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# Around Langley



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# The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Around Langley joins the nation in thanking Her
Majesty for her 70 years on the throne serving the nation and wishes her good health

and happiness in the years to come.



We hope to hear from our readers about their celebrations in due course. In the meanwhile, please write and tell us about any memories of the accession or coronation of Her Majesty you may have—either first—hand or from the memory archives of your family.



Aim for 100 words or so and we'll publish as many contributions as possible in our June magazine. The deadline for entering is  $30^{th}$  April. There will be a small gift voucher for the best entry.

### Lead Kindly Light ...

... amid the encircling gloom, starts Cardinal John Newman's poem about the helplessness one feels at certain stages in one's life, and one prays for divine guidance. As I write this



on this palindromic date, 22.02.2022, despite the signs of spring all around me, it is difficult not to feel a sense of gloom. Nearly two years of living with the pandemic, one day at a time, had shrunken my horizons, but now with President Putin's annexation (in effect) of more of Ukraine, the sense of encircling gloom has intensified for me. Newman's poem continues, 'I do not ask to see the distant scene: one step enough for me', but I suspect that is hard for most of us to say.

In the meanwhile, we have had hurricanes and flooding, although not as severely affecting us as other parts of our country. It is only the end of February, but we have already had storms Arwen, Barra, Corrie, Dudley, Eunice and Franklin, with Gladys coming up next, and Herman, Imani, Jack, Kim, Logan, Méabh, Nasim, Olwen, Pól, Ruby, Seán, Tineke, Vergil and Willemien to come! Storms that are likely to cause a red or amber warning are named collaboratively by the meteorological offices of the UK, Ireland and the Netherlands and the names express the diversity of the populations of those countries! While meteorologists do not consider that the frequency of storms and hurricanes is increasing with global warming, their severity is affected, because warmer weather holds more moisture in the air, influencing the strength of the storms.

You will notice that this issue has a report of a meeting of the Langley Neighbourhood Forum. It is good to see that this Forum, where residents of Langley can express concerns and views about how we are governed, has sprung back into life. We wish them all success in their future endeavours.

It is good to have the Covid-19 legal restrictions lifted, Let us hope that we shall all be sensible and be sensitive to the needs of our neighbours as we move towards Spring and Summer.

Anna Thomas-Betts

# **News from Around Langley**

# Langley Neighbourhood Forum



On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, the Langley Neighbourhood Forum met for the first time in almost 2 years. Liz Jones, the Chair, apologised for poor publicity, which had resulted from no secretary being in post. Meeting first as the AGM, the Forum was asked for volunteers to take up positions in the committee.

We are grateful that Preston Brooker offered to act as Secretary and David Oliver as Treasurer. Thanks go also to Maria Challen, Teresa Fletcher, Shin Suri and Kam Harwar who joined the committee alongside members, Shin Dhother and Halima Hussein, continuing from before lockdown.

The theme of this meeting was 'What's Happening with Slough Borough Council?' Unfortunately, the Chief Finance Officer was unable to accept the invitation to speak. Preston Brooker, Councillor for Kedermister, and Wayne Strutton, until recently leader of the Conservative group of Councillors, were able to come and tell us about the situation as they saw it.

The Council finances have got into a huge mess. The accounts for 2017 have

not been properly signed off, and since then it has got worse. There are many reasons for this, but no-one is taking the blame. The Chair asked, 'What can we as citizens do?' The only answer seemed to be to email the Commissioners who have been sent in to sort it all out: Commissioners@slough.gov.uk

Liz Jones

# Langley Community Coffee Shop



Two years from when Covid first arrived it's great to see that the demand from the community for a Coffee Shop for seniors has survived and grown, with 24 people now regularly attending the Coffee Shop at St Joseph's Hall at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Trelawney Avenue. People seem to enjoy having a place where they can be sociable with their friends, exchange their news and share their problems.

Besides the exercise class which has been very popular, we try to provide a speaker on an interesting topic once a month. In January Ann Portsmouth spoke about SASRA, the Soldiers and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association. Ann is a representative for this organization which seeks to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all serving in the British Army and Royal Airforce.

In February Peter Dopson gave a most interesting, illustrated talk of the cruise he and Linda took to the Canary Islands on a Princess Cruise ship. It was great to know that they were able to travel despite Covid problems as well as Linda's health issues. Although Linda and Peter moved to Reading in 2020, they have remained loyal supporters of the Coffee Shop and we wish them well.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March Jean Sharman Golder will give a talk on her time in Albania.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June we are planning a trip to Eastbourne and hopefully it will be fine weather by then. The cost will be £10-£15 for the coach.

Please come along and join the Langley Community Coffee Shop which meets every Tuesday from 10am until 11am. All are welcome.

### Sheila Papali

## Our BBC

The British Broadcasting Corporation turns 100 years old this year. Also known as the Beeb and Auntie, she has indeed become a grand old dame this year. It has been, and continues to be, one of our institutions held universally in great respect and admiration.

The BBC, the largest broadcasting company in the world, employing over 20,000 staff now, is the national broadcaster of the UK and operates under a Royal charter. It depends on the annual licence fee paid by the public, the level of fee being set by the government. They receive no advertising income, although by selling products such as tv series globally they generate nearly a quarter of their total income.

The licence fee also funds BBC World Service, which broadcasts in 28 languages, including comprehensive

'Nation shall Speak Peace unto Nation" was the original motto of the BBC shown on its Coat of Arms. It probably had its origin in verses from the books of Micah and Isaiah in the Bible, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

For a short period in the Thirties, the motto became "Quaecunque" meaning 'whatsoever', probably referring to another verse from the Bible, this time form Philippians: "Whatsoever things are honest,...just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... good report ... think on these things." Considering what the expression "Whatever!" has come to mean now, we should be grateful that the motto quickly reverted to its original form!

services in Arabic and Persian. People across the world, in numerous countries, rely upon the World Service to receive what is widely recognised as unbiased news, especially in regimes where the state controls the broadcasting services. It is difficult for us, who have access to so many reliable channels, to comprehend the value the World Service offers to countless people.

Broadcasting in Britain started in 1920 operated by a mixture of British and American electrical companies but, because of interference of the radio waves with Military communications, it didn't survive. However, in February 1922, the Marconi company was granted a temporary licence to broadcast radio programmes and later the same year, the British Broadcasting Company Ltd was formed, with John Reith as Managing Director. They came under the direction of the General Post Office and, under intense pressure from the public, it was decided to make public broadcasting permanent and the British Broadcasting Corporation was born.

The BBC has been at the forefront of technical innovations of their day: such as branching into television from radio only, and then colour television, catch-up services like the iPlayer, the use of the internet, social media and so forth.

While not everyone will like everything the BBC puts out, their breadth of content is unparalleled, and most people can find in its coverage something they are interested in. It is sad to think that in this age of great consumer choice and hundreds of channels to choose from on a pay-as-you-view basis, the survival of the BBC, in its current form of funding by licence fees, is constantly under threat. We are so fortunate in this country to have had the benefit of the BBC, as well as ITV and other terrestrial channels, to speak truth to power.

### Anna Thomas-Betts

### Do you know when ...

- a. BBC became a Corporation?
- b. BBC World Service started?
- c. The first Live broadcast by satellite took place?
- d. ITV was formed, in competition with BBC?
- e. The first Royal broadcast was?
- f. Radio Times first appeared?
- g. Wimbledon was first televised?
- h. A royal wedding was first televised?
- i. iPlayer arrived on the scene?

(See answers below.)

a. 1927; b. It started as BBC Empire Service in 1932. became BBC Overseas Service in 1939 and BBC Word Service in 1965; c. 1951, with President Truman announcing the Japanese Peace Treaty; d. 1955; e. 1934, given by King George V; f. September 1923; g. 1937; h. Princess Margaret's in 1960; i. In 2011, although there was a precursor in 2008

# Another puzzle from Angus MacKenzie



# WORDSEARCH



ASH WEDNESDAY
CHURCH
CROSS
DICE
EASTER SUNDAY
EMPTY TOMB
FORGIVE
FORTY DAYS
FORTY NIGHTS
GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY
LAST SUPPER
LENT
MARDI GRAS
MAUNDY MONEY
MAUNDY THURSDAY
MOTHERING SUNDAY
MOURN
NAILS
PALM SUNDAY

PASSOVER
PRAYER
PURPLE
QUADRAGESIMA
RISEN
SIMNEL CAKE
SINS
THANK YOU
WASHING FEET

Some words may appear right to left, bottom to top, or diagonally.



# WORLD DAY OF **PRAYER** Friday 4th March 2022

This year the WPD service in Langley will be hosted by Christ the Worker Church, Parlaunt Road, SL3 8BB

at 1.30 pm for a 2.00 pm start.

The theme of the service is 'I know the plans I have for you' and the overarching message is one of Hope, so necessary, and yet challenging, at this time. The service and other resources were prepared this year by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Do attend the service to be part of a global wave of prayer.



**Box Office sloughphil.org** 0300 365 7445



### **MEDITATION** Mothers UNION FOR LENT

The next Mothers Union Langley Branch meeting will take place at

> St Mary's Church Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm

when Revd Chris Ferris will lead a Lenten meditation.

# Oasis at Langley Free 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary 9<sup>th</sup> March 2pm

'Oasis at Langley Free' celebrating their 121st Anniversary this year. We meet as usual at 2pm and listen to our speaker

### Amanda Redwood from Boyne Hill Baptist.

There will be a collection at the celebration for the House of Grace, an orphanage in Thailand that we support and we invite you all to join us for afternoon tea afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us and we would love to see you there.

# Langley & Iver Rotary Quiz Night



Come and test your wits and have a fun evening in good company at

Iver Village Hall, 2 Grange Way, Iver SLo 9NW

on Saturday 26th March 2022 at 7.00pm.

Fish and chip supper included for £15 entry ticket. There will be a bar and raffle.

Get together a team of a maximum of 6 people or join a team on the night. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Tickets must be ordered in advance by phoning Christine Isles on 07758 239 860.

### And a Thank You ...

Thanks to the generosity of people in Langley, Iver and Richings Park, Langley & Iver Rotary has received over £6,600 in their door-to-door collection this Christmas. The money raised will be spent on good causes, many of them local, including the Thames Hospice and Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC).

Langley & Iver Rotary have been carrying out a Christmas collection for over 45 years and you may be familiar with their colourful float belting out Christmas songs as Father Christmas walks around the streets cheerfully greeting all those he meets.

# REFRESH

Do you like cake? And a cuppa? Do you enjoy a chat or want to make new friends? Do you think twice about joining a new group for fear of feeling an outsider? We, at REFRESH, aim to address all these concerns!

We meet at St Francis church in Upton Court Road on the third Thursday of every month between 1.30 and 3.00pm. New people will find a welcome at the door and we'll make you feel at home. So don't be shy – come and try.

At most meetings we have a speaker or an activity, or we may just have a happy time just chatting, whilst having our tea and cake. There is also a short Bible link and a prayer, but there is no pressure on you to join in. People of all faiths and none are welcome to join us. There is no subscription, but a small, voluntary donation is always welcome.

Most of our guests were 'newcomers' at some stage, so don't hesitate to come to REFRESH and give it a go. We would love to see you.

The next few meetings will be on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April and 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Elisabeth Howell

# Regular Weekly Service Times



### Holy Family (Roman Catholic) (Trelawney Avenue)

In March we will be having Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 9.30am and 11.30am on Sundays

The 9.30am Mass is live streamed on our YouTube Channel: "HOLYFAMILYCHURCHLIVE"

### Langley Free Church (Baptist) (Trelawney Avenue)

Please note that there will be services on all Sundays at 10.30am. Those attending church will be expected to wear a mask until seated. Communion will be as normal, or using individual, disposable plastic cups. The pattern of services will be as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> All age service 13<sup>th</sup> Communion service 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary service 27<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday service

### The Anglican Churches

### St Mary (St Mary's Road)

8am Holy Communion (BCP, said)

11am Family Communion

Christ the Worker (Parlaunt Road)

9.30am Holy Communion on Second and Fourth Sundays

**11am** Service of the Word on First, Third and Fifth Sunday

St Francis of Assisi (London Road)

9.30am Holy Communion on First, Second and Third Sundays

**11am** Service of the Word (all-age) on Fourth Sunday

9.30am Fifth Sunday, no fixed format

# Regular Church Activities at Langley Free Church

### **Small Groups**

There are two small groups held, one in the morning based at a home and the other at 7.3opm in the church. The sessions are based on Biblical text, Biblical characters or the Christian perspective on contemporary issues. All are welcome. For more information email <a href="mailto:secretary@langleyfree.org.uk">secretary@langleyfree.org.uk</a> or phone the church number 01753 540771

### 'MONDAYS'

If it's company you're after, why not join us, at Langley Free Church on a Monday? We are open between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat, or maybe a game, or puzzle, or a hobby.

Come for an hour or two, or stay for longer. Lunch is not provided, so please bring your own lunch with you. There will be a Fish and Chips option on the first Monday of the month. Entry charge: £2.

# Chatcaf coffee morning @ LFC

The first and third Saturdays of the month (5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in March) 10am-12noon.



No charge! Feel free to drop in for coffee/tea and toast and a chat!

### **Oasis at Langley Free**

Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3.30pm A time of worship and speakers, with refreshments, and occasional meals out.

Programme for March: 2<sup>nd</sup> Embrace the Middle East; 9<sup>th</sup> 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (see p. 8); 16<sup>th</sup> Tea and Sharing 23<sup>rd</sup> Project Possible; 30<sup>th</sup> Meal Out

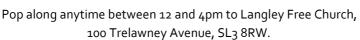
Contact: Ann Portsmouth on 01753 585845

# Craft Afternoons 2022 at LFC 12—4pm

We meet on the third Saturday of every month (except December). We are a friendly group of people who enjoy getting together over a cup of tea and cake. Some bring knitting or sewing,

others crochet, cards or jewellery to make.

Colouring in and 5D diamond painting are also popular. But you don't need to bring anything, just come along for the company. (Suggested donation of £2 towards refreshments.)



For more information, contact: Chris Wheatley – 07789 838 500



# **Faith Matters**

# Interpaith Dialogue: From Strangers to Friends

The Asian looking couple in the house right opposite ours moved in almost a year ago. They come and go almost every day in their BMW. I am by nature gregarious and seek to befriend my neighbours which I generally succeed in doing. But this couple seemed elusive, wanting to keep to themselves, until this morning.

We have two beautiful big bushes outside our house that have been in full bloom all The flowers were a riot of summer. colour. They had now started falling off as they dry. This morning I came out, broom in hand, to sweep up the dried flowers at the entrance to our house. As I did this, I noticed a man standing in front of me. It was the middle-aged Asian man from the house opposite. We said good morning and smiled at each other. He then hesitatingly said, "Today is our feast day, the feast of our god, Ganesh. We have no flowers to offer him. May I please have two of your flowers?" course," I said, "have as many as you want." It was a great joy for me to see the expression of gratitude on his face.

This incident broke the ice and we talked for quite a while – I learning that he was

from Hyderabad in India, the MD of a telecom company based in Twickenham and a devout Hindu. He apologised that spoke Telegu and could communicate with me in Hindi as I tried to. He said his wife could. I then spoke to him in English about my life in India as a Catholic missionary priest and my years as headmaster of a Hindi medium high After exchanging a surprising amount of personal information in record time, the inevitable invitation for a cup of tea at his house came, which I gladly accepted there and then, forgetting my broom outside the door! The occasion brought great joy to both our families. Strangers had become friends.

The uplifting experience I had this morning which I am writing about is technically known as 'the dialogue of life', one of the four forms of dialogue between people of different faith traditions. It is the simplest form of dialogue any person can engage in and may be the most rewarding. The other three forms require some preparation, some effort, some giftedness and can be challenging.

The second form is 'the dialogue of action'. It involves people of different religions or faiths (two words are often used interchangeably in the UK) who get together to espouse a common cause, such as, for example, the promotion of justice and peace, the care of the planet,



Symbols of the major world religions

modern slavery and different forms of discrimination in society both local and global. The third form, that which gave the name 'dialogue' to the other three forms, is the dialogue of religions by theologians, among themselves. ground-breaking document Nostra Aetate ('in our times') of the Second Vatican Council (1963-65) opened the way for the Catholic Church (and other Christian Churches) to enter into a conversation with other world religions. Each of the twelve world religions has three areas that distinguish it from others: (a) a world view, (b) ways of worshipping and (c) an ethical code. The first two vary greatly between the different religions while the third is pretty much the same for all religions and can be summed up in what is known as 'the golden rule'. It is in the Bible as "Do to no one what you would not want done to you" (Tob 4:16-17). In Church documents, (e.g. Pope Paul VI's letter on the Church, 'Ecclesiam Suam', 1964), 'interreligious dialogue' is today regarded as one of the two aspects of the one evangelising mission of the Church,

the other aspect being the 'Proclamation of the Word'. In what form or aspect to engage in interreligious dialogue is dictated by the needs of the concrete situation.

The fourth and last form of dialogue is the least known, the least practiced but, in my experience, the most rewarding in any religious encounter. The reason is simple: you sit together in silence with people of different faith traditions and wait until from the depths of silence something one can't express in words starts to emerge that makes you feel peaceful, joyful and somehow interconnected. It is this experience that brings the different religions closest to each other, when words do not come in the way to block that which unites them. To guote Rumi, the 13th century Persian mystic poet: "The lamps are many, but the light is one". At the expense of contradicting myself (I cannot avoid it) I find it enlightening also to recall the words of Hafiz, a 14th century Sufi mystic and poet. He was once asked by his disciples: "Tell us, master, what does God's face look like?" The master replied: "I see the face of God in every person I meet." The penny dropped for me as I remembered something similar in the Bible: "God created man in the image of himself..... male and female he created them". (Gen 1.27). And God wants all to be saved (1Tim2:4)" in ways known only to Him" (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Alfred Agins

# The Collect for Ash Wednesday

A wise old priest is once said to have advised his young curate: 'Young man, if ever you are wondering about what you should preach on a Sunday, look no further than the Collect.'

I have always been amazed by how full of meaning the Collects are if you analyse them, and how well they are crafted. Many of the Collects used in contemporary versions of Anglican liturgy have their root in the Book of Common Prayer and are a testimony to the genius of Archbishop Cranmer. Outstanding among them are the Collects of Advent and Lent.

As we approach Lent, I invite us to have a closer look at the Collect for Ash Wednesday (see box below).

The first statement that God hates nothing that he has created has got resonances with the first book of the Bible and is a bit of an understatement. After each of his creative days, culminating in the creation of man in his own image, we are told that God 'saw that it was (very) good'. We read in Proverbs 8 that he was



Portrait of Archbishop Cranmer

'delighted in mankind' at creation.

The next part of the Collect is a reference to Ezekiel (Ch 33:11): the Sovereign Lord declares, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways!' He is longing for us to repent of, or turn away from, our sins so that he can grant us forgiveness. During Lent, we are particularly conscious of our need to repent, honestly acknowledging our shortcomings as God's children.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

The clause 'create in us new and contrite hearts' is another Biblical reference, this time from Psalm 51. Verses 17 ad 10 respectively say Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me; and My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Finally we ask the God of Mercy for forgiveness of our sins, which we know from so many of Jesus' sayings he offers us, if only we are ready to accept it and change our sinful ways. So this Collect also reminds us that Lent is not just about our penitence, but also about our confidence that there is forgiveness and the promise of a new heart from our merciful God.

### Anna Thomas-Betts

# 'God my Friend': George Herbert

George Herbert was a well-known poet in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century. I guess that many of us will remember him for some well-loved hymns that are sung even now, in places where hymns (and not just 'worship songs') are sung. New English Hymnal uses four of his hymns, beginning 'Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see', 'King of Glory, King of peace, I will love thee', 'Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King' and his interpretation of the 23rd Psalm, The God of Love my shepherd is'. Many of us would have treasured the lines 'Seven

whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee'; 'A man who looks on glass, on it may stay his eye; or if he pleaseth, through it pass and then the heaven espy'; 'A servant with this clause [for thy sake] makes drudgery divine; who sweeps a room as for thy laws, makes that and the action fine', and so on.

As Mark Oakley points out in his book on George Herbert's poems, 'My Sour Sweet Days', "Like the parables of Jesus, [Herbert's poems] often do their work using images of day-to-day life and in a familiar voice..." Indeed, in his only prose book, The Country Parson, Herbert advises rural clergymen that "ordinary things such as ploughs, leaven, or dances" could be made to "serve for lights even of Heavenly Truths"!

Although most of us probably remember his hymns, he was an acclaimed poet, whose poems were of many and varied forms. He would play with forms and rhymes to enhance his message. 'Easter Wings' is an exotic example of this (see overleaf.) Verses printed side by side and turned through 90° gives the impression of wings spread out!

His poems are mainly about God and the condition of the human heart and mind. It is said that they were read and appreciated by people of faith, and of no faith: by Charles I, Oliver Cromwell, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Donne and so on. Indeed, his creative period overlapped with the lives of Shakespeare and Milton.

### **EASTER WINGS**

Lord, who createdst man in wealth and store,
Though foolishly he lost the same,
Decaying more and more,
Till he became
Most poore:
With thee
O let me rise
As larks, harmoniously,
And sing this day thy victories:
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

My tender age in sorrow did beginne
And still with sicknesses and shame.
Thou didst so punish sinne,
That I became
Most thinne.
With thee
Let me combine,
And feel thy victorie:
For, if I imp my wing on thine,
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

Leed, who createdft man in wealth and flore,
Though southly he last the fame,
Decysing more and move,
Till he because
Mad poore:
With thee
O let me rife
As lasts, harmonisally,
And fingthis day thy vitanitist
Then fhall the fall further the flight in me.
My tender age in forcew did beginne
And fill with factorides and frame
Thou didft to punifi fines,
That I became
Most hidmes.
With thee
Let me condities,
And field this day thy vithrite
For, if I imp my wing on bides,
Afficilion fhall advance the flight in me.

A constant thread through his poems is that God is his friend, not a distant avenging being. One critic has referred to this idea as a revising of "the conventional vertical address to God [high up in heaven] to a horizontal addressing of an intimate friend [who is by one's side]. It would seem that to him God was synonymous with love. His famous poem 'Love (III)' is a testimony to that (see page 18). Why did he not use God instead of Love in this poem, one might ask, but had he done so, its universal appeal would have been diminished.

George Herbert was born in an affluent, artistic household and educated at Westminster School and Trinity College, Cambridge. Before he was ordained as he expected to after University, his oratory skills found him a place as a Parliamentarian, and it was only at the age of 36 that he became a clergyman.

His ordained ministry was cut short after only three years, when in 1633 he died of consumption, at the young age of 40. How much more the world of poetry would have gained, had he lived for three score years and ten!

### Anna Thomas-Betts



We are always looking for people to report on local issues as well as writers who would like to contribute articles to the magazine.

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# Love by George Herbert

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, '
worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful?
Ah, my dear, I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply, 'Who made the eyes but I?' 'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them:

let my shame Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, '
and taste my meat.'

So I did sit and eat.

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