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Foreword



I am writing this just after services have been suspended at St John's and the Parish Centre has been closed. This does not mean that church ceases. The church is the body of Christ, and though we are scattered for a while we continue to love and pray for one another.

It is important that we keep in touch. Please feel free to ring me (07754 068 391) if only to talk to someone or to ask for prayers. The office phone

number will also remain in operation (0114 230 1199). I know that there are lots of good people out there who will be doing what they can to support their neighbours but if you need help, please ask.

While we can, the church will be open for private prayer on Sundays 10-12 and 5-7pm. I will also be saying Morning Prayer each morning at 9am. **Please pray with me at home using the four page pull-out order of service that is included in the centre of the magazine.** If we are in isolation it is important that we try to develop some sort of routine and find simple pleasures with which to refresh ourselves.

If you have access to the internet, please feel free to email me. We will be putting regular updates and reflections on our website. There are also lots of good sources of support and ways to feel connected to the wider church. The Church of England (<u>www.churchofengland.org</u>) has some excellent resources as well as access to live streaming of services.

This will be a long Lent and I don't know when we will be able to produce another magazine. We know that this virus will take people who are important to us and we will need to grieve their loss. But beyond Good Friday there is Easter Day. The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the cross as we will bear the marks of this time. But the important thing is that he rose again. He showed us that suffering and death do not have the last word, and that life and love will ultimately triumph.

God bless you.

Matthew

Parish Registers: March, 2020 <u>THE CHILDREN WHO WERE BAPTISED:</u> Heather Young and Charles Henry Linacre <u>Heather Young and Charles Henry Linacre</u> <u>THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:</u> Helen Cowley, Dorfy Casson, Maxim Hollingworth and Glennis Williams "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted". Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family of those names listed.



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A Conversation with.....Julian Gunn



You may have noticed a distant figure playing the organ at St John's. This is Julian Gunn. He was invited by Edward Barbieri to become Assistant Organist, as part of the team that included Derek Grover as Assistant Director of Music, Joe Hutchinson as Organist in Residence and Andrew Farn as Organ Scholar; a formidable team, but they all made Julian welcome from the first week of his appointment in September 2017. Within two weeks of his arrival. however, the roof collapsed. Julian is adamant that his playing had nothing to do with this!

Julian was brought up in Caterham, Surrey where he sang in the choir at St John's church. In those far off days (the 1960s) the choir at this fine suburban church consisted of about 16 boys (girls were allowed to sing alto) and some robust men's voices. Every year, a church music



festival was held which included Caterham, East Grinstead, Godstone, Crawley Down, and Lingfield. The choirs paraded through the town and police shut the road to traffic. An enormous choral evensong followed, plus a huge tea. Can you imagine that now?

Julian went to school at Whitgift, in Croydon. He took piano and organ lessons from the local organist at Caterham (Alfred Williams). He went on to study Medicine at Cambridge (Emmanuel College) where

he sang in the choir of the college. He also took lessons from the

organ scholar, Gary Cole. During a 'gap' year, he funded himself by teaching science at a prep school, and took more organ lessons at The Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, London, with Richard Popplewell. This enabled him to take the FLCM and ARCM diplomas in organ playing. He also played as occasional organist at Croydon Parish Church (now Croydon Minster). Julian then returned to Cambridge to study clinical medicine, based at Addenbrooke's Hospital. By a curious turn of events, the junior organ scholar at Queens' College did not do too well at his A levels, so Julian was awarded the Maine Organ Exhibition, and accompanied the Chapel choir under the Senior Organ Scholar John Gibbons. This is the magnificent organ at Queens'.



By coincidence, this was the very same college at which Edward was Organ Scholar – although that was some years after Julian. After qualifying, Julian moved to York, where he was a junior doctor at the hospital. Very swiftly, he found himself as Assistant Organist at St Olave's church. He also attended the Minster at least twice a week which was a wonderful and formative experience, and which helped him through his father's last illness. Another major development here was that he met his future wife, Mary, another junior doctor. Mary

later became a Psychiatrist. He then obtained his next medical post at St James's Hospital in Leeds, and – guess what? Yes, he became assistant organist at St Chad's Church, Far Headingley, a large church with a magnificent organ and generous acoustics. Does this ring any bells? During his next posting, at the City Hospital, Nottingham, he found himself irresistably drawn to the magnificent medieval church of St Mary, High Pavement, the city church, where he once again took up an informal post of second assistant organist.

Julian then moved to the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, to train

in his chosen specialty, Cardiology. Mary was working in Leeds at the time. They married in 1993 and Eleanor was born in 1995 (she is now a medical student at Manchester). The family resided in Thurgoland. After the wedding, Julian and his friend Tim Peters, another medic whom he had met at Emmanuel College, formed The Damian Singers, a group of amateur singers.



For the next 25 years, Tim directed, and Julian accompanied on the organ, as the choir toured all the major cathedrals of England; three visits a year. This was a fabulous experience, with long weekends and summer residencies at York, St Paul's, Worcester, Salisbury, Truro and all the rest, including Norwich (shown in the picture).

In his 'day job', Julian is now Professor of Interventional Cardiology at the University of

Sheffield. He is also a Consultant Cardiologist at the Northern General Hospital, specialising in coronary angioplasty. This is the treatment for patients with blocked arteries. He takes a special interest in organising medical services for patients in South Yorkshire who have heart attacks. He teaches students and undertakes research at the University in the field of artery disease. He runs a research group, which takes medical images of diseased arteries and uses the power of computer modelling to work out how much blood flow is reduced, and who needs treatment and who doesn't. He enjoys supervising MD and PhD students and watching them develop.

Julian's mother moved to Bexhill, in Sussex, and died there in 2004. Now separated from Mary, Julian lives in Wortley, but the two of them are very close, both geographically and as friends, and enjoy each other's company and that of Eleanor. He is extremely happy at St John's and delighted to have made so many new friends there. Please come up to him after the voluntary on Sunday and have a chat.

Gillian Stanley

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What connects educating girls, climate change and Christian Aid?

Friends of the Earth made a list of the top ten ways to fix a warming planet and there, at number 6, was 'Educating Girls'. This list is in the book '*Drawdown*', a copy of which we now have in St John's library. Based on extensive research, it looks at the top 100 solutions to reduce CO_2 emissions by 2050. Nobel laureate and girls' education activist, Malala Yousafzai, said "one child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world." Educating girls, '*Drawdown*' explains, can reduce the harmful effects of climate change in several ways: it reduces population growth, it increases the contribution of women and girls to economic growth and it equips them to face the most dramatic impacts of climate change.



Firstly, educating girls is one of the most powerful ways to combat climate change because it reduces population growth, which, in turn, makes a huge contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As a generalisation, it is the poorest places with the least education available to girls that have the highest rates of population growth. The research shows that if girls get a secondary education, decent health care and control over their own reproduction they have fewer children.

Secondly, educated girls and women are likely to be more empowered at home, at work and in society generally. Their agricultural plots are found to

be more productive and their families better nourished. They normally get better wages, are more upwardly mobile and contribute more to economic growth. Their rates of maternal mortality drop, as do the mortality rates of their babies. All these factors make for happier, healthier and more productive people. Educated girls are also less likely to marry as children, or against their will.

Child marriage often prevents girls from receiving an education and, conversely, girls with less schooling are more likely to marry early. According to UNICEF, in Nigeria 60% of girls are married before they are 18. Child marriage can trap girls in a cycle of poverty and powerlessness, damaging their health as well as their prospects and those of their children. In many cultures girls are expected to stay at home, run the house and look after younger children, which prevent them from going to school themselves. In sub-Saharan Africa fewer than I in 3 girls attends secondary school, and whilst 75% of girls start school only 8% finish their secondary education.

Thirdly, 'Drawdown' explains, if they are educated women can be more effective stewards of food, soil, trees and water, even as nature's cycles are changing in response to global warming. With an education, they will have a greater capacity to cope with shocks from natural disasters and extreme weather events. As educated girls grow into educated women they can fuse together inherited, traditional knowledge with new information accessed through the written word, making them better able to cope with new crop diseases, altering seasons and weather patterns, and things like how to improve soil composition.

Next month St John's will again be supporting Christian Aid week. Christian Aid has a proven track record of supporting the education of women and girls and this year's campaign will focus in particular on helping communities in Kenya to adapt to climate change. Happily, Kenya has made significant gains in education in recent years with more than 80% of boys and girls now enrolled in primary school, but for secondary school the rate falls to 50% and poverty remains the main reason for low enrolment. If there are financial constraints it is boys who are given priority for higher education.

So how will Christian Aid help? This year's campaign highlights the story of Faith, and her husband Stephen, who are experiencing Kenya's worst drought in decades. As a result, they have been unable to grow crops, are experiencing real hunger and have been unable to send their children to

school. Christian Aid's partners in Kenya, ADSE, have a programme to construct sand dams, which can store the rainfall, when it comes, so Faith's community can have more resilience in times of drought. In this way, whilst the rainfall remains irregular, they can continue to grow their crops. Faith says she will "do her best to educate her children so they can be what they want to be when they grow up." I'm sure St John's will support her in this hope by helping once again with the Christian Aid house to house collections in May. Incidentally, the Diocese of Sheffield now has a link with the Diocese of Bondo, Kenya and this summer the Bishop of Bondo will visit the UK for the Lambeth Conference. Perhaps we will be able to hear more about life in Kenya when he comes to Sheffield.

Throughout 2020, Christian Aid is asking for prayer for climate justice. Millions of the world's poorest people are feeling the worst impacts of climate change and experts predict more floods, drought and extreme weather patterns to come. For those living in poverty this means more hunger, conflict and insecurity, and a more uncertain future for us all. If you go to the Christian Aid website you can sign their petition asking the UK Government to deliver a New Deal for Climate Justice. In giving generously of our time and money during Christian Aid week, we can both support girl's education and combat climate change.

Deborah Page

PS: Following last month's article about flying, if you want to off-set your carbon emissions from flights, try this excellent organisation, *Climate Stewards*, who both calculate your emissions and offer various off-setting schemes, mostly in developing countries. <u>https://www.climatestewards.org</u>

Sources:

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Christian Aid: <u>www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-</u> <u>change/climate-justice-petition</u>

Addendum: As an addendum to this article, Matthew asked me to mention that one of the greatest inhibitors of girls' education is the availability of proper lavatories in schools. Our new disabled lavatory in the Parish centre will be twinned with a new lavatory in the developing world. Hopefully this will help!

Small Voices Big Ideas

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

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A Good Man in Evil Times

by Philip Walshaw

Article 50: you know, the Withdrawal agreement and all that. Remember it? People talked of nothing else - now other things are concentrating people's minds; the burdens of Brexit have been overtaken by the concerns over Coronavirus in life's alphabet of woes. There's probably nobody around who hasn't heard or read about Article 50, but do you know anything about Circular 14? Well I didn't until I came across a long unknown story of individual courage in the face of an authoritarian fascist bureaucracy following the outbreak of the Second World War, the 80th anniversary of which was commemorated last year. Anyone who has seen the film "Casablanca" will know about the connection between Portugal and World War 2 refugees, but few know the story of how a Portuguese diplomat engaged in what was perhaps the largest rescue action by an individual during the Holocaust, even surpassing Oskar Schindler, whose heroics have been well documented.



Aristides de Sousa Mendes was the Portuguese Consul to France in the early years of Second the World War After the Nazi invasion of

Poland on September I, 1939, Mendes found himself continually more restricted by the policies of Portugal's prime minister, Dr. Antonio Oliveira de Salazar, who, like Franco in Spain, assumed a position of neutrality but did not wish to offend Hitler. It was a Government Circular 14 issued by Salazar that denied, on the basis of race and religion, visas to the swelling number of refugees to Portugal which prompted Mendes's first acts of disobedience in his office at the Consulate in the temporary French capital of Bordeaux.

Over a period of six months in 1940, in accordance with his own conscience rather than Salazar's dictates, Mendes went to great lengths to sign many thousands of visas that spared their recipients, ten thousand of them lews, a terrible fate in the Nazi death camps. Mendes's acts of private resistance earned him the wrath of Salazar, who felt that he had caused a situation that reflected very badly on Portugal in the eyes of the Spanish authorities and German occupying forces. Following disciplinary proceedings, Mendes was removed from his consular position and rank and forced to retire without a pension. At the age of 55, his career was over and he endured many years of dire poverty. He died in obscurity in 1954, blackballed by the government and bombarded by creditors, reduced to being fed by a local soup kitchen.

Apparently, Mendes never regretted his action. "I could not have acted otherwise, and I therefore accept all that has befallen me with love," he reportedly said. To his lawyer he wrote: "In truth, I disobeyed, but my disobedience does not dishonour me. I did not respect orders that to me represented the persecution of true castaways who sought with all their strength to be saved from Hitler's wrath. Above the order, for me, there was God's law, and that's the one I have always sought to adhere to without hesitation. The true value of the Christian religion is to love one's neighbour."

The full account of how the actions of Aristides de Sousa Mendes won him a place in the pantheon of truly just men and, in Israel, a forest commemorating his tremendous heroism is worth reading. Then read lames 2: v14-26 about the evidence of faith, from which I quote: "What use is it for a person to say they have faith and does nothing to show it?" (v14) "So with faith: if it does not lead to action, it is a lifeless thing ." (v17) "As the body is dead when there is no breath left in it, so faith divorced from deeds is lifeless as a corpse" (v26).

Morning Prayer

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love, according to your judgement give us life.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Choose a Psalm or say Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Choose a Bible reading, perhaps reading through one of the Gospels, or read the following passage for the day:

Sunday: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. Isaiah 43.1-3

Monday:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14.1-6

Tuesday:

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.8-9

Wednesday:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians* 3.16-17

Thursday:

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. Ephesians 2.19-21

Friday:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12.9-12

Saturday:

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you? you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12.22-31

Prayers including your own prayers:

Almighty and everlasting God,

We thank you for bringing us safely to the beginning of this new day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger.

Order us in all our doings and guide us to do always

what is righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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The Organ Restoration Appeal: Progress Report



Last October we launched the organ appeal to raise £98,500 to undertake full restoration of our pipe organ following its deterioration during the church's closure for repairs to the ceiling. The organ's idleness coupled with a particularly humid summer had exacerbated some longstanding faults in the organ and necessitated

its full restoration. To date, the fund has reached nearly £60,000, of which £25,000 is a contribution from a music fund held by St John's, £12,500 has been pledged from a couple of local grant giving bodies – upon successfully raising the remainder of the funds – and over £22,000 has been raised through our community appeal. At the end of February, we'd received £18,500 in donations and Gift Aid and fundraising events have raised a further £3,600.

Our recent fundraising evening with Dr Raftery and the auction of promises was a wonderful success. Seventy people came and nearly £2,000 was raised towards the appeal. Many people from our congregation gave so willingly of their time and talents to provide the fantastic auction lots. We also recently received £88 from the collection of donated goods, raising funds for our organ and recycling unwanted items. Our fundraising moves on apace and we hope to be able to conclude our appeal this summer. Our last big fundraising push will be a fundraising concert on Saturday 6 June. More details will follow and tickets will be available soon, so please make sure the date is in your diary. We'll also be holding a grand raffle to be drawn at the concert. If you know of anyone who might be able to donate a special prize then please contact Sarah Beardsmore or Cathy Rhodes. Thank you to everyone who has supported the appeal, in many and varied ways. Once again, the generosity of our community has been overwhelming. We still have nearly £40,000 to raise, so please continue to hold the appeal in your prayers and, if you've not yet given, please consider supporting our fundraising.

Sarah Beardsmore

Fundraising Group Chair

Restaurant Review: Eve Kitchen 380, Sharrow Vale Road Sheffield I I



I think Sharrow Vale Road is a pretty amazing road: a road which offers a kaleidoscopic miasma of eclectic enterprises enriching any potential journey between the Greedy Greek restaurant (just beyond Hunter's Bar) and, in the not too far distance - certainly within an easy walk - Seven Hills Bakery. Actually there are quite a few decent places on the other side of the road as well! Sorry about that! My current favourite amongst the above mentioned eclectic enterprises is Eve Kitchen.

I've just felt the need to re-check the name. It really is called "Eve" not "Eve's". Strange! Still, as the owner is a lady called Lauren Eve, I suppose she can call it whatever she likes. What's in a name and all that? Well, I guess you are consumed with excitement wondering why the above café registers so highly on my favoured list. Simple really - extremely good coffee, and amazing doughnuts. A pretty good reason to visit this interesting establishment, but somewhat pauce when trying to spin the event into a fully-fledged restaurant review. However, all is not lost as Lauren Eve, presumably by popular demand, has now produced a "Brunch" menu, which, ably supported by a reasonably enthusiastic G, we recently tried. Was it any good?

The Meal (part one)

Not sure whether there's going to be a part two – watch this space! The interior of Eve Kitchen is quite stark, not in a particularly off-putting sort of way, more of an everything painted white sort of way. White walls, white door and ceiling plus a few shelves with hanging plants to relieve the potential clinical feel. I'm really not describing this very well, it actually has a pretty lively atmosphere, especially as the focal point of the establishment is a large counter displaying a tempting mixture of assorted doughnuts, which rapidly diminish as a steady stream of punters make cheerful purchases. Very much a positive focal point! Anyway, we weren't in it for the doughnuts, just the brunch.

The Meal (part two)

An interesting but not very extensive brunch (or lunch perhaps?) menu offers some intriguing combinations of many of the usual breakfast/lunch ingredients. These included, in no particular order, eggs (both hen and duck), bacon, smoked salmon, avocado - plus various other things, which I really can't be bothered to list. Drinks are essentially varieties of the tea and coffee theme - or water!

From this minimalistic menu, I chose: smoked salmon with poached (free range!) hen's eggs on brioche toast, accompanied by sliced avocado with a garnish of black sesame and pea shoots, plus (quite correctly) a complement of hollandaise sauce (\pounds 10.00). This was an extremely good dish; the aesthetic presentation was worthy of any high quality restaurant. The quality of each ingredient was of an exceptionally high standard - eggs perfectly poached, the ripe (doesn't always happen!) avocado neatly sliced, the pea shoots and sesame, a good garnish, and the brioche toast fresh and delicious. The hollandaise sauce deserves a separate mention.

As I'm sure all the cooks amongst you will know that hollandaise sauce is an emulsion of egg yolk, melted butter, lemon juice seasoned with salt and either black or white pepper. A simple combination that in non-expert hands can go horribly wrong. This particular hollandaise sauce was really good, and as mentioned above, a perfect adjutant to the smoked salmon and poached egg combination. Wow! I'm certainly impressed so far!

G decided to try the pancakes with butcher's bacon (not sure what the "butcher's" bit means), topped by a poached duck egg and escorted by a

separate small jug of maple syrup (\pounds 9.00). This dish also presented well; a sprinkling of pea shoots, again added to its aesthetic appeal. The various flavours complemented each other well, although I must admit being somewhat apprehensive about the addition of maple syrup. Apparently, so I was assured, it all worked very successfully!

The sweet choice was again somewhat minimal (two only) from which the joint decision was to share the dish of French toast which had been topped with perfectly poached Yorkshire rhubarb, poached orange segments, and a scoop of vanilla mascarpone cheese (£8.00). Absolutely fantastic! Final act was a cup of the excellent coffee (we each chose latte at £2.70 per cup) - superb!

Verdict

Well I guess the verdict is obvious - assuming you've actually read the above! Eve Kitchen is very much a major contributor to one of Sheffield's premier (coffee time and lunch time anyway!) dining areas. Try it - coffee, doughnuts, and brunch - all great!

Roy Stanley



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Books in the Bible:

Quiz compiled by Philip Walshaw

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- I. ____ Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary (8)
- 2. Norma's reordered this book (6)
- 3. DNA with half sister (7)
- 4. Journals (10)
- 5. Found in the middle of cooking supper (5)
- 6. Evil transformed before cut is around (9)
- 7. Satin changed after fete (9)
- 8. Amounts to this book (6)
- 9. The Sound of Music? (4,2,5)
- 10. There's changes to be made (6)
- 11. Stem national reorganisation (12)
- 12. It all comes out in the end! (11)

Answers to last month's quiz: 1. Ascot 2. Aintree 3. Huntingdon 4. Newmarket 5. Perth 6. Pontefract 7. Leicester 8. Plumpton 9. Brighton 10. Doncaster 11. Salisbury 12. Taunton 13. Southwell 14. Redcar 15. Lingfield Park 16. Market Rasen 17. Cartmel 18. Ayr The picture was of Ascot Racecourse. The winner will be announced in next month's issue.

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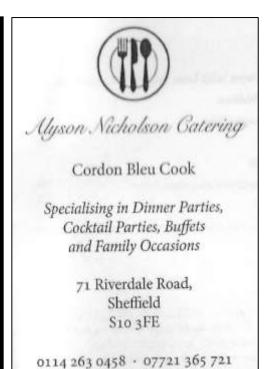


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