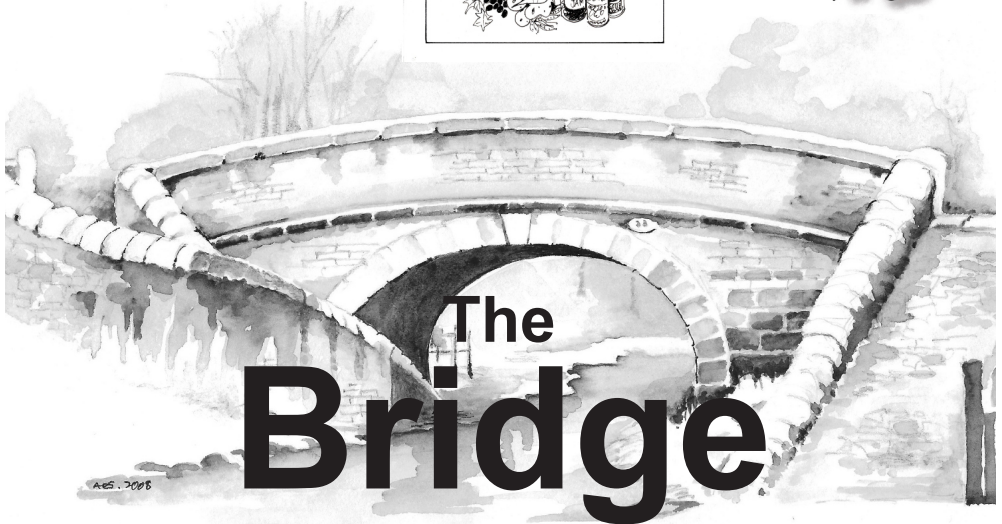




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Welcome to October 2022 edition

We are at a time of change – seasonal, political, financial, the start of a new reign, and a new style of ministry for our local churches begins as Reverend Clive retires. A time of farewells and time to look forward with renewed faith for the future. As the Late Queen Elizabeth said 'Grief is the price we pay for love.' And 'When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.'

We continue to publish *The Bridge* monthly on each of the nine church websites. If you have local events or business you wish to let readers know about let us know about it well in advance.

The Editor

Some Special Dates in October

1-30 October: The Big Draw Month
<https://thebigdraw.org/uk-events>

2 / 9 October: Harvest Sunday
2 October: International Day of Non-Violence on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. Established on 15 June 2007 by United Nations General Assembly.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-ay#:~:text=Culture%20of%20Peace%20and%20Non%2Dviolence,-%23KindnessMatters>

7 October: World Smile Day
30 October: Bible Sunday sponsored by the Bible Society
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Community Coffee Morning Kirton Holme Churchroom
 10.00am – 11.30am
Coffee Morning 10am Sibsey Northlands Hall
 Tel 01205 750197.
Indoor Bowling Sibsey Village Hall 2-4pm

Fit4Life Sibsey Village Hall 7-9pm
Indoor Bowls New York Village Hall 2-4pm
 Contact Ron 07951 313782
Coffee Morning Carrington Village Hall 10am-12noon

Coffee Morning Holland Fen Hall 10.30am-12noon
Country Roads Quilters Sibsey Northlands Hall
 9.30am - 4.30pm
Coffee Morning Carrington Village Hall 10am-12noon

Pilates Sibsey Village Hall 10-11am

Slimming World Sibsey Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm

Auctions Carrington Village Hall
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Sibsey WI Sibsey Northlands Hall 7.15pm
Friendship Group/Coffee Afternoon Sibsey Village Hall
 2-4pm
Indoor Bowling Sibsey Village Hall 6-8pm

Cinema@The Beonna, Benington 7pm

Amber Hill WI 7.15pm

Quiz@The Beonna, Benington 7pm - 11pm

Bike Night/Social Night New York Village Hall 5pm-8pm
Archery New York Village Hall 7-8pm
 Steve 07896 534578. All ages and abilities welcome.
Craft Afternoon 1.30pm-4.30pm Holland Fen Vill.Hall

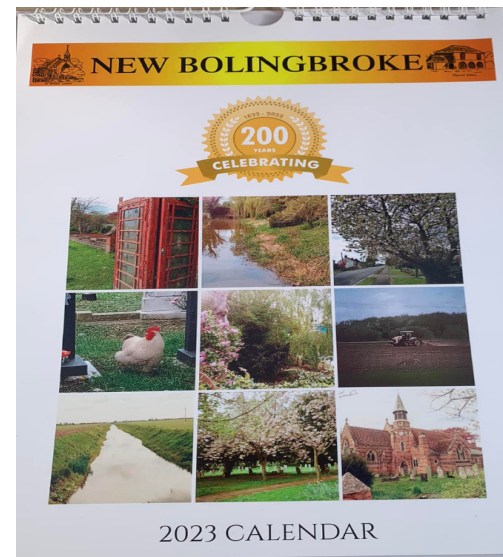
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New Bolingbroke 2023 Calendar

2023 New Bolingbroke calendars available now. Inside are 12 lovely historic photos of the village, celebrating our 200yr history this year. Would make lovely presents. Available from Rundles office during office hours. At the steam up on October 16th. At the village market on October 23rd. Junction antiques. Only £5.00 each.



Sibsey Church needs your help!

Saturday 1st October major clean to prepare for Harvest, everyone welcome, come anytime between 10am and 4pm.

Saturday 17th December major clean to prepare for Christmas, everyone welcome, come anytime between 10am and 4pm.

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Younger people more likely to pray than older generations, survey finds

Younger adults are more likely to pray than older generations, according to a recent survey for the Church of England which shows that nearly half of UK adults report having ever offered up some form of prayer.

A third of 18-to-34-year-olds - 32% - say they have prayed in the last month. By contrast, a minority in the 55+ age group - 25% - said they had prayed in the last month.

Among those who had ever prayed, the most common topics prayed about were for friends and family (69%), people they know who are sick (54%) and to give thanks (51%).

The Revd Dr Stephen Hance, National Lead for Evangelism and Witness for the Church of England, said: "These findings really challenge the all-too-common assumption that young people are not interested in faith or spiritual things."

→ "In an age when mindfulness and meditation are more popular than ever, prayer makes sense to people. And with pressures mounting and people of every generation facing huge uncertainty, many people of all ages are drawing strength from God in prayer.

"This also confirms what other research has told us, that while younger people may be under-represented in church, this isn't indicative of a lack of interest in faith. That's why the Church of England has made engaging young people one of our top priorities for the decade."

“Thank you and farewell

Reverend Clive”



This month, upon his retirement, we say “Thank you” and “Farewell” to Revd. Clive.

Revd. Clive was Licensed as Vicar on Monday, 16th March, 2020, but Covid restrictions came into force and there was no opportunity for fellowship and shared food after the Service. Clive did maintain and extend Services by providing a weekly Order of Service and a Reflection for those ‘on line’ - reaching beyond the decreased congregation (once reassembled) to those ‘shielding’ at home, and to other interested parishioners.

To our detriment, ‘Covid’ regulations curtailed many of the services and events which the Church usually offers, thereby leading to reduced contact with ‘our Vicar’ for those within and beyond church doors. Of course, Revd. Clive has baptised several babies and led a confirmation course for those wanting to make the promises for themselves; there have also been many weddings and funerals. All these families will have their own special memories of him. Revd. Clive also led an interesting Lent Course, entitled ‘Silence and Honey Cakes’ and those attending appreciated wider aspects of his theology, character and sense of humour. The Priest we see in Church on a Sunday is far more serious and restrained, though he does like to season his sermons with a few smiles.

Within the past two years, Revd. Clive has led the Parochial Church Council through many difficult decisions concerning the new ‘Local Mission Partnership’ which will replace the traditional Parish/Deanery Organisation. Luckily our LMP will comprise largely

the same churches and congregations but there will be a reduction in Clergy numbers. Lay Ministry Teams (non-Clergy) will take their place for many Services. St. Margaret’s was designated as a ‘Community Church’ and Revd. Clive voiced the suggestion of a Community Library. This has now been set up, organised and led by Mrs. Chris Heath.

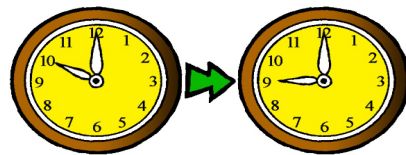
Revd. Clive has worked with our Area Dean (Revd. Lis Ward), retired Vicar (Christine Bonneywell) and our Reader (Nicola Bradbury) to ensure that Services at Sibsey will continue, though with slightly less Communion Services. Sadly there are no planned Services for Churches along the Straight, as yet, but these congregations will be very welcome at Sibsey in the meantime!

Revd. Clive’s Farewell Service is at Sibsey on 9th October, 10.30am. This will be a Benefice Harvest Thanksgiving Service and refreshment will be served following the Service - an opportunity for the various congregations to say “Thank you and Farewell” to Clive and his wife Carolyne.

We wish them both a long and happy retirement, knowing that Clive, in particular, will not be ‘inactive’ for long!

Ann Wgs,

Church Publicity Officer
(Sibsey w. Carrington Group)



**Don't forget the clocks go back
Sunday, October 30, 2:00 am**

The Death of Queen Elizabeth II

‘I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service’ (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

We have all been shocked and saddened by the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II. For most of us, we’ve never known another monarch and we’re used to the stability of her presence.

Much has been said about her humility, servant heart and commitment to duty over the 75 years of her reign. The secret of the Queen’s consistency of character and service was her Christian Faith: *‘To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ’s words and*

example’ (2002). It is clear that she drew strength from her faith, seeking to live according to the teachings of the Bible.

However, the Queen recognised her need for forgiveness, which she found through her personal relationship with Jesus Christ: *‘Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person, neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are), but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.’* (2011).

We can truly give thanks for the Queen’s commitment to serving God and the nation throughout her life. She has been a great example of what Paul says about Christian living: *‘And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.’* (Colossians 3:17). Let’s make her our example! By Paul Hardingham

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Dioceses concerned for farming communities in drought

Diocesan authorities in rural areas across Britain are increasingly concerned over the welfare of their parishioners, especially among the farming communities.

In many farms across Cornwall, for example, the drought is so severe that springs have dried up, leaving farmers dependent on boreholes to water their stock. The summer crops were poor, and now it is difficult to re-plant or sow crops for the coming season. As one farmer explained, "the ground is like concrete – you can't plough a dust bowl."

The parched grass has forced farmers to feed their winter silage early, and meanwhile the cost of winter feed is rocketing. Added to that is fuel poverty, with spiralling prices meaning that where it used to cost £500 to fill an oil tank for the winter, it now costs up to £3,000.

Smile please! It's Friday 7 October!

Friday is often said to be the happiest day of the week. Traditionally it was pay day, the end of the working week. If this is true, then Friday 7 October could be the happiest day of the year because it is World Smile Day 2022, the day when we are all asked to do a small act of kindness that will put a smile on someone else's face!

The organisers quite rightly point out that what we can all focus on are the small things we can control, like taking a little extra time to help someone with something, or to make them laugh. The idea is that if we all try to do one small act of kindness this World Smile Day, then, together, we can make a huge change in the world.

<https://www.worldsmileday.com/>

New Bolingbroke Town Hall Markets

Sundays 10am - 1pm

23rd October,

20th November,

11th December ('til 2pm).

Craft Fairs

12th November

New York Village Hall

6th October/ 3rd November

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Harvest Sunday: Let's celebrate despite the drought!

There can be no doubt that celebrating a plentiful harvest this year might seem difficult, or even inappropriate. In many parts of the world food crops have not grown as expected, and in some places failed completely. The recent, and ongoing, droughts and wildfires in the UK, Europe, Africa, America, Australia, and Asia – to name but a few – and the war in Ukraine which has reduced world grain supplies to a trickle, raises such difficult questions as we prepare for our annual Harvest celebrations that traditionally involve giving thanks to God for all the good food that has been safely gathered in.

In Biblical times, Harvest was the time when people came together to pray for the right combination of rain and sunshine during the coming year so that the next season's harvest would be plentiful. This was what the last day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was all about. It was a time when prayers were offered to God for rain in the coming months to water next year's crops. It was the time when Jesus appeared in the Temple and shouted that the thirsty should come to him. (John 7:37) Jesus, of course, was referring to those who were thirsty for the Holy Spirit, while the people and the religious leaders were focussing on more worldly things such as water, the most valuable worldly item for them – and as we have been learning recently, for us!

So, let's not hold back on our Harvest celebrations this year, let's thank God for both the spiritual and the worldly food that we have received, and pray

in earnest that the world takes climate change even more seriously because it is clearly climate change that is causing this year's drought and poor harvest.

A Harvest Prayer for East Africa from Christian Aid

Loving and compassionate God
When famine stalks the land, nothing grows.

Plants cannot, people cannot, ideas and dreams cannot.

Everything withers and dies.

It is a violent aberration of your will for the world

and it is multiplied now by conflict, climate change and Covid.

God of the flourishing field, there is enough to feed us all.

Call us to that sacred sharing neighbour, to global neighbour.

Your gifts of food, water, a chance to live the life so delicately crafted by your divine spirit.

We will not turn away, but turn towards each other

with generosity and a justice-driven compassion that searches for solutions

Famine stalks the land, so may our outrage grow,

may our determination steel itself,

may our solidarity spur us into action

God of the flourishing field, help us feed each other. Amen

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal>

Sibsey Church Cleaners Required

Volunteers required - working in pairs on a cleaning rota usually once a month – day and time flexible.

Interested? Contact Reverend Clive

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were guests at a family wedding in Cana. The bridegroom was responsible for the food and drink.

The wedding feasts went on for days



Then the wine ran out...



What a disaster! The bridegroom and his family would be shamed for life, and perhaps even sued!

Mary noticed...



Jesus, they've run out of wine!

So why are you telling me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



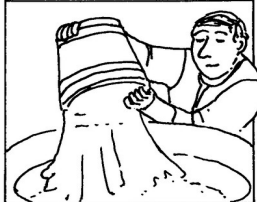
Do whatever he tells you.

Fill those six jars to the top with water



The water was for the special washing of hands before meals

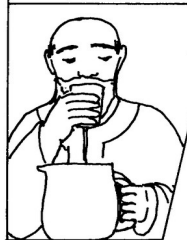
and each jar held about 100 litres



Now take some out and serve it to the toastmaster



He tried it....



...then he called to the bridegroom..



Most people serve the best wine first, then the rest later, but..

...this is the best wine I've ever tasted!



Impressive!



Potluck at the autumn bazaar

'... from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales... and it was distributed to anyone who had need...' Acts 4:33-35

Imagine someone in your church is 'decluttering' their home, and soon fills up a box with unwanted items. Then they offer it to you, to sell it at the church's Autumn Bazaar. What should you do with the stuff inside?

An ivory ornament

There are some exceptions, but generally it is illegal to sell ivory. Some pieces are very valuable, so check, but be very careful. And remember: an elephant was slaughtered to make that item.

A silver cup that has been altered and not hallmarked

A hallmarked item that has been altered, say with a new handle made of silver, should be re-marked. It is illegal to sell silver products that have not been properly hallmarked.

A bag of old coins including a gold sovereign, some crowns and threepences

It is probably best to get a dealer or knowledgeable collector to look at any coins, in case there is anything valuable included.

A fox fur

It is legal to sell it, but these days, who would want it? There is a widespread campaign to ban sales of animal products.

An old electric fire with no plug

You must only sell equipment that meets safety standards, including a

plug with safety markings. Better to be safe than sorry. The best advice is never to touch second-hand electrical goods.

A box of photos, including children at the village school from the 1940s and a tin of war medals with a pay book and army certificates.

If these are of any historical interest, they could be offered to the local museum or record office. Never throw away papers that relate to medals, as they make them much more interesting to collectors. Again, get an expert to check them over.

Some jars of homemade honey, marmalade or pickle.

These are very popular at village fetes, but the ingredients should be clearly labelled.

A note about some furniture which is free to anyone to pick it up

Charity shops will not take furniture that is not properly labelled with fire labels.

Some fencing equipment

Someone was offered some 'fencing equipment' and said yes, expecting to collect some fence panels. It turned out to be a collection of swords!

As always, this is a light-hearted piece, and get advice on individual items.

David Pickup, a solicitor

30 years ago

On 13th October 1992 the British Government announced that 31 of the country's 50 remaining deep coal mines would close by March 1993, putting 31,000 miners out of work. Six mines were closed immediately.

Forgive the wasps - and learn to understand them

Chances are that you were irritated by wasps this summer – there were a lot of them about. But did you know what they were really looking for?

According to Prof Seirian Sumner, a behavioural ecologist and entomologist at University College London, we should try to “understand what wasps want, and what they’re doing at certain times of the year.” In early and mid-summer “they’re not that interested in sugar, they want meat. The adults are vegetarian, but they hunt prey to feed to the larvae, who give them a sugary reward,” she says.

“Then, when the larvae pupate [in late summer and early autumn], there’s fewer that need feeding, and they don’t need to hunt, so wasps are sort of furloughed. And then they go in search of sugar, usually in flowers. But your prosecco, or beer, or jam sandwich is just as appealing.”

Her advice, then, is to distract wasps from yourself by offering them meat in early to mid-summer, and a saucer of cider or some jam on a lid in late summer and early autumn.

Sumner stresses that the world would be much worse off without wasps: they are excellent at pest control and are also fine pollinators.

More on wasps in her book: *Endless Forms: The Secret World of Wasps* (HarperCollins)

Christians Against Poverty Sunday – 16th October

Everyone is feeling a bit poorer this autumn, as the cost-of-living spirals upwards at an alarming rate. For people who are already in financial difficulties, the cost of living will probably be at crisis point already.

And so, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) says: “It’s more vital than ever that the Church shines God’s love brightly in the darkness. You can do this by signing up to hold a CAP Sunday service this year, and by equipping your church to respond to your community’s needs, bringing hope in the midst of pain and helplessness.”

The theme this year is ‘lament to hope’. And CAP is certainly bringing hope to thousands of people. In 2021 it counselled 13,452 people in desperate need, and helped 1,877 people become completely debt free. CAP also provided 1,091 families in critical need with emergency support.

CAP can provide a revealing insight into the reality of UK poverty, and offer ideas of how local Christians and churches can respond to some of the needs in their area.

CAP says: “We see local churches becoming beacons of hope and light in their communities. We’re so proud of our partnership with local churches. It’s because of them we can run services that give people the tools to break free from poverty. And it’s because of them we can offer emergency support to those in urgent need of essentials like food and heating.”

A very modern problem with driving after dark

Have you ever driven down a road after dark, only to shield your eyes from dazzling beams of a large Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) coming straight at you? If so, you will know the blinding effect those lights can have.

Now a recent study by the RAC has found that almost two thirds of drivers have noticed the problem is happening more often than even a couple of years ago. And the RAC has found that because the SUV-style vehicles are higher off the road, their beams are in the direct eyeline of drivers in lower vehicles.

One in ten drivers admitted that they were unable to see clearly for six seconds or more when dazzled by such oncoming headlights. If they were travelling at 60mph, that means they could be covering 160 yards more or less blind.

Overall, the RAC finds that it is LED lights which are the problem. “This presents a real irony – the brighter and better your vehicle’s headlights are, the clearer your night-time view of the road ahead is, but often, it seems, at the expense of anyone coming towards you.”

Remembering prisoners during Prisons Week - 9th to 15th October

More than 80,000 people are currently being held in UK prisons. Many of them have caused acute misery and hurt to innocent people, and so it is tempting to forget about them now.

But Jesus commanded that we do the opposite – that when it comes to showing compassion, we should include in our care even those who may seem to us to be the least deserving of consideration.

When Jesus said: ‘I was in prison and you visited me,’ (Matt 25:43), He meant something amazing: that when we do any goodness to prisoners in His name, He will reckon that we have shown that kindness to Him. That is quite an incentive to do something for them!

The Prisons Week initiative has prepared prayer literature for UK churches to use for more than 40 years, and so is an excellent place to start. The needs for all those affected by prisons: prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system, are huge and complicated, and need God’s help.

As Jonathan Aitken, who works with Prisons Week says: “Almost everyone has a spiritual dimension to their lives, however much they have suppressed it or ignored it. Prison is not a bad place to explore the part of your being which is called the soul. Yes, you have hit a rock-bottom low point. But you will recover from it and can rebuild your life. Be willing to extend or accept the hand of friendship.”

More info at: www.prisonsworld.org

60 years ago

On 15th October 1962 British weather forecasts switched from the Fahrenheit scale to Celsius.

George Cadbury – the chocolate man with a heart for welfare

One hundred years ago, on 24th October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.



George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution – now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses – not exclusively for factory employees – were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the *Daily News* (later the *News Chronicle*), where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

Tim Lenton

6th October – National Poetry Day

Who needs a poem? Apparently, many people feel much better for them – either in writing them or in reading them. That is the reason for the National Day of Poetry, which wants to see “an explosion of activity nationwide,” from kitchen tables to gardens and public spaces, “all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together.”

According to The National Literacy Trust, 66.5 per cent of children and young people agree that writing poetry made them feel better during lockdown. More details at: <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/about-npd/>

Time for a Smile

The following are genuine notes left for milkmen.

- ~ Dear Milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
- ~ Cancel one pint after the day after today.
- ~ Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.
- ~ Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk.
- ~ Please cancel the milk. I have nothing coming into the house except two sons on the dole.
- ~ Please bring me a form about cheap milk, as my boyfriend has made me stagnant.
- ~ Please do not leave milk at no. 14 as he is dead until further notice.

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon on temperance. So four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third was put into a container of chocolate syrup, and the fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol . . . dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke . . . dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil . . . alive. So, the minister asked his congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

There was silence, until one farmer at the back hazarded: "That as long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms?"

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

An instant later a fervent prayer was heard in the back seat. "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

An advert appeared in the student newspaper of the university: *Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with university student – seeks six-footer with brown eyes answering to initials J.A.D.*

Signed,
His mother

Vicar (benevolently): "And what is your name, my little man?"

Small boy: "Well, that's the limit. It was you who baptised me!"

Butcher: "Sorry, sir, but I'm all out of wild ducks. I could let you have a fine end of ham."

Customer: "Don't be absurd. How could I go home and say I shot the end of a ham?"

When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: "To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?" "The formula," said Ford, "is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model."

I get most of my exercise these days from shaking my head in disbelief.

Anyone who thinks talk is cheap never argued with a traffic warden.

Collecting firewood

It was April and the Aborigines in a remote part of Northern Australia asked the new minister at their small church to ask God if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. The minister did not want to lose their confidence, as he had only just arrived, but when he prayed and looked at the sky, he had frankly no idea what the winter ahead would be like.

To be on the safe side, he told his congregation that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But after several days he had an idea. He called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked if the coming winter in his area was going to be cold. The meteorologist responded, "Yes, it looks like this winter is going to be cold."

So, the minister went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again, to ask if it still looked like it was going to be a very cold winter. The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'

So, the minister went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later, and still concerned, the minister called the Bureau again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" he asked.

"Absolutely," the man replied. "In fact, it's looking more and more like it is

going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the minister asked. The sky didn't look any different to him.

The weatherman replied, "Our satellites have reported that the Aborigines in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign."

A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: "We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand', two hundred and twenty-two."

Alarmed, the little boy nudged his father. "Do we have to work this one out?"

Very lively little Dora had returned from Sunday school, where she had been for the first time. "And what did my little girl learn this morning?" asked her father indulgently. "That I am a child of the devil," was the beaming reply.

Someone has argued that the writer of Psalm 91 must have had extensive experience of luncheon clubs, for he refers to 'the destruction that wasteth at noon day'. It is also suspected that the psalmist had been obliged to attend a number of dinners, because he wrote about 'the pestilence that walketh in darkness'.

Sidesman to timid parishioner: Why are you late?

Timid parishioner: Church started before I got here.

One hundred years of the BBC

One hundred years ago, on 18th October 1922, the BBC was officially founded as the British Broadcasting Company (now the British Broadcasting Corporation).

It was originally a private company, in which only British manufacturers were permitted to hold shares. But three years later it was liquidated and in 1927 replaced by a public corporation – the British Broadcasting Corporation – which had almost complete independence and, until the passing of the Television Act of 1954, a monopoly of the television service in Britain. That year saw the birth of commercial television. The BBC's monopoly of radio ended when the Government permitted local commercial broadcasts, starting in the 1970s.

The BBC is not allowed to advertise or broadcast sponsored programmes. It should also not broadcast any opinion of its own on current affairs and matters of public policy, and be impartial on controversial issues. In recent years the BBC has been criticised for not keeping to these rules, but they were foremost in the mind of Lord Reith, the BBC's first Director General – a Scottish Presbyterian with strong Christian convictions whose influence lingered for many years.

The BBC has a public service broadcasting requirement to produce 115 hours of religious content on TV and 370 hours on radio each year. This of course leaves open the definition of religious content: atheists have complained that there is too much religion on the BBC, while Christians might point to the overtly secular assumptions made in the vast majority of its output.

Remembering Coleridge

Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born 250 years ago, on 21st October 1772. He co-founded (with William Wordsworth) the Romantic Movement of poetry, but he was also a philosopher, theologian and literary critic. He is best known for the long, compelling ballad, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, and the mystical *Kubla Khan*.

Born in Ottery St Mary, Devon, Coleridge was a prodigious reader as a child; his father John was vicar and head of the local grammar school, and Samuel's school friends there remembered him for his unusual memory and willingness to express coherently his opinions and beliefs. He was however – especially during his adult life – subject to anxiety and depression and may have been bipolar. He was treated with laudanum and became dependent on it. He had a strong belief in the existence of a powerful "life consciousness" in all created beings, and this idea prompted Wordsworth's creative approach to nature. Coleridge also worked as a Unitarian preacher between 1796 and 1797, though he eventually returned to the Church of England.

Kubla Khan was composed in a lonely Somerset farmhouse when the poet by his own admission was under the influence of laudanum. It is a remarkable and spiritual poetic fragment. Much easier to understand (but also much longer), *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* is an imaginative and complex exposition of his belief that all life is sacred.

Coleridge is remembered largely for the work of his brilliant youth, and he later became disillusioned by the failure of both his marriage and the French Revolution, lapsing often into obscure argument and confusion – something his addiction clearly did nothing to alleviate.

Church Services and Events

Sunday 9th October - Harvest Festival

10.30am Sibsey Holy Communion

Sunday 16th October

10.30am Sibsey Holy Communion

10.45am Kirton Holme Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd October

10.45am Brothertoft Holy Communion

Sunday 30th October

10.30am Sibsey Holy Communion

Sunday 6th November

10.30am Sibsey Morning Prayer

10.45am Holland Fen Holy Communion

Sunday 13th November

10.45am Brothertoft Remembrance

10.50am Sibsey Remembrance

2.30pm Carrington Remembrance

3.00pm Wildmore Remembrance

Sunday 20th November

10.30am Sibsey Holy Communion

10.45am Kirton Holme Morning Worship

Sunday 27th November

10.45am Langrick Holy Communion

All services will be conducted to be Covid-safe. Face coverings optional but welcome. Hand sanitiser will be available. Refreshments may be served if volunteers available. Anyone not taking communion may receive a blessing from the priest.

From the Registers

Baptism:

25th September at Sibsey: Lily, Mandy, Dawson-Heath, and Elijah, Ronald, Andrew, Heath

2nd October at Sibsey: Rupert, William, Ray, Twigg-Smith

2nd October at Brothertoft: Gracie Ann Lomax



No Weddings

Funerals:

Burial of Gary Oyitch at St Peter's Wildmore on 27th September

Marcel Francis Gendrot aged 65 at South Lincolnshire Crematorium on Thursday 6th October.

Burial of Ashes:

31st August at Brothertoft: Peter, William, Maskell aged 71

17th September at Frithville: Richard, Steeper aged 85



This month sees the first anniversary of the death or funeral of the following **parishioners**. We remember them and their families and friends at this time.

Jean Taylor

Mary Ashton

Prayer Requests

If you would like prayers said in church for you at a time of illness or upheaval this can be arranged. If the request is for another person the prayers will not be said in public for confidentiality reasons. Contact the clergy or lay ministers listed inside the front cover.



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Why so many puppies are dying

Here is a horrific statistic: one in five puppies are either falling ill or dying before they reach one year old.

The reason, says the Kennel Club, is due to a “perfect and terrible storm” of the Covid crisis, followed by the cost-of-living crisis.

During Covid, many homebound people decided to get a dog. But they could not travel to meet the breeder, the mother, or the puppies. So instead, they bought puppies off social media, with 31 per cent of them buying one sight unseen. That meant that rogue breeders could exploit animals by lowering their welfare standards for the mother and puppies, and also that they could sell puppies who were already damaged or ill.

Add to that the soaring cost of dog care, which discourages new owners from seeking veterinary help, and it is little wonder that now 22 per cent of puppies are falling ill before their first birthday, and, in cases where the owner bought a puppy sight unseen, 36 per cent of them are dying.

How to stop lorries getting stuck

Have you ever come across a huge lorry jammed tight somewhere, and wondered WHY ON EARTH the driver chose that route?

The answer is probably that they used a satnav system designed to help cars. Now the Local Government Association (LGA), which represents councils in England and Wales, is calling for a change in the law. It argues that HGVs should use only specialist navigation tools designed to keep them on wider roads.

The call comes following a series of incidents involving HGVs in impossible places. One lorry was determined to get under a tiny bridge in Leicestershire, but instead shut the road for 12 hours. Another lorry nosed itself deep into a narrow street in Bristol, and was stuck for 15 hours. A third lorry tackled a very narrow railway bridge in Swindon, and crashed, causing hours of delay to numerous trains and dozens of cars.

Councillor David Renard, LGA transport spokesman, said: “The spate of accidents we continue to see, on an all too regular basis, is causing major disruption to local communities.”

Big car, big flood?

That big car in your driveway may be contributing to flash flooding.

So warns Sir John Armitt, chair of the National Infrastructure Commission. He points out that the popular trend for buying bigger and bigger cars means that more and more owners need to pave over their gardens, in order to accommodate them. “The roads are narrower and narrower, and so parked cars get dented and scratched. People want to get their cars off the road.”

But more paving means less ‘soak-away’ space for heavy rains. That can lead to overwhelmed drains and sewers – and flooded homes.

Sir John said: “It’s staggering when you look at the difference between a 1970s car, and a 2020s car. How much bigger they are now! We think, ‘gosh we used to travel around in those things?’ The 1970s cars look minute now.”

Nurseries under threat

If you are a parent in need of childcare, you may be struggling this autumn.

Especially if you live in a rural area. The number of nurseries in the countryside has dropped by a staggering 20 pc since 2015. That means that one in five has now closed. Figures for urban areas are little better, with a drop of 13pc. There is also a widespread decline in breakfast and after-school clubs.

Fewer places in childcare provision mean higher prices, and that will not help the cost-of-living crisis for families.

Why walking a small dog may win a woman's heart

Men who walk small dogs are seen as less threatening to women than men who walk large or even medium sized dogs.

Using cute little dogs to appeal to women is a well-known tactic on dating apps, but now scientists at the University of Jaen in Spain have found that even just walking a small dog can attract women to a man.

It seems when women see a man walking a small dog, they remain relaxed because they feel safe, and calm because they do not fear losing control of the situation. And if the dog is *really* cute, then a conversation may even begin!

Reaping and harvesting

Sometimes a law of nature is very similar to a law of the spirit. Take the process of harvest, or 'sowing and reaping'. The Bible tells us: 'A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.' (2 Cor 9:6)

It has been said that probably the most sensitive nerve on our body is the one that runs to our cheque book! Money represents our time, our security and our hard work. It gives us independence and power. So, when God begins to talk to us about giving more of our money to Him – sowing it in His service – we can feel very alarmed.

The seed a farmer sows in a field may sometimes be lost, but not the seed that we give to God. What we sow with regards to our time, gifts and money in service to others God will make sure we one day reap – in a harvest of spiritual riches that we can never lose.

Learn to 'wait well' for things

'My future is in Your hands...'

In her book, *When, God, When?* Author Joyce Meyer wrote: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things, that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy, trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

So why not learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be? After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting that you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! In other words, if we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well will also help us prepare for our dream. The Bible puts it this way: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.

Isn't it comforting to know that God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how best to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.

Reflecting Faith: the Cross in our churches

I recently read a web article which was wondering if Christians actually need a 'cross' in our church buildings; or indeed if they were unhelpful in our worship. The major argument against having one, it seems, was that it could become the focus of our worship, and it is not okay to worship idols.

To me this argument is nonsensical. The cross is a graphic reminder of what Jesus Christ has done for us in His death. No one in their senses would dream of worshipping a cross itself, as it was the most humiliating and debasing form of capital punishment – it was a means of gruesome execution.

Christians use crosses in churches to remind people of just how far Jesus was prepared to go to rescue us from what St Paul called 'the dominion of darkness'.

So this Sunday, why not have a look around your local church building, and count how many crosses there are?

I would expect there to be 'hidden' crosses where the building was consecrated, and also under the altar itself. There will also be various paperwork, service books, sheets and hymnals which all have the sign of the cross on their covers.

Perhaps you have candle holders with crosses sculptured into them. And in most Protestant churches you will see a cross on or above the altar table itself.

Many processions of choir and clergy will be led by a raised cross bearer. And In churches where the Bible is processed into the nave for reading during a service, a cross is also carried.

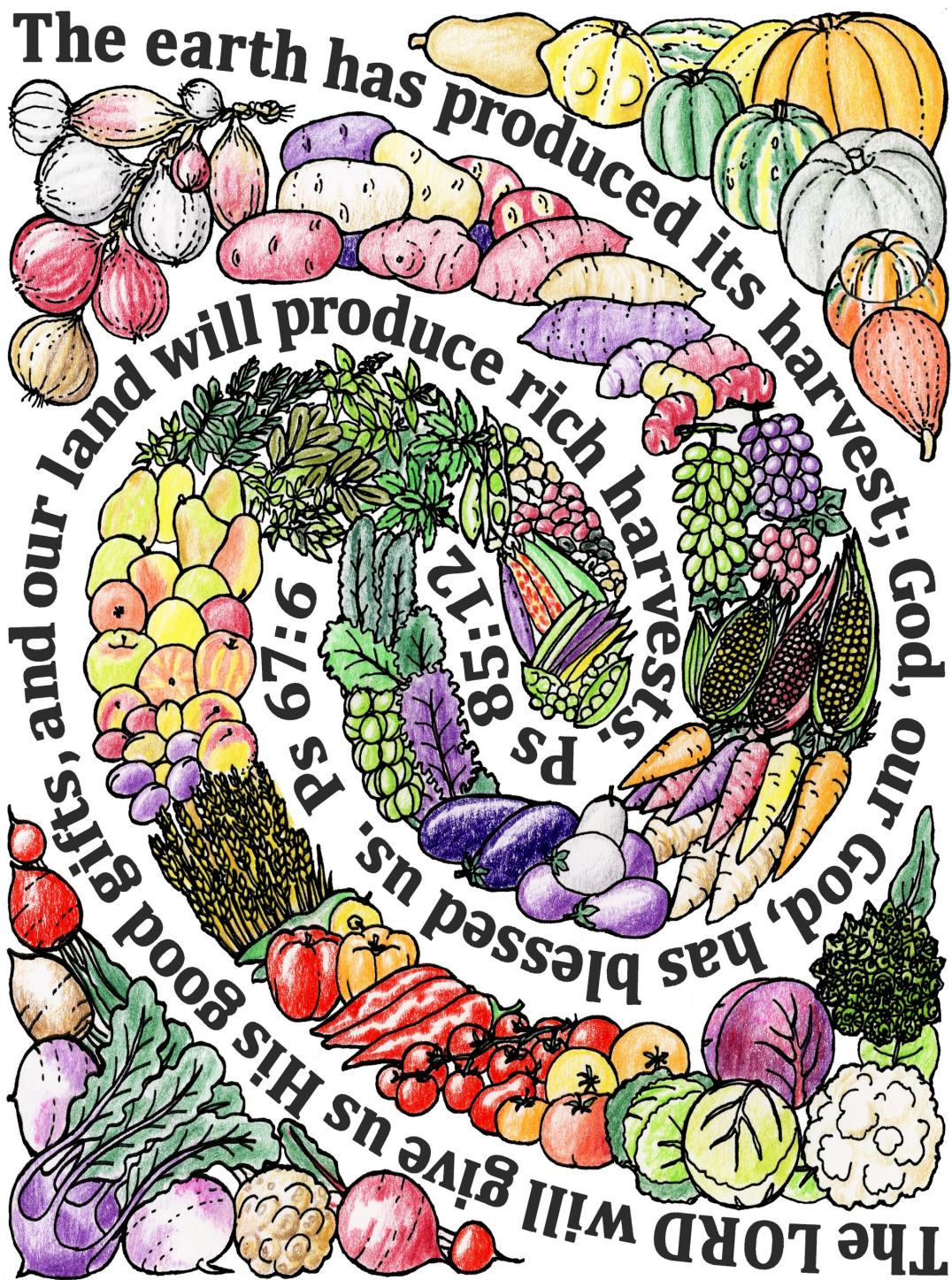
People turn to face these processions as they travel without necessarily understanding which part they are facing: the Cross, the Bible or the Person?

The answer is – we follow the Word of God – the Bible - *not* the cross. The same is true in any procession. We stand to honour the clergy in their role as Christ's servants, not the cross which may be held aloft before them.

This month

Have a look around your church building – both inside and outside for crosses. What materials are they made from? How extravagant or glamorous are they? Are they Crosses (an 'empty' cross) or Crucifixes (this has a representation of Christ hanging on the cross)? How do they aid you in your worship and how much do they reflect your faith?

The Revd Dr Jo White



Celebrating Bible Sunday 30th October

What is a good way to 'celebrate' this annual day of appreciation for our Bibles?

One way might be to send a Bible to someone in prison. Certainly, Bibles seem to be wanted there just now.

Bible Society reports that: "Prison chaplains are telling us that more and more prisoners urgently want to read God's Word. Dominic Dring, who serves at two prisons, says he brings ten Bibles in with him and every one of them gets taken.

"This is an amazing opportunity. You can share the transformative love of Jesus with someone who has lost everything. You can increase the number of Bibles going into prisons this year. As demand rises, we need your help to meet it. Just £10 can provide a Bible to a prisoner in a UK prison. Imagine the impact that could have on someone longing for a second chance."

More at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/contact-us/>

Send a Cow changes its name, but not its mission

Send a Cow has changed its name to Ripple Effect, to reflect the far-reaching impact of its work with small holder farmers in rural Africa.

"For every family we work with, three more families benefit too. As they learn more, grow more and sell more, the benefits are shared with their

families, neighbours and communities. Then they do the same," explains a spokeswoman for Ripple Effect.

By supporting Ripple Effect, you could help provide training and resources for 'Light Mothers' to shine a light on child hunger in rural Burundi so they can help families break the cycle of extreme poverty. As one mother learns how to fight malnutrition and transform their small plot of land, these benefits are shared with their families, neighbours and communities who then do the same.

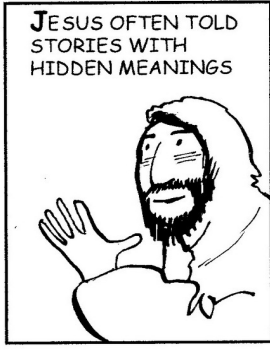
'Light Mothers' are volunteers who travel to remote areas of Burundi to meet children who are eating just one sparse meal a day and their mothers who are doing all they can to provide for their families. 'Light Mothers' are so called as they shine a light on child hunger in their communities and bring hope for the future. They also train local mothers to create vegetable gardens so that they can grow healthy harvests and access food more easily. By promoting good hygiene and sanitation practices, instances of upset stomachs, which also contribute to malnutrition, are reduced too.

More info at: <https://rippleeffect.org>

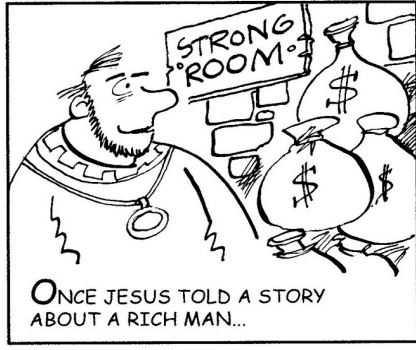
60 years ago

From 16th to 28th October 1962 the Cuban missile crisis occurred. After days of tense negotiations the Soviet Union agreed to dismantle and remove the weapons. In exchange, the USA agreed not to invade Cuba, and to remove its own ballistic missiles from Turkey and Italy that were targeting the Soviet Union.

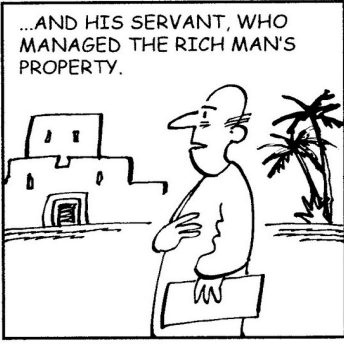
The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



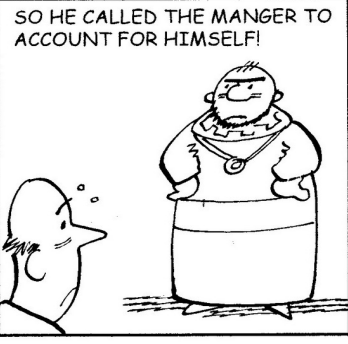
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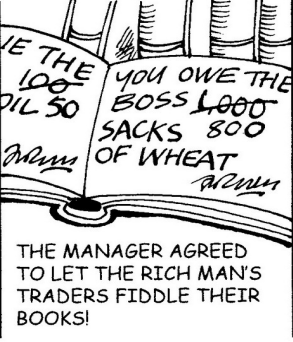
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SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



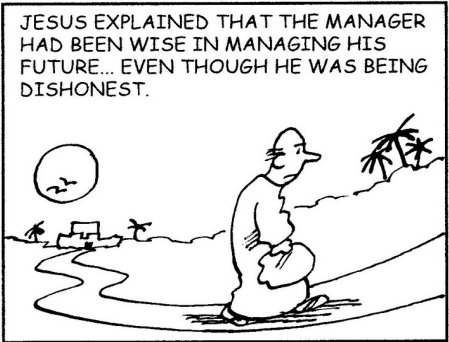
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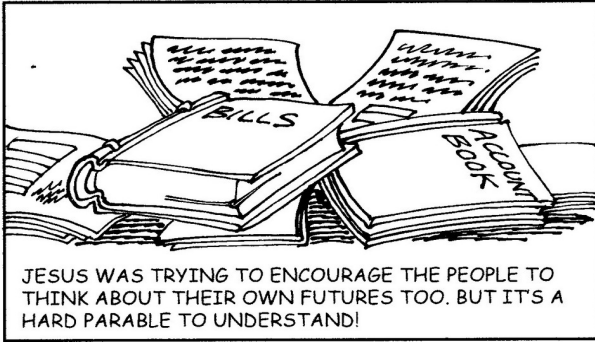
THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

Agatha Christie's Mousetrap

It was 70 years ago, on 6th October 1952, that the world premiere of Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap*, opened in Nottingham. It then opened in London on 25th November, and is still going, making it the world's longest-running play.

Originally a short radio play written as a birthday present for Queen Mary, it was broadcast in May 1947. The stage play, a murder mystery, has been performed more than 28,000 times – the only break being, because of the Covid pandemic, between 16th March 2020 and 17th May 2021

The play also made theatrical history by having an original "cast member" survive all the changes since its opening night. The late Deryck Guyler can still be heard, on a recording, reading the radio news bulletin in the play. There have been many physical alterations, with the set being changed in 1965 and 1999, but one original prop survives – the clock above the fireplace in the main hall.

Christie regarded detective fiction as a distinctively moral genre because it deals with questions of guilt and justice that are at times almost theological. The society and milieu of her stories are distinctively Christian. She was baptised into the Church of England and kept her mother's copy of *The Imitation of Christ* – a spiritual handbook – by her bedside. Its flyleaf carried a quotation from Romans, beginning "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

At her memorial service in 1976, her publisher William Collins described her as having a "gentle Christian spirit".

Nigel Beeton writes: "After more than two years of pandemic, my wife finally contracted Covid. Ironically she almost certainly caught it from a doctor at the hospital where she works. I never caught it from her! But she, like so many before her, suffered alterations to her senses of taste and smell, and I fell to considering how precious our God-given senses are. She has now tested negative, and I think my wife's sense of taste will return, but so many have lost one of these senses permanently, or, in some cases, were born without them. Do those of us who by the Grace of God have fully functioning senses really take the time to appreciate them?"

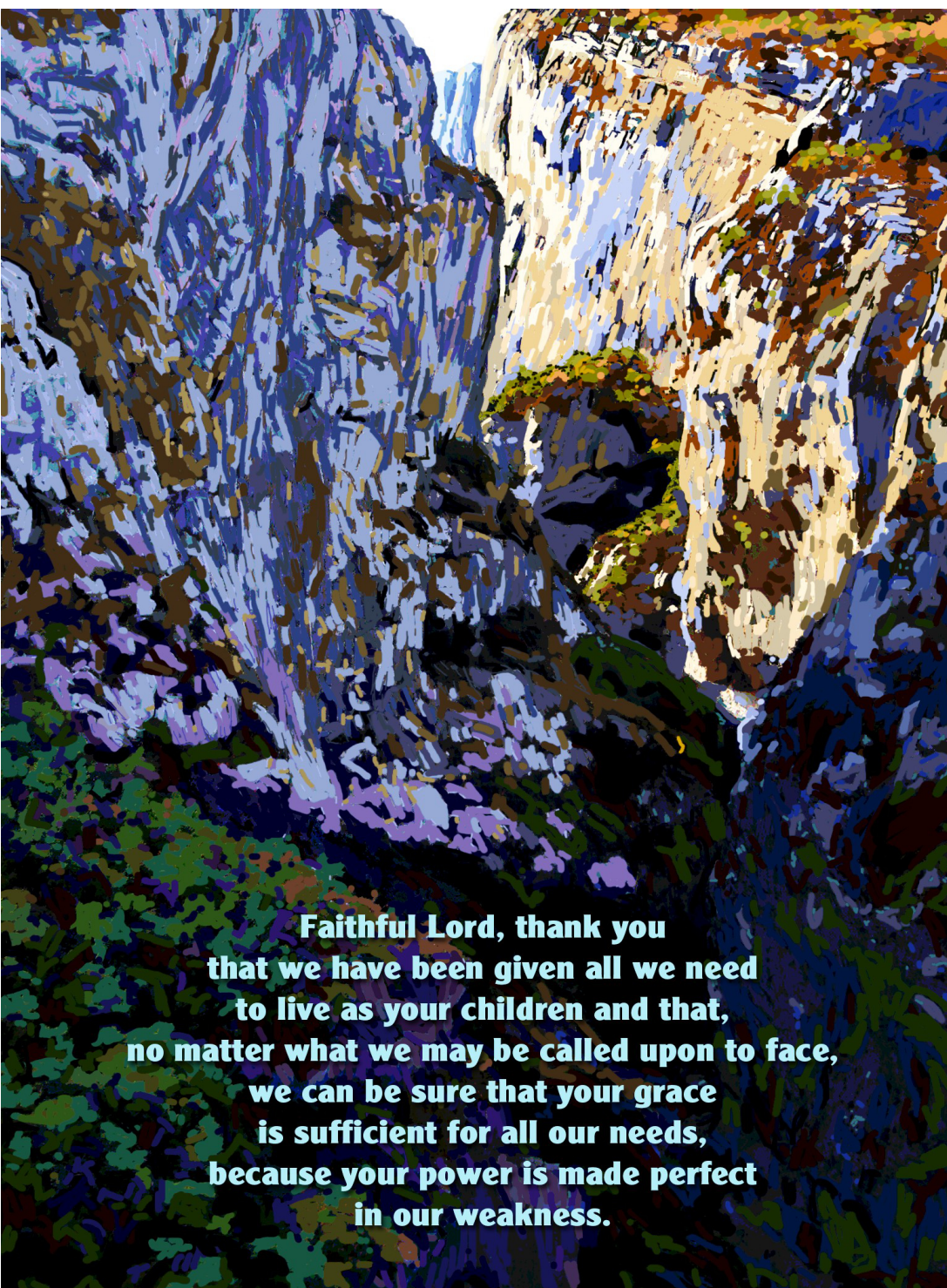
Five senses

It seems sometimes we live our lives
Within our walls and fences
So nothing of the world outside
Can breach our strong defences;
So fully do we concentrate
On stresses and expenses
We fail to quite appreciate
Our five God-given senses.

Just touch and stroke a cat's soft coat
And smell a fragrant flower,
The taste of honey in your throat
A song's inspiring power!
The sight of rolling countryside
Of nature, gently thrilling
Just let your senses be your guide
To daily joys fulfilling.

For sometimes, through our ailing health
Our senses are denied us
No doctor's skill or plenteous wealth
Can put them back inside us;
So if you have your senses, five
Thank God – and daily use them
Part of the joy to be alive -
And one day we may lose them.

By Nigel Beeton



**Faithful Lord, thank you
that we have been given all we need
to live as your children and that,
no matter what we may be called upon to face,
we can be sure that your grace
is sufficient for all our needs,
because your power is made perfect
in our weakness.**

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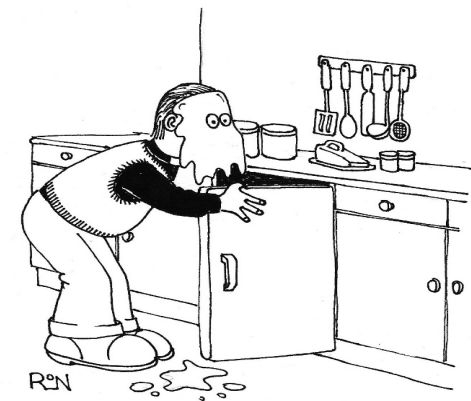
Ann Mitchell

A very modern problem with driving after dark

Have you ever driven down a road after dark, only to shield your eyes from dazzling beams of a large Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) coming straight at you? If so, you will know the blinding effect those lights can have. Now a recent study by the RAC has found that almost two thirds of drivers have noticed the problem is happening more often than even a couple of years ago. And the RAC has found that because the SUV-style vehicles are higher off the road, their beams are in the direct eyeline of drivers in lower vehicles. One in ten drivers admitted that they were unable to see clearly for six seconds or more when dazzled by such oncoming headlights. If they were travelling at 60mph, that means they could be covering 160 yards more or less blind. Overall, the RAC finds that it is LED lights which are the problem. "This presents a real irony – the brighter and better your vehicle's headlights are, the clearer your night-time view of the road ahead is, but often, it seems, at the expense of anyone coming towards you."

Why so many puppies are dying

Here is a horrific statistic: one in five puppies are either falling ill or dying before they reach one year old. The reason, says the Kennel Club, is due to a "perfect and terrible storm" of the Covid crisis, followed by the cost-of-living crisis. During Covid, many homebound people decided to get a dog. But they could not travel to meet the breeder, the mother, or the puppies. So instead, they bought puppies off social media, with 31 per cent of them even buying one sight unseen. That meant that rogue breeders could exploit animals by lowering their welfare standards for the mother and puppies, and also that they could sell puppies who were already damaged or ill. Add to that the soaring cost of dog care, which discourages new owners from seeking veterinary help, and it is little wonder that now 22 per cent of puppies are falling ill before their first birthday, and, in cases where the owner bought a puppy sight unseen, 36 per cent of them are dying.



Dark forces were at work in Dave's fridge

Amber Hill WI

The President welcomed 20 members and 3 guests on September 8th 2022. The meeting began with a 3 minute silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth 2nd whose death had been announced earlier in the evening. Members were told that our treasurer Margaret Gendrot had been involved in a car accident, she had received multiple arm fractures and her husband died from his injuries. The death was also announced of WI member Sue Norton who sadly passed away in August. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The speaker was Jessica Notley who showed us how to make a large obelisk and a heart using willow that first has to be seasoned which means its dried out before being soaked to make it more pliable for weaving. Members tried making a heart themselves.

During supper the competition results were announced. Flower of the Month 1st Thelma Fountain 2nd Sally Dickens 3rd Sharon Ford. A knitted/ crochet poppy 1st Joyce barker 2nd Thelma Fountain 3rd June Davy. The next meeting is October 13th which will be a fish and chip supper followed by a Harvest Auction.

Claire Golding

What is the use of travelling at a fast speed when you are going in the wrong direction? – Bernhard Langer

Brothertoft Group - Friendship Club 2022 - 2023

The Brothertoft Group would like to thank all those who have participated in past draws. A new series of Friendship Club Draws will commence in October 2022 and should you wish to participate in these draws please contact a Churchwarden or Church member to obtain tickets. Monthly prizes £25, £15 and £10.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Thanks

Mick

I am a pilgrim and a stranger on the earth, but I am not an orphan. – Vance Havner

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Wordsearch

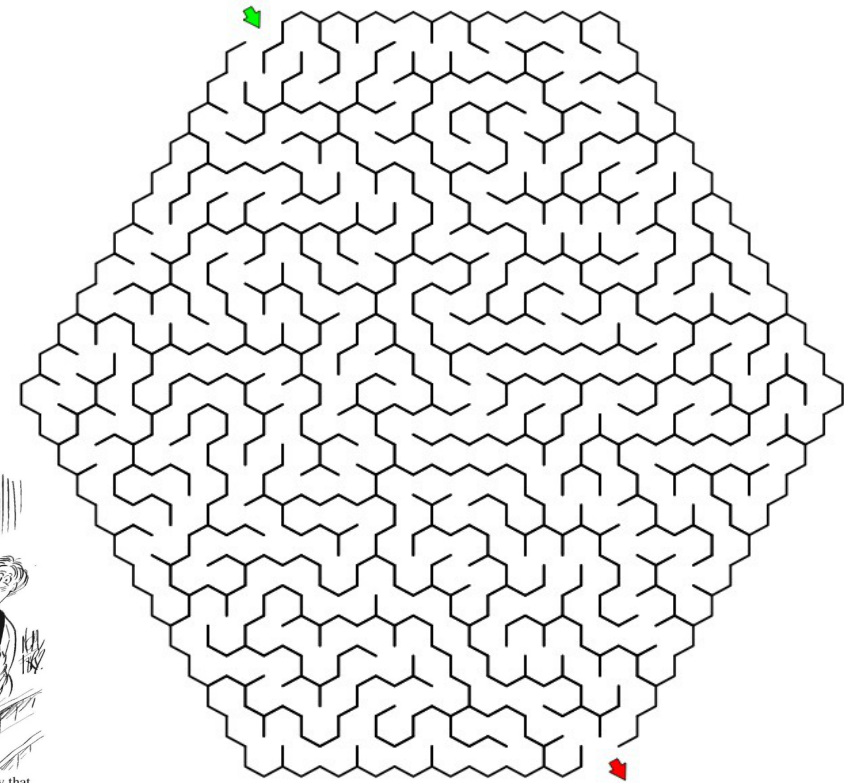
Find the words hidden in this wordsearch puzzle. Clues can be found in the parable of the weeds below. There are 24 words.

With October, autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them. So they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector!

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Maze
Find your way from the top to the bottom.



Solutions for September edition

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Recipe of the month: Tea Loaf

Ingredients

- 200ml cold black tea
- 225g mixed dried fruit
- 225g self-raising flour
- 100g caster sugar
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 3tbs orange marmalade



Method

1. Place fruit in a small bowl, pour over cold tea, leave to soak overnight or until fruit swells.
2. Pre-heat oven 180 °C /160 °C fan /Gas 4.
3. Grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin.
4. In a larger bowl combine flour, sugar, egg and marmalade, add fruit and tea mix, stir thoroughly.
5. Bake for 1 hour.
6. Leave to rest for 10 minutes, then turn out to cool.

QUIZ NIGHT

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Never Forgotten Club

Members were able to enjoy another outdoor meeting behind the Church Hall on Thursday August 11th. We start around lunch time with a Hog Roast and Pimms and lemonade followed by ice creams. Garden fete games were then played and the winners being Mick, Glynis and Mo. On Wednesday 24th August we met at Goodbarns Yard for a meal before moving to The Centenary Church to see The Stamford Stompers. Our September meeting was another outdoor event where we enjoyed a BBQ. and apple pie. Our October meeting will be Thursday 13th October at 2.00pm at the Church Hall.

Hilary

175 years ago

On 6th October 1847 Charlotte Bronte's novel *Jane Eyre* was first published, under the penname of Currer Bell.

150 years ago

On 12th October 1872 Ralph Vaughan Williams, British composer, was born.

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On publishing my book

My dear Nephew Darren

After all these years, who would have believed it: to have my own book printed! I must admit, I had imagined a leather-bound volume with gold leaf lettering on the spine – perhaps even titled 'Volume One', implying future delights when further work would appear. A paperback, held together with glue was a slight disappointment. The publisher's reason for a print run of 50, saying that it meant fewer would have to be dumped in cut-price bookshops, was not what I had expected either.

He seemed to think that my commentary on Eusebius's tables for cross-referencing the gospels, as explained in his letter to Carpianus, would not have mass interest. While I concede it will be unlikely to dent the sales of Harry Potter, and that I am unlikely to be involved in negotiating the film rights, I had hoped for slightly more enthusiasm for this stride forward in global knowledge.

The excitement of the book launch and signing was also tempered when only the bishop arrived, expecting a free copy, so he could mark it for theological errors. My suggestion that he take a copy to colour it in did not go down well. I suspect I will not now be asked to deliver a paper on it at the next clergy conference.

I was briefly excited when several parishioners came into the shop. But it turned out that one wanted to book a baptism with me, and another wanted to complain that at his recent wedding, I had nearly married the best man to the bride. I was tempted to tell him that the time may come when he wished that I had, but decided that would be another sale lost.

I could not even console myself with a free drink. The publisher had only brought two bottles of that particular white wine, of unknown origin, that seems specially reserved for book launches and retirement parties. I suspect it derives less from a vineyard and more from a laboratory. One bottle he kept for himself and the other disappeared after my Confirmation class came in to ask whether the book would be serialised on TV.

In the end, I bought all 50 copies myself, placed a note in the bookshop window saying that, due to exceptional demand, the print run had been entirely sold out. It has also solved the annual problem of Christmas presents; in your case, a second copy will probably arrive for your birthday too.

Your loving uncle, *Eustace*

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