



# Jubilate

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Poitou-Charentes



**Chaplain: Rev'd Adam Boulter**

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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Many people will have heard already, but it is now official that our Chaplain, the Reverend Adam Boulter, will be leaving us at the end of July to take up a new post as:

**Dean and Principal of the  
Anglican Theological College  
of TOLIARA, South Western Madagascar,  
in the Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean.**

*Jubilate* intends to keep you in touch with how he and the family get on in this new challenge.

**Please pray**

- for Adam who will be training candidates for the Priesthood and supporting the growth of the Church in that area.
- for Beth who will continue in her role of consultant in Development Economics.
- for Joseph, Hannah and Benjamin, as they all adjust to a different culture and way of life.
- for the Chaplaincy Council members as they seek guidance on the way ahead for us all

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PLEASE RESERVE: **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** when we will hold an official **"FAREWELL"** service for Adam, Beth, Joseph, Hannah and Benjamin.

This will be at **Villejésus** at 11.00.am

More detail in next month's *Jubilate*

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## **CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2019**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

10.30.am

Holy Communion in Courcelles (17400),  
St.Léger (79500)  
and Villejésus (16140)

*“Come and Worship”* in Civray (Mairie Annex) (86400) at 6.30.pm

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Communion

in Jarnac (16200) at 10.30.am

in Champagne Mouton (16350) at 11.00.am

Morning Worship in Jassay (79120) at 11.00.am

### **SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup>: A service of Wholeness and Healing**

This will be an opportunity to have quiet prayer and reflection related to our wholeness, and opportunities to seek God for spiritual, emotional, and physical healing.

2.30.pm Eglise Protestant (Hall) rue du Temple, 16240 Villefagnan

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10.30.am

Holy Communion in Barbezieux (16300)  
Courcelles (17400)  
and Magné (586160)

Morning Worship in Champagne Mouton (16350) at 10.30.am

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10.30.am Civray (86400) **All Age Worship**

11.00.am Pompaire (79200) Holy Communion

10.30.am Jarnac (16200) Holy Communion

10.30.am La Rochefoucauld (16110) Morning Worship

6.30.pm Civray (Tower Chapel) Evening Prayer (BCP 1662)

**Directions on our website:** [www.church-in-france.com](http://www.church-in-france.com)

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK



I have a confession to make as I write this, which is that this column is completely mis-titled, as I do not work at a desk. Rather I like to stand and work. I have a large pile of old packing cases which at one time or another have shipped paintings around the world, and my computer is perched on top of these. Not so much a desk as a Chaplain's pile of shipping cases.

This seems particularly symbolic at the moment, as we contemplate moving ourselves across the world, and taking up a post running the new Anglican theological college in a corner of the Island of Madagascar. Once again life is going to be lived out of packing cases and suitcases.

A bit of me dreads the upheaval and a bit of me relishes it. I dread it because it reminds me of the fragility of life, the reality that things can go badly wrong, wherever we live and however safe we feel we are; that we always need to be leaning on God and trusting that he will work in our souls, whatever happens in our lives. I relish it because it reminds me of the possibilities of life, that God can do extraordinary things with us if only we let him.

Learning to face these fears and savour the extraordinary things God does is vital, but ultimately that is not why we are called. We are called to move on, simply because God has called us on. As Christians we are to faithfully follow where Jesus calls us, to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit and move with it, to notice where God the Father is at work and offer our help. The Christian life is not one of success nor of self-development, but of faithful obedience to God's will. So my packing case desk has become a kind of symbol for me: that God is once again unsettling us, and calling us all to follow where ever he calls us.

Many blessings

Adam

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Keeping it in the family, here is BETH BOULTER'S

**HYMN CHOICE**

This month the hymn is “**Who would true valour see**” by John Bunyan. The words are spoken by Mr Valiant-for-truth to Mr Greatheart, in “A Pilgrim’s Progress”, written in 1684. The tune to which it is usually sung is an arrangement by Ralph Vaughan Williams of a folk tune, first collected by a Mrs Verrall who lived in the hamlet of *Monk’s Gate* near Horsham in Sussex.

Here’s what Beth has to say about the hymn:

Having pondered long and hard I’ll go with the hymn I first thought of, the first hymn I was really aware of: ‘To be a pilgrim’ by John Bunyan.

Its imagery of goblins and foul fiends trying to daunt my spirit captured my 5 year old imagination when I heard it at the first funeral I ever attended. Not letting lions or dismal stories put me off, fighting with giants if need be, doing whatever it takes to show true valour and be a pilgrim, made the Christian calling seem adventurous and exciting. And then finally the sense of freedom when fancies fly away, and not needing to care what men say, a rather appropriate message for the end of life, but also for the beginning of life too, a message I have found a comfort in, but also a message that challenges me to live up to the calling in my daily life.

Who would true valour see  
Let him come hither;  
One here will constant be,  
Come wind, come weather;  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a pilgrim

Whoso beset him round  
With dismal stories  
Do but themselves confound:  
His strength the more is;  
No lion can him fright;  
He'll with a giant fight;  
But he will have a right  
To be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend  
Can daunt his spirit;  
He knows he at the end  
Shall life inherit.  
Then fancies fly away;  
He'll fear not what men say  
He'll labour night and day  
To be a pilgrim.

Next month, Ticia Goode will give us her thoughts on  
*"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"*



So what's happening in the month of May?

**Chaplaincy Randonnée Club**

**Friday 10 May - ST LAURENT DE CERIS (16450)**

Richard & Barbara invite us to meet in St Laurent de Ceris at the car park opposite the children's playground east of the town towards Chantrezac (D15).

From there we will walk around the woods and lanes outside the village. St Laurent de Ceris is just off the D28, Champagne Mouton to St Claud, 3 km outside Grand-Madieu.

ALL WALKS MEET at 2:00pm for a 2:15 START

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**SOMETHING NEW**

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**PRAYER MEETING**

- MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May
- 2.30.pm
- 1 rue de l'Ancienne Ecole, 79120 JASSAY

*"Prayer is the Christian's Vital Breath"*

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## AN AFTERNOON OF CROQUET



On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, from about 2.00.pm you can come and play croquet in the garden of Jane Carlisle: 54 Rue Charles, MANSLE, 16230

There'll be a bit of competition, but nothing too serious. Experienced players are welcome to come along and be shown up by beginners.

There will, of course, be plenty of time for refreshments, strolling beside the nearby river, and generally relaxing.

Despite not being in England, we *have* made provision for alternative indoor activities in the unlikely event of rain. Car parking is in Square Jean Bouillon, or in Rue Charles

The entrance fee is 10 euros;

All profits will benefit the Chaplaincy.

If you want to know more or book your place on the Lawn, contact Jane Carlisle: [jane@naff62.plus.com](mailto:jane@naff62.plus.com)

## QUIZ & CREAM TEA

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
in Ann White's Garden in JASSAY



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QUIZ and CREAM TEA at 2.30.pm  
Teams of 4 (ready-made or formed on the day)

Please e-mail or telephone Ann  
to book your place  
05 49 50 48 56

[annwhite79120@gmail.com](mailto:annwhite79120@gmail.com)

**Entry fee : 12 euros** (all profits to Chaplaincy funds)

1 RUE DE L'ANCIENNE ECOLE, JASSAY, 71920 (*Chenay*)

## **Together in Prayer      May 2019.**

Let us pray for the Church and the World, thanking God for his goodness.

**1<sup>st</sup>:** We give thanks and praise for this day of 'la fete du travail'. We pray that families throughout France are able to spend time together, to enjoy each other's company, to share in the joy and happiness of time away from work, to have time to experience the wonders of this beautiful countryside around us. We remember also, those who may be working today, who may not be able to experience these things, or to have a relaxing and restful time.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** We pray today, Lord Jesus, to make us more receptive to and experience more fully your presence, your power, your hope in our lives. We thank you for your guidance and unending love, care and support on our faith journey.

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Father God, we ask for forgiveness for our sins; make us ready and willing to forgive others, always.

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Father God, you are our only Saviour, our Prince of peace; help us today to understand more deeply the truth of your holy word, to live in peace and harmony. May we through our words and actions mirror your image and shine as beacons for your kingdom.

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Lord, we pray for ourselves: for good health and spirit, for wisdom and understanding in all we do and of those we encounter; we ask for a discerning heart, always seeking your word and your will.

**6<sup>th</sup>:** Today we pray for those who live on the margins of our society, who are vulnerable; for those who are in trouble and need. May they feel your presence and sense your love and compassion for them.

**7<sup>th</sup>:** Let us remember today and always: God is in everything, in every place, all of the time.

**8<sup>th</sup>:** We remember especially today all those who serve in the armed forces in the past and at present, all who lost their lives in war and conflict, to make our generation safer and more secure, God bless them and thank them all for their courage and their bravery.

**9<sup>th</sup>:** Father God, we give you our thanks and praise, that we have the freedom to share prayer and intercession with you; our church family, our friends and our neighbours, without fear of persecution, imprisonment, torture or death.

**10<sup>th</sup>:** We bring before you today, Father, our Chaplaincy and our fellow worldwide church family.

**11<sup>th</sup>:** Faithful Father, we pray for those who lead and minister to your people in churches and Christian communities throughout the world. May we all discern and understand the blessings you bestow upon us. Inspire us, Father, to gather and feed your sheep in order that we may further your Kingdom here on earth.

**12-18th May is Christian Aid Week; the following prayers have been provided by their courtesy and will be used in many places of worship.**

***Prayer of approach***

*Sheltering Creator, in this time of praise, lead by still waters those who are tired after a busy week.*

*Shepherding Son, restore the souls of those worried by and for the world.*

*Sustaining Spirit, comfort all who are walking through the darkest valley.*

*Creator, Son, Spirit, may your goodness and mercy be upon us as we dwell with you.*

*God our Mother and Father, we praise you for the blessings you shower upon us. Bless the lives of our sisters and brothers and their precious children. In life's saddest moments, may we feel your love most. O Jesus, continue to dwell in our hearts, Lord may your love keep us strong. Amen.*

**Rachel Addis.**

*Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."*

**John 10: 27-28**

***Prayer from Sierra Leone.***

*The Lord said: 'I wish above all things that you may prosper and be of good health. '*

*Father, the promise you have given us, we have pregnant women, You said you wish above all things that we may prosper, be of good health and they shall should come and bring forth healthy babies, we ask You to move into our hospitals, move into our clinics.*

*Lord, give wisdom to all doctors, midwives, nurses who care for our pregnant and the babies they bring forth, Lord, with knowledge and understanding, so may they be able to take care of them, so that mothers who are bringing forth children may be happy and the fathers may be happy and the family and the whole community will be happy.*

*Father, we ask you to send forth your blessings in every home.*

*Wherever we follow him. May we all be midwives of hope.*

*Bringing fullness of life. To our communities.*

*And standing together. For equality, For dignity, For justice in the world.*

*Giving thanks to supporters and churches that give generously and volunteer time to bring new life and hope to some of the world's poorest people.*

## **Blessing**

*And as you go, may you know that you are held secure in the palm of the shepherd's hand, through all the days of the Christian Aid appeal and your whole life through. In the name of the Creator, Son and Spirit. AMEN.*

**19<sup>th</sup>:** We give thanks, Father, for all who are called to give care to your vulnerable people. We thank you for their practical abilities, for their knowledge and skills, in hospitals, health centres, care homes and in our communities.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** We thank you, Lord, for the beautiful countryside we live in. How blessed we are, to be surrounded by all you have provided for our pleasure and enjoyment. All good things come from you: help us to be effective guardians of your world's precious resources.

**21<sup>st</sup>:** *Do not worry about anything but in all our prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart.*      **Philippians 4:6**

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** We bring before our Healing Lord, all who are ill, in body, mind and spirit. You know them all, Lord. You know what ails and troubles them, upholding them in your loving and healing arms.

We remember today, those whom we know and those who have asked for our intercession.

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** We thank you, Father, for the beauty of all you have made; there is so much for our enjoyment. You have made us the guardians of your precious world. Forgive us that we so often forget that resources are not infinite: make us willing and eager to share the many good things you have provided for us.

**24<sup>th</sup>:** We bring before you, Lord, all Christian people throughout the world who are persecuted because of their faith and belief in you as our Lord and Saviour. Guard over and keep them safe, to continue in their proclamation of you, as our Sovereign Lord our redeemer and friend.

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Lord Jesus, help us to experience the fullness of your love, your constant presence in our lives, your power, your glory. How blessed we are to know you. Help us to share this wonderful news with those we meet today.

**26<sup>th</sup>:** We give thanks this day for our families, our friends and our neighbours. Guide us Lord, to be patient with them. May we be more aware, to watch and listen, to what is happening around us. May we be moved to acts of caring, kindness and generosity.

**27<sup>th</sup>:** Lord, we bring before you those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We pray especially for those who struggle with addictions of any kind; that all the pressures life brings for them will be eased. We pray that they would turn to you in their times of need and their desperation. to find your peace and love.

**28<sup>th</sup>:** Father God, may we hold you first and foremost in our lives. May we give you the first greeting every morning, the first thanks at every meal, the first response to every pleasure, the first consideration in our weekly plans.

**29<sup>th</sup>:** In this complex and constantly changing world, may we, Lord, look to you always, in every place where we are, in every situation presented to us, in every decision we make.

**30<sup>th</sup>: Ascension Day.** *Almighty God, your Son ascended to the throne of power in heaven, that He might be Lord over all things for his people: We pray that the worship and service of our church may be inspired by His presence and that He will remain with us always, to the end of the age. Amen.*

***From a lectionary collect, in The Lion Prayer Collection.***

**31<sup>st</sup>:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those, who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen

### What can I Do To Help ?

The Chaplaincy is always in need of extra cash. One way to help is by setting up a small fundraising event in your home or garden – nothing complicated or stressful.

Invite friends and neighbours round for drinks or a meal, have a 'vide grenier', sell cakes or produce. Try a film or book-reading or musical evening or even a quiz.

If each worship centre did 2 events a year and each event raised 250 euros that would be an extra 6,000 euros.

If you need help or advice on how to go about things contact :

John Britten (0549 87 52 75) or David Hawken (0549 07 53 20)



# Creative Contemplation Workshop

Workshop Leader – Adam Boulter  
11-13 June 2019  
Les Jardins des Arts, 7 Rue des Anciennes  
Ecoles, Hanc, 79110 Valde-laume:  
€75 for day attendees.



The essence of contemplation is a formless experience; contemplative prayer takes us out of our chattering minds and into an imageless place where our joys and sorrows, our longing and fulfilments recede in the light of the Divine. This workshop will combine a variety of meditation methods with a range of creative art techniques, both working together to show a path to that place of inner silence.

NB: You do not have to be an artist to come along. If you have never drawn a picture in your life, or if you are an accomplished painter, you are equally welcome.

Adam's work, with its focuses on landscape and religious themes, is concerned with the sacred in places as diverse as the inner-city and deserts, and in ancient stories and sacred texts. His work has been an interplay between his dual callings of being a painter and a priest.

Bob and Sue Whorton have moved to Hanc in order to bring together their vocations as Methodist Minister and classical singer and to offer reflective space to those who wish to join them.

Those coming to this workshop from the UK will have accommodation provided, but some spaces are also available for those who wish to come during the day. Join us on Tuesday 11 June, Wednesday 12 June and Thursday 13 June. The cost for day attendees, including food - lunch and evening meals - will be €75 (a bursary may be available – just ask us). Swimming pool will be in use. Wear clothes which won't mind having charcoal deposited on them.

Please contact Bob on [bobwhorton@icloud.com](mailto:bobwhorton@icloud.com) if you would like to reserve a place. It is possible that there will be one or two residential places left – please ask for details.

(NB We will be leading a labyrinth workshop 28-30 September 2019 at Les Jardins des Arts – ask us for details if you are interested)

Bob and Sue Whorton, Les Jardins des Arts

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**YOU** can get involved with *Jubilate*.

- Send in your favourite HYMN, saying why you like it, where you first heard it, what it means to you.
- Submit a poem.
- Write a letter (*Blessed [not disgusted] Tunbridge Wells*)
- Give us news of former Chaplaincy members

Email: **david.hawken@orange.fr**



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK    MAY 2019

A MONTH TO SUPPORT A SPECIAL CHRISTIAN  
AID APPEAL.

### CAN YOU HELP?

This year's Christian Aid Appeal is focusing on **safer childbirth** in Sierra Leone, for several reasons. Firstly the lack of midwives and trained healthcare professionals. The Ebola crisis 2014-2016 killed 10% of its healthcare professionals and the burden of debt left from the loans they received to respond to the crisis. These debt repayments have left Sierra Leone with less money to provide the healthcare so desperately needed to ensure mum's and babies survive childbirth. The country lacks funds for proper health clinics, making it one of the most dangerous places in the world to become a mum.

This year, with our support, Christian Aid will work alongside communities there, to build health centres; that have scant resources, often no trained health professionals to monitor pregnancies and sometimes no electricity, making giving birth even more dangerous. £300 could provide a delivery bed and mattress for a new health centre, ensuring mum's can deliver their babies safely and live long and happy lives.

On the CA website there are heart breaking stories of young women struggling to eat and drink, to ensure their babies grow and are born alive and healthy. They often live in fear, that they will not survive their pregnancies. One young woman called Jebbah told CA she prayed to God *"that when the day comes, to help me deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I will be healthy"*

*“WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR; BRING HEAVEN TO EARTH.”* Of the many biblical references we can draw on and in particular reflecting on Johns visions in the book of Revelation, Revd Christiana Sutton-Koroma, a minister in Sierra Leone who partners with CA, spreads Gods word and healthcare messages, she shares and teaches on these passages to inspire and encourage.

*In the throne room in Revelation 7 and in seeing the new heaven and new earth Revelation 21, drawing our attention to God wiping every tear from the eyes of those who have suffered. They will hunger no more and thirst no more.*

During this Christian Aid Month we have an opportunity to participate in bringing these visions of heaven to earth with every red envelope we give out and give back, with as much or as little as we can spare. Holding these vulnerable women and families in our daily prayer. Standing together, we could tackle the root causes of poverty and challenge the systems that keep people poor.

If you are able to support this campaign with a donation of money, there will be the Christian Aid (famous) “**red envelopes**” available at home group meetings or chaplaincy worship services. These can be given back to chaplaincy wardens or home group leaders, to be forwarded unopened to CATCH and then on to Christian Aid in London.

Our faith demands that we do all we can to challenge injustice, unfairness and inequality. During Christian Aid Week thousands of churches will have services and collections to assist in this; I hope and pray that we will be able to join them, to support in any small way we can, those who live in worldwide fear and poverty.

If you would like more information regarding this year’s Christian Aid appeal or to support in other ways throughout the year, for example having a small collection box or organising a fund raising event for Christian Aid’s ongoing work, please do contact me [janicematthews55@gmail.com](mailto:janicematthews55@gmail.com) Telephone 05 45 31 71 28.

## **BOOK OF THE MONTH** reviewed by Rev'd Paul Knight

### **"A Field Guide to the English Clergy"** Fergus Butler-Gallie

ISBN 978-1-78607-441-6 Available on line in hardcover for £7.50

I am sure my readers have a good bird spotting book on their shelves along with a volume to help them to identify trees. Doubtless there are other tomes to help with the naming of flowers, insects, butterflies, reptiles and mushrooms. However, no library is now complete unless it has '*A Field Guide to the English Clergy*' amongst its books.

This is a light hearted romp through some of the most outrageous vicars that the Church of England has had the temerity to ordain. With good humour Fergus Butler-Gallie parades all their foibles, weaknesses and eccentricities before us and although we might never have wanted to worship in one of their churches there is something warming about an organisation which can tolerate a degree of oddness and lack of convention in their leaders.

In order to avoid too many onerous and costly libel suits Fergus has chosen to include only those who are dead. So take comfort, ladies, that of all the recently ordained female priests and bishops not one appears between his covers. However, the priest who would rather have been a pirate or the one who for some time thought he might be better suited to be a mermaid can be found with the rather heroic Chaplain who found a way to get Jewish people out of Austria in the 1940s.

To further whet your appetite for this book my readers should know that I have worked with two of the priests featured in Butler-Gallie's pages. You'll have to guess who they are.

Paul

**NEXT MONTH: "*Unapologetic*" by Francis Spufford**

# Sandy's Alphabet

## A Dictionary of Church words and terms

### **B is for Basilica.**

When the early Christians came out of the era of persecution, they stated to create buildings where their congregations could assemble for worship. They had no template for such buildings and they were anxious to have buildings large enough to have everyone under one roof, where the congregation could participate in the services, where everyone could see what was going on and where everyone could hear the spoken word. They chose, as a model, the style of the Roman Law Courts: rectangular buildings, with aisles and an apse on one of the short ends directly opposite the entrance. This Roman style was known as a Basilica, a name which means *royal house*. Early Christian buildings adopted the same name: there are four such ancient buildings in Rome. Soon the church which housed the bishop's chair, or cathedra, became known as the Cathedral and the name Basilica was reserved for large church buildings of particular merit.

The reason for writing this is that, in Royan, we have a particularly large church building. The Catholic Diocese in this area was once two; the Diocese of Saintes and the Diocese of La Rochelle. Now it is united as the Diocese of Saintes/La Rochelle, but this means it has two Cathedrals. Another one was not needed, but the church in Royan is an important memorial to those who died in the Second World War and so it was called a Basilica. You may love it or hate it, but, in Royan, you cannot ignore it. The building is quite grand and is very impressive, particularly on the inside with the sun streaming through the amazing stained glass.

The Basilica at Royan was built when the town was redeveloped after the Second World War and suffers, as do many buildings of the period, from "concrete cancer". Much restoration work has been done and, hopefully it will soon be seen without scaffolding and the noise of building work.

Anglicans in Poitou-Charentes have no buildings so we are very grateful to our Catholic and Reformed fellow Christians for their hospitality.

**A Prayer for Unity**....*Father, you keep together those you have united. Look, kindly, on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our common baptism, make us one in the fullness of faith.*

April has been an odd month to begin with it was a yellow month - Cowslips, Celandine (lesser) [there is a larger one, apparently] and Dandelion by the thousand. Followed by yellow fields!

### **Things to Do in MAY**

**Fruit:** ensure that the soil around new fruit trees has not been allowed to dry out; keep grass away from the new trees for at least three years. Push straw under ripening strawberries.

**Trees and Shrubs:** hedges are beginning to sprout so keep trimmed to prevent them becoming unruly.

**Vegetables:** regularly harvest rhubarb and remove any flower spikes. According to Monty Don, rhubarb should be dug up and divided every ten years, but as he states his has not been divided for many years - a clear case of do as I do not as I say!

Ensure that your potatoes are earthed up against late frosts.

Cultivation of **Sweet Corn**: Corn can be sown this month. It is suggested that you sow the corn every two weeks starting this month so that you get a succession of cobs. Sweet corn is wind pollinated; therefore planting in blocks rather than rows will aid the pollination process. Harvesting can start when the tassels start to dry and turn brown and a milky liquid comes from the kernels when punctured.

**Flowers:** Weeds will be appearing thick and fast so stay on top by weeding thoroughly before they have had a chance to seed and spread. Mulching beds will prevent weeds from taking over, the mulch also conserves moisture.

**Lawns:** you have been mowing at a high setting - you can now lower the blades to normal setting. To keep the lawn, or in my case mixed grasses, in top condition, aim to cut once a week. If you have any unsightly patches seeding or re-turfing is a solution.

**Pots:** hanging baskets can now be planted up in readiness for the summer show. Don't put out too early in case of a late frost. An idea I read is to plant teabags in your hanging baskets, containers and window boxes, this is not for the crop! The teabags can help to conserve moisture in the soil so making watering easier.

**Ponds:** this is a good month to start a new pond. If you have a problem with algae, think about adding more oxygenating plants or use barley straw.

**Herbs** I was reading some old gardening books and came across this idea that you might like to try. You all know that bees like thyme but apparently mosquitoes are not a fan so make an infusion by steeping a few sprigs of thyme in hot water. When it is cool, pour into a small mister and spray around window and door frames as a deterrent.

**Pests:** look out for the usual problems and deal with them as you wish. There was a comment on the radio last week that it was cruel to destroy snails and slugs!!



**Storage needed!**

The Chaplaincy needs to find a new location to store some equipment, including 50 stackable chairs, some trestle tables, and a few other small items. Do you have space in a barn or out-building that you would be happy to lend for this purpose? We will find some willing volunteers to assist with the removals once a suitable venue has been found. Thank you for your help.

Please contact Charlie Wilcock with your offer of help.

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- **To love our neighbours as ourselves**
- **To go and make disciples**