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Services for July

2nd	Third after Trinity	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
9th	Fourth after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion
16th	Fifth after Trinity	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
23rd	Sixth after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion
30th	Seventh after Trinity	9.30 am	Morning Prayer

Thoughts from Rev. John McNaughton

The night of 22nd May 2017 will long be remembered in the City of Manchester for the appalling evil perpetrated by a young suicide bomber called Salman Amedi. As people began to leave a greatly enjoyed concert, twenty two of them, including children, were killed. A further fifty nine were badly wounded.

Since then, I have been challenged by triumphant atheists with the question : "Where was God?" I'm certain that he was knocking on the door of Salman's heart. It happens to us all along the road of life.

I must admit that in my early days along that road, God had become a little three letter word heard more often in abuse than with reverence. Thankfully the Army widened my horizons to recognise the vast expanse of both good and evil either of which may find a way into human character for good or ill. Adolf Hitler stood out as a warning.

On the other side was a character regularly commemorated at Christmas and Easter. With amazing strength of character he combined toughness with gentleness. The last night of his heroic life is still commemorated not just with words, but with deeds in the re-enactment of the Last Supper.

I must not go on any longer here, but I have come to recognise a repeated knocking at the door of my heart, encouraging the good and trying to knock down the evil. I am certain that God was knocking at the door of the heart of Salman Amedi.

How tragic that he did not open up. Something was happening inside him. He 'phoned his mother that night to ask her forgiveness. Sadly in ignoring the call of love from the Holy Spirit of God, he committed a sin which Christ warned has no forgiveness.

August Issue

The closing date for the August issue will be **Thursday 20th July**

Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at rac.pfl@btinternet.com

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South Dalton Ladies Club

A full report on future activities will be published next month.



**WEIGHTON WAYTES
MIXED CHOIR OF 40 SINGERS WILL PERFORM FOR US
AT SOUTH DALTON CHURCH
ON FRIDAY 21ST JULY AT 7.30PM**

A superb performance of a large variety of songs and choral music both secular and sacred

All proceeds go to the church

Tea and refreshments available

Tickets £5.00 each

Pay at the door