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Thought For The Month

“God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Naza-

reth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind us together and heal.”

The above prayer is what we prayed in church on Mothering Sunday. It is a very factual prayer which acknowledges that Jesus was an ordinary human being, brought up in an ordinary home by ordinary parents who shared their life with him, and he with them.

The prayer then goes on to state something which reflects our faith in Jesus that, ‘on the cross he drew the whole human family to himself.’ This is what Christians down the ages have always believed. These words come from John’s Gospel where he puts into the mouth of Jesus these words, “If I am lifted up, I will draw all people to me”.

It’s difficult for us to understand how those people in those far-off days understood themselves and their world. It was certainly light-years away from our present understanding of ourselves and our universe.

We are now approaching the Festival of Easter – that ancient feast of the Church when we first concentrate our attention upon the death of Jesus – that factual bit where he is tried by the Roman authorities and condemned to death by crucifixion. So much for the factual stuff! There is very little argument which can be levelled against this part of our Creedal Statement – “Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried” (One might question the ‘virgin Mary statement, but it is not that crucial for

our over-all faith in Jesus being something very special in our lives).

In a strange way, families are drawn together when tragedy and illness comes into their lives. There is an old saying that “God whispers to us in our enjoyment, speaks to us in our ordinary living and shouts to us in times of adversity.” When families are drawn together in difficult times supporting each other through pain, and often anguish, they invariably emerge much stronger and their bonds of love are strengthened and they understand each other better.

Life, like a good glass of beer, when the froth of ‘fun’ is supped, leaving the golden nectar, we find it to be both bitter and sweet. Easter is like this for those who follow the way of Jesus Christ and who have faith in him. There can be no joy of resurrection and new life before we experience the way of the cross – the way of pain and suffering.

“Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified, mercifully grant that we, walking the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace.”

Let us thank God for our life together, for the hard times as well as the joyful ones. For the way we are often called to follow the dark way of the cross before we emerge into the joyful light of the Easter Day. Let us pray especially for those who, at this time, find themselves in the “Dark night of the soul” and pray that they too, may pass from darkness to light and find love and wholeness in their lives and with their families this Easter.

David Lockyer.

Prayer

The Church families of St. Andrew's and Banwell Methodist Church will be praying for the people in your area on the following Sundays.



April

2nd Chestnut Close
9th Church Street
16th Coronation road
23rd Cooks Lane
30th Eastmead Lane

May

7th Emery Gate
14th Dark Lane

If you have any special prayers or concerns, whether for yourself, one of your family or for a neighbour (e.g. someone who is sick: getting married: seeking employment: going away to work or college: or in any kind of trouble or difficulty), please ring one of the following numbers either to have a chat, or leave a message, or make an appointment for one of us to visit you, or vice versa.

The Revd. Sam, 852314

The Revd. D. & Mrs. H. Lockyer 822320

Seniors Club

We begin our monthly letter on a sad note following the death of Mr Roy Quick who will be missed by our members for his ready smile and helpful ways.

We thank the Landlord and staff of the Whistling Duck for the luncheon they prepared for us. Their service was excellent and we were served by a smiling staff.

We are now preparing for Easter, we shall have our usual tea with hot cross buns and each member will be given an Easter Egg. There will also be a competition for the best decorated egg.

We are organising a trip to Weymouth in May. Also a trip to Street in April. Anyone who is interested please contact Dolly Green on tel: 823850

Mary Bird (Sec)

Popular fiction is like chocolate. You know it's not good for you, but you go on eating it.

(Joan Collins)

Banwell Playgroup for rising 3s-5yr. olds meets Monday to Friday during term-time 9.00am - 11.30am. For more information please contact the Playgroup on 823404 or Wendy Lloyd 820605.

Baby/Toddler Group meets every Friday morning 9.30am -1.45am. at the Scout Hut. Contact Jane Gomm 822972.

Banwell Fish Scheme: Chairman Mrs Dinah Harrison 822344. Lift Co-ordinator Mrs G Boddy 823621.

Village Hall Booking Secretary: Mr David Westlake 30 Knightcott Road, Banwell. Tel: 822433.

Youth & Community Centre Booking Secretary: Jo Duffy (parish clerk) 824210, email clerk@banwell.org

Methodist School Room Hire Bookings Tel: 822873 or 822066

Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

Banwell Bridge Club Contact: Roger Boland Tel: 820615 or Meg Tillotson Tel: 823252

Services In Our Churches

ST. ANDREW'S

	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist
	3.30 pm	Evensong
1st Sunday	7.15 pm	Young at Heart
9th	10.00 am	Palm Sunday
10th - 12th	7.30 pm	Compline & Address
13th	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Agape Ecumenical Service
14th	11.00 am	Good Friday Ante Communion
	2.00 pm	Last Hour at the Cross
16th	8.00 am	Easter Day Holy Communion
	10.00 am	“ “ Sung Eucharist

METHODIST

10.30 am	Morning Service & Sunday School
6.30 pm	Evening Service

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Sunday	9.00 am	Mass
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ALL WELCOME

Each day, learn something new and achieve something different. Really experience the day - it will never return.

(Evelyn Glennie)

No one is born hating another person. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate they can be taught to love.

(Nelson Mandela)

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From the Registers

March

Baptism.

19th Sebastian Weaver

Funerals:

6th John Raymond Harte

7th Colin George Lilley

24th Maurice Spencer

We need your vouchers - again!

Banwell School is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers which we can redeem for equipment for our new Sports Hall. These vouchers are available in Sainsbury's (one voucher every time you spend £10) until 30th May 2006. You can either bring your vouchers into the school or drop them into Banwell News or Vickery's (the butcher). Thank you once again for all your support.

Alison Robinson

Banwell Village Hall

Proposed Website

Banwell Village Hall would like to promulgate on the internet a tailor-made website for the Hall's many facilities and activities - so that these are available to a wider audience than is currently the case. We are looking for a local resident with the necessary time and expertise available to bring this task to fruition.

Any Banwell or local resident who feels able to help with this project should contact the Hall Secretary, Peter Rolfe, on 01934 823945, in the first instance.

A 'No' uttered from the deepest conviction is better than a 'Yes' merely uttered to please, or worse, to avoid trouble.

Mohandas Gandhi

Parish Council Topics

It is hoped to have a regular report from the Parish Council outlining the issues it is discussing. Which it is hoped will generate interest in these issues so that villagers can lend their voice to controversial decisions made by North Somerset - like the proposed closure of our public toilets.

Illegal parking in the village - police have agreed to increase ticketing of cars parked on double yellow lines.

Public toilets - Banwell PC fighting proposed closure of our toilets and looking to work with NSC to upgrade or re-site them.

Recreation Ground - PC amending plans according to NSC recommendations but still aiming for Summer opening of some new facilities.

Childrens Centre - PC agreed to work with NSC to create a Childrens Centre at the YCC building. May involve substantial improvements to the building funded by the Govt.

Parish Lighting - NSC will not now adopt the parish lights so Banwell PC will have to finance all maintenance and renewals in foreseeable future. PC to look into cost implications for the Parish.

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.

Groucho Marx

Banwell & Churchill Cricket Club

Cricket

We are looking for new players of all abilities to join us for the 2006 cricket season. We currently run 2 sides competing in the Somerset league and also run a 20 over midweek side which competes in the Weston midweek league.

At present the club is running indoor cricket nets at Weston-super-Mare Cricket Club on Sunday mornings from 11.30am until 1.30pm from now until easter .

If you would like further information on the above please contact

Jason Barnes 07752 197194

Mike Legg 01934 832320

Mike Adams 01934 744383

Gardening Tips For April



Tie in early growth of climbing plants to prevent it from becoming tangled or snapped by strong winds

and rain. In the greenhouse, plant up tubs and hanging baskets with plants for summer colour. Ventilate in warm weather and be vigilant for any signs of pest and disease - treat promptly. Mow the lawn at regular intervals, gradually lowering the blade height. In addition to the vegetables listed in March sow lettuce, sprouts and cabbages. Plant asparagus crowns and main-crop potatoes. Sow cucumbers and outdoor tomatoes in heated greenhouse. Hoe off annual weed seedlings and dig out or treat perennial weeds. Kill dandelions with a weedkiller.

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News From The Gardening Club

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A coach trip is being arranged to visit Stourhead on Monday 12th June leaving Banwell at 9.30am. If you are interested please ring Hilary on 822087

The next meeting is on Thursday 27th April when Emily Burtenshaw will be speaking on Herbal Medicine starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We shall be having our usual raffle (prizes appreciated) and refreshments. If you would like to enter the competition it will be for the best 'Corsage'. We look forward to welcoming you. Visitors £1.50. Further details from Eileen on 822433.

God is the source of life. And if God is the source of life, the only way I can worship God is by living fully. And I've got to dedicate myself as a follower of this God to building a world where everybody has an opportunity to live fully.

John Shelby Spong

CONTACTS

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Roman Catholic.	Rev. Fr. Peter Slocombe, The Presbytery, Tweentown, Cheddar	742564

1st Banwell Scout and Guide Group

Family Quiz Night

Apologies for the postponement of our Family Quiz. We will be trying again in May, watch out for posters to confirm date and time.

We are pleased to say that we are pressing ahead with the re-roofing of the Headquarters. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported our effort to raise the money to complete this work.

Banwell in Bloom

Plant and Book Sale

May 20th in the Village Hall at 10.00a.m. a sale of Plants, Books and delicious Home Made Cakes to raise money to buy plants and compost for the tubs in the village.

Refreshments- Tea Coffee Cakes and Bacon Rolls will be provided by the 1st Banwell Scout and Guide Group.

Please come and support this effort so that we can continue to improve the standard of our floral decorations.

If you have any donations of books, plants or cakes for the sale, please ring Hilary on 822087 or Kath on 822919.

Thanks

Ethel and family would like to express their most sincere thanks to all those who attended the funeral of Maurice Spencer, and to friends and neighbours for their support and kind cards. Also many thanks to the Rev Lockyer and J Irving Funeral Directors for their understanding and professionalism.

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£122 was raised at Banwell Fair for the St Margaret's Somerset Hospice. Thanks go to all who organised and supported this annual event.

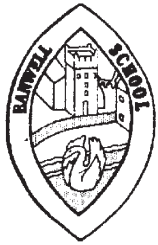
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Abigail – age 5



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Tom – age 5



"The snowflakes looked pretty. I ran around catching them to keep warm."

Millie – age 5

"I played outside in the snow. When the sun came out the snow melted."

James – age 5



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Curtis – age 4

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(Yehudi Menuhin)

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Spring Show Success

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put entries in!

Almost 170 exhibits were on show giving the judges some difficult choices to make. In one classification of Daffodils, alone there were 17 exhibitors!

There were some quality exhibits in the other flower categories proving that spring is here and that there are blooms to pick from in the gardens of Banwell. Eileen Westlake won 1st place and the Doris Hammond Trophy with her collection of Shrubs in Flower.

The craft section was well supported with some fine exhibits on show, including Easter cakes, woodwork and metalwork.

The Banwell Brownies had been busy decorating flowerpots, 15 children entered



pots and it was a very difficult decision judging who should be 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Hannah Lyman won 1st place and the Brenda Peakman Trophy, well done Hannah.

Thank you to all who supported the

day making the show a success.

Thank you to the judges, Mr & Mrs Tripp, Mrs C Wilson and Mrs N Jones for coming to the show and giving us your time.

Mrs Tripp kindly presented the trophies, the winners are as follows: -

The GEORGE ROBSON TROPHY

Laura Batt

The WILL HAMMOND TROPHY

Mr F Meredith

The DORIS HAMMOND TROPHY for best collection of shrubs in flower

Eileen Westlake

The CLUB TROPHY for most points in Floral Art Section

Cyril Marter

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The BRENDA PEAKMAN TROPHY for most points in Craft Section

Mrs Rhona Watkins

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Hannah Lyman

Mothers' Union

Our Annual General Meeting began with prayers read by Patricia. Apologies were made for members who are suffering the unpleasant virus prevalent in the village. The minutes of the previous AGM were read by Hilary. What a long time ago it all seemed. Then Nancy read the Treasurer's report which was again encouraging and allowed us to make donations of £194 to MU Charities and the Church of England Children's Society.

Patricia read the Branch Report for the year recounting our various activities. Our regular monthly meetings with many interesting speakers, our participation in Deanery Events, and the visit of our World wide President [we have 3.5 million members] to the Diocese and even to Banwell – that must be a first! Our summer outing this year was to St Andrew's Church Congresbury for a guided tour and explanation of the way the parish functions and the many interesting church activities. There was a question and answer session.

We closed the year with a very large luncheon party for Deanery members and their husbands at the Mooseheart International. Our speaker was our Diocesan President, Mary Dowrick. This was a very successful event and a further £126 was raised for the work of the MU Diocesan Office.

Two new members, Gloria and Louise were elected to the Committee. Nancy agreed to remain as Treasurer and Patricia remains as administrator. We have no branch leader

having run by Committee for the last three years following Patricia's set term of two triennials. In her closing remarks Patricia thanked Nancy for her meticulous work as treasurer and indeed everyone whose work for our Branch illustrated the excellent teamwork of the members, each with their different skills and talents, making a formidable group of redoubtable ladies working together for the good of the Mothers' Union.

As usual our ladies are active in Church duties, flowers, coffee, cleaning, lesson reading and prayer intercession, monthly visits to the Cheshire Homes, Hospital visiting, pastoral care and the Baby Clinic. Also stewardship duties at the Bishop's Palace, Wells and so on.

As a branch we are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings..ladies or gentlemen...in the hope they will appreciate the wonderful work we support as MU members. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th April at 2.30pm Village Hall. Speaker Mrs Pearl Hunt.

Our May meeting has been postponed until September.

Deanery Event: Quiet Morning at St Paul's W-s-M led by our Diocesan Chaplain The Rev. Sharon Crossman 9.30am Coffee then 10am start until 12noon.

Encouragement is a form of alchemy that turns unpromising metal into gold.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
24th	7.30 pm	“ “	*	Meth. Hall
Weekly	10.00 am	Keep Fit & Tap Dancing	*	V.H.
Weekly	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Cub Scouts	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	6.00 - 8.45 pm	Beginners & Advanced Yoga	*	V.H.

TUESDAY

25th	7.30 pm	Banwell Flower Arranging Group - Demonstration by Pam Collings	*	Meth. Hall
Weekly	4.30 - 5.30 pm	Beavers	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	10.00 am	Mendip Art Group (term time only)	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30 pm	Playgroup	*	P. H.
Weekly	5.45 - 7.15 pm	Brownies	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides	*	Scout Hall

WEDNESDAY

5th & 19th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
12th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union - Speaker: Mrs Pearl Hunt	*	V.H.
12th	7.15 pm	Royal British Legion	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	*	St.Andrews
Weekly	8.00 pm	Banwell Sequence Dance Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.30 pm	Bridge Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.30 - 3pm	Baby & Toddler Group	*	P.H.

THURSDAY

6th	12.30 - 1.30 pm	Lent Lunches	*	V.H.
13th & 27th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
6th & 20th	7.30 pm	“ “ “ “	*	V.H.
13th	7.00 pm	W.I. Members' Night	*	V.H.
27th	7.30 pm	Gardening Club - Speaker: Emily Burtenshaw "Herbal Medicine"	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Youth Club (term time only)	*	Y.C.C.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30pm	Playgroup	*	P.H.
Weekly	2.30 pm	Seniors' Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Rainbows	*	Scout Hall

FRIDAY

21st	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society – Speaker: Mr Roger Angerston "William Beckford of Bath"	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Scouts	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby & Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall

SUNDAY

Weekly	11.00 am	Judo Club	*	Y.C.C.
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Abbreviations: * Visitors Welcome; **V.H.** Village Hall; **M.H.** Methodist Hall; **P.H.** Playgroup Hall; **Y.C.C.** Youth and Community Centre.

The Cost Of Getting Married

The cost of marriage is soaring: the average price of a wedding has now reached a staggering £17,370. That is a five per cent national increase on last year's figure, and more than twice the rate of inflation.

The research, done for insurers Weddingplan, was done on a regional basis. It was based on the costs of wedding attire, the church, flowers, transport, reception, stationery, photography, video, rings and honeymoon.

One glaring omission in the survey was the cost of a stag 'do' or a hen party. These are increasingly weekend-long affairs and have been known to cause extensive damage to bank accounts, never mind people's livers!

The research has found that Northern Ireland and East Anglia were the two least expensive places to hold a wedding this year. London prices have gone up 13 per cent on last year, and a wedding there now will set you back an average of £22,906.

In 1999 the average cost of a wedding was £9,380. So the cost of a wedding has gone up by an astonishing 75 per cent to reach its current 2006 level of £17,370.

Regional costs:

London: £22,906

Scotland: £18,227

South-West: £17,971

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