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**Front cover picture: A view of the river Cray by Brenda Smith**

## PARISH LETTER

On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> June I will have fulfilled one of my lifetime ambitions, attendance at the Glastonbury festival. Many of you will be aware that this festival is one of the most sought after to attend, indeed its allocation of 150,000 tickets were snapped up in just 26 minutes leaving tens of thousands of music fans disappointed. You will understand then the popularity of this annual event.



However, music is not the only attraction at the festival, and Glastonbury has much more to offer than some of the biggest musical acts around at the moment. You may be surprised to hear that on site there is a church which holds a Roman Catholic Mass and an Anglican Eucharist, and the Iona community are regulars at the event every year. Additionally, there are the green field's areas of peace and tranquillity that are also home to the healing fields, a place that is host to an exciting blend of people from many different spiritual paths. These provide the opportunity for some interesting discussions.

The most important aspect of the festival is the people, some of whom come year after year. So much so that for many this has developed into a community all of its own. Unlike other big festivals, Glastonbury has become a way of life for many, a place where like-minded people can experience through mutual appreciation the very best of humanity. The recognition that as people we can simply enjoy being in the company of others.

As a church, our sense of community will continue to develop as we grow into a greater understanding of what being in a single benefice means. And yet we are already starting to appreciate the very simple fact that we are a community of like-minded people who enjoy being what we are and being with each other. Jesus taught a very simple message, no one is outside of the kingdom of God, and no one is excluded from his love. As our community develops we may very well find that people see something in us that they wish to discover.

As I write this on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, I am contemplating next week. It will probably rain, and I will most likely be wrestling with the effects of mud, missing my own bed and tiredness from lack of sleep, but I hope to experience that most precious of gifts, humanity; people in their most simple and complex forms, recognizing the image of the living God in each and every one.

*Yours in Christ,  
Paul*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

*'I will both lie down and sleep in peace for you alone O Lord make me dwell in safety'*  
*Psalm 4:8*

Sometimes it just doesn't come. Tossing and turning, counting sheep, making a cup of tea, reading a book, listening to the radio and still it doesn't come. Sleep is tantalisingly close yet so far away. Why? What lurks in the depths of my mind to bother me and stop me falling into a rest-filled sleep?

Sometimes we know what the bother is - a concern for a friend or family member, a health worry, a difficult task in the days ahead, a new challenge, an exciting opportunity.

Sometimes it is not clear, and however hard we try we just cannot find that sense of calm that allows sleep to wrap us in safety.

I guess we all have those nights. When they come the collect for night prayer can be a real comfort. We pray that God will do the calming we cannot do, will take away the fear we can't even acknowledge is there, and that his protection will be all we need to rest.

Here is the prayer - maybe keep it by your bed for those nights when sleep just will not come.

Visit this place O lord we pray  
 and drive far from it the snares of the enemy.  
 May your holy angels dwell with us  
 and guard us in peace.  
 And may your blessing be always upon us.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Common Worship Night Prayer

*Rev. Jane Winter*



**REGULAR EVENTS**

**REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S**

<b>Sundays</b>	09:00	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel.
	10:30	Sung Parish Eucharist. (On the first Sunday of the month, the 10:30 service is a Family Eucharist.)
<b>Mondays</b>	17:00	Rainbows in the hall, excluding school and bank holidays.
<b>Tuesdays</b>	09:00	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel. <b>Please note: 14<sup>th</sup> no 09:00 Eucharist at St Andrew's: this will be at St Mary's at 11:00 followed by Open Door Lunch.</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	09:30	Funshine Club in the church excluding school holidays.
<b>Thursdays</b>	19:00	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel with homily.
<b>Fridays</b>	12:00	Said Eucharist with Healing and Wholeness, followed by the opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.
<b>Saturdays</b>		There are different regular Saturday events throughout the month. See the following 'What to look out for this month'.

**NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST WILL BE  
13 JULY  
PLEASE GET YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN BY THEN OR EARLIER**

**WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS MONTH**

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>No midweek Eucharist St Mary's</b>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>		THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		DEANERY QUIET DAY - Please speak to Jill Renwick Big O, Orpington Priory Gardens - see notice board
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Singletons Lunch at Petts Wood - Please speak to Jill Renwick
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	15:00	Afternoon Tea at Apsley Court - please join us
	19:45	Home Group - Please speak to Malcolm Deering or Jean Pailing
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Eucharist at St Mary's followed by Open Door Lunch
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	15:30-	Messy Church and Community Bring & Share BBQ
	17:00	Party- Please speak to Rev. Paul Prentice
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	13:00-	Diocesan Big Day Out at Leybourne Castle -
	19:00	Speak to Rev. Paul Prentice
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>		Visit to Knole Park. Details to be advised. See notice board and/or Trevor Taylor/Brenda Smith
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>		MARY MAGDALENE
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>		JAMES THE APOSTLE

**READINGS AND GOSPELS FOR JULY - YEAR B**

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> <b>ALL AGE FAMILY EUCHARIST</b> 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 and Mark 6: 1-13 (Good News Bible)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> Amos 7: 7-15, Ephesians 1: 3-14 and Mark 6: 14-29.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Ephesians 2: 1-11 and Mark 6: 30-34 & 53-56.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> 2 Kings 4: 42-44, Ephesians 3: 14-21 and John 6: 1-21.

**REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES AND EVENTS**  
**AT ST MARY'S**

<b>Sundays</b>	10:00	Holy Communion
<b>Mondays</b>	09:30	Morning Prayer
	17:30	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesdays</b>	12:00	Midweek Eucharist (except the second week of the month, when it is on Tuesday at 11:00)

**MOTHERS UNION**

First Sunday of the month - 11:30 in the church centre (hall).

First Tuesday of the month - 13:30-16:00 at various venues. Please listen to notices and see the notice board.

**OPEN DOOR LUNCH**

Second Tuesday of the month at 12:00 (Cost £5.00)

**SOCIAL CLUB**

Second Tuesday of the month 13:30 to 16:00

**COFFEE MORNING**

Second Saturday of the month 10:00 - 12:00 (Cost £2:00)

**OTHER MEETINGS**

St Mary's Local Church Council Meeting 19.00 7<sup>th</sup> July in Church Centre

Restoration Committee 19.00 13<sup>th</sup> July in The Bull

Benefice Prayer Group 19.30 21<sup>st</sup> July at Muriel's house

**MOTHERS' UNION NEWS**

**T**he speaker at our meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> was Judy Cuthbert. Her talk on "A Celtic Journey" was very interesting and informative.

July 7<sup>th</sup> will be our Coffee Morning & Bring and buy sale. This is a Deanery Event, where all proceeds are for The Overseas Fund, each branch holds at least one event each year for the Overseas Mothers Union. If you are able to please come along between 10:00 and 12:30 to the Church Centre and support the Mothers Union.

We are pleased to say Rosemary is well on the mend.

The first Sunday of the month is when our Mothers Union Members meet at 11:30 after the 10:00 Service. In July we will be joined by Julia Jamieson, soon to be our Diocesan President. Julia enrolled our latest members a couple of months ago. She will attend our Morning Service and then come and speak to the MU meeting; we are all looking forward to her visit.

More news later, Take care and God Bless.

*Muriel Unsworth*



### FLOWER FESTIVAL

**S**t Mary's church social committee held a flower festival over two days on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st of May. The theme was 'The Power of 3'.

We had a lovely variety of arrangements, serious and humorous. We had a few visitors on each day who were all delighted with every arrangement. Some of the comments were: 'beautiful and well thought out - amusing - amazing imagination and lots of hard work - such a lovely event to bring the community together and beautiful arrangements - all very clever and imaginative'.

A lot of hard work, time and effort had gone into the organising, running and arrangements for the two days. We would like to give our grateful thanks to The Croft Tea Rooms, All Saints Church, and The Salvation Army for contributing their arrangements.

Thank you also to Daphne, Muriel, Jenny, Sally-Ann, Tony and Ellie for their much appreciated help to run the two days. A special thank you to Maureen who has always helped us in these social events and for her arrangement. Also a thank you to our bell ringers who rang the bells for us which visitors enjoyed hearing.



*Social Committee  
Joyce, Jacky and Bridget.*

There were so many nice photos that I couldn't fit them all in. I hope to show some more next month. *Editor*



## OPEN DOOR & TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB

**A**t the Open Door Lunch last month eleven people enjoyed pizza and salad followed by Myra's lemon meringue pie. Sadly only four people stayed on for the Tuesday social. They enjoyed a film followed by tea, coffee and cakes. Hopefully more folk will stay next month for a similar afternoon, as a lot of preparation goes into arranging and getting everything ready. Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> is the next Open Door Lunch and Social Club. The lunch will be the popular fish'n'chips followed by Myra's homemade fruit cheesecake. The cost is £5.00 for the lunch and the social event is free although donations towards the refreshments which are passed on to the Renovations Fund for the church will be greatly appreciated. Please let Rosemary Lathey (01689-872742) or Muriel Unsworth (01689-835275) know by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July if you wish to come and please pay with your order. The order will be placed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the morning.

*As always, all the very best from the Open Door Team.*

## COFFEE MORNING

**T**hank you to Elaine and Colin Chapple for hosting St Mary's coffee morning on Saturday 13th June. Only five or six people turned up to support them and the church; these lucky people shared the tasty refreshments and viewed Elaine's lovely hand crafted cards, etc.

As well as more support for the church activities we do need some volunteers to share the load in running the activities, so please show your support for your church and offer. There is all sorts of work involved and the satisfaction of a good job well done plus great companionship when you are involved.

*Tony Lathey*

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

**N**ow is the time for the summer collection of the Children's Society boxes. The boxes can be brought into church during July and the beginning of August.

Thank you. *Joyce Ozsvald*

## THANKS

**I**would like to thank everyone who has sent cards, flowers, phoned, visited or prayed for my recovery. I am beginning to see and feel the benefits of the operation and hope to be able to see you all very soon.

*With all my heartfelt thanks, Rosemary Lathey*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May was one of the most important days of my life so far. It was my first holy communion. Everything went well. We were asked to read the prayers of intercession, the Old Testament reading and finally the New Testament reading. Since there were nine of us in total, we broke the parts up into sections. I had two readings for both, I sort of messed-up a little bit even though I read from the paper. Nobody really noticed but I knew deep down inside. Even now I am still laughing about the incident.



When it was time for us to go and have communion, I wasn't at all nervous, if anything I was sort of excited. The bread didn't really have a taste, but the wine was horrible! Honestly, I thought that it would taste a bit like Ribena but it was the exact opposite - bitter and sour, but at least I have done it. Next stop - confirmation!

*Temi Ogunbanjo*

On Sunday 31st May, nine of us from St Mary's church went through with our first communion. For some, having your first holy communion is an opportunity for boys to wear suits and girls to wear white dresses, but it



is much more than that. Having your first communion, otherwise known as the participation in the Eucharist, is not just a celebration, but also a significant event for the children taking it.

With this event we got to understand how Jesus Christ sacrificed his body and blood for the salvation of the world. The

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communion service was pretty much the same as the others but the fact that we were having our first communion made it special. We went up first and were given the bread and the wine which represents Christ's sacrifice; the bread as his body and the wine as his blood.

Though I felt the same as I did before receiving communion it was still great knowing what I had just taken part in.

*Timi Ogunbanjo*

**S**unday 31<sup>st</sup> May was my first holy communion and it was a very important day to me. I took the bread and the wine. It was fun and exciting. In fact I am still excited and impatient to take it again. I just can't wait!

*Tommi Ogunbanjo*

## DOUGLAS DUNN - A 'MOVING' POEM

**A** poem can catch our attention and inspire us at any time. I can vividly remember my first sight of Douglas Dunn's poem 'A Removal from Terry Street' in 1972. A student at Hull University, the Scottish-born poet had set his poem in the run-down outer area of that decaying industrial city: an area of mean streets where low-income families and students rented poor quality accommodation.

The imaginary family in this poem can easily be pictured by us in the modern-day context of so-called 'Benefits Street' living: food banks; unemployment; shortage of affordable housing.



### A Removal from Terry Street

On a squeaking cart, they push the usual stuff,  
A mattress, bed ends, cups, carpets, chairs,  
Four paperback westerns. Two whistling youths  
In surplus US Army battle-jackets  
Remove their sister's goods. Her husband  
Follows, carrying on his shoulders the son  
Whose mischief we are glad to see removed,  
And pushing, of all things, a lawnmower.  
There is no grass in Terry Street. The worms  
Come up cracks in concrete yards in moonlight.  
That man, I wish him well. I wish him grass.

This poem made a great impact on me, and still does, because the scene - so poignantly described - is beautifully rounded-off by the unexpectedly uplifting last line.

Anyone who is feeling downcast will surely be raised in spirit after reading this poem. Daisy Goodwin of the *Sunday Times* has hailed the poem as a favourite

of hers 'because it shows how hope and optimism sustain us through life ... it is a wonderful snapshot of a moment of transition.'

**Jerry Dowlen**

*The Croft Poetry Club meets at the Croft Tea Rooms on the first Thursday of every month at 10:30. We are a friendly and inclusive group. Come and join us! Admission is £5 for tea/coffee, cake and poetry.*

### **A FEW COMMENTS WE HAVE RECEIVED ABOUT THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE CRAYFISHER**

'I think you've done a brilliant job of editing and producing the magazine. The front cover photo is superb: so is lots of the inside photos and it's altogether a very crisp, neat and attractive production in my opinion.'

'It looks fantastic!'

'The Crayfisher - what an excellent title for a church magazine. Good luck with it'

'At first I thought the new title sounded like a seafood restaurant! But it is a very clever and well thought out title for the Cray area, and of course Jesus told His disciples to be 'fishers of men', and we in turn should try and follow this instruction in the Crays. I believe Bill Willis thought this one up, congratulations to him!'

--ooOoo--

Spotted in a bric-a-brac shop in Holt in Norfolk on a sign for hanging in the home (or office, etc): 'God first created man and then he had a better idea!'

***Ray Page***

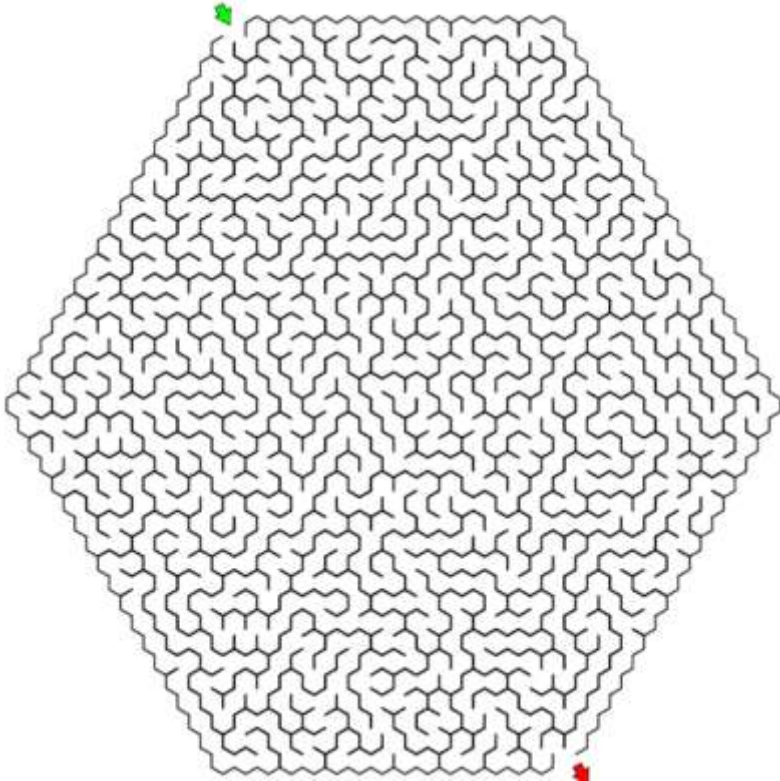
**FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

*Here are the answers to last month's crossword. How did you get on?*

**ACROSS:** 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

**DOWN:** 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

**WHY NOT TEST YOUR SKILL AND FIND YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS MAZE**



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## IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

**A**nne Taylor and I gave ourselves a splendid outing on St George's Day. Like all the best outings it was well-planned. We met one evening over a glass of wine or two and with an A to Z handy and a train timetable. We made our way in imagination to Bayswater Tube station, nearby to which we had ascertained that the Greek orthodox cathedral of London was to be found. You will realise how appropriate this outing was when you remember that St George is also a patron saint of Greece, (along with many other countries). I don't imagine that they celebrate with cream teas; perhaps baklava would be more apposite!

The great day dawned, bright and warm - just the right sort of day for a jaunt like this. With the trains being so wayward at the moment we debated just which route to choose and settled for Cannon Street from where we were able to get the tube to Embankment and after what seemed a very long journey we found ourselves in Bayswater. Well, there was a nice surprise! Bayswater, as we found it, was a clean and gracious place with treelined roads and many cafes. The cathedral itself was in Moscow Road and we earmarked a cafe called Byzantium for our coffee stop after having viewed the cathedral. By then we were realising that Bayswater was the place where many Greek immigrants had settled.



And now to the cathedral itself. We realised that there was no point in looking for a tower or spire. Very soon we spotted a shallow dome and that was it.

We entered by the narthex (which is the correct name for what we sometimes call the porch). There were two doors to this narthex and the inner walls were decorated by most extravagant gold and silver mosaics featuring the saints.

Amazed by this glittery entrance we proceeded into the church itself where there was yet more glitter. The main focus here was the beautiful iconostasis, a feature which we see in all Orthodox churches. This is in fact a screen on which are displayed the cathedral's most treasured icons.

Having called this a cathedral you may have a vision of a much larger place than it really is. The Greek community was hard put to find the money to build this present cathedral in 1877 which is certainly not as large as the Anglican Southwark Cathedral. It is about the size of a large parish church in England. We were cordially greeted by some of the people in the church and were given

a copy of what we would call a pew sheet. Throughout our visit there was the familiar scent of incense and the sound of a choir practice. The group was of all male voices and unfortunately they kept to Greek style music which is not the easiest on the ear.

The dedication of the cathedral is the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Wisdom of God - St Sophia - not to be confused with Hagai Sophia in Istanbul which as you will all know was taken over by the Muslims as a Mosque.

Back to the **pewsheets**. This was named as the

**Bulletin of Spiritual Edification** and everything in it appeared both in English and Greek including a copy of the sermon. The sermon addressed the matter of the possible tedium of going through the repetitious church calendar. The text that supplied the answer to this was from saint Nikolai, Bishop of Ochrid and Zica; he said 'My brethren, is not everything that we do at a practical level a series of repetitions? Let not the preacher of truth grow weary and say: I have told them and will not repeat it. Let not the hearer of truth grow proud and say: I have heard that once and I don't need to hear it again'. The priest whose sermon was quoted in the pewsheets then reminded the congregation of the quotation from the second letter of Peter where Peter says 'For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know, and are established in the present truth.'

Time for coffee now! The coffee shop named Byzantium proved very comfortable and we found it hard to get up and find the next church on our itinerary: this was the enormous Anglo-Catholic church of All Saints, Margaret Street. I don't have the space to describe that one nor to tell you of our further adventures in the carpet department of Liberty's. This was truly a GOOD DAY OUT! Rounded off elegantly by tea and cakes in Liberty's. With more space available I could tell you a lot more about the orthodox cathedral and also provide pictures. If you are interested, why not go to the cathedral yourself?

*Jean Pailing*

## CURE, CARE AND CONTROL

**H**ave you ever visited the Bethlem Royal Hospital? This place is easy to find by car as you merely drive through Coney Hall, up the hill towards Croydon and then turn right as you approach Shirley: the hospital is clearly marked on an A to Z map. There is also easy access by public transport. You will probably know that the Bethlem Royal Hospital is the oldest working psychiatric hospital in the UK. Obviously, at its beginning in 1247 it was not the pristine place that it is now. It almost smells of wet paint as it is so very clean and white. It has been transformed with money from the Lottery Fund and also from the Maudsley charity. The Bethlem Hospital, commonly known in the past as Bedlam was, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, one of the must-see sights of London.

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People would go there to gawp at the inmates and the scandal of it was that the attendants who minded the patients would know how best to stimulate the patients to react in amusing ways for the onlookers. However there was, when Anne and I visited the place, an excellent video illustrating the comments made by visitors in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and these indicated that many visitors found this taunting of the patients deplorable.

We had visited the present hospital because we wished to see the newly opened Art Gallery, and Museum of the Mind.

Supported by the Maudsley charity the Bethlem hospital is able to offer materials and tuition to those patients who wish to improve their skills in painting and drawing: there is a gallery for displaying their very interesting work. Their work is of a remarkably high standard and many have been able to stage complete exhibitions, all enabled by the hospital's funds. You may have seen the beautiful painting by Richard Dadd entitled The Fairy Feller's Master Stroke which hangs in the Tate Britain gallery. Richard Dadd was a patient in the Bethlem Royal Hospital (1855-1864). I have not scanned the picture as I fear it would not come out very well as it is so complex and detailed. I believe that it will soon be included in an exhibition at the hospital. The hospital puts on a series of lectures which I will inform you of when I have the details.

The museum is new and we found it fascinating especially the collection of essays written by the patients about their mental condition. One recent visitor expressed the thought that the museum was a life-changing experience, we agreed with that thought. We do recommend that you visit the Bethlem Royal Hospital. The staff gave us a very warm welcome and you will not go hungry as there is a cheerful cafe and at least two coffee shops. I must not finish without mentioning the beautiful grounds. The hospital is set in many acres of beautifully maintained gardens. We visited in June when the gardens were at their most colourful.

*Jean Pailing and Anne Taylor.*

## PUB-POET-PRIEST-PINTS-PANINIS-PANEGYRIC

Let me be to Thee as the circling bird  
Or bat with tender and air-crisping wings  
That shapes in half-light his departing rings  
From both of whom a changeless note is heard

It had been a particularly damp and chilly Saturday morning at Skaterham. Attempting to consume mousetrap sarnies whilst suffering from frostbite was not a feasible option! We headed off to the nearest Wetherspoon's pub in Croydon. A local pub attractively named The Skylark.



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When we arrived we were pleasantly surprised to discover that the name had been given as a tribute to the Victorian poet Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889). Hopkins had written two poems about skylarks: *The Sea and the Skylark*, and *The Caged Skylark*. The poet knew Croydon very well and often visited his grandparent's residence there. This has been described as a dignified country mansion called Blunt House.

Hopkins wrote several other poems about various birds. He was obviously a bit of a twitcher! Nightingales, falcons, kingfishers, peacocks just to name a few.

Gerard's parents were high church Anglicans but in 1866 he was received by Dr (afterwards Cardinal, soon to be St!) Newman into the Roman Catholic Church. In 1868 Hopkins entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) to begin his training for the priesthood. His character was thereafter moulded by *The Spiritual Exercises* written by the founder St Thomas Aquinas. Hopkins was also deeply influenced by the theology of Duns Scotus. In 1884 he became Professor of Greek Literature at University College Dublin. Hopkins died five years later and is buried in Dublin.



As a poet Gerard Manley Hopkins was unique and groundbreaking in his style paving the way for future poets such as T S Eliot and e e cummings. He wrote in a style employing a technique called sprung rhythm and coined two words, *inscape* and *instress*, both of which are now recognised and included in all major dictionaries.

His poetry is inspirational and profoundly spiritual but was not published during his lifetime. His friend and fellow poet Robert Bridges eventually unleashed them on the literary world after sitting-on them for a generation.

I have desired to go  
Where springs not fail  
To fields where flies no sharp and sided hail  
And a few lilies blow  
And I have asked to be  
Where no storms come  
Where the green swell is in the havens dumb  
And out of the swing of the sea

LANDSCAPE-SEASCAPE-SKYSCAPE-INSCAPE-OUTSCAPE-ESCAPE

*Bill Willis*



## Funshine Club

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**A ROCHESTER DIOCESAN  
COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Is being formed to help lead the music at the

**CELEBRATION SERVICE**

**To mark the climax of the**

**BIG DIOCESAN DAY OUT AT LEYBOURNE**

**On Sunday 19th July**

**Will you join us?**

We are looking for singers – in all voice parts – young  
and not so young – from age 7-117!

**Rehearsals will take place on**

**Tuesday 30 June at 19:15 to start singing at 19:30  
and**

**Wednesday 15th July 19:15 to start singing at 19:30  
At**

**St John's Church, Meopham.**

Please spread the news of this choir across the diocese.

For further details please contact

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This is the first time a community choir has been formed from  
across Rochester Diocese – please do join us!