is a plaque in Newcastle Cathedral listing all members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Bellringers who died in the Great War.

Current members of the association decided that it would be fitting to commemorate those who gave their lives by ringing bells at the church or tower at which they were members before going off to war. This initiative is

called "Ringing to Remember" and, in total 41 members of the association who went to war and never returned will be remembered by the ringing of bells on the centenary of their death. It is usual that as well as the bells being rung at their home tower the bells are rung, on the same day, at Newcastle Cathedral.

There are 4 ringers who will be remembered in Hartlepool with three of these being from Stranton Church.

The first of the Stranton ringers to be commemorated was Joseph Jobling of 68 Wansbeck Gardens, West Hartlepool who was killed in action on 18th September 1917.

The present day bellringers honoured Joseph by ringing a Quarter Peal of 1344 changes of Plain Bob Triples on all eight bells on the centenary of his death. The ringing was preceded by a short silence and the bells were then rung for 50 minutes.

Acting Bombardier Joseph William Jobling was serving with 265th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery when he was killed. His service number was 113917. He died aged 39. Buried in the Huts Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen close to Ypres in Belgium, he was posthumously awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

The bellringers know that Joseph was married to Elizabeth and he left a son, Edgar, who was aged 10 in 1917. It is believed that Edgar moved away to Lincoln, married and had two children. Beryl was born in 1940 and Stephen in 1944. Edgar died in 1968 in Lincoln.

At the same time as the bells were being rung in Stranton, the bells of Newcastle Cathedral were also ringing to remember Joseph. A Quarter Peal of 1440 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung in 52 minutes on 6 of the cathedral bells.

It is hoped that the bells will also be rung for the remaining two from Stranton church in 2018/19 and a report will appear here on each occasion.

Andrew Frost

I have put an entry onto Bellboard together with a picture. Newcastle Cathedral also rang last night. You will see that I have taken much of their footnote as Howard wrote it so well !

Stranton Entry <http://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1188871>

Cathedral Entry <http://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1188861>

Boys Brigade

At the end of July, 20 Boys and Officers of the 4th Hartlepool Boys' Brigade took part in a week's camp at Langdale End, near Scarborough on the edge of Dalby Forest.

The whole week was absolutely none stop! On our first day we settled into to our home for the week and explored the area around us, playing a few sport competitions. On the second day, we were blessed with glorious weather – which was a bonus as we were spending the whole day outside. Splitting up into small teams, we had to navigate around the countryside, looking for clues which would then send us onto our next location and eventually bring us back to the camp site – with the winning team the one to get back first. It was going quite well until one team decided to hide a clue, getting three teams lost. One team got lost in the first 10 minutes and ended up walking several miles off the map! My team hitched a ride on the back of a farmer's truck. Although it was a bit of a disaster, it was an enjoyable day and it's highlighted that we need to brush up on our map reading skills! On the evening, we went to Scarborough, where it decided to pour down with rain.

Monday was a much more relaxed day, enjoying The Deep in Hull, a spectacular aquarium with a whole host of deep sea creatures. On Tuesday, we held a day of Sports Competitions on our camp site followed by a trip to Whitby – where some of us were lucky enough to get free fish and chips from a shop that was closing for the day – bonus! We also learned how to build shelters in the forest.

We spent Wednesday being adventurous, first up was Kayaking on the River Esk followed by Beck Scrambling at Goathland. Who knew jumping into plunge pools could be so much fun? A different type of adventure day came on Thursday with a trip to Flamingo Land Theme Park and Zoo.

By Friday it was time to start winding down – we had a 4th BB traditional morning of the 'Observation Game' prepared by Mr B, followed by an afternoon Paintballing near Scarborough.

We had brilliant meals cooked by Stewart and Max and had some great team games organised by the Games Officer, Joseph. The focus of our devotional sessions was looking at the book of James – where we can use the practical advice given to put our faith into action.

A brilliant time was had by all at camp. I thank you all for supporting us as a Boys' Brigade over the past year. Your donations and support at our events really does make a difference to what we are able to offer our members.

Jack Hanlon

Holiday Leader



Christmas Fair

We would like your support for our Christmas Fair on the November the 25th. We are now collecting bric-a-brac for this.

Recruiting

We still have room for more members from age 6 to 16 years.

Please call George Bainbridge on (01429) 263149 or 07816 445829.

August Baptisms in Stranton



It was wonderful to welcome into the church family Korsh Qanbari and Ahmad Husseini. Also from Church without Walls Tommy Bell and Kim Capelli. We hold them in prayer in their walk with the Lord.

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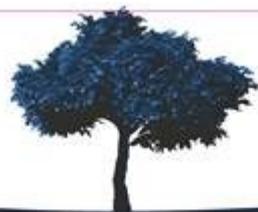
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Kilimatinde Trust 20th Anniversary Service in Kilimatinde

On a bright and beautiful day on 20th of August 2017 a service was held in Kilimatinde Church to mark the 20th anniversary of the Kilimatinde Trust. The service set out to mark the occasion, but also to renew our commitment to God and each other, also being committed to growth and change with a focus and a renewed invitation to **“taste and see that the Lord is good”**.

The service was attended by 350 people. It was a wonderful occasion with representatives from the St John’s School, the Theological College, the Nursing School, hospital and village leaders, medical students and volunteers. The Masada Choir and Drummers, and Mothers’ Union provided music and singing. Men, women, children, old and young, families, even dogs and cats attended the service. The whole occasion was infused with colour and joy, a communion of people of faith, sharing together their love of God and each other.

The service was led by Bishop John Luppa and Canon Stephen Taylor preached the sermon. The readings were Psalm 35 with an emphasis and invitation to **“taste and see that the Lord is good”**. The Gospel was taken from St Luke the parable of the rich young fool. The New Testament reading was taken from 1 Peter.

Canon Stephen began by thanking everyone for their continued efforts to work together, he particularly thanked Bishop John Luppa for continuing in partnership with the Kilimatinde Trust which began 20 years ago initiated by Stephen and Bishop Alpha Mohamed, and he thanked all those who had come to Kilimatinde. He thanked the people of Kilimatinde for their hospitality and love, on behalf of everyone who had visited in the past. Everyone read and said psalm 35 together and Stephen told the story of how King David had continued to praise God through difficult circumstances and he praised the people of the diocese of the Rift Valley for doing the same. **‘The invitation is to taste and see that God is good’**. In 1995 Bishop Alpha Mohamed invited Stephen to come and see Kilimatinde saying, “Come and see, help us to change and be changed together”. 1997 saw the birth of the Kilimatinde Trust which had a single focus - to support the diocese of the Rift Valley. The aims of the Trust were to uphold the Christian faith, and support education, health care, and the environment, reducing poverty and changing lives; and 20 years on the aims remain the same. Over the 20 years hundreds of people have come to Kilimatinde and all of them have been touched by the hospitality, generosity and love they have found, and in a very real way the

people in this place have represented God's love for us. The Trust was specifically set up to work with the diocese of the Rift Valley at a time when no one else would or could. The area was so remote without water and electricity and in extreme poverty. There were no road links and the journey to get there was arduous and sometimes perilous, traveling in old poorly maintained vehicles off road on dirt tracks for miles.

In 1998 the school results came out and in Kilimatinde, there were not only no grade 1 or grade 2 results, but everybody failed. Bishop Alpha called for help with teaching English. Ruth Stranex, Pat and Stan Vaughan and Joanne McElroy all helped to be "sticking plasters" for the school. The opportunity for education should not be restricted by poverty or situation, it should be open to everyone, because through education, people can reach the potential God has for them. In 1998 there was no electricity or running water and calls for help from CMCS Missionary Society fell on deaf ears. Eventually in 2008 with a change of personnel CMS agreed to send people and Paul and Christine Salaman were sent as missionaries and spent 9 years here. The Kilimatinde Trust also recognised that water was a big issue for the village and they worked with Water Aid, the Village Council and others, and with money from the UK the existing dam was rebuilt. The dam transformed the area around the hospital and secured much needed water. Stephen highlighted that the dam had not yet reached its full potential and that resource still has much to give.

The Hospital is another of the great institutions of the village and Canon Ralf Banks supported this for many years. Through the Trust hundreds of medical students and others have visited, supported and worked with the doctors and nurses here. One of them, Mr Alan Robertson, supported and taught in obstetrics and gynaecology. Many other people have added much to the work of the hospital.

The Gospel warns us of complacency and from taking things easy. We must not keep things for ourselves, but we must continue to work together in a living partnership. 2017 is our 20th year of working together, on this anniversary we will establish three new projects. The School will see a new dormitory built this year. The challenge for the hospital is to improve its health care especially to those who have suffered from burn injuries, so we will work on improving practice and open a Burns Unit.

One of the things Stephen and Ruth discussed together with Bishop John in January this year was using the gifts we have been given. We have been given the gift of sunlight 12 hours per day. One opportunity to change is to harness the sun so that every village can have electricity. Can we remove our kerosene lamps? Can we replace our charcoal stoves and have a cooker? We believe that we can. Our hope is that this can be a reality, and that in years to come we will see transformation in every household. **'Taste and see that the Lord is good'**. If we embrace God in a meaningful relationship we will embrace change, we will move. God gives us rain and we should be good stewards and capture it and use it. God gives us sun and we have a duty to capture it and use the technology. **'Taste and see that the Lord is good'**. There is an invitation to renew our relationship with God and with each other, and change our lives. 20 years on we intend to do this. We will not accept

things as they are, we want to change. **'Taste and see that the Lord is good'**.
God bless you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

God's gift of the sun



News from Jill Barrett

Dear friends.

Thank you for your support and help in preparation for coming to Kilimatinde. I'm sending three things, a report, a reflection and a prayer

Initial report from Kilimatinde

Most Mission Hospitals in the area are struggling due to lack of government support and funding. Last year Kilimatinde hospital had been trying to enter into a service agreement with the district hospital in Manyoni, but despite many meetings and local agreements being made, the contract was still not signed. Manyoni and Kilimatinde still work well in partnership however restrictions on funding are being made at national level and district and local level agreements are threatened. Kilimatinde received a basket fund of money from the Ministry of Health for its outreach vaccination service. This money has not been given this year so Kilimatinde are unable to provide this vital service without funding. The Kilimatinde administrator advised Manyoni hospital that they would withdraw the service and thankfully Manyoni hospital have contributed to the cost.

Mission hospitals are also now being asked to pay tax, as Kilimatinde is not making any profit this will not cause any problems in the short term.

The Government, under the new President, are committed to tackling corruption and fraud and to that aim, they are undertaking a data cleansing scheme. All workers employed by the government now need to produce all their certificates including school certificates for inspection by the government. This is taking a long time as some have lost their certificates and need to apply for copies. Some staff in other hospitals have been sacked because of fraudulent school certificates, even though their professional certificates are valid. The situation in Kilimatinde hospital includes 7 members of staff not being paid for 4 months and 1 not paid for 18 months. These are staff who are normally paid by the government and are the key staff who are running the hospital, the Dr in charge, the Dr leading and caring for

obstetrics and gynaecology, also the Head Nurse and other members of the nursing staff. Teachers at St John's College are also not being paid. This is not due to any local or district problem, it is due to a national situation. Staff are continuing to provide the best service they can and remain faithful and committed. The future of many mission hospitals are under threat and Kilimatinde hospital is no different. Mission and private hospitals represent a large proportion of the health provision in Tanzania, but without partnership working, it's a constant struggle. I realise this raises the question of the wisdom of continuing to invest in the renovation of the hospital and the provision a Burns Unit project, however there is a duty of care to provide the best care we can to the benefits of the patients who will be treated, we feel committed to continue to upgrade and support. We are endeavouring to invest money as wisely as possible.

The hospital garden is a source of great joy and continues to thrive at the moment, though the water pump, which brought free water from the bore hole near the dam has broken down. The hospital for the past few weeks has used water from Solya for which they have to pay. Money has been donated for this and we hope the pump will be repaired or replaced very soon. We have twelve banana trees bearing fruit, and mango, papaya, passionfruit, orange, lemon, avocado and a host of vegetables.

The wards are clean and staff were keen to show me posters and information in each area which are continuing to inform practice. The hospital has had an inspection today and they have maintained their 2-star status, which is the same as the government hospital. We are working together to develop the Burns Unit and I will send details of this later. I have visited community patients today who have epilepsy, the local pharmacist has opened a clinic and provides epilepsy treatments free of charge, which has significantly reduced the number of seizures and reduced the risk of accidents and burns for them. I am constantly impressed by the commitment and sense of community here.

Achievements against the business plan include since the last visit

The purchase of a washing machine for theatre gowns and scrubs

The x-ray building is complete and the x-ray machine is working. (We have no radiographer at the moment)

A new incinerator, which meets standards, has been built.

Reflection

Before I came to Kilimatinde this time a friend asked a question. How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? It's a very good question and it reminded me of being in exile, by the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept as we remembered Zion. The first time I came to Kilimatinde it did feel like that, so out of my comfort zone, so isolated and vulnerable - now looking back I realise that this is where we are most open to God and most free to work from the heart. The dark and wounded places where compassion and love can easily flow. The spacious places where we have time for solitude and prayer. I have been very disturbed, often afraid and feeling unprepared, overwhelmed and unable to make any significant difference to the great need I could see all around me. How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? How can we sing the Lord's song in any

land? Indeed what is my song to sing? Sometimes even our own home can be a strange land. I have always asked the question -what am I supposed to be doing with my life. How will I respond when and If I hear a call? I truly want to please God and answer yes, but often I hesitate I doubt and I miss the opportunity. One of the songs we sing regularly in church always brings tears for me.

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky, I have heard my people cry, all who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save, finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied, I have wept for love of them, whom shall I send. Is it I lord?" Here I am I want to say. To be honest did God send me? Does God send anyone anywhere or does the door of opportunity just open so that we can grow and learn and change and be open to God. Recently I have been reading some books by Richard Rohr - I would highly recommend him as a writer - and I've gained so much from his teachings, Richard uses the story of Jonah to illustrate how God uses us wherever we are. None of us jump readily into the mouth of the whale, or leave our comfort zone unless we really have to. Something must push us someone must lead us or disturb us so that our soil or soul can be loosened up enough to grow the good seed, otherwise the seed might as well be thrown at a rock on the stony ground. I have to ask myself the question who has gained most from my visits to Kilimatinde, who has been healed, what has been changed? In reality I have gained the most and my own darkness has been illuminated.

I guess for me now Kilimatinde isn't a strange land. I've been coming to this place and working with the people here since 2014 and have spent nearly a year in total, during that time and when I'm not in Kilimatinde I understand the concept of holding God's people in my heart for they are always on my mind. We are all God's people and we keep holding each other in our hearts, I have understood more fully that God loves us each individually, there is no need to search for him, jump up and down and say is it me - it is all of us! The call comes everyday wherever we are. Fresh and new every morning, the Call says "I am here in the midst of you. I love you, you are mine, be glad, be joyful, walk humbly I will show you the way. When you fall I will catch you when you go the wrong way I will find you, do not be afraid.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am. Be still and know. Be still. Be"

Books

Everything Belongs: Richard Rohr

Falling Upwards: Richard Rohr

I'm just about to read 'The Divine Dance' I'll let you know how it goes...

Kilimatinde Trust 20th Anniversary Appeal

It was wonderful to have so many people attend our Ruby Wedding celebration Open House on August 26th for tea and cakes.

A huge thank you to all who kindly gave donations towards the Kilimatinde Trust Anniversary Appeal. We are able to make a donation of around £500 towards the solar panels and dormitory building work.

Andrew & Jacqui Rogers

Dates for your diary

October

- Sat 7th Harvest Ceilidh, 6.30pm St Matthew's Community Centre
Sun 8th Bacon Butty Breakfast, 9.30am St Matthew's CC
Harvest Services – including Parade service at 10.30am
Sun 15th Messy Church
Tue 17th New beginnings
Sun 22nd Lighthouse Service

November

- Wed 1st Buildings & Finance
Fri 3rd PMC
Sat 4th PMC
Sun 5th Stranton Sunday –
United service at 10.30am in Stranton Church
followed by shared lunch

Passchendaele and the Fallen of Stranton



The Battlefield Landscape

Rifleman Arthur Shire was married to Marion and had a young daughter called Frieda, the family lived in 44 Grasmere Street. He left his job as a clerk in a timber yard and joined Kitchener's New Army as part of the 13th Battalion of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps. He died on October 4th whilst taking part in the battle of Passchendaele, he is buried at Perth (China wall) Cemetery Belgium.

Private Albert Summersgill was a butcher's assistant and was originally from 195 Burbank Street.

He served in the Scots Guards and was killed on 14th October 1917 in the battle of Passchendaele he is buried at Mendingham Military Cemetery Belgium.

Unfortunatley for the Summersgill family his brother John Summersgill was also killed during the Great War.

George Bainbridge

Mary Baines' Recipes

Chicken Tetrazzini

Just tried this recipe – it was delicious and filling! J.A.R.



180g spaghetti
240g cooked chicken
180g lean bacon, derind & cut into pieces
210g sliced red pepper
45g butter
45g plain flour

¼ pint milk
¾ pint chicken stock
salt & pepper
90g grated cheese
¼ teasp nutmeg
1 egg yolk, beaten
2 tablesp sherry
30g flaked almonds

Heat oven to 200C, Gas 6

Cook spaghetti according to instructions.

Fry bacon for 5 minutes, then add chicken & peppers & cook for further 5 minutes.

Add cooked spaghetti & remove from heat.

Melt butter in medium pan. Add flour & cook stirring for 1 minute. Gradually stir in the milk & stock. Stir continuously to make a smooth sauce. Bring to boil & continue to cook until the sauce is thick & smooth.

Add cheese, salt & pepper, sherry & nutmeg. Remove from heat & stir in the egg yolk.

Place chicken, bacon, pepper and spaghetti mixture into an oven-proof dish & cover with the sauces. Sprinkle almonds over the top.

Place in oven for 20 minutes and serve. Serves 4.

Yoghurt Cake

This is really quick & easy because the yoghurt pot is used to measure all other ingredients. Also you can experiment with the fruit to make a huge variety of cakes.

150g carton live natural yoghurt
1 ½ cartons castor sugar
3 cartons SR flour
3 large eggs beaten
3 cartons mixed fruit
¼ teaspoon nutmeg (optional)



Line 2x 2lb loaf tines with greaseproof paper

Put all ingredients in large bowl & mix well together.

Divide the mixture between 2 cake tins

Bake at 170C/gas 3-4 for about 40 minutes.

To test when the cakes are cooked - push a skewer into the cake & if it comes out with no mixture on it if the cake is cooked.

Other fillings to try:

1 pot plain chocolate chips
1 pot sliced almonds & 2 pots cherries
1 pot sultanas & the zest of 1 lemon
Chopped crystallised ginger

CELEBRATE!

October HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to



Rob Butler
Lydia Boyd
Ewan Craig
Georgina Parvin Guerreiro
Joan Hill
Betty Hotham
Ken Shepherd
Will Spoor
Pam Stockton
Nick Tregenza
Gehan Wanduragala
Jean Waller

**Congratulations
on your
Wedding Anniversary**
Peter & Maureen Anderson
Duncan & Trish Playfor



**Congratulations
to**

Ben, Eve and Noah Coils
on the safe arrival of
George weighing
5lbs 11oz



If you have something to celebrate we would love to share it - email
admin@stranton-church.org.uk
or phone 864006.

All entries to be in by the 16th of the month.

Sidespersons

	8.30am	10.30am
1 October	B Butcher	S Shepherd K Shepherd
8 October	P Thompson	D Greenwood B Greenwood
15 October	M Hutchinson	F Endean A Craig
22 October	I Walker	S Shepherd K Shepherd
29 October	P Porritt	D Greenwood B Greenwood



Baptisms

13 August	Korsh Qanbari Ahman Husseini Thomas Bell Kim Capelli Jack Logan Whittingham Tristan-Joseph David Dunbar
27 August	Amelia Rose Reynolds Lucas Whitelock
3 September	Niamh Olivia Lloyd Lottie Swinbourne
10 September	Eevie Purves Ted Purves Reggie Purves



Funerals

8 August	Elsie Horsley
23 August	Kathy Webster
25 August	Lilly Parkes
31 August	Audrey Humphreys
4 September	Derek Robinson
5 September	David Mincher
18 September	Annie Anderson



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