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## June 2026

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# A message from Revd. Joanne Hodge

## Seeds of New Life

June is a wonderful month, full of hope and promise. Now, I'm no gardener, but even I can see that gardens are waking up, hedges are full and green, and everywhere I look there are signs of new life pushing its way into the world. Tiny seeds, once hidden in the soil, are now becoming something we can see and enjoy.



It's easy to forget how small a seed really is. A handful can look like nothing much at all. Yet, given time, warmth and care, those small beginnings turn into flowers, vegetables and trees that last for years. There's something quietly remarkable about that.



Many of us have our own ways of tending to seeds, whether in a back garden, a window box, or a shared allotment. We water them, we keep an eye on them and we trust that something is happening even when we can't yet see it. Growth often begins out of sight.

Perhaps the same can be said for other parts of life in our community. Small acts - a kind word, a helping hand, a moment of patience - can seem insignificant at the time. But over days and weeks they take root. They shape friendships, strengthen our community and bring a sense of warmth that others can feel.



New life doesn't always arrive in grand or obvious ways. Often, it begins quietly. A fresh start after a difficult time. A new neighbour settling in. A child learning something for the first time. These moments can be easy to miss, but they matter more than we might think.



There is also something about seeds that invites us to be patient. Not everything grows at once, and not everything grows quickly. Some things take longer, needing the right conditions before they truly flourish. That can be true for people as well.

As we enjoy the longer days of June, perhaps we can take a moment to notice not only what is growing around us, but also what is growing within us. The gardens, certainly, but also the small signs of goodness in daily life. These are the seeds that quietly shape who we are becoming.



Just as in the garden, it is often the simplest things - light, care, and a little attention - that make all the difference.

Rev Joanne Hodge



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## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

7th June 4pm St Michael's Community Centre  
**ALL-AGE WORSHIP**



14th June 10.30 St Michael's Church  
**PARISH COMMUNION**

21st June 10.30 St Michael's Community Centre  
**CELTIC WORSHIP**



28th June 10.30 St Michael's Church  
**PARISH COMMUNION**  
4pm St Michael's Community Centre  
**CAFÉ CHURCH**



Also Thursdays at 10.30 - Holy Communion in SMCC  
& 1st Sunday at 8am - Holy Communion in St Michael's Church

See page 17 for details of special events  
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## SALEM METHODIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30

7th June Together4Fromeside  
14th June Mrs Viv Lear  
21st June Local arrangement  
28th June Mrs Hennie Gray



Further details on the website [www.salemchurch.org.uk](http://www.salemchurch.org.uk)

The media recently celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir David Attenborough, the most well-known and influential naturalist of the past 50 years. His television wildlife series have attracted millions of viewers worldwide enthralled to see the natural world with all its glorious sounds, colours and extraordinary creatures. Everyone who has watched his programmes must have their favourite memories, whether it is Sir David meeting the gorillas, the terrifying scenes of the racing snakes chasing iguanas (someone described it as the best ever car chase on record) or the lyre bird doing a perfect imitation of a chainsaw in order to attract a mate.



Over the 50 years or so of wildlife filming many things have changed, not least the technical developments that have enabled ever more aspects of wildlife behaviour to be filmed. Another change has been in the style of the commentary by Sir David. Early series were all about the wonders of the natural world, not surprisingly since they were the first time most watchers had seen the types of behaviour depicted. But as time has moved on, there has been an increasing emphasis on the impact we as humans have on the natural environment. In some cases, animals have adapted very well to our artificial city environments: in this country the urban fox is well known,



using its wits to thrive in suburban gardens. Plants too have happily exploited our mobility, setting up home in new parts of the world where they have been transported, either accidentally or by design. But more often our activities have had a negative impact on the natural world. Invasive plants like Japanese Knotweed swamp verges and the once common call of the cuckoo is now a rarity just to give two examples.



We have destroyed or fragmented the habitats that whole groups of species depend upon, our rubbish gets everywhere, ensnaring or poisoning wildlife, and climate change is altering the environment so fast that most things cannot adapt. Without drastic changes in the way we behave, huge numbers of species will go extinct in a sixth great extinction. The previous five have been natural events but this one is man-made. As Sir David has said - "The question is, are we happy to suppose that our grandchild may never be able to see an elephant except in a picture book?"



It may seem impossible for us as individuals to do anything about it, but if all those millions of people who have watched Sir David's programmes were to change their ways and persuade their friends to do likewise, think what a difference this would make.

Chris Greef



## **A thought for the month..**

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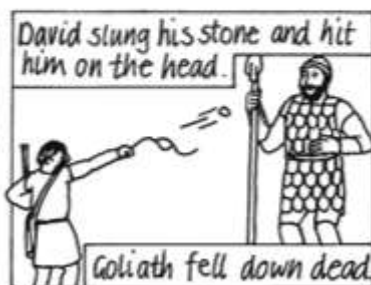
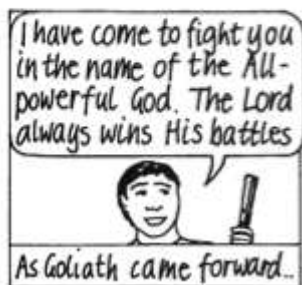
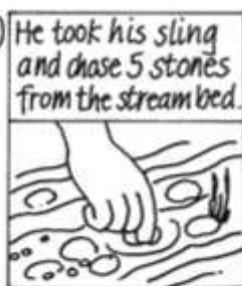
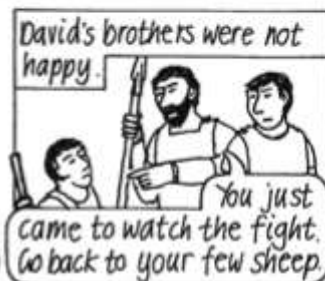
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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

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1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies  
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic  
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..



## What's the Big Idea?

### *An Introduction to the Books of the Bible: Judges*

Following Joshua's death, a generation grew up who didn't know God (Judges 2:11) and 'every man did what was right in his own eyes' (17:6, 21:25). The book of Judges is a study in God's response to a permissive society.



The book takes its name from the *deliverers* that God raised up during this time. God empowered both men and women with His Spirit to rule and deliver the people. They included Ehud, Deborah, Gideon and his son Abimelech, Jephthah and Samson. The judges operated in the 350 years (from 1050 BC) between Joshua's death and the monarchy.

We see a recurring cycle of apostasy, oppression, penitence and deliverance played out. When the people fell into sin, God sent an enemy nation to oppress them. As a result, they cried to God for help, and He responded by raising up a deliverer to free them.

The saddest words in Judges are those applied to Samson, 'He did not know that the LORD had left him' (16:20). Rejecting God in our lives can begin with tolerating those things that are not in harmony with His will for our lives. The people's toleration of the beliefs of their pagan neighbours led to a conformity in life and worship with them. Yet God waited for His people to return to Him, when He responded with grace to deliver them.



Gideon stands out as somebody who was unwilling to compromise with the surrounding culture. Despite his weaknesses, God used him to deliver Israel from the Midianite invaders. We read: 'the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon', lit: 'the Spirit clothed Himself with Gideon' (6:34). God's grace and faithfulness is at work in those who are prepared to trust Him.

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The Fromside Benefice Prayer and Spirituality Group warmly invites you to a **Quiet Garden Experience**. Come enjoy the peace and beauty of the gardens at **100 Flaxpits Lane**. Whether you wish to sit in stillness, enjoy the scenery, or engage in prayer, our secluded spaces offer the perfect sanctuary.



**Date:** Saturday, 13th June



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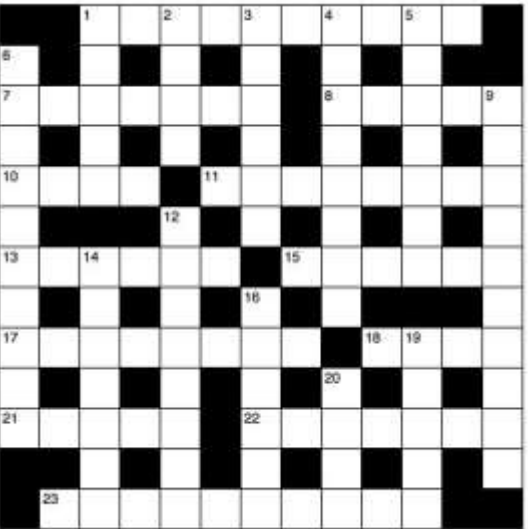
## Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord’s Prayer: ‘Lord, — us to pray’ (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 ‘We are hard pressed on every—’ (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 ‘His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent’ (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban’s household gods when he searched his daughter’s tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 ‘Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—’ (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 ‘As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field’ (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

**Answers on page 27**

## Down

- 1 ‘God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son’ (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 ‘Away in a manger, no — for a bed’ (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 ‘Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled’ (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
- 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
- 19 ‘All these—come from inside and make a man “unclean”’ (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 ‘Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!’(Revelation19:7)(4)



## Salem Diary



As we move from the Easter period into the “Ordinary” time in the church calendar, we find that our activities are limited in June. We will continue with the regular events, but there are fewer “specials”.

Pentecost was a interesting day — the BBC Songs of Praise was broadcast from the New Room Bristol, and featured Turnaround Bristol, our charity supporting the homeless and vulnerable in the city centre, and there was a Pentecost Praise at Zion.



Pentecost was also the final session of our Alpha Course. It was good to welcome some to our group who were “exploring” the Christian faith. We pray that their experience will enable them to come a firmer belief and commitment

These regular activities continue :-



Coffee morning on Wednesday June 3rd at 10 a.m



Bacon butties /toasted teacakes on Saturday May 20th at 10 a.m.



The film afternoons will take a break during the summer months and re-commence on September 8th

# Special events in & around St Michael's

Saturday 6th June from 3.30-5.15  
MESSY CHURCH  
in St Saviour's Church Hall



Saturday 6th June  
at 7pm  
SUMMER CONCERT  
at St Michael's Church  
See page 11

Saturday 13th June  
QUIET GARDEN  
from 10-1  
100 Flaxpits Lane  
Winterbourne  
see page 13



## CAFÉ CHURCH

looking at a theme using Scripture,  
music, informal discussion  
(with provision for accompanied children)  
and tea/coffee, of course!



**SUNDAY 28th June at 4pm**

**in St Michael's Community Centre**

High Street, Winterbourne

## The story behind the HYMN: Lord, for the years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us;  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him;  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves, in living power remake us-  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley Smith*

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"



Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral, something he was happy to do as a thank you to the Scripture Union for its role in his own spiritual journey. His commission

was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.



Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, on his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

Different music was written for it by Michael Baughen and that is the tune we know it by today. The composer recalled that his work for 'the main fabric of the tune' took 'a matter of seconds'. 'I used to come down to make the morning tea in the kitchen and one day the post arrived just after 7.0 am. I opened the envelope and saw the words of "Lord for the years". They spoke music to me instantly. While the tea brewed I ran to the piano, desperate to get it down on paper. My little son Philip had heard me and came down with his blanket; he curled himself up in a chair. Then, when I took the tea up he was singing the tune. A few days later Revd David Winter came to us to preach and stayed with us. I played it to him. He said "That is a winner ... it will go very far ... I will try to get Cliff Richard to use it"

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for Queen Elizabeth herself. She would have celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this April, and her 'official' birthday on the second Saturday in June. She did indeed thank God 'for the years Your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen also held true:

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,  
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,  
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**Monday 15th June at 7pm**

**RAILS IN THE AVON GORGE**

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**Sunday 28th June from 11-4**

**MEDIEVAL FAYRE**

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# TEA AND MUSIC

If you're looking for a pleasant stroll on a Sunday afternoon with a cup of tea and some entertainment as a bonus...

Why not go down to Frenchay Common and enjoy one of Frenchay church's Tea and Music events this summer?



Teas from 2-5  
Music from 3-4

June 7th	Cleeve Singers
June 14th	Rippeth Edwards' Duo
June 21st	Fiona Hunt's pupils
June 28th	Opus4 Recorder group
July 5th	Bristol Opera

## Reflecting Faith: The Creed (Part 2)

Last month we considered where the Creed is placed within the service. This month let's think about what is in the Creed(s).

It's important to know that the earliest known Creed, which is still substantially used today was first found in a letter from around AD 341. This is known today as the Apostles' Creed because it is widely thought to have been originally written by the Apostles themselves.



Every phrase in it can be noted as derived directly from biblical texts and it is the compilation that has taken so much thought and discussion until we arrive at the versions we use in churches today.



Because the Creed succinctly includes everything Christians believe, it unites us all in those truths; whichever Christian denomination you choose to worship within. So, establishing wording that expresses the faith of all Christians has been the challenge.

Protestants sometimes wonder at the phrase, 'the holy catholic Church' being included, but the word 'catholic' here has the meaning of 'universal' rather than denominational.

We are ALL united in our basic faith.

This is what makes us Christians and distinguishes us from other 'churches', whether they have the name of Jesus in their title or not. Only Churches which acknowledge and include one of the recognised creeds can join the international organisation of 'Churches Together'.



Essentially, this is a sure way to know that you are at a Christian service.

In more recent years the Church has authorized several Affirmations of Faith which contain the key tenants of faith but are shorter and, if you like, simpler to understand.

### ***This month***

Because the Creed has to be universally accepted within established churches, deviations from the texts are not permitted. However, just for the joy of thinking ... what would you include in a statement of faith if you were drafting it? Which friends would you want to include on your 'committee'?



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2 Corinthians  
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Last term, Year 1 embarked on an incredible writing journey! The children were excited to create their very own stories, we used the story “Where to hide a star,” by Oliver Jeffers to give us a story structure.

During their writing sessions, the Year 1 pupils gathered ideas about the best hiding places for a star. Some suggested hiding it in a fluffy cloud, while others thought it could be hidden on a sandy beach. The classroom was full of creativity as they shared their thoughts and their imaginative ideas.

Once they had their ideas, the children began to write. One student, Henry, said, “I would hide my star in a church. Another student, Eira, said, “I would hide my star in a park .” Their stories were filled with wonderful descriptions and exciting adventures.

After finishing their stories, the children proudly shared their work with the class. Their faces lit up with joy as they read aloud, and everyone clapped for their amazing efforts.

This writing project not only helped Year 1 improve their writing skills but also encouraged them to express their creativity. What a fantastic experience it was for these young authors! We can't wait to see what they write next!



## Celebrating Fathers

*'If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much they make of the thought of being God's child and having God as their Father.'* (J I Packer, *Knowing God*)

This month we celebrate the importance of fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's Fatherhood and what it means for us.



At His baptism, when Jesus came out of the water: *'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'* (Matthew 3:16,17). What do we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, our relationship with God and the role of fathers?

### ***The Father's presence***

When Jesus was baptised, the Father was present in the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to address God as daddy (*'abba'*, Galatians 4:6) in an intimate way. God is present with us and understands our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. Dads should relate to their children like this.

### ***The Father's love***

The Father described His Son as *'beloved'*; like us, Jesus was the subject of God's unconditional love. Dads should assure their children of their constant, undeserved love.

### ***The Father's pleasure***

The Father tells Jesus that He is *'well pleased'* with Him, as He embarked on His public ministry. We need to hear this as well, especially when we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. We should also be aware of the effect of our words spoken to our children. Dads should be using every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

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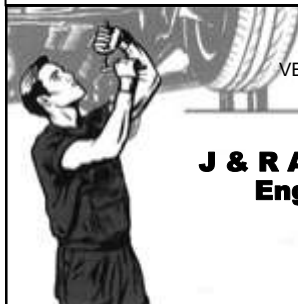
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