

YCs set to celebrate 30 years



Bunbury Young Christians celebrate 30 years with a special Birthday Service on Sunday 19th June. All former YCs will be especially welcome. Current YCs are pictured here at a recent karting trip



Sam, Year 1 Bunbury School pupil, drew this picture of his glamorous mum for Mother's Day.

**Come to St. Boniface for our special Mothering Sunday Service on April 3rd at 10.00am
(p5 for more pictures)**

Tom sets off around the world by bike

Tom Bruce, aged 24, set off from his Peckforton home on 14th of March for the biggest challenge of his life so far - an around-the-world cycle tour. Tom, elder son of local GP Jackie Griffin and Nigel Bruce, will be cycling unsupported around the world in aid of SOS Children's Villages. He admits, "Most people think I'm mad! But I have always been a huge fan of cycling, in particular mountain biking and have undertaken other cycling challenges including cycling coast to coast in the UK and from Munich to Lake Garda last year."

His route will take him through Europe to the Danube which he'll then follow to the Black Sea. He'll cycle through Bulgaria, Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan to the Caspian Sea. Then after Iran Tom plans to go through the 'Stans' including Tajikistan, Kyrgystan and Kazakhstan, then Russia, before crossing the wilderness of Mongolia. Then on across the Gobi Desert to

Beijing. "After this I'll fly across the Pacific to tackle North America. I will cycle from Vancouver, across the Rocky Mountains to Montana then Yellowstone Park. Here, if I can get hold of a canoe, I'll strap my bike to it and paddle down the Yellowstone River to



the Missouri. After this I'll get back on the bike, into Canada, around the Great Lakes to the Niagara Falls before re-entering the USA and on to NY. Then I'll fly back to the UK. I expect to take 7 or 8 months to cover the distance of around 23,000km. It is difficult leaving friends and family, but I'm very excited about the journey ahead."

Tom has chosen to support SOS Children's Villages; the largest orphan and abandoned children's charity in the world. They provide a home for more than 78,000 children in 500 unique "Children's Villages" in 124 countries worldwide. He is hoping to visit a number of their projects on his travels. Any donations would be hugely appreciated. You can give or follow Tom's progress on:

uk.virginmoneygiving.com/tombrucecycling

www.tombrucecycling.com

Community

Congratulations to **Kevin and Phillippa Baker** of **Tilley's** coffee shop whose baby, **India Rose**, arrived on 17th Feb.

Welcome to **Oscar Marshalsea**, son of **Natasha and Paul Harding**, baptised at Calveley Church on 27th February.

Congratulations to **Daniel Russell and** local girl **Joanne Rose** of Winsford, married at St. Boniface on 12th March.



Belated congratulations to **Guy**, son of **Jonathan and Pat Morris** of Queen Street, Bunbury, and his bride **Audrey** who were married in Belfast on December 11th (below). Now settled in Belfast where they met at Queen's University, Guy is a pilot with Flybe and Audrey is a doctor.



Pictured below are **Jane Dykes and Matthew Carnell** whose wedding we reported last month.



Happy birthday to **Amanda Harris**, whose significant birthday celebrations have already started several weeks before the big day.

We were very sorry to hear of the illness of local 5 year old, **Maximo Williams**, who is undergoing treatment at Alder Hey Hospital. Our best wishes to Maximo and his family.

Jo Lester's glamorous birthday party raised almost £1,000 for Breast Cancer Care. Here she is with **Mark, Megan and Natasha**.



Please donate any **Active Kids Vouchers** you collect from Sainsbury's to local schools, Earlybirds or to Bunbury Brownies who are able to use them to buy kitchen equipment for the new scout hut.

Bunbury Garden Club meets on 19th April in the Village Hall. This month's meeting is all about hanging baskets with a demonstration from **Anne Passey**. More details from **Adrian Caine 261163**.

Chorale are giving a concert at St. Boniface on Saturday, April 2nd at 7.30 pm with a wide-ranging programme. For more information ring 01606 334890, tickets in advance or on the door.

Bunbury Explorers quiz night on Friday 18th March raised well over £800 with a donation to Comic Relief, and **Melody Burrows** raised £150 at afternoon tea also for Comic Relief.

"Break a leg" to all local girls (and tapping ladies) taking part in **Alyson Hanlon's Ballet Show** at Whitchurch.

There will be a **Plant Sale** on 18th May, from 3pm at Bunbury School. The money raised last year is to be spent on a willow dome which all of the children can enjoy. All customers welcome.

St. Luke's Midnight Walk is on 18th June. There is a 6.5 mile route as well

as the usual half marathon. They are signing up walkers now. Look on www.midnightwalk.co.uk for more details. St. Luke's is also holding their **Burland Hall Country Fair**, with lots of new attractions, on May 22nd. For details of this and all their other fundraising activities please look on www.stlukes-hospice.co.uk

This month please pray especially for **Phil Mayers, Maximo Williams, Paul, Maria and Poppy Rathbone, Mary Cummins, Jean Healey and Becky Bebbington**. We pray also for the those recently bereaved including **Bishop Alan Chesters** whose wife **Jennie** has died, and all those suffering in body, mind or spirit.

Link distributors are needed for several routes in School Lane, A49 Beeston and Calveley (the Chantry and Gowry Court). None takes more than half an hour, if you can help please contact **Lucy Munro 260487**.

Question: How many churchgoers does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: 100: one to change the light bulb and 99 to say they liked the old one better.

Children's Society Boxes can be left in church for collection during April.

The Link can be read online during the week before your copies are available. Look on our website

www.stbonifacebunbury.org.uk

Please note that the deadline for the **May Link** will be **12th April**. The magazines will be available in church on Easter Sunday 24th April.



Well done to **Shan McParland and Jane Brown** whose Valentines Ball raised £3,000 in aid of "Women for Women".

Famous last words from Jill and Lucy

This is our last Link before handing over to a new team.

Jill writes: "We have certainly had some laughs in producing the magazine each month as well as other times when we have been tearing our hair out trying to get it done when other things have been going on in our family lives.

Special thanks to Peter Crump, the unsung third member of our team for his technical help and unstinting support and to Liz and Andy Morton for organising the distribution. A big thank you to our distributors without whom our efforts would be wasted."

Lucy adds: "I must thank everyone who we have chivvied into contributing items, particularly at ridiculously short notice, and especially to those who volunteered items without chivvying. Thanks too for the good wishes we have received.

It has been interesting to look back over our seven years with the Link and recall some of our 'big' stories. The spat with the Sunday national which printed a wedding picture from our website; Beth Tweddle's amazing successes; the campaign over the O2 telephone mast. When we started our aim was to use the monthly church magazine to reach beyond the church to connect our wider communities. (We



know the community page is the first page you turn to).

I have never ceased to be amazed at the variety of talent our community includes, from potato expert to seismologist, from Olympic athlete to cake maker and pilot. A plea only has to be made and expert help is volunteered – see the new scout hut as an example.

The babies above were pictured in our first edition: they are now 7 and about to go to junior school! For Jill and me, the Link has sometimes felt like our own hungry baby, needing to be fed regularly and causing plenty of worry, but it has been so rewarding to see it develop. It is a great relief to hand our baby over into good hands."

Please remember to send your news in to the new editors, Sue Briggs-Harris and Jo Mason (contact details below).

Jill and Lucy

Our Vicar is Rick Gates. He is always available in times of sickness, bereavement or any distress. Contact him at The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Bunbury, on 01829 260991, 07715 178750 or rick@prayer.fsnet.co.uk

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Important dates for St. Boniface

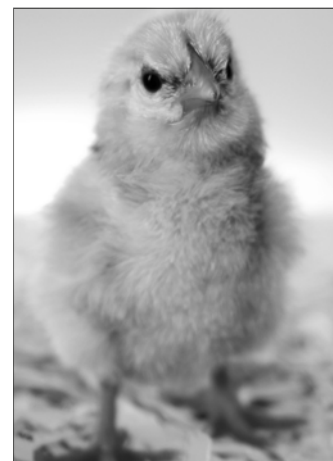
As we go to print there are two particularly important dates coming up at St. Boniface. The first is 10th April which is the date of the Annual Vestry Meeting when there will be an election for the new churchwardens. Because there are so far three candidates for the two posts of Churchwarden at Bunbury all votes will count. Anyone living in the parish or on the church electoral roll can attend and vote at the meeting which will be held after a shortened 10am service. The vote will be followed by the Bunbury Annual Church Meeting which is open to all on the church electoral roll.

A second date for your diary is May 8th when everyone is invited to a lunch after the Sunday Service in honour of retiring churchwarden Barbara Croley and Verger Ernest. This invitation is open to our whole community - more details in next month's Link but keep the date free.

Christian Aid Week appeal

Joyce Buxton has written to remind us that with Christian Aid Week approaching once again a coffee morning and Bring & Buy will be held at Brook Cottage, Tattenhall Lane on Monday 18th April, 10am - 12.30pm. Everyone is most welcome and all proceeds to Christian Aid.

Christian Aid week itself is 15th-21st May. This year's campaign is entitled "Seven days - one goal: help people in poverty out of poverty".



Thanks to Ralph Elsegood for this seasonal picture of a day old chick

April Diary

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| Mothering Sunday | | | |
| 3 | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St. Jude's |
| | 10.00am | Family Worship | St. Boniface |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Calveley |
| 6 | 10.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 7.30pm | Compline | St. Boniface |
| 10 | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St. Jude's |
| | 10.00am | Short Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 6.00pm | Followed by Annual Church Meetings Evensong | St. Boniface |
| 13 | 10.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 7.30pm | Compline | St. Boniface |
| 17 | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 9.30am | Matins (BCP) | St. Jude's |
| | 10.00am | Family Worship | St. Boniface |
| | 11.00am | Family Worship | Calveley |
| 20 | 10.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 7.30pm | Compline | St. Boniface |
| 21 | 7.00pm | Agape | St. Boniface |
| 22 | Good Friday noon-3.00pm | Vigil | St. Boniface |
| 24 | Easter Sunday | | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St. Jude's |
| | 10.00am | Family Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion | Calveley |
| 27 | 10.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| May 1 | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St. Boniface |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St. Jude's |
| | 10.00am | Family Worship | St. Boniface |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Calveley |

St. Jude's looks forward to Easter

So we have survived the winter - just - and we can now look forward to the joys of spring and summer, gambolling lambs and all that! But of course the real joy that April brings to us is the great festival of Easter, with its promise of new life, and for some of us the hope of meeting those who have gone on ahead .

The Easter Day service at St. Jude's is at 9.30am, conducted by Rev Alan Mumford.

The 23rd April is St George's Day, Saint George the patron saint of England, though we never seem to celebrate the date. It is also Shakespeare's birthday. He expressed his feelings for England in Richard the Second Act 2 Scene 1. Why not look it up?

The Good News Singers' concert will be on May 13th. Their approach to song and singing is "music with a message" and the concert is free.

St. Jude's Annual Vestry meeting will be in the church hall on April 12th at 7pm. This is a most important meeting in the life of the church, and it is open all members of the congregation to have their say on how St. Jude's should be run in the coming year.

Our Summer Lunch will be on 26th June. More details to follow.

Bob Gardner

The best investment is in girls

We know what the birth of a revolution looks like: crowds surge, soldiers fire, gusts of rage pull down the monuments of tyrants. But sometimes freedom and opportunity slip in through the back door. This is the tantalising idea for activists concerned with poverty, with disease, with the rise of violent extremism: if you want to change the world, invest in girls.

Across much of the developing world, by the time she is 12 a girl is tending house, cooking, cleaning. She eats what is left after the men have eaten; she is less likely to be vaccinated, to see a doctor, to attend school. Why educate a daughter who will end up working for her in-laws? One in seven girls across

the developing world marries before she is 15: nearly half are married by 18. The leading cause of death for girls aged 15 -18 worldwide is complications from pregnancy. Girls under 15 are five times more likely to die in childbirth than women in their 20s, and their babies are more likely to die too.

There are countless reasons why investing in girls is not only the right thing, but also the smart thing to do. An extra year of primary schooling boosts a girl's eventual income by 10-20%. Girls who stay in school marry later and have fewer children: fewer dependents per worker means greater economic growth. The World Food Programme has found that when women and girls earn an

income, they reinvest 90% in their families, in the form of books, medicine and bed nets. (For men, the figure is 30 -40%). "Investment in girls' education may well be the highest return investment available in the developing world" wrote Larry Summers when he was chief economist at the World Bank.

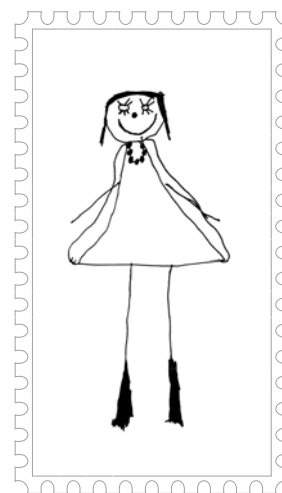
(Taken from an article in Time magazine, Feb 14th. Thanks to Peter Collinge for passing it on).

One organisation supporting investment in girls is **Compassion UK**: for more information look at

www.compassionuk.org

Thank you to Mrs Waddington and Mrs Sissons' Year 1 Bunbury pupils for these lovely pictures of their mums.

Happy Mothering Sunday



Why did God make mothers?

"She's the only one who knows where the Sellotape is."

"Mostly to clean the house"

How did God make mothers?

"Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring."

"God made my mum just like he made me. He just used bigger parts."

What are mothers made of?

"God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean."

They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?

"We're related."

"God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mums like me."

What kind of a little girl was your mum?

"My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff."

"They say she used to be nice."

What did mum need to know about dad before she married him?

"His last name."

"She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?"

"Does he make at least £8000 a year? "

Why did your mum marry your dad?

"My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot."

"She got too old to do anything else with him".

"My grandma says that mum didn't have her thinking cap on".

Who's the boss at your house?

"Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to be because dad's such an idiot".

What's the difference between mums and dads?

"Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work".

"Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them".

What does your mum do in her spare time?

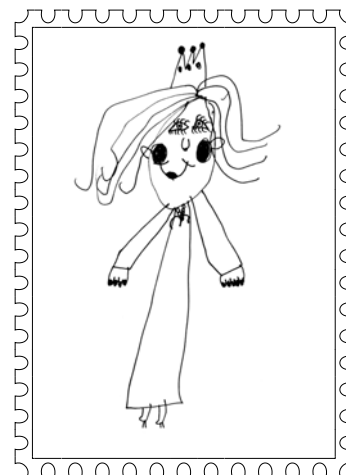
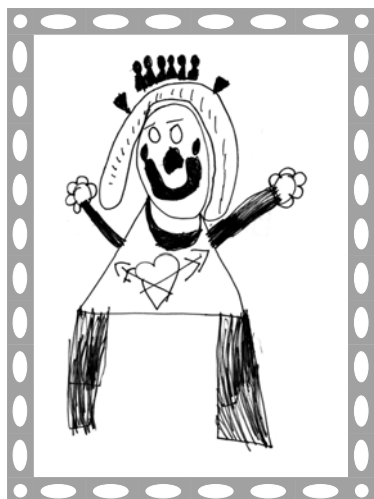
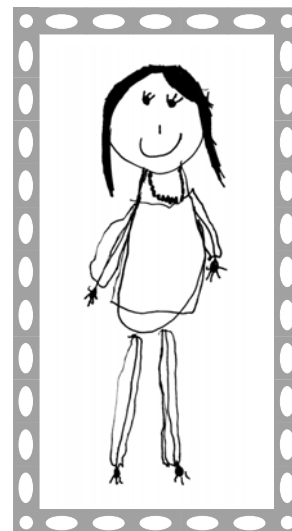
"Mothers don't do spare time."

"To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long."

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

"On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery."

"I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me."



King James Bible - Many happy returns

In the celebration this year of the quatercentenary of the King James Bible, let us also celebrate its continuing, and often unrecognised influence on the English Language. Here is a piece of doggerel which illustrates just a few of the expressions found in the King James and which over the years have crept into everyday parlance:

'At his wit's end¹ and in the twinkling of an eye², always a man after his own heart³, he met a stumbling block⁴ which, like a thorn in the flesh⁵ led him by the skin of his teeth⁶ to go through the eye of a needle⁷, whereupon he fell flat on his face⁸ among a den of thieves⁹.'

Not all these expressions originated in the KJB – some are even older – but since the King James was the first Bible available in English it had a huge influence in making them well known and widely used.

¹ Psalm 107.27, ² 1 Corinthians 15.52, ³ 1 Samuel 13.14, ⁴ Leviticus 19.14, ⁵ 2 Corinthians 12.7, ⁶ Job 19.20, ⁷ Matthew 19.24, ⁸ Numbers 22.31, ⁹ Matthew 21.13.

Counting the cost

'Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds, nineteen shillings and sixpence; result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and sixpence; result misery.'

This is the wisdom of Mr Micawber in 'David Copperfield' and it's thought that Charles Dickens based the character on his own father. Some people today live comfortably in the black on this balance sheet, and know little of the struggle of those who live constantly in fear of going into the red. It was similar in the unequal society of Jesus' time: some people had to stand all day in the market place, waiting hopefully for someone to hire them, whilst some could afford to build themselves expensive towers to protect their property. But woe to the man who lived in the Micawber property trap; the man who thought he could build a tower but when it was half done ran out of money because he hadn't done his sums right. For ever afterwards he'd be laughed at as the Dreamer of the Half-Finished Tower.

In the time of Jesus' life on earth, rather like today, a person's value was measured by how much they owned.

Jeremiah, the prophet warns against the one 'who builds his house by unrighteousness and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbours work for nothing and does not give them their wages'. There's nothing new in materialism but the danger lies in making possessions, to some degree or another, our idol. People, of course, matter so much more than things and relationships matter most of all. As a famous singing group put it, 'Money can't buy me love'!

In fact, in some situations, possessions can even be an obstacle. It's good to work hard to provide for family and others, but not if that means you have no time for the family – or your friends. How can we hope to serve God if we fail to help others who need our assistance? Jesus told the story of the half-finished tower to make us laugh at our own materialism, and then ask ourselves 'what is the cost of discipleship?'

Jesus gave up everything to come to us and it cost him his life. He calls us to follow him and warns that this will mean taking up our cross. Maybe that won't mean dying for Him but it will certainly mean living for Him.

Eric Wallington

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Calveley Church Past and Present

Please join us at our Flower Festival to be held at the church on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May. The show will be open 10am to 5pm, Admission £3.00.

We are opening a "Memorial Book" where people may make a donation towards the cost of flowers, or sponsor a particular arrangement, in memory of family or friend. Anyone wishing to participate in this, please contact **either Sue Woodward 01270 522822 or Celia Kinnersley 01829 260656** for details.

You are invited to the

Scout Hut Open Day

Come and see the new Scout Hut Barbeque
Everyone welcome
Saturday 2nd April 12-4.

I was there! (the miracles of Easter)

Walter Williamson imagines witnessing the Crucifixion and Resurrection as a Roman Soldier:

A soldier's life isn't such a bad one these days, and this posting to Jerusalem was great, to begin with. But the past few months have been startling to say the least and I won't be sorry to get back to my family in Rome.

It seemed to begin when that young teacher, Jesus, was crucified. I'd seen plenty of crucifixions and had never really given much thought to them. It was the common punishment for common criminals. But this was different. Three of them there were: a couple of thieves and this chap. They said he had done all kinds of things—he had blasphemed; he had even claimed to be God they said. Well - some of those Pharisees were a bit touchy at the best of times; always arguing about their "law" - so much BETTER than anybody else, or so they thought.

I remember looking up at that young man on his cross, His face was full of pain, and anguish, and yet, - it was full of compassion and love! The first thing he said was "Forgive them, Father!"

Forgive your enemies? Not on your life. It would have to be a miracle to make ME forgive them.

Just before he died he cried out, "It is finished!" yet it was not a cry of despair: rather it was a cry of triumph - as if he was saying, "It is accomplished!" Accomplished? What was? His very cry in those circumstances was miraculous too.

The next day passed quietly but on the morning of the 3rd day all hell broke loose. His body was gone - disappeared - as if by magic, - or by a miracle again?

I've often thought - why could the Pharisees and those other authorities not prove it had all been fixed? They never did prove it. Surely they would have done if they could. Another miracle?

But weirdest of all were those "Jesus followers". He'd had a little team of 12 for about three years. Yet when he was put on trial they were a real bunch of cowards. One betrayed him - another denied ever knowing him, and at the end, they all fled! Some followers they were!

At least that's what I thought. But now, there's no stopping them. He's not with them now yet they've acquired a massive inner strength from somewhere. They claim that **we** can have eternal life. They are really convincing - will even die for their convictions. They're changed people! Yet another miracle for you! I wonder how it will all end. Will there be any "Jesus followers" in say 2000 years time? And, if there are, will they be as committed as these are today? Prepared to give everything for this man Jesus? Put him at the whole centre of their lives? I'll never know. If they were, it would be yet another miracle! Yes. There was something very different about that particular crucifixion I watched that day.

Walter Williamson

Having secured funding for a **replacement youth worker**, St. Boniface is now looking for the right person. Please see the website for details.

www.stbonifacebunbury.org.uk

Give us 2 minutes - Dan Thomas



Dan was born in Warrington and his parents, Mike and Trish moved to Bunbury when he was 6

weeks old. He went to Bunbury school and then on to Bishop Heber High School where he managed to pass his A levels despite spending most of his time at the rugby club or the Yew Tree! Dan moved to Bristol to study for his teaching degree and met Debbie on his first day - they celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this summer. Oliver, Hannah and Ben followed in quick succession and the family relocated back to Bunbury 4 years ago. Dan has had a varied teaching career so far, starting in primary then moving to secondary before taking on his current role for an educational charity

supporting over 600 schools in the North West. Following in his dad's footsteps, he has just become Parent Governor at Bunbury School, a challenge he is very much looking forward to.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

'You can never go too far and it never stops being funny', it's a motto that has got me into a lot of trouble!

What would the title of your biography be? I'll Just Have One More.....

It's a celebrity beer call. Where is it and who do you invite? Ken Robinson, an inspirational educationalist, Keith Wood the legendary ex Irish hooker, in the Nags Head which has, happily, returned to being a great village pub.

What was your first job? Kitchen Porter at the Coppermine pub, aged 14

Where did you meet your partner? At university - it took me 18 months to persuade her to come on our first date!

What is your biggest regret in life?

Giving up playing rugby.

If you could change something about Bunbury, what would it be? Provide something for teenagers to do - if they aren't involved in sports or the church there is nothing for them.

What is one thing about you that people may be surprised to learn? As a child I was a chorister in St Boniface choir (see page 8).

What would you like to achieve most in the next 12 months? World domination, failing that, my own headship

Where is your favourite place, and why? Islay in Scotland because you can completely get away from it all up there (the 7 whisky distilleries help too!)

Where and how would you spend your ideal weekend? Watching England play at Twickenham on Saturday then a long walk with Debs, the kids and dogs on Sunday before one of Mum's excellent roast dinners



Two choir photos from the archive. Thanks to John Elsworth for a photo of the Woodward family, choristers at St. Boniface with Churchwarden Alfred Stockton in about 1955. Frank Woodward, shown back left, celebrated 70 years since he started at St. Boniface as a chorister this March. The more recent photo from 1988 shows choristers setting off for the Stanter Nab walk in full rig. The cheeky boy in the back row tells us more about himself on page 7.

You are invited to a concert by
The Bunbury Singers
 Conductor *Daniel Keen*

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The air that we breathe

We take our breathing for granted, usually we are not even aware of it, yet without breathing we die. The sense of smell is the most powerful of all our senses. That sudden whiff of new baked bread, or the mustiness of a pile of old papers can transport us instantly to another time and place. Familiar smells are used to stimulate the memories of those who are losing touch with the world. And what can beat the champagne freshness of mountain air, clearing our lungs of the familiar slurry and diesel smells around us.

The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the Breath of God, the power that keeps our souls healthy.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
 Breathe new life
 Into my tired body,
 My jaded soul,
 That the oxygen of your love
 May renew my spirit
 And gladden my heart.
 Amen.

Pat Edgley



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