

# St Mary's Church, Yatton

## Summer 2023



This picture, featuring Mary, is of a carving in the church. Her Patronal Day is the 13 August and we shall be celebrating St Mary with a service and a bring-and-share lunch, details on page 14.

John Dickinson, our new churchwarden, introduces himself on page 2 and there's an update on our vacancy on page 7. Our local organisations tell us what they're up to on pages 10-13.



Anyone recognise this house? Look inside to see if you're right!



# Who I am

## An introduction from our new churchwarden

I was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, in the mid 50s and educated in rural Kent until I studied microbiology at Bristol University in the 70s. I wrote my thesis on the pathogenesis of genital herpes about 10 years before it became popular in the wider population. I worked in a number of roles which were engineering and science related before retiring at the beginning of this year.



I was brought up in a broadly Christian household on my maternal side. Grandfather was reputedly a Lutheran minister before quitting Germany after the first war. Both he and my grandmother were elders in a Pentecostal Brethren church in Blackburn. In those days the fashion for speaking in tongues was to ululate before during and after prayer. I often wonder how she might have reacted to exposure to the Bristolian terminal L. Perhaps it is as well not to know.

My own faith path is denominationally varied. My wife Bev and I started married life in the Baptist church (the nearest church to where we lived). We then moved to a small village near Teynham in Kent with a Methodist chapel three doors down so we installed ourselves there. I trained as a lay preacher there and became an elder (broadly equivalent to churchwarden, but without the bureaucracy or gin).

We moved to Berkshire in the late 80s, across the road from a C of E church in the village of Tidmarsh. It was here that Bev first encountered Mike Hill when he was archdeacon of Reading, during a “naughty vicar” interregnum (as they were called at the time – vacancies I mean. Though apparently some of them were just called Interregnums).

We moved to South Oxfordshire in the 90s and served with Watlington church before moving to Weston super Mare to make the way straight for Richard Taylor who I assisted (?) as churchwarden. Yes, I have some stories.

After the death of Bev’s mother we moved to Claverham in 2019 where Bev unfortunately died during the second lockdown in 2021.



After a period of readjustment I pitched up at the door of St Mary's, someone offered me a biscuit and the rest is history.

You will gather I am somewhat nomadic (yes I do like change), I am an "anywhere" rather than a "somewhere" in the terms which I think were the most useful in understanding the Brexit divide, but I am here now and want to grow where I have been planted. I am diabetic so have to be careful with carbs, but as we all know, carrot cake counts as a vegetable portion and Tiramisu is a Mediterranean sea-lettuce.

Your prayers and biscuits are welcome.

*John Dickinson*

## **Being faithful**

**I**n these difficult days our faith is surely being tested for every bill has increased, every food shop a shock, each news broadcast another dose of bad news, or a sign that we are living in depressing times. I tell myself that this is life, it has always been thus and it will pass and if I have faith it will have a silver lining.

I refer you to Luke's Gospel, chapter 12, vs 22-31: it's about trust in God, about not worrying about food or clothes, about life being far more important; hard to accept when your plate is empty perhaps, but true. I am old enough to remember the last war, we did not starve, nor did we perish. Times were very tough yes, but Christian hope was food for tomorrow, my mother said.

This is not to say we should not be concerned for others or ourselves in these times, and it is great to see the care and love that charities and individuals are showing – is this faith at work?

God moves in a mysterious way it is said, and faith they say moves mountains. Let's hope this one is on the move.

*Allan Attwood (Reader)*

### **I am only one**

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do,

And what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do. *Anon*



# The lay person's guide to being a Reader

I felt both profound satisfaction and a twinge of regret, submitting my last piece of work to Sarum college in June. It was 2500 words on my understanding of the service which will admit me as a Reader or 'Licensed lay minister' on October 7<sup>th</sup> this year, provided the Warden of Readers (Simon Hill) agrees when we meet at the end of July.

The Church of England Reader was introduced in 1866 in response to the need to mobilise Christians in areas where clergy were few, but the role has earlier appearances in mainstream Christianity, corresponding in part to the historical 'minor clergy' office of *lector*. Sometimes the role has simply been to read the Scripture in services, important in times when few were literate. Readers are not 'ordained' as clergy, hence the 'lay minister' title. I do not know if the cassock, surplice and blue scarf sometimes used by Readers is a help in identifying them, or confusingly similar to clerical dress.

The most common association now is with leading worship, and especially teaching and preaching. The CofE is rightfully careful with the pulpit; those who regularly preach should be authorised to do so. Part of the service admitting Readers requires them to promise 'due obedience' to clergy and bishop. This is the 'licensed' bit of the title. Although the role is recognised nationally, the licence is to work in a particular area under a specific clergy leader. We may value the stability and longevity of the national church, but this does require discipline and good order.

Readers are authorised to offer communion by extension, using bread and wine blessed by an ordained priest. They often assist in pastoral work – I have begun taking services at Strawberry Gardens assisted living home, at North End. Readers can take funerals – my training on this comes in January. Readers can have an important role in the mission of the church – some of my time is currently exploring setting up a Friends of St Marys, which may be introduced this autumn if we agree on it. (Saturday evening 18<sup>th</sup> November – save the date!).

My hope for our future is that whoever is appointed as Rector will be really good at *something*, and willing to work in collaboration with others with complementary gifts and skills. We are all good at something and can develop our talents further. I hope always to be getting better, with your prayers, feedback and support. Thank you all for your encouragement.

Mike Cooke



## Warm welcome

Well here we are at our last week (12th July) of Warm Welcome!

St Mary's was one of several places locally to respond to last winter's sharp rise in energy costs, by opening a (somewhat) warm space in the Chapter house, for a couple of hours after school on Wednesdays. Sian Buckley leads this venture, offering her time most



Wednesday afternoons and ensuring there was a rota of people with appropriate checks to help. It quickly proved popular with both children and mothers, not so much for saving fuel at home, but as a place for children to play and refuel on cakes, all homemade, biscuits and drinks while mothers chatted.

Activities are provided but there is no schedule. The children have just had a day in school and prefer to play freely—with great imagination. Mary Duncan has often come up with craft ideas for them to make – they all made crowns the week of the Coronation—see photo above. Some weeks the children went in the choir stalls and sang. The church has been very noisy with their games, and sometimes they have been quiet for five minutes to hear about what happens in church. They processed

with wardens' stave with great seriousness, and figured out why numbers were displayed. The children recently put on an impromptu recorder concert, totally organised by themselves, for the mums, volunteers and visitors. Yes, the children also engage with visitors, with one stating what a friendly, fun church.



The parents appreciate their Wednesday afternoons, being very supportive and helpful. They are part of the rota of volunteers and most weeks organise the

children's drinks, wash up and clear the tables etc at the end of the Session. Many mums have found it a useful place to discuss all sorts of issues as a group and individually. They have created a very supportive peer group.

Warm welcome has continued after the heating was turned off in the spring and in May, received a Cost-of-living Grant of £500 from Bath and Wells Diocese. This will



hopefully go towards purchasing musical instruments, updating the games and other activities when we resume in September after a summer break. Please pray for this group and for the helpers. We do not know how it will develop, but we are glad to provide a warm welcome.

The mothers all gave permission for us to use these photos.

*Sian Buckley Lewis*

## **Keep moving with Age UK Somerset**

The local charity delivers a number of fun and friendly exercise sessions for people over 55 in the local area. There's a little something for everyone...



**Strictly Seniors—Clevedon**—a fun and dynamic dance -based session which combines dance moves from salsa, rumba and more. The weekly class is delivered at Kenn Road Methodist Church, Thursdays at 2pm and 3:15pm.

**Strong and Steady** sessions in Yatton and Clevedon—To improve strength and balance, helping to keep you steady on your feet and avoid falls. A brief health questionnaire will need to be completed. Contact 01823 345614 to find a class that's right for you.

**Tai Chi QiGong— Clevedon**—Easy to learn gentle movements, to improve balance, flexibility and strength. Good for mind, body and wellbeing. Movements can be done seated or standing. 1<sup>st</sup> Clevedon Scout Hall, Great Western Rd. Nailsea Tues 1:45pm. Yatton Mon, 11:45am £4 (currently full).

**ESCAPE pain, Worle** — Free group-based rehabilitation programme for managing hip and knee arthritis. Open to all over 45 in North Somerset, Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Flexercise, Wrington**—Gentle, fun, chair based exercises. Wednesdays, 2:30pm £3

**Movement to Music**—A fun and lively choreographed class for general fitness. Portishead Mon 11:30am & Tues 11:30am; Clevedon Tuesdays 10am.

**Seated Yoga, Breathe, Stretch & Flex**—Combines breathing and relaxation movements to balance the mind and improve flexibility. Easton-in-Gordano Mon, 9:45am

Age UK Somerset look forward to meeting you at their classes!

Sessions are £5 per week unless otherwise stated. We advise booking your place before attending. For more information please contact 01823 34524 or email [ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk)



# **The journey through vacancy...so far**

*Where we were? Where we are likely to end up? Where we are at the moment?*

**Y**atton Moor is a team ministry of five churches, St Mary's Yatton, St Barnabas Claverham, Holy Trinity Cleeve, St John's Kenn and All Saints Kingston Seymour. The ministry team when fully staffed consists of a team Rector based at St Mary's Yatton, with a priest based at Cleeve and Claverham, and a part time house for duty priest based at Kenn and Kingston Seymour.

There are two PCCs, one serving Yatton, Kenn and Kingston Seymour and a second serving Claverham with Cleeve. In a nutshell that is the basis of the team system.

As you know the team rector Tim Scott resigned in early 2022 and on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 we went into vacancy. At about the same time the Diocese of Bath and Wells realised that they had a significant financial shortfall and subsequently a decision was made that Portishead Deanery had to lose two priests between then and 2026. The decision was calculated using a formula taking, worshipping numbers, benefice populations, number of Church buildings and areas of deprivation across all the churches in the Deanery and, unfortunately for the Yatton Moor team, it needed to lose one priest.

## **Where are we likely to end up?**

This will leave the five Yatton Moor churches with just one full time priest and a part time (accounting to 0.4) house for duty priest.

As you cannot have a team of one, the team must therefore be dissolved and a new structure put in its place called a United Benefice but with two PCCs as previously. Such a structure must be agreed firstly by the PCCs, the Deanery Synod and what appears to be every level of the Church of England hierarchy.

However, the PCCs have been advised by the Archdeacon of Bath, Adrian Youings, in April 2023, that he was aware that Yatton Moor Team, particularly St Mary's, has been in vacancy for over a year and that we do not necessarily have to wait for the pastoral reorganisation before moving to appoint a new incumbent.

## **Where are we now?**

The PCCs, after much discussion, clarification and reassurance with the Archdeacon, have agreed for the United Benefice arrangement to go ahead.

At that meeting in May, the Archdeacon suggested that one member from each of the five Churches was asked to join a team to produce a Parish Profile with the aim of advertising for a new Rector in September and October 2023.



However, since then there seems to have been a backwards step: the diocese has decided that first the five churches must discern the way forward. To this end a Discerning Group should be set up with two members from each church, who are to meet and discuss further how to work together.

The first meeting of this new group will be in late July/early August. It therefore seems highly unlikely that a Parish Profile will be produced anytime soon.

It also seems very unlikely therefore that an advert for a new Rector will make either the September or October *Church Times*. An advert placed in November and December is unlikely to get a positive response so with that in mind the best possible timeline appears now to be: Advertising January/February 2024; Shortlisting/Interviews March 2024.

As the likely new incumbent will probably need to give three months notice, the earliest a new rector could possibly take up this role is June 2024.

This is disappointing especially to St Mary's as we will by then have been in vacancy for over two years, but we must thank our Churchwardens, retired clergy, especially Rev Richard Taylor and Bishop Mike Hill and lay team for keeping our church not just surviving but also thriving over the past year.

I write the above article from a St Mary's perspective as the other churches in the team still have their priests in post.

*Pru Witter, Member of Yatton Moor PCC*

## **Can you help?**



Are you a competent and confident driver? Do you have a few hours to spare every week or so? Would you like to help provide an increasingly much needed service within our community?

If you've answered Yes, Yes and Yes, how about becoming a driver for the Yeo Valley Lions Club minibus! You'll have doubtless seen our yellow 'bus up and down the High Street most days of the week, it takes local folk on shopping trips, to and from our coffee mornings or lunch club, and helps transport provisions for the local foodbank.

If you like the idea of helping, but don't want to make a firm, regular commitment, that's fine. The rota is worked out month by month, so if you know you're away for say, August, you wouldn't be included.

Sounds interesting? Want to know a bit more about what's involved? In that case, please contact Jonathan Kelly on (01934) 876131, or [jonathank240452@aol.com](mailto:jonathank240452@aol.com) or have a quick word with me, I usually attend the Sunday morning service at St Mary's.



## **Brace yourselves**

**F**irstly I'd like to thank you all for the support you have given for my book, *Brace Yourself for the Unexpected*—to which many of you contributed embarrassing stories (mostly anonymous!) and which many more of you have purchased.

As you are aware the aim of the book was to raise funds for Brace, a charity based in Southmead hospital which funds research into dementia. It is still available online from the Brace website, from Yatton Post Office and I also have a few copies.

At the request of Brace I am now working on my second book and would welcome amusing anecdotes to include. These may be emailed to me at [nmt68@icloud.com](mailto:nmt68@icloud.com) before the end of August if possible please.

*Nancy Thorne*

### **A bit more about BRACE and their research**

A simple, BRACE funded test for early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease could soon be helping patients and their families at the Bristol Brain Centre to be diagnosed earlier and receive treatment sooner. This is thanks to a £1.5 million funding boost awarded by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR). The Alzheimer's test, Fastball, was developed with BRACE funding at the Universities of Bath and Bristol.

The NIHR award will be used to test patients over a five-year period and explore how the test can be used on a large scale. With patients being referred for testing only through the dementia clinic in the Bristol Brain Centre. The researchers are also working to develop the test for NHS use.

'Fastball' is a simple test which measures patients' brain waves while they watch flashing images on a screen and wear an EEG headset. The headset looks a bit like a swimming cap with wires and is linked to a computer to measure brain activity. It is painless to use, and the test is quick and easy.

Previous research has shown Fastball can measure small changes in brain waves that happen when a person remembers an image. It also shows this response changes as a person develops dementia.

For more information please see [www.alzheimers-brace.org](http://www.alzheimers-brace.org)

*The good news goes on with two new drugs which it is hoped will be licensed for use in the UK shortly. They are already in use in the US and they appear to slow down the progression of this dreadful disease allowing sufferers to live independently, manage their finances and continue to drive a car.—ED*



## The Mount

The Mount was situated in the centre of Yatton at 57 High Street. This is opposite what is now Pages Court, Yatton's shopping precinct.

The land was owned by a Mr Bishop and was originally a rubbish dump. GH Needham of "Henleigh" built the original house in 1915. Mr Christopher

Parsons, who was apprenticed to Needhams in 1896, helped him. The property comprised a kitchen, two living rooms and three bedrooms. It cost £290 to build. It looks older than it is at first glance being built in a style dating pre-1915. It has an interesting double-bayed front with three windows over on the first floor. The house was set in approximately a quarter of an acre of picturesque gardens with an orchard. Mrs Parsons had a brooch made from a gold watch found on the dump.

When Christopher Parsons came out of the Army in 1919 a ladder led upstairs to a larger workshop where Parsons and Watkins had established a painting and decoration business. This later became a building business owned by Howard Watkins and ran in partnership with Megan Watkins' father Christopher Parsons.

In the 1920s Arthur Barter built an extension at a cost of £190. This added at the rear a roof of "catslide" formation. It also had an interesting feature downstairs of two round windows on the east side of the house. In 1931 gas and sewerage were installed, until then a cesspit with a bucket and chain were used.

Megan Watkins (nee Parsons) was born in The Mount in 1920 and also died there.

Later on John Watkins, no relation to the previous owners, became owner of the

house from where he ran his veterinary practice. The old kitchen was used as the Vet's surgery, which ran off the central hall.

In the early 1980s the house was found to be unsound. It was considered to be of no particular architectural value and John Watkins drew up plans to





demolish it and construct a new building himself. The building works were completed during 1987.

It comprised, on the left hand side, of a new vets surgery with waiting room, office, two consulting rooms and an operating theatre. Fruit and Spice

Delicatessen run by Paul Bain who had relocated from the lower part of Yatton High Street, where Cork and Fork is today; occupied the middle shop. West Town Bakery taking the third shop on the right hand side. Office space for one larger or two smaller offices was created on the first floor.



The Mount was not actually demolished until after the new building was completed. The current houses on Chescombe Road that includes the Dental Surgery were built after The Mount was demolished in 1987.

After the delicatessen closed CJ Hole Estate Agents moved in and also expanded into the vet's front reception area. When the bakery closed Cheung's Take Away opened in its place. Yatton Books and Print took over the middle shop (they have since moved to no 69) when the estate agents closed and the vets re-opened their reception and waiting room where it had first been.

*David Bing, Yatton History Society*

## **Yatton and District Horticultural Society**

**A**s you may be aware, we held a plant sale in Yatton Precinct (Pages Court) on May 13<sup>th</sup>. It was very successful with virtually everything being sold. This meant we made enough money to donate a cheque for £500 to Yatton Youth Club who are planning to develop a vegetable and fruit garden. The Youth Worker Niccy was pleasantly surprised when she opened the envelope and saw the cheque; the children were also absolutely delighted. It is planned for the vegetable garden to be at the back of the club building and the fruit garden to the side. Unfortunately none of this is visible from Rock Road but I'm sure we'll get a progress report, which I will of course share.

The Summer Show was on 22 July; It usually extends beyond the village hall with stalls on the Glebelands Garden. However, our English weather had other ideas and the show was mostly contained in the Village Hall where we had the usual amazing



displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables and craft that I hope some of you were able to enjoy. The St Mary's Cake Stall with accompanying jams and jigsaws decamped to the church porch!

We recently visited Rosemoor and on September 9<sup>th</sup> we have organised a



coach outing to Aberglasney (see pic), one of Wales' finest gardens. At its heart lies a fully restored Elizabethan Cloister Garden that is the only surviving example of its kind in the UK. Beyond this, visitors can explore 10 acres of over 20 different garden styles from formal to woodland including the unique Ninfarium. You may also visit the fully restored ground floor of Aberglasney's grade II\* listed mansion offer a stunning venue for exhibitions and events. The cost of this trip is £25 for members and £35 for non-members. If you would like more information please speak to me, or see our website: [www.yattonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk](http://www.yattonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk)

*Stephen Thorne 01934 833813*

## **Yatton Music Society**

**T**he Music Society has arranged another series of eight concerts to be held in St Mary's. Concerts are open to both members and non-members and entry is payable on the door on the night. Entry costs £10.00, students over 16 £5.00 and accompanied children free. Concerts start at 7.30pm.

The first concert is on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and will be given by Louis-Victor Bak , a young French pianist. His concert will have a French flavour but will also include Beethoven's popular [and challenging] 'Appassionata' sonata.

The next concert will be on 21<sup>st</sup> October and will be given by the Italian clarinettist Luca Luciano who will be accompanied on the piano by Yuki Osedo, a Japanese pianist now resident in London. In addition to being a virtuoso Luca is a teacher and composer of modern clarinet music. Luca has performed and given master classes in the UK and Europe and South America. He is also recognised as being one of Europe's leading exponents of jazz clarinet.

The concert on 25<sup>th</sup> November sees a welcome return of the West Mendip Orchestra which is based in Winscombe. The orchestra is now conducted by John



Johnson and will be joined by Yatton's own Joss Wort [piano] who is currently studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music. The concert will open with Brahms's Tragic Overture, which will be followed by Beethoven's 2<sup>nd</sup> Piano concerto. The concert will end with a performance of Rimsky Korsakov's Symphony no 1. This will be Joss' concerto debut and we hope it will be a further step on a successful career.

Details of concerts for the remainder of the season can be found on the Society's website, and full programme information for concerts is given on the website before each concert.

*Mike Blackwell*

## **Classical Guitar Concert at St Mary's 20 August 2023**

WAGO—Wyvern Afinado Guitar Orchestra—is hosting a concert by Berta Rojas, an internationally renowned classical guitarist, at St Mary's Church on 20 August at 7pm. Berta has performed at major venues worldwide, 'taking her audiences on a colourful journey, embracing new works by composers in diverse genres.'

Tickets are £10 on the door. This concert is supported by Yatton Music Society and the Bristol Classical Guitar Society. For more information on WAGO contact Vince Smith: [vsacsmith@outlook.com](mailto:vsacsmith@outlook.com)



### **Silence**

Silence punctuated to God's glory:  
When I was younger, I heard the bats  
squeak  
Like alarmed blackbirds, fluttering high  
With the nave angels frozen flight.  
Hours of stillness, then a rattle  
As the south door swings, a tentative  
head

Peeps in to wander the chapels  
And recall a past life or where they wed.  
Don't be alarmed if children play  
It is also their house and God smiles  
At their games. This is how they pray,  
Noisy and excited but wait a while  
And stillness quiets even their hearts.

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# August-September Services at St Mary's

**Saturday 5th August:** 1pm – St. Mary's:  
Holy Matrimony

**1st Sunday: Trinity 9 – The  
Transfiguration of our Lord**

**6th August** 10am: Holy Communion

**2nd Sunday: – Trinity 10**

**13th August** 10am: Morning Prayer  
Patronal Service  
Followed by Patronal Lunch

**3rd Sunday: – Trinity 11**

**20th August** 10am: Holy Communion

**4th Sunday: – Trinity 12**

**27th August** 10am: Morning Prayer

**1st Sunday: – Trinity 13**

**3rd September** 10am: Holy Communion

**2nd Sunday: – Trinity 14**

**10th September** 10am: Morning Prayer  
12pm St. Mary's: Holy Baptism

**3rd Sunday: – Trinity 15**

**17th September** 10am: Holy Communion

**4th Sunday: – Trinity 16**

**24th September** 10am: Harvest Festival  
Morning Prayer Service followed by  
Harvest Lunch

## WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Tues + Weds 8.15am Morning Prayer on  
Zoom, resuming on September 5th.

Every Thursday 9.30am Holy Trinity:  
Healing & Wholeness services

## Dates for your diary

**13 August:** St Mary's Patronal Festival service followed by a Bring & Share lunch. Sign up for a place on the list in the Chapter House. If you'd rather not bring food you can give a donation to our churchwardens which will enable us to provide other items not on the list.

**24 September:** St Mary's Harvest Festival service followed by Harvest Lunch in the Chapter House. Details to follow nearer the time.

It is with great sadness that we learnt that Mike Callow died on July 21<sup>st</sup>. He was a regular worshipper at St John's Kenn, and attended the on-line morning prayer until early July. He was such a lovely, gentle man. We pray for his wife Iris.



## QUIZ - CARRY ON FILMS

Three actors were talking about making a film about composers. One said, 'I'll play Beethoven', another, 'I'll be Mozart'. And Arnold Schwarzenegger said .....

Talking of films, how many 'Carry On' films can you name?

1958 - S	1959 - N	1969 - C	1969 AD
1959 - T	1959 - C	1970 - L	1970 - UTJ
1961 - R	1962 - C	1971 - H	1971 - AYC
1963 - C	1963 - J	1972 - M	1972 - A
1964 - S	1964 - C	1973 - G	1974 - D
1965 - C	1966 - S	1975 - B	1976 - E
1966 - DLYH	1967 - FTC	1978 - E	1992 - C
1967 - D	1968 - UTK		

And what about some of the actors?

BB    HJ    PB    SJ    KC    LP    JD    TS    JD    JS    CH    KW  
FH    BW

*Answers to Bats & Balls: Bath: balloon, ballpoint, acrobat, batch, mothball, battle, albatross, ballast, ballet & ballroom, pinball, ballad, Bates, ballot, baton, wombat, battlement, batter, Norah Batty, Batman, bathe, albatross, sabattical*

*Nancy Thorne*

## Evensong in the afternoon

About fifty years go, when I was living in the Chilterns, I used to sometimes go to an ancient little church in a small village where, during the winter time, Evensong was at three o'clock on a Sunday afternoon. On this particular afternoon the service was being taken by a Reader or as they were called in those days a Lay Reader. There was a very small congregation and I was sitting behind two elderly men. These two never stopped talking to one another through prayers, hymns, Bible readings, psalms, the lot! Anyway it was time for the sermon and I thought 'Surely they are not going to talk through all of that as well!' Anyway they stopped, much to my relief. Then one turned to the other and said, 'Could you hear what he was saying?'

'No' replied his friend. 'Not a word'.

*Ann Cartwright*





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