

# BENEFICE CALENDAR

## January 2012

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January** **Epiphany 2**  
11.00 am Holy Communion with Bishop Nigel **N.B. Grundisburgh**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** **Epiphany 3**  
9.15 pm Holy Communion Ashbocking  
11.00 am Family Service Clopton  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer Otley

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January** **Candlemas**  
9.15 am Holy Communion (BCP) Otley  
11.00 am Christingle Service Swilland

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February** **3 before Lent**  
9.15 am Holy Communion Swilland  
11.00 am Family Service Otley



**HOUSE GROUPS:** We have two benefice house groups, to which all are welcome. The daytime group (led by Catherine) meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 1.30 pm at Mrs Penny Clark's house (Cherry Bank, Otley). The evening group (led by James) meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8.15 pm at 16, Spring Park, Otley. New members are always welcome.

## **Sunday Bible Readings**

### **15<sup>th</sup> January : Epiphany 2**

1 Sam.3:1-10 Rev.5:1-10 John 1:43-end

### **22<sup>nd</sup> January : Epiphany 3**

Gen.14:17-20 Rev.19:6-10 John 2:1-11

### **29<sup>th</sup> January : Candlemas**

Mal.3:1-5 Heb.2:14-end Luke 2:22-40

### **5<sup>th</sup> February : 3 before Lent**

Is.40:21-end 1 Cor.9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

## **Prayer for the month**

Lord Jesus Christ, alive and at large in the world,  
help me to follow and find you there today, in the places where I work,  
meet people, spend money and make plans.

Take me as a disciple of your kingdom, to see through your eyes and  
hear the questions you are asking, to welcome all others with your  
trust and truth, and to change the things that contradict your love, by  
the power of the cross and the freedom of your Spirit.

John V. Taylor

## **LETTER FROM GRAHAM HEDGER**

### **Christmas Services**

Possibly the best Christmas ever; well that was how someone summed it up to me. Thank you to all those who worked so hard during December to prepare the churches for special services, baked mince pies, warmed the mulled wine, took part in the services and did lots of extra things to make them all a great success. Overall attendances were up on previous years.

We are already planning the services for December 2012; yes, really. It starts with a debrief on what we did in 2011, so if you have any specific comments about the services, what you enjoyed, what we could improve upon, please let me know.

## **Confirmation**

The Confirmation Service for the Carlford Group will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30pm in Otley church. If you are thinking about confirmation then please speak to one of the ministry team as soon as possible.

## **Carlford Group - A new name**

Over the next few years the Church of England will change in quite a radical way. The number of paid clergy is expected to drop significantly as people retire and are not replaced. This is despite the high number of people being ordained. Many are like Jane and Catherine and are self-supporting local ministers, who work as assistants to the priest in charge but do not have overall responsibility for a parish or group of parishes.

Woodbridge Deanery has adopted a plan to meet the reduction in staffing numbers. Our benefice will merge with the Grundisburgh benefice, to form the Carlford benefice. At the same time the Bealings benefice will join the Carlford benefice in a group ministry.

What this means is that the twelve parishes within the group will work closely together. The clergy already meet on a regular basis, and some things will be planned and developed together. In 2012 we are doing confirmation preparation and marriage preparation together. This enables us to do things creatively and use our resources better.

The legal process of merging the two benefices will take some time. Eventually the Rev'd Canon Clare Sanders will be appointed rector of the new benefice and I will become an associate priest, still responsible for our four parishes. In due course when one of us moves, then we will have to reduce our clergy numbers to one paid post, but that will not happen in the short term.

In reality most people will notice very little difference, except that we will do a few things across a wider area. James Hall is leading a small group drawn from across the 12 parishes to look at how we can begin to work and socialise together. Brian Williams is the other representative from this benefice.

**To commence our journey together Bishop Nigel will be with us at a joint service on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Grundisburgh church. This is a very special service and I hope as many people as possible will join us in that event.**

Carlford is a Saxon name for a group of villages in this area, and up until the early 1940's our parishes were in the Carlford Deanery, so we are bringing back into use a name with a long local tradition.

### **From the registers**

Our apologies, two weddings were missed out towards the end of last year.

**Swiland** 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Barry William Cotton & Elizabeth Mary Jacobs  
**Ashbocking** 19<sup>th</sup> November: Bryn Lawrence Rodgers & Emily Jane Christian

*Graham Hedger*

### **FFY**

FFY is in the process of organising a coach trip to Norwich on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. We are hoping to go to the Cathedral, the museum and art gallery and have time for shopping. Please see FFY permission form for details or speak to Michelle on 890269.

There will be a car wash on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January** from 10.00 to 12noon to raise funds for the youth group. Come and have your cars washed and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits. FFY members are needed to support the car wash team too, speak to Robert Gilbert or Olivia Bullock or Michelle.

*Rev'd Catherine Beaumont*

## **NEWS FROM THE PARISHES**

### **ASHBOCKING**

Brenda Mitchell reports that Ashbocking raised a total of £506 as part of this year's Poppy Appeal. Despite the tough times, that was nearly twice as much as previous years! Thank you to all the collectors and, of course, everyone who gave so generously.

On 19<sup>th</sup> November, Emily Christian married Bryn Rodgers. It was our 4<sup>th</sup> and final wedding of the year, and the couple were blessed with a fine and sunny day.

Our Carols by Candlelight service was an outstanding success. The Church looked splendid. Catherine led the congregation of 54 in a service of readings and carols, accompanied by Fred on the organ. Thank you to Linda Ellis for making the Advent Ring; to Brenda Mitchell for decorating the Church; to the Bulloughs for setting up the Christmas tree and crib, and for providing the mulled wine; to the magazine distributors for delivering the invites; and to all the donators of minces pies!

Catherine also led our Christmas Praise service on Christmas Day, reminding us with readings spanning all of Jesus' life, that Christmas is only special because of Easter. The mulled wine after the service also helped create a very social atmosphere for the congregation of 34. Thank you again to Hamish.

I wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year!

*Duncan Bray*

## CLOPTON

We sent three large boxes of toys and gifts to the Ormiston Trust after our Gift Service and these were going to be given to families at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who donated items. Also a cheque for £40 was sent to The Children's Society.

Thank you to James Hall who transported the small band of carol singers around Clopton on 15<sup>th</sup> December. One hundred pounds was collected for the Children's Hospice in Ipswich.

The last Coffee Morning of 2011, hosted by Anne and Della, was a very festive occasion with a Christmas tree, mechanical toys, music and lovely food. The first Coffee Morning of 2012 will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** from 10.00am until noon in the Village Hall and will be hosted by June Hughes and Doris Main.

We were not sure how many people would come to our Christmas Eve Carol Service (we printed service sheets for thirty) as this was the first such service in Clopton. It had been well advertised (thanks Penny) and we were delighted to see so many people. We had filled every available space with candles, gave people candles to hold, and had candle lanterns on the drive. Every pew was full and it was a really special time with James taking the service. We managed to provide enough mulled wine, mince pies and rum truffles for everyone. We did run out of wine glasses but nobody minded drinking from a mug! Thank you Helen for playing the organ. *Thank you Doris for such great preparation and hospitality.*

The Ladies Group on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January** will be a talk by Carl Powell of the British Trust for Ornithology entitled 'Are gardens good for birds and birdwatching? Tel 737417 for more details.

Best wishes to all for 2012.

*Doris Main*

**Church flowers for January**  
**Church cleaning for January**

Charmaine Williams  
Doris Main

## OTLEY

The Christmas weather this year was unseasonably mild, very different to last year's snow and icy temperatures. However, the festival at church had the same warmth as people came together to celebrate. We admired the flower arrangements, the Nativity scene, and the immensely tall Christmas tree (kindly donated by the Ellis family, and decorated - with difficulty and some amusement - by Messrs Crowley, Papworth and Treloar).

We began with the traditional service of lessons and carols, which attracted a large congregation - every seat was taken. Sue Wilkins's choir, supplemented by three members of the Suffolk Singers, sang beautifully, and the Handbell Ringers, conducted by Helen, rang three lovely pieces with that clear, distinctive sound. After the final carol, mince pies and coffee were served and much enjoyed.

On Christmas Eve 120 adults and 47 children attended the crib service, which must be a record. Graham led it very informally, and the Nativity story was an impromptu and even unpredictable performance (in that there were eventually five Wise Men!). Ruth Farnhill played piano, there was a musical group of clarinet, flutes and drums, and it was a very happy occasion.

More people attended the midnight Communion service and the service of praise and Communion on Christmas morning, so the season was well celebrated, and there was something for everybody of whatever age. THANK YOU to everyone involved.

Carol singing around the village on Jimmy Wightman's trailer behind Anthony Ling's tractor took place on a mild and murky night, with some rain, but there were over 25 singers, including a group of teenagers with strong voices, so it was fun. They raised £307 for Age UK, and finished the evening at The White Hart where they were made very welcome.

Earlier, the Otley Church Preservation Trust had produced Christmas cards from two photographs of the church in the snow, taken by Graham last year. They really were beautiful and 650 were sold, making a profit of £240 profit for the Trust. Also, thanks in part to the Trust, the newly restored clock was back in place in time for Christmas, and it is wonderful to see its two faces regilded and gleaming.

We normally mark World Leprosy Day on the last Sunday in January, but this year that clashes with the benefice Christingle service so, instead, we shall be sending the collection from the service on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to the Leprosy Mission.

The Christmas Bazaar at the school was a "fantastic success", says Anthony Ling. Father Christmas opened it in his super sleigh drawn by reindeer, and it was crowded with visitors to the many stalls and games. It raised the wonderful sum of £1,000 which, at the children's request, will be spent on re-marking the playground with various games like hopscotch, etc.

The next monthly coffee morning will be held on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January** at Southview in Chapel Road, the home of Anne and Geoff Robinson. They will be pleased to welcome you there.

The Gardening Club will be meeting again on **30<sup>th</sup> January**, when David Mitchell's topic will be 'The Right Tree in the Right Place'. He is the tree and landscape officer for Mid Suffolk District Council, and has been invited back to the club after a very interesting talk last year.

We send congratulations to Hetty Fox who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> January. She is a familiar figure taking a brisk walk in the village, comes to church, delivers magazines, and is an active member of the Handbell Ringers. Happy Birthday, Hetty.

We are sad to report that Doris Davey died at the end of November at the age of 98. She was very well known and well-loved here. Doris grew up in Otley, where her father had a grocery shop, but from the age of 16 she was employed as a nursery maid, and later nanny, away from home with various families, including the Fisons and the Pauls. She married Doug in 1941 and they had their two daughters, Elizabeth and Christine. She then began her long involvement with village organisations. She played piano at the school and then became school secretary for twenty years, she was the village hall bookings secretary for ten years, weighed the babies at the baby clinic, was a founding member (and later president) of the Friendship Club, and was president of the Handbell Ringers, with whom she was ringing up until a year ago.

The Baptist chapel was full with old friends and village residents for the service of thanksgiving for her life, two of her grandsons spoke of their affectionate memories of her, and the Handbell Ringers rang their own tribute. She was a remarkable person, a central pillar to her family, but her door was always open to everybody and many people went to her for advice. We shall remember her fund of stories and her twinkling eyes full of humour but, most of all, her great love of children, and her delight in what they said and did. We send our love and sympathy to Elizabeth, Christine, and the grandsons and their families in their bereavement. It is the loss of a dear friend to many of us.

We wish everybody a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Rose Rogerson*

### **Otley Village Diary**

**28<sup>th</sup> January**

Quiz Evening - St Mary's PCC

**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February**

"Alice in Wonderland" - Junior TOPS

## Otley Church Sidesmen's Rota

1 <sup>st</sup> January	11.00am	Family Service	Mrs P Crowley
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	6.30pm	Evensong	Mr R Treloar
29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mr D Papworth

## Church Flowers for January

Helen Jay/Joan Parish

## Message from the Treasurer

Did you know that it costs approximately **£22,000 per year** to run Otley church? In 2012 £17,887 of this sum will be the PCC's contribution to the diocese to help fund the work of the church in Suffolk generally, including the provision of Graham and other paid clergy. This is a 6.8% increase on the 2011 figure. The balance of the expenditure is for insurance, heat, light and water, and maintenance etc of the church building.

St. Mary's relies totally on voluntarily contributions to raise this money through giving at services and regular monthly contributions. It has always been a struggle to raise sufficient funds and in previous years we have relied on reserves to fund the shortfall of expenditure over income. However those reserves are now depleted and **we have to raise additional funds.**

The most efficient way to contribute is via monthly standing order and if you are able to do this, please contact me on 892008 or [theliddells@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:theliddells@tiscali.co.uk) and I will provide you with a standing order form and a Gift Aid declaration, if applicable, as well as answer any queries you may have. Alternatively, single payments can be made via telephone/internet banking to account number 64058867, sort code 53-61-24, account name Otley Parochial Church Council. Please let me know of your contribution. We thank all current donors but if you would like to increase your contribution please contact your bank.

I know that in the current economic climate there is a high demand on any spare cash you might have but please do consider your church.

*Ian Liddell*

## **Otley Church Quiz**

This very popular event is will take place on the evening of **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January** in the village hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a prompt start of the quiz at 7.30pm . The format will be the same as in previous years. Teams of 8 will compete for a memorable prize!

Entry fee is £7.50 per person, to include a delicious baked potato supper. There will also be a bar and raffle. Places are limited, so please make a reservation as soon as possible by phoning David Papworth 890091, or Ruth Farnhill 890543 by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Good luck!

## **Otley Church Clock Tower**

Repair and refurbishment of the tower clock was commenced in November and completed on 14<sup>th</sup> December. The faces on the east and north sides of the tower were removed (with ropes and a man in a Bosun's chair!), repainted and regilded with gold before being replaced. The internal mechanism was restored and regulated. The finished result is splendid and should remain so for many years to come.

We received over £800 in donations from parishioners - thank you for your wonderful generosity. The Otley Parish Council also donated £1,000 for which we are very grateful, and the Otley Church Preservation Trust helped to make up the balance. The church tower is a landmark in the village and it is wonderful that its historic clock has now been preserved.

## **Otley Christmas Draw and Coffee Morning**

This popular event took place on the morning of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in Otley village hall. A wonderful total of 32 draw prizes were donated, including dinner for two at the Otley White Hart, an Ashbocking Nursery voucher and a George Foreman grill .The first prize of £50 was won by Sandra Grant. Very many thanks to those who donated prizes, purchased tickets and attended the coffee morning and draw. A total of £605 was raised for church funds.

*Nigel Crowley*

## **The Otley Mile**

"The Otley Mile" for Sport Relief is on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. I know this is well in advance BUT if people register now, it is half price. All money raised goes to good causes both in the UK and abroad. It will be a fun day and is always a good way to get the village together. Walkers, joggers and runners are all welcome with or without four-legged friends and there will be a choice of 1, 3 or 6 miles routes. The Under 5's will provide the refreshments, so expect plenty of tea and cake. The event opens at 11 am for registrations with the first runners going at 12. More information is available on the Sport Relief website; just look for "The Otley Mile.

*Penny Sunaway*

## **Poker Tournament**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 64 people played in the second Otley White Hart Charity Poker Tournament. Thanks to the £8 entrance fee, raffle and some very generous sponsorship from individuals and companies such as Hubbards, £900 was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

This was a knockout tournament and the final table of 8 was very exciting.

At one stage Steve Stegman from Ashbocking, was reduced to a single chip. However, he recovered magnificently and came back to win the overall Tournament. Steve won two nights DB&B at the Crown and Castle Orford

*Tony Barrett*

## **SWILLAND**

I hope everyone had a Happy Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

What a difference from last year when we were snow-bound - this year travelling was no problem and keeping our houses warm was much easier. I always try to count all the flowers that are out in the garden on Boxing Day. I haven't kept a record over the years, but I think this year must be exceptional. I found snowdrops, aconites, primulas, a primrose, roses, pansies, winter sweet, winter jasmine, pink camellias, white

camellias, sarcococca (sweet box), iris stylosa, groundsel, viburnum, prunus, a daffodil bud, winter heather and lots of berries on pyracanthus and holly in particular. I expect I have missed something, but this is enough to be going on with! It makes spring seem round the corner, but I sure we will still have plenty more winter to come.

We had a good congregation for our Carol Service with 17 adults and 3 children. On Christmas Day we had 19 adults and 4 children. The average age of the congregation must have been the lowest ever. Apart from the 4 children there were 7 young people aged 35 and under.

Don't forget our **Christingle Service** at Candlemas on **29<sup>th</sup> January**.

*Ann Kent*

### **Church Flowers**

**15<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

**29<sup>th</sup> January - 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Ellen Jarvis

Gill Reidy

## **FARMING YEARS**

Russell Ling has very kindly allowed us to publish his record of what life and farming was like in Otley during the past century. We will include excerpts during the next few months.

### **Chapter One cont.**

The village was self-sufficient in most commodities; the carrier would bring in supplies from Ipswich to order. A post-mill at the Post Office corner ground the farmer's cereals for feeding to their livestock and flour for bread-making. Milk was on sale from farms and butter was made from the cream. All the farmworkers had gardens or allotments on which vegetables were grown for the house and a few chickens kept for eggs. Some also kept a pig, this would be killed in a shed by one of the village men and he would be paid in kind. The slaughtered animal would be cut up in to joints, some of which would be cured for bacon and the remainder would be traded for some of his neighbour's pork when he killed one; nothing was wasted. Workers also brewed their own beer in the kitchen copper, which also heated the water for the house. The beer was much stronger than the beer produced today and gave the farm workers extra strength to carry out the hard work that was expected of them.

A mature farmworker was paid 12s for a week's work, equivalent to 60p today. A horseman would earn 14s a week. The horseman went early to work in order to bring the horses into the stable to feed and groom them and be ready to start work with the remainder of the men at 6.30am, and they would finish at 5pm. They worked six days of the week, there were no half days and the only time off was on a Sunday, except for the stockman who had to feed the animals. Bank holidays consisted of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and possibly Good Friday.

Most of the village people worked within the parish boundary and rarely left the village. Occasionally one might walk to Ipswich for an article that was not available in the village, but most things would be brought in by the carrier. No man would venture into the next-door village to court a girl, because he was likely to be attacked. The men in each village jealously guarded their own territory against interlopers wishing to marry one of the girls; therefore most villagers were related by marriage.

## **Chapter Two: Autumn**

The farming year began on Michaelmas day, 29<sup>th</sup> September. Farm labourers would change their jobs on this date. As all farmworkers lived in tied cottages moving house was not a great problem; a wagon would be borrowed from the new employer and the neighbours would help. A good worker would have no difficulty in finding employment if he had skills to offer, but workers were sometimes laid off during periods of wet weather, if it prevented outside work being carried out.

The autumn work consisted of carting the muck out of the livestock pens and from the muck-hill by horse and cart to the fields. Here it was pulled off the cart into heaps ready to spread by the men with muck forks, each man was expected to spread an acre a day. The muck was then ploughed into the ground by a plough pulled by two horses; one man was again expected to plough an acre a day. The ploughman had to be certain that his furrows were straight as farmworkers would walk round farms on a Sunday and inspect his work.

Woe betide anyone who had a crooked furrow or poor finish as he would be ribbed by his fellows the next time he visited the pub.

Winter beans were often ploughed into the ground with the aid of a box which was fixed to the plough and metered the beans into the furrow by

means of a ground driven wheel. Ploughing often lasted until January particularly if wet weather prevented the work to take place. The other main autumn work was drilling the wheat seed; this usually began at the beginning of October again depending on the weather.

### **Chapter Three: Winter**

Winter was a hard time both for men and animals, with persistent rain, frost or snow. The main work was threshing the stacks to obtain feed grain for the animals and straw for bedding. The surplus grain was sold to pay the men's wages and other expenses. Until the threshing-machine became widely used, the sheaves of corn were brought into the barn from the stack and pitched up onto the loft. A few at a time were then thrown onto the floor of the barn and a man with a flail hit the ears of corn until the grain was separated from the straw. The grain and chaff were taken up onto the granary and when there was a good wind the mixture was thrown onto a tilt laid on the ground, the wind blew the chaff away leaving the grain clean for sale or grinding

Later a winnowing-machine was used instead. This was powered by a horse, which walked in a circle outside the barn with a pole attached to its collar driving a cog in the centre of the circle. This in turn transmitted power to the machine (inside in the dry) through a hole in the barn door. When threshing-machines first came onto farms, workers in some places, concerned that they would be laid off without pay in the winter, burnt or smashed them. There was no employment regulation at that time and laying men off often caused families to suffer.

### **Rainfall – November 2011**

Apart from a few wet days at the beginning of the month, it continued to be mainly dry and the water level in ponds is very low for the time of year. The mild weather continued and winter cereals have grown well, however, if there is another cold spell with sharp frosts as we had last year, they will suffer. Years ago, the winter wheat crops would be grazed by sheep to stop them getting "winter proud" and this was very beneficial both for the crop and the sheep. The rainfall for November came to .75 inch, and a total for the year so far of 15.55 inches.

*Russell Ling*

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~ Regardless of what people say, kicking, pounding, and throwing sometimes DOES help.

~ If what you've done is stupid, but it works, then it isn't stupid.

**Winter travel** A government warning said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take: shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, scarf, hat and gloves, 24 hours supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, torch, spare batteries, road flares, reflective triangles, tow rope, a five gallon petrol jerrycan, first aid kit, and jump leads. So ... I looked a complete idiot on the bus this morning.

**With Epiphany in mind...** I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

### 17 January - Anthony of Egypt (251-356)

If your Christmas and New Year break included just too many people and even a bout of indigestion, then St Antony may be the saint for you. He was a hermit-monk with a reputation for making poorly people feel better. Antony was born in Coma (Upper Egypt) in 251, and at 20 became an ascetic. He settled down in the complete solitude of a deserted fort in Pispir, where he spent the next 20 years busy fighting the whole range of

usual hermit temptations, such as having queenly devils approach you for marriage.

In 306 he felt able to face the world again, and so began visiting with some other hermits. One was Paul, and the story goes that the day they met, a raven provided lunch for them by dropping a loaf of bread nearby. Antony was a godly man, and would pray for people. Stories went round that those he prayed for were healed, and so he became known as a miracle-worker. He was certainly brave: when in 311 the Roman Emperor Maximinus was persecuting the Christians, Antony went to Alexandria to encourage the church there to stand firm. Years later he was stoutly defending the Christian faith in disputes with heretics.

Antony died in 356, but he was not forgotten. A medical band of people adopted his name: The Order of Hospitallers of Saint Antony was founded c.1100, in La Motte. It became a pilgrimage centre for those suffering from ergotism (called St Antony's Fire - a serious form of fungi poisoning). Antony was a tremendously popular saint throughout the Middle Ages. By then he was seen as the patriarch of monks, and a healer of both men and animals. Antony even gave us the word 'tantony', a diminutive applied to the smallest pig in a litter, and to the smallest bell in a peal of bells.



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**St KENTIGERN**  
13<sup>th</sup> January

Kentigern (more often called by his nickname Mungo, meaning 'dear one') was the son of a pagan king who became a pupil in St Serf's monastery in Fife, Scotland.

St Mungo is the patron saint of Glasgow, and he is famous for many miracles, some of which are illustrated on the city's coat of arms. The rhyme goes:

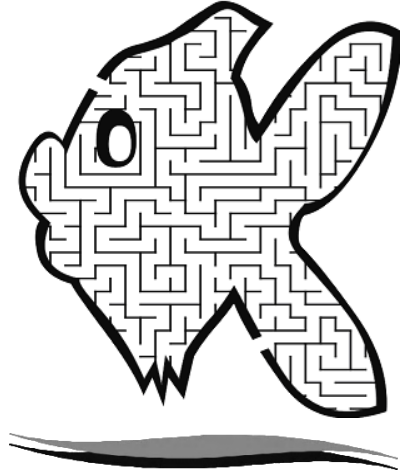
*Here is the bird that never flew  
Here is the tree that never grew  
Here is the bell that never rang  
Here is the fish that never swam*

The bird was Serf's pet robin, which Mungo brought back to life. The tree was a hazel branch that he lit when the fire at the monastery had gone out. The bell was brought back from a visit to Rome and Mungo helped the Queen of Strathclyde find her lost ring inside a salmon.

There is even the story of his meeting the wizard, Merlin, who is said to have become a Christian and been baptised by Mungo. Mungo died around 612AD and his tomb is in the crypt of Glasgow Cathedral.

**FISH MAZE**

It is not a salmon and there is no ring hidden in it, but can you find your way through this fish?



**Where do fish wash?**

In a river basin.

**Why did the whale cross the road?**

To get to the other tide.

**Where do little fishes go every morning?**

To plaice school.

**What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?**

As far away as possible.

