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We don't know if it will be feasible to produce and distribute this magazine in the next few months. If not, we shall aim to publish some regular and seasonal features online via the St Peter's website (stpetersarkley.com). So watch that space!

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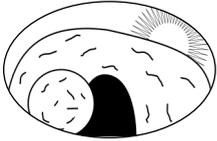


Oh, to be in England,
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in
England
Sees, some morning,
unaware,
That the lowest boughs
and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are
in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on
the orchard bough
In England—now!

ROBERT BROWNING

(1812-89)

'Home Thoughts from Abroad'



He is not here: for he
is risen, as he said:
Come, see the place
where the Lord lay. And go

quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring the disciples word.

Gospel of St Matthew 28:6-8

From thee all skill and science flow;
all pity, care, and love,
all calm and courage, faith and hope:
O pour them from above.

And part them, Lord, to each and all,
as each and all shall need,
to rise, like incense, each to thee,
in noble thought and deed.

Revd CHARLES KINGSLEY (1819-75)



Thou, among those saints which
thou dost see,
Shalt be a saint and thine own
nation's friend
And patron; thou Saint George shalt
called be,
St George of merry England, the sign
of victory.

EDMUND SPENSER
The Faerie Queene (1596)



There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too
and trust in his redeeming blood
and try his works to do.

Mrs CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER
(1818-95) 'There is green hill far away'

"Someone just coughed on my
train back to South London and the
whole carriage *erupted* in laughter.
It was a great moment."

KATIE PRESCOTT (BBC News)
Twitter, 10 March 2020

PARISH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

REVD NICK WHEELER
TEAM VICAR



AS I sit here typing this letter, I reflect on the news I was given yesterday about all church services being suspended for the foreseeable future (see page 6). This is not something I have experienced in my lifetime. It means that there will be no services during the pre- and post-Easter season. It is a very real challenging and changing time for us all, with much uncertainty, but let us remember the Easter message of the Christian gospel.

THE season of Lent, a time of spiritual reflection, has passed and there is **Palm Sunday** (5 April), when we recall how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to the rapturous applause of the crowds. Jesus knew it was to face his death. This is followed by **Holy Week**, a serious and sombre time when we move through the passion and pain of **Good Friday**, when we recall how Jesus was crucified, dying a painful and humiliating death on the cross for us and the sins of the whole world while he was without sin Himself. Then there is **Easter Day** (12 April), itself a day of rejoicing and celebration, when we recall the resurrection of Jesus, when He

overcame death as we know it, defeating Satan, the Devil, and giving all those who believe in him the prospect of eternal life with God. Holy Week will seem very strange without all the many and various services in church which mark what Jesus went through just over two thousand years ago. But the message of Easter remains the same as ever, namely one of sadness, ending with hope and joy and the defeat of death. On Easter Sunday Jesus rose again (that is Resurrection) and invites everyone who believes in Him to eternal life with Him in heaven—in a place where there is no more pain and suffering, showing us God's love, grace and mercy.



Fr Nick with the Venerable Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford, following our Family Service on 1 March
(Photo: N Dean)

SO, as we enjoy the season of Spring with all its benefits of new life, but

notwithstanding the uncertainty of what coronavirus brings, my prayer is that you will stop, ponder, think and pray about whether you feel drawn and called to accept God's love. For those who are already Christians, renew your commitment. The invitation is an open one, but it does require an RSVP. We can sit on the fence if we want, because God is patient, but we do need to respond.

MOVING from the spiritual to the practical, as coronavirus has hit the UK and many other countries, I pray for all those affected and infected, and for a full and speedy end to what is happening and how it is affecting so many.

ON a separate note, we had a successful church **working party** on 14 March (see below and page 17), clearing the Jubilee Room, cleaning the church silver and the cupboards at the back of the church, and cutting back the holly by the west door and the tree in the car park. **A very big thank you to all who helped.**

WE have also had to repair part of the church hall floor, a result of dry and wet rot. We hope to move forward to putting some new electric heating in the church, long overdue. And we still have not found a new **District Church Council Treasurer**, even after two years. Could that be you and something you are interested in doing? If so, please do contact me to find out more.



IN the meantime, I will be praying for you all regularly, and would encourage you to pray as well. Jesus himself was a man of prayer. Quoting Luke, chapter 5, verses 15b-16,

“Crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

I wish you a blessed, joyous and Happy Easter.

Nick A

Cover: The altar of St Peter's, Arkley decorated with lilies on Easter Day, 2019. There is a copy in colour on our website: stpetersarkley.com

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SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

The following notice was posted on the door of St Peter's on St Patrick's Day, 17 March:

Due to Coronavirus, all worship and church events are now suspended.

The Revd Nick Wheeler will offer daily prayers on behalf of, and for, all parishoners.

Although you cannot join him in church, you are encouraged to join in praying at home. You might pray at any time, but if possible at 11am each day, knowing that we all pray together!

Nick remains available for Pastoral Support and prayer... even if that is done over a telephone at this time!

***Gracious God, our Shield and our Defender, our light in times of darkness;
guide and protect each us in this time of uncertainty and health emergency;
deliver us all from all harm, empower us to love and support one another,
protect and sustain our medical services, and let your love strengthen and uphold
us all, now and in the days to come.***

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord we pray, Amen

(Letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York)

Praying together when we're apart...

Prayer is such a powerful support and comfort, especially in times of emergency and uncertainty (such as we face at the moment). If you find yourself isolated at home and unable to join in shared prayer and worship, please still pray! Pray for yourself, for the world and our nation, for the church, and for all those affected by and fighting the Coronavirus outbreak.



OUR WORD(S) OF THE MONTH

36. Good Friday

In the Christian calendar, *Good Friday*, on 10 April this year, commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ (St Matthew 27, St Mark 15, St Luke 23, St John 19) and his burial in a tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathæa (see AC&CN 4/19). Its timing, which varies from 20 March to St George's Day, 23 April, is determined by that of Easter Day, two days later (or "the third day", as in the Bible, if counting Friday to Sunday inclusively), which marks Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

It is sometimes suggested that 'Good' is a corruption of 'God' (as in 'goodbye', a contraction of 'God be with ye'), but almost certainly it is being used in the sense of 'holy', as it is also in phrases like the 'the good book' (the Holy Bible, late 18th century) or 'the good Lord'. 'Good Friday' is found also in Dutch (*Goede Vrijdag*) and, indeed, Frisian, the language closest to English (*Goedfreed*), but other names include **Holy Friday** (*vendredi saint* in French), **Great Friday** (in Greek and several other Eastern European languages) and **Mourning** or **Care Friday** (*Karfreitag* in German). The Old English *Langa frigedæg* (**Long Friday**) was similar to surviving usage in some Scandinavian languages. In some parts of England, a custom of communal skipping on Good Friday gave rise to '**Long Rope**' Day.



God (pronounced with a long 'o') was an multi-purpose adjective in Old English to describe people or things as positive or righteous. It derives from the Germanic *goda*, meaning fitting or suitable, the source also of *gut* in modern German. The origin of *Friday* (German, *Freitag*; Dutch, *Vrijdag*) deserves an article in its own right, but, in very simple terms, it is named after the Scandinavian goddess *Frigg* or *Freya*, equivalent in Northern Europe to the Roman goddess Venus (hence, the Latin, *dies Veneris* and French, *vendredi*). In Catholic tradition, Friday was a day to abstain from meat in memory of the Crucifixion: hence, its long association with fish.

In England, Good Friday, like Christmas Day, was well established as a holiday before Bank Holidays were introduced by Act of Parliament in 1871. Although often referred to as Bank Holidays, both, strictly speaking, remain common law holidays, observed by custom and practice (but, in the case of Good Friday, often more in the breach than the observance these days!) In Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (1843), Ebenezer Scrooge resented paying his clerk Bob Cratchitt "a day's wages for no work" on Christmas Day, but, even so, supposed he must have the whole day off. The practice of eating **hot cross buns** (*'Our Word'* 20, 3/18) on Good Friday became common in the 18th century, but originated in St Albans four centuries earlier, when monks at the Abbey distributed 'Alban' buns to the local community (see page 20). **A**

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SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

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FORTY-TWO

is the “Answer to the Great Question of Life, the Universe and Everything”, according to Deep Thought in the 1978 radio series (and 1979 novel) *The Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy* by ...

JENNIFER O'NEILL

(born 1948), best known for the 1980s TV adventure series, *Cover Up*, whose theme song, ‘Holding Out for a Hero’, was a hit in the UK for Bonnie Tyler, and, as a young wife whose husband was away during the Second World War, in the 1971 film, *Summer of ...*

DOUGLAS ADAMS

(1952-2001), whose sequel, *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe* (1980), was inspired by the title track of Procol Harum’s 1973 album *Grand Hotel*. Having previously written TV and radio sketches for *Monty Python’s Flying Circus*, *The Burkiss Way* and other series, Adams was script editor in 1979 for ...

JOHN WAYNE

(1907-1979), who, after B-movie Westerns in the 1930s, became a major star (142 films in all) and won an Oscar in 1969 for *True Grit*. He starred in director Howard Hawks’ last film, *Rio Lobo* (1970), which provided a first leading role for ...

DOCTOR WHO

the long-running BBC TV science-fiction series, whose first episode on 23 November 1963 was overshadowed by the assassination of President Kennedy the previous day. The original Doctor, who travelled through time in a machine that looked like a police box and, in 1964, found iconic enemies known as the Daleks, was ...

WILLIAM HARTNELL

(1908-1975), who had played the sergeant in the first *Carry On* film, *Carry on Sergeant* (1958). In 1966 Hartnell was succeeded, in the second of many incarnations of the Doctor, by Patrick Troughton. Geeky research (not by us) shows that both men, plus at least eight later Doctors, have only two degrees of screen separation from ...

TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS



HIGH BARNET STATION was opened in 1872 by the Great Northern Railway (the London & North Eastern from 1923). It became part of the London Underground 80 years ago, on 14 April 1940. This was part of the “Northern Heights” programme to improve the reach of the Northern Line with, among other things, an extension from Edgware to Elstree and Bushy Heath and a link to Edgware, via Mill Hill, on existing tracks from Finchley Central. In the event, the only subsequent addition was a spur from Finchley to Mill Hill East that opened in 1941. The rest of the programme was put on hold during the Second World War and ultimately abandoned. In the mid 1960s, when the above photograph was taken, a plan for the major redevelopment of the station, to include 700 car parking spaces, did not proceed. We reported last September the controversy surrounding Transport for London’s current plans for housing on the site and largely to remove parking. (Photo: Barnet Museum Archive) **A**

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**USE A TISSUE FOR COUGHS AND
SNEEZES AND THEN BIN IT**



**AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES,
NOSE AND MOUTH**

WHO WAS RICHARD of CHICHESTER?



**Statue of
St Richard,
Chichester
Cathedral**
(N Dean, 2007)

ST RICHARD of Chichester died on 3 April 1253. Some churches mark this as his Feast Day, but others celebrate it on 16 June, the date in 1276 on which his body was moved from where it lay in the nave of Chichester Cathedral, West Sussex, to a much grander shrine. Richard is patron saint of Sussex and, locally, 16 June is known as “Sussex Day”.

RICHARD de Wyche was born in 1197. He studied at Oxford University and in Italy, where he took a degree in civil law at Bologna. He returned to Oxford as Chancellor, but left to become Chancellor to the Archbishop of Canterbury. In between two stints at Canterbury, he took holy orders and became a parish priest. In 1245, at a time when power struggles were common between state and church, he was appointed Bishop of Chichester by the

Archbishop, even though King Henry III had nominated his own candidate. As a result, it took Richard a couple of years to establish his authority over the diocese. After that, he seems to have been a conscientious and principled bishop, known for his frugality. He was canonised in 1262. His shrine became a place of pilgrimage, but was destroyed during the reign of Henry VIII. There is a modern shrine in the cathedral, with a striking contemporary screen.

TODAY, Richard’s principal legacy is a prayer which he dictated towards the end of his life. With the obvious exception of the Lord’s Prayer and the most common of graces, its final lines are probably as well known as those of any prayer. They were given wider currency in 1972 by the song ‘Day By Day’ in the musical *Godspell*. The original Latin transcription is in the British Library. **▲**

SAY A LITTLE PRAYER

Prayer of St Richard

Thanks be to thee, my Lord
Jesus Christ, for all the benefits
which thou hast given me, for all
the pains and insults which thou
hast borne for me. O most
merciful Redeemer, Friend and
Brother, may I know thee more
clearly, love thee more dearly and
follow thee more nearly. *Amen*

“There was a pause ... just long enough for an angel to pass, flying slowly.”

RONALD FIRBANK (1915) *Vainglory*



*‘Have you noticed you see
far fewer humans
around these days?’*

This cartoon by ‘Matt’ appeared in
the *Daily Telegraph* on 18 March 2020

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

“Today I have to go to Chambers. I will be completely self-isolated and not speak to another person. This is otherwise known as a ‘normal day in Chambers.’”

JEREMY BRIER (*barrister/TV law expert*)
Twitter, 18 March 2020

“Now the cat is self-isolating from me.”

RACHEL CUNLIFFE (*City AM*)
Twitter, 18 March 2020

“The best selling food item on a certain online retail platform appears to be a 48-pack of Crème Eggs, and I, for one, salute the public.”

ALICE LILLY (*Institute for Government*)
Twitter 18 March 2020



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I can't be the only millennial atheist who goes to church

A YEAR AGO, I'd have probably spent Sunday morning in bed, nursing a hangover. Instead—rain or shine, hangover or no hangover—I'll be at church.

I'm not just an atheist, but one who spent a decade preaching a doctrine of strident anti-theism. Yet I've started attending each week and have found it transformative. And I'm not alone. Recent surveys suggest that growing numbers of millennials and Gen Z'ers are seeking solace in church—even if they don't believe in God.

What explains the transformation from Dawkins devotee to churchgoing atheist? There are scores of churches nearby, but my favourite is St Bartholomew the Great, Clerkenwell. Initially drawn to its architecture, some personal struggles left me searching for comfort beyond the aesthetic.

The Church of England still safeguards our architectural and artistic inheritance. National identity is inseparable from its defining texts, the King James Bible and the *Book of Common Prayer*. It is impossible to interpret much great art or literature created before the 1900s without some Bible knowledge.

But perhaps the most important lesson is how churchgoing takes us outside the trivia of our own lives—the preoccupations and obsessions induced by social media and that sense of ourselves as the star of our own B-movie biopic. It enables us to escape—if temporarily—such narcissism, focusing on the wider world and taking a longer view. For me, it is a partial antidote to the illusory optimism, anxiety and depression that has defined my generation.

Am I a fraud? After all church isn't supposed to be a mindfulness retreat. I hope not. The community cuts across the barriers of class, race and culture that govern our daily lives—poor widows worship alongside the squire, the student, the squaddie, the computer geek, the vagrant and the scientist. Some, I suspect, are closet unbelievers like me, or imbued with what Tennyson called “honest doubt”.

The cup of coffee and chatter after the service make you feel part of the community, even in a faceless city like London. So, too, do the other social elements—evensong, the fundraising efforts to replace the woodwormy floor or the leaky roof. Singing hymns is especially satisfying in a world that has reduced music to a largely passive affair—something imposed on us willy-nilly, via interchangeable pop songs blasted into shops and pubs.

As attendance dwindles, more non-believers should give church a whirl. They welcome anyone—and provide a space where even stressed and frantic “churchgoing atheists” like me can find our equilibrium. **A**



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“A German-speaking relative tells me that the German for panic buying is *hamsterkäute*—as in how hamsters stuff their cheeks to store food.”

JANE MERRICK, Twitter, 10 March 2020

“My wife has just suggested that, if we are quarantined for 14 days, we will be able to do the painting that needs to be done. Can anyone please confirm quickly that panic buying has sadly cleared out paint supplies in the UK?”

ALISTAIR BURT (former MP & Government Minister), Twitter, 14 March 2020

Wendy Oliver's Bread & Butter Pudding ...

Following last month's description of the gastronomic treats at our Parish Lunch in February, we are delighted to share Wendy Oliver's recipe for the bread and butter pudding that she cooked to such acclaim. With Easter coming up, you could, of course, turn this into a seasonal treat by substituting hot cross buns for bread.

Ingredients:

8 slices of bread
10 fluid oz (275ml) milk
2½ fluid oz (60ml) double cream
2oz (50g) castor sugar
3 eggs
mixed dried fruit
demerara sugar



Pre-heat the oven at gas mark 4 (350°F/180°C) and prepare a well-buttered 2 pint (1.4 litre) oblong baking dish.

Cut each slice of buttered bread in half. I prefer to remove crusts, but you don't have to. Arrange one layer of buttered bread over the base of the dish and place a thick layer of mixed dried fruit over the bread, totally covering it. Cover with another layer of bread.

In a glass measuring jug, measure out the milk and add the double cream. Stir in the castor sugar. Then whisk the eggs, firstly on their own and then into the milky mixture. Pour the contents of the jug all over the bread and press down so that the mixture is fully absorbed. Finally, sprinkle on demerara sugar for a crispy topping.

Bake for 30-40 minutes. **A**

Church Notices 13

Visitation to the Parish of Chipping Barnet ... 20 minutes to pop in and meet with Pariah office team at work¹ ... **This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.**² ... "Dance, Dance, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance Settee." Throughout my childhood I assumed that my wealthier classmates' families had a dance settee, and I wished we had one too³ ... **The new Bishop of Hereford ... had hoped to move discreetly into his palace [but] three removal lorries were unable to get under an archway [and] had to be unloaded in full view ... He had hired a well-known firm whose huge logo was emblazoned on the side of each vehicle: Bishop's Move.**⁴

(1) Chipping Barnet Parochial Church Council, February 2020; (2) *myfishbites.com* (3) Twitter, 21 January 2020 [*'I am the Lord of the Dance, said he': hymn by Sydney Carter*]; (4) *Times Diary*, 10 March 2020



Churchwardens' Report : April

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, 26 February, we had Holy Communion, with Ashing. This was attended by 14 people, a record for a good many years.

ON Sunday, 1 March, the Archdeacon of Hertford, the Venerable Janet Mackenzie, celebrated Holy Communion at 8am and preached at our well attended 10am Family Service (see photo on page 4). We were joined at 10am by the family and friends of Mrs and Mrs Chitty, long-time residents of Arkley, for the interment of their ashes in the Garden of Rest.

FOLLOWING repairs to the floor of the Church Hall to stem wet and dry rot (see last month's report), the District Church Council has agreed a modest proposal to cover the affected area.



N Wheeler

Following repairs to the floor of the Church Hall, Church Council member Ruth Page examines samples of floor covering

THE weather was kind to us on Saturday, 14 March, when we had our working party to get a few jobs done around the church and grounds and also to sort and tidy the Jubilee Room (see opposite).

THE **suspension of services** at St Peter's, on 17 March, has come at one of the most important times in the church's calendar. We were unable to hold our Mothering Day service the following Sunday and will miss the special services during Holy Week and at Easter. We don't know how long this will go on for, but we pray for all our local community and hope to see you again at St Peter's before too long.

Maureen & Sharon A

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A range of pressing tasks at St Peter's was completed by members of our congregation during a working party on 14 March

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38: MAUNDY MONEY



Maundy 4d (William IV, 1834)

Continuing the numismatic theme of last month's article about a gold sovereign from the short reign of Edward VIII, we look at the special coins that, since the mid 17th century, have been minted for distribution by the monarch on the Thursday before Easter.

THE distribution of the **Royal Maundy** by the Queen on Maundy Thursday, 9 April, has been cancelled. This is the day in the Christian calendar that recalls Jesus Christ's sharing bread and wine with his disciples at the Last Supper (the origin of Holy Communion: see AC&CN 3/16). He also washed their feet—hence, the ceremony performed in other years at our Communion service at St Peter's on Maundy Thursday—and gave them a new commandment “that ye love one another” (St Luke 22; St John 13). That same evening, on the eve of his Crucifixion (marked on Good Friday), Jesus was betrayed by a disciple, Judas Iscariot, and, later in the night, was thrice denied by another, Simon Peter, who later became the “rock” of the early Christian church (AC&CN 6/15) and is patron of our church here in Arkley.

‘MAUNDY’ comes from the Latin, *mandatum novum do vobis* (‘a new commandment I give unto you’: St John 13:34). On what became known as Maundy Thursday, the ancient church distributed food to impoverished people in wicker baskets or *maunds*. Hence, in St Albans, the special buns created c1361 by Brother Thomas Roccliffe (the forerunners of hot cross buns) were given to local people by monks on Good Friday. The annual distribution of the Royal Maundy is a hangover from when monarchs would wash the feet of a number of their poorer subjects and provide them with food and clothing.

Henry IV (1399-1413) was the first to link the number of recipients to his age. Maundy Money was introduced by **Charles II** in 1662, shortly after the Restoration of the monarchy. His brother **James II**, who was deposed in 1688, was the last monarch to distribute the Royal Maundy in person until **George V** re-introduced the practice in 1932. In 1957 our present Queen performed the ceremony at a service in **St Albans Cathedral** (right), the first time since the 18th century that this had taken place outside London (AC&CN



*HM the Queen at the Maundy service,
St Albans Cathedral, 18 April 1957
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Charles II (undated, 1660s)



Elizabeth II (1953)

4/17). Last year, three days before the Queen's 93rd birthday, 92 women and 92 men (elderly people chosen for their contribution to their church or community) received a purse of ordinary coins (*in lieu* of clothing and food) and another of Maundy Money in sterling silver with a total face value of 92p. (Silver coins were phased out of general circulation after 1946. A silver 3d dated 1945 that escaped melting is down for auction at Baldwin's with an upper estimate of £25,000.)

THE appearance of Maundy coins has changed remarkably little in 358 years. From 1662-9 Charles II distributed specially minted, but undated, one penny (d), 2d, 3d and 4d coins (*above left*). In 1670, dated sets were introduced. These denominations have remained standard, except that, since decimalisation in 1971, they have been valued in new pence (1p=2.4d). The obverse of the coins, with a crown above the numerical value, has remained largely the same since the reign of James II (though from 1686-8 values were denoted in Roman numerals), while, in 1822, after the accession of **George IV**, a garland was added. Older heads of **George III** (1760-1820) and **Victoria** (1837-1901) replaced younger ones, but that of Elizabeth II, whose reign is the longest in British history, is still the one designed for general coinage by the sculptor **Mary Gillick** (1881-1965) in 1953 (*above right*). As we mentioned last month, no Maundy coins exist from the reign of **Edward VIII**. In 1936 he distributed sets already minted for his father, George V, but had abdicated by the end of the year. 'Fantasy' sets of Edward VIII Maundy, produced privately and entirely unofficially, may fetch in excess of £100 (*The Collect* 37).

MAUNDY coins are easy to obtain from dealers. Specialised catalogues list the likely value of sets. As a rough guide, that of individual coins is about a quarter of that of the relevant year's set, although availability may vary between coins of the same year and thus be a factor. An exceptionally fine (ef) set of four coins from 1670 may be worth £750 (or £225 if merely 'fine'). Maundy from the reign of **William III** and **Mary II** (1688-94) is especially collectable: an ef set of 1689 could fetch as much as £2,000. Generally speaking, prices have increased over threefold in the past 30 years. In 1987, for example, the guideline for a 1689 ef set was £600. The value of decimal sets ranges from about £200 for 1971 to £600-700 for those of the past decade. A gold proof set from 2002, the Queen's Golden Jubilee year, may be worth £2,500. **A**

KEEP ARKLEY TIDY

I have been living in Arkley for 40 years. Arkley is still a good place to live, although it has obviously changed. For the last two years I have periodically been clearing up litter in the Barnet Road. It such an eyesore. I would very much like some assistance, whatever your age. Could you perhaps contact me on

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so that we can discuss this?

Perhaps we could have a few teams. Many hands make light work.

MICHAEL PETERSEN

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"A happy 80th birthday to the footballer Jimmy Greaves [Barnet 1977-9] ... Prone to malapropisms, he was once asked by fellow pundit Ian St John if he'd patched things up with an old foe. 'Is he speaking to you yet?' asked St John. 'Not yet,' said Greaves, 'but I'm hoping to be incommunicado with him in a very short space of time.'"

Times Diary, 20 February 2020

"My dad texts: Every time someone says Covid-19 I expect it to be followed by Sheffield Wednesday-nil."

PATRICK SMITH (NBC)

Twitter, 12 March 2020



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JUST THINK ... “And if you thought the news was bad, wait till you see the weather,” said a newscaster in a recent cartoon (*Private Eye*, 6 March). It came as little surprise that this February was the wettest on record in Britain (even without the extra leap year day). The Meteorological Office has records dating back to 1862; but not even earlier ones, begun in 1766, were able to challenge this statistic. It was also the fifth wettest winter on record and the fifth mildest. Last month, we reflected on attempts to associate the new decade with the ‘roaring’ spirit of the 1920s (*Our Word* 35), but we identified also some major issues facing us, including our future outside the European Union and, of surpassing importance at present, the coronavirus Covid-19. Next month we mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. In the closing months of the war, one of the most popular songs was Frank Loesser’s *Spring May Be a Little Late This Year*. So, perhaps, it has seemed this year: many bulbs were in flower quite early, but were unmatched by spring-like weather; and, without wishing to overdo imperfect historical analogies, the impending spread of the coronavirus (which has led to the first general suspension of services in the English church since 1208) did, for a while, create a bit of a ‘phoney war’ atmosphere—something that existed in very different circumstances exactly 80 years ago, in the early stages of the Second World War. However, May will also see the 80th anniversary of Winston Churchill’s becoming Prime Minister of a coalition government following the German invasion of the Low Countries, and of the allied retreat from Dunkirk. By September France had fallen, the Battle of Britain had been won and the Blitz had begun. In our last issue we quoted Nicholas Parsons, the actor and entertainer who died in January, aged 96: “I was in the Blitz and there was stoicism in adversity. And humour.” Indeed, 1940 is still sometimes cited as the year, in modern times, that defined the British people.



In 1997 *Collins Dictionary* marked its centenary with a list of 100 words, one to represent each year of the previous century. Its ‘word’ for 1929 was ‘Magenot Line’, the name given to the fortifications that France built along its frontier with Germany from the Alps in the south to its border with Belgium in the



north. In 1939 George Formby (1904-61, *above*), famous for his ukulele, composed a slightly risqué song about a British soldier stationed in France, *Imagine Me in the Maginot Line*. It was one of the songs most associated with the ‘phoney war’, but rather lost its meaning when German forces, *en route* to France, invaded Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg by simply going round

the Maginot Line. (Follow the right hand arrows in the opening credits of *Dad’s Army*.) Since then, the Maginot Line has been rather forgotten, except, of course, by military historians; and so, it was interesting that Health Secretary Matt Hancock, in an interview on 1 March with the BBC’s Andrew Marr, remarked, in relation to coronavirus: “You know, people said to me a few weeks ago we should ban all the flights from China and the scientists said it would be like creating a Maginot Line. People would come round it ...” It seems possible that, in the coming weeks, we shall hear rather more about the 1940s than the 1920s. **▲**

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THE EASTER GARDEN

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH (1770-1850)

The poet William Wordsworth was born in Cockermouth, in the Lake District, 250 years ago, on 7 April 1770. Around this time of year, we usually find room for at least one verse of

'Daffodils' ("I wander'd lonely as a cloud ..."), published in 1807, which is often cited as among the most popular and best known poems in the English language (*see AC&CN*, 3/19). This year's special anniversary is being marked by various initiatives relating to **daffodils** (*Narcissus*) and Wordsworth's association with gardens more generally.

'Daffodils' was inspired by golden drifts of the wild variety ("continuous as the stars that shine") that Wordsworth (*right*) and his younger sister Dorothy encountered on the shores of Ullswater in 1802. When his daughter Dora died in 1847, he planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs in her memory in ground next to the church at Rydal. Known as 'Dora's Field', this is now owned by the



National Trust. Wordsworth's nearby home, Dove Cottage, open to the public since 1890, is currently being restored with lottery funding. This includes re-creating his garden and orchard. Cockermouth was planning its 'Daffodil Day' on 4 April, centred on All Saints' Church, where Wordsworth was christened in 1772; there are displays of daffodils until 27 April at Harlow Carr, the Royal Horticultural Society's garden in North Yorkshire; and, in Wordsworth Road, Stoke Newington, near St Matthias Church (*AC&CN* 2/19), new bulbs have been planted by volunteers. **A**

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretch'd in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay;
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

2020 is the 300th anniversary of the first cultivation of a pineapple in Britain. Originating in South America, pineapples (*Ananas comosus*) were unsuited to long sea crossings, but their exotic and decorative appeal led to much competition among European aristocrats to grow them. In 1720 the 5th Viscount Fitzwilliam (1677-1743) was the first to do so successfully in this country; his grandson, the 7th Viscount, founded the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, whose eclectic exhibition *Food and Fast: The Art of Food in Europe 1500-1800*, open until 26 April, is pinpointed by a huge golden sculpture of a pineapple in front of the building (*right*).

Since the 1950s, tinned pineapple has been commonplace, but in the late 18th century, "a time before the Hawaiian pizza" (as the *Times* put it recently), there was a "mania", leading to huge prices, similar to that for tulips in the 1720s (*The Collect* 23, 4/18).





Our famous QUIZ

Answers at foot of page

1. Who presented his first Budget on 11 March?
2. Who is the only person named in all four Gospels as a witness to the Resurrection of Christ?
3. The 549th anniversary of which Easter Day battle falls this year on Easter Tuesday?
4. What is the first line of the Palm Sunday hymn whose second is "Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry"?
5. Which county won the cricket championship in 2019?
6. What post is held by Professor Chris Whitty?
7. Which Polynesian island was first visited by Dutch explorers on 5 April 1722?
8. What had James Newton been chosen to do for his country on 16 May?
9. Which TV comedy of the late 1960s and early 70s was set in the Diocese of St Ogs?
10. Which song written by Irving Berlin (also the title of a film) anticipated a springtime event on New York's Fifth Avenue?



100 YEARS AGO ...

4 April 1920 Marriage in New York of novelist **F Scott Fitzgerald** (1896-1940) and socialite **Zelda Sayre** (1900-48), who became an icon of 1920s "flapper" culture **5 (Easter Day)** France announced that it would occupy Frankfurt and other German cities in the demilitarised **Ruhr valley** after Germany had violated the Treaty of Versailles (1919) by mobilising troops to confront striking workers. (The occupation took place on 6 April and German troops withdrew on 26 April) **7** Birth in Benares of Indian sitarist **Ravi Shankar** (d2012), who influenced the Beatles in the 1960s, performed at the Woodstock festival (1969) and was the father of singer Norah Jones (b1979)

"The World Health Organisation announced that dogs cannot get Covid-19. Dogs can be released from quarantine. I guess you could say that 'WHO let the dogs out'."

SAM GERACI

Twitter, 11 March 2020

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Rishi! Sunak 2. Mary Magdalene 3. Barnet (14 April 1471) 4. Ride on, ride on in majesty! 5. Essex 6. Chief Medical Officer of England 7. Easter Island Contest 9. All Gas and Galters 10. Easter Parade

AND THE FORECAST ...

April rain is worth David's chariot

*A wet Good Friday [10 April]
and a wet Easter Day [12th]*

*Make plenty of grass,
but very little hay*

Richard Inwards (1893) *Weather Lore*

*Though April showers may come
your way,
They bring the flowers that bloom in
May*

LOUIS SILVERS & BUDDY DE SILVA
(Recorded by Al Jolson, 1921)

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FRI 8TH MAY (*VE DAY*)

ST GEORGE'S DAY: THURS 23RD APRIL

Due to the current coronavirus emergency, virtually all the events that would have been listed this month were subject to likely cancellation or postponement

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (*Chipping Barnet Team Ministry*)
postponed

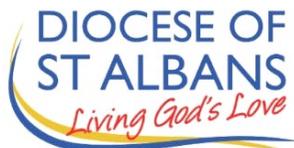
~ Looking ahead ~

LONDON MAYORAL & ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS *postponed from 7th May till 2021*

***** the ar\$KleY ***** *SUNRISE/SUNSET (BST)*

1ST APRIL: 6.35/7.34 ~ 12TH (*EASTER DAY*): 6.11/7.53 ~ 30TH: 5.34/8.23

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SOPHIA GASTON (*Director, British Foreign Policy Group*), Twitter, 11 March 2020



ST PETER'S : ARKLEY



APRIL 2020

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Sunday 5 th April	PALM SUNDAY <i>Annual District Church Meeting has been postponed</i>	
Thursday 9 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
Friday 10 th	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sunday 12 th	EASTER DAY	
Sunday 19 th	Easter 1 (Low Sunday)	
Sunday 26 th	Easter 2	
Sunday 3 rd May	Easter 3	
Sunday 28 th June PATRONAL FESTIVAL	6.30pm	FESTAL EVENSONG for St Peter's Day (29 th June) (Preacher: Bishop of Newcastle)
Sunday 5 th July	10am	FAMILY SERVICE followed by Parish Barbecue

Revised 30 March 2020

**But O, my Friend
My Friend indeed
Who at my need
His life did spend!**

SAMUEL CROSSMAN (1624-83)

ARKLEY IN VIEW



Above: The Arkley Working Men's Club, as it was called from 1902-46, and the former Brickmakers' Arms (1852), right, in the early 20th century
(Photo courtesy of Jean Samuel)

Parish Church of St Peter : Arkley **PUBLIC WORSHIP SUSPENDED**

Due to the current coronavirus emergency, we regret that public worship at St Peter's has been suspended until further notice.
There are further details on pages 4-6 & 31.

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING
The meeting arranged for 5 April 2020
has been postponed