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**The Lord is my light
and my salvation. Ps 27:1**

**Send me Your light
and truth. They will
guide me. Ps 43:3**

**Your word is a lamp
for my feet, a light for
my path. Ps 119:105**

**Our Lord and God, You
are my lamp. You turn
darkness to light.**

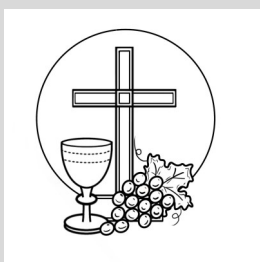
2 Sam 22:29

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Rev Liz writes

Dear all,

It's harvest time and what a lovely time of year it is with the autumn colours and those moments of golden sunshine hopefully. By the time you read this we will have celebrated our harvest thanksgiving at St Margaret's church and about to do so at St John the Baptist in Capel! It is lovely that our local uniformed children and young people join us on this occasion and this year we are choosing as our theme a very interesting project that has begun across Africa. It is called The Great Green Wall and is an African led movement which has an epic ambition.

The aim is to grow an 8,000 km natural wonder which will span the length of the Sahel, from Senegal to Djibouti. This is in order to combat desertification that is currently taking place across Africa. By 2030 the Great Green Wall will be the largest living structure on the planet, 3 times the size of the Great Barrier Reef. This means that the desert will recede and the land can be reclaimed for people and future generations to sustainably farm and support themselves which is fantastic. They say that through a combination of effective land management and growing millions of trees this lost land can be reborn! Also The Great Green Wall will provide a vital resource for the whole world, acting as a carbon sink and cool the earth, reversing the effects of climate change. You can find out more by visiting an information website www.greatgreenwall.org In response to this we are taking a collection at Harvest to buy trees and donating to Tree Aid who are supporting this project.



Climate change has been a constant concern for many years now and whatever your view on the complex science of it, this phrase that the young Greta Thurnberg used 'The world is on fire' is a good one I think to challenge us all not only on climate change but on the ills of society as a whole. How amazing that so many school children joined the International day of peace recently to protest against climate change and I do hope that those in positions of authority and others will listen to their concerns. Here at both St Margaret's and St John the Baptist we are both bronze award holders of Eco Church and now working towards our silver awards. The Diocese of Guildford of which we are a part is an Eco Diocese and our Bishops of Guildford and Dorking have joined forces with other organisations in declaring a climate emergency today and have pledged to follow seven climate-care commitments.

Bishop Andrew and Bishop Jo's climate-care commitments are to switch to a clean energy provider, use cars less – committing to car-share, cycle or walk at least once every week; cut down on meat, especially red meat, grow as much fruit and veg as possible, reuse all plastic bags and avoid disposable products, use heating as sparingly as possible and never to use a tumble dryer and give regularly to charitable organisations that strive to safeguard God's creation. Bishop Andrew is encouraging us to follow suit. A word of warning though - please only consider cutting down on heating if you are fit and well!!

However, I love that there is something we can still do to reverse the changes that the world in its supposed progress has brought upon our planet. There is something so biblical about the dry arid areas being restored to be able to grow green trees and vegetation, to be able to sustain life and the future. That is what our faith in God is about; it is about life giving in all its fullness and if you would like to hear how one man knows that for himself and his family come and meet Francis MacFaul, a double amputee, who is currently on dialysis several times a week, yet is a Christian musician and composer of many years standing. He has a gentle faith in a loving God with a lovely sense of humour and through that faith has a ministry of sharing God's healing love. He says if anyone is qualified to speak about God's healing then he is! We have a special evening in Ockley Village Hall on Saturday 19th October and Francis will be singing and sharing his story with us. The following day, Sunday 20th he will be at Capel Church joining us at a special service of Celtic Communion with prayer for healing if requested. The event at Ockley Village Hall begins at 7.30 and is free entry. So come and be restored with us this October as we enjoy many wonderful fruits of the season!

With my love and prayers,
Rev Liz



CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

TUESDAY	1st 4.30 - 6.30 pm	Youth Cafe Ockley Cricket Pavilion (Cafe for young people years 7-11)
FRIDAY	4th	Murder Mystery Play at Ockley Village Hall – Curtain up 7.30pm
SATURDAY	5th	Murder Mystery Play at Capel Memorial Hall – Curtain up 7.30pm
SUNDAY	6th 8.00 9.30 10.30 3 - 5pm	TRINITY 16 Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at Ockley HARVEST FESTIVAL (CAPEL) * Donations for Dorking Foodbank please! Harvest teas in church
TUESDAY	8TH 4.30 - 6.30 pm	Youth Cafe Ockley Cricket Pavilion (Cafe for young people years 7-11)
SATURDAY	12TH 8.45am	Women's Breakfast Ockley Cricket Pavilion. Speaker is Revd Virginia Smith who will speak about her work as a hospital chaplain.
SUNDAY	13TH 9.30 10.30	TRINITY 17 Holy Communion (Ockley) Cafe Church at Capel
TUESDAY	15TH 3.15 — 5pm	MESSY CHURCH Arts and crafts on a biblical theme with lots of mess and cooked tea
SATURDAY	19TH 7.30pm	An Evening with Francis McFaul Ockley Village Hall
SUNDAY	20th 8.00 10.30 3-5pm	TRINITY 18 Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Parish Communion and Healing Service (Capel) with special guest speaker Francis McFaul Capel Teas in church.
TUESDAY	22nd 4.30 - 6.30 pm	Youth Cafe Ockley Cricket Pavilion (Cafe for young people years 7-11)
SATURDAY	26TH 9.30 -10am	Parish Prayers at Capel
SUNDAY	27TH 10.30 3-5pm	TRINITY 19 Service of Sung Matins at Capel Capel Teas in church
TUESDAY	29th 4.30 - 6.30 pm	Youth Cafe Ockley Cricket Pavilion (Cafe for young people years 7-11)
NOVEMBER		
SUNDAY	3rd 8.00 9.30 10.30 3.00 pm 4 - 5pm	All Saints and All Souls Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at Ockley Family Communion All Soul's Service of Comfort for the Bereaved followed by teas Capel Teas in church



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Francis McFaul

An evening of stories and songs
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19th Oct 2019

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FREE ENTRY

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Ockley Village Hall
Stane St, Ockley,
Dorking, RH5 5SY

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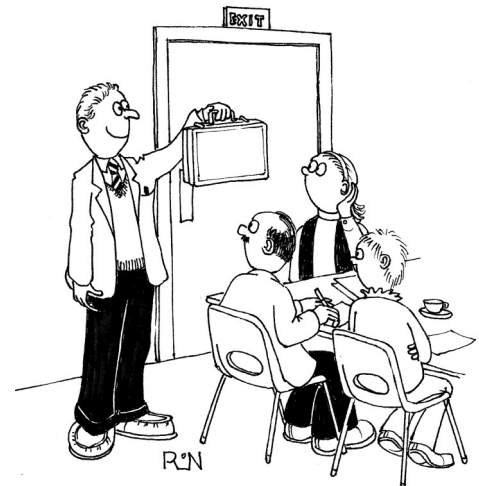


Dear Readers,

As I write it is a gloriously Autumnal day outside after monsoon type weather yesterday! How quickly things can change and that of course is not just the weather. I love the Autumn and the glorious displays of colour to be seen everywhere that only serve to accentuate God's wonderful creation. I was struck by the words of the beautiful hymn 'Immortal Invisible' on Sunday in church:

"To all life thou givest, to both great and small, In all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee"

Suddenly the Autumn outside the church seemed to come inside and we too were being compared with 'leaves on the tree' who 'blossom and flourish and then 'wither and perish', BUT God never changes ... 'naught changeth thee'. I always seek inspiration to start my Editor's letter and that's when it struck this month! I've always loved the hymn but it's strange how suddenly you can be really struck by the words and their meaning in a way that perhaps has escaped you before? How small we are in the scheme of things in God's incredible creation of our universe? But as the hymn says 'to all life though givest, to both great and small'. How deeply moving is it to read that our God breathes life into the smallest of things and is always there.



The treasurer made the most of his moment in the limelight

We've been busy again in our Parish with the new Youth Café taking off at Ockley each Tuesday afternoon and our training for the 'Open the Book' scheme which went well and leads us one step closer to the exciting venture of taking Bible stories into our local schools. We offered public talks from 'Dandelion Farewells' which was particularly well attended in Ockley and a Jazz Concert in Capel church, again arranged for us by Bob Cranham. This weekend we will be celebrating Harvest 2019 with two evenings of laughter and entertainment with 'Barbecues R Murder' at Ockley and Capel. So much to offer from our united Parish both for parishioners and our local communities.

It is heart-warming to be able to say that Daphne Parkins is back home in Capel after a long spell in East Surrey hospital and we wish her a continued recovery at home. We very much look forward to having her back in church with us again. It's been quite a year for us with George Ede being so unwell and spending months in hospital, together with Daphne. I'm sure there may well be others too that I'm unaware of, so my apologies if I don't name everyone. But in the words of the hymn 'naught changeth thee' - so our hope in God must be constant to see us and those we love, including our fellow worshippers through troubling times.

Best wishes,

Suzanne

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St Margaret's Bible Study Group

Held every fortnight on a Thursday at 2.00 pm
at Gill Christie's house:

'Elderslie', Stane Street, Ockley, Surrey RH5 5TD

Phone: 01306 711917 for more details.

**'Village Teas'**

at Ockley Village Hall

(formerly known as TLC)

Village Teas meets monthly for a friendly afternoon chat, scrumptious teas and lots of Tender Loving Care.

Normally held on the THIRD Monday of every month from 3.00—4.30 pm in Ockley Village Hall

Our aim is to provide a happy and relaxed atmosphere for those who just want to meet together.

For further details contact: **Judie on 01306 888456**
OR emailthoroldfuters@aol.com

Ockley Mothers and Toddlers Group

are starting a **"Mum to Mum"** market during the usual weekly sessions
on

Thursday mornings from 9th January 2019 at Ockley Village Hall 9.30am-11.30am

Good quality clothes and toys available for exchange or a small donation to the Group's funds.

After School 'Youth Café'

Every Tuesday from 4.30-6.30pm, Ockley Cricket Pavilion will be open as a Youth Cafe. This is a donations (i.e. no fixed prices for refreshments) cafe with drinks and snacks available for youngsters aged 11-16 (school years 7-11) who are invited to come and chill with friends or by themselves - there are a few newspapers and board games but really this is just like any other cafe only exclusively for youngsters!

Any queries please telephone Gill on 01306 711917
email gill@c21mediagroup.com

or Helen Burt on 01306 711671
email familleburt@gmail.com

The Pavilion Café at Ockley

This community cafe is held at the cricket pavilion in Ockley and opens each Wednesday from 9.00 am—12 noon.

Do pop in for delicious homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and a range of teas!

We hope to see you there!



Coffee Fellowship



This month's
"Star of the Month" goes to ...

Dik Hoogmoed

for all he does including the Rota for readers etc, the Parish website and his involvement in the Capel Car Show which raises money for The Friends of Capel church.

Thank you Dik for all your hard work on our behalf as a Parish!

The Editor

** Please help me by giving me your nominations from Capel & Ockley as to who needs a little thanks for everything they do! Let me know on slc@ansford.me.uk*

From the Registers



We welcome into the family of the church

**Poppy Victoria Edwards
 and**

Christine Aline Edwards
 at St John the Baptist Capel
 14th August 2019

**Oakley Peter Alfred Everett
 And**

Casper Rylan Cornelis
 at St John the Baptist Capel
 15th August 2019

We celebrate the marriage of

**Christine Aline Vickery
 And**

Joseph Alexander Edwards
 at St John the Baptist Capel
 14th August 2019

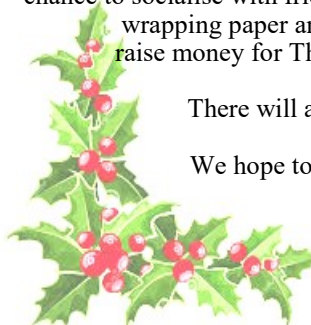
We mourn the loss of

Mary Louise Linnell
31st August 2019

Date for your Diaries ...

**Children's Society Coffee Morning
 on Saturday 17th November 2019
 10.00 am to 12.00 noon
 in St John the Baptist, Capel**

Our annual fundraising morning with refreshments, the chance to socialise with friends and buy Christmas cards, wrapping paper and other goods which raise money for The Children's Society.



There will also be a raffle!

We hope to see you there!



OCTOBER 2019

'I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us.' Isaiah 63:7

Continue to pray every day this week for widows and widowers

HARVEST/FOOD cont..

TUESDAY 1st

God our Provider; we give thanks for all that You have provided for us and will continue to provide in the future. Bless our food to fuel our bodies and bring strength and healing.

WEDNESDAY 2nd

God of Creation, we thank You for the beauty of the natural world in and around our villages. We pray for productivity and a fruitful harvest in gardens and fields.

THURSDAY 3rd

Lord of all, we pray for people who have very little to eat because of personal circumstances, because the harvest is poor, crops have withered or animals are sick. Grant in us a spirit of generosity and bless all who endeavour to bring food to starving communities.

FRIDAY 4th

Lord Jesus, we pray for the farmers whose crops are poor or whose animals are sick. Forgive our ingratitude we who have so much yet waste what you have given.

SATURDAY 5th

Creator God, You made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; As we thank you for the harvest may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples.

SUNDAY 6th

Lord God, at this special thanksgiving time of the year we pray for all who work so that we have food to eat and share. We remember the farmers, both in this country and overseas, who work with animals and crops often overcoming the extremes of weather and insect pests to get their produce to the marketplace.

WORLD HEALTH

'I was ill and you looked after me.' Matthew 25:36

MONDAY 7th

Dear Lord, we still live in a world where millions of children die, because a family may lack the most basic necessities. We pray that aid distributions reach families who need it the most, and provide the resources to help the children. Heal and strengthen their tiny bodies so they may one day experience fullness of life.

TUESDAY 8th

'Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.' Psalm 30:2

Loving Father, we see Your hand in the work to end malaria. Lift the spirits of all individuals who devote themselves to this effort, and help their work to achieve even greater results. Be with those who are ill from malaria, and help them to make a full recovery.

WEDNESDAY 9th

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the millions of lives that have been saved through the work of organisations working to improve world health. Please continue to equip developing nations with the funding, personnel, and extra help they need to provide services and vaccines that promote healthy families.

THURSDAY 10th

Father, we lift up to You community health workers whose job it is to meet the needs of the people in their community. Give them energy, wisdom, and sufficient resources to fulfil their daily duties.

FRIDAY 11th

Almighty God, we pray that leaders and healthcare workers in developing countries work to create reliable networks, policies, and infrastructure to better treat sick children and adults.

SATURDAY 12th

Lord, we pray for communities who do not have access to clean water, healthy hygiene and sanitation practices. Raise up more people to work among families with little or no access to healthcare.

SUNDAY 13th

Father, help each one of us to see our role in shaping global health care outcomes, be it through volunteering, providing financial assistance, raising awareness or prayer. Help us and all those who work to break the global cycles of poverty, misery and disease to be true servants to those in need.

Pray every day this week for your family and Friends

CHURCH UNITY/COMMUNITY

MONDAY 14th

Father God, help us to create an awareness in our community of our need for You. May we be salt and light to others so that they may thirst and hunger for Your presence in their lives.

TUESDAY 15th

Loving Father, we pray for our church community that we may be united in our love for You. Strengthen our faith through our life groups, prayer groups and where Christians meet.

WEDNESDAY 16th

Merciful Father, we thank You for our church leaders. We pray for encouragement in their faithful ministry and that You will always guard them from anything that lessens their dedication.

THURSDAY 17th

God our Saviour, by Your grace, hear our prayers and grant that the hearts of believers may be united in Your praise and in repentance together, so that we may experience the perfect communion of Your church.

FRIDAY 18th

***'I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.'* John 17:20-21**

Lord, as Jesus prayed for the unity of His Disciples, we pray for the unity of our church communities so that we may be powerful witnesses to the reality of Your love.

SATURDAY 19th

***'For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not always have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all others.'* Romans 12:4-5**

We thank You for all our church volunteers who work hard in Your service; for lay readers, pastoral assistants, youth workers, churchwardens and all who contribute to Sunday services.

SUNDAY 20th

Loving Father, we thank You for friendships between individuals, groups and families in our community. Strengthen all our relationships with love, self-sacrifice, honesty and patient understanding.

***'And God said; 'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds; the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground and the wild animals, each according to its kind.' And it was so.'* Genesis 1:24**

PETS AND ANIMALS**MONDAY 21st**

Heavenly Father, maker of all living creatures, we ask You to bless our pets. Give us grace to see all animals as gifts from You and to treat them with respect.

TUESDAY 22nd

Loving God, we pray for all animals who are suffering as a result of human neglect. May they be restored to health and strength by kindness, knowledge and love.

WEDNESDAY 23rd

Father, we praise You for the beauty of Your creation and especially for every animal on earth, in the sky and in the sea. Help us to look after Your world and by doing so, care for all Your creatures too.

THURSDAY 24th

Creator God, We thank You for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence very often helps us get through trying times.

hungry.

FRIDAY 25th

Dear God, help us to learn from all wild things; how to live in harmony with our land, to respect what the land provides for us and to know how strong is the love of a parent.

SATURDAY 26th

Hear our prayer, Lord for animals who are suffering: for animals that are over-worked, under-fed and cruelly treated: for all creatures in captivity: for any that are hunted or lost, deserted, frightened or hungry.

SUNDAY 27th

Lord, we lift to You all working animals. We pray that they will be treated with compassion and understanding of their needs. We thank You for animals that have been trained to help people who struggle with everyday tasks.

***'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'* Matthew 5:16**

THE LITURGY OF THE SAINTS**MONDAY 28th**

Father, we pray the prayer of St. Francis; "Lord make me an instrument of your peace...grant that I may not so much seek to be loved as to love."

We ask for Your help in prayer that we would lead a good life faithful to Your word.

TUESDAY 29th

Merciful Father, Protect us from the enemy, defend us from all evil and give us the grace to walk in the light of Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

WEDNESDAY 30th

Loving Father, You search our minds, hearts and souls. Take away from us any unkind thoughts, all envy, pride and hypocrisy, every lie and deceit and all anger and malice. Enable us to turn to You with a contrite heart and receive Your forgiveness and grace.

THURSDAY 31st

Father, All-Powerful and Ever-Living God, today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us Your forgiveness and love.

Editor: A group of Bishops has issued an open letter concerning Brexit. We have run the text in full, as the issue is so important. Those who wrote the letter are listed at the end.



Bishops issue open letter on Brexit



"So really, it is very easy to understand how Brexit will affect our parish..."

A group of Church of England bishops has issued an open letter on the prospect of a 'no-deal' Brexit and the need for national reconciliation, notwithstanding the potential prorogation of Parliament. The full text is as follows:

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conditionally agreed to chair a Citizens Forum in Coventry and, without prejudice for any particular outcome, we support this move to have all voices in the current Brexit debate heard.

However, we also have particular concerns about the potential cost of a No Deal Brexit to those least resilient to economic shocks.

As bishops with pastoral responsibilities in communities across urban and rural England, we respond to the call by Jesus to tell the truth and defend the poor. We also recognise that our obligations go beyond England and impact on relations with the wider UK and our neighbours in the EU.

Exiting the EU without an agreement is likely to have a massive impact on all our people and the Government is rightly preparing for this outcome. The Government believes that leaving the EU on 31 October is essential to restoring trust and confidence.

It is unlikely, however, that leaving without an agreement, regardless of consequences, will lead to reconciliation or peace in a fractured country. "Getting Brexit done" will not happen on exit day, and we have to be transparent about the years of work ahead of us in bringing the country together for a better future. We also need to be frank about the potential costs.

Our main social and political priority must be to leave well, paying particular attention to the impact of political decisions on those most vulnerable. We hold different views about Brexit and how our country should proceed from here. However, although we agree that respecting a public vote is essential, democracy and committed debate do not end after the counting of votes. Our concern for the common good leads us to express concern about a number of matters. Our conviction is that good governance can only ever be based on the confidence of the governed, and that includes minorities whose voice is not as loud as others.

Seeing the evidence of division in every part of England, we are deeply concerned about:

Political polarisation and language that appears to sanction hate crime: the reframing of the language of political discourse is urgent, especially given the abuse and threats levelled at MPs doing their job.

The ease with which lies can be told and misrepresentation encouraged: leaders must be honest about the costs of political choices, especially for those most vulnerable.

The levels of fear, uncertainty and marginalisation in society, much of which lies behind the vote for Brexit, but will not be addressed by Brexit: poor people, EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in Europe must be listened to and respected.

The Irish border is not a mere political totem and peace in Ireland is not a ball to be kicked by the English: respect for the concerns on both sides of the border is essential.

The sovereignty of Parliament is not just an empty term, it is based on institutions to be honoured and respected: our democracy is endangered by cavalier disregard for these.

Attention must be paid not only to the Union, but also to the meaning of Englishness.

Churches serve communities of every shape, size and complexion. We continue to serve, regardless of political persuasion. We invite politicians to pay attention with us to the concerns we register above and encourage a recovery of civil debate and reconciliation.

Written by the following Bishops:

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds
The Rt Revd Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough
The Rt Revd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter
The Rt Revd Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool
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The Rt Revd Richard Frith, Bishop of Hereford
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The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester
The Rt Revd Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich
The Rt Revd Dr David Walker, Bishop Of Manchester
The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford
The Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield

Source: Parish Pump

Dorking Community Fridge

The Mobile Community Fridge is on the road!

**Every Friday it stops at Beare Green Village Hall at 12.15pm, Rickwood Park at 1.15pm
and they are going to trial a new location in Capel - 186, The Street**

Please do park considerately as the house next door has access to their driveway via this parking area.

Thank you!

It is not a Food Bank.

The food is FREE for EVERYONE and would otherwise have been binned!

Bring a bag and help to save food waste!

www.dorkingcommunityfridge.co.uk

Facebook: @mobilecfridge



Grant awarded for research into Messy Churches

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The Church of England is to fund new research to help deepen the faith of families and children attending 'Messy Churches' – non-traditional church gatherings that attract tens of thousands of worshippers across the country.

A grant of £100,000 has been awarded to the Church of England's Evangelism and Discipleship Team to study deepening the discipleship of Messy Church congregations. The study will be focused on Messy Churches in Bristol, Durham and Hereford dioceses.

The Messy Church movement was set up by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) 15 years ago, offering mainly families and children food, activities such as arts, crafts and sports and worship. The movement has spread across the world, with churches meeting on Saturdays and weekdays as well as Sundays.

Insights from the work will be used to help inform the ongoing work of developing new forms of church gatherings – known as 'Fresh Expressions' – in the Church of England.

A recent Church of England background paper found that 50,000 people attend 2,000 Messy Churches in Anglican churches who do not normally engage with their church.

The Church Army published research earlier this year showing that one in five – or 21% - of Messy Churches had held baptisms and 13% reported child or adult confirmations.

Lucy Moore, Messy Church Founder and team leader, said: "We're looking forward to working together with the pioneering teams in each diocese to find out what approaches make the most difference in coming closer to Christ, walking in his way and growing the kingdom of heaven.

"It's an unmissable opportunity for local teams to benefit from expert advice and take part in something of international significance."

Heather Cracknell, The Church of England's Head of Development for Fresh Expressions, said: "Messy Church has proved an excellent way to strengthen parish mission by reaching those that traditional church finds it hard to connect with.

"It is also a great way for people who wouldn't call themselves pioneers to start something new, with confidence in the materials they can draw on and the supportive community they can be part of. And how encouraging the research findings are: so many people discovering faith with their families."

Tim Ling, Church Army's Director of Learning and Development, said: "We are excited to be partnering with the Church of England and BRF on this important project, which builds on the outcomes of our previous Playfully Serious research.

"The action research process we are facilitating will help local Messy Church leaders consider how best to deepen discipleship and generate valuable new insights for the wider Church."

Observations on our Christian life

Affliction is God's shepherd dog to drive us back to the fold.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

The wages of sin is death. So, repent before payday.

Exercise daily – walk with the Lord.

We don't change God's message – His message changes us.

To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.

Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are.

What part of "THOU SHALT NOT" didn't you understand?

Quotes

Source: Parish Pump

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CAPEL & OCKLEY CHURCHES HARVEST SUPPERS – OCTOBER 2019

This year's "performance" is based on a combination of Cuisine and Cars – Barbecue and Autos.

A four act murder mystery titled **BARBECUES "R" MURDER** – written by Claire Jones – directed by Yvonne Featherstone and performed by **Capel & Ockley Players**.

The scene is set at the local village hall in the country where the all-encompassing committee are trying to combine a "marriage" of Barbecue with Treasure Hunt against the backdrop of local intrigue, varying relationships and volatile weather conditions – a recipe for anything and everything!

There are two performances in our local village halls:-

- ◇ **For both performances the doors open 7pm and start at 7.30pm**
- ◇ **Friday 4th October @ Ockley Village Hall RH5 5SY**
- ◇ **Saturday 5th October @ Capel Memorial Hall RH5 5LB**
- ◇ **Tickets only £12.50 - which includes a 2 course supper and coffee/tea.**

There will be a bar and raffle and all proceeds are for the Churches.

Tickets available from the Box Office 01306 712422 – andrew.forsyth@talk21.com

A great evening of entertainment, culinary delights, discussion and deduction so come along and test your combined table sleuth skills and deduce who "dunnit"!

N.B. any resemblance to the living is purely unintentional / accidental / incidental / coincidental!

When insults had class

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." – *Winston Churchill*
(about another MP)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." –
Moses Hadas

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." – *Oscar Wilde*

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." – *George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill*. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." – *Winston Churchill, in response*.

"I feel so miserable; it's almost like having you here." – *Stephen Bishop*

Source: *Parish Pump*

Laughter
is God's
blessing.

– Joseph Prince

SermonQuotes

Welby apologises for ‘great wickedness’ of 1919 Amritsar massacre

THE Archbishop of Canterbury prostrated himself in Amritsar at the memorial to the Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919 and apologised “in the name of Christ” on Tuesday.



The centenary of the massacre fell on 13 April. Hundreds of unarmed people — Hindus, Christians, Muslims, and Sikhs — were killed when they gathered peacefully in Jallianwala Bagh square, Amritsar, in the Punjab, then part of British India. British troops fired 1650 rounds of ammunition, under the orders of General Reginald Dyer, an Anglican.

The British Government has in recent years expressed “deep regret” for the Amritsar massacre, but declined to make an apology as such.

On Tuesday, the Archbishop published photos of his visit to the site which showed him lying prostrate before the memorial and also kneeling in prayer.

It was a place that commemorated “a great wickedness”, he said. “The souls of those who were killed or wounded, of the bereaved, cry out to us from these stones and warn us about power and the misuse of power.

“I cannot speak for the British Government . . . But I can speak in the name of Christ and say this is a place of both sin and redemption, because you have remembered what they have done and their names will live, their memory will live before God. And I am so ashamed and sorry for the impact of this crime committed here.”

On Facebook, he wrote: “Coming here arouses a sense of profound shame at what happened in this place. It is one of a number of deep stains on British history. The pain and grief that has transcended the generations since must never be dismissed or denied. . .



“When there is something on the scale and horror of this massacre, and done so many years ago, words can be cheaply banded around, as if a simple apology would ever be enough.

“Learning of what happened, I recognise the sins of my British colonial history, the ideology that too often subjugated and dehumanised other races and cultures. Jesus Christ calls us to turn away from sin and to turn to him as Lord. . .

“We have a great responsibility to not just lament this horrific massacre, but most importantly to learn from it in a way that changes our actions.

“A true repentance involves me listening and learning to the voices of Indians, celebrating their cultures, and determining to work for the common good in ways that enable the flourishing of all people.

“The past must be learned from, so nothing like this ever happens again.”

by Madeleine Davies
10 September 2019

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2019/13-september/news/world>

Our Bible Q&A series explores the questions you've asked us about the Bible.



You've been asking questions about the Bible. We've asked Mark Woods to have a go at answering some of them!

Question: What are the best ten Bible verses to memorise?

Answer: It depends on what you mean by 'best'! But here are ten good ones.

1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ([Genesis 1.1](#))

This reminds us that God made everything and is sovereign over everything.

2. Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' ([Exodus 3.13--14](#)) This speaks of God's transcendence.

3. And God spoke all these words, saying, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.' ([Exodus 20.1-3](#)) The beginning of the 10 Commandments speaks of God's absolute lordship.

4. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ([Psalm 8.1](#)) Believers praise God for who he is and what he's done.

5. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ([John 1.1](#)) John's Gospel begins with the incarnation of Christ.

6. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ([John 3.16](#)) Jesus came to save us from our sins.

7. 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.' ([Luke 24.5-6](#)) Jesus' resurrection is at the heart of our faith.

8. When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested[a] on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ([Acts 2.1-3](#)) The Church is only the Church because of the Holy Spirit.

9. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ([Romans 12.1](#)) A new faith means we have to live a new life.

10. 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' ([Revelation 5.12](#)) The Book of Revelation speaks of the triumph of Jesus

Have you got a question about the Bible? [Let us know](#) and we'll do our best to answer it!

Mark Woods is Bible Society's Editor.

Author: Mark Woods, 5th September 2019

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible>

Best way to enjoy the Bible? Be like a dog with a bone!

By the Rev Tony Horsfall.

Sarah brought her beautiful dog Bobby to a Quiet Morning at church. He was very well behaved and loved all the attention he received. As we began our time together Sarah gave him a bone to chew on, and he settled down contentedly, enjoying his own experience of 'heaven'!

The expression came into my mind, 'like a dog with a bone', and watching Bobby at work further confirmed my thinking. Here before us was a wonderful example of what it means to meditate on Scripture – to slowly and patiently chew things over in our mind until we begin to grasp internally what God is saying to us.

The Bible encourages us to meditate in this way. Think of Psalm 1, where we read about the godly person 'whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on His law, day and night (v2).' Think also of Joshua who was told, 'Keep this book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it (Joshua 1:8). Mary did this as well, when at the birth of Jesus she 'treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:19).'

Perhaps sometimes we don't spend enough time with Scripture, letting its truth soak into our minds and pondering its meaning and application to our lives. The spiritual discipline of Bible meditation helps us to do just that. Why not take a verse of Scripture that has caught your attention recently, and chew it over as you go through the day, looking at it this way and that way until you feel you have received the goodness it contains?

Source: Parish Pump



The previous month's Harvest Festival donation from the Genetic Modification research laboratory was proving to be a useful stop-gap until the steeple restoration fund reached its target



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16 - 22

God had told Gideon he would drive the Midianite invaders out of His country. 32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



God did as Gideon had asked.



Could you show me again, but with the wool dry and the ground wet?



God said

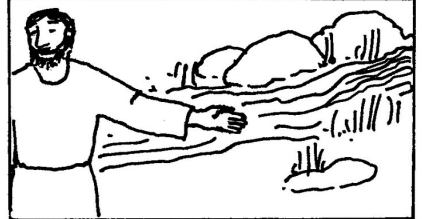
The army is too big. They will think that they beat the Midianites, not Me.



So Gideon sent home all who were afraid - 22000 of them



There were still too many, so Gideon told them to drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink, and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a jar with a lit torch in it and a horn.



That night they surrounded the Midianite camp.



At the signal, they blew the trumpets, smashed the jars and shouted a war cry



The Midianites were so shocked they attacked each other, and then ran.



The Israelites won without having to do any fighting.

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Gideon	proof	drink
help	worried	signal
home	afraid	God
spring	water	jars
smashed	wool	surrounded

Mice and their grape harvest





Another date for your diaries ...

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Saturday 9th November
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Children's Society Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th November 2019

10.00 am to 12.00 noon
in St John the Baptist, Capel

Our annual fundraising morning with refreshments, the chance to socialise with friends and buy Christmas cards, wrapping paper and other goods which raise money for The Children's Society.

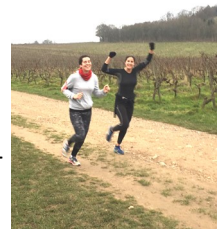
There will also be a raffle!

We hope to see you there!



CAPEL & OCKLEY CHURCH RUNNERS

A few of us from Capel & Ockley churches and community have started an informal running group. We meet and join in with the Park Run at Denbies on Saturday mornings at 9am. If you are not familiar with Park Run you can find out more here: www.parkrun.org It is free to join, you register online [very quick & easy - go to register & our Home Run is the **Mole Valley Park Run**], print up your bar code and turn up at Denbies 8:45am on a **Saturday for a 9am start** and do a lovely 5km run (circa 3.1 miles) around the vineyard . Anyone can join in:- it is completely inclusive all ages, speeds, experience. It is great fun and a good way to start the weekend!



In addition we are going to meet at St. Margaret's Church on Coles Lane in Ockley on the following Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm for a 5-8km / 3 — 5miles run starting simple and seeing how we go!
4th September, 2nd October.

We have set up a **WhatsApp Group** so please contact Tom who will add you to it and will confirm the runs on here as well.

Tom Chambre

Christians face harassment in 143 countries, according to major new research. The latest Annual Pew Report uncovers a record increase in restrictions on religion imposed by many governments around the world. It also finds violence and harassment against religious groups are on the rise.

Release International, which supports persecuted Christians around the world, has welcomed the report, but adds that the Pew Report has omitted North Korea, and also that it is behind the times on China where persecution is intensifying.

‘The report reinforces the excellent new review of Christian persecution by the Bishop of Truro which has now been accepted by the government,’ says Paul Robinson of Release International. ‘Release also welcomes this latest Pew report, but the sheer breadth of their investigation means it is behind the times. From our own findings, we would say that insufficient emphasis is placed on the growing restrictions in China and the severe persecution of Christians in North Korea.’

The Bishop of Truro’s Review for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) found that Christians were the most persecuted religious group in the world today. In contrast, the annual Pew Report is wider in its focus, looking at restrictions on all religions.

It states: ‘Religious restrictions have been rising around the world for the past decade.’ 52 governments, including China, Indonesia and Russia, are now imposing high or very high levels of restrictions on religion.

CHINA The Pew Report notes that by 2017 the Chinese government had ‘ramped up’ efforts to arrest and deport Christian missionaries. Also that China is restricting the number of religious groups who can register with the government to hold worship services.

Release International adds: ‘But since 2017, there have been increasing reports that even registered Chinese Christian churches are being shut down by the government.’

ISLAM The Pew Report states that since 2015, Islam has been the most common state religion around the world. In the Middle East and North Africa, most governments favour Islam over other faiths.

It is here where growing numbers of countries are restricting religion. According to the Pew Report: ‘The number of countries [in the region] where people experience the highest level of hostility towards religion has risen by almost 50 per cent.’

The survey of 198 countries also finds religious restrictions and violence are spreading to Europe. It cites a case in the United Kingdom in 2016, where a Sunni Muslim man killed an Ahmadi Muslim shopkeeper because he had ‘disrespected the Prophet Mohammed’.

Religious terrorism is growing in Europe and the Middle East and North Africa. According to the Report: ‘The Middle East and North Africa has seen the highest levels of religious violence by organised groups.’

That violence has spread from just four countries in 2007 to 11 of the 20 countries in the region by the end of the reporting period in 2017. Organised groups spreading religious violence include Isis, Al Qaeda, the Taliban and Hamas.

Among the most populous countries in the world, Egypt, India, Russia, Pakistan and Indonesia have the highest restrictions on religion, according to the report.

Another region to experience ‘a sharp rise in government laws and policies restricting religious freedom’ is Sub-Saharan Africa.

The report singles out Nigeria as a country with one of the largest increases in religious violence by organised groups since 2007.

In Central Asia, Turkmenistan continues to deny visas to foreigners suspected of missionary work. Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have all imposed restrictions on Christian literature.

And in the Asia-Pacific region, according to the Report, 86 per cent of countries’ governments were found to be intimidating religious groups in the region.

God in the sciences

CONTINUING THE CELEBRATION

On 13-20th October this year many people around the world will be celebrating the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, or . They will celebrate the Harvest, and also remember God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert.

The biblical book of Deuteronomy contains a description of what Tabernacles should have been like back then. “Celebrate... for seven days. Be joyful... you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.”

These festivals were not just a celebration, but also an expression of gratitude to God:

“celebrate the festival to the Lord your God...For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” Tabernacles was a proper holiday, with two whole days off normal work and seven days of feasting.

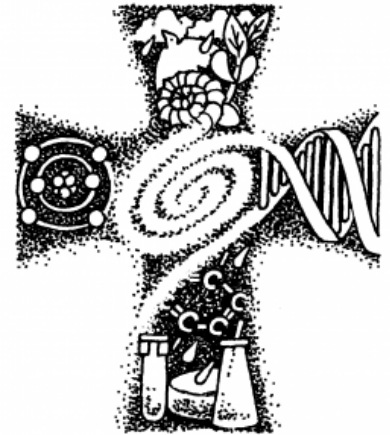
Farming looks very different today. Very few of us have had to sweat long hours over crops, so we’re not as ready for (or deserving of) a rest and a party as our ancestors were at this time of year. That might be even more the case in future, as the agri-tech revolution unfolds. For example, small autonomous tractors are already becoming available that do less damage to the soil and make better use of steep or oddly shaped fields.

Many arable farms already hire contractors to do the routine work with large specialist GPS-equipped machinery. In future years those people might find themselves using very different kinds of high-tech kit, acting more as land-management advisors, helping farmers to gather data and to find ways of improving soil quality, biodiversity and the water cycle.

I’m very grateful for the food that arrives on my shelves. Instead of worrying about whether or not we earned it, our modern-day Tabernacles or Harvest celebration could include ways of encouraging those involved in agriculture and developing new agricultural technologies, as well as enjoying how we can learn about and benefit from God’s creation through Science.

So, after you celebrate Harvest at church, why not follow it up with a trip to a local farm this month? Why not learn from the ancient Israelites, and follow it up with a meal together? It stands to reason that those of us who live in countries where food is plentiful and cheap could do with being proportionately more generous in our gratitude and giving. Should we throw better parties? Probably!

Source: Parish Pump



Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation’ s range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original ‘Jaws’ story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Laughter
is God’s
blessing.

- Joseph Prince

SermonQuotes

Source: Parish Pump

Holy Days in October

6th William Tyndale, Bible translator and Reformation martyr

This month is the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, and so a good time to pay tribute to an outstanding English scholar, translator and martyr of the Reformation.

William Tyndale (c. 1494 - 6th October 1536) was born near Gloucester, and studied at Oxford and Cambridge. He could speak seven languages, and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. As a priest, his abilities would have taken him a long way, but by 1523 Tyndale's only desire was to translate the Bible, so that English men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life's passion.

For Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring: that of justification by faith. He had found it when reading Erasmus's Greek edition of the New Testament. In fact, his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: "Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known."

Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press.

It was to cost him his life. For Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church's position.

When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne, and finally to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious.

Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened. Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work.

Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale. Even today we honour him: in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC's poll of 100 Greatest Britons.

Source: Parish Pump

Our hospitals are full of lonely people

Two in five hospital patients never have any visitors, according to a recent survey.

And a recent poll of 200 hospital nurses by the Royal Voluntary Service found that many nurses believe that the lack of social contact hampered patient recovery.

People with no visitors are less likely to be stimulated by conversation, or move away from their beds, or even to follow the medical advice given to them.

As one doctor explained: "Human contact is a crucial part of recovery and that's why we're so passionate about ensuring everyone has the option of being supported by volunteers."

The Royal Voluntary Service runs several hospital services, including assistance with meals, patient transport, trolley services and volunteer-run cafes and shops. More details at: <https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/>

Source: Parish Pump



Are palm oil products bad? What is palm oil and why sustainable palm oil from Ghana and Ecuador is the future

You'll have heard a lot about palm oil on the news recently, but what is palm oil? Are palm oil products bad? And is it possible to buy sustainable palm oil products instead?

At 66 million tons annually, palm oil is the most commonly produced vegetable oil and can be found in almost half of our everyday purchases. Palm oil products are found in every corner of your home, and is hidden away in shampoo, toothpaste, lipstick, and candles as well as everyday foods such as bread, chocolate and instant noodles.

Much of the palm oil we consume every day isn't sustainable. Big brands understand that people are trying to avoid palm oil, so it's often hidden in lists of ingredients under different names such as 'vegetable oil', or 'vegetable fat'. Oil palm plantations are developed in low lying, wet, tropical areas – where rainforests and peatland grow and endangered species such as orangutans and tigers live. Clearing for oil palm plantations is devastating for wildlife, habitats, people and climate change.

The good news is we don't have to avoid all products with palm oil. Some companies source sustainable palm oil, made with respect for the environment and local communities.

Palm oil's popularity in the manufacturing world is partly due to its high yield. Whilst sunflower oil yields 0.7 tonnes of oil per hectare (and other comparable oils result in similar figures), palm oil yields 3.8 tonnes of oil per hectare. So to acquire 1 tonne of oil, you'd need to farm far fewer palm trees and less land.*

There are areas in the world where palm trees are native, or where they're farmed mixed cropping. These palm forests provide a home for local wildlife, and can continue to provide a major part of the economy for local people, lifting them out of poverty.



In 2013, Traidcraft joined with the Serendipalm co-operative in Ghana and Natural Habitats in Ecuador to produce Fairtrade, organic palm oil in a way that supports smallholder growers and allows the palm plants to grow naturally.

The palm plants are separated with cocoa trees and natural flora. Both Serendipalm and Natural Habitats are committed to fair trade and organic practices, and support the growers with agricultural training and health care. Neither group use any chemical nasties to increase production or reduce pests – they use organic methods and encourage the palm fruits to grow at their own pace.

We called this new oil FairPalm, and used it for our [eco-friendly cleaning products](#) and our delicious [fair trade biscuits](#).

We mixed together FairPalm, Fairtrade coconut oil from India, and a bouquet of natural essential oils to create Clean & Fair, the world's first [Fairtrade cleaning range](#). Not only does every purchase of Clean & Fair ensure that growers are paid fairly, communities are given a Fairtrade premium to spend on local initiatives and conserving the environment.

So, are palm oil products bad? They definitely can be. But by buying sustainable palm oil products like that from Ghana and Ecuador, you can help the environment and people in local communities to flourish.

**Figures from European Palm Oil Alliance, 2016*



<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/blogpost>

Put your garden nets away

Don't leave netting out in your garden over the winter – it is killing our hedgehogs. So warns the RSPCA, after reports of dozens of hedgehogs getting entangled in football, badminton and pond nets.

Evie Button, a wildlife scientific officer, warns: "Netting can be a particular hazard for wild animals, as they can easily become entangled. As they thrash around trying to escape, the netting can tighten round them and cause terrible suffering."

Since the 1950s, the number of hedgehogs in England has shrunk from 30 million to one million.



Source: Parish Pump

Puzzles Pages

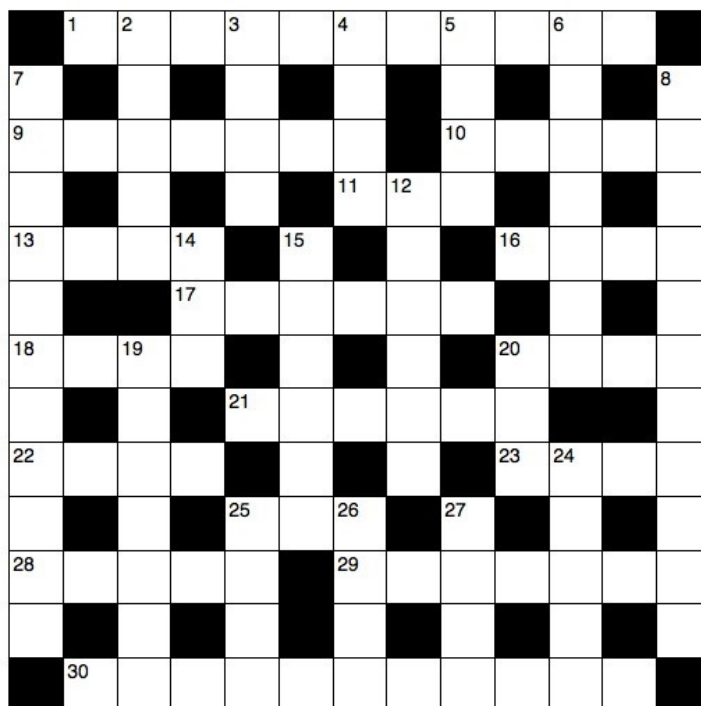
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)
 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
 26 Heroic tale (4)
 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)



October brings us Harvest, and Psalm 65 expresses it perfectly: "You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it... You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance... the hills are clothed with gladness, the meadows are covered with flock and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing."

- Corn
- Rain
- Mud
- Wheat

- Abundance
- Goodness
- Riches
- Pumpkins

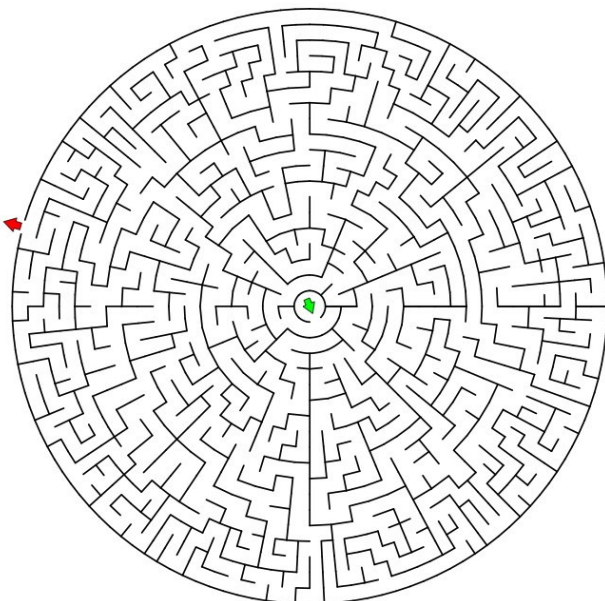
- Marrows
- Water
- Thankful
- Food

- Crops
- Soften
- Carts
- Overflow

- Praise
- Care
- Blessing
- Meadows
- Flocks



October's Maze



Medium Level Sudoku

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4			3					
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In praise of grandparents!

6th October is 'Grandparents Day'. Grandparents in the UK number about 17 million, or more than one in four of the adult population. Grandparents average out at 68 years of age, have four grandchildren who live 10 miles away, and who spend five hours per visit.

Grandparents have multiple roles as their grandchildren grow up: playmates, teachers, confidants, spiritual guides, mentors, role models and nurturers, as well as pray-ers. They also can keep children's milestones, family history and family events alive. Grandchildren will often discuss their personal concerns with a trusted grandparent.

Grandparents are also important for the UK economy! Nine million of them looked after their grandchildren in 2017. On average they did so for eight hours a week, and 96% received no payment.

Research has found that if grandparents go to church regularly, 60% of their grandchildren are likely to go to church also. Grandparental example is followed!

As about 10% of UK grandparents are churchgoers, would a church 'Grandparents' Group,' to help grandparents meet, discuss issues and pray for their grandchildren be useful? Moses' injunction to the Israelites "not to forget the things your eyes have seen ... make them known to your children and children's children" (Deuteronomy 4:9) is a constant challenge, but Psalm 92:14 is a wonderful promise!

Grandparents' Day in the UK is the first Sunday in October. Should we put that day in our church diary for a special celebration of our grandparents?

What about Halloween?

By the Rev Paul Hardingham.

It's that time of year when the shops are full of pumpkins and youngsters are knocking on our doors to 'trick or treat'. How should Christians respond to Halloween? Is it simply a fun festival for the children or does it have a dark side that we should avoid?

Firstly, Christians should not respond to Halloween with *superstition*. The Bible reminds us that evil is a real force at work in our world, as '*the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour*' (1 Peter 5:8). We shouldn't underestimate his ability to blind the minds of unbelievers to the reality of spiritual warfare. (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Secondly, we can respond with *confidence*. While people are often fearful of witches, ghosts, and evil spirits, we mustn't forget that God is in control, not Satan. Jesus has secured the victory over sin and evil on the cross: '*having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*' (Colossians 2:15).

Finally, we can also offer *hope*. '*Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.*' (Romans 14:9). Halloween is an opportunity to share the hope of the gospel. For example, if we offer sweets to children calling to trick and treat, we might include information about the Christian faith or church. Or we could organise an alternative *Light Party*, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world.

C.S. Lewis provides a helpful balance for us: '*There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall into about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.*' (*The Screwtape Letters*).

Puzzle Solutions

ACROSS: 1. Bartholomew. 9. Evil one. 10. Adore. 11. Ran. 13. Oreb. 16. Zinc. 17. Entail. 18. Hung. 20. Lehi. 21. Joshua. 22. Pity. 23. Wide. 25. Age. 28. Alarm. 29. Partake. 30. Sennacherib.

DOWN: 2. Alive. 3. Took. 4. Over. 5. Onan. 6. Emotive. 7. Jehoshaphat. 8. Melchizedek. 12. A light. 14. Beg. 15. Strong. 19. Not have. 20. Law. 24. Iraqi. 25. Amen. 26. Epic. 27. Free.

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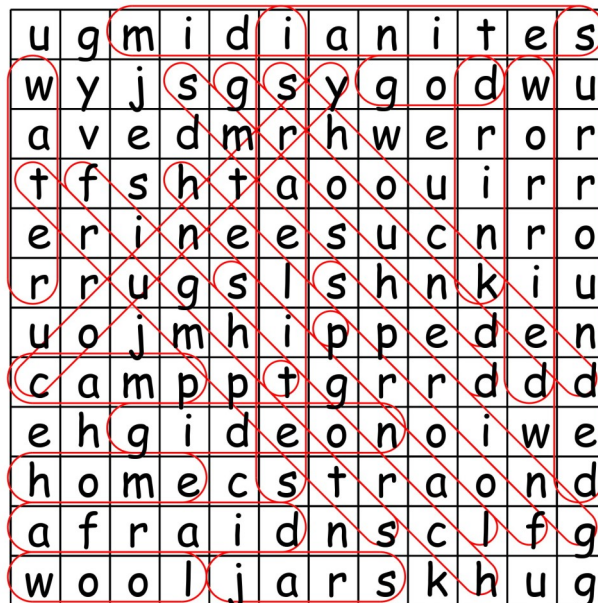
Crossword solution



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