

Hi everyone,

As this is summertime for many of our readers and I know that a number will be on holiday, for this issue there is no feature as such - just an observation, some childrens thoughts on love and a little something to make you smile. Enjoy.

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Nature's Recycling

On Saturday after a couple of friends had dropped by for a drink, John and I noticed some movement on the terrace where we were sitting. What we saw was an army of small ants moving half a cashew nut that had been dropped. Compared to the ants, which were particularly small ones, the nut was colossal and it made me think of the amazing feat of creating places like Stonehenge and Avebury – not to mention other incredible structures around the world.

We watched as the nut moved steadily across the terrace towards the wall and we wondered what they would do with it when they got there. Surely it would be too big to go into their nest. Indeed it was but that didn't matter, because they then proceeded to strip tiny pieces off and carry them into the nest. We didn't watch until the end but next time we looked, there was no sign of anything....no ants and not a scrap of cashew nut. What an amazing example of teamwork – everyone pulling together with a common goal in mind. Mmmm – perhaps team building events should allocate time to watching ants at work. Now there's a thought!

Out of the Mouth of Babes.....

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, 'What does 'love' mean?' The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' Rebecca- age 8

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' Chrissie - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' Danny - age 7

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.' Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6 (we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.' Cindy - age 8

'My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine - age 5

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out

and buy new ones.' Lauren - age 4

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.' Jessica - age 8

And the final one -- Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

Thank you to my life fulfilment coach friend Jessica for this.
www.jessicamcgregorjohnson.com

 **To make you Smile: Genuine Church Bulletin funnies**

(as an irreverent Reverend, I laughed out loud)

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walk's on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

With thanks to my friend Derry. www.laparade-village.fr (which is generally where we are, when we are not in the UK!)

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Simply Divine Ceremonies

As many of you already know, I am an ordained Interfaith Minister offering beautiful, personalised ceremonies to mark the milestones of life. Here are one couples comments on their recent baby naming ceremony that I had the pleasure of co-creating and conducting.

"Never having been to a naming ceremony before, we really had no idea of the format the day would take or how we could make a ceremony from the family gathering. We decided to use a celebrant to run a more formalised ceremony and Akasha was recommended to us. Right from the first contact, Akasha was really helpful - she listened to us and our family story, and helped us to organise our thoughts on how we wanted the naming ceremony to work.

After our initial contact, Akasha came to our house to get to know us and brought with her many useful ideas, such as readings and poems, together with a possible outline ceremony as well as ideas for godparents and grandparents. She was very thorough and we both felt the ceremony was in safe hands.

In the lead up to the day, Akasha made contact with us again, and as we had been busy and not got round to making contact ourselves, this really made us feel like we were not forgotten and that she was giving us her time and consideration. On the day of the ceremony, Akasha put us at ease, as naturally we were feeling nervous! The blessing was beautiful and our baby girl was relaxed and at ease" S & B, Bristol, UK

So if you are a parent who doesn't want a traditional Christening, but equally wants a special ceremony to name and bless your baby/child with the involvement of family and friends, then I'd love to hear from you. My email address is

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and details of all the ceremonies I offer are available at www.simplydivineceremonies.com.



Because we like them

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<http://youtube.com/watch?v=zlfKdbWwruy> <??>

“Where the hell is Matt?” This is sheer joy in action! 14 months in the making, 42 countries and a cast of thousands. (NB: Make sure you click “Watch in high quality” right underneath the video.)

<http://www.ted.com/talks/view/id/229> _

This is a mind-blowing video (pardon the pun – you’ll see what I mean when you watch it). Neuro-scientist, Jill Bolte Taylor got a research opportunity few brain scientists would wish for: she had a massive stroke, and watched as her brain functions -- motion, speech, self-awareness — shut down one-by-one. Awe-inspiring.

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When?

22 November 2008 (evening introductory talk on 14 November at the venue below)

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Until next time, John and I wish you health, abundance and happiness.

Akasha

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