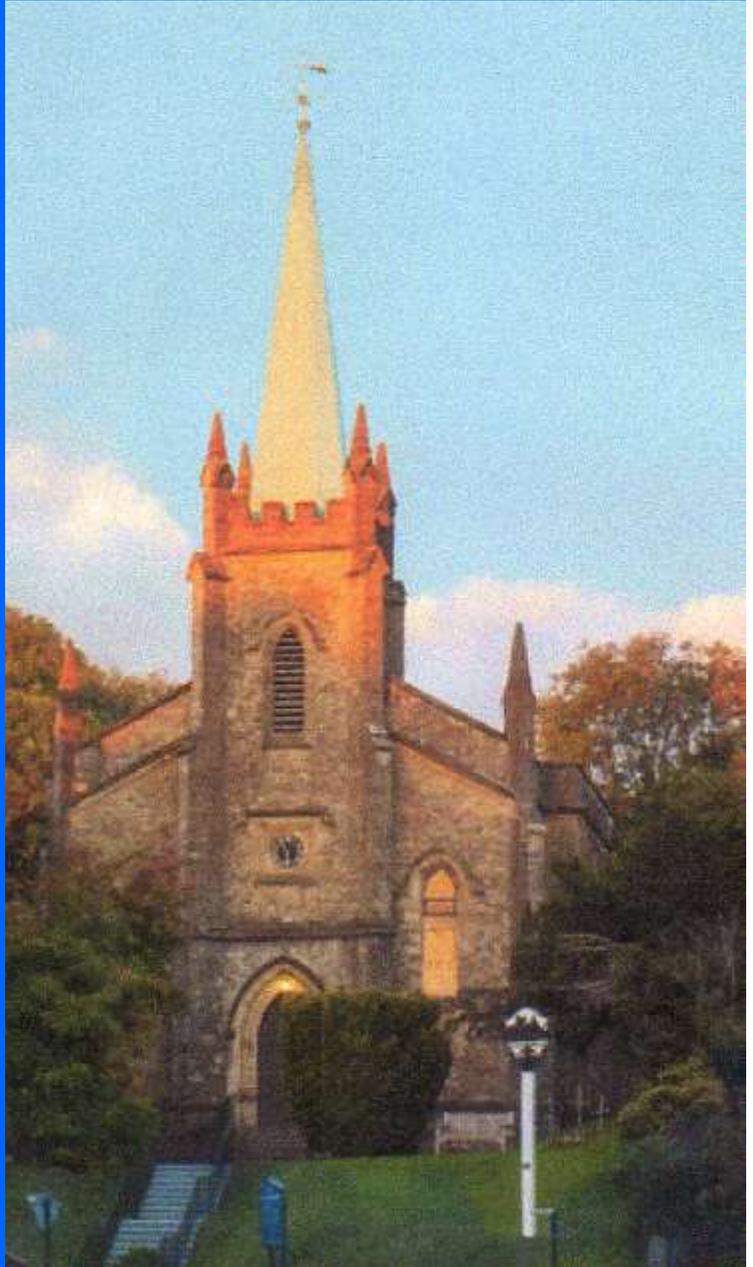


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From the Vicar



Lent 2014

Tradition has it, as does biblical scholarship, that the author of Luke's Gospel was a doctor; a physician. He probably is the one mentioned accompanying St Paul on his missionary journeys and is probably the same person who compiled the Acts of the Apostles.

It's important to know Luke's medical background. Why? Because of two things.

First - we often, in the modern world, fall into what CS Lewis called Chronological Snobbery. We think that we, with all our knowledge and understanding and scientific, cultural, sociological developments are inherently wiser... and, yes, cleverer than our ancestors. Which we aren't. The human mind was just as complex and sharp and intellectually able as it is today.

Second - Luke's understanding of the healing practices known in his day gave him to have what we would call today a holistic approach to the human person. He didn't just care about making a sick person well. He wasn't just interested in the science, the physics, the chemistry, the academic fascination of how the human body works. He cared about the person too. The whole person: body, mind, spirit, soul.

Well-being in its complete sense.

One might wish for certain aspects of our current health services and the politicians who run them to have a similar approach nowadays. But I digress.

So, when Luke talks about healing, and Jesus' ministry of healing, he would have expected his audience, his readers and hearers, to understand that he wasn't just talking about the mechanics of the human body and how it can be brought back to a fully-functioning state. Indeed, the people of the day, as we know only too well from our study of the Bible, absolutely understand that body, mind spirit, soul

(however we describe the whole of human existence and experience) were all completely dependent one upon the other.

Again, it is a bit of a pity that we don't quite see things that way nowadays. Science, wonderful as it is, because it cannot comment on every aspect of the human experience, necessarily has had to compartmentalise and specialise and reduce everything down into observable and analysable segments. Into bits that it can cope with and comprehend.

But the whole thing - body, mind, spirit, soul - is the stuff of which we are made. This is certainly what the people of the Ancient Near East believed. This is what Luke believed. This is what Jesus believed - or, I would go so far as to say, it is what Jesus knew.

Which is why healing is not so much about cure and more about the reuniting of the human person with every aspect of that person. Body and mind and spirit and soul. We may not be able to cure certain aspects of our fragile, organic humanity but we can perhaps reach a place where every part of us is reunited with every other part of us. More: that, in a world where we have been created, all of us - every part of us - is reunited with the Creator.

We are simply not 'wholly whole' until we have been reunited with The Creator who formed us out of the cosmic dust, and breathed the spark of life into us, and kindled us into existence.

Which is what Lent is about. It is about spending time; setting ourselves apart once in a while to get back in touch with the whole picture. The whole story of what it means to be human. It is about setting aside some of the things we have become dependent on to learn, understand that actually the only thing we are truly dependent on is the need for the whole of us to be wholly united with our Creator.

May your and my Lent, and the Easter which lies waiting for us beyond it like a longed-for and beloved friend, be a journey of discovery into this union with the One who made us, loves us and always cares for our absolute well-being.

With every blessing
Amen.

TRINITY SCHOOL



As you will be aware, Trinity School opened its doors in September 2013, and we have the honour of being the country's first non-denominational Christian free school. Over the past six months our children have settled extremely well, and we are delighted with the way they are contributing to the cohesive and loving community we are building together. At the centre of all we do is the 'Trinity Way': an ethos that leads how we treat each other, how we act, how we strive for excellence in all we do, and how we serve God. The Trinity Way is summarised in the words 'Truth, Excellence, Love, Leadership and Service', and every member of the school community, adult or child, Christian or non-Christian, subscribes to these values.

We are most grateful for the very warm welcome we have received from St Mary's, and it was wonderful to be able to hold our first Carol Service at the church in December. We will be holding an Easter Communion service at St Mary's at the end of this term, and are once again most grateful that Martin will be leading this service for us, supported by our choir and readers.

One of the unique features of the school is our commitment to serving. This takes many forms, including fundraising activities led by the pupils, such as the Christmas Fair which raised funds for Sevenoaks MIND, and an afternoon tea supporting Macmillan Cancer Care. In addition, the children have been to Tesco bag packing, Dunton Green Primary School to listen to younger children read, leading acts of worship in primary schools, picking litter, and hosting educational days for primary students. They have also been visiting Hamlyn Court and chatting to the residents. Underpinning all we do is a belief that every child is made in the image of God and is therefore uniquely precious. We are working hard to help students achieve excellent academic results, while being engaged, active and critical citizens of their local and wider communities.

We are very thankful for the support you have given to the school so far – we hope this is the beginning of a deeper and enriching partnership with you all.

Best wishes,
Matthew Tate



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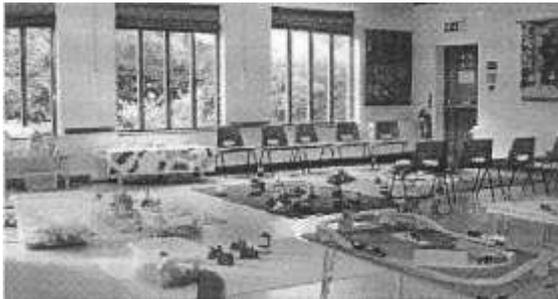
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LITTLECOURT LUNCH CLUB



St Mary's joins with the Christ Church URC and other local bodies to run this weekly lunch which takes place on Tuesdays at the URC Church Hall by Kippington Road. It enables the housebound, elderly and others to meet for an excellent lunch and companionship. Members can be picked up and brought home if they wish; either by an Age Concern bus or by volunteers in private cars. There are some vacancies. If you are interested in attending, helping to prepare and serve lunches or driving our clients, please ring Pam Rankin on 01732 460209 or Deirdre Montanaro on 01732 455435.

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Music and Choir

New singers are always welcome in the Church Choir. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 8-9 in the church, and the choir sings at the 9.30 Service on Sundays, except for the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month when there is an instrumental group [mainly school-age] which accompanies the hymns and songs.

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Estonia

Our Parish Link

The Diocese of Rochester is linked with four overseas dioceses, in parish-to-parish relationships that are growing and active. To enable this to happen the Diocese has set up sub-committees for each diocesan overseas link. These then report to Rochester's Diocesan Links Committee, which is chaired by the Bishop of Tonbridge. Rochester's Link Dioceses are: Harare in Zimbabwe, Kondoia in Tanzania and Mpwapwa in Tanzania. About which further details can be found on the Diocese of Rochester's Website: www.rochester.anglican.org (search for 'Overseas Links')

However, the Diocese is also linked with **Estonia**. This link has been forged under the Poorvoo Agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia, whose practices are in many ways similar to ours. There is an annual clergy conference each January in Estonia to which Rochester clergy are warmly invited, and made very welcome. Five members of Rochester's clergy, including our Vicar Martin, attended this January. Winter temperatures can be adventurous, falling to -25C and freezing the sea. As with our other links, there is much mutual enrichment. Memories of half a century of Soviet occupation are only just under the surface. But now Estonia, always very Scandinavian in outlook, is looking westwards and they deeply value their links with us. The Diocese in general, and here at St Mary's in particular, are seeking to increase these parish links.

In January, therefore, Martin met with The Rev'd Annika Laats and was taken on a wonderful tour of the church and parish at *Harju-Risti*; about 45 minutes drive – in the snow – from the Estonian Capital Tallinn. This is a very vibrant, family-oriented parish that worships in a superb 13th century church. More details about Harju-Risti (in English – Estonians speak good English) can be found here:

<http://www.ristikirik.ee> (click on the )

The hope is that, over time, mutual visits, not just by congregations but by members of both communities generally (businesses, schools, scouts, choirs etc.), will be made. Tallinn is only three hours from Gatwick and is served by a number of budget airlines.

In the meantime, at **6.30pm on Sunday 5th October** Rochester Diocese will hold a celebration of its Estonian links **here at St Mary's**. All are welcome. Put the date in your diary. We daresay - since Estonians are both very fond of, and very good at, singing - it will be a richly musical evening.

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Mothers' Union is a Church of England Organisation founded by Mary Sumner, and have five objectives which are:-

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St Mary's Riverhead has a Mothers' Union Branch which meets once a month on a Saturday Morning for fellowship and Biblestudy.

Everyone is welcome to attend contact Karen Forster-Pearce on 01732:451396 or kgfp@btinternet.com for dates & venues. For more information about Rochester Diocese Mothers' Union please look at the website <http://www.rochestermothersunion.co.uk/> and sign up for the e-newsletter jjmothersunion@gmail.com

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Riverhead Church Hall

Friday 24th January started as usual with my going down to the hall to print the weekly church pew sheet and the readings for that Sunday. To my horror I opened the door and paddled through about three inches of water. For a few moments I could not understand what had happened. There was water gushing everywhere and bits of broken china laying on the floor. I then realised that we had been vandalised. Both cloakrooms had been smashed up, the taps and all the copper pipe ripped out. Obviously the first thing was to try and stop the water but as always in these situations the stop cock was seized and needed a wrench to turn it I frantically telephoned to see if I could get an emergency plumber but as luck would have it there was no one available. However Colin Geer (who was at having a day off) came to the rescue as soon as he heard what had happened and in about ten minutes had stopped the water pouring out of what felt like everywhere and we got a chance to assess the damage. It could have been considerably worse bearing in mind the state in which the hall at Dunton Green was left but it was bad enough. A gallant band of folk turned up on Saturday morning with mops and buckets etc and I cannot speak highly enough of J.V. Geer and Sons who specially put aside a whole day the following week for an army of plumbers to put right the damage and enabled us to get back into full operation after only a week out of action. Everyone was absolutely wonderful with offers of help from the mothers of the children who dance in the hall, to casual people who heard about our plight and even the managers of other halls in the district offering to take on some of our activities where they could. It showed a real sense of community and the church is incredibly grateful to everyone for their help and support

This is the state in which one of the two hand basins was left with the taps and all the pipes removed. The second cloakroom was the same and all the central heating pipes had been torn from a cupboard.



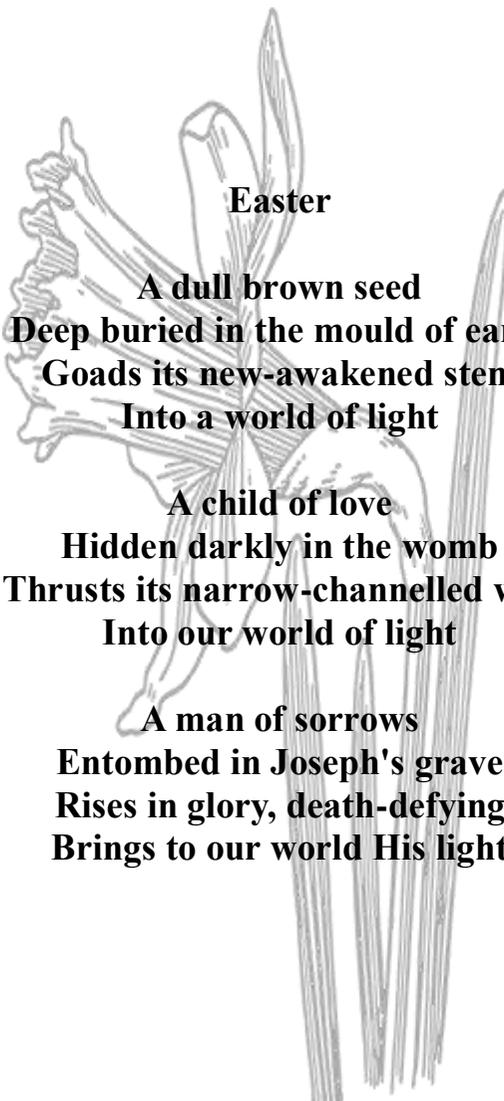
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This poem for Easter was written by Winnie Oakley, a much loved member of St Mary's congregation for almost fifty years who died in 2006 aged almost 106



Easter

**A dull brown seed
Deep buried in the mould of earth
Goads its new-awakened stem
Into a world of light**

**A child of love
Hidden darkly in the womb
Thrusts its narrow-channelled way
Into our world of light**

**A man of sorrows
Entombed in Joseph's grave
Rises in glory, death-defying
Brings to our world His light**

July 1982

Services for Easter at St Mary's, Riverhead

Sunday 13th April	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Parish Eucharist (procession from Harvester Car Park)	9.30am
Monday 14th April	Compline	8.00pm
Tuesday 15th April	Compline	8.00pm
Tuesday 16th April	Compline	8.00pm
Friday 18th April	Childrens' Service (Easter garden and Hot Cross Buns)	10.00am
	Easter Vigil	2.00pm
Sunday 20th April	Easter Walk (and breakfast)	6.00am
	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Parish Communion	9.30am
Sunday 27th April	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am