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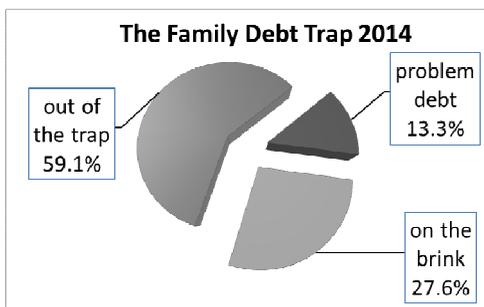
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'No Room at our Inn??' The Family Debt Trap



Did you know that out of the 10.6 million families with children in the UK today¹, almost 41% are caught in the Family Debt Trap?¹ A new report from the Children's Society details how the Debt Trap works. It explains how debt damages children's health and how it limits their life chances in the long term.²

The Debt Trap report shows that over 13% of all UK families (1.4 million) are in 'Problem Debt' with little alternative but to use payday lenders to get the money for everyday necessities. On top of that, a further 2.9 million UK families (nearly 28%), classed as 'On the Brink', really struggle to meet their everyday bills and credit commitments. Their main creditors are utility companies (gas, electricity, water, telecoms), and local/national government, not just payday lenders.



This means that for over 40% of the UK's families, debt repayment and credit demands can easily spiral out of control into unmanageable situations. The Children's Society advocates:

- ◆ a more child-sensitive regulatory environment to curb the excesses of the fast growing debt and debt recovery industries
- ◆ the adoption of a child friendly approach to debt by the public sector and utility companies
- ◆ improvements to debt awareness education in schools
- ◆ wider access for families to socially responsible lenders such as Credit Unions to help break the grip of the payday lenders.

Where I grew up, debt was a four letter word in the polite society of our council house estate. Like greed, forcing families into excessive debt can never be good.

Rob Walker

1. Office of National Statistics Statistical Bulletin: Families and Households 2013

2. The Children's Society: The Debt Trap: exposing the impact of problem debt on children (May 2014)

Letter from the Vicar



Dear Friends,

We have a variety of events to look forward to this June both in the benefice and in the diocese.

St Andrew's are undertaking a renewal of their Stewardship policy at Pentecost, whilst the fundraising for the Church House re-development project in Cheddar is getting underway with a number of cream teas coming up this month. Kings of Wessex Academy will be the setting for the local churches Father's Day Fun Day. The Strawberry Fayre takes place in at the beginning of the month in Draycott, with the St Peter's Day festivities completing the month and Rodney Stoke looks forward to a Craft and Flower weekend right in the middle of June.

At Diocesan level we are also delighted at the ending of the long running controversy about where the bishop is going to live, and that it has ended so satisfactorily. This means that we can turn our attention to welcoming him to the area. He will be formally installed at the cathedral on June 7th and has already made dates to visit every chapter (group of clergy) and synod in the next 8 months to meet us and get to know us all.

You might be interested to know that the priorities he has been given by the Archbishop Include:

- ◆ fostering numerical and spiritual growth across the diocese
- ◆ developing the diocesan vision 'Changing Lives'
- ◆ encouraging effective partnership and communication
- ◆ speaking out for rural communities and building social capital
- ◆ ensuring high quality educational provision
- ◆ re-imagining ministry, encouraging parish clergy, empowering the laity and re-awakening a sense of discipleship
- ◆ working with other bishops at a national level.

It seems that at diocesan and local level exciting times are ahead of us. Let us look forward with confidence to all that this month holds in store, and hold Bishop Peter Hancock in our prayers as he enters into life among us.

Sue Rose

Letter from Rt Revd Peter Hancock



Dear Friends,

I address you as friends, which might sound a bit presumptuous, but I do look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you over the coming months.

As I write this Jane and I are looking forward to moving to the diocese and to the Installation Service in the Cathedral on June 7. We will be sad to leave Hampshire, which has been our home for many years, but are excited about all that lies ahead. We are putting our trust in the Lord and asking him to guide and equip us.

My Installation will be Pentecost weekend. Let us use that as an opportunity to join together across the whole diocese to pray that we may all be filled and renewed by the Holy Spirit. The first disciples were more than a little shell-shocked when the risen Christ ascended into heaven, but that all changed on the day of Pentecost when the ascended Christ filled his disciples with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

On that day the Church grew at a tremendous rate – from 120 to 3,000 believers – and, contrary to popular myth, it has not stopped growing to this day, the most dynamic growth organisation that the world has ever seen. Today the Christian Church is growing faster than ever and there are more Christians alive right now than have ever lived and died throughout the whole of previous history. In Africa alone the percentage of Christians has risen from 3% to 45% in just a hundred years. Yes, in the West the Church has been in decline for decades, but even here there are signs that this is changing. It is something to get out of bed for in the morning!

With warm Christian greetings

+Peter Bath & Wells

Tricia's Pantry

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June



In 1963, Ernesto Miranda was arrested in Phoenix, Arizona before facing a two hour interrogation. Confessing to rape, he was sentenced to thirty years. On appeal, his attorney argued Miranda had not been advised of his right to be silent, have counsel, or that his statements would be used against him. In June 1966, the US Supreme Court overturned Miranda's conviction, ruling that such evidence could only be admissible at trial if a suspect's rights had been explained. Thereafter, to "Mirandize" a suspect became essential: "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney one will be appointed for you..."

In June 1215, King John met an assembly of nobles in Runnymede. Rebellion was common enough in early England. This time John's high taxes, rows with the Pope, and the loss of French territories had riled the gentry. Yet there was no obvious replacement for the king, even if he could be overthrown, and neither could John's forces suppress the rebellion. In what today might be called a dirty political compromise, he agreed to submit some of his powers to the nobles before recanting after the meeting had broken up; many of the nobles, still intent on direct rebellion, also reneged.

Yet precedent had been set, and friends of liberty returned to Magna Carta over the centuries to propel their various causes. Only three of its original points remain in statute, among them: "No freeman shall be taken or imprisoned, or be dissiesed of his freehold, or liberties, or free customs... nor will we pass upon him, nor condemn him, but by lawful judgement of his peers, or by the law of the land."

Current UK police guidance affirms that arrest is only valid where there is evidence that a crime has been committed and reasonable grounds for the arrest exist. Arresting officers are required to advise of the right to remain silent and that suspects' statements may be used in evidence.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

Times they are a changin'



Our school is embarking on exciting times with change in the air.

The school has federated with four other schools, Cheddar First School, Shipham C of E First School and Fairlands Middle School, as I reported in January and last month a new shared Head teacher was appointed between Draycott and Rodney Stoke School and Shipham School. The new Head will be Mr Mike Jury. He is currently Deputy Head at Cheddar First School so will not be an entirely unfamiliar face to some of the children. He will be dividing his time between the two schools with roughly three days each week being spent in Draycott and Rodney Stoke C of E First School. The staff are very much looking forward to his arrival.

By the time Mr Jury arrives, the school will have a new roof. The workmen have very nearly finished and the new roof is looking fantastic. The previous roof although it had lasted 150 years, was becoming increasingly problematic with tiles moving and being brought off by the wind. I am glad to have the new roof done before anything catastrophic happened. Let us hope this new roof serves us as well as the old.

The children are looking forward to their next focus week. It will revolve around healthy eating and exercise. We are planning to visit a local supermarket, follow a trail from Farm to Fork, design a sandwich, write adverts, and design and produce packaging. We plan a heavy use of ICT to record the results of the things that the children do. They will be using databases and graphs, power point and beebots. It should be very interesting.

And before we know it the year 4 children will be getting ready for their activity days in July. How the time flies!

Cathy Lowe

From small beginnings.....



Living in this age of computer technology brings people closer together than was ever possible through the more traditional means of letter writing and phone calls - we can now talk to and be seen by anyone anywhere in the world through the marvels of Skype, and such social networking sites as Facebook and Twitter can help us re-make contact with people we've not seen for many years.

A few days before I write this (10th May), I had visited Facebook and by chance, found the announcement that Fr.Reginald is 94 today !

To you, the readers, this will mean nothing, but believe it or not, it is to Fr.Reginald that I owe the start of my whole life in church music.

Let me explain.

The suburb of Chingford lies at the very edge of East London, and it was here, in the mid 1940's, that the Reverend Reginald Box was placed in his first curacy, shortly after his ordination. Chingford had three churches - a large parish church, an old and smaller church, and a corrugated-iron dual-purpose mission hall, and it was there that Reginald conducted Sunday Services. There was no organ, but there was a harmonium, and he needed someone to play the hymns. He had heard that I played the piano at my local Sunday School, and came to ask my parents if I could play for him.

And that's where it all began at the age of 11 - eight years of playing hymns Sunday by Sunday on the harmonium !

Last year, Buffie and I were in Canterbury (where I was giving a lecture) and who should we spot in the Cathedral but Fr Reginald, now a long-serving and still active Brother of the Society of St.Francis. We persuaded him to come to the lecture, where, in public, I was able to pay him the tribute I now pay here.

As they say - from small beginnings.....

Barry Rose



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It's now a regular institution for Draycott and Rodney Stoke so join the First Saturday throng at St Peter's on Saturday 7 June between 1030 to 12 noon

Anyone & everyone is invited to join us for a coffee, tea or cold drink with cake and biscuits to just to get together to “put the world to rights” or simply chat, or even to enjoy a “companionable silence”.

We get a real mixed bunch of people coming along, not always the same crowd. The games table is always popular (especially with the men, but ladies are welcomed too!). Last month they played a scrabble-like word game called "Bananagrams", draughts and had a go at Backgammon too. Please bring along any games that you enjoy & raise a challenge!!



The book swapping box is also proving very popular, as is the craft/chat & companionship. Last month's cake included a very popular old fashioned bread pudding!



Come along on June 7th between 10.30 & 12 to see what is on offer this month! Don't worry if you have difficulty getting to St Peter's: we can pick you up so if you would like a lift just contact one of us:

Thea 744739, Karen 01749 870067, Janette 744945.



MANNA—the money issue

The Spring Edition of the Diocese's MANNA magazine is now available from a church near you.

It's the money issue and asks 'How much is enough?' by:

- ◆ challenging us to be confident about envisioning another world; one not ruled by the market
- ◆ examining 'enoughness' as a Gospel imperative
- ◆ interviewing Nathan Gale who now runs a local food bank
- ◆ investigating some of the personal stories of users for whom foodbanks, credit unions and debt advice services are real lifelines
- ◆ meeting with some real, live bankers.

THE THANKFUL VILLAGE OF RODNEY STOKE



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The First World War

Saturday 14th Sunday 15th June
10am-6pm

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Display Of Scarecrows
All Day Refreshments

Proceeds To Friends Of St Leonards & PCC

Len May

Parish Portrait No. 11

Len was born in a hamlet just outside Dursley in Gloucestershire. His father was in charge of engineering maintenance at the local flour mill. His mother was the daughter of a local entrepreneur: a farmer, land owner and publican. Len has one elder sister, a lifelong music teacher, who still lives in the family home. It was, says Len, a very happy childhood.

Len often watched his father making things: 'I watched as he put a ship into a bottle. I was fascinated. He could make anything out of anything. I wanted to be able to do the things that he could do.'

The plan had been for Len to leave school at 16 and go into the local engineering works, but he was strongly encouraged to become a teacher. He stayed on to do 'A' levels in Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork and Maths. 'The maths was a disaster.' (This paved the way for his later and acclaimed career as Church Treasurer.)



Len proceeded to Loughborough College. It was 'absolutely brilliant', bringing out his interest in both sport and woodwork. On his first trip round he spotted someone making a tennis racket. He was immediately fascinated and inspired by the place. Two years of woodwork were followed by a year of metal work, with science and education lectures.

Since he was 15, Len had played football for the local village team. He played for Bristol Rovers for 7 years as an amateur from the age of 16, for Leicestershire County Soccer Team, for the Football Association Amateur Eleven, and then for two Amateur England Trials. There came offers to be signed on as a professional but: 'I stuck resolutely to wanting to become a woodwork teacher.'

Len began teaching at Brislington School in Bristol: here it was that he came across Joan, being paired with her in a tennis tournament. 'They said they needed a strong first pair. It was a very fortuitous afternoon!'

Len arrived at Kings of Wessex in 1963. Len and Joan lived in Cheddar for 23 years, moving to Rodney Stoke in 1986. (Rodney Stoke, always at the apex of progress,

offered main drainage and a gas supply, unheard of where they had lived in Cheddar.) 'But this is', says Len, 'a proper village'.

Len talks about his various encounters with the Church of England. During National Service there was an inspiring padre who drew Len in. Whilst at Loughborough he encountered the Christian Union, but wasn't particularly impressed by their muscular Christianity: 'They hogged all the food at breakfast!' Len is not happy with some evangelical beliefs: 'Praying for a parking space, and believing that God has favoured you because of that prayer, doesn't make any sense to me'.

One day a couple who were to be married came to Rodney Stoke Church, and it was Len's turn to read a particularly obscure Old Testament lesson. 'It made no sense at all, and I thought: What are this couple making of it? And then I thought: What am I making of it? At that point my faith ceased.'

The other keystone in Len's life is, of course, music. His father started Len on the cornet. Len hated it, and his sister bought him a saxophone. He played the saxophone through college, in the RAF, and even in Cheddar. However, the chance came to investigate a euphonium. 'I blew it, and I loved the sound.' He has, so to speak, never put it down since. He encouraged pupils to learn brass instruments, and spent hours practising himself. 'We used Tune-a-Day books. I was one Tune ahead of them!' But the small ensemble which he started grew and grew, and eventually performed in the Royal Festival Hall.

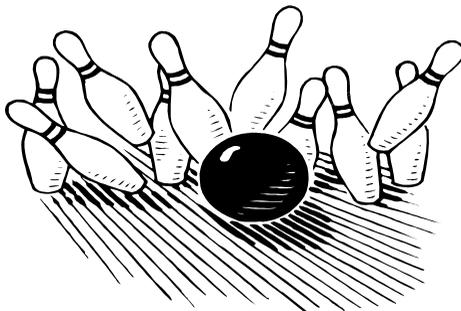
I ask Len for his thoughts on growing older. 'It doesn't come alone. It brings stiff joints and arthritis and all sorts of other things with it. Both of us have had to face infirmity and illness.'

But help and inspiration has come from various quarters: from a wonderful woman at the pain clinic in Frome, from those in the parish who have introduced him to Mindfulness – partly through an article in this magazine. And he highly recommends the yoga classes at Draycott Hall: 'even when you fall asleep!'

'The high point in my life? - meeting Joan in that tennis match. And we won!'

MLT

The Holy Rollers strike again.....



Holy Rollers Fixtures List	
Date	Time
Fri 16 May	7.15 pm
Fri 23 May	7.15 pm
Wed 28 May	8.00 pm
Fri 6 June	8.45 pm
Tue 10 June	8.00 pm
Wed 18 June	8.00 pm
Mon 23 June	8.00 pm
Sun 6 July	6.00 pm
Thur 17 July	8.00 pm
Sun 20 July	6.00 pm
Thur 31 July	8.00 pm
Sun 3 Aug	6.00 pm
Tue 12 Aug	6.00 pm
Sun 17 Aug	6.00 pm

The Holy Rollers are at it again this summer at the Strawberry Special and here are the dates and times of our matches.

Please let Thea (01934 744739) know if you'd like to join us and when you're available then make a note in your diary... see you there!!

Supporters always welcome!!



A big 'Thank You' to all the Bakers who baked for the Bucklegrave Easter Day Cake Stall.

Your baking raised £214 for the Rodney Stoke PCC – that's a really great result!

Our thanks to Sue, Dave and family at Bucklegrave for supporting this event.



HELP Again!!

Calling all Rodney Stoke Bakers

We need lots of cakes for the Flower and Craft Festival on **14 and 15 June**.

We also need help with serving on the actual days

Please contact **Mary Banks** on **01749 870549**

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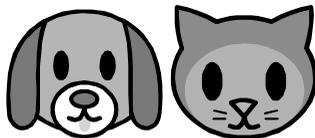
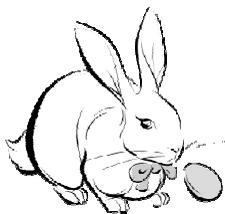
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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Native American Code of Ethics



Every morning upon rising, and each evening before sleeping, give thanks for the gift of life within you, and for all life

Be thankful for all the good the Creator has given you

Showing respect is a basic law of life

Treat every person from the smallest child to the oldest elder with respect at all times

Respect the privacy of every person, never intrude on another's private time

Listen with your heart

Be truthful at all times, and under all conditions

Always treat your guests with honour. Give them your best, for their use

Be still and hear the lessons given to your heart. Expect wisdom in prayer, dreams, in solitude and in the words and deeds of Elders and wise friends

We were given the honour of caring for the earth and all living things. Simply go to the stream, and listen. The wisdom will come.

4 large beefsteak tomatoes (about 700g/1½ lb)
1 large cucumber
2 medium red onions, skinned
1 head of crisp Cos lettuce
125g (4oz) black olives, pitted
225g (8oz) feta cheese
Dressing
135ml (9 tbsp) olive oil
45ml (3 tbsp.) lemon juice
45ml (3 tbsp.) chopped coriander
Good pinch of sugar
Salt and fresh ground pepper

Greek Salad



1. Cut the tomatoes into bite-sized chunks, discarding the cores. Cut the cucumber in half crossways, then cut a cross in the end of each piece and cut down into quarters crossways into bite-sized pieces. Cut the onions into thin wedges. Shred the lettuce.
2. Whisk the dressing ingredients together in a jug (go easy on the salt because of the saltiness of olives and the feta cheese). Put all the salad vegetables in a large bowl, add the olives and toss the ingredients together with your hands. Pour over the dressing and toss gently to mix, then crumble over the feta cheese. Serve as soon as possible.

Sunday Services in June 2014

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
June 1st Sunday after Ascension	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
June 8th Pentecost	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Second Sunday Service	8 am BCP Communion
June 15th Trinity Sunday Father's Day	8am BCP Communion 11am KOW Father's Day Service	9.30am Parish Communion	6.30pm Festival Service
June 22nd Trinity 1 Proper 7	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Sung Mattins
June 29th St Peter		10am Joint Communion	

Readings for Sundays in June 2014 (Year A – St Matthew)

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 1st Sunday after Ascension	245	Acts 1: 6-14	68: 1-10, 25-32.	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5: 6-11	John 17: 1-11
June 8th Pentecost	249	Acts 2: 1-21	104: 26-36,37b	1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13	John 20: 19-23
June 15th Trinity Sunday Fathers Day	258	Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-End	8	2 Corinthians 13: 11- End	Matt 28: 16-20
June 22nd Trinity 1 Proper 7	287	Jeremiah 20: 7-13	69: 8-11	Romans 6: 1b-11	Matt 10: 24-39
June 29th St Peter	1107	Ezekiel 3: 22-27	125	Acts 12: 1-11	Matt 16: 13-19

Regular Weekly Events in June

Monday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 9.30 Beginners Line dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho 10.30 Intermediate Line dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Rodney Stoke 8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar
Wednesday	9.15 Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School assembly in Church (term time only) 10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 nd Weds when at 11.30am) 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Draycott
Thursday	9am LMG Prayer – see diary for venue 7.30pm Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
Friday	10-11.30 St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only) 6.15 St Andrew's Choir practice
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 10-12 Open Office, Den, Cheddar (1 st Saturday of the month at Draycott)

Free on a Tuesday morning? 1000 -1130?

Fancy a coffee, a biscuit and a real good chat

Join us at Sealey Close Community Hall



Diary for June 2014

Sun 1	6pm	STARR AGM	Church House
Tues 3	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	12noon	LMG Planning	Parish Office
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 4	8pm	Ministry Team	Parish Office
Thurs 5	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	10am	3 rd Sunday Planning	Parish Office
	12.30pm	St Andrew's Lunch Club	The Riverside
Fri 6	2pm	FoSA meeting	Parish Office
Sat 7	2.30pm	Bishop Peter Hancock's Welcome Service	Wells
Sun 8		Strawberry Fayre	Draycott
Thurs 12	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
Sat 14	1pm	Holy Marriage	Cheddar
	10am-6pm	Flower and Craft Festival	Rodney Stoke
Sun 15	11am-4pm	CVC Father's Day Fun Day	KoW
	10am-6pm	Flower and Craft Festival	Rodney Stoke
Tues 17	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	ME Federation Governors	Fairlands
Wed 18	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 19	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	7pm	Deanery Confirmation	Berrow
Sun 22	3.15pm	Rose Croix Service	Cheddar
Tues 24	7.30pm	Cheddar PCC	Parish Office
Wed 25	12noon	CVC planning	
Thurs 26	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	2pm	Bible Society Action Group	North St Chapel
Fri 27	9.30am	RStAAG Visits	

HOME COMMUNION

It is one of the great privileges in ministry to be able to bring communion to the elderly and housebound or those who are temporarily unable to get to church due to injury – do let Rev Sue know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate this aspect of the Church's care. Contact the Church Office on 01934 742535.



June 2014 Rotas						
DRAYCOTT						
	1	8	15	22	29	July 6
Sidesman	R Dingley	G Jeff	A Jeffries	N Devitt	J Jeffries	R Dingley
Intercessor	President	T Oliver	R Dingley	T Oliver	C Green	President
Organist	D Cheetham	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	B Rose	D Cheetham
Readers	T Lumley	G Jeff	C Jeff	N Devitt	G Jeff	T Lumley
	J Jeffries	R Dingley	A Jeffries	C Green	T Oliver	J Jeffries
	R Dingley	T Oliver	R Dingley	L Whittle	C Green	R Dingley
Coffee	T Lumley	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	F Irving/C Jeff	T Lumley
Cleaning	J Jeffries	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert		J Jeffries
	H Jeffries	G Jeff				H Jeffries
Flowers	R Chard	T Lumley	S Garrett	S Garrett	T Lumley	L Whittle
					(Festival)	
RODNEY STOKE						
Sidesman	J Newman	C Neave	A Percival	T Symes	Joint	D Banks
Organist	Michael	<i>said</i>	Michael	Barry	Service	Joanne
Reader 1	C Kembrey	D Banks	I Turner	A Percival	at	H Neave
Reader 2	A Newman	H Neave	S Percival	C Kembrey	St Peter's	D Banks
Cleaning		L Moore		R Mann		
		H Neave		N Tame		
Flowers A	H Neave	D Johnson	J Holmes	V Andrews	I Sealey	A Percival
Flowers P	A Percival	M James	L Davey	J Salmon	F Pitman	H Neave

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

We welcome into the Church family:

Reggie Tom Richard Bunn, Darcy Elizabeth Urch.

Marriages:

We ask God to bless the marriages of:

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