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Rector's notes – October 2020

Harvest thanksgiving

Usually in our benefice we celebrate Harvest on the first Sunday of October - each of our churches does this in a slightly different way.

This year, as for most other things, is different because of the current Covid19 restrictions, which at the time of writing look like they might change again without too much warning.

But we will still celebrate on either 4th October (St Andrew's, and Treleigh, and Pencoys) or 11th October (St Euny and Christchurch) as well as on Zoom. Perhaps this year more than ever, in the midst of so much uncertainty and anxiety, it's so important to remind ourselves of the goodness of God, the fruitfulness of the earth, and our absolute reliance on the miracle God's of growth to provide our daily food. It also gives us a chance to thank God for all the people in our food supply chains, from farmers and growers, to pack-house workers and food processing workers right through to delivery drivers and shop workers and market stall holders. All of those groups of people have carried on working this year through everything, and hopefully our appreciation of them is higher than ever because of that.

Traditionally our harvest gifts of non-perishable food have gone to Foodbank, and Foodbank has also received huge amounts of the same from school collections. Most of that is under threat this year, and as with food collections generally since March, Foodbank is much more reliant on gifts of cash with which to buy food, than gifts of food. If you wanted to give something direct to Foodbank this year please email Debs on transformationcpr@hotmail.co.uk or simply pay it direct to a/c 21425226 sort code 40-16-06 and put GIFT as a reference.

Growth in our churches is of course also something which God alone can give, though as in the food supply chain *people* have their part to play too. St Paul writes about the church at Corinth like this '*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth*'.



As we give thanks to God for the harvest in this most strange of years, please do continue to pray for God to give us growth in our churches too, and that we would know exactly the part God wants us to play in enabling that growth to happen: growth in spiritual depth, growth in service to our communities, and numerical growth too.

***With my prayers & best wishes
Caspar Bush (Team Rector)***

*A prayer for church growth
God of Mission, who alone brings
growth to your church; send your
Holy Spirit to give vision to our plan-
ning, wisdom to our actions, and
power to our witness.
Help our churches grow in num-
bers, in spiritual commitment to
you, and in service to our local
community; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

Revd Graham writes

It is October again, my favourite month, and as the leaves turn their orangey hues and the sun starts to hang a little lower in the sky, this is the time of year we think about harvest festivals. Like many of you, I often go a whole year without seeing tinned potatoes or spam, but in October they adorn our churches again! Of course, when we were younger it was all marrows and home grown fruit and veg, but times do change.

I wondered where the tradition came from. It clearly has biblical echoes of giving thanks to God for the first fruits, but I had a hunch that the idea of “bring your marrow to church day” must have come from somewhere. Well, I discovered that it did indeed come from the mind of someone who became well-known for being rather creative.

Revd Robert Hawker was the eccentric parson of Morwenstow in North Cornwall in the 1800s. Not one for wearing traditional black, he often donned a yellow poncho cut from a horse's blanket, or a purple coat and fisherman's jumper. A poet, a romantic, and, it turns out, an avid smoker of opium, it was Hawker who wrote *The Song of the Western Men*, also known as *Trelawny*. And it was also Hawker who is credited with introducing the first Harvest Festival, a thanksgiving service to which parishioners brought fruit and veg they had grown; food which was then distributed to the poor.

The idea clearly spread! Now, October in our churches is just about unimaginable without marrows and tins and harvest sheaves – so it is funny to think that it came about through the wild, imaginative creativity of someone who was known for being unconventional and thinking outside the box. I wonder if Revd Hawker faced opposition? “Marrows in a church!? It'll never catch on!”

But crisis is the mother of invention, so they say, and so I wonder at this harvest time what creativity might be bubbling inside of us as the church here in this time and place? What new solutions might you come up with for the issues we now face, and especially in this strange season? And don't think the idea is too wild. You never know, that outrageous idea might just catch on.

I'm praying for all those who think their ideas are too whacky to be taken seriously:

Generous God,

Thank you at this harvest time that we have enough to share.

Give us the courage to take risks in being generous,

so that we can know the joy of giving

and of sharing your love with those around us.

Help us to be bold, imaginative and creative in finding new ways to reach out and serve the needs around us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who gave all he was for us. Amen.

WHAT TO WEAR AND IN WHICH COLOUR?

Someone once said to me: "Oh I see you are wearing green this Sunday, is that the colour you thought would look nice?" BUT the colours of the vestments go beyond personal choice. Each colour, each vestment has a meaning. Here is a quick guide.

COLOURS: There are four: green, red, purple, white (yellow and gold stand for white).

GREEN is for growth, the times of the year when we are thinking especially of taking God's love out into the world. This is often called ORDINARY TIME.

RED is for the fire and the struggles linked with the Holy Spirit, so it would be worn on Pentecost Sunday and for the festivals of martyrs eg. Stephen. It may also be worn at ordinations and confirmations when the Holy Spirit descends on the candidates.

PURPLE is for Advent and Lent which are times of preparation for Christmas and Easter. Purple is an ancient colour associated with both penitence and dignity. Purple may also be worn at funerals.

WHITE is for celebration and hope so would be worn for the great festivals of Christmas and Easter, at weddings, baptisms and other festivals throughout the year.

So, once the colour has been chosen, what about the actual vestments, what do they mean?

CASSOCK: Usually a full length black garment which has a tradition from cold churches and is meant for warmth. It may have 39 buttons for the 39 Articles of Religion in the Prayer Book, or for the 39 blows suffered by Jesus prior to the crucifixion.

ALB: A white full length robe, sometimes decorated and sometimes with a hood. It represents the white cloth that the newly baptised were wrapped in when they came up from the river.

STOLE: The sign of priestly authority. It is the yolk that binds the priest to God, and signals the co-operation between the priest and the will of God.

AMICE: The cloth that went around the head of Jesus as he was laid in the tomb. It is also the dust cloth worn in the desert to, protect against a sand storm. It is sometimes decorated (apparelled) to match other vestments.

MANIPLE: Worn around the wrist, it represents the cloth used by Jesus at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of his disciples. It is also the cloth dropped by the host of Roman arena games to indicate that a competitor, often a Christian, should die.

CHASUBLE: The semi-circular garment worn over the cassock, alb and stole. It reminds us of the garment without seam, taken from Jesus at the crucifixion and for which the guards played dice. The garment inspired the film "The Robe"

COPE: Usually highly decorated, the cope is a cloak and is fastened with hooks known as a morse. It is worn on occasions of great celebration, choral evensong and the rite of Benediction.

MITRE: Taken from the word MITRA a mitre is worn by a bishop or bishop equivalent eg. an abess or a prior. It represents the flames of Pentecost which rested on the heads of the first apostles giving them the power to proclaim God's love in many languages. The mitre has two lappets worn to the back which represents the old and new testaments.

Vestments are often decorated with liturgical symbols or pictures eg. fish, flames, crosses, boats, water, nails, flowers etc.

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The colours and the vestments can inspire prayer, deepen worship, and bring a sense of awe, wonder and re-joining. Through the colours and the vestments the priest becomes for some, an icon of Christ, and thus a means of reflecting God's love for the world.

Fr Peter

LIGHTHOUSE

Sunday 6 September 2020

Once a month children meet for a wide range of activities with a friend or a carer. The



session is opened with a prayer, given by Father Peter, each child and adult are invited to light a candle, to remember someone special to them, the candle is then placed around a lighthouse, which to the children is a symbol of hope. The activity this week was origami, the Japanese art of folding paper, children and adults made a paper Crane, following the step by step instructions, given by Yoko Doble.

After a short refreshment break, children and adults through a combined effort completed a paper ball, which consists of twelve segments.

At the close of the session a Thanksgiving prayer was given by Father Peter, for a lovely afternoon spent together.

Joan Doble



URGENTLY REQUIRED

St Andrew Redruth needs someone to write for Five Alive each month. If you feel that this is something you would like to do, please contact Rosemary by phone or email.

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ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



On Sunday September 6th the first Sunday Eucharist to be held at Treleigh since March 15th took place. Rev'd Graham Adamson took the service delivering a thought provoking and captivating sermon and readings were by Trish Knights. It was, of course, so very different with the wearing of masks, use of hand sanitiser, social distancing, no singing and the consecrated bread being delivered by tweezers onto the hand of each communicant who were called up separately.

The love and best wishes from all at Treleigh go to Liz and Keith Naylor who are moving back to St. Illogan Church, Liz's home church where she used to be in the choir. We will of course miss them not only for their friendship but also for their contribution to Church life at St. Stephen's, Liz taking over the magazine distribution and welcoming people into Church and Keith being Vice Chair of the PCC, Safeguarding Officer, Intercession writer, reading the lessons and of course being in full Naval uniform to lay the poppy wreath at the Altar on Remembrance Sunday.

Treleigh Services....During October there will be services in all five churches on alternate Sundays at 10.30am. 1st and 3rd Sundays - St Andrew's and Treleigh and Pencoys/Four Lanes; 2nd and 4th Sundays - Christchurch and St Euny. For those who have not yet been back to a church service it is advised you bring a face-covering with you, and be prepared to give your contact details when you arrive, especially if you go to a church which you don't usually attend. There will be no Monday opening at Treleigh for Private Prayer now, just Thursday: 1.30pm Holy Communion and then open until 4pm for Private Prayer.

During lockdown two of our Albany Gardens residents have been organising a short outdoor Sunday service for a number of weeks so we haven't even had to leave our garden and everyone else is spread out along the road, social distancing of course. This, of course has now come to an end, but we even had 'Harvest' when we collected food for FOODBANK. The weather has been with us all the way and the service has been a light in the long tunnel of lockdown.

My grateful thanks for the greetings card sleeves that many of you have been passing on to me. I have been busy making cards in lockdown ready for when things get back to normal.

Take care & stay safe everyone,
Trish Rowe

ST EUNY NEWS

We were delighted to open church again for services on a Sunday, the first time in six long months, on 13 September. This should have been Mining Sunday, which at St Euny comprises an annual pilgrimage and tribute to the miners who worked the land and lost their lives. Our new Suffragan Bishop, Bishop Hugh presided and preached and apparently we were only the third parish he has visited since his appointment. It was an uplifting service and he stayed around for some time to talk to people, even presenting our gardener, Paul, with a card and a bottle of bubbles on his recent retirement.

The Redruth Team Ministry, in the form of Caspar, Jim and Graham, tried their best to wire us up for the above service, but being down in the valley, there were too many technical difficulties to overcome. Caspar did manage to record some of the service on his mobile phone until the battery ran out, but at least it was just as Bishop Hugh had completed his sermon! We now perhaps need to cost up having an internet connection at St Euny.

Following on from last month's article regarding hosting families in the community at St Euny in conjunction with CN4C, a further two weeks in August were devoted to this outreach programme of games, crafts and serving a nutritious meal at the end of the day. There is one more day to carry out this course, which will probably be a Saturday in half term week.

Thanks to Revd Deb and the volunteers who helped in any way.

Several funerals have started to be held again in St Euny and we give thanks that we are able to offer this pastoral office at such a difficult time for families. Obviously, in these strange times, guidelines must be adhered to but the church is an ever-present beacon of hope in the community and beyond.

The number of people who commented on the return of the tower bells being rung prior to the service on 13 September, was a reminder that we do have a role to play, which may alter over the coming months and years, but is grounded in the local neighbourhood.

Unfortunately, after a recent inspection by Whitechapel Foundry in London, we have been advised that a great deal of money needs to be spent on the bells for them to continue to be rung and to keep everyone who tolls the bells safe. After the initial £3k+ which must be sorted out within the coming weeks, a much larger bill will be forthcoming to enable us to carry on ringing the bells for years to come. We are currently looking into fundraising activities and grant applications, but if anyone has any ideas or can suggest anything, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact:

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Thank you in anticipation.

Our next Sunday services of Holy Communion at 10.30am will take place on 27 September/ 11 October - a Creation and Harvest Festival service with tin and non-perishable food greatly received for CPR Foodbank. This service will be followed by our Annual Meeting at 12 noon. Plus 25 October.

Stay safe everyone – there's a long winter ahead!

Margaret Johnson

**St. Andrew's Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church
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St. Andrew's Church Pencoys remains open twice a week for private prayer, on **Tuesday** afternoons from **2 pm to 4 pm** and on **Saturdays** from **4 pm to 6 pm**. Sunday worship, a **said** service of Holy Communion is at present being held on alternate Sundays at **10.30 am**, the next being on **4th and 18th October**, and each **Wednesday at 6 pm**, observing the necessary safety guidelines, at which everyone is very welcome.

Our **grateful thanks** continue to go to Caspar, Deb, Graham and Fr. Peter (and named 'hosts') for enabling us to 'meet' weekly via zoom for a social chat and of course, to share our Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Service, at 10.30 am. This arrangement will continue until further notice, alongside the actual services held at the various churches in the team, as noted elsewhere in Five Alive. For the latest information and/or for the Zoom link to join the weekly service and social times please contact our Rector, Caspar Bush, at casparbush@gmail.com. (01209 216958).

On Sunday, 6th September our **LAMP First Sunday Evening Event** resumed at Christchurch Lanner, featuring the people of Lebanon. Many thanks to everyone who was able to be part of the Event, which raised £250 for the Bishop of Truro's Appeal for Lebanon through the Church Mission Society and the work of the Church of the Resurrection, with which he has a personal connection. Please remember the people of Beirut in your prayers.

The next First Sunday Evening Event will be held on **4th October** at 6.00 pm, at Christchurch Lanner, featuring the Festival of St Francis of Assisi, within the season of CREATIONTIDE. The guest speaker will be Luci Isaacson and the collection will be for an animal rescue charity. SPRA is THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION AND REHOMING OF ANIMALS. The charity operates two charity shops, at Tiverton and Minehead. SPRA also supports Maria's Animal Sanctuary in Probus. Everyone will be very welcome, when the present safety guidelines will of course be observed.

Recommended **YouTube** viewing for all interested in health and wellbeing with winter approaching: **Dr. John Campbell**, who discusses COVID 19, Vitamin D and Other Science and other very interesting related topics, including vaccination, outdoor church services, etc. in times of previous pandemics and international reaction and results in the present situation.

We continue to pray for our Heavenly Father's loving protective power, and wish everyone good health and safety in these uncertain times.

Jill Tolputt

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

APCM

We are looking forward to holding our socially-distanced APCM this month. The meeting will allow us the opportunity to review the events of 2019 before lockdown, such as opening the church every day, the C-Fylm club, the youth theatre group, the Summer Holiday project, the monthly tea-parties and the plans for Tiddlers 2.

CATCH-UP CLUB

A small group of children met four times throughout August in preparation for returning to school. The children took part in Maths, English, Craft and Spanish activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I have returned to school this month, and it is all so different from how I left there nearly a year ago. The pupils are very understanding of the necessary changes that we have had to make and have been quick to adapt to new routines. The latest additions to my teacher's "toolkit" are hand sanitizer, anti-bac wipes and spray and a visor.

MAFA PICTURES

A selection of pictures showing Jesus as a member of the MAFA community in Cameroon is on display in the Sunday School area. He wears a red robe and sits, prays, teaches and works his signs and miracles amongst the villages. They are beautiful pictures and remind us that God entered the world for ALL people.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

The pattern of opening for private prayer and visitors remains at:

MONDAY 2pm - 4pm

FRIDAY 4pm - 6pm

Holy Communion is now celebrated EVERY Wednesday at 11am and on the SECOND and FOURTH Sundays at 10.30am.

The volunteers on church opening days have been busy tidying the church shed, vestries and cupboards. Many thanks to all those who have helped out with cleaning and tidying.

SEPTEMBER FIRST EVENT

The September Event raised £250.00 for the Bishop of Truro's Lebanon Appeal. Many thanks for the generous support.

PRE-RULE OF SIX PARTY!

On 13 September, we had a small gathering outside in the sunshine to celebrate Geoff's special birthday - yes, he is 21 again! In true Christchurch fashion, there was cake, gin and prosecco.

Julia Knight-Bennett

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Surrounded by God's Protection

Sometimes it is hard to begin again when we are frightened. In these strange times there are lots of things to feel worried or frightened about and after being cocooned safely away for the last six months it can feel a bit overwhelming heading back out into the real world again.

Matthew 6 - "Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? "

This month many people have headed back to church, school, work or even just their local shop. If we listen to the news, the messiness of the world and our own lives can seem very frightening. A very wise person once told me to, "Tidy one draw at a time." When we feel that the anxieties of life are threatening to overcome us, we take one small thing and try to work on it. This method can help us to feel calmer and more in control. In times like these this could be as simple as taking a walk with a friend or making sure to do your recycling!

Romans 8 - "We know that in everything God works for good"

Even in the times when it can seem as if everything is bleak if we look around us we can see the things that show God's goodness. A flower blooming on top of a mine engine, a person who appears to talk to us when we are at our lowest, a smile from a stranger who passes you in the street. During these times of change there are many examples of this goodness. Mothers standing before protesters in America, protecting them, someone secretly planting oak trees, busy head-teachers making adjustments to make life more manageable for parents, staff and pupils. If you feel anxiety creeping in, look for these things, the angels amongst us, the flowers growing in the wilderness.

Mark 10 "Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve... Take heart, rise, he is calling you."

This month we have begun to work on re-opening activities in our churches. Services have been carefully planned by our very hard working team to accommodate cameras and sound for those still at home. St Andrews gardening club have been busy plotting our church garden. Our fitness guru has begun her wonderful Pilates classes again and we have teams planning how to get our Craft, Tiddlers and Sunday school groups back up and running, albeit in new and different ways. All of these activities come with anxieties and difficulties and a certain amount of trepidation, but there is so much we can all do to help and a part we can play in the lives of both our churches and communities. One of the best ways to calm anxiety is to help someone else or to do something that can occupy your mind.

1 cor 13 "Agree with one another, live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you..."

So this month let us try to be peaceful and kind. Let us search for places where we can be the friendly face or the kind voice. Let us be less judgemental and anxious and choose to begin again with hope, strength and purpose.

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

Fran Thurston

Lockdown – Turkish style

Every year we spend time in Turkey combining our holidays with visiting our son and his family who live in Ankara.

On the 13th of March, after much deliberation and following advice from our Government that it was safe to travel, we arrived in Antalya on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey. On this day Turkey declared it's first positive case of covid 19.

Diary extract:

Sunday March 29th. We are now 9 days into complete lockdown. Not permitted to leave our apartment along with the rest of the Turkish people. It's been a tough week. Clocks go forward at home and we are now 2 hours ahead here. Woke to the first feel of warmth in the sun. The sky is that kind of bright blue that hurts your eyes but it's not paradise. We feel isolated, far from our family and friends. Everyone is confined to their homes. Not sure how long our stores will last. We read the Daily Sabah for instructions, gobble up every morsel of information the internet puts out.

Thursday 2nd April: another beautiful spring day. We make the decision to ration the amount of covid news we read. All so depressing and quite frightening. Our family message daily. I thank God for 'WhatsApp.' We video call and keep in close touch. We watch the swallows duck and dive outside our apartment. We take coffee on the balcony and let the sun warm us. The usually beautiful pool below us has been drained, along with everyone else's. It looks sad and green and rather stagnant. We are thankful we live in a gated community so can at least get outside, others aren't so lucky.

Saturday 11th April: Easter Saturday! We have been in Turkey a month. Lockdown has eased for some but not us. Under 18s and over 65s still confined to home. Shopping has proved difficult. I wait for dark and race to the small store down the road. Not been stopped yet! Thoughts drift to home and Easter Sunday. We cobble Holy Communion, share bread and wine, read from my travel Bible. It gives us hope, raises our spirits. We go and sit in the sun by our stagnant pool.

Friday 1st of May: We have been joining Morning Prayer some days on Zoom. Feel closer to all that is dear to us at home. We thank God for Netflix, for Alexa and all modern technology. We look at trying to find a flight home. Joe still unable to leave Ankara. We wonder if we will get to see him at all.

5th June: Some changes in the lockdown but we are still being shielded. We may be allowed out for a day on Sunday 10am to 4pm. Can't wait! There are now full weekend curfews for all. Turkey seems to be handling this well. Few deaths reported and very little where we are. Istanbul seems the worst. Longing for a swim as it's very hot. The pool remains empty and forlorn.

Monday 6th July: our English friends have arrived! Flights are happening but not steady. We keep everything crossed for rebooking yet again. Still hoping Joe will get down before we go!

21st July: it's very hot! We have freedom with the only stipulation being an 8pm curfew. We can live with that! The warm Mediterranean sea helps our jaded spirits and our pool is also open. The anxiety levels are not quite as high as they were. We check flights; I dream of Cornish mizzle and early morning mists over Carnmarth. Joe and family are coming down! We are elated, excited and so thankful. Just heard our flights are booked. At last, home.

Pie and Mike Louis-Smith

BISHOP HUGH'S SERMON FOR VJ DAY

VJ day 2020 Fr Peter asked me to speak this evening, having heard Archbishop Justin speak at my consecration service in Lambeth Palace in July. Consecrations don't normally happen in Lambeth Palace, - but these aren't normal times, are they, and so, a small number of us had the privilege of an intimate service in that little chapel, instead of the normal grandeur of a cathedral consecration. And it turns out that one of the last Bishops to have been consecrated there was back in 1941, when John Leonard Wilson was made Bishop of Singapore, before returning to the city just before it surrendered to the Japanese. He spent the rest of the war in Japanese prisoner of war camps, where he endured horrible beatings and terrible deprivation. At one point, Bishop Wilson was tied to a table, face up, with his head hanging over the edge while he was beaten on the legs, ankles to thighs, with ropes, non-stop, for several hours. In a sermon preached in 1946, he said: *"I remember Archbishop Temple in one of his books writing that if we pray for any particular virtue, whether it be patience or courage or love, one of the answers that God gives to us is an opportunity for expressing that virtue. "After my first beating I was almost afraid to pray for courage lest I should have another opportunity of exercising it, but my unspoken prayer was there, and without God's help I doubt whether I should have come through. Long hours of ignoble pain were a severe test. In the middle of that torture they asked me if I still believed in God. When by God's help I said, 'I do,' they asked me why God did not save me, and by the help of His Holy Spirit I said, 'God does save me. He does not save me by freeing me from pain or punishment, but He saves me by giving me the spirit to bear it,' and when they asked me why I did not curse them I told them that it was because I was a follower of Jesus Christ, who taught us that we were all brethren."* His witness is an example to us all. What Father Peter didn't know, was that VJ day has a more personal meaning for me. My grandfather was also captured at the fall of Singapore. He spent 3 years in the jungles, building the railway made famous by the film, *Bridge over the River Kwai*, in horrendous circumstances, brutalised by the prison guards, starved of food and riddled with tropical illnesses. A few years ago, I was given a book of his. It's called *Miracle on the River Kwai*. Written by Ernest Gordon, who was a prisoner with him, it tells the story of what happened in those brutal jungles. My grandfather always hated the *Bridge over the River Kwai*, which he considered Hollywood nonsense, but this book, he said, this was how it really was. The book tells the story of evil. But the reason my Grandfather loved it, wasn't because it described how bad things were. The book is called the *The Miracle on the River Kwai* and the miracle it

describes was one of faith. The author, like my grandfather, arrived in Singapore with a nominal belief in God, but little more than that. But there in those grim jungles, surrounded by death, Ernest Gordon discovered something life changing. There, in the least likely circumstances, he discovered that God is alive and at work, even in the worst of places and and the most terrible of situations. There in the jungle God remembered him and found him. And that was also my grandfather's experience. Like so many of those who fought, he rarely spoke of his experiences, but he did talk often about God, and about love and faith. And he said that he learnt about them on the River Kwai. Just after the camps were liberated, the book's author wrote this *'I had seen at first hand the cruelty of a totalitarian regime. I knew something of suffering and what it meant to look death in the face. I knew the depths to which men could sink and the heights to which they could rise.*

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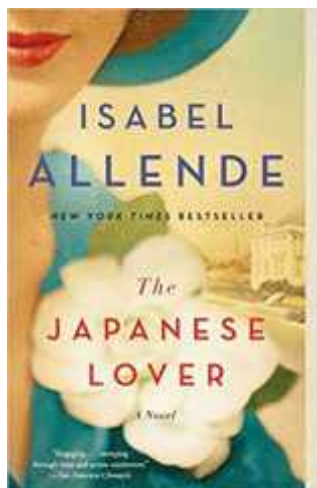
I could speak knowledgeably of despair, but also of hope; of hatred, but also of love; of man without God, but also of man sustained by God. I knew the power of the demonic, and I knew the greater power of the Holy Spirit'

It is one of the great truths of faith isn't it; that in the midst of darkness, the light shines brightest; in the midst of the greatest terror, we hear the voice of God saying 'peace'; in the middle of the most terrible injustice, we find men and women stepping boldly forward armed only with faith and a deep longing for a better world. And my prayer is that we, inspired by these mighty saints, who have gone before us, those we know about and those whose names are forgotten, might have the same faith to work for light, peace and justice in a broken world. Amen

Bishop Hugh

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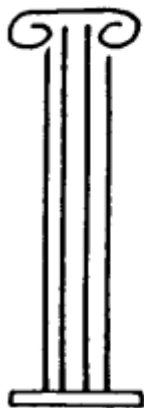
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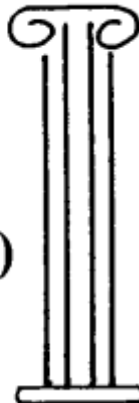
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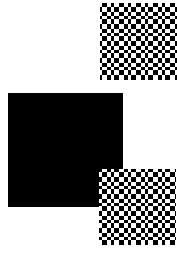
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