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Father David's impressions of England and Wales

First, I want to again thank all of you for allowing me to take two weeks of Continuing Education and spend it in England and Wales. After a rocky start with air transportation, everything came together and I had a truly wonderful time. I learned lots, met many wonderful people, and have a new, deeper appreciation for the love and dedication of early Christians who spread the Good News.

It is not possible to do justice to what we saw and experienced without making this article take the form of a small novel. I have decided to just record a simple account of each place we visited during our England / Wales pilgrimage. For my birthday, I was given a wonderful leather journal to record my trip in. This article comes from those pages.

1 July 2001, Sunday. Dave Byers and I left Lansing for Detroit, where we had tickets on American Airlines for Manchester, England. Our flight was two and a half hours late leaving Detroit for Chicago. Needless to say, we missed our connecting flight to Manchester and there were no openings until Monday evening with arrival in Manchester on Tuesday morning. After almost two hours of trying to fly through ANY city in Europe, including via Texas and California, we were able to get on a flight to London's Heathrow leaving Chicago on Monday morning.

2 July 2001, Monday. Left Chicago at 9:00 a.m. and arrived in London at 10:30 p.m. Dave's cousin Mark and his wife Penny picked us up at the airport. We drove to their home in Northhampton, north of London.

3 July 2001, Tuesday. Took the train into London. Did a double-decker bus trip of London. Saw St. Paul's and walked all 530 steps up to the top of the dome and down again. Saw Trafalgar Square, St. Martin's in the Fields, (they have a very nice coffee house in the crypt!), the Tower of London, took a boat ride down the Thames, saw St. Stephen's Tower with Big Ben in it, heard Big Ben, saw the outside of Westminster (it was closed for a service), and finished the day in Covent Gardens. We walked miles. Missed being at St. David's, attending the Potluck, celebrating the Eucharist on the Rectory front lawn, and watching the fireworks.

4 July 2001, Wednesday. Left Northhampton and began our drive into the English countryside. It is

beautiful. After lunch arrived at Stonehenge. I didn't know how I would feel about Stonehenge. Stonehenge is a remarkable place. It just appears in the midst of the Salisbury Plains. There is nothing around it in the way of buildings, trees, etc. It feels very old and very holy. It is awesome that people raised those huge stones without modern machinery. The city of Bath with Bath Abby and the Roman Baths was our next stop. The Abby was built in perpendicular style. Everything goes straight up. It is clean, light, and airy. We didn't tour the baths, but looked at them from the outside. From Bath we continued westward into Wales. The land became "wilder" and the road twisted and turned as it followed the coast. We drove into the town of St. David's and got directions to the Bishop's Mill, a bed and breakfast where we were to stay. Our rooms are clean and comfortable.

5 July 2001, Thursday. The drive to St. David's Cathedral is very short. The Cathedral is nestled in a valley and cannot be seen until you are right on top of it. To the west are the ruins of the Bishop's Palace. To the north are the ruins of the monastery destroyed by Henry VIII. The Cathedral is grey and weathered. We had a wonderful tour, heard a piano concert, and attended choral Evening Prayer. I offered prayers for everyone at St. David's Lansing.

6 July 2001, Friday. Got up early and Dave and I walked down to the Cathedral for the celebration of the Eucharist. We were in luck, the service was in English not Welsh! I would like to spend an extended time here on retreat. Later we left St. David's and went to St. Non's Chapel. St. Non was St. David's mother and there is a delightful chapel built on the Irish Sea in her honor in the spot where David is said to have been born. Again and again I have been in awe that Christians have worshipped in these places for 1,500 years. The steps to St. David's are well-worn from so many pilgrims walking up and down them.

Our next stop was Shrewsbury. I am a fan of Ellis Peters and her Brother Cadfael mysteries, set in Shrewsbury at the Abby Church of St. Peter / The Parish Church of The Holy Cross. The church was dark and needs many repairs from floods last year. Again, there were ruins of the monastery beside the church.

Please see **IMPRESSIONS, 10**

Reverend Carol's message

Our Faith Then and Now

This summer I went to England with 25 members of St. John's Parish. We had a great time together learning about what we are all about.....we saw the Archbishop of Canterbury, we toured Canterbury Cathedral, and learned of its history, we began to understand how far back our church and our faith goes. We stood in churches and cathedrals that have been worshipping our Lord for centuries. Everyday for hundreds of years there have been services of one kind or another in these houses of God. It became overwhelming for many of us when we began to realize the sacrifices that people made to worship our Lord in the way that was significant to them.

People worked for decades to build these beautiful structures so that others would have a place to come to worship God in order and in truth. These structures represent a people who dedicated their lives in putting one block of stone on top of another, until every stone was in place, every carved block was done to perfection, and everything was in order. They did this so that others might know that God was to be worshiped, that this work represented their faith and their offering to our Lord. Yes, these men were paid in some kind of way, food, housing, gold, or maybe an opportunity to teach others what they had learned, so the skills and knowledge could be passed down from one generation to another. And

because of the building of these cathedrals, the monasteries grew and were able to offer the homeless a place to stay and something to eat, and the boys were able to learn and develop new and better ways of doing things. The sick were cared for and the orphans were given a place to live.

Yes, the cathedrals taught us much, but the most important thing that they taught us was this life is still with us, we are still building places of worship, we are still teaching and learning new ways of doing things, we are still feeding the poor, and the sick are given care. We are still the people of God, we are the ones who are to go out and preach and love each other in the name of Jesus. And rather we ever have the opportunity to see these magnificent structures in England, their purpose is here before us. Let us never forget that we are to worship God with our hearts and our minds and our being. And if we do this then everything else we do will have meaning and will have purpose, just as it did ten centuries ago when Canterbury Cathedral was being built.

Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit of God.

Rev. Carol

WINTER SERVICE
SCHEDULE STARTS
SEPTEMBER 16th
8:00 & 10:30am



The Church Mouse heard ...

I, too, had a grand time visiting England and Wales with Fr. David and Dave. Customs didn't find me in Fr. David's luggage. I have lots of stories to share with my family and friends now that I am back at St. David's! Likewise, I enjoyed my time with the Pike family when they went to Canada for a week to visit their seminary friends and then spent a week in Leeland at the cottage they rent each year. I am one well-traveled mouse!

I don't have much to report. **Anna Strickler** is back from her stay in England. Her mom reports that she had a wonderful time and has some awesome pictures of Stonehenge at sunrise. Speaking of England, **Brian Paff** just left for a four-month stay in England where he will attend Kingston College for a semester.

Harold and **Betty Payne** are getting ready to celebrate their 50th Wedding anniversary. All the children and grandchildren will be in town to celebrate with them. **Tom Taylor** has a new job. He is the Compliance Officer for the National Make a Wish Foundation of America. He will travel more and maybe I can see some new parts of the US with him.

Have you met the new Interim Organist? His name is **Dave Horka**. He is a retired State of Michigan worker and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church Grand Ledge. He is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith and Episcopal College. The **Chapins** continue to do well in Portland. **KaCey** finished out last school year on the High School Honor Roll and Principals List. Way to go **KaCey**! **John and Nan Strickler** are new grandparents. On August 1, 2001, **Sean** and **Michele Strickler** had a daughter, **Cassidy Campbell Strickler**. Cassidy was 19 inches long and weighed 7 lbs 4 oz. Ask Nan to show you pictures!! Did you know that we have **Brian Paff**, **David Wils**, **Paddy Donovan** and **Dan Paff** all attending Grand Valley State University? I know there is more news out there but no one has filled out any of my forms and given them to the office staff. The forms are located in the Narthex and in the mailbox room. Let me know what is going on!! Oh, by the way, stop in Fr. David's office and see his beautiful orchid in bloom. This is the second set of flowers this year. See you around the church. ☩

September Birthdays

1	Meda Thrall
2	Ellen Ross
4	Patrick Lawrence
4	Peg Dods
6	Matthew Thurston
9	Alan Kent
9	Jason Gentry
10	Philip Smithka
11	Debra Benoit
11	Joshua Sherman
13	Mary Benoit
15	Rosemay Tait
15	Adam Martzke
16	Sally Lawrence
16	Adam Williams
17	Edwin Vandermoere
17	Scott Kriek
17	Andrew Mugnolo
18	Eileen Newhouse
18	Patrick Lynaugh
19	Rhoda Swift
19	Gretchen Smith
20	Rita Startton
20	Craig Leinbach
21	Jane Hill
21	Austin Kent
21	Larry Lindstrom
21	Dick Hammond
23	Fay Gilman
23	Gianna Ferraro
24	Cassandra Vaughn
24	Bridgerte Oleson
25	Robert Solomon
25	Shawn Root
26	Allison Kent
28	Mike Damico
28	Marjorie Allemeier
30	Kevin Root

September Anniversaries

5	Don & Sally Lawrence
5	Jerry & Carol Williams
8	Harold & Betty Payne
10	John & Jamie Stiles
14	John & Jane McLean
15	Bill & Peg Dods
15	Doug & Char Sherman
23	Dave & Janie Byers
28	Jim and Mary Jane Buzzie
29	Russ & Pat Vine
29	Frank & Nancy Howard

Notes from St. John's Corner

The Frontier Days BBQ is September 8th. We need volunteers, so please sign up.

Sunday School starts September 16th.

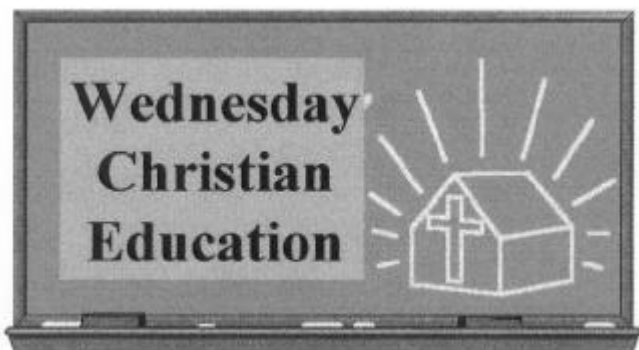
Our fall/winter Sunday schedule resumes on September 16th with services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

ECW will be having a guest speaker on the first Monday in October. We would enjoy your company for this event, so please come. The meeting is at the church at 7:00 p.m.

Are you willing to share your faith with our young people? We are looking for Sunday School teachers. Please contact the Rector if you would like to join this dedicated group.

If you would like to become more active in your faith, the Altar Guild, the ushers, and the choir are looking for new participants. Please contact the Rector if you are interested. We would be very happy to have you join us!

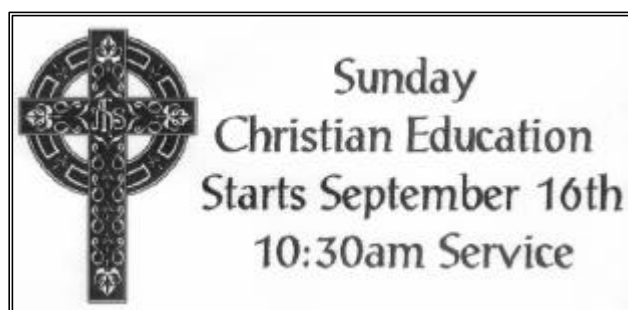
Starting soon at St. John's



Starting September 19th from 3-5:00 p.m.

All are welcome !!!

If you need a ride, please contact the Rector to arrange transportation.



Healing miracles class

By Jerry Williams

St. David's/Capital Area Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) will present a weekly 90-minute class and discussion of Jesus' healing miracles. The class is open to everyone who has a desire to know more about Christian healing and how it may apply in their walk with Christ. The series begins Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. The class will generally be held on the first three Wednesdays of each month from September through mid-February. Time-out is scheduled for the holidays. Study materials will be provided. For more information, contact Jerry Williams or John Post. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. ☩

Trinity Episcopal has new pastor

By John Post

Father Isaac Ihiasota, formerly an assistant priest at St. David's and an interim priest at Trinity, Grand Ledge will be the new rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne, IN, starting August 1. For a photograph of Fr. Isaac and his family, and for information about Grace go to www.gracefwi.com. ☩

Calling All Adults

By Jerry Williams

Did you know that the Bible contains 37,000 promises made to you by God -- promises for your salvation, spiritual growth, personal needs, family, relationships, and eternal future? Are you interested in knowing more about these God-guaranteed promises and about what God has to say on a lot of other topics? Then come to St. David's Adult Sunday Bible class. It meets each Sunday morning in the Multi-purpose Room at 9:00 a.m., beginning September 8, 2001. Discussion focuses on the Bible readings for each Sunday. ☩

Volunteers needed for rescue

By Jerry Williams

Volunteers are needed for St. David's Lansing Rescue Mission Outreach program that will be starting this fall. Each month, we will need ten volunteers who are willing to help serve one meal a month to homeless men, women, and children at the downtown Rescue Mission. Our first two dates are September 25th and October 30th. We will meet at the Church at 6:30 p.m. and carpool to the Mission. Anyone between the ages of 13 and 90 is eligible to volunteer. Contact Pat Vine or Jerry Williams to sign-up. ☩

Newsorthy Notes from St. David's Christian Ed.

By Nan Strickler

Sunday School Registration is scheduled to take place September 9th following the 10:30 service and may well have happened by the time you receive your newsletter. If this is the case, we sincerely hope you were able to enjoy the Ice Cream Social that followed registration. If you were unable to attend Church on the 9th, we will be happy to complete your registration anytime.

We are changing Sunday School hours just a bit this year. Children will be going straight to class at 10:30 and will remain in class until the Peace, at which time they will join their parents for the remainder of the service. We are trying this approach in order to give our teachers more time in the classroom with your children. We'll keep you posted on how this seems to be working. We ask that you try and have your children at church by 10:30, if not a little earlier. This is not a plan cast in stone and we welcome your input.

Youth Sundays will occur approximately every six weeks with the first one taking place on October 7th. On these Sundays, there will be a Children's Homily included in the Service.

Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 16th at 10:30.

Our teachers have been busy getting ready for fall classes to begin. We would like to know what you as parents and grandparents would like us to cover during this church school year. We welcome your suggestions and your help.

This year's teacher line-up is as follows:

Preschool - Claire Turner
Worship Center - Andi Flitton and Sally Lawrence
Grades 3, 4, & 5 - Deb Davis
Middle School - Nancy Howard
High School - Jenny Brewer

We are very excited about the up-coming year and sincerely hope your family will be a part of our education program.

A great deal of information will be forthcoming in the October issue of the newsletter regarding finalized plans for the coming year. ☩

The Good News Conference

By John Post

Take your pick:

- a presentation about how one diocesan church plans to use material from the book "Reclaiming the Great Commission" by the Bishop of the Diocese of Texas
- a presentation about St. David's "Senior World Bible Study Program"--how it's impacting the parish and helping it to grow
- learn what can be done to attract young people to our churches and how to keep them coming
- a presentation about overcoming problems in small churches
- learn about the "Appreciative Inquiry" program that Elizabeth Tomkins leads -- how it has energized so many of our diocesan churches.

These topics will be among the dozen or so that will be available at "The Good News Conference", which will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church in Wyoming on Saturday,

October 13. There will also be worship, singing, and a keynote address entitled "First Things First: The Basis and Process of Church Growth" by the Rev. E. James Gunn, rector of Christ Church in Charlevoix. You can have all this for only \$10-- and that includes lunch!! Watch for more information and registration materials in the very near future. "The Good News Conference" is a creation of the Diocese of Western Michigan's Evangelism Committee. For more information, contact John Post at 517-323-1825 or by e-mail at jap6630@aol.com. ☩

Teddy bear Sunday follow-up

Submitted by Meda Thrall

The following letter was received from the Eaton County Sheriff Office.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The members of the Eaton County Sheriff Department Victim Advocate Unit want to extend to all of you our deepest appreciation for your generous donation of teddy bears to our Unit. A teddy bear can provide comfort and companionship to a child at a time of crisis in their lives long after the hugs and words have ended. You will never know how many lives you have touched by your kindness.

A special thank you goes out to Meda and Leo Thrall for their efforts in bringing our cause to your attention.

On behalf of the Eaton County Sheriff Department Victim Advocate Unit, want to send our heart felt thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Brenda Grove
Assistant Coordinator

Read the Bible in a year

September reading

1	Jn 9.1-23	2 Ch 6	Ml 2.17-3.18
2	Jn 9.24-41	2 Ch 7	Ml 4
3	Jn 10.1-21	2 Ch 8	Ps 73
4	Jn 10.22-42	2 Ch 9	Ps 74
5	Jn 11.1-27	2 Ch 10-11	Ps 75
6	Jn 11.28-57	2 Ch 12-13	Ps 76
7	Jn 12.1-26	2 Ch 14-15	Ps 77
8	Jn 12.27-50	2 Ch 16-17	Ps 78.1-20
9	Jn 13.1-20	2 Ch 18	Ps 78.21-37
10	Jn 13.21-38	2 Ch 19	Ps 78.38-55
11	Jn 14.1-14	2 Ch 20.1-21.1	Ps 78.56-72
12	Jn 14.15-31	2 Ch 21.2-22.12	Ps 79
13	Jn 15.1-16.4	2 Ch 23	Ps 80
14	Jn 16.4-33	2 Ch 24	Ps 81
15	Jn 17	2 Ch 25	Ps 82
16	Jn 18.1-18	2 Ch 26	Ps 83
17	Jn 18.19-37	2 Ch 27-28	Ps 84
18	Jn 18.38-19.15	2 Ch 29	Ps 85
19	Jn 19.16-42	2 Ch 30	Ps 86
20	Jn 20.1-18	2 Ch 31	Ps 87
21	Jn 20.19-31	2 Ch 32	Ps 88
22	Jn 21	2 Ch 33	Ps 89.1-18
23	1 Jn 1	2 Ch 34	Ps 89.19-37
24	1 Jn 2	2 Ch 35	Ps 89.38-52
25	1 Jn 3	2 Ch 36	Ps 90
26	1 Jn 4	Ez 1-2	Ps 91
27	1 Jn 5	Ez 3-4	Ps 92
28	2 Jn	Ez 5-6	Ps 93
29	3 Jn	Ez 7-8	Ps 94
30	Jd	Ez 9-10	Ps 95

Abbreviations for September's reading

New testament

Jn John
Jd Jude

Old testament

Ch Chronicles
Ml Malachi
Ez Ezra
Ps Psalms

St. David's Inquirers class

By Fr. David

Have you ever wondered why, in church, we do some of the things we do? Have you ever looked in the back of the Prayer book and wondered what the Chicago Lambeth Quadrilateral 1886, 1888 is all about and how does it pertain to the Episcopal Church? Do you know what the true name is for the green "poncho" that Fr. David wears during the Eucharist and why does he put it on halfway through the service? If these, or any other questions you might have about the Episcopal Church are keeping you up at night,

Fr. David has a 10-12 week course that just might be what you are looking for!! He is going to start a course on Sunday, September 23, 2001 for anyone interested in knowing more about the Episcopal Church. This course is appropriate for new members to the church, as well as family members and friends who have no church. It is also appropriate for long time members who just are in need of a "refresher" course. It is very informal, there are no stupid questions, and it is a great way to learn more about the church. If you or a family member or friend is interested, contact Fr. David or let the office know.

St. John's students meet with Archbishop Carey

While we were in Canterbury, the archbishop of Canterbury agreed to visit with us for a few moments. After the service of Institution of a new Dean to the Cathedral, Archbishop Carey met with us in the front of his residence at Canterbury. He was most gracious and very much with the young people as he spoke to them about the church and their trip to England. He shared with them some of his thoughts of their trip and they shared with him. He stood for pictures and was very much attentive to the young people needs. We wanted to share this most important and wonderful experience with you, as the Archbishop was so very open and welcoming to us and we wanted to share this wonderful time with all of you.



Our trip was exciting, interesting and wonderful. We grew closer to each other and we grew closer to our Lord as well. It is very humbling experience to be in a place that was built by other Christians hands some 900 years ago, and to worship in the same place they did to our Lord and our God, whose grace is as wonderful today as it was then.

We were able to visit Canterbury, Bodium Castle, Stonehenge, Salisbury (and climb to the top of this wonderful cathedral), Wells, Tintern Abby, Christ Church, at Oxford, St. Paul's and Westminster in London, the Tower of London and many other places including using the "Tube."

We want to thank everyone who helped us make this trip, and we know that many of you gave much for us to have this life changing experience.

Thank You All.

St. John's Saints

IMPRESSIONS of England and Wales

Continued **FROM 2**

Next on our tour was Lichfield Cathedral. A couple at dinner in a pub said we needed to stop and see Litchfield. The front of the Cathedral is covered with hundreds of carved statues. The Lady Chapel has glorious windows. St. Chad is buried here.

Our last stop for the day was Chesterfield. The church here is noteworthy because of the spire. While being built, the structure was designed improperly and once the lead sheeting was placed on the roof, the tower began to twist and turn. Now the tower is markedly off centered and the body of the tower twists around beyond the half way mark. I want to know how the builders explained that to the Vestry and congregation!!

7 July 2001, Saturday. We are staying in the town of Scunthorpe with Dave's Aunt Marnie and Uncle Doug. Their home is comfortable and they are wonderful. Scunthorpe is where Dave's mother Margaret grew up. We spent the day wandering around Scunthorpe and visiting places of Dave's family and his childhood visits here. St. John's Anglican Church downtown has closed and is now a great hands-on museum. We also visited St. Lawrence Anglican Church where Dave's family attended. The Rectory is huge and now houses a city museum.

8 July 2001, Sunday. We took a cab to St. Lawrence to attend the Eucharist. The people were warm and friendly. As there was a baptism during church (not the common practice) the family was introduced. Next, we were introduced and the service continued. This church, too, was started in the 900's and people have been worshipping there for centuries. After church, we had a wonderful visit with the Rector, Michael Patrick Cooney, while he was waiting for the several other baptisms that would take place during the afternoon.

After lunch we headed out to Lincoln Cathedral. This Cathedral, too, is built in the "perpendicular" style and is huge. Everyone was busy setting up for a huge public service later in the afternoon. We stayed for the beginning of the service which had music by the Lincoln Youth Symphony, the full Lincoln Cathedral Boys Choir, Lincoln Girls Choir and over 1,000 people attending. Words cannot capture the beauty of hearing Slane (Hymn 488) sung in that setting.

9 July 2001, Monday. Today we began the day at Selby Abby. The market with the market cross is still in use. The front of the Abby was covered with scaffolding as restoration work was going on. A fire destroyed the nave in 1906 and the building had to be rebuilt. This Abby was built during the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries, and restoration continues. The American Flag flies in the Abby opposite the Union Jack. Just as we left, we discovered they were getting ready for a celebration of the Eucharist.

York Minster was our next stop. This Cathedral is also huge and stands behind a great stone wall, complete with castle tower entrance. Just as we entered, a clergyman asked for silence and prayers were said. Following this brief prayer service, Dave and I had a great visit with the priest who is a chaplain who comes from his parish church once a month to give his time as a guide at the cathedral. Again, the carvings are almost beyond belief and York has the largest medieval stained glass window in the world.

Our next stop was Epworth, the home of Charles and John Wesley. We visited St. John's Methodist Church built in their honor. We also saw St. Andrew's Anglican Church, a delightful 12th century church where they grew up and where their father, Samuel lies buried. The Rector is a woman and spent time talking to us while waiting for a group of American Methodist ministers who were coming for a tour and Evening Prayer. This was a peaceful and holy place.

10 July 2001, Tuesday. Today, with a brief stop in Nottingham, we took the train to Derby to see Derby Cathedral. This is like no other cathedral, abby or church we have seen so far. It is very Victorian with lots of wrought iron work, no stone carvings, and the walls are painted plaster. There was a Flower Fair going on inside the Cathedral. From Derby we went to Newark-on-Trent and spent a wonderfully sunny afternoon walking the town, looking at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church and touring Newark Castle.

11 July 2001, Wednesday. Another train ride today took us to Matlock Bath. We took a tram up to the Heights of Abraham with a stunning view of the valley and a tour of a lead mine. The lead was used to roof churches and cathedrals beginning in the 12th century. In the far distance overlooking all the land is Riber Castle which looks like a classic English castle.

12 July 2001, Thursday. Today was a quiet day in Scunthorpe with nothing special planned. Several of Dave's relatives stopped by to visit with him and enjoyed meeting "The Vicar" as I was most often referred to.

13 July 2001, Friday. Today we took a short train ride to Cleethorpes to have a day at the North Sea. Cleethorpes is a summer seaside town and we enjoyed fish and chips as we watched the tide go out. We walked along the shore and the salt sea flats until it began to rain. Back in Stunthorpe the weather cleared and Dave's family gathered to celebrate his birthday. It was a great party and a good time was had by all.

14 July 2001, Saturday. Today everyone had a "Lie-in" and rested after staying up very late last night. In the afternoon, we visited Dave's Aunt Sylvia and her beautiful formal English gardens.

15 July 2001, Sunday. Uncle Doug drove us through the moors to Manchester. There truly is a haunting

beauty to the moors. Our plane left on time, and on the way home, we flew over Scotland and Greenland. It was so clear you could see the icebergs floating in the ocean.

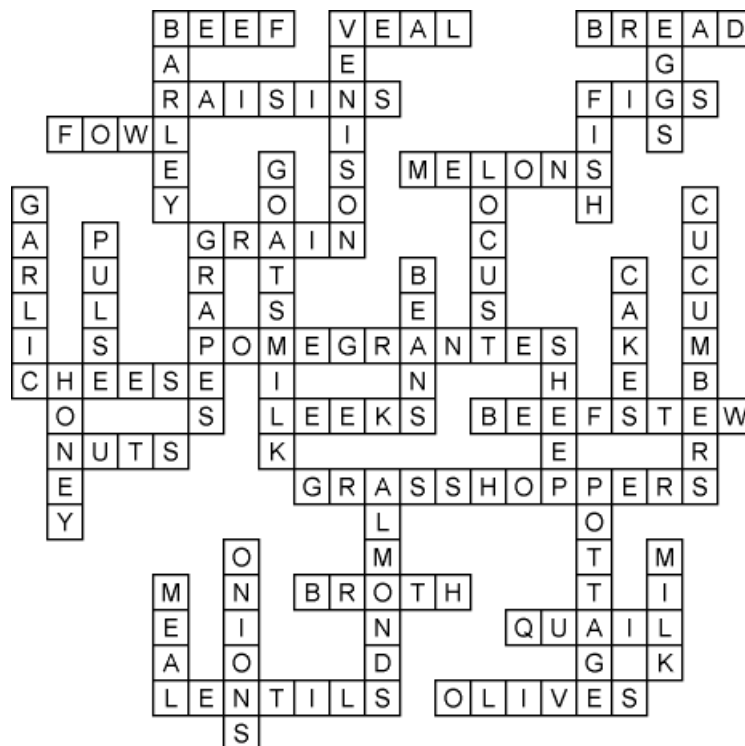
It was a wonderful trip but it was great to be home. St. David's and Wales were the most memorable parts of the trip for me. In a couple of years, we will have to plan a pilgrimage to St. David's and get a group of parishioners to make the journey. Tradition has it that two pilgrimages to St. David's is equal to one trip to Rome and three trips to St. David's is equal to one trip to Jerusalem.

I have lots of pictures, one of the worlds greatest collections of cathedral tour books, and will gladly share my experience with anyone. Once more, thank you for making this trip possible.

May God continue to bless and keep you.

Fr. David

Answers to summer's Foods of the Bible Puzzle



Don't forget !!!!!

At St. John's

Fall/winter service schedule and Sunday Christian Education
resume on Sunday, September 16th

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At St. David's

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