

Dates for your diary

1st First Sunday of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

5th Thursday 10am Holy Communion and Lent Course at St. John's.

8th Second Sunday of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

4pm Evensong.

12th Thursday 10am Holy Communion and Lent Course at St. John's.

15th Third Sunday of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

19th Thursday 10am Holy Communion and Lent Course at St. John's.

22nd Fourth Sunday of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

26th Thursday 10am Holy Communion and Lent Course at St. John's.

29th Passion Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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It makes you think



There once was a little boy who had a bad temper and got annoyed with people. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper with someone, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence.

Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence...

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.



He said, 'You have done well, my son, but look at these holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a person and draw it out. It won't

matter how many times you say "I'm sorry", the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.'

I wonder how many holes we have in our fences?

Jesus said, 'Forgive, and you will be forgiven.'

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 place 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 with your trust and truth,
and to change the things that contradict God's love
by the power of the cross and the freedom of your Spirit. Amen.
John V Taylor

Words of wisdom?

St Maarten Lions Club (Bahamas)

Holidays Drive Safety Campaign to
Motorists:

at 20mph	Good Driving.
at 30mph	Happy Driving.
at 40mph	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds.
at 50mph	Lord, I'm coming home.
at 60mph	Rock of ages cleft for me.
at 70mph	Nearer my God to thee.
at 80mph	Within the Church Yard side by side.

(With thanks to Tony Sparham)



The seven ages of man/woman:

spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills, wills.



The best-selling books are cookbooks. The second best-selling books are dieting manuals, which teach you not to eat what you have just learned to cook.

What's Happening?

8th March 4pm Evensong
Please come and bring your friends.

Lent course 2020 at St John's

Thursdays at 10am

The Beatitudes - a Way of Living. Matthew 5: 3-10.

On the five Thursdays in Lent, starting on March 5th, in church during the regular Communion Service.



The Communion will start at **10am** and each session of both input and discussion will be about 30-40 minutes in the "sermon slot".

The first session is a general introduction, followed by a closer look at the eight beatitudes shared over the next four weeks.

Do come along and join us. *Alison*

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