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**e-Spire**

July &  
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## Our patron saint, St Anne

This we know – Mary the mother of Jesus must have had parents! Beyond that, nothing is certain – but church tradition offers some details.

The first mention of Anne and Joachim as being Mary's parents was found in the apocryphal Protevangelium of James (second century). It is seen as pious legend rather than historic biography and tells the story from Joachim and Anne's childless days through Mary's childhood up till the visit of the wise men. James says that Joachim was praying in the desert one day when an angel appeared to Anne to tell her that she would conceive. Anne then promised to dedicate the child to God, as Hannah had done with Samuel. You can read this online at [www.gospels.net/infancyjames](http://www.gospels.net/infancyjames)

Anne, mother of Mary, has been honoured, presumably from the time of the Protevangelium, but certainly as early as the sixth century, when a church was built in her honour in Constantinople. Other relics and pictures of her found in Rome date from the 8th century.

Sadly the Bible is silent on the subject, we will never really know about Mary's parents. But one thing we can assume, because it is based on the character of Mary herself. Her gentle humility and graciousness and informed knowledge about her faith point to a childhood spent among devout believers in God.

St Anne is widely venerated across the Catholic and Orthodox faiths. She is the patron saint of:

- Grandparents
- Mothers and married couples
- Childless couples and pregnant women
- Educators and homemakers
- Women in labour
- Brittany and Canada

Her patronal festival is on 26 July.



St Anne's well, Buxton

## Children's Society Coffee Morning

Hi everyone I am again holding a coffee morning in aid of the Children's Society. Thanks in advance to Jackie for helping me out!

It's going to be on

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
in St Anne's Church  
from 10am – 11.30am  
Entry £3.00**

There will be a small raffle, tea and coffee will be available and maybe even some cakes!

If you have a collecting box or give annually via me and can't make it to the coffee morning just get in touch with me and I'll sort out coming to pick up your box or donation. My phone number is 0161 208 0563, if I don't answer just leave a message and I'll get back to you.

Apart from the Christingle Service at Christmas this is the only other event I hold to raise money for the Children's Society, it would be lovely if you could come along for a bit. If this heat holds out, remember it'll be nice and cool in the church and if it is hot we'll have cold drinks available

as well!

The Children's Society isn't a charity that you hear of that often but it does do some really good work with young people and families helping them in situations that some of us only read about online or see on the news and thankfully never have to deal with personally.

As the saying goes, every penny counts so if you could come along it'd be lovely to see you. Have a drink and a cake with us, have a good chat to folk, maybe buy a raffle ticket, you might win, you never know!

Thanks

Carol Thomas

### BOWDEN DEANERY FESTIVAL



St Anne's Mothers' Union Branch welcomes you all to the Festival  
Celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union and includes "The Moira Garnett" presentation

Wednesday 1st July  
at 10.00 am

Holy Communion  
Service

## Mothers' Union - Join in, Join us

**11am Sunday 9 August**

In church following the 10am Communion Service Members of the Mothers' Union will take part in the Wave of Prayer, celebrating the birthday of Mary Sumner with the following prayers:



### Provincial Prayer for the Province of York

Lord of all life, we give you thanks for the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. We bless you for the vision of Mary Sumner to share the love of Jesus in support of family life. We praise you for the mission and service of the Mother's Union across the world. As we continue in the vision of our founder in this land, we especially offer to you our work of outreach in prisons and campaigns against domestic abuse, gender-based violence and modern slavery. We pray that you will pour out your Spirit upon us, to bless, renew and refresh the work of the Mothers' Union in the Province of York. Together and dispersed, may we bring glory to Jesus and hope to our communities. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Prayer for the Diocese of Chester

Heavenly Father, in this year of celebration we remember with gratitude Mary Sumner's vision in establishing the Mothers' Union, and we give thanks for the last 150 years of our work throughout the world. We pray for your blessing on all that we do in Chester diocese, especially in prisons, in providing holidays for families in need, and through our many fund raising activities. We ask that you strengthen and encourage our leaders and members, and fill them anew with your Holy Spirit. Help us to look to the future with hope and bless our continuing work wherever you have placed us.

We ask this in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

# Mothers Union

I am sat writing this on a boiling hot Monday afternoon and I am in the smallest bedroom at the front of the house as it is the coolest room but still very warm. I am not complaining too much as I do like the sunshine especially after all the dull and rainy weather we have been having. I hope you are all managing to keep coolish. For those going away on holiday over the next couple of months I hope that you have a lovely and restful time. I am not going anywhere this summer but I am hoping to go back to New Zealand next year, slightly later than normal as my eldest grandson will be 18 at the end of February. How on earth did that happen. If you read my last article for the Spire then you will know he is learning to drive in my car and so far it has come back home in one piece with no bumps or scratches. In fact he drove me back to their house on Saturday and I didn't panic.

As we all know it was Hugh Begg's Funeral in June. Can I just say what a wonderful service it was and I am so pleased that the church was practically full which shows what high regard Hugh was held in. I will always have a treasured keepsake as Hugh carved a beautiful brick set for me

when my first grandson was born. Both boys played with it for ages over the years.

In June we held our MU meeting to celebrate 150 years of the Mothers Union and we had a non Beetle Drive



(we had to draw a three tier cake with candles) see picture. We also had a cake made by Anne Broadbent's daughter, also called Ann. This was delicious and there was enough to give slices to a hoard of hungry Guides, who were holding their meeting on the field. All in all the

meeting was great fun and we will be sending a donation to the 150th fund raising event.

On Monday 13 July we are having our annual meal out at The Boathouse. Just as a reminder to those going, this is booked for 6.30pm. It is always a very pleasant evening and everyone seems to enjoy themselves and we will be meeting Mavis again as I have invited her and she will be coming.

On Saturday 18 July there is Carol's Children's Society Coffee Morning which is being held in church and all are very welcome to come for a



Tea/Coffee/Cake, Raffle and chat. Carol is writing a full article with further information.

There is no meeting during August. We meet again on Monday 14 September for our usual Eucharist in Church at 7.45 and will have tea and coffee in church afterwards.

Carol and I would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break. Love and prayers to all -

Jackie and Carol



# "Looking out of the window"

The garden is certainly suggesting that the summer has arrived - the colours are vivid, and deadheading the tired blooms is becoming a daily task/pleasure.

Hedges and bushes have had to be given a haircut as they spread long arms of growth. The pelargoniums (or geraniums as I wrongly think of them) in the front circular bed have settled in, but are now beginning to need some direct watering to encourage them. Hydrangeas will also need an occasional drink in very dry weather, and the forecasters are warning us

about such conditions already, half way through June.

On two consecutive days this week I have woken at around 6.15 and found that there has been the same healthy looking fox having a snooze, curled up on the back lawn, and it has stayed looking totally content for 20 minutes or so that I know of before getting onto its feet, stretching, and sauntering off!

Small blue tits and goldfinches seem to have moved on, and robins and a large group of sparrows have now taken over the bird

feeders. The parakeets are numerous and very noisy as ever.



One newcomer has been a piebald pigeon of mixed parentage (by the look of its feathers) and like the fox at the other end of the lawn has been seen sitting/lying very contentedly in the sun for quite some time before flying off. The lawn seems to be a place for relaxation for some of our wildlife visitors.



On a summer's evening it has had some wonderful evening calm skies with red sunsets to admire when looking through the window.

Bridget



## Where to start....

I hear from time to time of people developing an interest in the Christian faith and turning to the Bible to see what they make of it. As with most of us with most books, they start at page 1 and keep reading. I fear this is not helpful!

Genesis is very readable but the new reader is immediately faced with the issue of whether being a Christian requires them to treat it as a scientific and historical account. Then it gets harder: genocidal settlement of Palestine, lengthy rules about animal sacrifice, how to deal with unpleasant skin conditions, and so on. Have you read these? Would you continue any further?

What would you recommend instead? Surely start with a gospel. In my young days, it was John and we used to have lots of copies just of John's gospel to give out.

Nowadays I'd probably suggest one (or more) of the other three, perhaps Mark for its punchiness, or Luke as Matthew kicks off with a chapter of genealogy. Then Acts and some Paul though some of his reasoning can be challenging. Romans? Corinthians? Then some Old Testament, Isaiah would be particularly good, though it's long and Hosea and Amos may be a shorter helpful introduction and convey a real passion for justice. And Psalms; though it helps if the reader knows to expect a range of emotion, despair, angry outbursts, being unrestrained in bringing our human condition before God.

Most important is to be able to talk to people about these things, not to parade theological knowledge but to make suggestions, to talk about how we see it, what we find difficult. Are you up for it? Give it a try.

### A prayer of Julian of Norwich

Let not our soul be busy inns that have not room for thee and thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where thou mayest find fit company; where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet space is kept for thee. Amen

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## 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'

The year was 1800, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon's troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly playing through his composition 'Emperor's Hymn'. Haydn had composed it for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II's birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn came from. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben's (1798 – 1874) anthem

Deutschlandslied, which began with the famous words: 'Deutschland uber alles' (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived in the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle, he most likely would have sung his own national anthem tune to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton's inspiration for this hymn

comes from Psalm 87: 'Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God' (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: 'Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...'

John Newton's hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects His people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago He led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, He led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have His very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home.

Parish Pump

## Picking a baby's name

Lawyer's daughter: Sue

Fisherman's daughter: Annette

Meteorologist's daughter: Haley

Steam shovel operator's son: Doug

Gourmet chef's son: Herb

Sound stage technician's son: Mike

Hot dog vendor's son: Frank

Exercise guru's son: Jim

Astronomer's daughter: Skye

Movie star's son: Oscar

Thief's son: Rob

Lawyer's son: Will

Hairdresser's son: Bob

Gambler's daughter: Bette

Gambler's son: Chip

Cattle thief's son: Russell

Painter's son: Art

TV star's daughter: Emmy

Iron worker's son: Rusty

## CHAT AND CRAFT GROUP

supporting EARLY ESSENTIALS

### AN OFFER THAT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.....

Are you able to knit or crochet a blanket for a crib. Size: 18inches x 18 inches approx. The Chat and Craft Group have made available a supply of wool and an easy pattern in the box in the foyer at Church.

Ideal as it's not too big and heavy for knitting in our wonderful hot summer!!!

The charity "Early Essentials - Manchester" provides newborn baby starter packs (packed into Moses baskets) for vulnerable pregnant women. The women they help are either homeless, fleeing domestic abuse, refugee/seeking asylum, in financial crisis or similar disadvantage. Starter packs contain everything a new mum and baby would need: nappies, clothes, breast pads, maternity pads, toiletries for mum and baby, hygiene products, treats and gifts, providing a safe place for their baby to sleep with **two of our knitted or crocheted blankets.**

## Boaz Trust

Boaz Trust is a local organisation working with asylum seekers in Greater Manchester; and St Anne's supports it, particularly with harvest gifts. We have recently received a copy of Boaz's "Impact Report 2025-26". It's a really good report, giving a clear picture of the work Boaz does and the people it helps in the various situations they find themselves in. You can read it online [here](#).

Between us at St Anne's we will probably have a wide range of differing views about immigration control and asylum but what are we to do with, and for, those who are here? Reading the report, three things stood out strongly for me.

- ◆ The ridiculously long times people have to wait for a decision on their request for asylum; they're left in limbo often for years.
- ◆ Once people have made their claim and been

accommodated, they are not allowed to work to support themselves and to become accustomed to British workplaces and work cultures. This seems remarkably unhelpful, and bad for mental health, as well as imposing an unnecessary extra burden on tax payers.

- ◆ Once people are granted asylum, that good news is undermined by the lack of help thereafter, the loss of their asylum seeker accommodation without

adequate time to sort out housing, work, benefits starting from scratch having previously been excluded from these.

This doesn't feel party political: surely any government could address these issues without compromising whatever they are doing on asylum and immigration. But you don't have to agree with me; do have a look at the report and see what you think.

Howard Mason



### A religious upbringing helps your health in later life

Elderly people who had a religious upbringing have been found to be physically healthier, according to a recent study. The study looked at older people across Europe, and the results were published in the journal Social Science and Medicine.

Scientists believe that one reason may be that they were less likely to use drugs, cigarettes or alcohol when they were young. The data found that such people are reporting fewer difficulties with daily activities such as dressing or washing.

Many children in Europe who grew up after the Second World War had families who attended church on a regular basis, and who had Christian moral beliefs and values. For many children, this provided a sense of meaning in life, and a sense of belonging. They felt more 'connected', and hence more mentally and physically stable.

## John Keble, priest, Tractarian and poet

John Keble is remembered for the spirituality of his hymns, and for being one of the leaders in the traditionalist Tractarian Movement of the 1830s, which aimed to defend the Church's Catholic heritage from the power of Parliament.

Keble was born into a clergy family in 1792, and his brilliance at Oxford led to him being elected a Fellow of Oriel College when only 19. In 1815, aged 23, he was ordained deacon and worked at Oriel as a tutor. But Keble yearned for parish life and so left Oxford in 1823 to be curate in his father's church in Gloucestershire. His new life gave him time to write hymns, some of which are still known today, such as *New Every Morning* and *Blest are the Pure in Heart*. But then in 1831 his poetry and hymns gained him election as Professor of Poetry back at Oxford.

The 1830s were a troubled time for the Church of England. Many conservative clergy were concerned by the reforms being carried out between Church and State by the Whig government. In 1833 Keble used his Assize Sermon to protest clearly against the Church of England being made subordinate to Parliament, as Parliament was no longer exclusively Anglican. His views were very popular in the clerical circles of deeply conservative Oxford.

But although Keble went on to write nine of the 90 Tracts for the Times, and engaged in some debate, he did not enjoy controversy or the limelight. He was at heart a scholarly parish priest,

and so in 1836 he left Oxford again, for 30 years of parish life in Hursley in Hampshire, where he sought to revive sacramental confession in the Church.

As in the words of one of his hymns, his prayer was always above all:

*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love, Fit us for perfect rest above;*

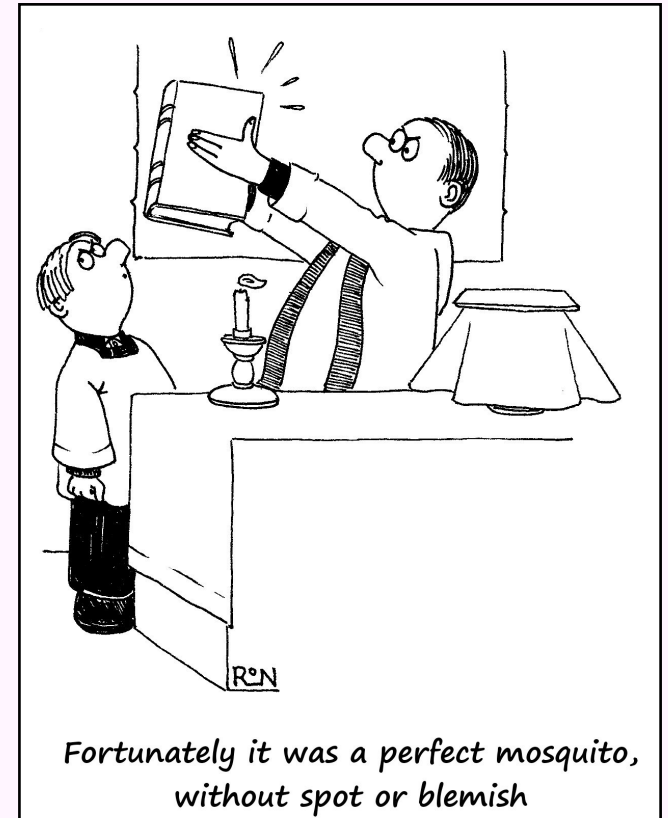
*And help us, this and every day, To live more nearly as we pray.*

Keble died in 1866, and four years later, Keble College was founded at Oxford, in his memory. The church remembers him on 14 July each year.

I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of earth. - Isaac Newton

### Hot?

**50 years ago**, from 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> August, the 1976 British Isles Heat Wave took place. One of the hottest and driest summers on record, it dried up rivers and evaporated reservoirs. Domestic water supplies were rationed, and public standpipes were installed in some areas. September and October both saw very heavy rainfall.



*Fortunately it was a perfect mosquito, without spot or blemish*

### Going somewhere?

Some of us older generation often find we've gone to another room to get something, and when we get there, we stand there wondering what we came for.

This is not a memory problem. It is God's way of helping older people get more exercise.

# A prayer for unity

A group of Church of England bishops in a Working Group for Promoting Unity in our Nation has issued an invitation to Christians to pray for wisdom and love in national life in the face of "division and hatred". It speaks of peace in our communities and how we can all be reconciled with God and our neighbour. This is the prayer:



## A PRAYER FOR UNITY IN OUR NATION

Almighty God, source of all wisdom,  
love and power,  
we pray for the nations of this United Kingdom,  
and give thanks for all who work for peace  
and build up our common life.  
Give us wisdom as we seek  
to protect the most vulnerable among us.  
Help us to love all who call these islands their home;  
and, in your power, protect us  
from the perils of division and hatred.  
We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who died on the cross that we might be reconciled  
with you and with our neighbour.  
Amen.



## Some of the great questions of life

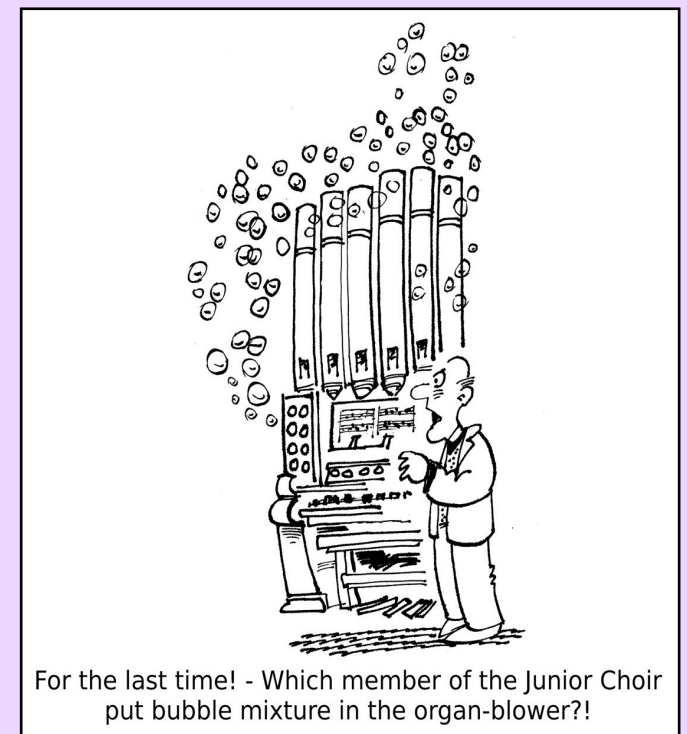
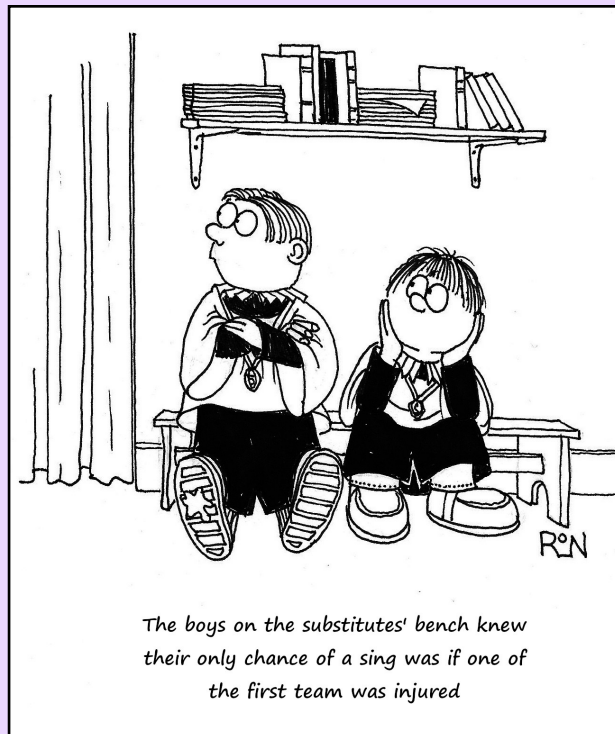
Why are buildings called buildings when they are finished? Shouldn't they be called builts?  
Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Why is it that when you tell a man there are 400 billion stars he will believe you, but when you tell him there's wet paint, he has to touch it?

If your supermarket has been lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?  
If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If a firefighter fights fire and a crime fighter fights crime, what does a freedom fighter fight?

Do you find it unnerving that what doctors do is called 'practice'?



# Safeguarding



Chester Diocese has produced a small booklet "Speak out, stay safe" as a pocket guide to safeguarding, what to do and what not to do. You can pick up a copy from the back of church.

Safeguarding information and contacts are available from the home page of our website, [www.salestanne.org](http://www.salestanne.org), and you could speak to Elizabeth Mills, our parish safeguarding officer.

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## More cake!

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### Rangers

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