

Letters: The growing chasm between the Church of England and its members

Plus: In defence of Theresa May; inept pothole repairs; a Boris Johnson comeback; unpredictable parakeets; and the importance of JS Mill



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SIR – Reading recent letters, one could be forgiven for concluding that the Church of England and the United Kingdom are experiencing a similar malaise.

Both suffer from a structure in which too many are paid without adding value, leaving too little money to ensure satisfactory function where it really matters.

David Proud

Lambourn, Berkshire

SIR – My condolences to Stella Herbert (Letters, March 9) on the death of her husband, an ordained priest since 1962.

She asked the Church – with its investment portfolio worth more than £8 billion – for some help with care fees, but heard nothing.

What would Jesus have done?

Pam Ellingham

Tyler's Green, Buckinghamshire

SIR – I make a monthly donation to my old local church, but, given the profligacy of the Church of England, am now considering switching to a more worthy charity.

Rob Dorrell

Bath, Somerset

SIR – The Church may owe a massive debt, but it is worth considering everything that it has given to the world.

Millions of people have benefited from its care – medical and humane – and education, both secular and religious.

Simon Watson

Petworth, West Sussex
