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I hold you in my arms
And together we softly sway
As I rock you to sleep
And this is what I pray:

I pray for your safety
Your health and happiness, too
I ask God to wrap you in his love
In Everything You do

I pray you'll never know
A single ounce of pain
That you carry no burden
And that you smile through the rain

I pray you have the will
To make all your dreams come true
And that you find success
In all you set out to do

I pray for your future
One that I hope is bright
And if you have the choice
To always do what's right

I pray you have peace
And love inside your heart
Not just for yourself
But for those less fortunate than you are

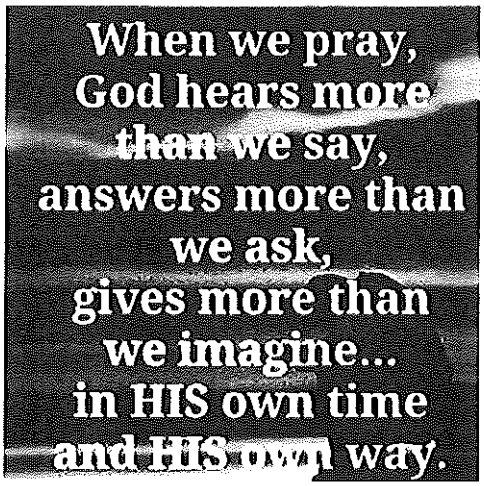
I pray you grow into a person
Who values those you love
And that loyalty and honesty
Are not just things you speak of

I pray so many things for you
Because I love you so
Because you are a little piece of me
My heart and my soul

When your heart is tired
And your soul is weak
Look to God
He'll help you see
That life has reason
And life has rhyme
Though we don't see it
All of the time

Trust in God
Hold on to faith
He'll take your hand
And guide the way
To calmer waters
And brighter days
Your heart will heal
The pain will fade

Look to God
Trust in him too
He's always there
To look after you



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Sunday	8.00 a.m.	Eucharist
	10.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist (Parade 2nd. Sunday)
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist

Eucharists on Festivals and Saints Days as announced

Sunday School	10.00 a.m.	In the Vestry

Weddings and Holy Baptisms can be arranged every Sunday
in the Church After the 10 am Service

Organisations

Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Junior Choir practice in Church
	7.30 p.m.	Adults join for full practice in Church
Thursday	6.15 p.m.	Beavers in Rice Lane School
	6.30 p.m.	Cubs in Rice Lane School
	7.00 p.m.	Scouts in Rice Lane School

There is no Carriage Window in this edition of the magazine as Bob Lea is unwell and not up it. We send Bob all our best wishes and hope he is soon on the road to recovery and back on his travels again.

When the day gets off to a happy start
and you have so much to give
from the bottom of your heart

When your world is filled with
friends who truly care
and all your dreams come true
because you took a dare

You've been blessed by an Angel
that watches quietly over you
a little friend of God
who keeps an eye on all you do

And remember sometimes
When things don't go your way
It's all a part of some plan
And things will be okay

Because there's an Angel watching
over you
A little friend of God
Who will always care for you

Angels exist in our lives every day, but unless we remember how to listen, we are not aware of their presence.

I sat with my friend in a well-known coffee shop in a neighbouring town of Venice, Italy, the city of lights and water.

As we enjoyed our coffee, a man entered and sat at an empty table beside us. He called the waiter and placed his order saying, "Two cups of coffee, one of them there on the wall."

We heard this order with rather interest and observed that he was served with one cup of coffee but he paid for two.

When he left, the waiter put a piece of paper on the wall saying "A Cup of Coffee".

While we were still there, two other men entered and ordered three cups of coffee, two on the table and one on the wall. They had two cups of coffee but paid for three and left. This time also, the waiter did the same; he put a piece of paper on the wall saying, "A Cup of Coffee".

It was something unique and perplexing for us. We finished our coffee, paid the bill and left.

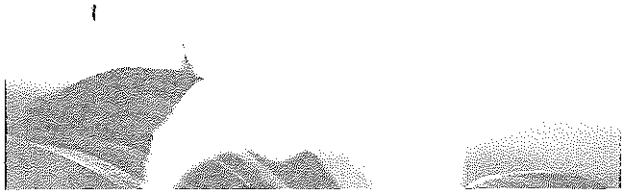
After a few days, we had a chance to go to this coffee shop again. While we were enjoying our coffee, a man poorly dressed entered. As he seated himself, he looked at the wall and said, "One cup of coffee from the wall." The waiter served coffee to this man with the customary respect and dignity. The man had his coffee and left without paying.

We were amazed to watch all this, as the waiter took off a piece of paper from the wall and threw it in the trash bin.

Now it was no surprise for us – the matter was very clear. The great respect for the needy shown by the inhabitants of this town made our eyes well up in tears. Ponder upon the need of what this man wanted. He enters the coffee shop without having to lower his self-esteem... he has no need to ask for a free cup of coffee... without asking or knowing about the one who is giving this cup of coffee to him... he only looked at the wall, placed an order for himself, enjoyed his coffee and left.

A truly beautiful thought. Probably the most beautiful wall you may ever see anywhere! *Author Unknown*

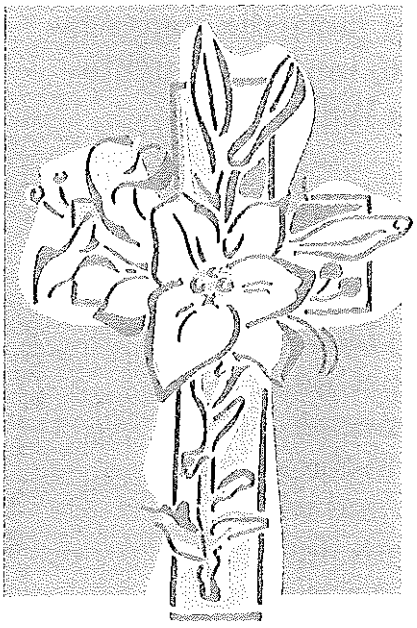
The Easter Lily. For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life—the spiritual essence of Easter.



History, mythology, literature, poetry and the world of art are rife with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

Since the beginning of time, lilies have played significant roles in allegorical tales concerning the sacrament of motherhood. Roman mythology links it to Juno, the queen of the gods. The story goes that while Juno was nursing her son Hercules, excess milk fell from the sky. Although part of it remained above the earth (thus creating the group of stars known as the Milky Way), the remainder fell to the earth, creating lilies. Another tradition has it that the lily sprang from the repentant tears of Eve as she went forth from Paradise.

The pure white lily has long been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus. St. Joseph is depicted holding a lily-branch in his hand, indicating that his wife Mary was a virgin.



The legend is told that when the Virgin Mary's tomb was visited three days after her burial, it was found empty save for bunches of majestic white lilies. Early writers and artists made the lily the emblem of the Annunciation, the Resurrection of the Virgin: the pure white petals signifying her spotless body and the golden anthers her soul glowing with heavenly light....

A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope and life. Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter Lily, along with other Easter blooms, serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating.

During the Victorian era, however, the very conspicuous stamens and pistils were removed because they were seen as overt symbols of sexuality that might move the congregation to impure thoughts (Sara Williams).

The following poem by Louise Lewin Matthews captures the spiritual essence of the Easter Lily:

Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

Let go of your Stresses !

A psychologist walked around a room while teaching stress management to an audience. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the "half empty or half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, she inquired: "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralyzed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. And if you think about them all day long, you will feel paralyzed – incapable of doing anything."

It's important to remember to let go of your stresses. As early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Remember to put the glass down!

Author Unknown

Testing for Gossip

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute", Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"That's right", Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "Actually I just heard about it and ..."

"All right", said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"No, on the contrary."

"So", Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: The filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well", concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

Author Unknown

Socrates was a classical Greek philosopher. Credited as one of the founders of Western philosophy, he is an enigmatic figure known chiefly through the accounts of later classical writers,

Born: Athens, Greece

Died: 399 BC, Athens, Greece

Spouse: Xanthippe

Children: Lamprocles, Menexenus, Sophroniscus

Parents: *Sophroniscus*, *Phaenarete*

Socrates Quotes

Employ your time in improving yourself by other men's writings, so that you shall gain easily what others have laboured hard for.

Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us.

Worthless people live only to eat and drink; people of worth eat and drink only to live.

My advice to you is get married: if you find a good wife you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher.

TEA ROTA

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13 04 14	MRS A WORSLEY MRS C ROWLAND
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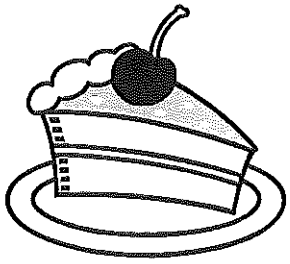
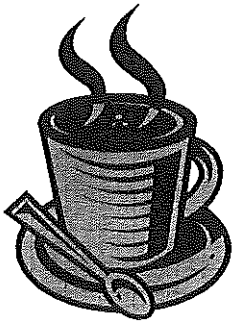
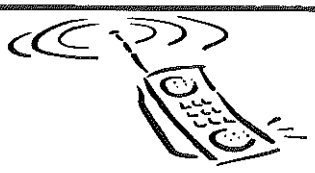




Church Chatter



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd April
Church Quiz & Bingo: Dunny's Club
Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm

Saturday 21st June
Church Summer Fayre
12pm - 3pm

Sunday 13th April
APCM
Held in church after the service

Old Gold
We are still collecting old gold to raise much needed funds for the church. Odd earrings or broken jewellery can all be weighted in. So please check what you have lying around.
Many thanks

Magazine

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this magazine,
Contributions need to get to me by the 1st week in June 2014 for the Summer magazine Happy and Peaceful Easter
email m.parle@blueyonder.co.uk

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Children Are Quick

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?
JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
TEACHER: No, that's wrong
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.
TEACHER: What are you talking about?
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.
WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?
GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with ' I. '
MILLIE: I is..
TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'
MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?
LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.. Did you copy his?
CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
HAROLD: A teacher

A Mother's Prayer

Dear Lord,
It's such a hectic day,
with little time to stop and pray.
For life's been anything but calm,
since You called me to be a mom -
Running errands, matching socks,
Building dreams with stacking blocks.
Cooking, cleaning and finding shoes,
and other things that children lose.
Fitting lids on bottled bugs,
wiping tears and giving hugs.
A stack of last week's mail to read -
where's the quiet time I need?
Yet, when I steal a moment, Lord,
at the sink or ironing board,
to ask the blessing of Your grace,
I see then, in my little one's face,
that you have blessed me all the while.
And I stoop to kiss that precious smile.

-Unknown

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."
— Washington Irving

"I cannot go to school today"
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
"I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.

My mouth is wet, my throat is dry.
I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks,
I've counted sixteen chicken pox.

And there's one more - that's seventeen,
And don't you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut, my eyes are blue,
It might be the instamatic flu.

I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
I'm sure that my left leg is broke.
My hip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button's caving in.

My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,
My 'pendix pains each time it rains.
My toes are cold, my toes are numb,

I have a sliver in my thumb.

My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth,

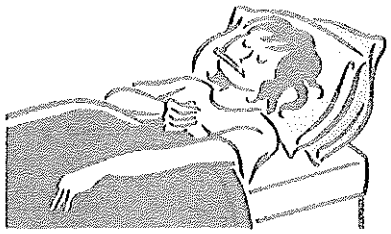
I think my hair is falling out.

My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,
My temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,

There's a hole inside my ear.

I have a hangnail, and my heart is ...
What? What's that? What's that you say?
You say today is ..... Saturday?

G'bye, I'm going out to play!"
— Shel Silverstein



We are a
Child Friendly Church.
We have a children's corner
please make use of it either
before, during or after the
service

St. Johns now have its own web Site. but is currently looking a bit bare. If you have anything that you would like put up on the website (photos, articles, history etc.) please see Michael.

The site address is **stjohnswalton.org.uk**

Click on the picture once you've reached the site to explore!!

Thank you!

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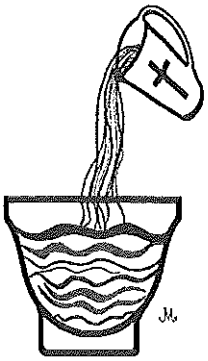
Holy Baptism

We welcome into the Christian family:-



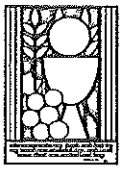
Holy Matrimony

Those whom God has joined together

Funerals

Those laid to rest:-

24th January 2014
Edith Barry



Anyone wishing to arrange for a Baptism or Wedding can come to the Church on Sunday After the 10 am Service

Pastoral Care In the Parish

The Sick
This parish is committed to the care of the sick.
Home Communion is taken to those who are unable to come to church and takes place about the third week in the month. This is done by the Eucharistic Team. Names of those wishing to receive Communion at home should be passed to a member of the Eucharistic Team.
The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in church and can be taken to the housebound, the sick or the dying at a moments notice.
Holy Oil is kept for anointing the sick and dying.

Prayer List
If you would like someone to be remembered in the prayers at our Eucharists would you please pass their names on to the Verger.

Hospital and Sick Visiting
If you would like a visit or you know of anyone who would like a visit please inform the Church wardens and arrangements can be made. It is very difficult if people want a visit and the we do not know about it.
Please help us to help you.

The Eucharist
This is the central act of Christian Family Worship. We warmly invite all members of our community to regularly join us in worship.
You are assured of a warm, friendly, and loving welcome.

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Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. –Albert Einstein

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference. –Robert Frost

I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse. –Florence Nightingale

The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. –Amelia Earhart

Definiteness of purpose is the starting point of all achievement. –W. Clement Stone

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. –John Lennon

We become what we think about. –Earl Nightingale

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbour, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover. –Mark Twain

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. –Charles Swindoll

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. –Alice Walker

The mind is everything. What you think you become. –Buddha

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now. –Chinese Proverb

Eighty percent of success is showing up. –Woody Allen

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. –Steve Jobs

Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is. –Vince Lombardi

I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions. –Stephen Covey

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. –Pablo Picasso

You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore. –Christopher Columbus