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WORSHIP AT THE ABBEY

Sunday 3 rd	Third Sunday of Lent	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
Thursday 7 th	MU Corporate	Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Sunday 10 th	Mothering Sunday	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
Thursday 14 th		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Sunday 17 th	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
	Deanery Lenten Choral	Evensong	6.30pm
Thursday 21 st		Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
Sunday 24 th	Palm Sunday	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am
Monday 25 th		Holy Communion BCP	6.30pm
Tuesday 26 th		Holy Communion BCP	6.30pm
Wed 'day 27 th		Holy Communion BCP	6.30pm
Thursday 28 th	Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion BCP	10.00am
		Sung Eucharist CW	8.00pm
Friday 29 th	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12 noon
		Meditation for Good Friday	1.00pm
		Good Friday Liturgy (Choral)	2.00pm
Saturday 30 th	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter	8.30pm
NB 30 th /31 st	<i>Summertime begins.</i>		
Sunday 31 st	EASTER DAY	Sung Eucharist CW	11.00am

Deanery Lent Study Course: 7.00pm at Edenham Retreat House
on 29th February and 7th, 14th, 21st March

Deanery Lenten Evensongs: 3rd March at Old Somerby; 10th March at Edenham
17th March at Bourne; 24th March at Morton

Churches Together Lent Lunches: St Gilbert's RC Church at 12.30

26th February, 4th, 11th, 18th March

The Abbey is open daily during the hours of daylight for visitors and private prayer.

We welcome the names of those who are ill or awaiting an operation so that prayers may be offered for them. We also continue to welcome the names of loved ones departed to be inscribed in the Abbey's Book of Remembrance. Contact Churchwarden Jennifer Maclean.

THE (about to be) VICAR WRITES

Dear Friends in Christ,

It feels a little odd to be writing my first letter to you as Vicar of Bourne when I have yet to be licensed into that office. However, the demands of print deadlines mean that I have no choice. In reality, I am writing this letter just as we enter the liturgical season of Lent, just as many people are beginning to wonder about how they might honour the traditional call to fasting, prayer and service.

Lent is a time of preparation. On the Feast of Candlemas we shifted our focus from the manger to the cross. Having given and received gifts in honour of Christ's birth we have dismantled the trappings of Christmas, we have burnt our palm crosses and we have begun the challenging journey that will reach its climax in the crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour and his glorious resurrection from the dead. In some churches, the journey between the two ends of Jesus' earthly life are marked in the way the Christmas tree is stripped of its baubles and branches and turned into a cross, a cross which stands in plain sight until our celebrations at the end of the Easter season on the Feast of Pentecost.



This year, as in previous years, we are all called to join together in the pilgrimage of Lent in order that we might come into the light of the resurrection strengthened in our faith and ready to face the challenges of the Christian life in an increasingly secular world. During Lent we are invited to respond to Jesus' call to, *'Follow me.'* It was in response to those two words that we saw the first disciples set out on an adventure that would change the lives of all, for the whole of time.

As well as our regular services in the parish, there will be other opportunities to gather in fellowship and prayer. Every Sunday evening church communities from across the Deanery will gather together in worship. Every Thursday evening Christians from across the Deanery will gather together to explore the meaning and the impact of scripture in our Lent study course. Then, during Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday (24th March), there will be daily services facilitating our journeying with Christ from the hosannas of the crowd to the frightful shouts of 'Crucify' from the baying mob, and finally to the intense joy of the moment when we can acclaim Christ as our risen and all-conquering Lord and Saviour.

As I begin my journey amongst you, I pray that we might journey together in prayer, in scripture, in service and in Christian love. We all know the challenges that face parish churches throughout the land. However, I would say that that is not where we should be setting our minds. Instead, I pray that we might go forward together in faith, comforting and encouraging one another as we respond to Christ's call to follow him in joy, humility and excitement.

With every blessing to you all,

Fr Stephen

Churchwarden's Chat

At the time of writing, the Institution and Induction of the Reverend Stephen Buckman as Vicar of the benefice of Bourne (as the order of service reads) is due to take place at the Abbey on 27 February. We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Nicholas, Archdeacon Justine and guests from far and wide to the service and refreshments afterwards.

Following the announcement of Fr. Stephen's appointment in January, I was asked more than once whether this meant that the Abbey's Sunday service would revert to a 10 o'clock start. The short answer is 'no'. Let me explain.

While we are very fortunate that the benefice of Bourne is still a single parish, the number of stipendiary priests in the Beltisloe Local Mission Partnership [LMP] (formerly known as the Deanery) has not changed; there are only three. They, with the assistance of retired clergy with permission to officiate and self-supporting clergy, have over 30 parishes to which to minister. The only way that Eucharistic services can be provided across the LMP on a Sunday is for there to be common service start times across the Deanery (9.00 am, 11.00am, 3.00pm or 6.00pm).

This allows clergy a short time after the service to chat over coffee with their first congregation before jumping into their cars to travel to the next service, usually some miles away, to celebrate a second time and have a short time after that service to chat over coffee with their second congregation before jumping into their cars You get the general idea.



We therefore need to accept the fact that while we have a Vicar, his ministry will inevitably involve celebrating in other parishes from time to time, not least as he is also currently both the Rural Dean for the Beltisloe LMP and South Kesteven Deanery Partnership Dean.

Looking at the wider picture in the LMP, the lack of stipendiary clergy means that non-Eucharistic services are having to be led by Readers and authorised lay ministers (ALM's), as this is the only way in which worship can be provided in many parishes/ benefices at all.

While this may be different from what we have become used to, it also offers opportunity. Are you willing to support your parish and grasp the nettle?

Jennifer Maclean



FROM THE ABBEY'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MARCH

2nd Thomas Young : Robert Kitchener : 3rd Pauline Cummings
5th Colin Blackman : Kevin O'Dell : 6th Mavis Hill : Peter Oakley
7th Eileen Smith : Claude Rolt : Alan Shaw : Sharon Spooner
8th Thelma Keefe
9th Andrew Bridle : Harold Bloodworth (but shown in Book as 10th)
10th Joseph Revill : Leslie Sutton, 11th Geoffrey Grummitt
12th Tracey Watson : 13th Megan Lewis : Reginald Tabor : Wilfred Bond
14th Frank Woodman : Frances Newman : Margaret Warner
17th Herbert McMaster : 18th Doris Lewis : Ritson Savage
19th Ada Glenn : Alan Rowland : Pearl Roberts : Rev Deacon Joseph Rogan
22nd Frank Allen : 23rd John Steel : Ralph Baker : David Jehu
24th Michael Payne : 26th Irene Pulham
27th Roy Kelby : Peggy Morrison : Sheila Shipley : Christopher Charles Moxley Janet Sauter : 28th Vera Marvin : 29th Susan Heather
30th Molly Dawson : Mary Hercock : 31st Hilda Fisher

OUR MAD LIFE : BISHOP HALL SPEERS WRITES FROM MADAGASCAR



I am still attempting to retire. I now have gone as far as making a public announcement and stating the date, 17th March, for my last service. I did this at a national service in the cathedral in the capital on 21st January.

The service was a “Time of Prayer, Praise and asking Blessing on the Year 2024” attended by all the bishops and other church officials.

Here one attempts to wish everyone a happy new year on first meeting in the year, regardless of when that might be. Children hope for small presents from parents at Christmas but the really big event is the family coming together to offer parents gifts in the New Year. As such I have been embarrassed by many kind people giving their “Father in God” New Year gifts. These have included a new pair of leather sandals and a miniature village in a bottle and many envelopes with money. (Whatever happened to all those ships in bottles I remember from my childhood?)

Given the weather, as it is the rainy season and many of the roads, such as they are, have been washed away in places, I have decided, at eye-watering expense, to take to the air with the help of Mission Aviation Fellowship. On the 16th February I shall fly to the far south of the diocese for a Confirmation and the opening of a new rectory on the Sunday and fly back to Antananarivo on the Monday. Confirmations have been booked at four other churches as well. I am still awaiting a decision about my travelling arrangements for the dedication of the new church at Ambario. Will it be by dugout canoe or ox-cart?

I overheard one of the clergy say, “The Bishop is on his final sprint!” The reality is that my capacity for sprinting has long since disappeared and I just pray for energy to keep going and inspiration to say something worth hearing...

But don’t feel sorry for me. Here I am enjoying blazing sunshine, enthusiastic singing at every turn, organic food and sights that your travel agent would want thousands of pounds to arrange.

Love and prayers to you all from Madagascar,
+Hall

SMILE LINE Lenora, 95-years-old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: “Every one of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I’m afraid they’re all wondering where I went!”

‘As I stood among the crowd at Old Trafford, I had one wish: that one day the singing in our churches could be as uninhibited, as passionate and as whole-hearted. I longed for congregations to be as fervent in their song as these football fans were in theirs.’

Our Director of Music, John Saunders, was struck by these words in a recent article in the ‘Church Times’. The writer wondered whether, unlike the football fans, the church has forgotten how to sing. Churchgoers are losing their confidence and losing their voice.

Yet, throughout the history of salvation, song has been the way praise is expressed. Moses, Miriam, Mary, Simeon, the psalmists and the very hosts of heaven burst into song as a response to the wonder of God’s presence.

In the early Church, songs and psalms were to be sung together. The psalms were the voice of the Church and the congregation was the choir. For the first 200 years or so, it is likely everyone sang – men, women, children, believers and the non-believers on the fringes of faith. – all singing with one purpose, to praise God.

Now, notes the writer, we do not sing ‘with one voice’. The Church is all divisions and factions, trying to be a ‘communion’ but sadly we cannot even sing together with one voice, let alone share in one bread. We have become so specialised, so bespoke, but with so many songs it is difficult to find a song in common. The best experience the writer found was at the Taizé community. ‘The chants, shaped by the scriptures and the simple liturgies holding the silence together, bound me in a community made up of people made up of every continent – a sign and symbol of the universal Church.’ What, she asks, could the Church if we all sang the same song?

Her solution? ‘Perhaps the Church needs to go back to basics: the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs of our faith and sing them over and over again until those words are engraved on our hearts. We need to keep on singing these songs until what we sing with our lips, we believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we show forth in our lives.’

What do you think?

The January ‘Church Times’ article is by Canon Victoria Johnson and is an extract from her book ‘On Voice: Speech, song, silence, human and divine’ which is to be published next month by Darton, Longman and Todd at £14.99.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

*O think not scorn of those poor men.
Hadst thou been in the Garden then,
And vigil told with them to keep,
Would'st thou have watched while they did sleep?*

*Although it was not given to thee
To watch in sad Gethsemane,
Yet hour by hour in ev'ry day
He bids thee watch, He bids thee pray.*

Most of the towns in Lincolnshire offer a variety of places of worship for the local Christian. You can find a Salvation Army citadel, a Methodist, Baptist or United Reformed Church chapel in Grantham, Sleaford, Bourne and Spalding; and then look at Stamford, with all the above as well as its multiple medieval churches (and one 20th century one) spanning the gamut of the Church of England's traditions.

I grew up an Evangelical in Stamford. Had I disliked that form of worship in the Established Church, there were also good Anglo-Catholic and middle-of-the-road Anglican communities in the town with whom I could have felt more at home. And however they worshipped, at their roots all the Christians had a unifying principle. But I stuck with what I knew... until I didn't.

For nearly 30 years – from the early '90s to the first re-openings of the pandemic lockdowns - I steered clear of church membership. And yet... I had been in the church youth group in the late '60s and early '70s; I had been a member of the PCC during the late '70s and '80s, and then for some years its secretary. I had even felt called to ordination, but the then Bishop of Grantham wisely put goals – or were they obstacles? – in my path, which forced me to take a closer look at my faith; and then that door dramatically closed for me, bringing career uncertainty and sowing the seeds of my marriage breakdown.

Fast-forward to Maundy Thursday 2023, the evening Eucharist and the vigil. Church ritual, because of my upbringing, has always been a bit of a turn-off for me, and many customs of the Church's year in Bourne Abbey, where I "landed", feel very foreign. Why do the people do this and say that? What is the point of such-and-such a ritual, and why did this church feel so different to the one in which I grew up – and yet somehow so similar?

So I joined in the procession at the end of the Eucharist amid my usual mixture of scepticism, reluctance and sense of duty, sitting down in the south aisle and waiting for the vigil to start. The servers flickered to and fro in the chancel, clearing up; most of the lights went out; the Vicar re-appeared and read the Bible passages, giving us minutes of silence in which to meditate on the aftermath of the Last Supper.

I shut my eyes, as there was nothing better I could do – there was very little light, and no Bible in front of me in which to follow the readings; but then I knew the story anyway. How many times had I heard it since my childhood? There was no singing. There was even no clearing of throats. There was virtually no sound at all in the whole building – just a faint indication of light road traffic on the A15 and a few passers-by outside, and the odd creak which comes inevitably from a 900-year-old place of worship.

And so the story unfolded, of Jesus with the disciples in the garden. He went away to pray; he came back to find his companions sleeping; he went away to pray again, and they were still asleep when he returned. Well, after all, it was getting on in the evening; they had eaten and then walked from the upper room to Gethsemane. They weren't quite sure what was going on – what else were they likely to do but relax and doze off?

The shorter vigil ended; and some of the people (including me) got up to leave. The person I had sat next to told me that I had looked as if I was dropping off. And then, although the basic symbolism had been pointed out earlier in the service, the reality of it came home to me: I had taken the bread and wine; had sung a hymn; had moved from the place where I had been; had sat in silence (the silence was crucial), not really knowing what to expect next – and had I nearly fallen asleep?

'Discipulus'



Margaret's Page

I had a lovely day out on Monday of this week. It was one of those very rare days when the sun was shining and the sky was a perfect blue. I desperately needed something to cheer me up so I decided to head for Rutland Water to see if I could find the new garden centre which people had told me about. I stopped at Morrison's for petrol and a small amount of shopping and was delighted to find how much it had improved since I last went there. They have reinstalled the deli counter where I used to be able to buy my favourite sliced ham and made many other improvements.

I drove on towards Rutland Water and turned off near Empingham along the north bank of the reservoir going via Normanton to Manton where I was told I would find Manton Garden Centre. I discovered it is actually called Rutland Nursery and the car park alone is very impressive. I went first into the gift shop and was very impressed by the unusual selection of gifts, completely different from those sold by most garden centres and very tempting, but unfortunately rather expensive. I enjoyed browsing and imagining what I might buy for special friends for their birthdays later in the year.

I then went into the restaurant and, under my breath, said the word that irritates me to death when I watch 'Escape to the Country' on television – "Wow!" I have never seen anything like it – I had been transported to an exotic Oriental palace with huge windows looking out onto the most perfect view of Rutland Water. There was one big drawback – I had to wait in a queue to be shown to a table. Luckily the queue was short but it was much too near the door and I was glad it wasn't raining as I would have been standing in the rain. The menu was rather limited but I enjoyed my jacket potato and the service was excellent.

There were two large greenhouses to look round but very few of the outdoor plants usually found in garden centres and I would certainly not go there for bedding plants. I bought very little but I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and I would certainly recommend a trip there, simply for the experience of seeing somewhere absolutely unique.



I never tire of the journey along the banks of Rutland Water and, amazingly, the sun was still shining as I drove home in the afternoon. I had an additional scenic journey as I drove through Ryhall on my way home. The fields beside the road were badly flooded and there were numerous blue lagoons looking beautiful as I drove past. I even saw a heron standing hopefully beside one of them. I can't imagine he caught many fish in it but I enjoyed seeing him.

Margaret Shephard

THE VICTOR BOSELEY SHIELD

Anyone interested in the history of Bourne would find a visit to the Heritage Centre fascinating. One of the many articles to be found there is the Victor Boseley Shield.

Victor was a Bourne boy who emigrated to Australia in 1912 at the age of 17 and became an Australian citizen. When war broke out in 1914, he volunteered for the army. He was posted back to Britain for further training and went on to serve in Belgium. Victor was tragically killed at Passchendaele on 4 October 1917 when he was 21 years old.



His mother was determined that he should be remembered. Because Victor had been a keen footballer, she donated a magnificent shield to be played for by boys under the age of sixteen in the Bourne area. The Victor Boseley Shield was launched and the first final was played on the Abbey lawn on 1 September 1921.

The competition proved very popular and the trophy was competed for every year, except for the years of the second World War, until 2000-01. I played in the competition in the 1949 – 50 season.

Victor was the great-uncle of Philip (Ben) Casey of Mill Drove who was a member of the organising committee. Ben still hopes that the competition will be revived in the future.

David Wynne



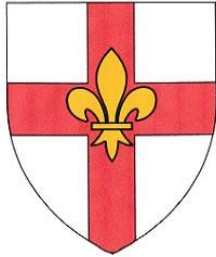

Crossword and quiz solutions (see page 14)

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Stye.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

Quiz

1 Apricot 2 Cabbage 3 Carrot 4 Swede 5 Pineapple 6 Chilli 7 Damson 8 Mango
9 Orange 10 Pomegranate 11 Pear 12 Melon 13 Lime 14 Kiwi 15 Sloe
16 Quince 17 French bean 18 Savoy 19 Brussels sprout 20 Mange-tout

<p>City of Lincoln</p> <p>WAITES</p>	
<p>Experience the sights, sounds and atmosphere of a mayor's band of the medieval and Tudor periods. See the instruments close up.</p>	
<p>BOURNE ABBEY Friday 22 March at 7.00pm</p>	<p>Tickets - Available on the door £10 (accompanied under 16's free) Interval refreshments.</p>

EASTER LILIES

Please forward names of those you wish to be commemorated with a lily in the Easter arrangements to Ann Northern 24 Fir Avenue, Bourne, PE10 9RY. Telephone Number 01778423353. by Sunday 10th March. Cost £5 per stem.



Payment options.: BACS -Bourne Parochial Church Council Sort Code 40-12-32 Account Number 63016307 Cheques payable to Bourne Parochial Church Council Flower Fund Cash to Ann Northern

Musings on life...

I'm taking care of my procrastination issues. Just you wait and see.

I hate it when I see an old person, and then realize we went to school together.

My boss calls me 'The Computer'. Nothing to do with intelligence; I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Friday 1 **World Day of Prayer Service** : 2pm Methodist Church

Saturday 2 **Nibble & Natter** : 10- 12noon Church Hall

Stalls to include Books, Raffle and Refreshments. Proceeds to Abbey Church Funds

Monday 4 **Julian Group** : 10 - 10.30 in the Choir Vestry

Prayer, music and meditation

Monday 4 **Lent Lunch** : 12.30 at St Gilbert's RC Church

Wednesday 6 **MU Meeting** : 2.15pm in the Church Hall

Meditation led by Sarah Speers. Please bring your Bible.

Thursday 7 **PCC Meeting** : 7pm in Church

Monday 11 **Lent Lunch** : 12.30 at St Gilbert's RC Church

Friday 15 **The Abbey at Home** 10 - 11.30am at 34 Arnhem Way

Christian fellowship with prayer

Monday 18 **Lent Lunch** : 12.30 at St Gilbert's RC Church

Friday 22 **Team Clean of Abbey**

Friday 22 **Concert by the Lincoln Waites** : 7pm in the Abbey

See advertisement on page opposite.

Sunday 24 **Beginning of Holy Week** Full details on page 2



THURSDAY 18 APRIL : Annual Parochial Church Meeting
in the Abbey at 7pm

From Eleanor Boss : 11 - 18 March TEARFUND ACTION ... BIG PLASTIC COUNT

Last year's count showed that 2 billion pieces of plastic are thrown away each year in the UK. How much do you throw away? To find how you can take part in the count, contact : campaign@tearfund.org

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — — ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12–13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
- 21 Sail (anag.) (4)
- 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
- 23 Eye sore (4)

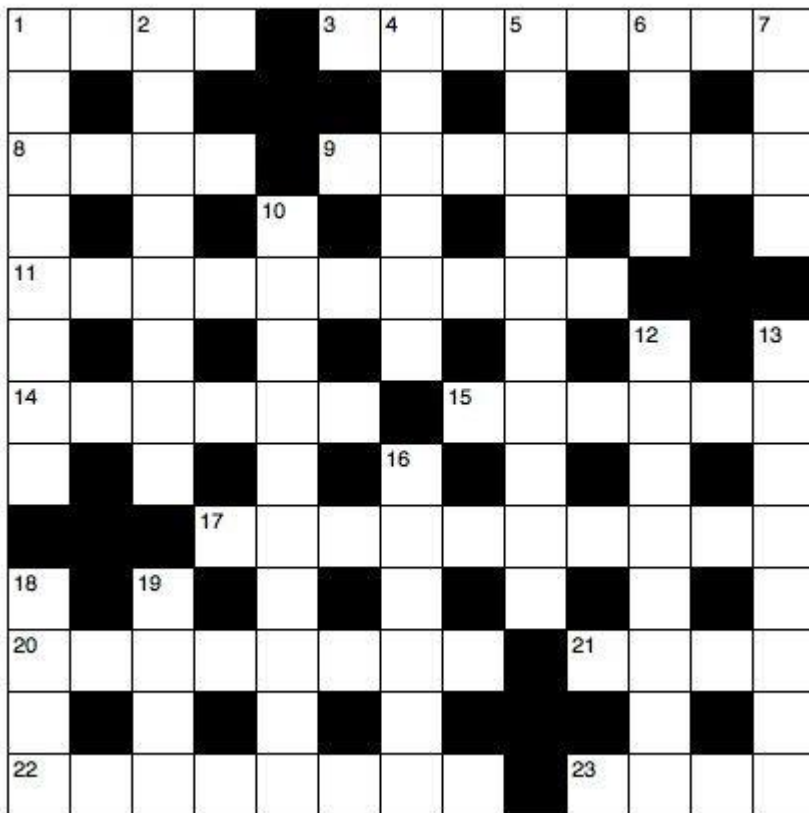
Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
- 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

TRAVEL COSTS

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."

"Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"



Margaret's Third Quiz – all answers are fruits or vegetables.

- 1 A baby's bed follows most of a month 2 A taxi getting old
 3 A vehicle going bad 4 A Scandinavian 5 Yearn for Granny Smith
 6 Something cold tastes hot. 7 Swear at offspring
 8 Masculine start 9 Mix red and yellow.
 10 Non-Australian + e + hard rock 11 Two
 12 A Spice Girl not off 13 Harry ----- Theme
 14 New Zealand bird 15 Not fast
 16 Character in 'Midsummer Night's Dream 17 Gallic legume
 18 Posh hotel in London
 19 Germinating bud from Belgium 20 French for eat all

Answers page 11



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Cover: Easter flowers on a 'trono', the religious displays carried through Spanish towns at festivals. 'The bell is rung once for the carriers to lift it onto their shoulders, then again to start walking. After 50 yards or so, it is rung a third time to stop and lower it onto its supports for a rest, as they are extremely heavy. This is repeated till they get back to the church having been all round the town.' Photo and explanation by Len Causton.