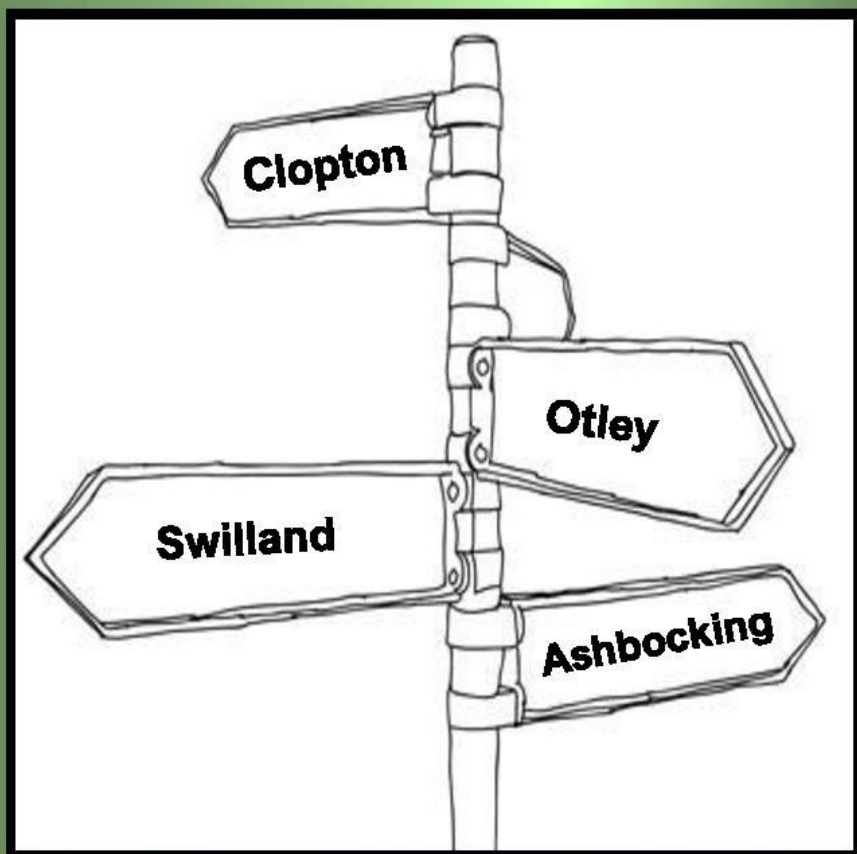


The Signpost



News from the Parishes

A Word from The Editors.....

Welcome to the **July Signpost**. Another month has passed, hopefully this month we will see further relaxation of Covid guidelines after the four-week delay from 21st June, meaning some of you may now be looking to book a holiday whether it be home or abroad – have fun. We are starting to see a trickle of local events being planned and with the school summer holidays fast approaching, there will be hope of things for the children to do during their holidays. We would like to wish all of the sixth form and high school students the very best of luck with their grades and getting their preferred courses whether they are off to sixth form, college, university or if they are starting work. Good luck also to those pupils leaving primary school to embark on their High School journeys. We hope you will all enjoy the school holidays!

If you would like your children or grandchildren's achievements mentioned in any of our upcoming editions of the magazine, please do get in touch.

We have a very full and varied issue for you to read this month. We have all the latest news from the villages and updates on social events. If you would like to see anything else within our magazine, whatever it may be, we would gratefully receive it for inclusion in our upcoming editions. If you would like any family or friends' birthdays or anniversaries celebrated, then please do let us know and we will include in next month's magazine.

Our next magazine will be the **August** issue with a deadline **of the 24th July**.

To register to receive The Signpost via email each month, please email Amy bakergirl174@gmail.com and Angela amtrelor@btinternet.com

News of the Carlford Churches and details of online Worship can be found on the website carlfordchurches.org and within the Mini Grapevine. If you would like to receive the Mini-Grapevine weekly via email, please register via the website carlfordchurches.org or with Mark Cresswell – mark@carlfordchurches.org. There are links on the Carlford Churches website to the Facebook page, Mini-Grapevine and The Signpost. The Carlford Churches Facebook page can be accessed directly <http://facebook.com/carlfordchurches>.

***Keep safe, remember your sun cream and take care,
Amy and Angela***



Rainfall for May

The cold dry weather in April continued until the end of the first week in May. The remainder of the month has been more like winter than spring with rain every few days until the last week when it did at last warm up and give us some welcome summer weather. It has been reported that this has been the wettest May since records began but it certainly has not been in Otley, last year we did not have any rain at all and in 2014 there was 4.50 inches. The total rainfall for the month was 2.65 inches.

Russell Ling

1st July - Henry Venn of the CMS



Most Christians in the UK have heard of the Church Mission Society or CMS. Far fewer have heard of the Rev'd Henry Venn (1796-1873), whose father, the rector of Clapham, founded CMS in 1799, and who himself became the greatest missionary strategist of the 19th century.

Not that Henry Venn ever became a missionary himself; after Cambridge he served his curacy at St Dunstan's in Fleet Street, and then an incumbency at Drypool in Hull, before becoming vicar of St Johns, Holloway in 1834. But Henry Venn's parish-based ministry did not obscure his passionate

interest in overseas evangelism, and in 1841 he accepted an invitation to become the honorary secretary of the Church Mission Society. That decision was to shape the history of overseas missions, and to make CMS into the most effective force in Britain for delivering effective overseas mission.

For Henry was an outstanding administrator, and his wisdom and management of the missionaries enabled CMS to grow and flourish. When Henry first began work on CMS, it employed 107 European clergy and nine local indigenous people. When he died in 1873, there were 230 European clergy and 148 local people in service.

After his resignation from St Johns Holloway in 1846, Henry devoted himself almost exclusively to the work of CMS. He was directly responsible for sending

out 498 clergymen, all of them chosen by him, and with most of whom he continued in regular correspondence. He also established eight or nine bishoprics for the supervision of CMS missionary clergy and was usually involved in the appointments made.

Henry and a mission's colleague in America were the first to use the term 'indigenous church', and they were way ahead of their time in seeing the necessity for creating churches on the mission fields that in time would become not only self-supporting, but also self-governing and self-propagating. In fact, Venn wrote with enthusiasm on this "euthanasia of missions," meaning that missionaries were only ever meant to be temporary, and not permanent.



All in all, Henry Venn's exposition on the basic principles of indigenous Christian missions was so powerful that much of it was later adopted by the Lausanne Congress of 1974. But alongside Venn's passion for evangelism was his concern for social justice, and he frequently lobbied the British Parliament, especially the closure of the Atlantic slave trade.

In 1873, when he was 76, Venn died at his home in Mortlake, Surrey. He is buried in the churchyard.

Otley and District Gardening Club

Dear Readers,

I'm so pleased to report that last Monday, 21st June, we had our very first Otley and District Gardening Club meeting which included our AGM. I'm also very pleased to say that I was voted in for another term. Some may disagree... Our committee also were all voted back for another year which I'm eternally grateful for as I couldn't do it without them.

The meeting was very light and humorous with our speaker Michael Perry AKA Mr Plantgeek, talking about Weird and Wacky Plants and Gardening for Small Spaces. What an entertaining evening we had in his company. From the smelliest plant (the Corpse Flower or Rafflesia Arnoldii) weighing around 11kg, to the

naughtiest looking (Orchis Italica or Naked Man Orchid) ... enough said, to the orchid that looks like a flying duck (Caleana Major). Some of his small space's tips were worth their weight in topsoil. "Unplanting", vertical planting, and a Japanese container craze that's sweeping the nation of cramming as much into a pot as possible, also known as "Jigsaw Planting". I've been successful at that inadvertently. I'm always disassembling pots and containers after they've outgrown their space. Usually only after one season's growth.

Our AGM was quick yet positive, if a little unprofessional at times on my part. It was the very first one I've ever held you see. The AGM covered my report, the Treasurers report and the voting of our officers. We also discussed increasing our entrance fee from £1.50 for members to £2.00. This is since we're making more charitable donations from club events, instead of raising club funds. So, raising the price improves the quality of speaker we can afford and help recoup any subsidisations for any club trips we may go on as we have in previous years. The vote was unanimously for the change, with affect from September 2021.



Our programme of speakers is nearly all confirmed for next year. Luckily, most of our speakers can do the same talks on the same dates for this coming year. Our trips will remain the same, all being well too. We plan on visiting East Ruston Old Vicarage, with a stop at The Urban Jungle to refresh and peruse the plants they have on offer. Something I'm really looking forward to, as I've been to neither of them.

I bet everyone's getting royally fed up with the weeds growing in their gardens now. We've had an abundance shoot up from nowhere. I've noticed so many different weeds to normal. Persicaria, Chickweed, Cardamine Hirsuta (Bittercress) and thistles like you wouldn't believe. But the one that is the bane of our lives is Creeping Buttercup. It's everywhere. Even when you think you've got it under control it creeps in from somewhere else. Rant over.



The only sure-fire way of getting rid of them is to pull them up or apply the no dig principal, where you put a thick layer of mulch on top of the weeds to suppress them. I've not tried the latter as we never have enough mulch, but I'd be intrigued to see if it works. Please get in touch and let me know if you're having success with it. phil@florabundant.co.uk

I look forward to bringing you more news about Otley and District Gardening Club, and maybe a horticultural tip or two along the way. If you'd like to become a member, please get in touch.

Phil Pollard, The Green Chairman

Health and Safety!!!



Hidden Churches

St Botolphs Iken

The Church of St Botolph stands on a promontory overlooking the estuary of the River Alde, a landmark that is visible from afar. It is one of East Anglia's earliest Christian sites.

St Botolphs thatched church is very simple and houses the shaft of a 9th century stone cross. The church has a remarkable atmosphere of peace.



You can reach the church by a pleasant walk across the marshes from Snape Maltings (where you can find shops and refreshments) which then leads to a quiet lane and into the village of Iken.

The church can be found at the end of this lane. It is best to do this walk when it is low tide as some parts of the walk are impassable when the tide is high, but you can approach the village by road.

Today, the tiny congregation use the chancel for services, but the nave has become a haven for pilgrims.



At the present time the Church may be closed to visitors, but the churchyard is beautifully kept and there are some marvellous views across the estuary. It is well worth a visit.

A.T.

“The Strength of a civilization is not measured by its ability to fight wars, but rather by its ability to prevent them.”

- Gene Roddenbury

Brain teasers

- A) Spelled forwards I'm what you do every day, spelled backward I'm something you hate. What am I?
- B) What word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?
- C) I left my campsite and hiked south for 3 miles. Then I turned east and hiked for 3 miles. I then turned north and hiked for 3 miles; at which time I came upon a bear inside my tent eating my food! What colour was the bear?
- D) What can fill a room but takes up no space?



(Solutions on Page 16)

19th July - St Macrina the Younger – A Sister In A Million



Do you have a sister? Is she ‘good news’ in your life? Macrina the Younger (c. 327 -79) should be the patron saint of all ‘sisters’ whose generosity helps their siblings to succeed.

Macrina the Younger was the eldest of 10 children. Their father was Basil the Elder, a leader in the church in 4th century Cappadocia. When Macrina’s fiancé died when she was 12, she decided not to marry, but instead to stay home and help educate her nine brothers and sisters. Because of her self-sacrifice, they all learned to read the

Bible and to have a deep faith in God.

Macrina’s life was not in vain: because of her example, two of her brothers, Gregory and Basil, entered the priesthood. They went on to become famous: Gregory of Nyssa became a much-loved bishop and Basil the Great became a great theologian. Along with another priest, Gregory of Nazianzus, they became known as The Cappadocian Fathers, and played a major role in protecting the 4th century church from heresy. Yet they would never have even learned to read without Macrina.

When in 379 Macrina fell ill, her brother Gregory rushed to her side. He found her lying on two planks on the floor of a small hut. Her poverty was absolute and her preparations for death complete. She prayed: ‘Thou hast freed us from the fear of death. Thou hast made the end of this life the beginning of true life...May my soul be received into the hands...’ she died at the time of Vespers and was buried amid widespread grief and lamentation.

“The quality of life is determined by its activities.” - *Aristotle*

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

ASHBOCKING

Not quite out of Covid restrictions yet but hanging on in there for July 19th, as we plan to start our coffee mornings again in Ashbocking.

I know we usually go for the first Friday of the month but as it’s our first one we thought we would wait until after the date of restrictions being lifted. Liz Stegman has kindly offered to host the morning in her garden at Old House Cottage, near the crossroads in Ashbocking. Her garden has been her solace during lockdown, and it is looking really beautiful. Therefore, we aim to meet on Friday 23rd July at 10:30am until 12:00 noon.

Everyone is welcome, just bring your sunhats and lotion, hopefully it will be a sunny day.

Bring a few pennies for the bring and buy too. Spare plants, jam, books and anything you would like to donate will be welcome for the table. Thankyou.



At the time of writing, we are preparing the church for Nina Bennett-White’s marriage to Robert Leggett Jnr. This is first marriage for some time at the church, and we are hoping for a lovely day for them. The family are working hard to fill the church with flowers and their marquee is up and ready. We wish them both a happy day, a long and happy marriage.

We have had a meeting at the church with the Diocesan representatives regarding the placement of the temporary loo which we have purchased from Grundisburgh

Church. This is an extra wide one with access for the disabled and is really very good. Once we have made the appropriate application, and have had a definite yes, in principle, to go ahead and get it moved in. This will be on a temporary arrangement for five years, which means we must get our fundraising back on track to raise the funds for the permanent loo and kitchenet in the church. Therefore, we look forward to some lovely events in the not-so-distant future, Covid permitting, to boost our funds. We will also be applying for grants to help the process.

I do hope everyone is able to get out and about a bit more and hopefully we can look forward to some extra feelings of normality very soon. We wish you all a happy summer and pray for good weather to enjoy it.

With coffee mornings in mind my thoughts are immediately drawn to cake! This recipe is quick and easy and suits everyone as its vegan and gluten free, and delicious.

Marmalade Cake

You will need a lined 2lb loaf tin.

275G SR Flour (gluten Free)

200G light brown soft sugar

1tsp baking powder

1/4tsp xanthium gum. (*This is a rising agent available at the supermarket. Omit if using ordinary SR Flour.*)

100ml sunflower oil

170ml cold water

1tsp dried ginger

3heaped tablespoons of marmalade



Mix all the dry ingredients together, pour in the wet ingredients and marmalade and mix well together into a smooth batter. Pour into the prepared tin and bake at 200deg/180 fan, for 35 to 40 mins until firm and a skewer comes out clean. Cool completely in the tin before turning out.

This is a firm favourite at our coffee mornings, I hope you enjoy it.

Linda Pollard

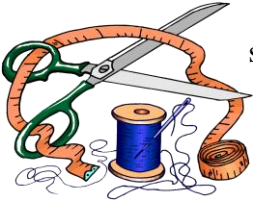
CLOPTON

June has been a very quiet month in Clopton, but everyone has been enjoying the lovely weather.

We were hoping to start our Hobby Group and the monthly Coffee Morning in July but unfortunately, we have had to change our plans. The Hobbies Group will now meet in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday in August (4th) and the Coffee Morning will be on the third Wednesday in August (18th).

If you have never been to either group, you would be very welcome to come along and see what goes on.

In the Hobbies Group, started by Della Hughes (01473 737805) people bring along projects that they are working on. We have people who knit, crochet, draw, make kneelers, spin etc and everyone enjoys looking at and sharing ideas with one another. We have worked together to make poppies and also paper roses and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We also made beautiful kneelers for the church. It is a very friendly group and you do not need a project to join us, just come along and have a coffee and chat with us and you might find yourself starting a new hobby! There is a small charge of £2 to cover the cost of hiring the hall and refreshments.



The Coffee morning was started by the church in the Village Hall several years ago. Its purpose was to provide a friendly place to meet others in the village or surrounding villages. There is no charge for the coffee and biscuits as there is a rota of people who take it in turns to provide these. The Village Hall Committee let us use the hall for free.

We would love to see you, both events are from 10am until noon. If you find it difficult to get to the hall, please phone 07927 115888 and we will arrange for someone to collect you.

Doris Main

*"I'm playing all the right notes,
but not necessarily in the right order."*

Morecambe of Morecambe and Wise



Messy Church Get together.

Sunday 11th July

3-4.30 pm

Pavilion Grundisburgh
Sports Field.

Come and join us for fun and games outside as we re-connect and learn more about God's wonderful World. There will be a story and a song.

Please bring a picnic rug and a something for your group to eat.

Contact Sandra to let us know you are coming.

Sandra@carlfordchurches.org

This is an event for pre school and Primary age children with a parent or carer.

OTLEY

Unless the pandemic necessitates renewed restrictions, we will continue with our normal pattern of worship – a service at 9:30 am on the first Sunday of each month, either communion or all age worship. It will be lovely when we are all able to sing, to dispense with facemasks, to share refreshments after the service and to receive both bread and wine, but for now we are delighted at least to be back in church. With regular services being held in the other parishes and space normally available, we are able to resume a pattern of weekly physical at attendance. Very soon, we hope to open the church during daylight hours as we used to do before Covid. Being forced to keep the church locked has been extremely hard, when it should be a place of both physical and spiritual refuge and welcome open to all, as it has been for centuries.



Our new rector Katrina's first service in St Mary's was to officiate at the wedding of George Chilvers and Zoe Radford on 29th May. Numbers were of course restricted inside the church, but friends and well-wishers joined the service in the churchyard, with many more viewing it online. The Bible reading came live from

Australia and a poem from Cheshire. Congratulations and best wishes to the couple.

Katrina's first Sunday visit was for Holy Communion at the beginning of June, when we also met her husband Phil, who swelled the ranks of our small pop-up choir. We were fortunate to have Helen Jay playing the organ for both this service and the wedding. She had wisely made a preliminary visit to blow the spiders out of the pipes after so many months of disuse.

Anyone visiting the churchyard will have seen the prodigious growth of vegetation that has been such a feature everywhere over the last few weeks. We are very grateful to Sue Montgomery for mowing the paths and the area immediately around the church. We are leaving the rest of the churchyard to be cut later than in recent years, in order to encourage the wildflowers and grasses. We appreciate that to some eyes this will make the churchyard look untidy, but we have already seen the return of a pyramidal orchid, which would otherwise have gone under the mower, and the practice of cutting in late July/August is recommended. When it happens, we shall ask for volunteers to help rake and clear. Some years ago the churchyard was commended by Suffolk Wildlife Trust for the variety of plant life.

THANK
YOU

We are also grateful to Holmes Construction for scraping the driveway and laying fresh gravel.

Thank you to the 27 households (approx. 12% of the number that received them) who returned Christian Aid envelopes, raising £300.56 plus Gift Aid.

James Hall



*...just humour him - he's hoping it'll
help him reach the young people in his diocese...*



Knit & Natter

From the 6th July 2021 at Otley Village Hall anyone interested in doing general Crafting is welcome to join us from 2pm to 4pm.

The sessions will run every other Tuesday afternoon. There is a small cost for each session of £2.50 this is to cover the cost of hiring the hall, heating, insurance and refreshments.

These meetings are open to all, if you want to come along to do some crafts or to just call by for a cuppa and a chat you are very welcome. Please contact Mary on 01473 890518 for more details.

**OTLEY VILLAGE
PICNIC
WITH LIVE MUSIC
SATURDAY 10TH JULY 2021**

**1PM – PICNIC
2PM - 6PM – LIVE MUSIC**

**Featuring
The Outlines**

**Riff Raff Nick Ling
The Murder Brothers**

Free event by Otley Community Council
Donations towards bands costs will be welcome on the day

Also on the same day
Evening event at the White Hart
BBQ and The Onion Band
£5 entry 7pm start

We are happy that some events have resumed at the Village Hall. Currently we have the following:

Tues and Thursday morning - Pilates. Contact Lara on 07974 142 240 or contact@larapepper.com

Wednesday morning - Tap dancing. More info here - <http://woodbridgetapdance.weebly.com>

SWILLAND

I have been away, so I was not able to go to our service on 20th June. I was sorry to miss Katrina's first service in Swilland. I'm told there were 11 people in the congregation which was good. I was in church on the Isle of Jura, and we were allowed to sing (behind masks). They are in level zero. They have had no cases there and obviously are keen to keep it that way. We had the most marvellous weather while it was wet and cold here.



At the end of May someone collided with the wall to the right of our gate up the path. No one reported it. The damaged wall has been taken down for safety and will be rebuilt in due course.



On 24th July Lydia Williams will be married in Swiland Church. I'm not sure of the time but I'm sure anyone who wants would be welcome to stand in the churchyard to see them come out. I suggest if you want to, just ask Brian the time.

Our next service will be on 18th July at 11 a.m.

Ann Kent

Helping Hands

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't. Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands - sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't. Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive, we should hand out.



"Be great in little things." - St Francis Xavier

Solutions to the Brainteasers on Page 8



- A) *Live*
- B) *Incorrectly*
- C) *White, since the only place you can do that is the North Pole and polar bears are the only kind of bears that live there.*
- D) *Light*

RUSSELL LING REPORTS



On my article on pigs in the last issue of the Signpost, I mentioned Tottenham pudding and some of you may wish to know what that was. During WW2, all food waste was collected from London hotels and boiled up into a swill at a site in Tottenham, London. It was purchased and delivered to farms in hessian sacks and was known as Tottenham pudding. All vegetable and food wastes were collected in this way throughout the country and boiled up for pig feed as nothing was allowed to go to waste!

Today the supply of good quality clean milk is taken for granted but this only came about in the second half of the 20th Century. Before that time there were only small herds of cows kept in villages. One of the advantages of keeping cows was the benefit of a regular income from the sale of milk but it did involve, both morning and evening, milking seven days a week. Milking machines were invented in the 1920s but only became generally available during the mid-1930s. Hand milking was the only method before that time and even later because of the cost of buying the machines during the depression. Many farmers often had just a small herd of between ten to thirty cows and some of the milk would have been sold direct to the villagers who would collect it in cans from the farm. Some farmers delivered their own milk to households in the towns by a hand cart or horse and cart. The milk would be taken to the house in a large can with two measures hung on the side one held a pint the other a half pint. The measure would be dipped into the can and transferred into the householder's jug. Some unscrupulous farmers would at one time add water to the milk to make it go further but there were inspectors who would do spot checks and if they were found out would have suffer severe penalties. The majority of the milk that was produced would



have been cooled and put into a milk churn. These churns were left on a platform in the shade by the side of the road to be collected in early times by a horse and waggon and later by lorry and taken to the train station. Some of the churns would be left at intervening stations and these would have been taken to the dairies in the town to be processed and bottled.

Pasteurization did not become law for all milk produced until 1947, this was due to the opposition by the small producers who would lose their doorstep deliveries. Larger dairies had started pasteurization and bottling milk before that date, and for health reasons, it was a necessary decision. There were quite a large number of deaths because of bovine tuberculosis, and you did not always get clean milk with hand milking. The method of pasteurization was to heat the milk up to 71c for 15 minutes and then rapidly cool it, this would kill off 99 per cent of both good and bad bacteria and give a shelf life off 16 to 21 days. The first deliveries of bottled milk in Otley started in 1935, milk was collected in churns from the Leasland Farm buildings and taken up to the White Hart for bottling. Ben Thorpe and Joan Lane delivered milk to Otley and district customers by van, until after the war.



An American in Otley: The Day When the LDS Missionaries Came To Call

The second year we lived in Foxgloves, two young men came calling. I knew in an instant they were missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They were dressed in dark suits, with crisp white shirts and conservative ties. Their short hair, sturdy walking shoes, and bicycles leaning up against a tree as well as their name tags all announced them as members of the LDS Church on their two-year missions. I invited them in, asked if they needed to use the rest room, offered them water, and invited them to sit down.

You may wonder why I would do this - invite strangers who represent a religion which is not my own into my home and risk prolonged religious discussions with them. The answer is simple – young missionaries had boarded with my grandmother (a life-long Methodist) after she was widowed and been extraordinarily



kind to her. Thereafter, I always welcomed them into my home and offered them refreshment. I would explain that I was content with my own religious affiliation and then chat with them about their hometowns briefly while they finished their water.

Fast forward forty years and here we are in the heart of the LDS religion. Russell Ling suggested that some of you may be curious about Latter-Day Saints and about their Church. I am not an expert; nor am I a member of that church. I have, however, developed deep respect for and some familiarity with the denomination. So, if you will permit me, I will offer a few observations as they relate to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

First, “Mormon” is the layman’s name for the LDS Church and not a name that is formally used by members or by the Church’s Authorities. They prefer the long form version of the church’s name or, at the very least, “LDS Church.” Even the famed choir has changed its name to the Tabernacle Choir of Temple Square. The term “Mormon” comes from the sacred text revealed to Joseph Smith and entitled “The Book of Mormon: An Account Written by the Hand of Mormon upon Plates Taken from the Plates of Nephi” first published in 1830.

Second, I believe that the LDS Church is a Christian denomination and that its members are Christians. Others may disagree but certainly the 16,500,000 (as of 2019) members of this church believe they are Christians and profess Jesus as the Son of God. Despite what other fundamentalist Christians may opine, the LDS Church is not a cult in my opinion; it is a branch of Protestant Christianity. The LDS Church is not associated with Jehovah’s Witnesses or Seventh Day Adventists and missionaries from those churches should not be confused with the young men and women who visit your home bearing LDS name tags.

Third, there are several sacred texts within LDS theology. Believers hold the The Book of Mormon and The Bible (King James version) to be holy scriptures and refer to both in worship. There are also additional writings of Joseph Smith which are part of their canon of sacred, religious writings. Because the LDS faith is a revealed religion, the writings and teachings of the Prophets of the Church also have religious importance. The seven sacraments found in Christian theology are

practiced within the LDS Church although not necessarily conducted in the same manner. For example, confirmation occurs at the same time as baptism.

Fourth, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, headquartered in Salt Lake City, do not believe in or practice polygamy. At one time, it was espoused. However, the practice of plural marriage was renounced in 1890 and any member who does practice it is excommunicated.

The origins of the LDS Church lie in that period of religious fervor that began in the late 18th and early 19th centuries when Methodism and the Society of Friends (the Quakers) arose. In fact, family members of the founder of the LDS Church, Joseph Smith, were Methodist. He was influenced by the beliefs of that church as well as a Freemasonry and many of the beliefs of the LDS Church may have been influenced by those organizations. Core beliefs of the LDS faith are a personal faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the Gifts of the Holy Ghost.

LDS followers believe that each of us have a plan for salvation and place the highest value on the sanctity of family life.

It was to the United Kingdom that Joseph Smith sent the first missionaries overseas. These missionaries arrived in Liverpool on July 20 1837, and in the first year had baptized 1800 people. By 1850 over 30,000 Britons had converted and 7,500 had emigrated to the States. Today it is estimated that 80% of the members of the LDS Church in the United States are of British extraction. In 2008, about 190,000 Brits were LDS which represents one-third of one percent of UK citizenry. The LDS Church has two temples, one in London and one in Chorley near Preston. There are 45 regional stake centers throughout the UK. The nearest to Otley is in Ipswich. Within the stake centers there are a total of 279 wards, or local chapel congregations.

Unless you are a member of the LDS Church or you have friends who are members, your contact with members of the church probably comes through the occasional visits from missionaries. Before Covid's travel restrictions, young

LDS men and women were called to travel from their homes for several years, largely at their own expense, and bear witness to the teachings of their faith. They are attached to missionary centers and sent out into localities. In England there are four mission centers – in Birmingham, Leeds, London, and Manchester. They travel in pairs; whether two men or two women, they lead lives that are strictly monitored and devoted to their mission. They also perform community service in the localities to which they are assigned. Because the LDS Church is a global institution, it is not unusual to meet missionaries from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the new world. Obviously, Covid-19 has restricted the missionaries' travel, but the LDS Church hopes to send out its youth to proselytize soon.

Whatever your experiences or thoughts about the religion, please know that the young people who come as LDS missionaries are a long way from home and might like a smile and the offer of a glass of water. Unless you ask, they will not try to convert you or convince you and they will not return unless you ask them to. If you wish to learn more about their faith, they will make appointments to return.

If you want to find out more information about this denomination, the LDS Church maintains useful church-oriented websites. In addition, I believe that the BBC has produced several informative programs on the church. As with any research, know your sources of information.

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Latest travel update
We can only visit
countries who voted
for us in The
Eurovision Song
Contest

FASCINATING LANGUAGE

Straight Laced

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced'. Wore a tightly tied lace.



Playing With A Full Deck

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

SMILE LINES

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? (A question for anyone holidaying in the Lake District or Wales.)



If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the 'terminal'?

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have had to wait for them?

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.



Obvious

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

Bowls

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of coins. Finally his mother asked him where he had got all that money. "At church," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it there."



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