

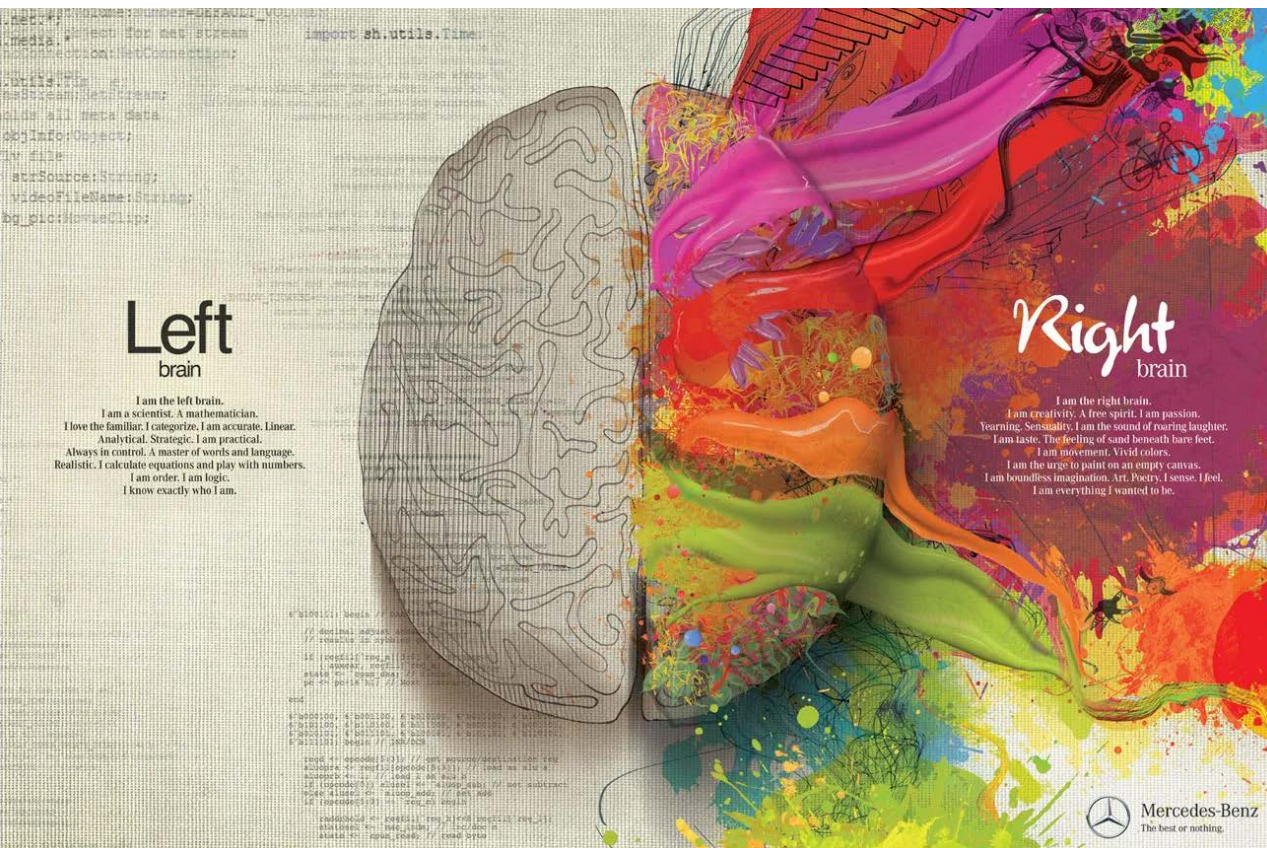
Church For Everyone – Autism Community

Neurodiversity in the Media
Louise

September 2024

Agenda

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| 1. 11.00 – 11.05 | Welcome and introduction |
| 2. 11.05 – 11.15 | Louise: Neurodiversity in the Media |
| 3. 11.15 – 11.45 | Group Discussion |
| 4. 11.45 – 11.55 | Community Update |
| 5. 11.55 – 12.00 | AOB |
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| 12.00 - 12.30 | Social time for those who wish to stay on. |



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Neurodiversity in the media

1988.... The Rain Man



- Wheeler dealer Charlie Babbitt (Tom Cruise) and his brother Raymond (Dustin Hoffman).
- As of 2024, only film to win both the Berlin International Film Festival's highest award and the Academy Award for Best Picture in the same year
- Raymond is autistic and a savant

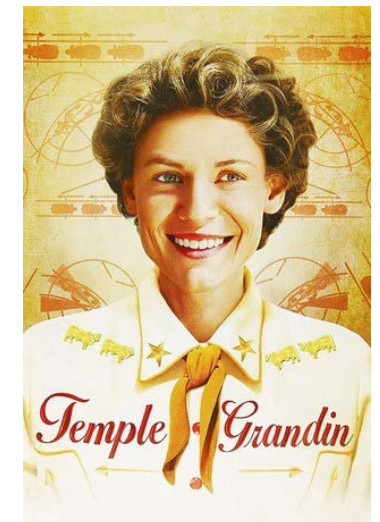
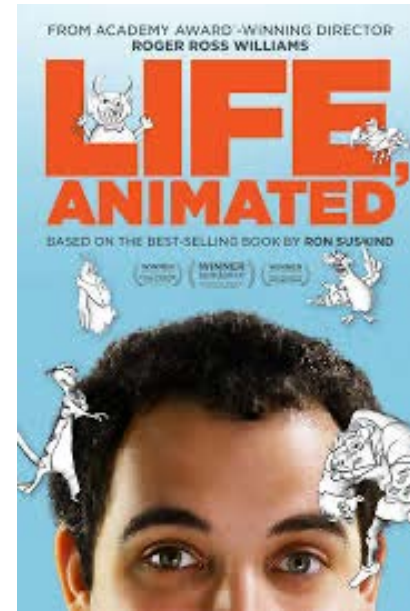
Did Dustin Hoffman's Oscar winner do more harm than good?

- “...*very misleading notion that people with autism are likely to be savants with incredible memory skills, when the vast majority of them aren't*”
- It did show that society needed to change
- When the Babbitt brothers visit a small-town doctor, the receptionist confuses Raymond's condition and asks, “what, he's artistic?”



There have been other films....

- 2009 stop-motion animation Mary and Max
- Life, Animated 2016 - documentary about Ron and Cornelia Suskind
- Temple Grandin 2010 – Claire Danes as a real-life Colorado author and animal science professor.



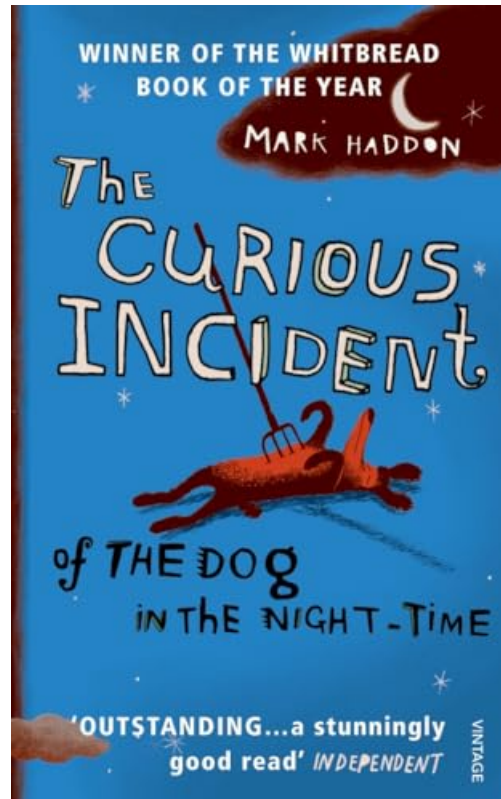
Number of people diagnosed with autism and other PDD* (UK)**

Year:	Number of cases:	Male:	Female:
1988	1	1	0

What happened to Autism in the media?



Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night – Mark Haddon

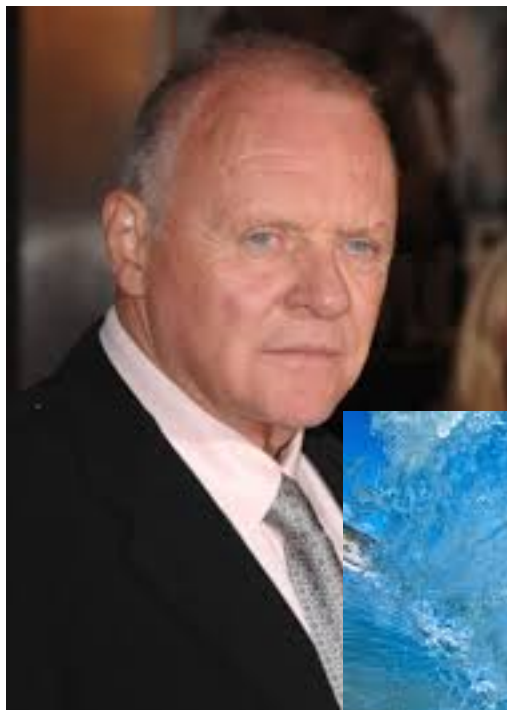


- Christopher John Francis Boone – 15
- *“a mathematician with behavioural difficulties”*
- An outsider seeing the world in a surprising and revealing way

Janey Godley



Currently on BBC iplayer



Autism and the church

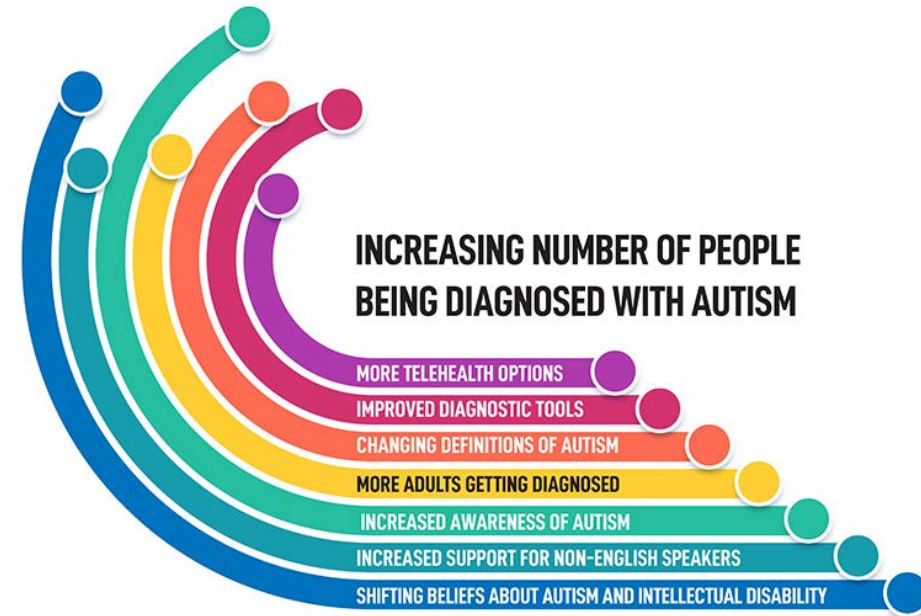
- Autism: adventures beyond the neurotypical*
- Rev'd Rachel Noel diagnosed aged 42

- Diocese of Oxford – Welcoming and Including Autistic People in our churches and Communities 2021



Increase in Autism Diagnoses

- 2021 study found a 787% rise in number of diagnoses between 1998 and 2018
- 80 years ago thought to affect 1 in 2,500 children
- Now 1 in 36



Neurodiverse

- 1998 Australian sociologist, Judy Singer who used it in her honour's thesis
- Picked up by a US journalist
- Singer meant it to be used to show the diversity there was - like biodiversity....not for a particular set of conditions
- The term kickstarted a movement



NeuroDiversity: the birth of an idea Judy Singer

And now...

- Does the media help understanding?
- Is the media accurate?
- What is the church doing?



If you have a moment,
there are numerous
people who rank autistic
characters in the media...

Community Update

BBC Sunday Worship Service Update

- Aiming to get set of personal contributions recorded for 5 Oct – Philip can then shape the service
- Once this is done – possibly some re-recording required for quality purposes & ‘hosting’ added
- We will record some prayers relevant to ‘current events’ – possibly in November – I will confirm.
- Can I encourage those still to record contributions to do so?
- I have put time-slots into my diary to run a Zoom recording where you can record if that helps – you can **book in for a time-slot**:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/pq51e5f71tq31g8ra1cpv/Book-a-recording-slot.xlsx?rlkey=96luda1zzv70leancygm3gb8&st=fbl5lq23&dl=0>

- You can **see (and listen to) what has been recorded so far**:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/efxaqyyo826v9eie8y36r/ADsqZloDO_6DJAUSCj_YVXM?rlkey=uk4owy140ej6bco7gpexosj5k&st=n10vnji&dl=0

- You can **upload your contribution**:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/p4n6gq0a21fp97l033jug/AGJGw2tJGA09VODJ3Jhjxrc?rlkey=skwezqa7iip5k4tzc2ahkmmc5&st=i8k87eq1&dl=0>

- If you are **not sure what is required, you can check here (or ask me)**:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/xfshzqeql9yqv09gxkto/Programme-Outline-and-Tasks-V3.docx?rlkey=4zux70ufx84m6w77p5ez428fe&st=3kqdy3fs&dl=0>

FORMAT	
Welcome and introduction Stewart Rapley	<i>5 mins</i>
Our vision for Church For Everyone Nick Bundock	<i>5 mins</i>
All in Christ Belong Discussion between Grant Macaskill and John Behr	<i>20 mins</i>
Break	<i>10 mins</i>
A perspective from Christian anthropology Joanna Leidenhag	<i>15 mins</i>
Exploring ways forward for the imago dei Ian Lasch	<i>15 mins</i>
Break	<i>10 mins</i>
Panel Q&A	<i>30 mins</i>
Wrap up and next steps Stewart Rapley/Nick Bundock	<i>10 mins</i>

30+ registrations
so far!

Made in the image of God

Imago Dei: A theological basis for 'Belonging'?

Tuesday 22 October 2024
7.30pm to 9.30pm (UK Time)

Looking for:

- 2 volunteers on the evening
- several volunteers to help 'dry run' of technology

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You can register here:

<https://stjamesandemmanuel.org/>