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From The Rectory

It is a truth universally acknowledged that one way in which literature often communicates is by alluding to other literature. And this is especially true of the Bible. After all, the Bible writers had fewer other books to echo than modern authors, and they were writing in conscious fulfilment of the Old Testament. The New Testament writers wanted to show how what God had done in the past was coming to a climax in Jesus the Messiah. To risk a musical metaphor, the themes from the overture return in a higher key and reach a kind of resolution.



So let's take Matthew Chapter 14. (We're continuing with our Diocesan Year in Matthew's Gospel, you'll remember. You might like to take a moment to read the chapter now. The rest of this article might make more sense if you do!). Wicked King Herod has killed John the Baptist. Jesus had fed the 5000. He then goes up a mountain alone to pray. And the disciples become afraid and are saved through the waters. Perhaps read those sentences again. Do those events ring any bells? Have heard anything a bit like this before in the Bible? Isn't this a bit like the book of Exodus all over again? A wicked murderous king, Pharaoh, who tried to kill God's prophet, Moses. Bread for the people in the wilderness – manna from heaven. Moses going up the mountain. The crossing of the Red Sea – the people terrified they'll be destroyed by the Egyptians but then saved through the waters.



All this is more than puzzles for the clergy, or a chance for us to show off our learning or inventiveness. These patterns and variations (typology, the theologians sometimes call it) convey a message. Jesus is the New and Better Moses – God's appointed leader who will save his people. He is bringing a New and Better Exodus, a salvation from all that tyrannises and binds us. God means again and more gloriously to set us free to worship Him and to bring us safely to the Promised Land of heaven and the new creation.

So Matthew is re-telling the big foundational story of the people of God. But the account in Matthew 14 is also a very personal one: of experienced fishermen terrified by a storm, of Jesus coming to them

walking on the waters. Jesus had actually sent them into the boat. We must assume, I think, that Jesus knows the storm is coming and that he means to meet them in it. And so it often is in our lives. All of us will be facing challenging times sooner or later – storms which perhaps frighten us and which we might think will sink us. The bad weather of life, or even the extreme suffering of the worst metaphorical storm doesn't mean that Jesus has messed up, or that we have somehow stepped outside the will of God. The storms can be part of the plan. Perhaps Jesus intends to meet us in the midst of the storm. If we cry out to him, we can be sure he'll hear us.

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On the 5th and 12th, the flowers will be arranged by Deborah Jarrett-Potts and Jane Grant followed by Liz Christieson and Kelly Allen on the 19th and 26th.

This month sees the next big effort on the part of our flower arrangers. Some of us will be in the church on Saturday morning, 3rd October preparing the church for our Harvest celebration. The Church of England now calls this season 'Creationtide' and this is a chance to display the beauty of autumn flowers, berries and foliage as we thank God for our wonderful world. We may all remember from our childhood that special Harvest Festival smell of apples and chrysanthemums! Vegetables and fruit displays are not a big part of Harvest nowadays; Instead, we offer contributions suitable for use by the local Food Bank, sadly still much needed.

Helen Bown

Good Book Club

We will meet on Tuesdays the 13th & 27th at White Birch Farm at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. all are welcome.. A welcoming atmosphere will be found as the group continues their study of 2 Peter & Jude. Bible study is the way to become closer to God and understand how we should live our lives.

Little Warblers Toddlers' Group

Little Warblers is a group for adults with preschool children which meet in the Church Rooms on Tuesday mornings during term time from 9.15-10.45. We welcome you to join us and follow the school term dates. . For more information, please go to the Little Warblers Toddler group page on Facebook or email littlewarblers@warbletonchurch.org .

WarbleArt

We continue to meet on Wednesdays in the Warbleton Church Rooms from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Please contact Gail Welford on 01435 812514 or gwelford51@gmail.com

Warbleton Weeders

We generally meet (weather permitting) once a month on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am for a couple of hours. Help would be very much appreciated with pruning, sweeping and other light jobs as you feel able. For more information, please contact Judith on judithmhemsley@btinternet.com. or look in the weekly news bulletin.

Our Diocese - Do check out the Diocesan website at <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/>

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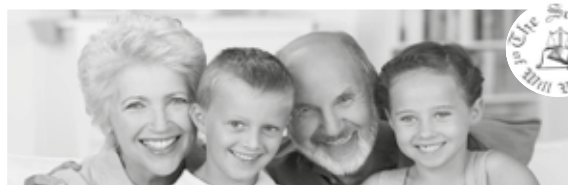
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Speak Life

We have now supported Speak Life for quite a number of years. A brand-new website tells us all we need to know about the aims and work of this local organisation based in Eastbourne but here is a brief overview of its current activities. "Since 1952", says the website, "our ministry has been speaking life to a needy world. Founded by evangelist Eric Hutchings, we have always had a twin focus: proclamation and media". Methods may have changed completely since those days "but our vision remains: to re-evangelise church and world through captivating, Christ-centred communication". The vision and technical skill of Director Glenn Scrivener and his team in recent years has greatly enhanced the scope and efficacy of Speak Life in a modern world.

Glenn and the team regularly produce new videos, films, books, podcasts and articles, as well as maintaining a lively presence on social media. He and members of his team are speakers at churches, schools, universities and anywhere where people gather. They want to see the church refreshed, resourced and overflowing with the love of Jesus in a needy world. The 321 course is a free, video-based introduction to Christianity designed for seekers and churches; it explains the faith in a simple, helpful way. Training opportunities are also available, including a year out programme, exploring the intersection of theology, mission and creativity.

The website, quite amusingly but descriptively, defines Speak Live with these words: Christ-centred and all-of-life; evangelistic and church-facing; Biblical and creative; weird and welcoming; proclaimers and story-tellers; thoughtful and heart-driven; confessional and ecumenical; ancient and modern. They also emphasise that none of this is possible without a basis of prayer and financial giving. This month we show our support by giving financially, so let's make sure we also do our part in upholding them in prayer through October and beyond.

Helen Bower

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From the Rectory

There are a few more allusions in this little incident we might just mention. You may remember that the Biblical account of creation in Genesis involves a watery chaos which God masters ("In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.") God speaks and brings order. And again, riffing off this theme, The Psalms and The Bible Book of Job repeatedly speak of God ruling over the waves – even "walking" on the ocean. Jesus is doing what only God can do. So... QED: Jesus is God Himself come in the flesh.

And Jesus identifies himself to his panicking disciples. They think he's a ghost (the word from which we get our word "phantom") but Jesus says, "no, do not be afraid, it is I". "It's okay guys, it's me!". But we could also translate it, "I am" – an echo of the divine name, Yahweh, revealed to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3 as God says, "I am who I am". Jesus is hinting that he is in fact the true and living God of the Bible come as a human being. Why do the wind and waves obey Jesus? Well, because they recognise their maker.

Peter, often quick to speak, perhaps slower to think, volunteers to get out of the boat and walk on the waves too. Jesus says, in effect, "okay, go on then". All goes well for a while, but then Peter remembers the wind and the waves and begins to sink, before Jesus comes to the rescue.

This detail of Peter bravely stepping out of the boat makes for a very gripping story. But perhaps to focus on Peter would be to repeat Peter's mistake. The great thing in this passage is Jesus – his identity, his power, his care, his plan. Only if we fix our eyes not on Peter but on Jesus who walked on this earth and who also walked on the waters, can we be brought at last safely through the storms of this life to our heavenly harbour.

I hope you enjoy reflecting on Matthew 14. As we read these stories against the big picture of the whole Bible, we can see them as far more than amazing tales for the Sunday School. They speak to us of God Himself and how Jesus reveals him as powerful and caring. Whatever we face, we can face it with courage if we know that Jesus is with us. We can trust him. He rules the wind and the waves. No storm can hide him from our sight. Perhaps it's especially in the dark night of the storm that the dawn, that Jesus the Light of the World will come to us.

The Revd Canon Marc Lloyd

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Warbleton & District History Group

Our chair, Annette Spratley, was our speaker at the September meeting, on Alehouses, Inns and Pubs. She traced the development of such establishments through the ages from Alehouses which were literally a "cottage industry". Customers took their own mug along to get ale brewed on the premises. Inns were then developed which proved some limited accommodation, but still only sold beer and ale. Taverns then appeared which supplied wine as well usually to a more well heeled clientele. They often then changed into coffee houses, which locally has happened with the Woolpack in Herstmonceux. Annette then featured a few of the local pubs, the Warbil in Tunn (which had several names over the centuries based around the word Tunn), The Horse and Groom and the White Horse. The final part of her talk was the sad roll-call of the pubs that have closed in the area – the Warbil, The Barley Mow, The Three Cups, The Dog (in the 1850s) and one I have just thought of The Netherfield Arms.

Steve Ziegler is our October speaker, and his subject is The Ghosts of Warbleton and the Legends of Warbleton Priory including the Screaming Skulls. Investigating paranormal activity in Warbleton deducing Fact or Fiction. Steve has a personal connection with the Priory as members of his ancestors the Hobden family farmed and lived there in the early part of the 20th century. We meet from 7.30pm for an 8pm start on Monday 12th October at the Dunn Village Hall Rushlake Green.

Jonathan Austin

Message from Nus Ghani MP

It has been a busy few weeks since the summer holidays and I have had a chance to reflect on the hard work of many local residents and businesses that I continue to meet across the constituency.

Now that the summer holidays seem a distant memory, we are preparing for busy months ahead and I know that you are planning for Christmas. In recent meetings across the constituency, I have heard from residents and businesses in Crowborough, Heathfield and nearby Hailsham about the impact of poor public services and water outages.

With the water shortages over summer and the prospect of burst pipes over winter, I have arranged an urgent meeting with the South East Water boss. I have asked him to tour the constituency with me and meet businesses who have been disrupted by their poor performance.

I will be hosting a public meeting which will be held at a venue in the constituency on Friday 23 October 2026. For anyone wishing to submit a question and for a chance of attending the event, please register at nusghani.org.uk. Numbers are limited due to venue capacity, so please submit your questions and register for attendance early.

Despite the challenges many businesses face, we seem to be at the heart of Sussex's growing wine and beer industry which also employs many local people. I was so pleased to be invited to local businesses and see first hand the work they do and the positive impact they have on the local economy, including: Off the Line, a vineyard just off the Cuckoo Trail near Hailsham, Three Acre Brewery based out of a farm near Blackboys; and, Two Tails Taproom in Heathfield. It is small and independent businesses like these that drive up job opportunities in the constituency and support our economy.

It is also worth a note to some of our local farmers who are diversifying and reaching out to new customers and businesses across Sussex, like the Delves family who run The Traditional Cheese Dairy in Waldron and are pioneering a 24-hour cheese vending machine at their family-run dairy.

We are lucky to have local residents who are engaged in volunteering and supporting residents across the constituent. I had particular joy in visiting nearby East Hoathly, where the Community Garden project supports people with additional needs and offers organic food growing and life skills. My constituency also includes Eridge, where the Smiles Sensory Farm support young people to be out and about with animals and nature. These are wonderful examples of the good work I see across the constituency and they are always looking for your support. Please contact me if you could help them with volunteering and donations.

I know that some of you rely on rail services from Buxted and Uckfield stations and have been affected by disruptions to local services. I have written to the train and rail operators to meet with me and discuss the issues affecting the Uckfield Line.

As always, it is a pleasure working across the whole community. If you need my help or would like a tour of parliament, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email: nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk.



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Julia Padbury

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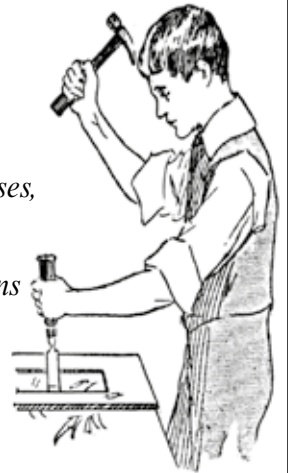
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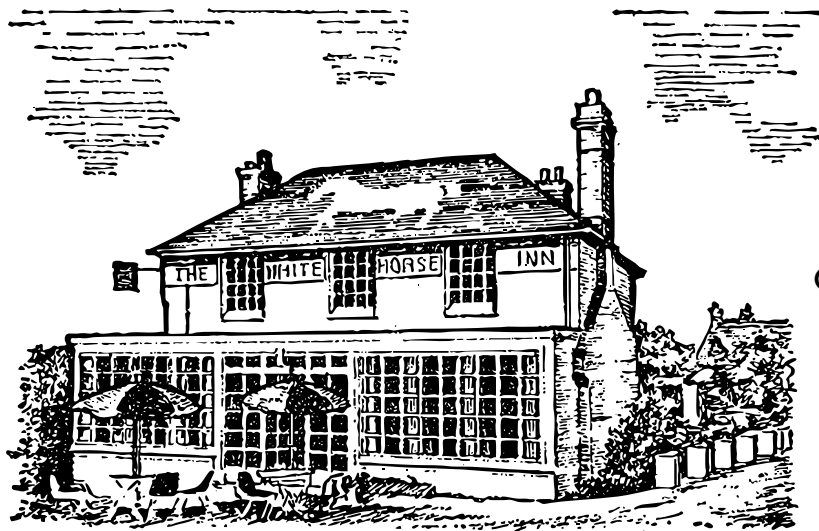
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Jason Roach

Many of you will know that I am involved with the Breakfast sessions we have, once a month, at White Birch. We are indebted to Jeremy for providing what appears to be an endless stream of speakers some of whom can be persuaded to make a return visit after a few years. Others, for understandable reasons, find it difficult to make a repeat visit and so I thought it might be worth keeping you up to date with what past speakers are up to.

One such is Jason Roach. Jason is Director of Ministries for London City Mission and founding pastor of The Bridge, a multi-ethnic church in Battersea, London. He worked as a medical doctor and journalist before training for Christian ministry. Jason is married to Rachel and has four children.

And this was a recent prayer letter he sent out:

"I recently had the privilege of joining the ministry team in Barking, spending time on the ground alongside Yordan and other local team members. Speaking with them made the acute social reality of this community very clear: Barking is one of the most deprived areas in London. Growing up here means facing a life expectancy five years shorter than average, alongside ten fewer years of good health. One in three ten-year-old children here are classified as obese, dictated to by the fast-food life in which they are embroiled.

The physical deprivation is matched by an intense spiritual battle. I visited the nearest community hub, a space housing a local school where churches meet and other religious groups. On Sundays, Muslim worshippers have decided to occupy the entire reception area for prayer, meaning churchgoers literally have to tiptoe through prayer mats and worshippers just to reach the entrance of the church meeting space - this can't be great for either group. In many ways, it feels like a place heavily blanketed in spiritual darkness.

And yet, God is actively moving in Barking. Wonderful missionaries are on the ground week after week faithfully labouring to make Jesus known. During our outreach, I noticed a guy called Chris using some open-air gym equipment. I asked him if I could join in his workout session. As we got chatting, he shared that he grew up in Barking and carried heavy family burdens: one of his sons has turned to Islam, while another remained resistant to any spiritual input. Together, we prayed specifically that Z's eyes would be opened to the truth and grace of Jesus.

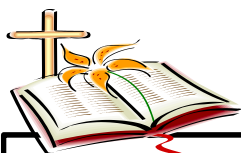
We are praying specifically that the Lord would raise up "people of peace": key local residents who can open doors into the surrounding tower blocks and unlock new relationships across the neighbourhood."

You might also keep Jason and his wife, Rachel in your prayers as they have embarked on the first steps to fostering:

"My wife and I have recently been approved as foster carers and completed our first placement. For obvious reasons we won't be sharing lots of details here. But I would love your prayers. All of us should live every day aware that we do not know what tomorrow will bring. And yet our new season adds new meaning to that. Do join us in praying that the Lord would provide what we need to care for the strangers he brings to our door."

They also have four children.

Tony Welford



SERVICES in October 2026

Warbleton Parish Church

Sunday 4th	11.00 am	All Age Harvest Festival Service followed by bring-and-share lunch in the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake green
Sunday 11th	11.00 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	11.00 am	Morning Worship with Sunday Club (TBC)
Sunday 25th	11.00 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion with Sunday Club (TBC) Service for the Bereaved followed by tea and cake in the church rooms.
October		
Sunday 1st	11.00 am	All Age Family Service, when we bring our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

St John's, Bodle Street Green

Sunday 4th	9.30 am.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	9.30 am.	All-Age Family Service.
Sunday 18th	9.30 am.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion.
Sunday 25th	9.30 am.	Morning Prayer

St Giles Dallington

Sunday 4th	11.00 am	Service of the Word with Jeremy Cooke
Sunday 11th	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 18th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	9.30 am.	Holy Communion.

Three Villages Calendar for October 2026

Saturday 3 rd	Charity Musical Lunch Bodle Street Green Village Hall	12.30 pm for 1.00pm
Sunday 4 th	Harvest Festival bring and share lunch at The Dunn Village Hall	12 noon
Thursday 1 st	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Wednesday 7 th	Prayer first at the Rectory	7.45pm for 8.00pm to 9.00pm
Thursday 8 th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Monday 12 th	Warbleton & District History Group	7.00pm to 8.00pm
Friday 16 th	Dallington Quiz night at Old School Village Hall	7.15pm for 7.30pm
Monday 19 th	Villages Luncheon Club at Bodle Street Green Village Hall	11.30am to 2.30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Thursday 29 th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon

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Sunday 18th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
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THE DALLINGTON PROJECT PART 3

You may recall from previous articles that RAYNET – the amateur radio group that is able to assist the police etc. services in the event of emergencies, teamed up with Dallington Parish Council to produce a communications system that was independent of electricity supplies and the internet.

Parts 1 & 2 described how the equipment was assembled and tested.

Saturday 19th September saw Raynet members and members of the parish meet up for a BBQ and demonstration of the equipment. Steve the RAYNET controller put on a fine BBQ spread and fortunately the weather stayed fine if a little breezy!

The equipment which is available for public use comprises a PMR (public mobile radio) setup. This can work in two modes Digital and Analogue. For those who cannot remember their school science or it hadn't been invented in those days you can always ask AI or collar a school child who will give you the information. This isn't important though, they both have pros and cons.

Digital has very good audio but it can fail in very poor misty weather and the equipment for the user is more expensive.

Analogue has good audio and can get through 99% of the time (it has never failed me) and it is much cheaper – you can get a handheld transceiver for the price of three cups of good coffee!

Which system to be used will be decided shortly, but if you wish you can let the parish Council know your Preference.

I am listening to the radio as I write this article and I hear that Glasgow airport and other airports in the north of England are experiencing computer problems leading to major delays. This follows the problems at Heathrow for which I have not heard an explanation although there has been lots of apologies!

There appears to be lots of computer problems here and in Europe these days leading to disruptions to services, it could be a coincidence or malevolent external factors; who knows! It may never be used but Dallington's independent communications system might be a lifeline in the event of any power outage and communications loss.

Once the type of user equipment (analogue or digital) has been decided on there will be further article.

David Wilson

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August 15th

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity isn't headline grabbing, so at Morning Prayer on 23rd August I proposed we went back in time one week and one day to pretend it was 15th August. 15th August for Anglicans is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For Catholics it is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when Mary is taken up into heaven.

On 15th August 1942 the tanker Ohio, crippled, but afloat, was towed by warships into Valetta harbour, Malta, and her vital cargo of oil pumped out. Crowds had gathered to cheer, only to fall silent in prayer as more ships drew in. They had to seek shelter as Italian and German aircraft resumed their attack. If Operation Pedestal had failed, Malta would have surrendered. The convoy had left England on August 3rd commanded by Admiral Syfret. His great-grand-daughter, Felicity Syfret, married Tom Lightfoot at St John's, Bodle Street Green, on August 29th, and the Admiral's sword was used to cut their wedding cake.

The cost was high. In terms of numbers lost, it was the Italians and Germans who won this battle. Out of 14 merchant ships which set out, only 5 reached Malta. Also lost were one aircraft carrier, two cruisers, one destroyer, and, of course, hundreds of men. Strategically it was an Allied victory because Malta was saved. The Maltese call it the Santa Maria Convoy.

Acts 1 describes the Assumption into heaven of Jesus. "After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight." After this tremendous event the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers." This is the last time that Mary's name appears in the Bible. We learn nothing from the Bible about her death, how, when, or where it occurred.

Because the Assumption of Mary is not Biblical, Anglicans don't have to believe that it happened. Some do; some don't. Since November 1950 Catholics are not given the choice, because, on that date, Pope Pius XII turned what was a widely held belief into dogma, something you had to believe.

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In John 19 Jesus, from the cross, speaks to his mother and entrusts her to his loved disciple, not named, but certainly John himself. "Dear woman, here is your son", and to the disciple. "Here is your mother." From that time on this disciple took her into his home.'

Later writings and tradition say that John left Jerusalem and moved to Ephesus. Did Mary travel with him? And did she die there? When Margaret and I visited Ephesus last year we were surprised to see road signs to Mary's House. Coaches were pulling in, we had to join a crowd, mostly Turkish, to visit the house which Mary had lived in, now a chapel and holy site. The foundations of the house had been discovered by following a description in the visions of a German nun who had never travelled outside Germany and who was on her deathbed – but that is another story.

Charles Harding

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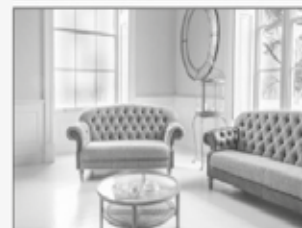


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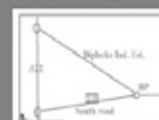
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Master of melancholy songs – John Dowland



John Dowland – Classical Daily.com

Every early music festival this year will be including a concert containing the work of John Dowland since it is the 400th anniversary of his death. Said to be “especially sensitive to criticism, and given to melancholy”¹, it is hardly surprising that so much of his musical output of both songs and music for lute and string consort is riddled with melancholy.

Maybe he did have some grounds for bitterness and sadness as being a Catholic in the reign of Protestant Good Queen Bess could not have been easy. But having said that, she was very tolerant of William Byrd who was a devoted Catholic. There was evidently more to it than met the eye as the Queen saw him as “an obstinate Papist.”² As early as 1594, when he was only just 30 he failed to secure a position as a lutenist in Queen Elizabeth’s court. This failure evidently permeated his mood for nearly twenty years.

Leaving his wife and children behind for long periods, he took off to Germany and Italy and then Denmark to the court of King Christian IV. As a mere court musician, he was nevertheless paid astronomical sums which made people wonder what else he might be up to. There were evidently grounds for suspicion of treason as early in his career he had carried out assignments for Sir Rober Cecil, the Queen’s alleged spymaster. If this wasn’t enough, Dowland was not the “ideal servant, often overstaying his leave when he went to England on publishing business or for other reasons”. He was sacked. The combination of acquiring a lot of money for few compositions does make one think that maybe there was some truth in suspicions that he was spending his time in continental Europe as an agent with a lute rather than a Walther PPK and a bottle of Bollinger.

He finally achieved a position in the English court of James 1 in 1612, well after the death of Elizabeth. Whilst Tudor England might not have accorded him with the position and respect his talent deserved, he is now renowned as one of our country’s finest composers. This is thanks to such eminent musicians and composers as Benjamin Brittain, Percy Grainger, Christopher Hogwood, Julian Bream, David Munrow and even Elvis Costello and Sting.

With an output of some ninety works for solo lute, ninety songs, psalms and sacred songs the choice is yours. So whether a pavane, psalm, galliard or sad song rocks your boat there is bound to be an example for you to explore on UTube. Dowland’s most famous song is “Flow my tears” and amongst the many versions are outstanding performances by Emma Kirkby and Iestyn Davies. Do explore.

Paula Nicholson

¹ The New Oxford Companion to Music – Denis Arnold

² The English Ayre – Peter Warlock

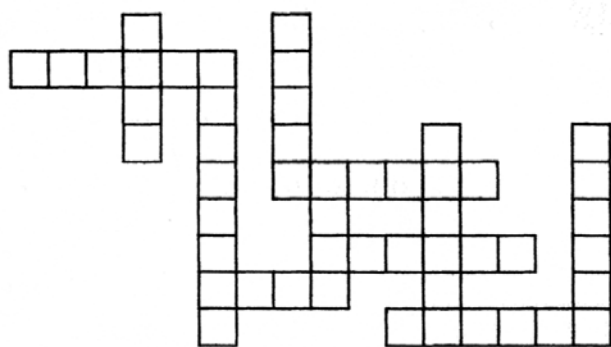
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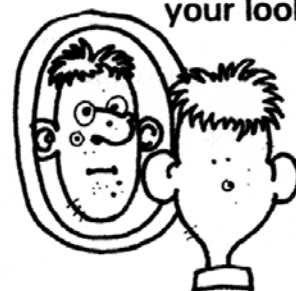


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SAINT FRANCIS AT A WORKBENCH IN PAISLEY

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By Fiach OBroin-Molloy, maker and beekeeper at Paisley Honey

With the feast of Saint Francis approaching on 4 October, I have been thinking about what it means to make something inspired by him. Eight hundred years after his death, my own response has taken shape at a workbench in Paisley.

I am a beekeeper as well as a maker, and the two kinds of work have more in common than might first appear. Both require patience and close attention: to the life of a colony, the character of a stone or the feel of a finished piece in the hand.

For this collection, I designed a Tau cross showing Francis with his arms outstretched among birds. A small bee provides a quiet connection with the hives I tend in the west of Scotland. I paired the cross with green jade and antiqued brass, choosing materials with a natural warmth that I hope will grow more familiar through being handled and used.

Francis is often remembered for his affection for animals and the natural world. Yet his love of creation grew from a life centred upon Christ. I wanted the cross to hold those things together: the birds and the bee surrounding the figure of Francis, with the shape of the Tau remaining at its heart.

The collection includes 33-bead Anglican prayer beads, made according to their established pattern of prayer. I assemble them by hand as objects intended for use - in prayer, in stillness and during all the ordinary moments when we find ourselves needing to begin again.

Saint Francis collection: paisleyhoney.com/saint-francis-collection



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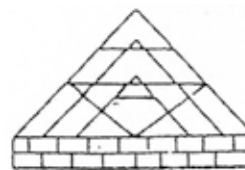
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