

# St Thomas' Church, Upshire EN9 3SS

## Newsletter

### *November 2022*



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#### SERVICES AND DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday before Advent 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Job 19:23-27a Luke 20:27-38
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3-4pm SEEDLINGS meet in the church
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	CRAFT FAIR in the Village Hall, 11am-3pm
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9.00am Service of Remembrance at the Lych Gate followed by HOLY COMMUNION Reading: Luke 2:5-19
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12noon-2pm AUTUMN LUNCH in the church – 07899 846711 to book – please let us know if you have to cancel. Thank you.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of Christ the King 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 23:33-43
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.15pm Upshire Mothers' Union meet in the Village Hall
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Sunday 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 24:36-44
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Second Sunday of Advent 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION  3.30pm 'JINGLE ALL THE WAY' ENFIELD BRASS BAND CONCERT IN CHURCH

The church will be open every Monday and Thursday from 11.30am to 12.30pm for private prayer only.

#### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

Our mailing list to receive the electronic version is now in excess of 70 participants so if you are not one of those and wish to be included please send your email address to : [marionne.locke@btinternet.com](mailto:marionne.locke@btinternet.com). We are looking to reduce our 'paper footprint' for climate change by printing fewer copies – your contribution will help.

#### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Thank you to the people who have sent in articles to be included in the Newsletter. Please keep them coming! Anything: maybe a poem you have written, what you have been doing in the garden, childhood memories, something that happened to make you smile etc, it all makes for interesting reading.

## **Home Group Bible Studies**

The next Bible study groups are on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30-5.00pm, studying Mark's Gospel. Please ring Ruth for further details. 07852 668633

## **Events still to come at St Thomas'**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Enfield Brass Band Concert
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm Carol Service
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

You are invited to offer names to be added to our prayer diary to remember those who are unwell or unhappy. First names only are required as God will know who we are praying for.

Contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 or email [lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk)

This month we pray for Glenis, Laura, Alan & Pam, Lesley, Charlie & John, Anne, Pam & John, Barbara, Vernon, Mal, Louise, Sue, Ann & Cyril, Rosalind, Doreen, Barry, Maureen, Carol & George, Beverly, Dave P, Terry, June, Rose, Peggy, Shirley, Sheila, Jackie, Jean, Andrea and her Mum and Dad, Nina, Carmel & the Price family, James, Tim, Dave, Pat, Christine, Kathrine & Paul.

## **THE VICAR WRITES:**

A while ago there was a discussion as to whether the time had come to bring an end to the commemoration of Remembrance Sunday. The generation which fought the First World War has now passed and those who remember the Second World War were, with a few exceptions, only children when it happened.

This in my view would be a mistake.

War is a constant reality. Whilst most of us will not remember the world wars the day was established to recall, our country has been engaged in other wars since, notably Korea, the Falklands, Afghanistan and Iraq. And the world has seen so many conflicts including current conflicts in Ukraine, Syria and Yemen among others.

To me that means that now is not the time to pause in our remembrance. Rather we should commemorate at the same time as looking forward. It is a day to pray for reconciliation. To pray for forgiveness. To pray for peace.

For we come together on Remembrance Sunday as followers of Jesus Christ and people committed to his moral code. That code requires us to pray for our enemies, and to do good to those who persecute us. It is a requirement to make peace.

Jesus was not naïve. He lived in a violent world as do we. He lived in a country occupied by enemy soldiers. He lived in a part of the world where there was internal conflict between factions and tribes. He lived where dissent was dealt with swiftly. Not for nothing did Jesus die a violent death.

At that death the words 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing' were spoken through pain, and in response to an act of unimaginable torture and cruelty.

Jesus' way is the way of peace. He teaches that facing up to the violence of the world is the steppingstone to peace.

Now peace is not the absence of war. It is not something which only a few diplomats at the UN can negotiate. Peace does not flow from political systems, it flows from the love and grace of God. It flows from the Saviour who taught us the way of forgiveness, reconciliation, justice and righteousness.

We are not called as Christians to grin and bear it. We are not called to shake our heads and say there is nothing we can do.

We cannot socially distance from the pain of the world.

It is our task, our responsibility, our role to create relationships which refuse to define another as the other. We are to refuse to turn a blind eye to the need of the one who flees war and torture. We are to be proactive in our church life in discerning, informing ourselves, looking beneath the falsehoods and ask what the truth of Christ in this ungodly mess is.

So this month as we remember, we bring to mind all who have suffered and who are suffering. But above all we bring to mind Jesus Christ, who also suffered from the violence of others.

But Jesus did not ask us to remember by attacking the perpetrators. Rather he asked us to remember him by breaking bread with each other and sharing the fruit of the vine.

Only then can we sit together at the table of brotherhood and sisterhood and share the resources of this earth together in peace.

Blessings, Jane

## **ANAGRAM**

Unscramble this 11 letter anagram: RIGSOFSEVEN. The answer will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Dedications for October from Terry Jones.

Well done to all our flower arrangers for creating a wonderful display for HARVEST FESTIVAL, also for the many items donated for auction.

NOVEMBER will see the church featuring displays with poppies for Remembrance Sunday.

Each month we can create memorial dedications, wedding, anniversary or special occasion flowers – all can be arranged for any week – contact Marion 07789 643147 or email [marionne.locke@btinternet.com](mailto:marionne.locke@btinternet.com) to discuss.

## STAMPS!

Please continue to save your postage stamps and foreign or out of circulation coins – many charities can use them to raise funds.

We collect the coins for Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and I have recently been told the British Legion collect them too.

The Air Ambulance no longer take the coins so I made contact with St Clare's Hospice and took two large bags of stamps weighing over 3kg to them – they were delighted so I will continue to save the stamps for them.

Stamps and coins can be left with Lyn and Dave at 94 Upshire Road and left in the porch. Note: please remember to leave about ½" of envelope around the stamp. Thank you.

## **ST THOMAS' CHURCH COMMUNITY LUNCHEES 2022**

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER : AUTUMN LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER : XMAS LUNCH

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE : 07899 846711

If, after booking you are unable to come, please phone to cancel,  
we can then offer a place to people on the waiting list. Thank you.



## **ST THOMAS' SEEDLINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of each month (unless otherwise stated)**

A free Stay and Play church group for children and those who care for them

Join us Saturdays 3-4pm for messy craft, play, songs and stories along with a welcome cuppa

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning and Harvest Auction of Produce

The Macmillan Coffee morning on 30 September raised £265 and the Sale of produce after afternoon teas on 16 October raised £100.50 for the Waltham Abbey Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

## CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

We will be making Christmas Puddings again this year – anyone wishing to order one in advance should contact Lyn & Dave on 01992 711573. 1lb pudding will be £3.75, 2lb £7.50. Other sizes and prices available – please ask.

## CHURCHWARDEN'S CHATTER

Last month saw the first of our Winter Warmer roast Community Lunches and the last of our Summer Teas at our Harvest Festival weekend. Following the auction of goods and with generous donations we were able to give a total of £100.50 to the 3food4u Food Bank at Waltham Abbey, along with a large amount of dry goods and tinned food on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The October Lunch was very well supported and included a short talk and demonstration of a slow cooker and a halogen oven by Mrs Gwen Hall to help you save on your winter electrical bills.

Please book your November lunch by ringing Pauline on 07899 846711 as soon as possible. If you are not able to come after having booked, please let Pauline know then your place can be offered to the next person on the waiting list. Thank you.

Look out for the afternoon Festival of Light Service on 27<sup>th</sup> November (to be confirmed) and the Remembrance Service at the Lych Gate on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

Our Christmas Market in the church will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 11am-3pm, with lots stalls selling all manner of goodies, light refreshments will be available throughout the day. If you require a stall please ring 07960 809799 as soon as possible.

For Christmas and New Year services please refer to the December Newsletter.

## **BEWARE OF THE DEER!**

The rutting season is now in full swing with deer all over the place - roads, gardens fields and forest. Please keep your speed well below the local speed limits as impact with one of them can be a very expensive business. Please drive slowly through the area at all times.

Our Christmas Market will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you require a stall at the above event please phone Stephen Brown on 07960 809799 to book one. Thank you.

Stephen

GARDENERS NOTE Free bagged compost ready for collection: ring 07960 809799.

Any donation to the church fabric fund would be appreciated. Thank you.

## **Charities supported by St Thomas' Church**

### **Royal British Legion**

The Royal British Legion (RBL), formerly the British Legion, is a British charity providing financial, social and emotional support to members and veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants. It was founded in 1921 as a voice for the ex-service community.

Perhaps best known for the yearly Poppy Appeal and Remembrance services, the Legion is a campaigning organisation that promotes the welfare and interests of current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Examples of how they help include food vouchers, help to pay energy bills for a service family or provision of temporary accommodation for a veteran forced to sleep rough. They work with veterans and their families to find ways to make them less vulnerable to future financial crises. They support them to get out of debt and to find a job. They can provide grants to make their home more energy efficient or help them to budget so that they can pay the rent.

Their current fund raising campaign is focusing on helping veterans who are facing new hardships every day as a result of rising costs. It includes the following two examples of how RBL helps.

Jan served in the Army for 28 years and then had a good job in security until he caught Covid-19, which left him with long-term health problems. He was no longer able to work and support his family. He reached out to RBL and one of their case workers is now working with him and his family, helping them to deal with their financial situation. His case worker arranged for the family to receive £100 in food vouchers and a grant to cover their energy bills for 3 months.

RBL have also helped Terry, a veteran, whose alcohol addiction spiralled out of control. He lost his job and his family and then fell heavily into debt. After some time he found the courage to contact RBL. Once Terry acknowledged his addiction and started working to achieve sobriety, the charity was able to help him with a fridge, debt relief advice counselling and preventing threatened eviction. They supported him with a Crisis Grant to help him with his immediate financial problems.

The RBL is expecting an inundation of calls from veterans as a result of the current challenging times. In the first half of this year they have issued as many Crisis Grants as in the whole of 2021. We will be having a collection for RBL on Remembrance Sunday, which I hope you will support.

## ANAGRAM

The answer to the anagram is FORGIVENESS.

## GROWERS CORNER

Now that we have changed our clocks to Greenwich Mean Time we must expect early morning frosts to be with us from now until the end of May 2023. With this in mind all tender plants should be moved to a heated greenhouse or conservatory. If you are unable to bring plants in they need to be wrapped in straw or bubble wrap to protect them from the frost and shelter from the rain as these two combined will destroy and tender plant in hours.

Looking forward to next year's growing season you can steal a march on other growers if you plant your broad bean and sweet pea seeds now. You require deep pots for both – two sweet pea seeds to a pot and one broad bean seed per pot. Water and place on a windowsill to germinate; once you have small plants they can be placed into a mouse proof cold frame. Do not allow them to dry out then harden them off in the spring ready to plant out once any chance of frost has gone.

At the end of this month you can get some Christmas tree trimmings as well as holly to make wreaths. You may buy or make the foundation metal wire rings which are the base to which the trimmings or holly are attached with fine green wire. Add coloured ribbon (red is good), chestnuts, dried slices of lemon or orange, cinnamon sticks, etc to give colour to your wreath.

If you have any prepared bulbs in the dark under straw now is the time to bring them into the daylight so they can go from white to green. Plant them up into containers using a potting compost, place them in the light and they should flower for Christmas.

You should now take down your summer baskets and replace them with your new winters ones which you have been growing on over the past few weeks.

This summer we had a very long, hot, dry spell of weather and the lawns did not grow at all, but in the last few weeks the grass has grown very long and it looks like it will do the same in December. Cut the grass on a warm sunny day. Following your last cut clean your lawnmower of any grass, oil the wheels, cables, cutting blades and cylinder through the spark hole, replacing the spark plug on completion. Drain the petrol tank and cover the mower with an old blanket and store in a dry shed or garage for the winter.

With the nights now drawing in mornings are the best time to get jobs done and if it's raining check all your hand tools for repair. Oil all the metal parts then hang them up for the winter. Your wheelbarrow may need a lick of paint as well as greasing its wheel bearings ready for next season or for any snow clearing during the winter. They tell me if you have slippery paths a solution of 50% water with 50% white vinegar applied to the path and scrubbed with a stiff broom, then rinsed with clean water does the trick. I will let you know how I go on next month. Steve.

## 50/50 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 Club Draw in September, who were:

1 <sup>st</sup> : £35	No. 13	John Atkinson of Waltham Abbey
2 <sup>nd</sup> : £25	No. 15	Bobby MacMillan of Waltham Abbey
3 <sup>rd</sup> : £15	No. 82	Beryl Holland of Claverhambury

Our thanks to all our members for their support of St Thomas' Church.

It is not too late to enter for Draw 10 of St Thomas' 50/50 Club.

There will still be monthly draws and the entry fee is £12.00 every six months (or £2 for every month of membership). Each member is entitled to a maximum of two entries, couples can have four. Payment by Bank Transfer is preferred to the church's account St Thomas Church Upshire PCC, Sort code 404520, Account number 00724505, HSBC Bank or alternatively you may pay by cheque or cash to the address stated. Please let me know if you pay by Bank Transfer so I can include your number in the Draw (email [lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01992 711573). Good luck to everyone who enters.

## SOME CLUBS TO JOIN IF YOU'RE FEELING LONELY

Lots of us get lonely or bored during the colder days of winter so here are a few suggestions of Clubs and Activities to join:

COMMUNITY HUB: Waltham Abbey Museum, Wednesdays 12noon-1.45pm 020 8223 0707

INDOOR BOWLS: Upshire Village Hall, Mondays 2pm-4.30pm 01992 711720

BOARD GAMES: Angel Pub, Waltham Abbey, Last Friday of month, afternoons. 01992 712765

CHAIR DANCE: Waltham Abbey Museum, Fridays 10.30am-12noon. 01992 716882

FLOWER CLUB: Waltham Abbey Community Centre. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 2pm-4pm [chris.beales@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.beales@hotmail.co.uk)

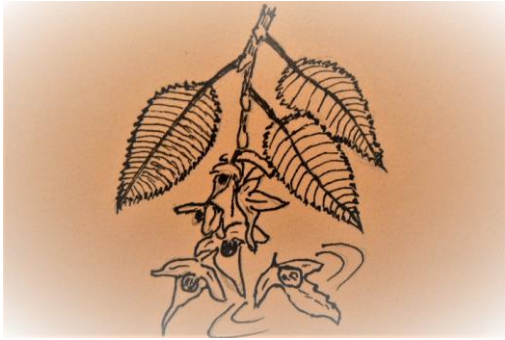
MEN'S SHED: Waltham Abbey Museum, Wednesday 4.30pm-7pm. [mbalkham@vaef.org.uk](mailto:mbalkham@vaef.org.uk)

SOCIAL ACTIVITY CLUB: Jubilee Court, Waltham Abbey. Friday, once a month, 1pm-3pm 07708 171116



This is just a small selection – call in at the Tourist Information Centre for a leaflet with many more suggestions.

### Trees of St. Thomas' Church – The Hornbeam



The Hornbeam is another of the four trees which make up Epping Forest – in fact, our forest has been described as the finest Hornbeam forest in Europe. The Hornbeam has been indigenous to this country for 6,000 years. It thrives on clay soils, sharing its habitat with oaks which enjoy similar conditions. It can live for 300 years and left to its own devices it can grow to 20 metres but most of the trees we see in the Forest have been pollarded every 15 years or so until the passing of the Epping Forest Act in 1878, giving them wonderfully gnarled and twisted shapes. The wood resulting from pollarding was largely for fuel and charcoal but where the timber has been put to other uses, it was because the wood is so hard, the hardest of any tree in Europe.

Historically, it was used for ox- yokes (and reputedly Roman chariots). The name might refer to the wooden beam attached to the oxen's horns although in old English 'horn' means hard and 'beam' means tree so that is the more likely explanation. Other traditional uses include butchers' chopping blocks, piano hammers, mallets, balls, skittles, coach wheels and cogs for windmills and watermills. A tonic made from Hornbeam was said to relieve tiredness and exhaustion and its leaves were used to staunch bleeding and heal wounds. In Valenciennes in Northern France, it was traditional to lay a Hornbeam branch at your sweetheart's door.

Its mature bark is grey with vertical wavy lines, described variously by children visiting the Forest as "like a snake", "like water trickling down the tree", "it looks as if a giant snail has wandered up the tree". The pattern is more than skin deep, however, which was made very clear by some blind and partially sighted children from Joseph Clarke School who felt the pattern on a fallen Hornbeam which had lost its bark and went on to identify growing Hornbeams on their walk.

There are 3 specimens in St. Thomas' Churchyard; one near the iron archway, the other two on the western edge near the opening into the Churchyard Extension. Look for delicately pleated serrated leaves and catkins in the Spring and bunches of three- winged fruits called samaras forming in the Summer and whirling to the ground in the Autumn along with golden yellow leaves. Having said that, this year is peculiar in the complete lack of seeds on our trees, presumably due to weather conditions. Last year the seeds were in great abundance.

It is said that, with the help of a stethoscope, you can hear the sap rising in the trunk of the Hornbeam – known as the heart- beat of the Hornbeam. Some people claim not to need the stethoscope, just to press an ear to the trunk. I have never had any success with this but then my hearing is not what it was. If anyone has shared this mystical moment with a Hornbeam tree, I should love to hear about it.

Sue McKinley

### **SHOE BOX APPEAL**

At the time of printing the Newsletter I have received 120 filled shoe boxes ready for Blythswood to collect on 31st October. I'm sure there will be quite a few more by the time collection day comes round. Our thanks to everyone who has made the effort to cover and fill a shoe box with items for the very desperate people of Ukraine and the surrounding countries that are supporting the Ukrainian refugees. Thanks also to the kind people who knitted hats, scarves, mittens and gloves – well done! It means so much to the recipients just to know that others are thinking of them.

Lyn and Dave at 94 Upshire Road, 01992 711573. Thank you.

### **UPSHIRE MOTHERS' UNION**

In September we had our Corporate Communion Service lead by Revd Jane Yeadon, thank you Jane, followed by tea and cake in the church.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November when our Speaker is Sue McKinley who will tell us about The Peasant Poet John Clare: his life at High Beach. Tea Hostesses: Sue McKinley & Lyn Wackett. Raffle: Gill Negus. Please do come along and join us, everyone is welcome.

Further information from Ann Smith on 01992 767809.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY!

## ENFIELD BRASS BAND CONCERT

In church

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 3.30pm

£10 per person, includes seasonal refreshments: contact Lyn on 01992 711573

## TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

In the church

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12noon

Booking essential – phone 07899 846711

please let us know if you are unable to make it after booking. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

In the church

SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 11am to 3pm

Cakes, jams, chutney & pickles, Christmas puddings, eggs, honey, Christmas stall, cards  
Plus a wide variety of other stalls

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## AT HIGH BEACH CHURCH

### **Christmas Stories and Songs**

Join us in the grounds of High Beach Church at 3pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
for some festive stories and Christmas carols

In true carol singing tradition we will be outside unless it is pouring with rain, so wrap up warm!

The singing will last about an hour.

There is no charge but donations to HB Church funds will be gratefully received. Bring a torch!

### **A Concert of Christmas Music by the Woodford Singers**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

With hot chocolate on arrival and seasonal refreshments

### **Informal Carol Singing in the Church on a Forest theme**

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some of the Christmas traditions of the forest

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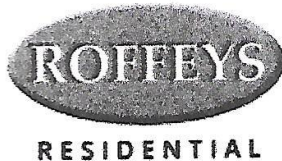
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## DANCE WORDSEARCH

As so many people are enjoying Strictly Come Dancing I thought I make the wordsearch about Dance. All the words in the list are hidden in the diagram below. Words are printed across, up, down or diagonally, but always in straight lines. Letters may be used more than once.

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BARN	LINE	T C O G D Q I O A M C B Z K E T E N A M
BELLY	LOCOMOTION	E W O N O S E I T I Y T O S D C R L I A
BOSSA NOVA	MOONWALKER	N L A U G R N S U I L E T S N A L E M L
BREAKDANCE	MORRIS	I F A L N I D Q H A O O K A S R N E E E
CALYPSO	PALAIS GLIDE	T S I T G T B O W O N N L O O A R C L T
CHA CHA	POLKA	N D Q R I A R E N M W A I O C I N Y E T
CHARLESTON	QUICKSTEP	E T I U L N S Y O S M R M A C Y T O A D
CLOG CONGA	RAIN	G V A L A E A O E B H F U A R S E R V N
COUNTRY	RIVER	R P E N N R N M E P L U N M M H A K T A
DISCO	RUMBA	A T E N G W E T E A I S L A B N S O O L
FANDANGO	SAMBA	R J E T A O H Z M R M P N A T A R I I H
FLAMENCO	SEQUENCE	E I I L S W C E T O I G N E H T G M R G
FOLK	SHIMMY	V N K V A O N S O L N C L R X U B N O I
FOXTROT	SHOW	I E I L E C W T I A A L A O O O L L O H
GANGNAM STYLE	SQUARE	R A K L O P H T G D A W F N A H C A H C
GAY GORDONS	STREET	
HIGHLAND	TANGO	
HOEDOWN	TARANTELLA	
HOKEY COKEY	TWIST	
HORNSPIPE	TWO STEP	
HULA HULA	VIENNESE WALTZ	
IRISH	VIRGINIA REEL	
JIVE	WALTZ	
LAMBADA	YMCA	

**Where?** A rather long-winded preacher was dealing with the Old Testament prophets, one by one. "And now," he propounded, "we reach Isaiah. Where shall I put Isaiah?" At that, a little man in the front row stood up. "He can have my seat. I am going home!"

**What happens then?** A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"

**Purring** Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. "Oh Auntie, come quick," cried George. "The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running."

**Wife** A Sunday School teacher was teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when she explained how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. The little boy explained worriedly: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

**Oil** A curate took his rather old car to the garage for an oil change. After the mechanic had briefly inspected under the bonnet, he turned to the young man and said: "If I were you, I'd keep the oil and change the car."

**Life and death** The vicar was preaching a powerful sermon concerning death and judgment. In the course of the sermon, he said: "Just think – all of you living in this parish will one day die." At this, a man in the front pew began to laugh quietly. After the service the vicar demanded sternly what he had found so funny about his sermon. The man replied: "I was just happy that I don't live in this parish!"

### More real-life notes left for milkmen...

~ Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed Coronation Street last night. Maybe we could talk about what happened over a cup of tea?

~ My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do this before you deliver, or do I have to shake it at my end?

~ Please send me a form for cheap milk, as I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.

~ Milk is needed for the baby. Father unable to supply it.

~ Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, as I wrote this note yesterday.