

Malvern Priory Magazine



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From the Vicarage

Leadership matters

Dear Friends,

Whoever forms the next Government after May 6 will face challenging times, and will have to make tough choices. This will require effective leadership, and such leadership will be hard for those who undertake it on our behalf. So we need to pray for all who are elected to serve in the body politic - locally and nationally – and also for those who are in other positions of leadership in our society.

There is certainly much talk about leadership these days, isn't there? Perhaps that is because we know how it can affect every area of life, for good or ill. For example, as a school governor, I've become aware of just how much the strategic leadership role of the governing body has grown over recent years. Governors now have to assume a far greater responsibility for the leadership and management of the school than in the past, and have to give a regular account of that leadership.

Leadership matters. But what sort of leadership should we be looking for, or aspiring to? Last month, I was at a meeting of clergy where we were thinking about the importance of effective leadership in the Church. The following definition (from CPAS) was given of Christian leadership: "Christian leadership is a servant-oriented, relational process, whereby those who lead, under God's leadership, using their God given capacity, seek to influence others towards a kingdom-honouring goal."

Leadership matters. But a Christian leader who is not willing to serve is not fit to lead. Why? Because we are called to follow the way of Jesus Christ, the Servant King. So whatever leadership you and I might find ourselves undertaking – whether at home, work, church, neighbourhood, or community – it is one that should seek to reflect the servant-heart of Christ. And, in order to do this, then we must be open to, and depend upon, the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The One who comes to lead us in Christ's Way, to help us understand Christ's Truth, and to grow into the fullness of Christ's Life.

Wishing you every blessing in Jesus Christ, our Leader and Saviour,

John Barr, Vicar

Priory People

Leo Christian 1927 – 2010

Leo was born and grew up in Canterbury. He did his National Service in Malaya, and then studied electrical engineering at Faraday House, London. His first job, in the electrical supply industry, was at Taunton. There, at the Tennis Club dance, he met Marita – “Game, set and match!” They were married in 1955 at Weston-super-Mare. Work took them back to Canterbury, where Simon was born. Then Churchdown, where Tim was born. In 1963 a job with the Midlands Electricity Board brought them to Malvern, where they have stayed ever since.

Leo’s Christian faith went back to his early years. When training in London he was an active member of the Christian Union. Having moved to Malvern it was not long before the family was worshipping at the Priory – and Leo and Marita have continued to do so almost every Sunday for the past 47 years. Leo was very quickly valued by the then vicar, Canon Ronald Lunt, not just for his technical skills, but also for his wisdom, and discernment, and his lovely way with people. When we first rather nervously and tentatively came down the steps into the Priory, in 1976, with our four children in tow, Lynette in a pushchair, it was Leo who was there to welcome us, arm outstretched in greeting. We hadn’t a hope of escape! His welcome was so warm, and his interest in us as a family so genuine. And this has been the story of so many people over the years. Leo was the one who drew them in to the Priory family.



For much of Canon Bill Richard’s incumbency Leo was churchwarden. He and Percy Walton made a formidable duo – as different as chalk and cheese (as Bill said in his reflection at Leo’s funeral), but complementing one another so well. When Leo retired in 1986 he immediately offered his services as Parish Administrator, a role which he fulfilled superbly for the next 16 years, and for no remuneration. He made Canon Julian Charley and the Rev’d John Barr’s lives so much easier – as he did that of Sue Pain in the parish office, and us churchwardens. He was invaluable during the long 18 month interregnum between Bill and Julian.

Leo was a shy and quiet person, and his skill at welcoming people, and learning not just their names, but all about them, was I believe a discipline. He was always on the look-out for newcomers, and then he made a point of speaking to them, and finding out about them. It wasn't just an easy, natural flair that he had. He made a point of it. He worked at it. He always had a warm, firm handshake, a shy smile and a twinkle in his eye. We can all learn a lot from Leo. His knowledge of the Priory building, which he loved, was also part of his self-discipline. He had a wonderful way with architects, builders, craftsmen, DAC members, whoever – and he never criticised one person to another.

Leo was a family man. There are memories of family holidays with a caravan tentatively towed by a Morris 1100, and of building, with the boys, a Mirror dinghy which actually floated. He delighted in being with his 8 grandchildren. He loved classical music, cricket and walking.

As I said in my tribute at his funeral, Leo was a gentleman, a perfect gentleman; but more than that – he was a gentleman touched by the grace of God. Even in his latter days, when so frail, Leo never lost his dignity – or that “Leonine” handshake. What a tribute to an 82 year old man that the Priory was full for his funeral. Leo walked with God, and God took him, but what a privilege for us to have walked part of life's journey with him. As Bill said, we all join in Leo's favourite word: “Tremendous!” Our thoughts and prayers are with Marita and the family.

David Webster

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Cairo Calling

Chris and Angela Chorlton continue their work with CMS in Cairo. Chris heads up the Episcopal Training Centre, where, in the mornings expatriates learn Arabic, and in the evenings Egyptians learn English. The vision is “to equip young Egyptians for the workplace at affordable prices”.

They have had some excellent teachers on the staff, but they need people who are willing to commit themselves to longer term, so as to have consistency and continuity in the Centre. Angela has been doing work with Church Health Education. She has to find the right balance between work, and home and family. Anna, Isaac and Noah give her plenty to do. The family visit their previous place of work, Beni Suef, regularly, which enables them to keep in touch with the Orthodox church there.

At present there is a lot of tension in Egypt between the Egyptian Orthodox church and the Protestant churches. Chris and Angela try to help form a bridge across that divide. Their home leave is due this summer, so hopefully we will be able to renew our contacts with them.

Malvern Priory - Celebrates 925 years - Mediaeval Fayre

On Saturday 22nd May 2010, as part of our 925 celebrations, we are organising a Mediaeval Fayre in the grounds of Great Malvern Priory. This is planned to be a day of fun, entertainment and learning for all. The event is about celebrating rather than a money raising event for Malvern Priory.

The event will take place from 11am until 4pm and it is intended that there will be continuous activities and entertainment during the day. The entertainment includes mediaeval music and workshops on this, juggling and other mediaeval skills. There will be music from our choir, displays from local museums and plenty of other things for you to enjoy also. The Priory and tower will be open for you to explore with its many mediaeval carvings and monuments.

There will be various games for you to take part in during the day, and refreshments, including a pig roast organised by the Lyttelton Well. 'Mediaeval' foods, crafts and activities will be on display, with the opportunity to take part in the activities or purchase the products.

Offers of help before and on the day are welcome. Please telephone 01684 574312 if you are able to help in any way.

Make sure you put the event in your diary, tell your family and friends and turn up on the day.

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Behind the Scenes – the Role of a School Governor

I have recently begun a second, four year, term representing the Priory Parochial Church Council on the Board of Governors of Malvern Parish Church of England Primary School. Most have some idea of what the role of a School Governor entails but often not much more, and to others it appears to be somewhat of a mystery. Here then is a short exposition.

No special qualifications are required, except that you must be 18 years or more. Enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education appear to be the unofficial requirements. That we have children at the school has given an additional interest, but this is by no means essential.

Church schools are required, by law, to have a number of Foundation Governors. A Foundation Governor is a person who is appointed by the school's founding body and for Malvern Parish Primary School this is the Church of England. The Priory, Christ Church and St Andrew's are all invited to have a representative from each Parochial Church Council on the governing body, as well as the automatic election of the incumbent Vicars from each church and an additional appointment made by the Diocesan Board. Foundation Governors serve a four year term of office.

If a school has a religious character it is required to preserve and develop it. ► That is the distinct role of the Foundation Governors.

The link between the Church and education is the philosophy that education is more than the acquisition of knowledge that enables employment in a competitive world. It is about the fullness of life and the value that is ascribed to all of creation. A Church School, in particular, aims to value each and every child and in doing so seeks to instil in its own community, and in the wider community around it, a sense of the love and purpose of God and of the Christian faith.

Religious education is an important and integral part of school life, but it is not the only subject that reflects spiritual values. The whole curriculum has spiritual value and, as a church school, we aspire to accentuate those spiritual values in every aspect of learning and school life.

For Christians, worshipping together is very important and, as a church school, the children are exposed to a variety of forms of worship. Of course, it is impossible to force individuals to worship but it is hoped that if they do freely choose to participate in worship then they will be enriched as individuals, as a school and as part of the wider community and better equipped for individual decisions about faith and worship in their futures. Foundation Governors ensure that religion and worship are given resources of time and money and that Religious Education is not forgotten just because it does not form a central part of the National Curriculum.

It is worth mentioning that often other denominations, and faiths, do not have the same advantages in terms of the provision of schools with similar foundations and that many families whose children attend Church of England schools do not also attend the Church of England. Nonetheless they often value the religious and spiritual input and ethos of the school as representative of the nearest to their own faith and religious practices.

As well as Foundation Governors the Governing Body is made up of various types and categories of Governor including Parent Governors (elected by Parents), Staff Governors (elected by Staff) and representation from the County Council's education department (appointed). The exact composition of a school's governing body is determined by its Instrument of Government. At Malvern Parish primary we number about 16 in all.

All governors are entrusted with the responsibility for formulating policies and for monitoring the curriculum, finance, personnel and premises with the overall aim of promoting pupil achievement at its heart. We meet as full governing body at least once a term. There is an additional finance meeting once a year and various additional sub-committee meetings, such as the Church School Committee, as well as the occasional extraordinary meeting, Governor visits to the school and various opportunities for Governor training. In a typical month in a typical school Governor duties can be expected to take at least six to eight hours.

These duties include, setting the strategic direction, policies and objectives;

approving the school budget; reviewing progress against the school's budget and objectives and appointing, challenging and supporting the headteacher. The right leadership is crucial to support and maintain the Christian ethos of a Church School.

Many of the decisions are taken on the advice of the sub-committees that deal with specific issues. For example, as well as the Church School Committee, there are committees for educational standards and achievements, for the building and grounds and for management and finance etc. Each Governor serves on at least one of these sub-committees.

Being a school governor is then a serious, challenging and rewarding commitment.

Please pray for the Children, Parents, Staff and Governors of Malvern Parish Church of England Primary School.

Tim Wolff

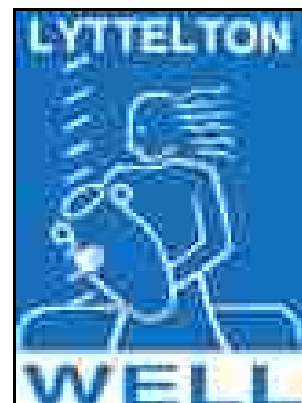


You are invited to attend the
Annual General Meeting Of

The Lyttelton Well Limited

Tuesday 11th May 7.30pm

Main Hall – Lyttelton Rooms



The Lyttelton Well AGM....

..... is an open meeting to which all are welcome. Come and find out about what has been happening in the Well over the past year, and what is planned for the coming year.

It has been a difficult year, due to recession, staff illness and snow. But we have survived, and live to fight another day. Roy Knightley will explain some changes in emphasis in trading policies.

The meeting is a must for everyone who has the Well at heart. When it comes to voting for membership of the Council of Management only Company members (the official church representatives) can vote, but this does not mean that others are not very welcome at the meeting.

Question of the Month

“What is the difference between an Abbey and a Priory?”

That is a question a visitor asked me recently, and I was at a loss for an authoritative answer. The questioner was further confused by the fact that the adjacent gateway and hotel in Malvern are called “The Abbey” (not “The Priory”) Gateway and Hotel. I was as confused as the visitor. I resorted to the internet, where the “Visit Britain” website clears up the mystery by saying that “The only difference between a priory and an abbey is that the head of a priory was known as a prior, and that of an abbey as an abbot”. So then, if that’s the case, what is the difference between a prior and an abbot? Simple! The only difference is that a prior is head of a priory, and an abbot of an abbey! Full circle!

But there is a difference – the Abbot in charge of an Abbey was answerable directly to the Pope. Abbeys founded daughter houses to look after their interests in remote parts of the country, and these were Priories under Priors, who were answerable to the Abbot of the mother Abbey. Malvern Priory was a daughter foundation of the Benedictine Abbey at Westminster, and was built on land owned by Westminster Abbey. In 1283 it was agreed, with respect to Malvern Priory, that “our Abbot of Westminster shall visit for ever our house once only every year, with ten of his own horses, and we shall admit him as is becoming, and in the same place he shall make his stay for two days and two nights at our cost and shall enter our Chapter as an Abbot and freely correct things that should be corrected as well in the Person of our Prior as of our Monks according to the Rule of St. Benedict.” It is because of our historic link with Westminster Abbey that one of our visiting preachers in this 925th year is Canon Nick Sagovsky, Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey. But will he come with ten horses? And will he “correct” things?

So far so good! But why, then, the “Abbey” Hotel and Gateway? These names have simply arisen from the rather loose and interchangeable use of the two words, priory and abbey, and are an 18th Century fabrication – perhaps “Abbey” sounded grander than Priory! I have heard the receptionists at the Abbey Hotel telling clients how to get to “the Abbey next door”. What’s in a name?

By the way, talking of Canon Theologians, why are some called “Canons” and some “Prebendaries”? But that’s another question.

David Webster (with thanks to Michael Martin and Katherine Wells)

Teeth in Togo

Imagine a ship crewed by doctors, nurses, dentists and health educators visiting some of the world's poorest countries. Now imagine their life-changing services offered free of charge.

Right now dedicated volunteers from around the world are in Togo bringing hope and healing to thousands of people who could never have believed it possible. "Mercy Ships" is a compassionate response to a world where many have lost hope and where I was privileged to be able to use my skills as a dentist for 2 weeks to help relieve some of the pain that many Togolese have experienced due to a lifetime of dental neglect.

Togo is one of the least developed countries in the world, ranking 159 out of 182 countries on the 2009 Human Development Index (a measurement of life expectancy, adult literacy and standard of living). An estimated 70% of the population live on less than £2 a day. Access to health care is very inadequate, even for those who can afford to visit a clinic. There are only 10 doctors for every quarter of a million Togolese compared to 850 for every quarter of a million United Kingdom residents. In Togo, out of every 1000 live births, 60 children will die before the age of 1, compared to 5 out of every 1000 live births in the United Kingdom.



First-time volunteer crew member Caitlin Patterson (USA) describes her experience as the ship arrived at port in Togo:

"It was really exciting and more emotional than I expected ... It felt really surreal to see how excited the people of Togo became to see us coming in."

Mercy Ship M/V Africa Mercy will be based in Togo for 7 months this year before sailing to South Africa. There many hundreds more patients will be treated while new generators are fitted to the ship.

A Togolese man working as a volunteer translator on Africa Mercy wrote this comment on the web site:

“Thanks to God almighty that for the second time (I mean in 2003 and 2010) you remember my country. I don’t know how to explain my joy turns into feelings to the good you offer to my country. As a volunteer worker on Mercy Ship I witness many things that I cannot imagine could be true a month before. May the Lord Jesus Christ takes care of you all.”

Ruth Pole



**Churches Together In Malvern
Family Pentecost Picnic
Sunday 23rd May**

From 3.00pm onwards in Castlemorton Primary School Grounds
Bring Picnic, Chair and Suitable outdoor games - Drinks Provided
Enjoy short walk to Castlemorton Tump
(site of the old castle) and visit the Parish Church

Christian Aid Week is 9th – 15th May 2010

There will be a service to start the week on Sunday 9th May at 6.30 p.m.
in St. Matthias Church, Malvern Link.

The speaker will be Jaques Miaglia who is the Country Director for
Christian Aid in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This is an opportunity to hear first hand information about one of the
poorest and most needy countries in Africa.

All are welcome.

Who's who in the Priory

Meet the Walker family

When did you come to Malvern?

Christina: In 2006, but we had been visiting my parents since 1992. We didn't want to grow old in Byfleet and wanted to live somewhere rural.

Why did you come to the Priory?

Christina: My parents come here. Geoffrey is a retired vicar who often takes the 8 o'clock service, and Mary is in the choir. We did look around at other churches but you only have to visit the Priory a few weeks on the trot to find yourself involved!

How would you describe your relationship with God?

Oliver: I like relating to God with friends and people my own age in Pathfinders. I like knowing what God did in the past. The feeding of the five thousand really shows what God can do.

Amelia: If I ran the church I might copy Japanese Macaque monkeys, and put high ranking people out and low ranking people in, because it is rude to leave the low ranking ones in the cold to die!

James: When I was with Tearfund as the travel advisor, the team had daily prayers. Everything we did was covered in prayer. I acknowledge the power and importance of prayer and miss being involved in that way. I became a Christian after the first gulf war as an adult. I was brought up in the Catholic faith as a child, but for 30 odd years had no active faith. Christina's first letter to me, to "a Single Airman", included the words "even though I don't know your name, God does", which intrigued me and was the beginning of a rapid rise in my faith. Within two months I had made a commitment to Jesus Christ.

Christina: It's a compulsion because I know absolutely that that is the purpose of life; there is no other option, although that doesn't make it easy or necessarily straightforward. When I worship there are no questions and everything makes sense. I often cry in the presence of God because there is a clarity, a simplicity; a mixture of acknowledgement of who God is (everything else falls way) and deep grief for the questions, the battles and the "at odds with". It's a release of all that. I find it much easier to worship with others, so for me church is important. Heaven will be a lot easier for that reason alone! Worshipping with all those other people in God's presence - all those other battles will have slipped away - fantastic!

Do you have a favourite scripture?

James: Revelation 19:11 *I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful And True. With justice he judges and makes war.* Because it gives a picture of the reality of heaven. We can be faithful and true and know heaven, or we can do our own thing and face the consequences of hell for an eternity. Also Zephaniah 3:17-18 Restoration for righteous and humble people.

Christina: Isaiah 55:8 “*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways*”, declares the Lord. Because it was the first scripture I really took note of. It explains the difference between us and God – His almightiness – no wonder we misunderstand.

Do you have a favourite hymn or chorus?

Amelia: I like special occasion songs from school, especially *Life is a wonderful thing*.

James: *He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, let him in constancy follow the master. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent, his first avowed intent, to be a pilgrim.* Because the words, based on Pilgrim's Progress, are about a journey through life with ups, downs, and options. The final goal is heaven.

Christina: With a background in musical theatre I respond best to music that speaks to my soul and has a tale to tell. My old favourite is *Great is thy faithfulness*. I love the words. It says it all, especially *Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside*. My current favourite is *The Prayer* sung by Russell Watson and Lulu, because of the juxtaposition of classical and modern. My ideal church would be the Priory plus the contemporary - what resonates now!

Oliver: *Over the rainbow, over the sea, God is my saviour, especially to me.*

What is most important to you?

Christina: My mental health.

James: Family, the support of family, and Real Ale.

Do you have any interests?

Oliver: I love football and play left back every Sunday for Welland, but support Yeovil Town. I like trampolining with Amelia: she jumps really high. I enjoy Pathfinders and am going back to Fort Rocky.

Amelia: I like playing tag on the trampoline with Oli, which causes us to get electric shocks; at least it makes a connection with my brother! I collect DVDs, and have a huge love of dogs, and take the neighbour's dog Rocky for walks.

Christina: Jazz, close harmony singing, films, food.

James: I am a school governor; fascinated by the Apollo space programme; enjoy cooking; and am looking at setting up my own business.

Do you have any desires?

James: Fairness. I like to consider important issues and how they will affect others.

Oliver: I want to do well in my GCSEs, and I want to do something sporty in my job.

Christina: Amelia has high-functioning autism, which means among other things that she doesn't understand or appreciate social etiquette; church as we know it does nothing for her so I would love to be able to find “Amelia-shaped” worship so that she too can truly respond to her creator.

What do you do in the Priory?

Christina: I run the *Sketch Club*, to produce drama for the Altogether Worship services, and we're running the 'More than Conquerors' DVD course this coming term as a kind-of trial Housegroup

James: I help Christina with the drama group. As an ex-serviceman I often do the reading on Remembrance Day.

Sylviane Outram

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Malvern Priory 925 Celebrations

Treasures of the Priory

An Illustrated Talk by Dr John Harcup OBE
Author of a Guide to the Priory



Tuesday 18th May 2010 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Main Hall, the Lyttelton Rooms, Church Street, Malvern

Tickets £5, to include a glass of wine/juice

From the Parish Office (in the Lyttelton Well Courtyard)
Priory Church Bookstall or phone 01684 569527

The Westminster Declaration of Christian Conscience, 2010

The following declaration has been signed by many leaders of all the major Christian denominations, and by thousands of Christians, at this time of a General Election:

Protecting human life, protecting marriage, and protecting freedom of conscience are foundational for creating and maintaining strong families, caring communities and a just society. Our Christian faith compels us to speak and act in defence of all these.

Our beliefs and values

As Christians we reaffirm historic belief in God the Father (who created us and gave us the blueprint for our lives together); in God the Son Jesus Christ our Saviour (accepting his incarnation, teaching, claims, miracles, death, resurrection and return in judgment); and in God the Holy Spirit (who lives within us, guides us and gives us strength). We commit ourselves to worship, honour and obey God. As UK citizens we affirm our Christian commitment both to exercise social responsibility in working for the common good and also to be subject to all governing authorities and obey them except when they require us to act unjustly.

Human life

We believe that being made in the image of God, all human life has intrinsic and equal dignity and worth and that it is the duty of the state to protect the vulnerable. We will support, protect, and be advocates for such people – including children born and unborn, and all those who are sick, disabled, addicted, elderly, in single parent families, poor, exploited, trafficked, appropriately seeking asylum, threatened by environmental change, or exploited by unjust trade, aid or debt policies. We pledge to work to protect the life of every human being from conception to its natural end and we refuse to comply with any directive that compels us to participate in or facilitate abortion, embryo-destructive research, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or any other act that involves intentionally taking innocent human life. We will support those who take the same stand.

Marriage

We pledge to support marriage – the lifelong covenantal union of one man and one woman as husband and wife. We believe it is divinely ordained, the only context for sexual intercourse, and the most important unit for sustaining the health, education, and welfare of all. We call on government to honour, promote and protect marriage and we refuse to submit to any edict forcing us to equate any other form of sexual partnership with marriage. We commit ourselves to continue affirming what we believe as Christians about sexual morality, marriage, and the family.

Conscience

We count it a special privilege to live in a democratic society where all citizens have the right to participate in the political process. We pledge to do what we can to ensure our laws are just and fair, particularly in protecting vulnerable people. We will seek to ensure that religious liberty and freedom of conscience are unequivocally protected against interference by the state and other threats, not only to individuals but also to institutions including families, charities, schools and religious communities. We will not be intimidated by any cultural or political power into silence or acquiescence and we will reject measures that seek to over-rule our Christian consciences or to restrict our freedoms to express Christian beliefs, or to worship and obey God.

Commitment

We call upon all those in UK positions of leadership, responsibility and influence to pledge to respect, uphold and protect the right of Christians to hold these beliefs and to act according to Christian conscience.

www.westminster2010.org.uk

Love Your Customer

Jesus' instruction to 'Love your neighbour as yourself' is the foundation of Christian practice but is not so easy to describe to non-Christians. In answer to the question 'who is my neighbour', Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan, indicating that anyone we come across in some kind of difficulty is 'our neighbour'. I came across an incident recently which seems to portray rather vividly how far we have come as a society from the Christian ideal.

In an article in the Guardian weekly, Madelaine Bunting tells the following story. "My 12-year-old son set off on a shopping trip last month with a ridiculously large chunk of his savings to buy a trendy pair of trainers. It was his first solo trip to central London. He bought the shoes and walked out of the shop in them, but immediately realised they were too small. He was too embarrassed to turn round, so he put them back in their bag, and came home. I saw immediately that they were too small with no sign of wear, and urged him to return the next day and ask for the right size, which he did; but because he had walked out of the shop wearing the shoes, the assistant refused. I couldn't see how any assistant could have sold them to him, and I phoned up and politely told the assistant so. He said my son had seemed satisfied, and it was not his responsibility to ensure he bought the right product. I replied that all human interactions involve responsibility, and concluded by suggesting this could rest with his conscience. He was incredulous, and replied that he knew nothing about conscience. It was a courteous exchange of mutual incomprehension."

Notwithstanding that we might question the wisdom of sending one's 12 year old son into London to shop on his own, the action of this shop assistant does seem to show a lack of consideration for his young customer. The article I mentioned above is about the larger concerns of outrage at the injustice of financial mismanagement and the need for a new ethical debate. With this I agree emphatically.

In a recent book by Ronald Brech entitled "Christianity for the twenty-first century" the attributes of Christian love are summarised in three words, unselfishness, forgiveness and caring. In the example I quoted above it is caring for the customer which seems to be almost totally missing. In our service for Jesus Christ every customer we have (or neighbour we encounter) should be offered an unselfish but responsible caring approach. This will certainly distinguish us from many of our compatriots in today's world.

John Maycock

St. Richard's Hospice Events

Now the weather is brighter and warmer why not set yourself a challenge in the great outdoors and help raise funds for St. Richard's Hospice.

Coming up on 15th May is the popular Malvern Hills Walk with 2, 5 and 11 mile routes to suit all fitness levels. Join hundreds taking part in the walk on the hills. For more information call 01905 763963 or go to www.strichards.org.uk/malvernwalk This event is kindly sponsored by Mountainshack.

If you enjoy a longer stretch why not take part in the **Worcestershire Way Walk from dawn to dusk on Friday, 25th June**. From Bewdley to Malvern this 31 mile walk has significant hills and fantastic views along the way. There is no registration fee but walkers are asked to raise a minimum £250 in sponsorship for St. Richard's.

For more information call 01905 763963 or download a form at www.strichards.org.uk/worcestershirewaywalk

An alternative is to join the ten mile **Ladies Midnight Walk around Worcester on Saturday, 10th July**. There's a fun atmosphere and it makes a great girls' night out. Why not take part with hundreds of other Worcestershire women and help raise funds for St. Richard's?

More details contact tcavell@strichards.org.uk , call 01905 763963 or visit www.strichards.org.uk/midnightwalk



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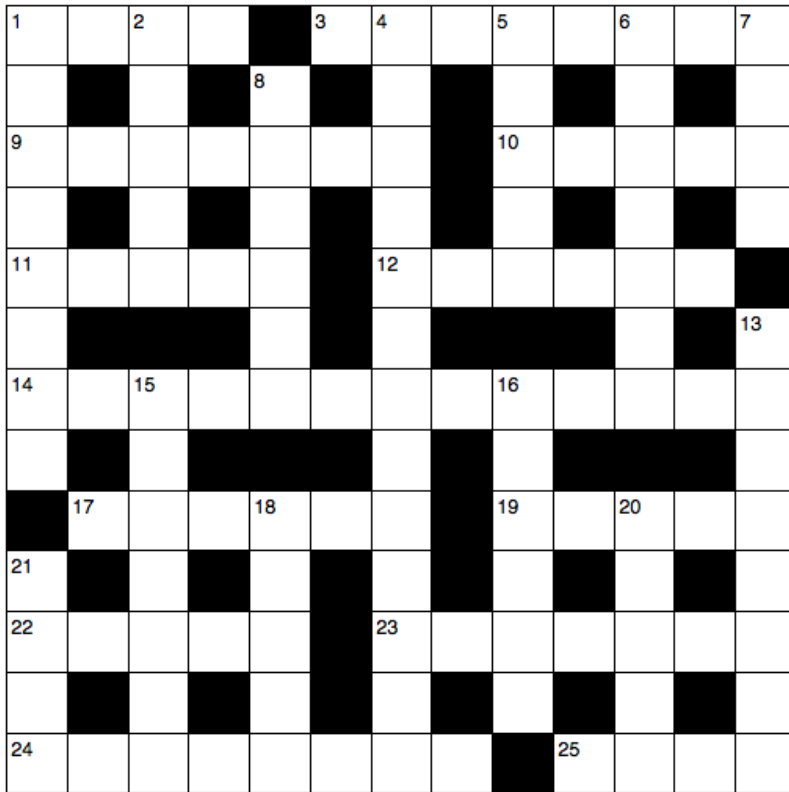
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Crossword May 2010



April Solution

Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
 10 Group of eight (5)
 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
 19 Attend to (3,2)
 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
 8 Minister of religion (6)
 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
 20 Establish by law (5)
 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)