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10.30am St Boniface

It is so good to be able to gather for worship again to celebrate Easter. The great gift of Easter is hope. And hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

Online services also continue (see p8 for details)



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Community news

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ALIVE (Alleviating Loneliness in Village Environments) has been successful in its application to the police and crime commissioner David Keane's Community Police Fund.

It has been awarded £500 which will enable the Alive project to continue with its support of the elderly in the community. The project is needed as many people have been living alone for many months and this is compounding their feelings of isolation and loneliness.

The project lead Pat Blackwood worked with the local policing team to develop the bid to ensure it addressed community safety issues.

Pat Blackwood, ALIVE project lead, says: "We are really grateful to have been given this award. We have been trying hard to keep in contact with our elderly villagers during these difficult times. The occasional telephone call or a knock on the door, while remaining socially distanced, ensuring they are remaining safe has been very welcome. However, no one expected the lockdowns to go on for so long. Many live alone away from their families and friends compounding their loneliness. Some of the money will enable us to deliver an Easter gift just to say they have not been forgotten. Once restrictions are lifted and we can join together again we

hope to hold a party and then resume our lunch and social meetings".

To find out more about community policing contact:

cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-i-do/making-cheshire-safer/proceeds-of-crimecommunity-fund/

This is a piece from my Mum, Meg Fairweather, long time resident of Bunbury now living on Saltdean

Roger and Meg Fairweather sent a message to say how thrilled they were to receive so many lovely cards for Xmas and their diamond wedding anniversary, as well as Meg's 90th birthday.

"In spite of the miserable world they managed to enjoy the lovely sunny (but cold) weather. Many of you will remember our many anniversaries in the village hall with live bands (remember Dave Carrington Brown with his white shoes and baton?!). Also Mrs Harvey's scrumptious buffet and Mary Spooner's lovely decorations in the hall. All lovely memories

On my birthday I dressed in my 1960s dress (much used on village days) and danced to my Elvis Presley CD on the kitchen floor!

We and our family keep well and hope you have a better year and happiness.

Meg Fairweather"

A word from the editor

Although we have not been able to meet, go to church or do any of the activities that we normally do, I must thank Tim and Beth for their efforts online and within the community, which have brought us all closer.

Beth's inspired Advent Windows and now the Acts of Kindness (especially coordinating it while recovering from a broken ankle) show us what a strong community we live in and spread cheer around the village. Thank you to everyone who has taken part. It has been lovely following them every day online. Here are a few photos to remind us.



Thanks also go to Peter Styles for his photo of the snow moon (below), the name applied to the full moon of February, because that is the month in which the seasonal weather is most common.



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

Life in technicolour

Easter is at the very heart of our Christian faith. Not only does it tell us about Christ and what happened to him almost 2000 years ago, but it also tells us about us and who we are. If we believe that Jesus rose from the dead, this is not merely a concept with which we can agree or disagree but something that deeply affects who we are.

Not long ago, at dinner, one of the girls asked a question that, in my view, puts into words somewhat beautifully the meaning of our Easter faith. In the midst of the hurly burly of serving and eating dinner, she suddenly said: 'How does Jesus make us real?' Then before I could even attempt an answer, she continued: 'Does he draw us first and then colour us in?'

This, in my view, is a wonderful description of our technicolour Easter faith. First Jesus draws us, both in the sense of drawing us to him but also in the sense of re-creating and re-figuring us anew, but then proceeding to colour us in. So we become more and more Christ-like, increasingly shaped by him and his life-affirming Spirit.

This transformative 'colouring-in' is not just for our benefit, it is to be a blessing for the

whole world. In the New Testament the apostle Paul draws the contrast between Adam and Christ: Adam, he says, was made alive; whereas Christ makes life. If we follow Christ we are called to be life-givers, life-makers. We become people who bear his creative Spirit of love. We are a rainbow nation: a family of all backgrounds, with different aspirations and gifts, called to serve and respect one another.

My prayer this Easter is that we don't just join the dots of our faith in an intellectual or rational way, but we experience the power of Christ's resurrection in transforming every part of us, so that the canvas of our lives is technicolour. And as our community reopens and our businesses, pubs, places of worship and leisure reemerge from the limiting effects of the pandemic, may we have a renewed appreciation for the people and places that give our lives and our communities its rich colour.

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The copy deadline for the May issue is Friday 14 April. The magazine should be delivered starting Saturday 29 April. Notices to bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

A day in the life of... Professor in Medicine, Paul Hunter

Many of you will have heard Professor Paul Hunter, Professor in Medicine, The Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia, on the radio being interviewed on the topic of the day the COVID epidemic. What you may not know is that he lives in Bunbury.



How can you write about a day in your life when for most of the last year you have not been able to distinguish one day from another? Actually, that's not quite true. I always know when it is Sunday (Staffordshire oatcakes for Breakfast and Bunbury Church online). Saturdays it's Croissants and Tuesday it's often English muffins for breakfast. But other than that, most days have just merged one into another. Especially when considering that apart from eating, sleeping and watching back episodes of Midsomer murders most of the time this last year has been spent in my study.

A few years ago, I retired from the NHS part of my job as a consultant in the university hospital but continue with my teaching and research in the Norwich Medical School. But the last time I was in my university office was the 20th of February 2019. Now, morning usually starts with checking the overnight news and updating the graphs I keep of cases, deaths and hospitalisations for those countries I am following. Mornings are also the time when I am most likely giving radio interviews. The most intense is the BBC General News Service where for 60 or 90 minutes you get bounced between anything up to a dozen local radio stations around the country giving a series of five-minute interviews without knowing what issue any one station is going to be asking. Mid-morning revolves around our morning coffee (I apparently make a very good cappuccino) which takes precedence over anything else. The rest of the morning usually gets taken up by answering emails from and talking to print journalists.

The time between 12 noon and 14:30 is often taken up by teleconferences either with colleagues from my University, Public Health England, the World Health Organization. These conferences can be about developing new guidance, agreeing research priorities or just keeping up to date with what my colleagues are working on.

The afternoons are the time I try and keep up to date with the science. In the first weeks of the pandemic I was able to read most of the papers being published about COVID, but now there are over 3000 publications a week and that has become an impossible task. Afternoons are often the time for TV interviews either live or pre-recorded. But after 6pm things generally quieten down apart from the occasional live interview. It is later in the evenings when I generally find the time to do my own research and write my own articles and scientific papers. And then it all starts again.

Eighteen months ago, I would never have thought that the last few years before retirement would have become one of the busiest times in my whole career and that I would only rarely travel more than 10 miles from home.

New job!

Parish Administrator

Parish Administrator needed to help with the growth of the church – could it be you?!

The Parochial Church Council is looking to appoint a part-time Parish Administrator working nine hours per week, salary £9.50 per hour.

Rev Tim is involved in an ever-growing number of village, parish and diocesan activities which the PCC wants to encourage. To achieve this there is a need of administrative support. We are looking for someone with administrative and IT skills who will work with Tim and play a key role at the heart of the church and parish.

Job duties will include:

- o organise and maintain computerised and other records and filing systems for the vicar and parish
- o manage diary appointments for the vicar and other officers
- o manage correspondence for the vicar and PCC, organising (incoming and outgoing) mail, responding as necessary
- o develop and update databases for the parish
- o publish flyers or posters
- o develop, print or photocopy items

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Closing date for applications: Friday 16 April.

Provisional date for interviews: Friday 30 April 2021.

The successful candidate will hold responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all whom s/he has contact or for whom s/he is responsible and will need a DBS check.

Sky notes for April

High overhead on April evenings is one of the best-known constellations: Ursa Major, the Great Bear. This is quite a large constellation, but the brightest seven stars form a grouping often called "the Plough". It takes the form of an old horse-drawn plough which is unknown to most people today, so it is nowadays frequently called "the Saucepan", with three stars making up the handle of the saucepan and four making the bowl. A grouping of stars which don't form a true constellation (of which there are 88 officially recognised in the sky) is called an asterism.

The asterism of the Plough rotates around the Pole Star, Polaris, as the seasons go by, as shown in the diagram. Whilst we find the Plough overhead in Spring, during Autumn it is much lower down towards the Northern horizon. As every Boy Scout and Girl Guide knows, the Plough is really useful as it helps us find directions as two stars point towards the Pole Star which marks the direction of true North. These stars are called Merak and Dubhe and together they are referred to as the Pointers.

Whilst you are looking at the Plough, do take a close look at the star Mizar, shown in the chart. Even with the naked eye, you might be able to see that it has a fainter companion, Alcor. It's very easy to see in binoculars.

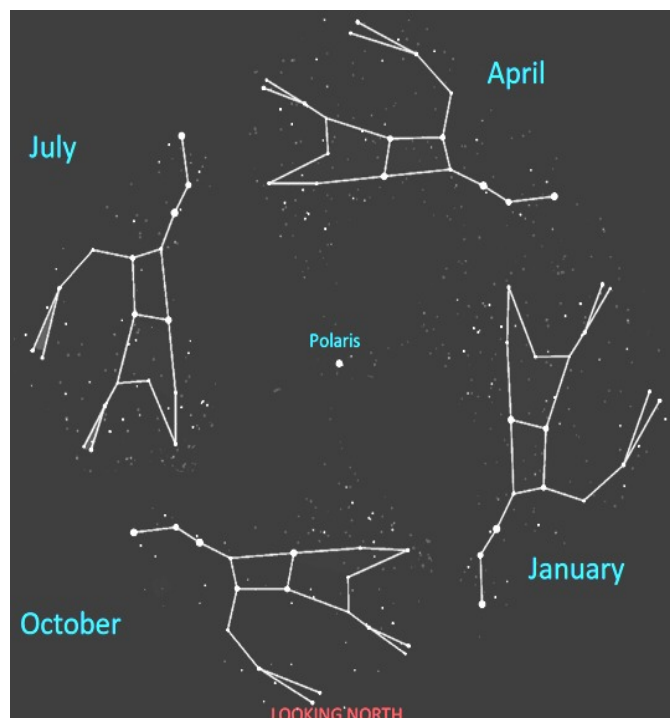
This year Easter Sunday falls on 4 April. Have you ever wondered why the date of Easter is different each year? The earliest it can fall is 22 March and the latest is 25 April. The explanation is astronomical.

As we know from the Bible, Jesus was crucified at the Passover, the date of which was fixed by the Jewish lunar calendar based on the phases of the Moon. So, you can tell when Easter will fall just by looking at the sky. First, find the day when the Sun rises due East and sets due West. This is the Spring Equinox (20 March this year). Then observe the Moon until it is Full (28 March). Easter will be the following Sunday: 4 April. It's as simple as that! Of course, these days computer programs can determine the date of Easter much more easily, but that's not so much fun! In fact, 1500 years ago the calculation was simplified a bit: Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon date that falls on or after 21 March (the standardised date of the Solstice). If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday.

Finally, do look out for Venus which appears low in the West in the latter half of the month. It will be very bright, just after the Sun has set and the sky is getting dark.

Clear skies!

Bunbury Stargazer



The position of the Plough at 9 o'clock in the evening during the year



How to find the Pole Star (Polaris) using the Pointers, two of the seven stars in the Plough

Recipe for April: Bara Brith

Ingredients

450g dried mixed fruit
250g brown sugar
300ml black tea
450g self-raising flour
2 tsp mixed spice
1 beaten egg

Method

I have fond memories of making my mum's recipe of Bara Brith with my daughters Becky and Kirsty when they were young. Step 4 is the key one they helped out with using a big spoon (indicating that it has to be easy for a four-year old to make for me to have a reasonable shot at it).

1. Soak the fruit and sugar in a large bowl of strained tea and leave overnight. Carry out the following steps the next day.
2. Preheat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3.
3. Line a loaf tin with baking parchment
4. Mix the remaining ingredients into the fruit mixture and beat well.
5. Pour the mixture into the loaf tin and bake in the oven for around 1½ hours making sure a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Delicious served sliced with some butter (and a cup of tea).



*This month's recipe comes from PCC Treasurer **John Mason***

More confessions of a chilli grower!

Well... time moves on apace even in lockdown and even faster it seems once you are retired as no sooner has Monday arrived then the next weekend looms! Dear knows how paid work ever intervened. And, of course, it is just a month since I planted my chillis!! I know that you can't wait to see how they've done and so here they are, the little beauties. They are on heated mats and have a nice dose of UV enhanced light during the day to help them along as they are sometimes a wee bit reluctant to show their faces to the world.

They have mostly behaved themselves, germinated and some have even got the compulsory two true-leaves (as opposed to seed or cotyledon leaves) but some varieties are contrary which is odd as they: Aji Norteno for instance; in the third row of the stalls with only one germinated, are one I grew last year (they may be last years' seeds of course which may explain it). I get the seeds from Finland of all places, mostly

because they have loads of choice but the seeds of the rare ones can be quite expensive.

Maybe I will explain a little of about my choice of varieties as there are 16



different here and Ros also wants to know, "Why do you need so many?" although you have to imagine a little more frustration to the tone than I can convey on paper!!

Of course, part of the joy, is growing chillis which are far too hot for Roslyn's brother to eat, although he would never admit to that. Peach Bhut Jolokia were that winner last year (incandescent) but the flavours and scents of chillis are as variable as any other fruit and if they are TOOO hot you can't appreciate that. So, this year, I have decided, as well as scorchers such as Carolina Reaper and Naga Morich, to grow regional and country varieties such as the Mexican Ancho Poblano, Malawi Birdseye, Cheiro Recife (Brazil), Madagascar, Alegria Riojana (Spain) and to be more disciplined about keeping them separate when drying rather than mixing them all in a wild helter-skelter. We will have to see whether my good intentions hold but that's for a future missive!

PS I've planted 6 varieties of Tomato too (and some more to go!) and four have germinated but I'll expound more on them when they are safely to the true-leaf stage!

Give us 2 minutes

Abbie Coney is a Tarporley girl, born and bred. After a successful stint as Junior Road Safety Officer at Duddon Primary School she went to Tarporley High School and Sir John Dean's College. She then spent ten years in Birmingham studying medicine and working before returning home with her family.

If you had a motto what would it be?

Just keep smiling!!!

It's a celebrity beer call who would you invite (socially distanced of course)?

Oooooooo... I would really like some intellectual chat with Sir David Attenborough and Chris Pratt and Ryan Reynolds can be there too!!

What would you call your autobiography?

From Tarps to Brum to Bun!!

What was your first job?

My first proper job was as a Junior House Officer at Warwick Hospital. I have fond memories of crash calls, bleeps and no sleep!

How has COVID affected your profession?

Wow... where do I start? Have you got 200 minutes?? The past year in general practice has been challenging to say the least. We are doing our best to keep patients safe and continue ongoing care whilst delivering a vast vaccination programme.

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

Eerm better pavements – is that a really boring answer? Bunbury is pretty special as it is.

What is the best book you have read to date?

Wild Swans by Jung Chang and *Pride and Prejudice* are my all-time



Abbie Coney

favourites, but I will generally read anything with a happy ending.

What is your biggest regret?

I'm far from perfect but I don't really have any regrets.

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

I would wish my son didn't have to deal with everything he has to deal with.

What is one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

I am a very aggressive midfielder in football!

What would you like to achieve most over the next 12 months?

I would like to continue to try to do my best for my patients

and have a happy work life balance.

What is your favourite place and why?

Cornwall. Carne Beach at low tide. Perfect for a game of cricket and steeplechase race into the beautiful water and a Roskilly's ice cream. Yum!

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

A long walk at Bickerton with my boys followed by pizza and a good feel good film always makes me happy x

Our prayers for April

Risen God, you have removed the sting of death and the grave is only a journey into your presence.

We pray for all who have died, remembering **Jenny Brooks, Bernard Byrd, Tom Dawson and Walter Williamson.**

Risen God, you have empowered this thing called life and given us hope. Help us to live in your presence forever.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the courage to undertake it and the strength to complete it.

Glorious God,

We celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead, his victory of love over evil and hope over despair.

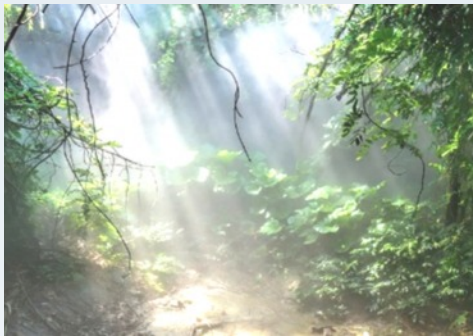
May this Easter joy and hope carry us through the next few weeks as lockdown restrictions ease, and remain in our hearts always.

Amen



Claire Wilson Crossroads

Back in 1996, I went to Thailand for an adventure holiday, which included a three-day trek in the jungle near the border of Myanmar. Due to some unfortunate circumstances, I found myself separated from the main party. Utterly alone, I was



faced with a path that split multiple ways, not knowing which way would lead me to safety.

As I assessed this precarious situation, the fear which was rising within me threatened to paralyse me. And I did what lots of people do in a crisis, I cried out to God, "Help me, which way should I go?"

I have to say nothing dramatic happened, but strangely, the fear was replaced by a sense of peace and for some reason I was drawn to one particular path. Breathing deeply, I took that path and, to my sheer delight and relief, some fifteen minutes later I was reunited with the rest of the group.

But that was not the only crossroads for me that year: later, I had to decide if I should I stay secure in the life I knew, or sell my home, leave my job, and go to university as a

mature student?

In making those tough decisions, the words of the prophet Jeremiah rang true:

"This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

On the first Easter day, when Mary and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty, they too stood

at a crossroads; certain that Jesus had risen, they had to decide if they were going to dedicate their lives to sharing that message or whether to go back home to their old lives? As they pondered, Jesus's own words: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life", may well have been echoing in their ears.

And I wonder, have you ever stood at a crossroads and wondered which way to go? Has trying to decide which way to go ever felt to be the key to determining your future and pivotal to your well-being?

Next time you find yourself in that situation why not try asking "The Way" which way to go?



Mike Rogers writes... Words part 2



You may remember that last month I wrote about 'The Right Words'. I want to continue in a similar theme this month, but rather than thinking about the 'right' words, I want to focus on pairs of words.

.I wonder if you have ever noticed that our language is peppered with 'word pairs' that are non-reversible. One example might be 'back and forth'. How odd would it sound if we said 'forth and back'? The fact is, in English, there are certain words that go together and we automatically use them in their correct order.

Let me give you a few more examples. How about:-

Give and take
Adam and Eve
Hot and bothered
Trial and error
Touch and go
Sweet and sour
In and out
By and large
Nice and easy

And I could go on... and on... and on. The list of such pairs

is extensive; at a rough count I can think of about 80 pairs - and there is no prize for who can find the most!

Now, given that we are in April, let me ask what word do you automatically or instinctively link with Easter? I should think most of you have said 'Egg'. After all, those shops that are open and able to sell such things have been doing so for some little while.

But there are other words associated with Easter that we might want to see as a 'pair'. How about 'Cross'? A good word to pair with this is 'Resurrection'. And how about 'Hope'? Well for me at least, the pair for 'Hope' would be 'Eternal Life'.

The last two are not instinctive pairings, but they do provide the clue to the significance of that first Easter over 2000 years ago. And that is something worth thinking about.

So, in the words of another familiar pair, may I wish you a Happy Easter - I'm off to have a tonic and gin!

Bunbury Church Online YouTube Channel

Easter Services

7 Reasons for Hope

Sunday 10.30am

- 1st April | Jesus brings us peace
- 18th April | Jesus gives us purpose
- 25th April | Jesus is the Good Shepherd who protects
- 2nd May | Jesus is the true vine giving life
- 9th May | Jesus is our friend who we can trust
- 16th May | Jesus is ascended bringing us joy
- 23rd May | Jesus sends us his Spirit to be our guide



Bunbury school news



It was an absolute joy to welcome all the children back to Bunbury School on Monday 8th March. The corridors were once more alive again and the silent classrooms were filled with enthusiastic laughter and enjoyment. I have been so proud of how each of our children have returned back to school, especially for those where there was a degree of apprehension. All the children and staff have taken the past few weeks in their stride and really demonstrated that positive Bunbury 'can do' spirit.

As we reignite our school routines and curriculum we are very aware that we may uncover some of the hidden



consequences of a second lockdown. At Bunbury, we are committed to ensuring that all children will be provided with the rich experiences that will continue to develop the whole child both emotionally and academically.

During our first week, back we focused on settling the children back into the routine of school. Learning much from the school return from previous lockdowns we focused on "Friendships" and working together as a class. It was inspirational to see the range of learning activities planned that have encouraged discussion, reflection, chat and reconnection with our friends and peers.



As a school, we cannot thank the Bunbury community enough for all the kindness, care, support that you have shown for one another and donations of IT equipment and resources over the past few months.

As Principal of the school and now Executive Headteacher of the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust I feel privileged to lead a fantastic primary school that is at the heart of the village community. Pre-pandemic we had strong bonds of trust, collaboration and friendship and these have now been strengthened through the adverse situation we found ourselves in. Together we have found a path through as a community and will continue to do so.

Outside the world may remain strange and uncertain but behind our school walls wonderful things continue to take place.

What did you do during the COVID lockdowns?

"What did you do in the war, Daddy?" used to be the cry to rally people to volunteer. "What did you do during the COVID lockdowns?" doesn't have quite the same punch, but Bunbury can hold its head up and say: "During the lockdowns – and before, actually, and afterwards – we donated food to people who needed it desperately."

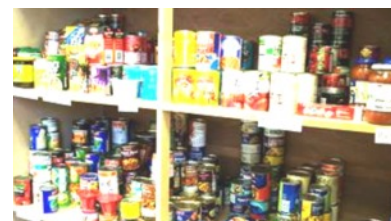
Day in, day out, come rain or shine, lockdown or not, you have given to those in need in our area, and our brilliant local team of volunteers has ferried the food to the foodbanks. Every item counts, and every item is used. That means a family of three, say, gets food for every meal for at least one week - often more - that's 21 breakfasts, 21 lunches and 21 teas, with milk, coffee, tea and biscuits added in too. Add washing powder, deodorant, soap or sanitary products and the housekeeping money will go that bit further next week.

We can't give fresh produce as it can't be stored at the foodbank depot, but sometimes it is given by local supermarkets on 'distribution

days'. Volunteer drivers collect from supermarkets to give to the volunteer 'bag packers' and deliver the full food bags to the families waiting for them.

Sadly, even when COVID restrictions are lifted, there will be people unable to put food on the table if they run into hard times: gaps while waiting for benefits to be sorted out; unexpected illnesses or accidents; sudden unemployment – all rock the boat and turn a difficult time into a crisis. Please keep donating food, if and when you can, and help keep the foodbank lifeline going. Thank you.

PS There is always a need for tinned meat (ham, stew, curry) and tinned vegetables and potatoes to make up main meals. Long-life milk and fruit juice are always welcome too.



Walter Williamson



Walter Williamson was born on 13 July 1926 at Rose Cottage in Beeston, the youngest son of a family of five step-siblings and one sister, his mother having first

married Herbert Williamson and, after his death, his younger brother William. They were a united family and he enjoyed a happy childhood with family and friends. He attended both Beeston School (where a highlight was being called out of school to see a man walking an elephant down the road to Peckforton) and Bunbury School, where he made his first public performance reciting 'You are old, Father William'.



At 11 he sat and passed the entrance examination to Nantwich and Acton Grammar school, to the dismay of his parents who knew, in the midst of the depression with his father out of work for four years, that they could never afford to send him. With the support of the headmaster at Bunbury, grants were found, money was provided and Walter was to go.

His working life began on the railway, starting as a Junior Booking Clerk, improving himself by learning shorthand and passing his 'efficiency exam'. His employment was interrupted by his call up, and he soon found himself travelling to Fort George for Army training. His army career took him to Germany where he was involved in the recreation of the German railway system. After his army period he returned to work for British Rail and remained with them for the rest of his working life

During Walter's army period, he had entered into correspondence with a young lady whose aunt lived across the field from his family home. This young lady had some years before looked with disgust at a grubby, cheeky, whistling boy called Walter, when she had but decided to take pity on him in his quest to find a pen pal. The letters they shared kindled a flame and, after only a few

opportunities to see each other, they were married on 6 August 1947, going on to have two children, Elizabeth and Kathleen. Walter was a great family man, and all have happy memories of playing in the garden or on holiday at the seaside and, if handled correctly, getting him to do their homework for them. All his grandchildren also enjoyed staying at Nana and Grandad's; indeed, when he was informed that he was to receive the Maunday Money his biggest concern was that he had already promised two of his grandchildren that they could stay that week. Fortunately the Queen was able to proceed with the conferring as Aunty Margaret stepped in to have the children.

Walter is best known outside the family for all the extra things he has done, such as his work on hospital radio, as well as behind the scenes support for the organisation. He also worked on Radio Stoke and later Signal radio in the religious programmes department, hosting a 'Good Day' programme which ran from 6am to 8am on Sunday mornings (involving a 4am rise to be ready and fully prepped to be on air').

He supported Mary in her work for the Imperial Cancer Research Campaign and was usually to be found on a Monday afternoon doing the jobs at the shop that no one else wanted to do!!

His dedication to St Boniface church and his firm and unswerving belief were central to his life. As a child, he joined the church choir but it was not until he was serving in Germany that he took confirmation classes and, on returning home was taken under the wing of the new vicar, Maurice Ridgeway. He became a crucifer and a server, a sidesman, a bell ringer, a Sunday school teacher and in 1958 completed his training as a Reader. He was made Reader Emeritus on his 70th birthday in 1996, making him Bunbury's longest serving Reader. He has taken many different services at many churches in the area, as well being very involved in the life of the church. He was famous for his 'pick a straw' at Bunbury castle fete; his tombolas at Calveley church, his performance as Scrooge with the Youth Group at Bunbury, an appearance with mum in the Church Pageant.

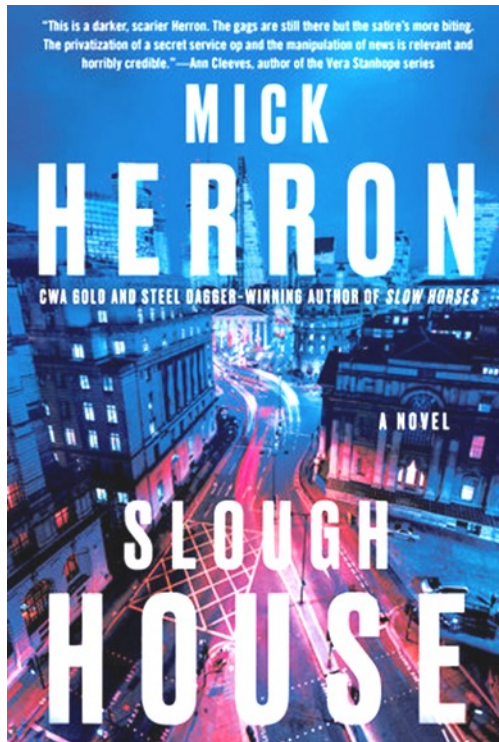
Everyone has their own memories of Walter: father, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather, uncle, cousin, friend, colleague, supporter, entertainer, instructor, leader... the list goes on. We were all touched by Walter's presence and we are better because of it. In the words of one of St Boniface's former vicars, Donald Marr, "Walter was the finest priest the church never had!"

From our bookshelf

Slough House by Mick Herron

A review by regular contributor, Paige Turner

Slough House is the 7th in a quirky but entertaining series of spy novels by Mick Herron. The heroes (or if you prefer anti-heroes) of the series are the residents of Slough House a dingy and ramshackle office in the Barbican area of London where the Secret Service put 'failed' agents to get them as far away as possible from the professional spies at Regents Park. There they are given mind numbing and routine tasks to keep them out of sight and out of trouble. The key to the success of the novels is the character of the head of this bunch of misfits, Jackson Lamb, a Cold War era spy who is the polar opposite of politically correct and has the most appalling manners and personal habits. The books not only



move along at a brisk pace with well plotted storylines but always retain a tongue in cheek humour that lifts them well above the routine spy thriller.

In this latest book in the series, Lamb is stirred into action when he finds that the Russian secret service is targeting his own people, bringing him into conflict with Diana Taverner, the ice cool head of the Secret Service. As always, a central theme

is Lamb's low cunning and old school 'Cold War' techniques triumphing over the modern 21st century service run by Taverner. If you are looking for good quality, lightweight entertainment that will also raise several smiles then this series could be for you.

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