

# The Keston Magazine

News of your Parish and Village



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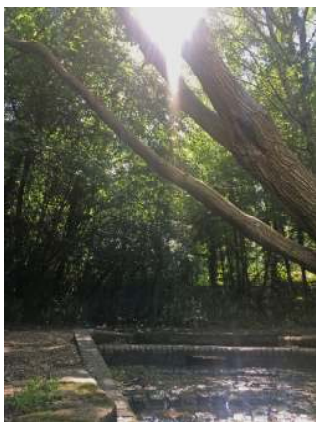
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We are God's handiwork, created ... to do good works, which  
God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians 2:10*

# Thought for the month

## Out on a limb!



I was walking on our wonderful Common recently with my 3 dogs – one of whom is quite slow now having reached 13½ – so I’m walking a bit slower. I have been taking the opportunity to notice more of what is around me and take some photos. One day I was observing the trees and the shapes of the branches and that saying came to me: ‘out on a limb’.

If you look it up in a dictionary, (or the internet), then you read: “If you were ‘out on a limb’ you would be in a precarious position, a weak or risky situation, vulnerable; isolated, stranded, segregated, set apart, cut off.” None of us would choose to be in this position, but occasionally circumstances call for it.

Sometimes in life circumstances cause us to need to go ‘out on a limb’ –

maybe to speak out over an injustice, to say something kind to someone just because they need to hear it, to make that phone call we feel prompted to make, or to come out of the closet, *so to speak*, about our deepest beliefs.

Some might say faith – our faith in God – is a personal, private thing, and that’s true, but faith isn’t meant to be only personal and private. The benefits faith gives us are things we are to share, when we are comforted we are to comfort others – with the love God shows us we are to love others. Sometimes we’re prompted to go ‘out on a limb’ to express or share what we believe.

In other parts of the world people are being persecuted or even killed for doing such a thing, even if it has led them simply to show love and kindness to others. We, thankfully, are free to speak about what we believe and to express a care for others inspired by faith.

If you take a walk through the beautiful trees and ferns, or take a stroll beside the ponds we are so blessed to live alongside, I wonder if a saying, a thought or a moment of inspiration will come to you. Nature has a way of ‘speaking’ to us, refreshing us and enhancing our wellbeing. You can borrow my prayer below if you want!

Rev’d Carol Morrison

God of the hills, give us strength.  
God of the skies, restore in us light and joy.  
God of the deep oceans, fill us with deep peace.  
God of all the earth, enfold us in love. Amen.



# Who's Your Deliverer?



On what turned out to be the very windy afternoon of Saturday 10th August, all deliverers of The Keston Magazine were invited to a Cream Tea in Keston Church Hall to say thank you. 38 people were able to come in the end, (including some partners), and enjoyed scones with jam and clotted cream as well as a selection of tempting cakes with a cup of tea. There was a short quiz about the magazine and the prize, a framed photo of Keston Ponds in the autumn, was won by David Cook and Pat Geiger who decided to donate it to be displayed in the church foyer. It was also an afternoon to celebrate the fact that we can deliver the magazine to every house in the parish – 1,200 households. Interestingly, there are 36 deliverers at the present time, of which 7 are men and 29 are women. Over the 27½ years that the magazine has had this circulation, incredibly about 198,000 magazines have been delivered. The person who currently delivers the most number of magazines, (96), each time is Martin Becker– well done!



## Donation Thanks

Thank you once again to all our readers who made donations towards the costs of The Keston Magazine so that it may continue. It's not too late to do so if you would still like to contribute. Donations of information, articles and photos are also welcome as a constant supply is needed.

# Blue Plaque Unveiled



## The Right to Believe

On 20<sup>th</sup> June a Blue Plaque on the old Keston School building on the Heathfield Road was unveiled to commemorate the work done there for religious freedom from 1972-1992. But what exactly was Keston College and how did it all start?

In 1959/60 the Rev'd Michael Bourdeaux studied Russian and Theology at Moscow University, and came to love the country and its people. Back home he graduated and was ordained, then, as a Curate in London in 1963 Michael received a document from Ukraine but not addressed to him, describing the persecution of the church in the Soviet Union under Khrushchev's Communist regime and appealing to the West to make the situation known to the world. He resolved to do what he could. A few months later his chance came when he visited Moscow again and saw the desecration of so many beautiful religious buildings. He noticed two old ladies peering through the fence surrounding the ruins of the church in



which he had previously worshipped, and spoke to them in Russian. They immediately indicated that he should follow them across the city to a friend's house. There they asked him why he had come. On hearing that he had received a letter appealing for help there was an astonished silence, then amid sobs of joy they said **they** had sent it, and had just journeyed 700 miles from Ukraine to try to make contact with someone from the Western world. "God has sent you to meet us. **Be Our Voice**", they begged him.

So began Michael's life mission. With a few like minded people, he managed to buy the old Primary School in Heathfield Road, which became Keston

College. At first concentrating on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, then spreading to China and South America, Michael and the other researchers, (who included Russians, Eastern Europeans and Americans), produced literature and gave lectures. Despite rumours of “Reds under the beds” around Keston, knowledge of the work spread worldwide. *Samizdat* (smuggled information) arrived regularly, the mailing list of supporters grew, the Newsletter “The Right to Believe” was sent out, and books and other literature poured forth. In 1984 Michael was awarded The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, the equivalent to the Nobel Prize in the religious sphere.

We rejoiced when Gorbachev became the Russian Leader and the Berlin wall came down in 1989, enabling the persecuted to be liberated. We all felt that Keston College had done much to overcome the cruel Communist regime, allowing so many the right to believe,

free at last to practise their faith openly. Keston College moved to Oxford and became The Keston Institute in 1992. On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019, as well as Rev’d Michael Bourdeaux, Joan Taylor and I, who had both worked at the College, witnessed the Mayor of Bromley unveiling the Blue Plaque commemorating the fact that a remarkable institute had been the HQ of Keston College, the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism in Heathfield Road from 1972-1992.

Jean Goldby

## Worst Countries for Persecution

Charity Open Doors works to monitor and help Christians who are persecuted worldwide. The top worst countries, in order are: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Sudan, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, India, Syria, Nigeria and Iraq. See [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org).

## The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 5:3-10*

# My Faith Journey

I was born in June 1938 at Twyford Lodge, now part of Central Middlesex Hospital, and was baptised at St Luke's Redcliffe Square, Chelsea on 14th August 1938. Until 1942 my parents and I lived on Fulham Road overlooking Stamford Bridge Stadium, moving to Tulse Hill into a house sharing with my grandparents. I attended the local Infants and Junior school and joined the Cubs.

During the blitz I was evacuated to Ynyshir in the Rhondda Valley returning to Tulse Hill.

In 1949 after passing the Eleven Plus I went to The Bec School where we were taught about the teachings of Christ and prayers were said at morning assemblies. I enjoyed sports playing rugby, cricket, swimming and athletics and also joined a cycling club.

On leaving school I was employed as a junior audit clerk with a west-end firm of Chartered Accountants until being called up for National Service. I was enlisted in The Queen's Royal Regiment in Guildford for training, then posted to Nicosia, Cyprus and then to Benghazi, Libya and finally to Bury St Edmunds.

In 1978, whilst a member of a squash club in Clapham I met my soulmate Eileen, and after about four years we were engaged to be married. We wanted to be married in church and found we liked the services at St James Clapham Park. The Reverend Canon

Vic Sheen agreed to marry us on 11th June 1983.

In May 1984 we were both Confirmed by Bishop Keith of Kingston and continued to attend the Sunday Holy Communion services until we moved in 1990 to Beckenham. We did go to St John's Eden Park but the services were not to our liking, so sadly we lapsed until we moved to Holwood and started to attend Keston Parish Church. In one of The Keston Magazines there was an invitation to couples to renew their

marriage vows on 12th February 2012 by the Rev'd David Springthorpe which we thought would be a nice thing to do. Since being part of the congregation we have found that we have been welcomed into "the family" and we are happy to take part in the functions of the church.

Whilst I have never been a devout Christian I

found the turning point was that in June 2018 a good friend of ours was taken seriously ill and was within two hours of death. We visited her over the three months she was in intensive care and prayed at her bedside and in church where prayers were said for her. Since discharge from hospital she is recovering and now is back at work, going to the gym and playing badminton!

I am now convinced that the power of prayer does work and each morning on waking up Eileen and I thank the Lord for another day together.

Tony Davies



# Obituary

Doris Davies 29/7/1921 - 24/8/2019



Doris was born the eldest of four girls and as a child lived in the Golf Course House in Magpie Hall Lane, her father was a professional golfer and in charge of the Golf Course. She attended the Bromley County Girl's Grammar School in Nightingale Lane, a road in which she later lived. After meeting and marrying Norman, they had two boys, John and Philip. When they were small she set up and ran a nursery for pre-school children in Bromley North for a number of years. Prior to moving to Keston, Doris had lived in Meopham and volunteered with Meals on Wheels, driving the van in all weathers.

Whilst in Keston she attended the Methodist Church, and together with Norman ran the U3A Art Group in Keston Village Hall, both morning and afternoon classes on a Friday, and they organised annual exhibitions. They were both good artists. Doris also had a talent for crosswords and poetry and was a keen gardener, which included growing vegetables.

Many will have seen her walking her dog Ben every day round Keston

Common. When the Ravensbourne Open Space was first opened to the public she wrote an article about it for The Keston Magazine, noting some of its points of interest. This was published in February 1989, with the monthly magazine priced at 25p just going to subscribers. The Nature Notes continued to the end of the year, but in 1992 she kindly agreed to resume writing and so began the Nature Diary of a Keston Lady soon after the magazine started to be delivered to every house in the parish free of charge. Doris's love of and detailed knowledge of nature was evident in the articles. She made a beautiful scrapbook of that first set of articles, surrounded by watercolour illustrations of the flora and fauna she had seen. She continued to write for the next 17 years and the articles proved to be extremely popular.

After nursing and then losing her husband, only a few years later Doris sadly lost both of her sons within the same year. She started attending Keston Parish Church after this in about 2009. Despite her great loss, Doris remained a very positive and thoughtful person. She also had a wonderful sense of humour and loved a good joke. Over the last six years she needed full time Carers because she had completely lost her sight due to glaucoma, but had three really wonderful Carers, all from South Africa, and this allowed her to remain in her home. It was a long life, well lived. Doris retained a strong faith to the end, and was ready to go home to the Lord. Rest in peace, dear Doris, we have been blessed by knowing you.

Sally Churchus

# Church Services

CW = Common Worship    H & W = With prayer for Healing & Wholeness

## 6th October

## Harvest Festival

10.00am

First Sunday Communion (*Shorter all age service*)

Your donations of money for Welcare in Bromley or non perishable food items for Bromley Borough Foodbank would be most welcome

## Wednesday 9th October

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

## 13th October

## 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am

Holy Communion (CW)

## 20th October

## 18th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am

Holy Communion (CW) H & W

## 27th October

## Last Sunday after Trinity

10.00am

Holy Communion (CW)

## 3rd November

## All Saints' Day

10.00am

First Sunday Communion (*Shorter all age service*)

3.00pm

Service for the Bereaved

## 10th November

## Remembrance Sunday

10.00am

Short non Communion service (CW)

10.30am

Meet at the Village Sign to walk to the War Memorial

10.55am

Prayers and observance of two minutes silence

## Wednesday 13th November

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

## 17th November

## 2nd Sunday before Advent

10.00am

Holy Communion (CW) H & W

## 24th November

## Christ the King – Sunday next before Advent

10.00am

Holy Communion (CW)

# From the Registers

## Weddings

31st August

Thomas Martin Coey & Hannah Kathleen Linnard

7th September

Ricky John Oliver Cronin & Nicola Karen Lombardi

## Funerals

12th August

Jean Elizabeth Anderson (aged 87 yrs)

## Interment of Ashes

20th July

Raymond Garwood (aged 90 yrs)

20th August

Helen Margaret Tegerdine (aged 65 yrs)

# Keston Village War Memorial Centenary



Saturday the 10th October 2020 will mark the centenary of the unveiling of the Keston Village War Memorial and the Keston Village Residents' Association (KVRA) has embarked on an ambitious and exciting project to commemorate this event. The project has four key work streams:

1. To hold an event to closely replicate the original unveiling ceremony followed by a social gathering at the Village Hall.
2. The restoration of the Memorial to remove copper staining and decolourisation of the stone fabric.
3. Installing an Information Board near to the Memorial which explains its history.
4. Installing a *'There But Not There'* silhouette in the vicinity of the Memorial adjacent to the information board.

The planned commemorative event at the Memorial will involve members of the church and local faith groups, the Armed Services and Cadet Units, the Royal British Legion, the Mayor and

Local Councillors, local schools and parishioners.

As the Memorial is Grade 2 listed and situated on a Site of Special Scientific Interest, plans for cleaning it are being drawn up with the support and guidance of The Friends of Keston Common and under the supervision of Bromley Council's Principal Conservation Officer. Help has been sought from the War Memorials Trust and Natural England who have provided additional guidance.

Students from Ravens Wood School have been invited to support the project and are designing the proposed information board. They presented a draft of their work at the KVRA AGM in June which was praised by residents and received very positive feedback.

The names of an additional 23 men associated with the parish who died while serving with the Armed Forces were discovered by Edward Williams and Peter Zieminski while researching their book *'For King & Country – Keston Parish and the Great War'*.

# War Commemoration Project by Peter Zieminski



The KVRA project aims to honour the sacrifice of these men by including an image bearing their names on the Information Board.

The final project work stream is to install a *'There But Not There'* silhouette in the vicinity of the Memorial adjacent to the Information Board. These metal silhouettes are of a British Infantry 'Tommy' bearing a poppy.

The above photograph shows a representative image of the proposed location for the silhouette, (which is transparent), and Information Board.

The Project will cost around £2,750 to complete and we are delighted to have already received donations totalling £1,200 from people who have heard about what is planned and £750 from Bromley Council specifically towards the cleaning costs. This leaves us around £750 to raise to complete the Project.

Every penny counts though, and if anyone would like to help and make a donation then this can be done by Bank Transfer marked up to the KVRA Account as 'War Memorial' to Sort Code 09-01-29 and Account Number 35321237, or by cheque made payable to 'KVRA' and 'War Memorial Fund' written on the reverse and sent or dropped off to 85, Heathfield Road, Keston, BR2 6BB.

Alternatively, for those who are on-line a 'Just Giving' page has been set up which can be used to make donations as well: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/peter-zieminski>

The KVRA hopes that the project provides a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for others in all wars and echoes the words of Laurence Binyon's famous poem *'For the Fallen'* ...

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.***

# Blooming Marvellous!

After several years of long distance holidays, my husband and I decided to have more time at home to spend in the garden. I also wanted to grow vegetables in the raised vegetable bed that we had built a couple of years ago but hadn't used to capacity due to being away a lot.

By coincidence in April Hilary Ryder of the Keston Village Residents' Association asked if residents could enter "Bromley in Bloom", sponsored by Coolings Garden Centre. She said it would be good if Keston was represented and I decided that it would be fun to enter. This was the start of an extremely busy few weeks for me! I had planted many perennials a couple of years ago so this was a start but we

## up to 10pm hoeing, deadheading and weeding

wanted more plus some bedding plants to add more colour all summer. Once they were in I spent many hours, some evenings up to 10pm, hoeing, deadheading and weeding to keep it looking good until the judges arrived in July. My husband kept the grass cut and helped with the watering during the hot



David Clapham on the left & Sue Myhre on the right

weather and kindly did more than his share of the cooking and washing up so that I could spend my time in the garden!

I entered the 'Best Front Garden' and 'Best Back Garden' categories. It was quite nerve wracking when the judges arrived – I had spent several hours that morning for last minute checking there were no weeds or deadheads! They were very complimentary but I then had to wait 2 weeks for the Awards Ceremony at Coolings to which all participants were invited. I was delighted when my name was announced for 3<sup>rd</sup> place for 'Best Back Garden' and then David Clapham was 'Highly Commended' for his 'Resident Environmentally Friendly Garden'. Not bad to have two winners in Keston Village!

Sue Myhre  
(More about David Clapham's meadow in another issue of the magazine).

# The Brubach Mystery by Chalkpit

## Part 1

From time to time whilst tending to the family grave in Keston Churchyard I have noticed the four names of those interred there have now eroded to be almost unreadable. However, this is not the case on a nearby headstone which has always intrigued me! The inscription reads as follows:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR MOTHER  
MATILDA SOPHIA CAROLINE BRUBACH  
AND HER FOUR SONS  
HARRY, OSCAR, GEORGE AND FRED  
WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION ON  
THE WESTERN FRONT 1914 -1918



During all of my extensive research of the parish I had not come across the name of Brubach, which has a distinct German

ring to it, so how was the family connected to Keston? It wasn't until researching *For King and Country – Keston and The Great War* with Peter Zieminski that we investigated whether there was some connection with the four brothers on this headstone and, if possible, uncover the Brubach mystery!

The best place to commence research was with the parents and this confirmed they were German. Valentine Brubach was born in 1835 at Rushesson in Germany – a Boot Maker by trade. He married Lina Bruch but she died in 1881 leaving Valentine a widower. He subsequently married Mathilde Sophia Caroline Banbagh who was born in

Hamburg in 1859 and the couple, for whatever reason, decided to leave their homeland and journey to England and make a new life in South East London. Valentine and Mathilde had eleven children – seven boys and four girls: WILLEMLIA (Minnie), HENRY, DOROTHEA (Dorothy), OSCAR, EMILY, GEORGE, FREDERICK, ALBERT, HANS (Jack), ELSIE and VALENTINE (Victor). To reveal the stories of the four sons killed in action on the Western Front was just a matter of accessing the Archives of the Commonwealth War Dead. It must have been a difficult decision to take up arms against what had been their parents' homeland and possibly to fight against relatives who had remained in Germany.

The first casualty was Oscar George Brubach, born in 1891 who, in later life had become a Carman. He enlisted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1909 into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment where he obtained the rank of Lance Corporal serving with the Special Remount Section of the Regiment. Oscar lost his life on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1915 aged 24 years.

He is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

George Brubach was born in London and his records show he enlisted at Lancaster, Lancashire into the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). George was killed in action on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 1916 and is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, The Somme. Soon to follow was Henry Augustus Brubach, Company Sergeant Major 1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales Own Civil Service Rifles). Henry was born in 1893 and on leaving school worked as a Clerk with the Inland Revenue. He lost his life in action on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916 and joins his brother on the Thiepval Memorial, The Somme.

The final son to be killed for King and Country was Frederick William Brubach, Private, Royal Army Medical Corps, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance. Frederick was born in 1894 and was one of the first to volunteer at Lewisham on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1914. He died at the very end of the war on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1918 and his name appears on the Perth Cemetery (China Wall).

To be continued

## Service for the Bereaved



We have all suffered losses in our lives and we need time and space to remember our loved ones and share precious memories of them. We also need an opportunity to let go of some of our grief. Once again this year we offer the chance to come together to do those things. Keston Parish Church is holding a Service of Remembrance for the Bereaved on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3pm, to which all are invited. There will be a short service of hymns and prayers with the chance to light a candle in memory of our loved ones and a list of their names will be read out. If you would like someone's name added to the list please email Tricia on [kestonconsult@btconnect.com](mailto:kestonconsult@btconnect.com). Afterwards we can share tea, cakes and company in the church hall.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Harvest Lunch

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm in Keston Church Hall. Tickets priced £16 available from Maureen Marshall Tel: 01689 857260

**Quiz Evening** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November – see advert on p18

**LIFT Evening** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Ladies meal out at The Crown

**Beat The Blues Coffee Morning** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at The Rectory

**60s Music Night** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January in Keston Church Hall

**Quiz Evening** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February in Keston Church Hall

# What I Do

As a member of Keston Parish Church, one of my roles in the church is being the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). What is that? I hear you cry! What does that job entail? A few years ago, a fellow church member decided to retire from the position of PSO. As nobody else wanted to take on the mantle I volunteered. At the time the job was to safely recruit volunteers and paid workers who would be working with vulnerable adults, young people and children. If a Criminal Record Check (CRB) needed to be done, one was applied for. Also, paperwork and policies were kept up to date from the Diocese. Nothing too arduous but sometimes time consuming.

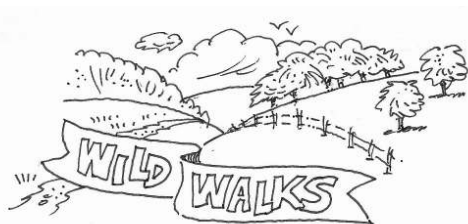
However, soon after I took up the position of the PSO things started to come to light in the wider church community of historical and current abuse. Suddenly, Safeguarding became the main topic and focus of every Diocese. Since then every church has an appointed PSO who co-ordinates and disseminates all the directives and information from the Diocese. I am that person! I haven't had any specific training to be a PSO but have completed all my Safeguarding training as required – four courses. As before, I safely recruit volunteers, this involves filling out forms and getting them trained in safeguarding matters and giving them a Safeguarding Pack with all the information needed to deal



with an incident. The Diocese runs the Safeguarding courses. The first two are completed online and the rest are delivered face to face by a trainer. I also obtain a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate, (formerly CRB), for leaders of the church and the leaders of the various activities that are run in church. I keep and update records of all volunteers and their training and DBS certificates (if needed). I also do Risk Assessments for activities and act as a 'Go To' person if there are any Safeguarding concerns. There is a Safeguarding Matters Board in the church which I keep updated with new policies and information that the public can look at. At our Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings I give regular Safeguarding updates from the Diocese or the church. I make sure that our church Safeguarding policy is updated, agreed and displayed on the notice board every year after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The job has changed considerably since I took it on and continues to grow and be updated by the Diocese. I do find satisfaction from the job knowing we are doing everything we can to make people safe, but also find it a huge responsibility too. I think it is very important that Safeguarding is taken seriously by all. People who come to church want to feel safe, comfortable and loved. We all need to look out for each other.

Heather Molnar, PSO



One of the many places at which I lived before arriving and settling in Keston was Strood in Kent – part of Rochester. At the Secondary Modern school, in my class, was a boy with the surname of Squirrel! His father, so rumour had it, was a policeman so we never really confided in him in case he told his dad of our, sometimes, dubious activities.

## Suddenly a head with ears pops up from the depths of the bin

Squirrels – as I write this they're everywhere. Cycling across the field of stubble recently under the flight-path of the airfield I observed a strange shape in the distance poking up above the stubble. It was about nine to ten inches tall and initially I took it to be a bird. As I got nearer it collapsed onto the ground and scampered into the undergrowth. It was a skinny little young squirrel, with its white tummy and its as yet underdeveloped tail. It must have wondered what strange animal was approaching!

In the early summer months when walking around the cornfield with the ears of corn just developing, I would come across little patches of husks of

corn in the grass verges where the little rascals had collected and eaten the good bits.

About a month ago I went, with a friend, to look at a camper van at Sutton. He was buying – not me. On the return trip we came towards West Wickham and he suggested stopping at the KFC at the roundabout before entering the High Street. I said “only chips for me”, and he toddled off and left me in the car at the rear of the premises. In front of me was a waste bin and on the ground was the remains of food etc. that hadn't reached it! “Oh dear”, I thought and while waiting decided to pop it in the bin. Aah – how good am I? Chum returns and we sit scoffing while looking ahead. Suddenly a head with ears pops up from the depths of the bin followed by a furry little body, and perches on the lip of the bin looking remarkably like Mr Punch and in his little mitts is a solitary chip which he proceeds to devour! Suddenly he's gone only to reappear time and time again with a succulent yellow chip in his little mitts. As the aperture of the bin was dark it served only to enhance the scene. Almost as if there were footlights.

I was going to do a drawing of it but I'm sure you'll be able to create a picture in your own mind.

Happy scampering!



Richard Geiger

# Some Common English Phrases that Originate from the Bible



***Nothing but skin and bones and By the skin of your teeth*** from Job 19:19-20 (NIV). All my intimate friends detest me; those I love have turned against me. I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.

***The Love of Money is the Root of All Evil*** from 1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV), is actually usually misquoted without the word love. “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

***The Powers that Be*** from Romans 13:1 (KJV). Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

***Rise and Shine*** from Isaiah 60:1(NIV). Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

***Eat, Drink and Be Merry*** from Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NKJV). So I commend enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him ...all the days of his life.

***Wit's End*** from Psalm 107:27 (NIV). They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wit's end.

***Wash your hands of the matter*** from Matthew 27:24 (NIV). When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man's blood” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

***Strait and Narrow*** from Matthew 7:14 (KJV). Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

***Broken Heart*** from Psalm 34:18 (NIV). The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

## WI News

Our upcoming meetings look to be interesting. In October Waitrose are giving a presentation. Of what?, who knows?! Do join us to find out. In November shhh, it's a secret, Met Police Special Branch VIP protection is Rod Leeming's topic. We meet at 2pm on the second Wednesday in the month in Keston Village Hall, Heathfield Road.

Shirley Newman

Life isn't a race. It's a journey to be savoured each step of the way.

# Magazine Deadline

Please send copy for the December/January issue of The Keston Magazine by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the very latest to Sally Churchus on [editor@kestonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@kestonparishchurch.org.uk) or Tel: 020 8462 8750. Thank you.

# Laughlines

☺ **These sentences have appeared in church newsletters:**

- Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will not pass this way again”, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.

- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be “What is Hell?”. Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet on Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new campaign slogan last Sunday: “I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours”.
- Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the Baptist Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



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