

Dear all,

My apologies for the lack of letter last week. Life got thrown out of kilter, not least struggling to get all sorts of things sorted, and the copier running out of toner. Just when we were all ready to get the June magazine out before the start of the month.

It is now all printed, and ready to go – a Jubilee special.

And on the Jubilee Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, it was wonderful to catch up with Nancy Titman in church. Nancy was celebrating her birthday – 104-years young! She told me that she was the last baby to be baptised by the vicar who was here from 1898-1918!

Sunday is going to be a mixed bag regarding services. Our only Communion service of the day will be at 9.00am. The 10.15 service, instead of the usual All-Age service, will be a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The evening service, instead of the normal Choral Evensong, will be a quieter, more reflective, Taizé-style service featuring short chant-like pieces, easy to pick up, candles, and periods of silence. An antidote for the hectic few days of Jubilee.

The lectionary readings for Sunday morning are: Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; and John 14:8-27. The Psalm is Psalm 104:26-36,37b.

The hymns for the service are [All My Hope on God is Founded \(Tune: Michael - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#); [ST ANNE-O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST - YouTube](#); [Make Me a Channel of Your Peace \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#); [Jerusalem \(And Did Those Feet\) \(Tune: Jerusalem - 2vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#); [The National Anthem - God Save the Queen - YouTube](#)

(I must say, stirring though it is, can anybody explain to me the meaning of the words 'Send her victorious, happy and glorious'? Surely the words are adjectives. You can't send adjectives! It has always puzzled me.)

In a flash of inspiration, I asked my librettist friend, Alice Goodman, if she had any idea. Alice replied:

*It does sound strange. The OED gives examples of this peculiar use of 'send' meaning 'God grant that s/he may be safe, victorious, etc.'*

*It was also used as a Jacobite anthem, apparently with the suggestion that 'send him...' meant that he wasn't present.*

*Not entirely satisfactory, is it? There were a number of attempts to rewrite it in the 19th c. including by the Dean of Rochester who suggested something less warlike for the second verse and was shouted down in the papers.*

We will be having 'knaveish tricks' in the concert this evening!

Anglican Chant (from our own cathedral) [Psalm 104 - Praise the Lord, o My Soul - Lincoln - Anglican Cathedral - YouTube](#)

The amazing version from the funeral of Prince Philip [Psalm 104 - Prince Philip Funeral Service - YouTube](#)

And in ancient Hebrew [Psalms 104 sung in ancient Hebrew | ברכי נפשי את ה' - תהלים קד - YouTube](#)

Project Africa [Ps 104 Psalm Project Africa - YouTube](#)

Anthems suggested for Pentecost include:

[Attwood: Come, Holy Ghost - YouTube](#)

[Listen Sweet Dove - Grayston Ives - YouTube](#)

[Thomas Tallis \(1505-1585\) - "O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit" - ensemble polyharmonique - YouTube](#)

[The Spirit of the Lord is upon me - YouTube](#)

And for something very different, The Flight of the Wild Goose by Celtic prog rock group Iona. The Wild Goose is a Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit (arguably a better symbol than the dove, due to its wide-ranging and mysterious flight patterns). [Iona - Flight of the Wild Goose - YouTube](#)

I have included only 2 items for the Platinum Jubilee – come along to the concert this evening to hear more!

This is a very different take on the National Anthem, by Benjamin Britten [The National Anthem of the United Kingdom, Last Night of the Proms 2010 - YouTube](#)

Handel's magnificent Coronation Anthems, composed for the coronation of George II. The first of these continues to be used. [Handel Coronation Anthems Harry Christophers The Sixteen - YouTube](#)

The *Churches Count on Nature* week starts on Sunday. Kate Drewett says there will be resources available in the porch to aid individuals who would like to record wildlife, fauna and flora in the churchyard, which she will then collate and off to Caring for God's Acre for verification. Friday Knights will be doing activities around this on 10th June. For more information, follow this link [Webinars on land and nature, for Churches Count on Nature | The Church of England](#)

As mentioned earlier, we unfortunately missed the beginning of June for magazine distribution, due to photocopier issues. I would like to get the magazines produced and out on time each month. In order to get the magazines ready by the last Sunday of each month, the deadline for articles needs to be 2 Sundays prior to this. This would usually be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Items for the July issue need to be with the editor ([priorynews@dsj.org.uk](mailto:priorynews@dsj.org.uk)) by Sunday a12<sup>th</sup> June, please.



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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