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Law and love

The recent uproar over Archbishop Rowan's lecture on the relationship between law and faith communities and the response to Bishop John's comments on the proposal to broadcast the call to prayer from the central mosque in Oxford reveal a worrying degree of intolerance and islamophobia in British society. Even more worryingly, some of the most poisonous comments came from sources within the Church. It is clear that there is a degree of twitchiness about relationships between Muslims and the majority community and an unwillingness to tolerate those who are "different".

As we read the Gospel accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus, we can see a similar twitchiness in Jerusalem during the days of Jesus' last Passover and a similar willingness on the part of many in authority to misinterpret his words and actions for their own ends. As Passiontide and Holy Week approach and our worship focuses more and more on the conflict and controversy which surrounded Jesus in the last week of his life, we recognise the hostility which he provoked by his insistence on living the truth of God and demonstrating the compassion of God. In a society in which everyone's status was defined in accordance with the Law of Moses, the openness of Jesus to those who were "different", those who did not meet the criteria for becoming "one of us", made him an object of suspicion to the leaders of just about every influential group in first century Jerusalem. The Gospels tell us how each of the different factions tried to set a trap for Jesus, so that they could denounce him to the Roman authorities. They failed, because God's love never has been bound by limits imposed on behalf of human religious and political interests. The events of the Passion are the revelation of how much God's love is prepared to endure for the sake of unheeding, ungrateful and fearful humanity.

As part of the body of Christ in High Wycombe, we are called to reflect our Lord's openness to "the other". As we see evidence of more terrorism-related police activity in our own parish, it is important that we are not sucked into any twitchiness we may sense around us. It is important to stand

back from media headlines and to question what is actually being said and done (which is not always exactly what the media tell us is being said and done). It is good to be reminded, as we meet and greet our Muslim neighbours, that God loves them just as much as he loves us (and our unbelieving neighbours) and that the suffering and death of Jesus offer the promise of eternal life to us all.

Tony Dickinson

Three web-pages which contain helpful summaries of the Archbishop's lecture and interview and careful analyses of the "media firestorm" which followed are:

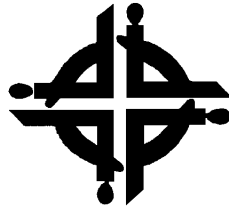
<http://www.mattwardman.com/blog/2008/02/13/archbishop-rowan-firestorm-was-started-by-the-bbc/#comment-6684> (a perceptive analysis of how the story spiralled out of control)

<http://covenant-communion.com/?p=549> (a careful dissection by the Evangelical scholar, Andrew Goddard, of what the Archbishop actually said – as opposed to what the media said he said)

<http://bishopalan.blogspot.com/2008/02/mike-icon-for-today.html> (Bishop Alan's take on the whole affair, starting, as you would, with Mike the headless chicken)

Spiritual Spring-Clean: Anyone who would like help in cleaning away before Easter any cobwebs or grime marring their relationship with God will find Tony Dickinson in church on Tuesday, 18th March (7.00-7.30 p.m.), Wednesday, 19th March (11.00 a.m.- 12.00 noon) or Thursday, 20th March (5.00-6.00 p.m.)

Maundy Thursday Supper: We are beginning to make plans for the Maundy Thursday Supper, on 20th March. With the retirement of Jean Finlan and Jean Pooley as our *chefs de cuisine*, people are needed to help with cooking, setting up and serving. To find out more about what is involved, please talk to either of the Jeans. If you are able to help, please talk to Sandra Dickinson.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2008

**God's wisdom provides new understanding
A service prepared by women of Guyana**

10.30am Salvation Army Citadel
Speaker: Major Christine Bailey
[Crèche available]

1.30pm Wycombe Marsh Baptist Church
Speaker: Beryl Taylor

7.30pm Oakridge Baptist Church
Speaker: Margaret Lowe

ALL WELCOME—MEN, WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A note of thanks

Thank you to all who have helped me with my fundraising so far. Thanks to all who came to my guitar concert (£85 raised) and my table top sale (£169.50). Special thanks go to: Hazel Noakes, Jean Pooley, Val Evans and the mystery person who gave me some goods to sell.

Hugh Dickinson

TRIBUTES TO
DOROTHY BARBARA MARY SAUNDERS
1922 - 2008

My first recollection of Dorothy was when my family moved from the Midlands in 1949 to Green Street Terriers. We moved opposite Dorothy and John, and their daughter. Ruth and I were the same age, and became great friends.

Dorothy was a quiet and gentle person, but not without opinion. She was marvellous at all kinds of sewing, doing beautiful stitching, and matching colours with a natural instinct. Amongst other things, she worked for the Mothers Union sale of work stall, making even an apron seem extra special in colour and design. She also made and iced novelty birthday cakes, and wedding cakes, doing the most delicate and elaborate icing.

Dorothy's eye for colour also extended to the garden. There she created wide borders that went for many feet down both sides of the garden, and these were filled with every kind of flower imaginable, and a riot of colour. She and John were very knowledgeable about all kinds of wild flowers, and it was very interesting to walk with them through the beech woods.

It was very sad when her eyesight began to fail, although Dorothy never complained about it. She was a very talented and lovely person whom I am glad to have known.

Sally Clark

DOROTHY SAUNDERS

Many of you will remember Dorothy who died on 6 January at the age of 85. She spent the first 80 years of her life in High Wycombe before moving to sheltered housing in Timsbury near Bath, which is the village where her daughter lives.

Before leaving Wycombe she and John celebrated their Diamond Wedding, receiving a card from the Queen. My special memory of that time was when one Wednesday after Church she announced that she was a teenage bride, she was by 2 days, but in those days nobody used the word teenager!

My friendship with Dorothy developed when John and I were partnered to stitch one of the kneelers for Church. John made a stand for our frame and I spent many afternoons at their house sewing, Dorothy providing tea after - with homemade cake.

After we finished the kneeler they encouraged me to take up cross stitch. Dorothy taught me how to turn my efforts into Christmas and birthday cards, and I continued to visit about once a week to discuss my work and many other things. Because of failing sight Dorothy had given up sewing, but she still did some knitting, making coat hanger covers. Sometimes I was greeted with the request to pick up dropped stitches.

Dorothy loved her garden, and it was a great pleasure to walk round it to admire the flowers and learn their names, and I often went home with plants for my own garden.

I missed them both when they moved. I kept in touch, and visited them once, and wasn't surprised to see their new garden was full of flowers.

Thank you Dorothy for the pleasure you gave me.

Joyce Dowsett

READINGS FOR MARCH 2008

Sunday, 2nd March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP - AD)
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (AD) with Holy Baptism
1 Samuel 1:20-28*
Luke 2:33-35*

Sunday, 9th March Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP - AD)
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (President: AD: Preacher
Karen Gorham)
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
(John 11:1-45)

Sunday, 16th March Palm Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (AD)
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (AD)
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66**

Thursday, 20th March: Maundy Thursday

8.00 p.m. The Lord's Supper (AD)
Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
(John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

Friday, 21st March: Good Friday

10.00 a.m. Family Service (AD)
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2.00 p.m. The Last Hour (AD)
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 10:16-25
(John 18:1-19:42)

Sunday, 22nd March Easter Eve

11.30 a.m. Easter Liturgy (AD)
Genesis 1:1-2:4
Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20,21
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Romans 6:3-11
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, 23rd March Easter Day (Easter 1)

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (AD)
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

Sunday, 30th March Easter 2

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (AD)
10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (AD)
Acts 2:14, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



LUNCH CLUB

Have you thought of joining the happy band who meet monthly [usually the 3rd Sunday at noon] at The Terriers for lunch? It is very informal, good food and we are a cheerful bunch. More details from Keith Gordon.

PRAYING THE PARISH

Among members of our congregation in particular need we pray for:

Mary & Joyce Bennett, Gaynor Chambers, Eileen Chapman, Sheila Charlton, Linda Courtney, Ida Davies, Barbara Holloway, Val Jones, Elizabeth Lampson, Gwen Liverpool, Hazel Noakes, Jean Pooley, Honey Tyllyer, Jill White, Adam Whitlock, Diane Young and her family.

Among others for whom our prayers have been asked:

Vince Amer, Michael Bailey, Pat Baldock, Wendy Brown, Christopher Browne, Jenny Butterfield, Roy Coombe, Rachel Crampton, Norman Critchell, John Edmonds-Seal, Stuart Evans, Jen Fazackerly, Nikki Ferguson, Julie Free, Phyllis Fudge, Michael Fudge, Adam Gill, Norah Glennon, Katherine Harrison, Olive Harvey and her family, Brian L'Anson, Peter Kerwod, Patrick McNally, John Maybury, Bettina Michels and her family, Rhiannon Nicholls, Angela Norton, Marie Norton, Paresh Pankhania, Robert Phillis, Marcia Powell, Jan Relf, Billy Rolls, Reginald Simmons, Irene Solomon, Ann Stephenson, Jo Streeter, Rhiannon Streeter.



DATES FOR THE DIARY MARCH 2008

INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING

15 March at the Church Centre, Flackwell Heath, 10am-4pm
£18, early booking essential, bring your own lunch.

For more details contact the Vicar, Rev Chris Bull, 9 Chapel
Road, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe. HP10 9AA

This course is designed for those beginning to preach

Tutor: The Rev Dr Keith Beech Grúneberg
Diocesan Director of Studies

CONTEMPLATIVE FIRE

Saturday 1 March, St Andrew, Holborn, 10 for 10.15am, a
walk to St Paul's [whatever the weather], 'Hidden in the City',
the pilgrimage will conclude at 2pm

For more details: www.contemplativefire.org

LENT PROJECT 2008

R-U-SAFE?

We have collected approx £130 so far for this year's Lent Project.
Michelle Kukielka's talk during Parish Communion on 10 February
was a real inspiration for us to continue with our fund raising. The
tragic cases she highlighted during her talk were a real eye-opener,
especially those of us with daughters or granddaughters between
the ages of 11-17.

Eileen Chapman

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2008

Dates for your Diary

The diary is also available on the parish website

www.terrierschurch.org.uk

where it is regularly updated with additions and changes

Saturday, 1st March

PCC Team Building Day (Abingdon URC)

Sunday, 2nd March – Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion (all-age
Service)

Tuesday, 4th March

8.00 p.m. - Julian Meeting

Wednesday, 5th March

10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP)

1.30 p.m. – Skylarks

8.00 p.m. – Lent Group (55 Kingston Road)

Thursday, 6th March

10.30 a.m. – Lent Group (32 Amersham Road)

8.00 p.m. – Lent Group (72 Totteridge Drive)

Friday, 7th March (*Women's World Day of Prayer*)

8.30 p.m. Meditation "The pattern of the cross" and Night Prayer

Details of WWDP events published separately

Saturday, 8th March

7.30 p.m. Chiltern Camerata Concert

Sunday, 9th March – Lent 5

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion

*Preacher: The Ven. Karen Gorham, Archdeacon
of Buckingham*

****DEADLINE FOR APRIL MAGAZINE****

Wednesday, 12th March

10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP)

1.30 p.m. – Skylarks

Thursday, 13th March

10.30 a.m. – Lent Group (32 Amersham Road)

8.00 p.m. – Lent Group (72 Totteridge Drive)

Friday, 14th March

8.30 p.m. Meditation “The triumph of the
cross” & Night Prayer

Sunday, 16th March – Palm Sunday

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. – Procession of Palms and Parish
Communion

12.00 noon – Lunch Club

**Monday, 17th March – Monday in Holy
Week**

8.00 p.m. – House Communion

**Tuesday, 18th March – Tuesday in Holy
Week**

8.00 p.m. – House Communion

**Wednesday, 19th March – Wednesday in
Holy Week**

10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP)

1.30 p.m. – Skylarks

8.00 p.m. – House Communion

Thursday 20th March—Maundy Thursday

7.00pm—The Lord's Supper and Watch [until midnight]

Those planning to be present for the supper are asked to book beforehand, so that we have numbers for catering

Friday 21st March—Good Friday

10.00am—Family Service

Including the decoration of the Easter Garden

2.00pm—The Last Hour

A service of prayer and reflection at the foot of the cross

Saturday, 22nd March – Holy Saturday

11.00 p.m. – Easter Liturgy

Bonfire and candle-light accompany the story of our salvation

Sunday, 23rd March – Easter Day (Easter 1)

10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion for all ages

Including prayers at the Easter Garden

Monday, 24th March - Monday in Easter Week

10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Tuesday, 25th March – Tuesday in Easter Week

8.00 p.m. – Holy Communion

Wednesday, 26th March – Wednesday in Easter Week

10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP)

1.30 p.m. – Skylarks

Thursday, 27th March – Thursday in Easter Week

8.00 p.m. – Holy Communion

Friday, 28th March – Friday in Easter Week

7.00 p.m. – Holy Communion

Saturday, 29th March – Saturday in Easter Week

9.30 a.m. – Holy Communion

Sunday, 30th March – Easter 2

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion

**Monday, 31st March – The Annunciation of our Lord to
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8.00 p.m. – Parish Communion

On Wednesdays in March we celebrate:

Gregory the Great (12th)

A little gem from St Anne's Lutheran Church

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,
to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen

St Ambrose of Milan [AD 339-397]

MONEY MATTERS

Gift Day Results

Readers will recall that a Gift Day was held last Autumn to raise awareness regarding the Church accounts, of how expenditure was exceeding income, and the need to encourage tax-efficient giving.

With thanks to Mary Phipps for the work which she has undertaken in co-ordinating gift aided contributions, I am now able to publish the results.

The total annual increase now stand at just over **£3300**, or nearly **£4000** including Gift Aid at the new tax rate for '08/09.

This is an excellent result and I would like to thank all those who have increased their giving as well as those who have just started tax efficient giving – as you will see from the above, this form of giving really does make a difference.

Mick Relf

The Children's Society Box Collection 2007

The total collected this year is £672 [with one box still to be returned] from a total of 19 contributors including one shop counter box and Skylarks, many thanks to you all. If anyone else would like a box for 2008 please let me know.

Terry Dean
Local Secretary





PAUSE FOR THOUGHT FOR EASTER

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

NIV John 3:16

LENT COURSE
'The Lord's Prayer'
Praying it, Meaning it, Living it

The Lent groups have had a successful start, so successful, in fact, that we have had to put in an extra group this year, so the new line-up is as follows:

Wednesday evenings at Jim & Lyn Carey's home, 55 Kingston Road [tel: 533500] at 8pm led by Val Jones.

Thursday evenings, 8.00pm at 72 Totteridge Drive led by Val Evans tel: 531023.

Thursday mornings, 10.30am at Stoneways, 32 Amersham Road, [Dennis and Jean Mayger tel: 523372] led by Eileen Chapman.

The last three meetings are on 27 February and 5 & 12 March. Even though the series has started, newcomers will be made very welcome. At the time of going to press, all three groups had made a good, solid, enthusiastic start.

This will be the fifth York Course we have followed, and those taking part in previous years have found the courses very stimulating both from the subject matter and the discussion it provokes.

Val Evans

LIGHTHOUSE 2008

The dates for Lighthouse 2008 are Monday 28 July to Friday
1st August.

It's never too early to start collecting:

1. Clear lids of the pump-type toothpaste or spray deodorant
2. Rounded tops of roll-on deodorant (coloured or clear)
3. Plastic microwave pudding bowls (individual size i.e. very small)
4. Ferrero Rocher clear plastic chocolate boxes.

Many thanks

RICHARD PETERS

On behalf of Lighthouse Administration Team

To Make You Groan...

Heard about the circus manager who had a troupe of Northern
Spanish acrobats?

He took them on tour to New York where they stayed at a very
posh hotel. The performers were fascinated by the revolving front
door. So much so that they whizzed round and round in it until they
became dizzy and disorientated--and didn't stop until they all
whooshed out into the street and were tragically and terminally run
over by a bus.

The manager learned a very important lesson: Don't put all your
Basques in one exit....

*[With thanks (?) to Grove Books for that one,
see www.grovebooks.co.uk]*

The Church of All Saints, Blackheath

I was most interested to read Roy Morris's memories of my aunt's church in the February magazine. I was an 'occasional regular' there from the 1960s to the 1990s when visiting my aunt and it was certainly a different place from that he describes in the 1950s.

My aunt wrote a short history and guide to the church in 1989 and this shed light on things. It appears that the vicar appointed in 1954 was not a success and during that time the church seems to have been rather inward-looking and autocratic, with the church buildings closed during the day. In 1959 the vicar and both churchwardens resigned and under a new regime the church was transformed so that in 1960 the number of communicants doubled. As for lack of refreshments after the services, apparently the hall had been requisitioned by the London County Council in 1946 and was not returned to the church until 1955 when it had to be redecorated. There were certainly refreshments there after the main Sunday services when I knew it.

The vicar from 1972 until his untimely death in 1981 was Canon Stanley Ashby, an experienced traveller who led several parish pilgrimages. I took part in two of these, to the Holy Land in 1977 and to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 1980. The latter included a visit to Italy before the play. Our party stayed at the same hotel in Riva del Garda as another pilgrimage group who were on a similar tour 'in reverse', having seen the play first. We overlapped by only a few days, but I have got to know one member of that other group quite well in the succeeding years—we married in 1981.

Tim Edmunds

[I've really enjoyed the history of All Saints, Blackheath. Does anyone else have a church history to share with us all? Please get in touch! Editor]

CCOW EVENTS March 2008

1st March - READING - Day of Prayer for Cuba

Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Latin Link and others invite you to share in an afternoon of prayer for Cuba. *14:00 till 17:00. Latin Link, Reading, 87 London Street.*

2nd March - OXFORD - Misa Campesina

The annual singing of the Nicaraguan folk mass. *11:15. Blackfriars Church, St Giles.*

8th March - LONDON - Global Day of Prayer for Burma

Join the Global Day of Prayer for Burma by attending a UK event in London, sponsored by Christian Solidarity Worldwide, or holding an event locally. Information available at <http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=event&id=6&search=> or from 0845 456 5464. *10:00 till 4:00, Emmanuel Centre, London, 9 - 23 Marsham Street SW1P 3DW.*

10th March - OXFORD - The Changing Demographics of World Christianity: Implications for the North and South

Lunchtime lecture by Todd Johnson, Research Fellow in the Study of Global Christianity and Director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGC) at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The speaker will present the latest projections of Christian adherents for the period 1910-2010 along with the new concept of a statistical centre of gravity of Christianity and its implications for Christians, North and South. *12:00 till 1:30. Conference Hall, CMS, Watlington Road, Oxford.*

11 March - OXFORDSHIRE (Venue to be confirmed) - Churches Together in Oxfordshire AGM, with talk on HIV and AIDS.

Speakers to include Agnes Kalungubanda (Terrence Higgins Trust). *Talk, 7:30 to 8:30 pm, with AGM to follow. Information from : bjg1@waitrose.com*

Continued...

13th March - NEWBURY -- "Hope for Planet Earth"

How can Christians live faithfully in the age of climate change? Part of a national tour sponsored by A Rocha, John Ray Initiative, Share Jesus International, Tearfund and others. Tickets from www.hopeforplanetearth/. 7:00 pm, Park House School, Newbury.

15 March - THAME - Musical evening in support of Christian Aid and CAFOD

Jazz, folk and alternative music in aid of Christian Aid and CAFOD. Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the door. 7:30pm, Thame Barns Centre, Church Road.

18th March - OXFORD - 'Introducing the human development and capability approach' [to development issues] Lecture by Dr Severine Deneulin (Lecturer in Economics and International Development, University of Bath) 11:00 till 12:30. Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Woodstock Road, Oxford.

29 March - OXFORD -- Caring for Creation. All Faiths for Peace, Justice and Sustainability. An Inter-Faith conference with workshops, discussions and more. Speakers include: Dr. Edward Echlin, Michael Meacher MP, Carol Naughton and Mark Dowd. Workshops, Interfaith panel, music, stalls. All welcome; admission free (donations welcome). Sponsored jointly by Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Christian Ecology Link, Fellowship of Reconciliation and Pax Christi.

Information: <http://www.ccnd.gn.apc.org/> 10:30 am to 5:00 pm, Oxford Town Hall, St. Aldate's.

CHURCH FLOWERS

May I suggest that if members of the congregation would like to donate money for the flowers, perhaps annually, a gift in memory of a loved one, a birthday, a special anniversary—would be most welcome in order that we may continue to have flowers to enhance our church.

Gifts can be left in my pigeon hole, or [preferably] to me directly.

With thanks.

Mollie Braisher

And finally...

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve...

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do great things...

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy...

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men...

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life...

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for...

But everything that I hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered...

I am among all men most richly blessed. Amen.

Found in the clothing of an unknown dead American Civil war soldier

Source: the Prayer Book of the Lutheran Church in the US,
Another gem from St Anne's

Accessibility at Terriers Church

Sidesmen are on duty at the main church services to welcome you.

Please ask for assistance if you need it.



There is a car park at the church. Although no designated disabled parking spaces are available, those with accessibility difficulties are welcome to park in the area adjacent to the church doors.



Access is down steps. A lift is available at the left-hand entrance.



There is a hearing loop in church.



A large-print version of the service book is available.



The toilet in church is reached only via steep stairs. A disabled toilet is normally available in the church hall

