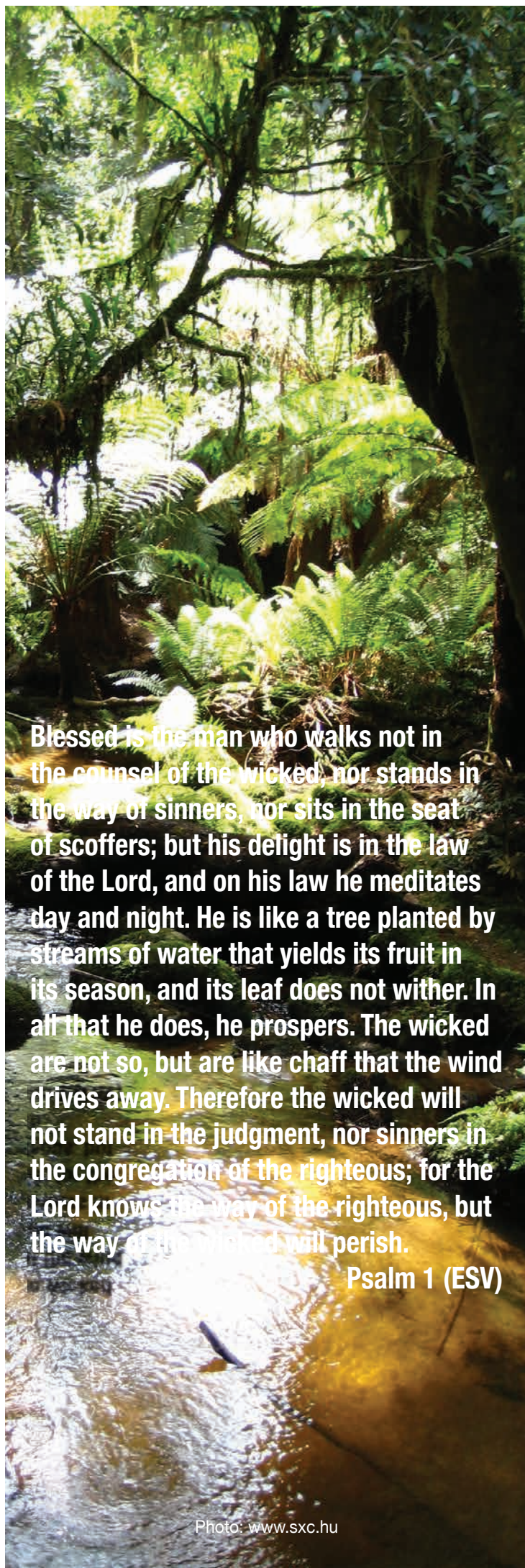


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Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1 (ESV)

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WATERLOOVILLE:
A font that was smashed up by vandals at a Waterloooville church could yet be repaired.

Worshippers at St George's Church in the town centre were left distraught after vandals broke their historic font last month. It appears to have happened in broad daylight while the church was unlocked for visitors. The vandals also damaged the church's paschal candle beyond repair.

The parish initially thought the font was also beyond repair, and were heartened by offers of replacements from other parishes in our diocese.

Now the parish is investigating whether the pieces of their font could actually be put back together by a stonemason, and are fundraising for this to happen. They also want to install CCTV to enable increased security while keeping the church open.

To donate via the parish's Just Giving page, see: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/georges-churchwaterlooville.

SOBERTON: Would you like to learn how to paint icons in a historic church setting?

St Peter's Church in Soberton is hosting another two weeks of training in icon painting, led by worshipper Jackie Hunt.

From July 24-28, she'll be teaching students how to paint Christ Pantocrator, a famous, traditional image of Christ.

And from August 7-11, they will be tackling Mother of God, Hodegetria, one of the earliest images of the Virgin and Christ child.

You'll be taught how to paint an icon in the traditional Byzantine style using wooden panels, egg tempura and gold leaf.

Both courses run from 10am-5pm, Monday to Friday. The cost for each week is £250, including all teaching and all materials. No previous experience is needed.



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The Rev Allie Kerr is licensed as vicar of St John's, Newport

news from the pews

To book, contact Jackie on jack@swallow2.plus.com or 01489-878141.

SOUTHWICK: St James' Church, Southwick, will play a key part in the village's D-Day Revival event over the weekend of June 10-11.

The church will host a concert by the Portsmouth Military Wives Choir on June 9 at 7.30. It includes patriotic songs from the 1940s and a Last Night of the Proms programme.

It will set the scene for a weekend-long wartime experience in Southwick, where the D-Day landings were planned at Southwick House.

The 'Village at War' exhibition will be on display in church throughout, brought to life by service veterans and villagers who lived in Southwick during the Second World War sharing their

experiences.

Artefacts, photos and documents will give visitors an insight into life in the 1940s. The memorial hall will be transformed into a vintage tea room and the 1940s singer Amy Baker will perform in the Golden Lion pub.

And on Sunday 11 June, the Rev Simon Brocklehurst, chaplain of St James, will conduct a D-Day commemorative service at 10.45am.

NEWPORT: The Rev Allie Kerr, area dean for the Isle of Wight, has been licensed by the bishop as vicar of St John the Baptist, Newport.

Allie, who was previously at St James, East Cowes, and St Mildred, Whippingham, has also been appointed to the role of mission development officer.

She and her husband Adrian were welcomed by representatives of the church and wider

community during the service with Bishop Christopher and the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight.

Allie said: "I am so looking forward to working with the team and getting involved with all at St John's and the wider community, sharing the good news of Jesus through our words and actions."

"There is a lot of potential and many good things going on already. I am looking forward to seeing what God will do in St John's and our wider community."

CLANFIELD: St James, Clanfield, will serve Sunday afternoon teas for the ninth year running.

Worshippers will serve afternoon teas on Sundays throughout June, July and August, from 3pm-5pm on the church hall and garden.

All the cakes will be home-baked and the teas are priced reasonably.

It's a way of serving not just the local community, but ramblers and walkers who pass by the church during the summer months.