

St David's Messenger

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What is the truth?

Over the past few weeks the media has been full of the fact that some famous people have taken out injunctions supposedly to protect their private lives. Perhaps they are the same people who fill the pages of many magazines to promote themselves.

We do seem to live in a society in which everyone wants their fifteen minutes of fame, as shown by the number of so called reality programmes on our television. Perhaps like me you think 'Why do they bother?' or perhaps its a pity they haven't got someone close who would tell them their honest opinion. Today many of our so called celebrities are famous for just being famous.

When we look back through history the names we remember are the people who made a difference to our world. Some admittedly not for the better but many through scientific discoveries which have and are still improving the quality of our lives. Others through poetry and literature have enriched our lives in other ways.

I might be cynical about the stories of today's famous people but I actually enjoy reading autobiographies.

Many people start life in humble beginnings but through using the



opportunities given to them have fulfilled something in their lives to be proud about. We often dismiss ourselves as being ordinary people but it is interesting how many people have done things the rest of us would never have been able to achieve. Some have shown courage during the war or since whilst serving in the armed forces. Others have made a difference to the community in which they live.

When visiting, it is a privilege to hear your stories through which is reflected your love for family and friends.

When we hear Gods story we know 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3¹⁶.

May you know God's love in your lives .

God bless
Sheila

Services at St David's June 2011

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30am

5th June - Parish Eucharist

12th June - No Service

19th June - Family & Parade
Service

26th June - Parish Eucharist

11.30am

19th June - Holy Communion

Wednesdays

7.30 pm Holy Communion

(Services dates and times are varied in June as Sally Anne our NSM will be ordained priest in the Cathedral on 12th June @ 10.30 am.)

What's On In The Gladstone Hall

Parish Office

Tuesdays 6.00pm-7.00pm A member of clergy will be available to discuss/ arrange baptisms and weddings and any other enquiries.

Age Concern Lunch Club

Mondays at 12 noon. Phone 228 6881 to enquire. Everyone over 60 welcome!

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Monday 4.00 p.m. For age 5+ For further details please phone Tracy 482 0443

Gladstone Babe & Toddlers

Meets on Tuesdays in term-time from 1.30- 3.00 p.m.

Keep Fit

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Come along for an hour of gentle exercise to music.

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KIDS CORNER

Hi! Welcome to your corner! Are you feeling poorly? - Then we all hope and pray you will get well soon. Are you a new reader? - Welcome to Kids' Corner! If it is your birthday this month—A Happy Birthday to you, with lots of cards and a cake!
(Little Jim—"Hello Brian! It's June, it's Summer, and it's Fathers Day this month. I'm going to get my dad a present of a book he really wants.")

Hello! Funny you should mention a book. Books are not just records of stories that someone imagined and put down on paper or in electronic books. Books can hold information of the past, present and even the future (future dates and happenings). They help us not to forget events from the past.

Twenty centuries have come and gone since the life of Jesus Christ and today he is the central figure of the human race. No Kings, Queens or Emperors have affected our lives like Him. How do we still remember Him? Because, over those centuries past, people have written about His Life, teachings and His example to us, and passed these writings on to generation after generation. We now have these writings in one book—The Bible. It is our record of Jesus in its New Testament.

There are other records or recordings. Some were invented long ago. In 1877 the first recording of a human voice was made by grooves in a metal tube and it was played by putting the point of a metal needle in the grooves of the tube and turning it around. This was the work of Thomas Edison. In 1887 Emile Berliner invented the gramophone which played recordings on flat metal discs. In 1948 we got long playing records that played for 30 minutes. In 1965 tape cassettes were used to record on and you had portable players you could carry about with you. In 1983 we changed to C.Ds and in the mid 1990's we had MP3 recorders. We could now record everything and keep it forever.
(Little Jim—"The other day I telephoned my grandma and grandad and I heard a recording on their answering machine. It went like this: Good morning. At present we are not at home but leave a message after the beep. BEEEEP. If you are one of our children, press 1. If you need us to stay

with the children, press 2. If you want to borrow the car, press 3. If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight press 4. If you want us to pick up the kids from school, press 5. If you want to come and eat here, press 6. If you need money, press 7.

If you are going to take us out to dinner or the theatre start talking. We are listening!!!
Ha! Ha! Ha! Your grandparents are funny!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, Help us to understand what we are taught at school and at the organisations we attend. Help us to understand what we learn at church or Sunday School. Help us to remember, to record, and pass it on to others. Amen.

PUZZLE

Answer to Last Month's puzzle = GRANDMA.

How many words of 3 or more letters can you make from the word—**RECORD.**

9= very good; 12= excellent (clue—the extra 3 words mean—to do wrong, poem, fish eggs—all 3 letters); and 14= fantastic (clue—the extra 2 words, both 5 letters are made up of the same 5 letters).

(Little Jim—"Thanks, Brian, for letting me join in, bye everyone")

That's all for this month!

See you all soon! Take care! Brian.

MAN'S LIFE LIKE DONKEY AND MONKEY

God created the donkey and said to him.

"You will be a donkey. You will work un-tiringly from sunrise to sunset carrying burdens on your back. You will eat grass, you will have no intelligence and you will live 50 years."

The donkey answered:

"I will be a donkey, but to live 50 years is much. Give me only 20 years"

God granted his wish.

God created the dog and said to him:

"You will guard the house of man.

You will be his best Friend.

You will eat the scraps that he gives

you and you will live 30 years.

You will be a dog.

The dog answered:

"Sir, to live 30 years is too much, give me only 15 years." God granted his wish.

God created the monkey and said to him:

"You will be a monkey. You will swing from branch to branch doing tricks. You will be amusing and you will live 20 years.

The monkey answered:

"To live 20 years is too much, give me only 10 years." God granted his wish.

Finally God created man...

and said to him:

"You will be man, the only rational creature on the face of the earth.

You will use your intelligence to become master over all the animals.

You will dominate the world and you will live 20 years." Man responded:

"Sir, I will be a man but to live only 20 years is very little, give me the 30 years that the donkey refused, the 15 years that the dog did not want and the 10 years the monkey refused."

God granted man's wish

And since then, man lives 20 years as a man, marries and spends 30 years like a donkey, working and carrying all the burdens on his back.

Then when his children are grown, he lives 15 years like a dog taking care of the house and eating whatever is given to him.

So that when he is old, he can retire and live 10 years like a monkey, going from house to house and from one son or daughter to another doing tricks to amuse his grandchildren.

That's Life.

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